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SCHOOL OFFICE-BEARERS

School Prefects.—E. V. Blackman, W. M. Loton, T. F. Hantke, C. V. Loton, S. Brumby, B. F. Brown, T. A. Draper, R. Officer, T. R. Ambrose, W. H. Moody, G. Law, H. B. Seed, R. Kelly, R. R. Stawell, S. Yeo.

House Prefects.—W. M. Loton, P. Roberts.

Captains of Games:

Cricket, C. V. Loton.
Football, E. V. Blackman.
Shooting, W. M. Loton.
Athletics, T. F. Hantke.
Tennis, E. V. Blackman.

Committees:

"The Cygnet."—T. R. Ambrose, H. R. Trenaman (co-editors), E. V. Blackman

(business sub-editor), R. Officer (arts editor), W. H. Moody (hon. sec.), H. Rosman (literary sub-editor), B. Brown, D. Chipper (games sub-editors), P. Roberts (boarders' sub-editor).

Camera Club.—R. Kelly (sec.), H. R. Trenaman (treasurer). Committee: R. Officer, K. McGibbon, W. H. Moody, S. Perkins, B. F. Brown, D. J. Chipper.

Cadet Corps.—Major Roydhouse, M.C., Corporals Trenaman, Officer, Ambrose, Chipper, Mathews, Everitt, Terry.

Swimming (Junior Club).—J. Officer (capt.), R. Wilson (vice-capt.), R. Ainslie (hon. sec.), J. Trethowan (treasurer). Committee: J. Draper, M. Noble, Frank Oliver, A. Mills, J. Moore.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Third Term.

September 18th.—Third Term commences.
October 10th.—Royal Show at Claremont.
October 17th.—School Sports at W.A.C.A.
October 27th.—Inter-School Sports at W.A.C.A.
November 19th.—Public Examinations begin.

November 30th.—Cup Match against Scotch College at W.A.C.A.
December 1st.—Inter-School Shooting at Swanbourne.
December 5th.—Cup Match against Guildford at W.A.C.A.
December 7th.—Cup Match against Christians at W.A.C.A.
December 10th and 11th.—Annual Boxing Tournament.
December 12th.—Annual Display Night.
December 13th.—Annual Speech Night and Prize-giving.



EDITORIAL

"TIME was, Time is," as Friar Bacon's Brass Head remarked; "and withal Time will be." In the past the School has acquitted itself nobly; and it seems reasonable that the present boys who are about to leave their "alma mater" should take with them the assurance that in their time the most glorious traditions of the School have been adequately maintained. The School's success in every sphere has been steadily increasing; most of all this can be seen from the tone of the School, the general attitude and bearing of its inmates.

More material evidences of this steady advance may be exhibited in our sporting triumphs. This year the School has gained the life-saving, swimming, and running trophies, whilst the cricket and football teams and the rowing crew have yielded, only after sterling tussles with slightly superior adversaries. The scholastic abilities of the School are soon to be put to the test, but it is with high hopes that we shall enter this arena of conflict—the examination-hall.

The social activities of this year have included the usual three dances held in the School Hall: each and all were successes. These dancing re-unions—for past as well as present boys attended—together with the usual dancing class, all combine to break the monotony of continued application to school work.

That much original genius is latent in the School is demonstrated by some of the contributions to the "Original Column" of this magazine. There is in-

disputably some talent for original work, and this "native genius" should be given a chance of development. One medium is, of course, this magazine; and for the benefit not only of next year's committee, but also for that of the whole School, we ask that everybody will try to assist in the advancement of this school journal.

School-life is a very important factor in every boy's existence, and with world politics becoming ever more serious, ever increasingly prolific of crises, this period of boys' lives should be specially catered for, and the inculcation of wide ideas and sympathies be early undertaken. Contemporary events, such as the long-protracted Rhur Valley dispute, and the present trouble in Melbourne, illustrate convincingly the underlying savagery and the obdurate bigotry which a narrow perspective must almost inevitably engender. When the spirit of intolerance, suspicion, and maliciousness is imbued in whole nations, the peace of the world is perpetually menaced. Thus, public schools should be among the first to instill the principle of cementing the bond of friendship and co-operation, inspired by the "crimson thread of kinship," which should unite not only the British Empire, but also the other great English-speaking nation—the United States of America—into one harmonious and consolidated union, in the accomplishment of which lies the greatest hope for the future.

EXCHANGES.

The Editors wish to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following:—

England: "King Edward's School Chronicle" (2), "City of London School Magazine."

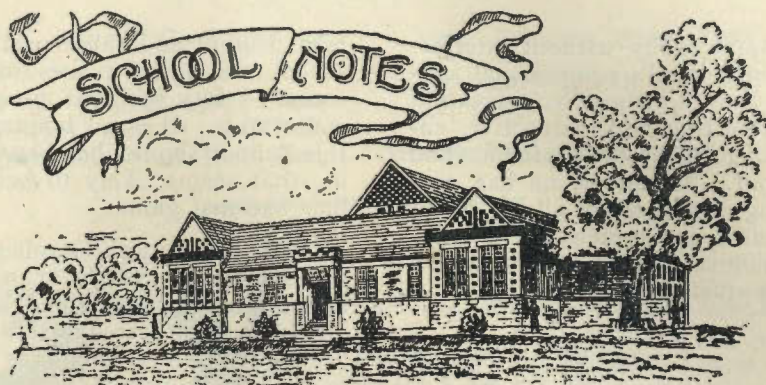
N.S.W.: "Journal," "Torchbearer," "King's."

Victoria: "Corian," "Pegasus," "Scotch Collegian," "Melbourne Technical Magazine."

S.A.: "Prince Alfred Chronicle," "St. Peter's Collegiate Magazine."

Queensland: "Southportonian."

Local: "Swan," "Reporter," "Kingia."



AN ancient custom, which was then not too successful, might now be renewed with brighter prospects for its permanent inculcation. We refer to the singing of the school song on our annual speech night. All the boys of the school used to sing the song to open the ceremony. Surely the song is as good as it was, and the present generation seems capable of producing a melody as painful as in the days of yore. Why not revive it?

Another omission on the part of the school: the production of Rhodes Scholars seems to have ceased. No Rhodes Scholar has come from "the Old School" since 1911.

In view of the many sad water accidents which have occurred recently, it is decidedly pleasing to note that a High School boy, in the hour of need, showed to the full that he possessed the three-fold quality of resource, presence of mind and bravery. Thus, to Jack Rathbone we wish to extend hearty congratulations for his excellent behaviour in the hour of his trial.

The school is the poorer for the loss of our master-companion, Mr. F. Davies-Moore. His place in the school cannot, at all events to the present boys, be satisfactorily filled. However, in leaving us, Mr. Davies-Moore acted for the best, and the school is unanimous in wishing him the very best of success.

Near the middle of the term the school was honoured by a visit from the Overseas Commissioner for Scouts, Sir Alfred Pickford. At an assembly in the hall, in introducing the visitor, Mr. Wilson briefly outlined Sir Alfred's career. He then called upon the Commissioner to say a few words. The visitor began with an apt simile. He stated that the life of the average school-boy is like a slice of bread and jam: the bread the study, the jam the sport. Both should be handled with equality. Too much sport hinders the progress of the scholastic side, and too much study prevents development of the athletic side of the boy's existence. The Scouts' movement has this end in view—to have useful knowledge coupled with sport in the correct proportions. Sir Alfred hoped that later all in the school would become scouts. Mr. Wilson thanked the Commissioner for his interesting address, and called for three cheers. The school, except the Senior Boys, to whom the visitor was introduced, then dispersed. After being shown around the school buildings, Sir Alfred took his departure.

Returned at last: our old friend, the flag-pole.

On Friday, September 21st. Mr. Newbery took some members of the Leaving Chemistry class to see Captain Smyth's splendid collection of geological specimens. The exhibits, which are almost entirely Westralian, are a wonderful advertisement for the country, and illustrate what perseverance and patience can do to.

build up a grand hobby without interfering with an individual's professional activities. Mr. Smyth, whose conversation was both interesting and instructive, endeared himself to us by his profound fund of dry humour. Moreover, he has promised to bring duplicates of all the specimens he acquires, to augment the already-growing geological collection which Mr. Newbery has started.

Mr. Wilson has a scheme of improvement for the school grounds, and already something has been done towards clearing the outer fringes of the playing-field. The next step is the planting of grass on the parts hitherto unreclaimed, and then Mr. Wilson purposes laying out several new turf wickets. To assist in the attainment of this desired end, some generous though anonymous patron of the school has given quite a large donation.

A change of captains in the middle of a year is an unusual happening, but that is what occurred with the sudden departure from our midst of V. M. Shallcross. Though the breach has been ably filled, yet our former captain's absence has left us with only the memory of a companion of singularly attractive personality, and of a true worker for the school's welfare, whether in school or sport.

On returning to the "School on the Hill" after the last holidays, a pleasing looking gymnasium presented itself to one's view. During the "jours de conge" a good floor had been put down, and the memory of the old gymnasium had been rendered more "dim and distant" by the walling in of all the sides. Consequently, we now look on a spacious and sheltered edifice, wherein to disport ourselves; moreover, boxers have been further inconvenienced by the erection of showers in the wash-room.

An example of how popular the game of lawn tennis becoming in our school is furnished by the number of boys of this school who are competing in the Slazenger Cup competition. Of the forty boys playing in this competition, seven-

teen present and three past boys of this school are filling places in the various teams—a fifty per cent. proportion of the contestants. It is a "bonum omen" that this school should be distinctly forward in what seems likely to become Australia's national game.

On Tuesday, 30th October, the masters and senior boys of the school were lucky enough to be entertained by Sir Henry Braddon for three-quarters of an hour. Sir Henry, whose time was very limited, honoured the school by coming on this afternoon and delivering a very interesting lecture. Speaking as one who has a very keen insight of the affairs of the world, Sir Henry stressed the expediency of a close alliance between the two great English-speaking nations, the United States and the British Empire. The bond of friendship, which might be developed almost to kinship, between these two nations, should be cemented, for in such an alliance of understanding and trust lies the greatest hope for the future peace of the world.

Mr. Wilson warmly thanked Sir Henry, who had not only captured our interest, but had also endeared himself to us by his kindly and humorous personality, and the assembly concluded with three hearty cheers for our distinguished visitor.

SALVETE.

The following boys entered the school since June last:—

D. J. Carter, F. A. Butt, A. G. Pierce, W. H. Pierce, H. Horgan, C. Hammond, R. A. Barton, L. V. Dempster, R. Priest, J. Johnstone, G. R. Noble.

VALETE.

The following left the latter half of this year:—

V. M. Shallcross.—1913-23. Prefect, 1922-23; School Captain, 1923; Captain of Boats, 1923; Captain of Shooting, 1920-22; Rowing Crew, 1922-23; Football, 1922-23; Junior, 1919; Matriculation,

1921; Leaving, 1922; Co-Editor of "Cygnet," 1923.

A. Hardie, 1920-23.—Prefect, 1923; Football, 1922; Cricket, 1922-23; J.O.B.A. Medal for most improved footballer,

1922; Dancing Medal, 1922.

B. Nathan.—Captain 2nd XI, 1922; 1st XI, 1923.

George Birch, Colin Grant.



ONCE more the Cup matches are on us, with our team showing good form.

We have lost Hardie and B. Nathan, but there are many claimants from the Second Eleven, and our side should compare favourably with past teams. Our weakness is a good medium pace bowler with some "life" in his bowling, as last season we were sadly deficient in this branch, which is of all the most important. No doubt the bowler is about and we must find him. The majority of our team leave at Christmas, and we must search the school for talent for next year. It is always about and there is now a great chance for the boy who is keen to give time and thought to the development of his cricket and earn a place—perhaps early in his school life. And school cricket is of all the most delightful: around it in the years to come are crowded the happiest and most enduring memories. And indeed this is true of all school contests. Too often do we hear it said that a boy is being overworked in this or that branch; that he will not develop into a future champion. Well! If so, what matter? What joy can equal the roar of cheers which arises from one's fellows after some great deed done for the school? To those fortunate enough to deserve this, the memories will go down through the years and nothing in after life can equal it. Too often the champion in after life finds that it has interfered with his

life's duty, which is work. And as his youth and skill leave him he finds himself more or less a derelict with no useful occupation, and life a disappointment. Modern athletics, whether tennis, cricket, or kindred games, make too great a demand on the time of young men, and boys would do well to keep the sterner side of life before them when they go out into the world and gain their joys of battle in those happiest of all days—school days. But to cricket: Years ago the writer was talking to two famous old cricketers, both long dead, Bob McLeod and G. E. Palmer, both great bowlers and fine men. The talk turned on schoolboy batting, and Bob McLeod, a Scotch College captain of the '80's, gave it as his opinion that "defence is the first and last line in batting." And a close observance will lead one to agree. The first thing a boy must learn is to stay there. It is no use having what are called strokes unless he can stay long enough to settle down and show them. And defence need not mean slow play. To push back a half volley is no defence. It should be driven with all the power of arms and body, and the foundation of all good batting—the off drive—will be gradually built up. Other strokes will follow, if the wrist action is there and the bodily conformation suitable. The correct position of the feet is the most important of all things and on no account should the right foot be withdrawn to-

wards the leg. It should be the pivot of the body and only moved when coming across for the cut. Batsmen have pads to defend their legs—as well as a bat—and no boy can ever attain success unless he keeps his right foot, if a right-hander, firm in its place. "What is playing with a straight bat?" is a question sometimes asked. For the drive the answer is that the bat should be almost perpendicular at the moment of impact. In other strokes that the feet and body should be in a position as nearly as possible correct for the making of the stroke. Correct foot work and poise of body can only be accompanied by correct "blade work." For bowling it is not so easy to advise. Most really great bowlers are born, but bowling can be improved. Firstly, a boy should learn to look at the spot at which he aims and thus cultivate length. He should not try to bowl too fast. Fast-medium bowling on good wickets is too often a gift to the average batsman. A. Mailey, the great slow bowler of the present day, told the writer some months ago that he is even now trying to improve his system of attack. That is the point. The really great bowler has to think hard, when he is playing against opponents of his own class. Therefore, cultivate length—that blind spot which makes the batsman hesitate between back and forward play and catches him in two minds.

Do not try to emulate the peculiarities of great bowlers whom you may see, for, as has been said, such are born, not made. At the same time, a boy may develop into a really useful bowler if he will cultivate length and its attendant accuracy.

Fielding is of paramount importance, and any athletic boy can learn to field well. What is the correct position to strive after in this? Well! let us consider. One often hears the advice given to young players to keep their feet together. Is this sound? Not altogether. Perhaps it would be better to say, "Back up your hands with your feet." Watch a fieldsman like A. P. F. Chapman, the young Englishman who was here last year. He swooped down sideways, with his hands right on the grass, and his foot behind them in case he missed. As soon as he had gathered the ball his body was in position for the return to the wickets. So that the whole effort seemed to the watcher one motion. Try it and see. For catching, get well under the ball and have confidence. Thought and attention will soon improve a boy and, above all, "practice! practice! practice!"

We shall reserve for the next issue of the magazine an appreciation of the members of the present team, some of whom will have then left after great services rendered to school cricket.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

The Dance.

THE second to be held this year, the dance ranked as usual as one of the best. Elaborate preparations were made by the Club's president, in the form of shields and streamers which adorned the hall windows.

The floor was perfection, mainly due to the untiring industry of the committee members. Their energy as far as decorations were concerned seemed endless. At all events their efforts were well rewarded by the large attendance.

An excellent supper was served in the new wing. The arrangements of this all-important accessory were most successfully carried out by Mrs. G. Polan and Misses Burgess, Trigg, Officer, Gwynne, Hadley, Saw and Piesse, to all of whom the club extends its sincere thanks and gratitude. As last year, the visitors, masters and committee took supper in the "common room," which answered the purpose excellently.

All who contributed in any way by donations to the club are heartily thanked, for to these in a large way was the success of the little function due.

The proceeds will be devoted to expenditure on the club's accessories.

To express in a more concrete form the appreciation by the club of the efforts of the young ladies who assisted, a picture-party was given to them. A most enjoyable evening was spent at the "Prince of Wales."

The Club's Activities.

This heading, alas! does not altogether do justice to fact. Rather there has been a lack of enthusiasm and activity. Competitions have been held, but the entries in some cases were so low as to render the carrying on of the competition impossible. Those who appeared at the beginning of the year to evince a great deal of interest in the Camera Club have seemed to have lost all interest. Is it that scholastic

pressure has been too hard on our amateur photographers, or is it that the old adage that "A camera club will never be a success" has proven true? The president, Mr. Polan, and the secretary have both worked assiduously to keep the club together, but still interest lags.

We appeal to those who have not yet, in any competition, offered efforts. There is at present being conducted a competition open to all, with the usual grades:— (a) Those who take, develop and print snaps themselves; (b) those who take the photo. themselves, but obtain outside help in the developing and printing. It is of a general character. Generous prizes (including one of a guinea from Mr. Burgess) have been offered and are worth winning. Moreover, we promise an agreeable surprise to those who enter, in December. Do not forget this last, and all do your best. Let us have a fine ending to a somewhat indifferent year.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Miniature Range.

Imperial Challenge Shield Competition.

TWO teams, consisting of eight and nine representatives, were hastily chosen to enter for the competition. On the same day the teams went down to James Street School miniature range for what was expected to be practice, but which, however, turned out to be the actual competition. As was only to be expected, no really good scores were obtained—the team (consisting of some quite inexperienced shots) having had no practice for several weeks. Credit is due to G. Stone for gaining the highest score for the two school teams. We also offer our congratulations to the winning team, this being the second occasion on which a West Australian team has won this much coveted trophy, which is open to cadet teams all over the Empire. The following are the scores of the two teams which were entered in the competition:—

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

"A" Team, at James St. School, 9th Aug. 1923.
(Possible, 100).

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
D. Moore	29	35	64
N. Joel	37	30	67
E. Eastman	36	32	68
R. Kelly	31	36	67
D. Stone	34	33	67
G. Stone	43	33	76
P. Roberts	35	34	69
C. Harper	36	26	62

"B" Team.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total
D. C. Wilson	29	29	58
T. F. Hantke	20	27	47
K. McGibbon	35	28	63
J. McK. Clark	16	30	46
A. Terry	22	29	51
E. Blackman	25	29	54
T. Draper	24	24	48
R. Ambrose	29	21	50
C. Lamb	19	25	44

We would here like to take the opportunity of expressing to Mr. Davies-Moore how keenly we appreciated his generous offer to coach the school team at Swanbourne for the Inter-School Shooting Competition in December.

N.J.

SUNDRY (IN)SANITIES.

They Say—

That the Crystal Glass Co. would not have gone bankrupt if it had known of the hoard of treasure in a certain Leaving Chemistry locker.

That remnants of test tubes measuring anything from .001 mm. to 6 inches in length found their way to this veritable Tutankhamen's tomb.

That an A.E.C. lorry will be needed to carry the school's physics books to the "Younie" if they all have the same specific gravity as a Leaving lad's book.

That it was capable of reducing a bench bottle to powder from an altitude of six inches.

That an alarm clock would not be a bad idea for our clock-tower.

That it would not require a Samson to lift the portals of our front entrance off their hinges.

That the covering-in of the gym. will prove a great boon to the boys of the school—at the school dances.

That a pilot light in the lab. would save many minutes of hunting for matches.

That certain street corners possess magnetic properties for some of our young aspirants to knighthood.

That it would be a great improvement if our "majestic" flagpole had a bit more height instead of that colossal crosspiece.

That the lab. test matches proved very exciting. Scores were recorded in test tubes, and a clean bowl generally resulted in the loss of several teeth to the test tube racks.

That the efforts of some lab. lunatics on the unfortunate "Teck" sunometer harmonize beautifully with the cat-fights underneath the lab. floor.

That the luxuriant and succulent herbage which exists in the guttering of the

big hall is responsible for the periodic visits of hungry looking "neddies" to our grounds.

—Longus Puer.

Popular even in those Days.

Extract from the confessions of a Roman:—"Caesar would never have been able to get his men across the rivers if it had not been for the fords."

—Longus Puer.

Laboratory Mysteries.

The variety of musical—though unmelodious—sounds which are produced.

The attraction of the empty laboratory lockers.

The origin of the feet-marks on the glass-cupboard.

The height—or distance—from which the book that broke the ammonia bottle fell—or (?).

The ever-changing possessor of "my matches" or "my keys."

Wanted.

Gramophone, with record entitled "O, Dry Those Tears," to be played during the recitation of Gray's "Elegy" and "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington."—Apply during English period to Junior University Form.

Selections from Chit-Chat.

Boy: They are using a new anaesthetic in dentistry now formed from acetylene.

Master: A local anaesthetic.

Boy: "Oh no, Sir. They are using it in America."

What were some of Shakespeare's works?

We didn't have that chapter, Sir.

Quickly, now! some of his works?

Oh, "As You Like It."

“ ‘Hormis’ is used at the end of a sentence to begin with!” If this is a fair sample of what must be learned in Leaving French, no wonder that some of our number have given up hope.

“All those who have a pass won’t have to pay.” Join the School Branch of the C.I.D., and you, too, will be able to make

these astounding remarks. Extra tuition free.

Physics applied to literature: “The girl afterwards went to a monastery, where she was cemented up in a volt.”

Rather an original translation of “une redingote bien serree a la taille” was “a coat well patched at the tail.”

THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

THE season of 1923, if viewed from the standpoint of mere results, might very easily go down to history as one of disappointment and non-success. We won two of the six School matches, and were beaten twice by C.B. College and by Scotch College. With the exception, however, of the first Scotch match, in which we were soundly beaten by a side which played superior football, the results of matches were close and defeat was our portion only after a great fight in each game. Without making excuses, we may in justice to ourselves claim that accidents came to our team in more than due proportion, as in three of the matches we were deprived of the services of players during the actual progress of the game. And this is a severe handicap in football as it is now played. Apart from this, however, we were not quite good enough for the opposition, although capable of extending them to the full on every occasion. This is really what matters most—that the School should field a team which will play the game from all viewpoints, and no doubt, while Fortune may frown in one year, these things even up over a series, and the future doubtless will have some luck for us when we most want it. Blackman, as captain, led his team well and was an inspiration to them in every way. He improved greatly and were he a good kick, he would rank high. Hantke was unfortunately laid aside with a badly strained ankle in the first Guildford match, and the side

was practically deprived of his services for the season, as he never had confidence in his leg in the later games. It was a heavy blow, as he is undoubtedly a brilliant player and one likely to win a match at any time. C. V. Loton improved greatly and played sterling football in every game. Cool and determined, he turned many attacks and an unbiassed opinion might place him as the most consistent player of the year. S. Yeo played at half forward and did great service. He had in his position strong opposition in every game, but his pluck, coolness and judgment made him invaluable. In the second C.B.C. match he played a beautiful game. Brumby was a useful forward and marked and kicked well, but was not quite suitable physically for the position of goal-sneak. In all football, and most of all in school games, this position demands a quick ground player, as it offers infinite opportunity for a quick, clever boy to snap goals. Officer did many fine things at half forward, but seems misplaced in the position. He has grown very much and found difficulty in quick movement. He marked and kicked well. Perkins, who was unfortunately injured in a practice game prior to the School matches, played beautifully when he came into the later games. He is a finished player and his loss was felt in the earlier matches. Shallcross was a determined and rugged player who did much good service both in the ruck and when placed. W. Ambrose at half-back was fast and clever and for so young a boy held the key to the field very well indeed. Spargo at full back was sure and steady—kicked off well at all times and filled a very difficult position most

ably. Hancock played on and improved during the year. He is thoroughly earnest and should make a fine footballer. G. Law on the wing played a plucky game and has pace and quickness. He should improve greatly in another season. M. Loton at forward or back played with discrimination and marked and kicked well. Davies played one beautiful game—against Guildford—and roved well. Treacy as the second rover did much fine work. He is very quick, has dash and will make an excellent player. Simpson improved vastly during the year and Baxter has the weight, height and skill to make a fine player. Brown improved greatly and was very useful in all the games, and Halbert did well also. Browne was unfortunately injured in the first quarter of the opening game, and was lost to the team for the season. The Second Eighteen did remarkably well, winning the six matches, a result which was due in great measure to the earnestness and enthusiasm of Draper, who was delighted at their success. The rest of the School played many games with more or less success, and football is in a healthy state in the School.

FOOTBALL.

High School v. C.B.C.

Subiaco Oval.

This match opened the football season and although the weather was not such as could be desired, the game was a good one and from the scores we had every reason to believe that we had a good chance of winning the cup.

School got away first with the bounce and soon had the ball in front, where Shallcross secured a goal from a hard shot. Christians equalised this score with a goal from Booth. After this five behinds were scored by C.B.C. in quick succession. We once again worked the ball down our end, but could not find an opening. Christians brought it forward once again, and Livesley, after marking right in front, had no difficulty in raising

both flags. When the bell went the scores were—

H.S., 1 goal.

C.B.C., 2 goals 6 behinds.

On the change over, Christians attacked first and in a short time they added another goal to their score through the agency of Livesley. The kicking of the School at this period was not good, several easy shots being missed badly within kicking distance. The play went on without further incident until Hantke secured and managed to obtain a goal. Although no further score was added this quarter, the play improved. Neither side was able to find an opening. At half time the score remained at—

H.S., 2 goals 4 behinds.

C.B.C., 3 goals 6 behinds.

When the teams took the field again a steady downpour of rain was falling, and the players had difficulty in holding the ball. All the play remained around the centre line for a considerable time, neither side being able to make any headway, until Yeo, picking up the ball within kicking distance, added another six points to our tally. After the bounce the play was again centred around the centre line, but C.B.C. found an opening and Livesley secured his third goal for his side. At three-quarter time the score was—

H.S., 3 goals 4 behinds.

C.B.C., 4 goals 8 behinds.

When the final quarter began, Christians had 10 points in their favour. Once again the ball travelled from end to end without scoring. C.B.C. worked it forward, but our back line proved too strong and repulsed what looked like a scoring move. During this quarter no goals were recorded, the only scores being an additional five points in Christians' favour. We could not find an opening and the bell rang, leaving C.B.C. winners by 15 points. The final scores were—

H.S., 3 goals 4 behinds.

C.B.C., 4 goals 13 behinds.

Goal-kickers.—For the School: Hantke (1), Yeo (1), Shallcross. For C.B.C.: Livesley (3), Booth (1).

We were best represented by Blackman, Loton, Yeo, Brumby, Davies; while Gerrick, Brophy, O'Connor, Livesley played well for Christians.

High School v. Grammar School.

Loton Park, June 28th.

The weather was not at all suitable for high-class football. Although the team was weakened by the absence of Yeo, Officer, Perkins, and later Hantke, who was injured in the early part of the game, the game was not good. The kicking was very patchy and during the last quarter it was only the good play of the backs that saved the match.

For the first quarter we were favoured by the wind, but we could not succeed in capturing the opening score. Richardson (C.E.G.S.) opened with a goal, and shortly afterwards Treacy opened our score with a point. Several minors followed, but by means of a pass from Brumby, Davies secured our first goal. In quick succession from Brown to Loton i, another goal was recorded. After the bounce, through a succession of passes Loton captured his second goal. Percy then added 2 goals to his side in a space of a few seconds. The quarter ended with the scores—

H.S., 3 goals 3 behinds.

C.E.G.S., 3 goals.

The second quarter did not open so well for us. The ball passed from end to end until Merfield (C.E.G.S.) snapped a goal which was followed by a point. Play became fast, but we lacked combination, and the kicking was not up to standard. Guildford at this part of the game were playing with a more determined effort. Loton now secured his third goal, which brought up our score equal to that of Guildford. However, Merfield obtained another goal and the quarter ended with the scores—

H.S., 4 goals 3 behinds.

C.E.G.S., 5 goals 4 behinds.

In the third quarter the School greatly improved. The Guildford backs were at this stage outclassed, but our only result was the kicking of a few points, until Brumby secured a goal. By a succession of passes from Blackman to Treacy to Brumby, another goal was added, and in the space of a few minutes Veryard kicked through, but only after a scramble. We had now the advantage of the play. Bréen passing to Davies, from whom another maximum resulted, followed by one from Blackman.

H.S., 9 goals 6 behinds.

C.E.G.S., 5 goals 4 behinds.

Guildford scored first after the change over, and Percy was the goal-kicker. We were not able to return the score, and after a good defence by our backs Guildford scored another goal. Guildford now had the better of the play. We did not score this quarter, and the ball was down the other end for the whole quarter. It was only our strong defence line that saved further scoring.

The final scores were—

H.S., 9 goals 6 behinds.

C.E.G.S., 8 goals 8 behinds.

Goalkeepers.—For School: Loton (3), Davies (2), Brumby (2), Veryard (1), Blackman (1). For Guildford: Percy (3), Merfield (3), Coleman (1), Richardson (1).

We were best represented by: Davies, Treacy, M. Loton, C. V. Loton, Blackman, and Spargo; whilst for Guildford, Percy, Brown, Merfield, Adams and Cantwell did well.

High School v. Scotch College.

Claremont Show Grounds, July 4th.

This match ended the first round of the football season, but did not leave us in a good position, only one match being won out of the three, and that by only a small margin. Although no rain fell during the

match, the ball was wet and a strong wind blew across the field.

The opening play saw the School favoured by the wind, but we could gain nothing by it, as Scotch quickly secured the first goal from Gregson. After the bounce our forwards rushed the ball down and after a hard fight in front, D. Law secured a goal for us. Scotch again took the ball towards their goals, with the result that Sampson succeeded in booting an easy goal. The only scores recorded from now on were points, both by Yeo. The quarter ended with the scores—

H.S., 1 goal 4 behinds.

S.C., 2 goals 1 behind.

The second quarter did not start well for us. Scotch secured a point. After a good show of combination, Brumby secured a good goal from well back. Our forwards were now not able to bring the ball near our posts. Scotch backs were strong and showed good style. Once into their forward line, they could hold their own easily. Goals now followed for Scotch in quick succession from Carson, Gregson and Sampson, while a point was also added. There was now a wide margin, and the quarter ended—

H.S., 2 goals 6 behinds.

S.C., 6 goals 6 behinds.

On resuming play we held our own, but could not add much to the score. Brumby in this quarter did well, and in combination with Yeo saved many times. An attack by Scotch resulted in a few points being added. Further good play by them saw Vincent mark right in front, and he easily kicked through. We made another dash, and Davies took a good mark. He sent to Brown, who added another point to our tally. Within the next few minutes Sampson and Anderson both added majors for Scotch, and the quarter ended—

H.S., 2 goals 8 behinds.

S.C., 9 goals 14 behinds.

With such a big difference in scores our chances seemed now hopeless. Hoffman started the scoring by adding a point to Scotch. This was followed within the next few minutes by a goal by Carson. Our backs saved well, and the ball went right into the forward line. However, all we could gain was a point. Scotch attached quickly, and good play saw Vincent snap a goal. After the bounce, Blackman marked and augmented our small score by another goal. No goals were recorded, and the play was centred chiefly around our goals. We could not find an opening, and the quarter ended in an easy win for Scotch—

H.S., 3 goals 9 behinds.

S.C., 12 goals 19 behinds.

Goalkickers—H.S.: Law, Brumby, Blackman. S.C. Sampson (3), Gregson, Carson, Hoffman, Vincent (2 each), Anderson.

For the winners the best players were Gregson, Carson, Todd, Scott, Vincent, while for the School, Blackman, Brumby, Shallcross, Breen and Yeo showed the best form.

High School v. C.B.C.

Played at W.A.C.A., August 1.

A slight breeze blew across the ground, but it was not enough to alter the conditions of play very much. At the beginning of the game the weather looked very threatening, but it held off.

We lost the toss, and C.B.C. elected to kick with the wind. Play was in progress only for several minutes when Mitchell secured Christians' first goal from right in front. This was followed in quick succession by another six-pointer from Hogan, who, from a long shot, managed to place the ball. These were then quickly succeeded by two more goals from Gerrick and Leahy. Up to this point our score had not been opened. However, later Blackman secured, and easily obtained a goal. Fast play followed, and after a nice chain of marks Yeo kicked

our second goal. No further interesting play was noticed during the quarter, two points being the only score recorded. The bell went, leaving the scores—

H.S., 2 goals.

C.B.C., 4 goals 2 behinds.

On the change over a decided improvement was noticed in the play. Our forwards did great work, while the backs succeeded in drawing back repeated attacks. Hogan opened the score with a goal, but Yeo secured immediately afterwards and evened up the score. The play at this stage was excellent, the ball going from end to end without either side being able to score. However, the spell was broken by Leahy obtaining a goal from a long kick. After the bounce, Yeo added another goal, which was followed by another from the same player soon afterwards. At this stage the scores were—

H.S., 5 goals 1 behind.

C.B.C., 6 goals 4 behinds.

After the interval we managed to hold our own for quite a time, the only score resulting from the play being a point resulting from the play being a point to Christians' margin. The ball had been kept down our forward line most of the time but without result, until Treacy succeeded in kicking a goal. After this score, the game became fast and the play seemed more even, there being not much difference in the two teams. Mitchell at this point secured another goal, which was followed by a minor from Davies. Leahy just kicked Christians' eighth goal when the bell rang. The scores at this stage were—

H.S., 6 goals 2 behinds.

C.B.C., 8 goals 7 behinds.

The last quarter showed a rapid decrease in the standard of play. Our backs could not repulse the attacks of the forwards, and two goals resulted in quick succession. This was relieved by a goal from Brumby, but Christians added another to their score soon afterwards. We again attacked, and Yeo secured and

kicked a good goal. However, the margin was too great and the bell went, leaving a deficiency of four goals. The final scores were—

H.S., 8 goals 2 behinds.

C.B.C., 12 goals 8 behinds.

Goalkickers—For School: Yeo (5), Brumby, Blackman, Treacy. For C.B.C.: O'Connor (2), Mitchell (2), Leahy (5), Hogan (1), Gerrick (1).

We were best represented by Blackman, Yeo, Treacy, Brumby, Perkins and Law, while Brophy, Leahy, Gerrick and O'Connor did well for C.B.C.

High School v. G.G.S.

Subiaco Oval, August 8.

Soon after the bounce Guildford took possession of the ball, and opened the scoring with a point. It was some time after this that any scoring was made, the ball passing from end to end, until Loton secured and raised both flags. Good play was then witnessed around the centre. Yeo then, after a succession of passes, secured our second goal. No scoring was recorded after this, as neither side could find an opening. When the bell sounded the scores stood at—

H.S., 2 goals 1 behind.

Grammar School, 0 goals, 1 behind.

The second quarter started in a drizzling rain, but later it cleared off. School worked the ball to their forwards, but was returned later to the centre. After a succession of passes, Yeo secured a good goal. This was followed in quick turn by a number of points, totalling nine. The School continued to have most of the play, Loton saving time after time. Grammar School, this quarter, could score nothing. At half-time the scores remained at—

H.S., 3 goals 10 behinds.

G.G.S., 0 goals 1 behind.

After the interval, the School again held the play. The ball was worked down to the forward lines and Yeo got a point. He

again had another try immediately afterwards, but only added another single. After this, the ball was worked from end to end for quite a considerable period until Loton, after receiving from Broun, had no difficulty in adding our fourth goal. From the bounce, Guildford worked the ball to their goals and Kelsall kicked a point, their first score since the first quarter. Morgan had another try, but could only add a single. Guildford now battled hard, but the School held on. Nothing further was added when the bell went. The scores now remained at—

H.S., 4 goals 12 behinds.

G.G.S., 0 goals 3 behinds.

Guildford had now a big deficit to make up, but played gamely. They got away with the bounce, but our backs proved too strong. The ball was brought back and Hancock got a goal from a long punt. Off again, Brumby added another sixer, after a succession of marks. Yeo added another goal from right in front, while Brumby made a similar performance. We now had the best of the play, and Brumby added three goals in quick succession. Walsh, after receiving a free, was unlucky in hitting the post. Kelsall did the same immediately afterwards. When the bell went the scores were—

H.S., 10 goals 13 behinds.

G.G.S., 0 goals 5 behinds.

Goalkickers—Brumby (4), Yeo (3), Hancock (1).

For the School the best players were Blackman, Brumby, Yeo, Ambrose, V. Loton; while for Guildford, Davies, Adams, Brown, Carson and Cantwell played well.

High School v. Scotch College.

Subiaco Oval, August 15.

The weather was ideal for playing, and the ground in splendid condition. For the last match of the season there was a large attendance of spectators.

High School had the ball in play first, Blackman kicking well down, but it was

was saved by Scotch, who, sending it well back, realised a single. High School opened again and Brumby secured a point. The players centred around our goals and Yeo received a free, but kicked across the posts. Following this, play remained around our forward line, until Scotch managed to break away, play being around the centre. Scotch got possession and Hoffman tried for a goal, but his shot was marked by Kelly just as the bell went—

H.S., 1 behind.

S.C., 1 behind.

After the change over, Gregson was quick in obtaining a goal. A similar score was registered by Sampson immediately afterwards. With the bounce, High School worked the ball up, but a kick from Yeo only resulted in a single being added. The School repulsed another attack and the play was transferred to our goals, but Scotch succeeded in stopping any further score for the time being. They had numerous shots, but were all safely returned. However, Lamb secured a single. After a determined attack, Hancock raised both flags and Loton got full points from a nice kick. The half-time scores read—

H.S., 2 goals 2 behinds.

S.C., 2 goals 3 behinds.

After the interval, Scotch forced matters and soon had the ball in the danger zone, but Spargo returned. Brumby tried for a goal, but hit the post. He had another shot soon after, but could only raise one flag. Yeo added a goal to our score, the ball just going through the posts. We were now leading on points, but Scotch rallied and soon had the ball in the forward lines, Hoffman securing a point. Carson got a sixer from a running shot. After the bounce the play was transferred to our end, and Law was unlucky in hitting the post. Scotch now got a nice lead, which resulted in Hoffman securing full points. The quarter ended—

H.S., 3 goals 6 behinds.

S.C., 4 goals 3 behinds.

Only three points separated the two teams at the commencement of the last

term. However, shortly afterwards Brown raised the two flags. We returned and Officer, making right in front, secured a goal. Hoffman added another point to Scotch's score and this was soon followed by a goal from the same player. We had the ball around our goals and Treacy tried for a long shot, but it was stopped, only to be brought back again, and Davies secured a point. Hoffman then added Scotch's last goal from a kick in front. Our score was closed by a goal from Yeo. The final scores gave Scotch a lead of eleven points—

H.S., 5 goals 7 behinds.

S.C., 7 goals 6 behinds.

Goalkickers—Yeo (2), Brumby, Hancock, Officer (1 each).

Those who represented the School best were Blackman, Treacy, Yeo, Ambrose, Loton, and Perkins; whilst Henry, Lamb, Carson, Todd and Hoffman played well for Scotch.

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. C.B.C.

Wednesday, June 20th, 1923, at Subiaco. Won.

The 2nd XVIII began their ventures by a meritorious victory over a bigger and heavier team fielded by C.B.C. Throughout the first half there were too many on the ball, the game being at times somewhat of a general scramble. Despite the valiant efforts of Draper and Johnson (roving), the C.B.C. rucks proved too heavy and too large, and predominated in this sphere of the game. The backs were marking well, but all the team was a trifle aimless in kicking. The scores at half-time were—

H.S., 3—3; C.B.C., 1—2.

Upon resumption, better combination was shown, the best piece of work being that following a mark by Simpson. The latter passed to Veryard, to Ryan, to Marshall, who secured a goal. In the last quarter the half-backs were excellent, their marking being sure and even brilliant. The match ended with the scores reading—

H.S., 6—4; C.B.C., 1—3.

Goalkickers for H.S.—Marshall (4), Giles and Johnson (1 each). For C.B.C.: Mitchell (1).

Our opponents were best represented by Mitchell, Rodriquez, Ellis, and Ryan. In the back lines Broun and Lamb, and in the forward positions, Marshall, Ryan and Law deserve mention.

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. C.E.G.S.

June 27th, 1923, at Loton's Park. Won.

A strong westerly wind blew throughout the match, and we had first use of it. However, though we had eight shots for goal, only one was fully successful, the others registering behinds. In this quarter our opponents managed to transfer the ball to the west end of the field, but this rally was finally stopped by Baldwinson, and no other occurred. In this quarter and the succeeding one it was very bad kicking in the forward lines which confined our lead to half-time to one point. The scores were—

H.S., 1—9; C.E.G.S., 2—2.

In the third quarter, with the wind again favouring us, we showed our best form. More combination, and less trying to run with the ball, advantaged us considerably; moreover, in the final term we were able not only to hold C.E.G.S. fairly well, but also to score ourselves. The final scores were—

H.S., 4—13; C.E.G.S., 4—5.

Goalkickers for H.S.—Marshall (2), Robertson and Ryan (1 each). For C.E.G.S. Simpson (2), James and Crossley (1 each).

Our opponents' pick were: James, Simpson, Myles, and Crossley; whilst for us, Draper, Robertson, Law, Ryan, and Simpson did well.

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. S.C.

Wednesday, 4th July, at Claremont. Won.

High School was first away, and quickly got into their stride. Predominating in the ruck, and playing with better com-

bination than our opponents, we were able to keep the ball at our end practically all this quarter. Thus the scores recorded—

H.S., 3—2; S.C., 1—0.

In the second term of play, the game was too much of a scramble, the ball being overcrowded. Play remained very even in this quarter, the Scotch half-back line showing plenty of dash and judgment. Scores—

H.S., 3—3; S.C., 2—2.

The third quarter saw us increase our lead, and in the fourth, though not scoring ourselves, we were able to retain a slight margin, thus winning by three points. The game in this latter half was marred by rain, which made the game even more of a scramble than hitherto. Final scores—

H.S., 6—4; S.C., 5—7.

Goalkickers for H.S. were: Marshall (3), Giles (2), Oliver (1); and for S.C.: Dodds (2), Branch, Hollis and Ockerby (1) each.

For Scotch College: Branch, Stephens, Ives, and Carter were conspicuous; whilst for us, Johnson, Simpson, Merritt ii, and Robinson performed creditably.

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. C.B.C.

Wednesday, August 1st, 1923, at W.A.-C.A. Won.

The 2nd XVIII, undefeated in the first round, resumed yesterday the gage of battle, and once more emerged triumphant from the fray. In the first quarter play remained fairly even, the ball travelling from one end to the other, generally without any scoring occurring. In the second term of play, bad kicking on both sides was noticeable. C.B.C. were now marking better than we, and were showing more dash, but scoring still seemed difficult, and the game was responsible at half-time for the low scores—

H.S., 1—4; C.B.C., 0—3.

The third period of play was at first evenly contested without either side

scoring, but then H.S. gained the ascendancy, with the result of a two-goal increase in our lead. The last quarter saw our opponents doing most of the attacking, but their kicking for goal was markedly unlucky, and five points were registered without a single major being scored. The final scores were—

H.S., 4—5; C.B.C., 0—9.

C.B.C.'s most useful players were Spencer, Lightly, Urquhart, Ryan, and Edmondson; whilst our selected six were Veryard, Draper, Robertson, Breen, Money, and Roberts.

Goalkickers for H.S.—Law, Marshall, Veryard, Treacy (1 each).

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. C.E.G.S.

Wednesday, August 8th, 1923, at Subiaco. Won.

A very strong westerly breeze developed this match into a continuous tussle at the eastern end of the playing arena, with only very occasional calls upon the backs at the western end. In the first quarter High School lost their opportunities, and had only three scoring shots. Scores—

H.S., 2—1; C.E.G.S., 0—1.

In next quarter, our opponents showed more dashing play, whilst their marking was also good. But, though they had seven scoring shots to our two, the bell sounded with the scores reading—

H.S., 2—3; C.E.G.S., 2—6.

Upon resumption, our team showed a marked improvement, the combination and marking being much more pleasing. Thus, helped by the wind, our deficit of three points was commuted to an advantage of twenty-three. Scores—

H.S., 6—5; C.E.G.S., 2—6.

After the cross-over, our opponents had the advantage of the wind, and the game became a perpetual assault on our citadel. However, play terminated with the scores showing—

H.S., 6—5; C.E.G.S., 4—7.

Goalkickers for C.E.G.S.—Crossley (2), Simpson and Cornish (1 each). For H.S.:

Marshall and Officer (2 each), Veryard and Robertson (1 each).

The five best for our opponents were Myles, Reynolds, Page, Demasson, and Crossley; whilst our selected quintette were Lamb, Veryard, Merritt ii, Draper, and Robertson.

2nd XVIII.—H.S. v. S.C.

Wednesday, August 15th, 1923, at Subiaco. Won.

The final match was favoured by ideal weather conditions, and a close game resulted in a win for H.S., thus gaining them the title of champions for 1923. The team and its captain, Draper, are thus to be heartily congratulated.

The first quarter saw some good marking, and the play remained fairly even, but was rendered somewhat of a scramble by overcrowding the ball. The second quarter was our best in it the team work was consistently good, particularly the marking. The bell rang, showing 'the scores' tally—

H.S., 6—4; S.C., 2—1.

In the third term, S.C. predominated in the ruck, showed more dash, and played with better combination than our team; the result was that Sanders scored four consecutive goals for them. Scores at three-quarter time—

H.S., 7—4; S.C., 6—3.

The last quarter was a period of changing fortunes, H.S. being in the ascendancy at first, and then devoting themselves to warding off the aggressive efforts of our adversaries. The match terminated with the scores recording—

H.S., 9—5; S.C., 8—3.

Goalkickers for S.C.—Sanders (4), Dann (2), Dodds and Stevens (1 each); for H.S.: Veryard and Marshall (4 each), Ryan (1).

S.C.'s most doughty players were: Sanders, Lahore, Merry, Ockerby, Stevens, and Cullen; whilst our most worthy representatives were Johnson, Veryard, Lamb, Money, Law, Roberts, and Halbert.

MERITORIOUS ACTIONS.

During this term there have occurred three instances of the value of clear-headedness, presence of mind and prompt action. On a morning of last term's ing excursion, near Penguin Island. Mr. W. Randall, Mr. Mellor (of Bibra Lake), Max Nairn, and Jack Rathbone (the two latter from this school) composed the little band.

A strong westerly was blowing, causing combers to break at sea, and at ten o'clock one of these coming to the boat, turned it head on, partially swamping it. Another immediately followed and all four occupants were precipitated into the water as the boat sank beneath them. The nose was weighted with stones. This caused the boat then to float in a perpendicular position, leaving only a small portion whereby a grip may be taken above water.

Mr. Mellor could not swim, and the first difficulty presented itself. Waves continually soused the four unfortunates and it was with great difficulty that the other three managed to keep Mr. Mellor afloat. However, while Mr. Randall held on to him, Jack Rathbone, after repeated failures, at last freed the boat from the stones. The difficulty of this cannot be too strongly stressed. It must have been tiring indeed, not only to fight the waves, but to dive into them and wrench the stones from the swaying boat. Another difficulty arose. The fishing lines, seven in all, became entangled in the legs and arms of the four. Max Nairn showed here what even a small boy at a pinch can do. He tried to break the lines with his hands, cutting himself with the cord in the attempt. Throughout these anxious thirty minutes Mr. Mellor had been rolling, with the waves, out of reach of the others, Mr.

Randall finding it very hard to keep a grip on both the boat and the unfortunate gentleman. By this time the nose of the craft had come to the surface. Mr. McKenzie, the keeper of Penguin Island, had noticed the plight of the four struggling in the water, and hastened to their aid in his own dinghy. When Mr. Mellor was lifted into the latter he was unconscious, and died on the way to shore. Two hours' artificial respiration failed to bring back any signs of life. Neither was an additional half-hour carried on by J. Rathbone successful. Thus a holiday was suddenly brought to a tragic close.

The second was that action of "Bunny" Wilson, who was instrumental in saving, if not two, at least one life. A canoe containing a little boy and girl capsized in the channel in Perth Water. The boy managed to sit on the canoe, but the girl was in difficulties. The children called loudly for help, and were heard by "Bunny." Immediately he sculled a Royal Perth Yacht Club dinghy to the scene of the mishap and rescued the two children.

About a fortnight before this, the third rescue took place. A little boy was jumping from the South Perth ferry to the pier as the boat was nearing the jetty, and fell into the water. But for the prompt action of Ted Hantke in leaning over the side and pulling the adventurous youth to safety, a serious accident may have occurred. He may have been crushed to death. Let this be a warning to all who travel by this mode of conveyance. Let them wait till the launch berths before trying to leave her.

These incidents, especially the first, show that pluck, fortitude and promptness of action are prominent in the school-boy's character. Mr. Randall states that Jack Rathbone prevented by his heroism a threefold, or fourfold, tragedy. The school is proud to possess such as J. Rathbone, "Bunny" Wilson and Ted Hantke.

SCIENCE NOTES.

THOUGH Chemistry and Physics necessarily and rightly occupy all the time available for the study of science, yet it is desirable that allied subjects should, as occasion offers, receive some attention. Such a subject is Mineralogy, peculiarly suitable as a study in a State which possesses such large mineral resources. The School is fortunate in this connection in that it has found in Mr. McVicker Smyth, of Nobels Ltd., a friend warmly enthusiastic in the encouragement of this branch of study. Mr. Smyth has already presented the School with many fine mineralogical specimens, some of which are unique, and has kindly offered to supply us with many more. At his suggestion, the boys will by degrees as the specimens come in, construct a mineralogical map. Every mineral will have a colour assigned to it, and this will be pasted against the name of the locality from which the specimen came. By this means it is hoped that the boys will attain some considerable knowledge of the occurrence in West Australia, as well as the uses of the various minerals. An added advantage will accrue from the increased knowledge of the geography of our State.

The customary visits have been made by the senior boys to some of the chief industries in which chemistry plays a part, and to the managers of these firms the thanks of the School are herewith gratefully tendered. An account of these visits will be found below.

Visit to Cuming Smith's.

On 20th July, the Leaving Chemistry class visited Cuming Smith's superphosphate and sulphuric acid works. Unfortunately, Mr. Newbery was unable to go, as he was confined to bed by an attack of the 'flu. The chemist attached to the works, Mr. , kindly showed the class over the whole plant, and was most lucid in explanation. Thus, the visit was entirely successful, being both pleasant and instructive.

Superphosphates.

The phosphatic material, deposited by vast swarms of birds on once-submerged coral islands, has become fairly pure tricalcic phosphate [$\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$]. This ore is brought from Neru Island direct to Cuming Smith's, and is there crushed and put through fine-mesh sieves. The crushed ore is then treated with an equal weight of H_2SO_4 , making it 20 per cent. water soluble. 1,344 lbs. of ore and an equal amount of acid of 1.6 S.G. are mixed very rapidly in each receiver, and the mass is then allowed to fall into hoppers beneath. The CaSO_4 formed by the action of the H_2SO_4 —the original ore contains 5 per cent. of CaCO_3 —takes up the water of crystallisation, and the mass quickly solidifies, owing to the formation of gypsum ($\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$). The mass is extracted by an automatic device which ploughs and rakes alternately, and the ore when extracted is re-crushed, and left stored for about six months, before it is bagged. The superphosphate, or monocalcic phosphate [$\text{CaH}_4(\text{PO}_4)_2$] thus formed contains about 50 per cent. of gypsum.

Nitric Acid.

The nitric acid is prepared in the same way as the hydrochloric acid, except that NaNO_3 is used instead of NaCl . Then, instead of the acid fumes being bubbled through water, they pass through a series of glass tubes, lightly covered with hessian, through which water trickles. The acid condenses, is collected and bottled. As before, the Na_2SO_4 (or NaHSO_4) is sold to the glass-works.

Sulphuric Acid (Contact Process).

This process is used for preparing the pure acid, which is sold, whilst the chamber process manufactures the acid used in making the superphosphates.

Texas Sulphur (99.7 per cent. pure) is fed automatically from a sulphur bin, and is forced through an opening, containing

a threaded screw, into the furnace. The sulphur is met with a blast of air, which forms SO_2 , and the mixture of air and SO_2 passes up the contact tower. This tower is lined with asbestos, and contains perforated iron trays holding platinum. The platinum causes the SO_2 to combine with the air, at 400 degrees C., forming SO_3 . This passes on, and is dissolved by 98.3 per cent. H_2SO_4 ; it is then diluted to 70 per cent. strength. In the process a certain amount of MgSO_4 (anhydrous) is mixed with the platinum; also there is about 3.7 per cent. of sulphur wasted.

Hydrochloric Acid.

Sodium chloride and (conc.) H_2SO_4 are roasted in furnaces, and the fumes of hydrogen chloride so formed are bubbled up a large tower of water. As the HCl is formed it is run off, and more water is admitted, so as to maintain a continual supply of acid. At the end of the process, from the doors in the front of the furnace sodium sulphate mixed with acid is emitted. This is sold to the glass-works.

Visit to Burford's Soap Works.

On Friday, 10th August, the second of the Leaving Chemistry class expeditions occurred, when Burford's—at Leighton—was visited. The excursion was pleasant and instructive, and our hearty thanks are extended to Mr. Slattery, the manager, who showed us over the works. Burford's manufacture candles, soap, crude glycerine, washing soda, etc.

Candles.

The candles are made by mixing and melting paraffin wax and stearin in a certain proportion, and setting the mixture in moulds of pure tin. The vat in which the wax and stearin are mixed is surrounded by a steam-jacket, to keep the mixture molten. The pure tin moulds give a shiny surface to the candles, and prevents them from sticking to the

moulds. The candles are set by means of water circulating round the moulds, and the time occupied is about three-quarters of an hour. The candles are then raised into frames, and the wicks cut. The wicks, during the war, cost as much as 6s. 6d., but are now 2s. 11d. per lb. The moulds can be adjusted by means of a gauge, to produce candles of varying lengths; generally there are six or eight to the pound.

Soap.

The constituents for this are tallow, caustic soda, and resin, and there are three boils in the process.

The tallow is chiefly obtained from the butchers, and is melted in the storage tank by steam pipes. It is then run into the first boiling vat. The caustic soda is imported, solid, from England, and is dissolved in water in another storage tank, from which it is run into the boiling vat.

A separate vat is provided for each boil, which continues for three to four hours. After the first boil, the glycerine, the important by-product, is removed by the addition of salt. There is an overnight stand made between each boil. At the third boil, the resin is added, entering the vat from the floor above by gravitation down chutes. The resin is added to give colour to the soap, and to prevent the soap from becoming brittle.

The soap is solidified in moulds, and is dried in a steam oven. Thereafter it is cut up, stamped, wrapped up and packed in boxes, most of this being done by machinery. Carbolice, Naptha, Honey, and "Signal" soap are made here.

Instead of using caustic potash for preparing soft soaps, various soft oils are used now.

Glycerine.

The glycerine is extracted after the first boil, by means of salt. The solution is treated with acid to neutralise any caustic soda that might be present, and is then treated with ferric alumina to remove

further impurities, such as glue. It is then passed through filter-presses, and runs by gravitation to the bottom of a tank. The mixture, containing glycerine, salt and water, is sucked to the top of a vacuum tower, and is there heated. The water evaporates, and the salt sinks to the bottom, where it is recovered, and the crude glycerine thus remaining is sent East for purification. About fourteen hundredweight of glycerine per week is thus obtained.

The salt is nearly all regained—about 20 per cent. being lost—and is used again, new salt being added occasionally.

Washing Soda.

The dry soda ash is imported from England, is treated, and left for a couple of weeks to crystallise in large vats. It is then sold as washing soda.

Box-Making.

Burford's, till 1920, were the sole possessors in W.A. of a machine for nailing the component parts of boxes together. The jarrah, cut into the required sizes, is brought from the mills, and is stamped and nailed by machinery, at Burford's.

Visit to the Swan Brewery.

The grain used is produced in Western Australia. It is first put through a machine in which it is stalked and sifted. This machine also takes out any string and extracts the foreign seed.

The grain is now soaked in large pans of water. This starts the germination of the seed. It remains in these for about 55 hours. The water is now drained off and the grain dropped down to a concrete floor below, where it is spread out to a depth of six inches. This is the primary drying stage and here water, heat and carbon dioxide are given off. The grain, which has now partially germinated, is raked out in a much thinner layer and allowed to stand for seven days. This is the secondary drying stage. The enzyme cytase breaks down the starch-cell walls and diastase, the most essential enzyme in the whole process, and one which

is forming throughout the germination, converts the starch of malt to sugar. Glucose is not one of the sugars formed unless the grain used is maize. In this case the grain is barley.

The third step of the process consists of drying the partially germinated barley. This is done in large rooms above furnaces, in which the temperature can be systematically increased by means of air.

The temperature rises very slowly, only reaching 167 degrees F. in the first oven, and 212 degrees F. in the second. If it is heated too rapidly the diastase is killed and the malt is not converted completely to sugar. To ensure even heating, a machine stirs up the grain at intervals.

The grain is now boiled with water and hops and the product is known as "wort." This is the unfermented beer. This is cooled and run into large cylinders, where the yeast is added. The yeast has the effect of fermenting the sugars with the production of alcohol and carbon dioxide, some of which is collected for addition to the beer. The amount of yeast added multiplies about four times during the fermentation. The specific gravity of the beer prepared in this way is 1.045 (on an average).

We have to thank Mr. Hilton-Wood for his kindness—especially at the ginger beer counter—and for explaining concisely how the beer is prepared. However, the making of beer was not the sole attraction, for we were mystified by a neat card-trick performed by Mr. Sanderson, and were finally rewarded by a refreshing drink of ginger beer.

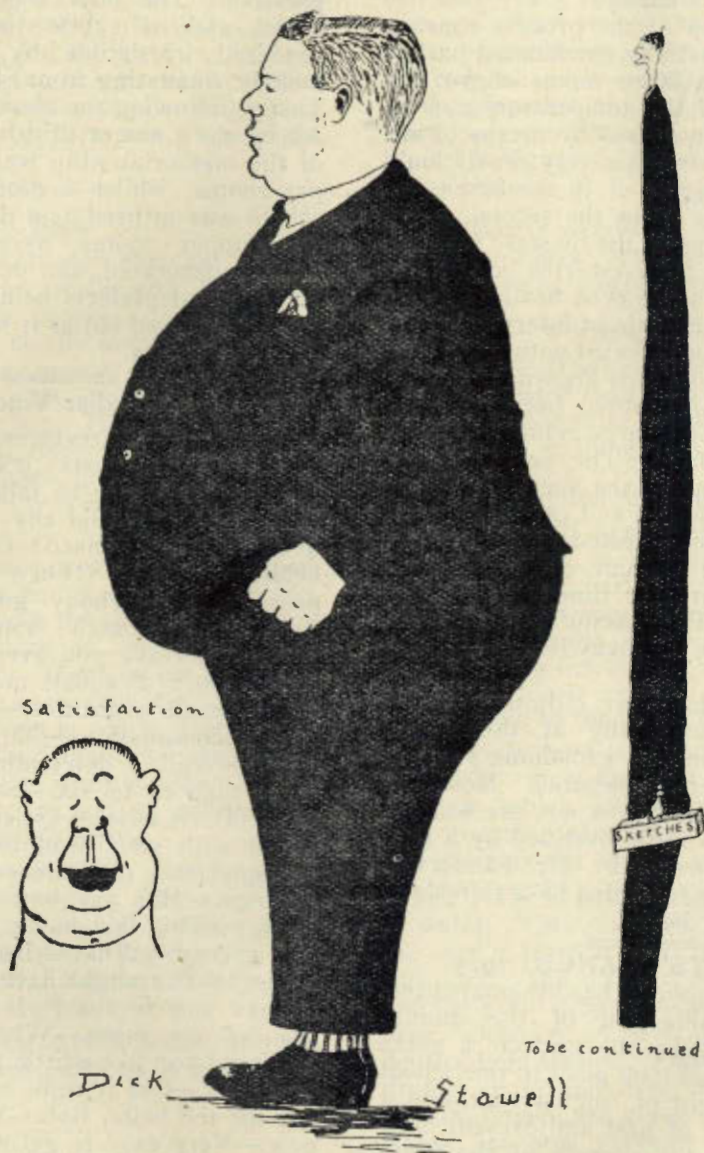
PREFECTS' DANCE, 1923.

POPULAR opinion has designated this year's production of the annual dance held by the prefects a great success. The ball took place in the School Hall on the night of August 11th, and a large gathering of past and present boys contributed to the success of the function, socially and financially. A sincere vote of thanks is extended to Mr. Rankin, the capable figure at the helm; to the prefects' mothers, and to the many younger helpers who assisted in the preparations for the dance. The hall was

thoroughly ornamented, whilst the sight of several hundreds of streamers stretching from high on the walls to a higher position in the centre of the hall was impressive. The floor was carefully prepared, and its subtle inducement was rendered irresistible by the strains of melody emanating from Sheridan's Band. Lastly, following the ideal in convenience set by the Camera Club, the four rooms of the memorial wing were used as supper rooms, whilst a room in the older school was utilised as a drink-room. All the supper rooms were tastefully, if simply, decorated, the one set aside for masters and prefects being especially attractive, decked out as it was in a delicate shade of mauve.

Familiar Voices.

"Well, little creatures, well!—Hands out of your pockets; it's not cold this morning.—I want to talk to you about bicycles again.—Did any boy find a pair of trousers at Subiaco? One boy left his behind yesterday ('On y soit qui mal y pense.')—Is anybody going down the Terrace at lunch hour?—You're a schemer—Have you ever heard me say this before: 'P equals m.f.'?—Too right.—Use small quantities.—I'll give you a penny commission.—Oh, Edward, Edward!—Well, I don't mind if I sit here till a quarter to six.—Sand Bag, Mary Ann.—Do it twice.—Quiet there, quiet.—Stand with your head to the wall until you get some manners.—Caesar's purple pyjamas.—Has any boy here a piece of string?—This boy has a lot of superfluous energy.—What!—Isn't he an awful reader?—You might have the manners.—What's this boy at?—I refuse to teach the class any more.—Where's my poison?—Would you like a little tram ride at dinner time?—Cut it right out.—Right, left, one for the belly, Bob.—We'll start from now.—Very easy to get nought per cent. I'll see sixth form boys first.—Now, get back to your class and behave yourself."
 "ad infinitum." Note.—This article needs no introduction or no explanation, but is merely a reminder and an "admonitum.")



"A FANTASY OF FIGURES"



SEVERAL recruits have made their appearance at the sheds this term, and the old hands have been busy in instructing them in the mysteries of oarsmanship. Of this year's first crew, two will be back next year, and, judging by the rapid improvement exhibited by the above-mentioned recruits, there will be keen competition for the two vacant seats in the four. "Snowy" Tomlinson, who coxed us twice, once to the "Head of the River," has left for the more serious walks of life; so a fresh cox will be needed also. "Snowy" could not resist the call of the river, and put in an appearance at the sheds one night. Shallcross is keeping up rowing, now that he has left school,

and is a member of the West Australian Rowing Club.

The practice four has been thoroughly overhauled and renovated, both inside and out. It is now looking quite resplendent. It is a great relief no longer to have the floor boards falling on one's toes when the boat is tipped upside down, nor to have to forage round for a seat which perhaps fell off the night before unnoticed.

So far, the Initiation Committee has not carried out its rights, but no doubt when these are performed, they will be all the worse for being postponed.

WAR PICTURES.

THE School possesses one lasting memento of the Great War in the memorial building. Now another reminder of this world-wide contest is contained within the School walls. The generosity of Mr. E. W. Loton and Mr. R. O. Law has provided a series of five pictures illustrating different phases of the various war zones, in which "Anzacs" were engaged. These pictures, hanging in the classrooms of the lower school, serve a threefold purpose. They are at once ornamental, instructive, and, greater still, they appeal irresistibly to the ever-enduring spirit of loyalty to and love of school and country, which has made the British Empire what it is.

Miss Green's Room.

Here hangs a picture representing the desert in all its vast loneliness. Yet this does not illustrate the general impression of a desert—the flat, never-ending sand-

plain. The Australian Light Horse are to be seen arriving at the crest of a short but fairly steep decline, which a few have already descended. Moreover, a little distance from the left flank of the squadron, jagged rocks are visible. Thus, by means of the vitality derived from this troop of equestrians, by the relief provided by the rocks, and by the picturesque colours of the sky, the desert seems to have lost that subtle power of inspiring its vastness with a majestic and awful grandeur.

Mr. Campbell's Room.

The spectacle which greets the eye on entering this room seems immediately yet vaguely to give an impression of sadness. No doubt the scene depicts an event of importance, for as such the landing of Lord Kitchener must be considered. Yet the plain wooden cross unerringly attracts the attention, recalling the many gallant lives lost in the costly landings effected

in this sphere of hostilities. The same spirit of depression appears to have affected the men, too, for in all the faces of those khaki-clad warriors is mirrored that same pensive melancholy.

Mr. Roydhouse's Room.

In this room is found a picture presenting the scene of a felicitous event, the entry of the Light Horse into Jerusalem. To be quite correct, it shows Australia's cavalry approaching over the light and sandy soil, the city then dimly visible as a study in white walls and red roofs, fronted by a long line of tents. The soldiers are travelling at a steady and purposeful pace, despite the excessive heat, which seems to affect them but little and which is evidenced by the short breeches and the lack of tunics visible throughout the company.

Mr. McLarty's Room.

The picture contained herein might well be styled "A Donkey Train," or "A Mule Trek," for the most conspicuous feature of it is a donkey train. This convoy train is slowly following a road winding round and up a rugged and rocky mountain. The scene is probably in Palestine, for as a relief to the stern and somewhat harsh scenery of the mountain is the verdant green-lands and timbered foliage discernible in the distant spaces beyond the foot of the mountain.

Mr. Whitton's Room.

This room harbours a picturisation of "Anzac Cove." Here, under a beautiful canopy of blue, is a scene of happy animation, rendered all the more interesting by the variety of activities being enacted. The sparkling, sun-lit waters of the bay have proved to some too attractive to be resisted; consequently some are bathing, whilst others have utilised the opportunity as a washing-day. In one corner of the picture is discernible an improvised hospital, and next to it is the entrance to a "dug-out." All the available beach-space is used, for the ground slopes up

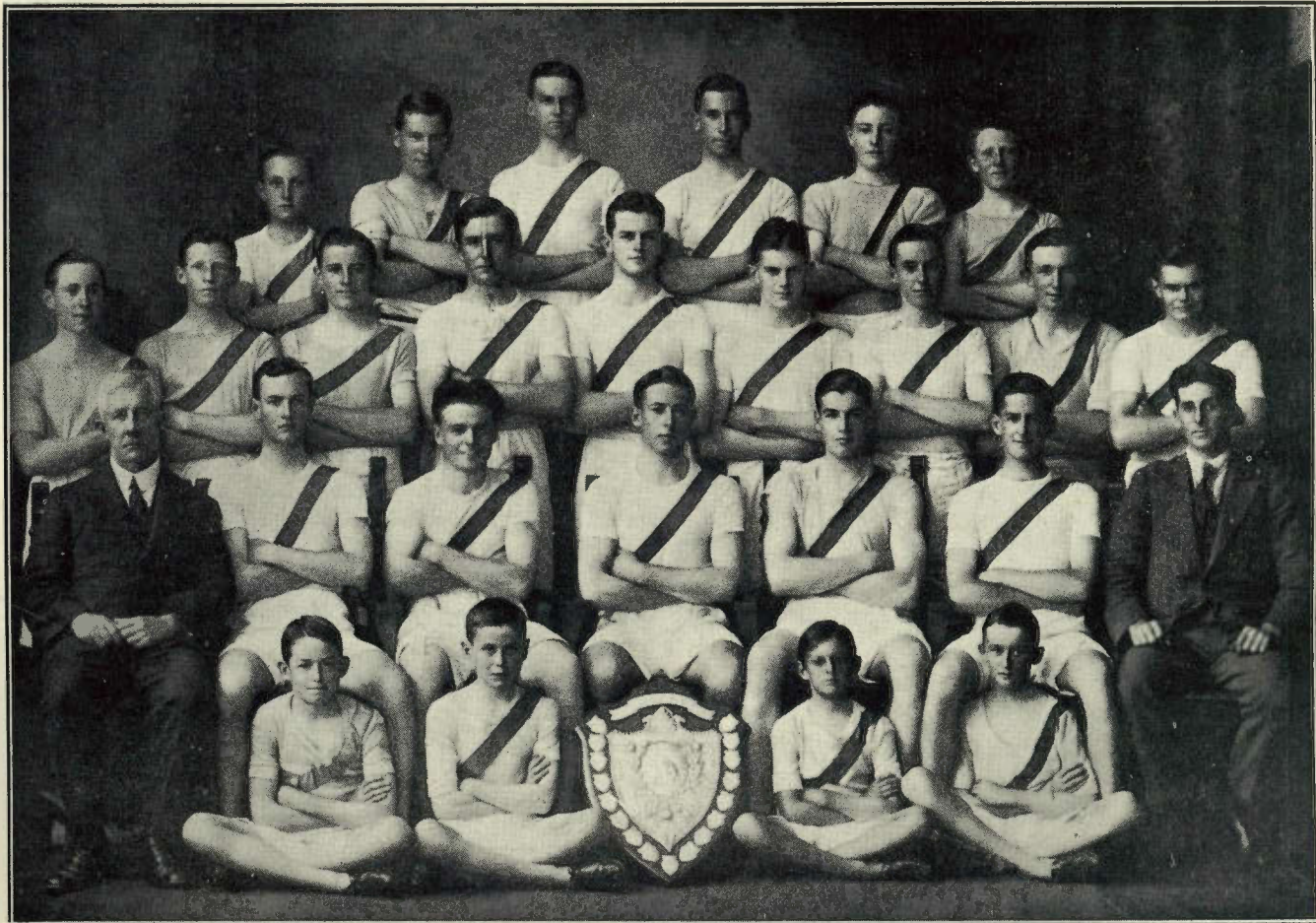
sharply right from the water-front. Thus, butter-boxes and other cases indicative of stores are stacked along the beach in hundreds. Altogether the situation exhibited seems to conjure up in the imagination a happy holiday-camp, far removed from the "lurid clouds of war."

TENNIS.

AGAIN this year the High School entered for the Slazenger Cup which it won last year, in the eager expectation to retain the cherished honour for the school. Hampered still by the fact that the school has no tennis courts of its own, and will not expend any money on the hiring of courts, our boys were forced to rely on the generosity of Dr. E. A. Officer and Mr. R. O. Law who placed their courts freely at our disposal. Several boys practised hard for the honour of competing for their own school in either the first or second term, and under the supervision of Mr. Clarke, gave up a good deal of their holidays even to this purpose. In addition to the eight who represented the School, there were ten other High School boys playing in the matches, having prepared to play with outside teams.

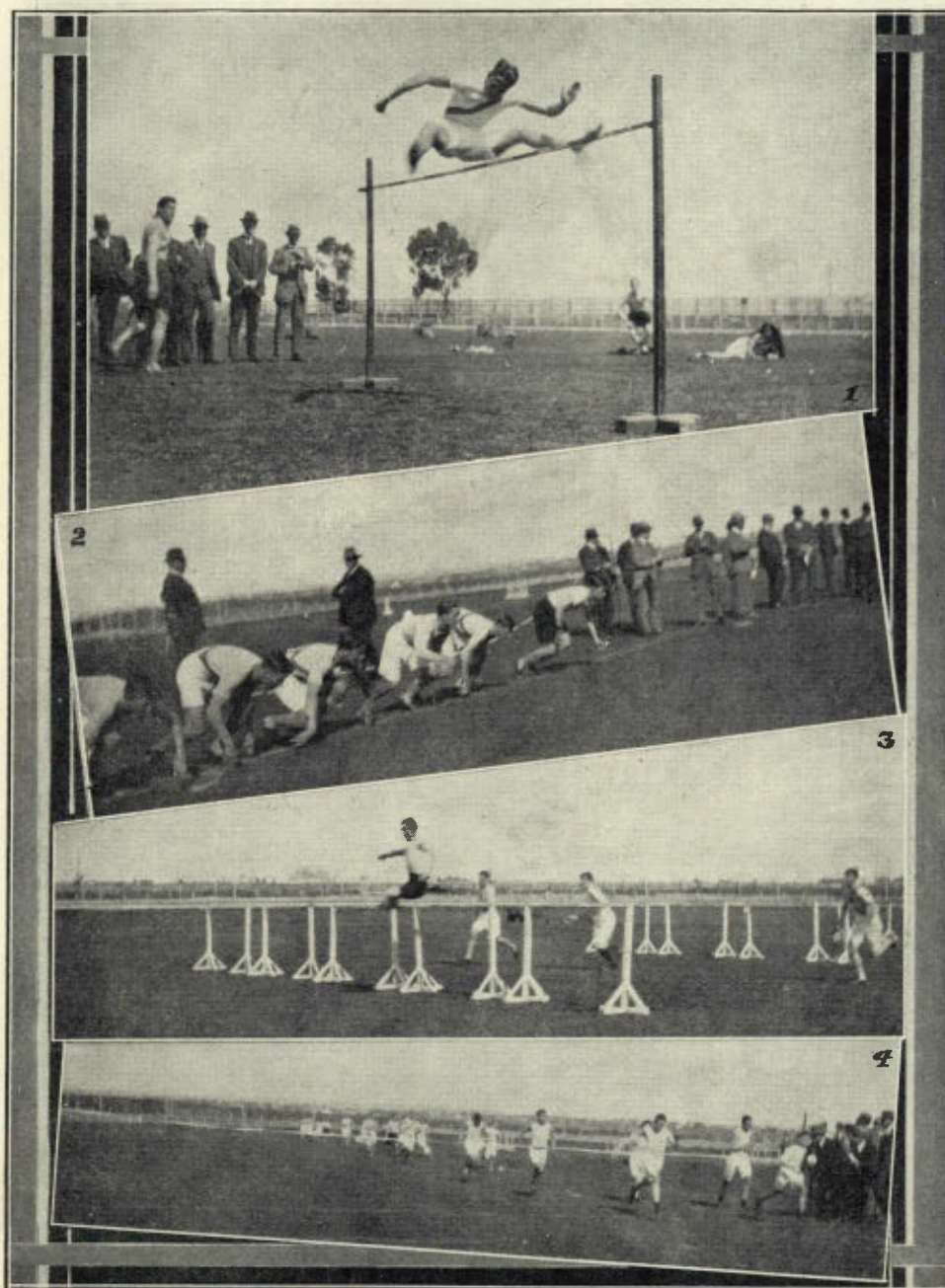
Of the actual match the less said perhaps the better. It was a signal catastrophe. Several spectators have expressed their own reasons for our defeat, the most commonly uttered one being that our team, being forced to practise on private closed-in courts were dismayed at the open appearance of the Association courts. Suffice it to say that, playing with three boys who had played last year and won the Slazenger Cup, Blackman, Officer and Law, and a fourth boy, Yeo, who was better than any of the other three, we went down miserably by seven sets to one to Subiaco, a new team playing for the first time in the competition, and, with all the irony of fate, comprising in its number two boys from the school. To Subiaco, who played well, we offer our heartiest congratulations for their deserved win.

ATHLETIC TEAM, 1923



Top Row—G. Sutton T. Treacy J. Trethowan C. Sara C. Lamb R. Duncan
Standing—A. Merritt E. Duncan V. Veryard D. Stone W. Ambrose L. Dempster D. Law S. Yeo H. Dempster
Sitting—M. Wilson, Esq. R. Kelly, M. Loton T. Hantke R. Officer K. Robertson J. Roydhouse, Esq.
Front Row—M. Noble J. Macartney K. Marris M. Beresford

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



1. Hantke over 5ft 3ins
3. Hurdles under 16

2. Start for 440 under 16
4. Finish of 880 yds under 16

LIFE SAVING TEAM, 1923



Standing—B. Seed J. Breen
Sitting—J. Russell T. Hantke J. Wells, Esq.

2nd EIGHTEEN



Top Row—J. Tracy B. Johnson J. Merritt T. Robinson H. Marshall
Standing—B. Simpson P. Roberts B. Ryan V. Veryard J. Money J. Lee Steere D. Law
Front—M. Wilson, Esq. K. Robertson C. Lamb T. Draper (Capt.) H. Blake A. Merritt J. Roydhouse, Esq.

Strange to say, the following week, the High School second team, in a sturdy endeavour to redeem their school's reputation, put up a stubborn fight, only to be beaten 5 sets to 4 games. Indeed, at one time they were leading 4 sets to 1, 3 love in the next set, and only needing one set to gain the match. Indeed, a note of personal praise is here due to Robertson and Scaddan, who beat Subiaco's leading pair 7—5, 7—5, when that pair, Lang and Ford, had beaten the previous Saturday Yeo and Blackman, 6—4, 6—4, and who in the final were only beaten by the Scotch College leading pair, Lamb and Camm, 7—5, 7—5. In addition, Robertson won his single against Lang. Pilgrim and Merritt also did more than creditably, handicapped as they were by inexperience, age, and size.

In the final match, Scotch College beat Subiaco by 5 sets to 4, 40 games to 38—a narrow margin of two games. To both teams we offer our heartiest congratulations, especially to Scotch College, a comrade school, into whose hands we give the cup for safe keeping for one year, till we can win it back.

In the schools' tournament arranged by the L.T.A. of W.A., and inaugurated this year, our boys did very well indeed. The entries from the High School far surpassed those from any other school, which shows the popularity of the game in the school, although there are no school courts.

In the Open Singles Championship one semi-final was fought out by Bessell-Brown and E. V. Blackman, the latter proving victorious; however, in the final he was beaten by Halliday (P.M.S.) 7—5, 8—6. In the Under 16 Championship and Under 14 Championship, two High School boys in each event fought out the final, H. V. Halbert winning the former from D. R. Law, R. M. Noble the latter from J. Gadsdon. All have the makings of fine players.

In conclusion, we must thank once more Dr. and Mrs. Officer, and Mr. and Mrs. R.

O. Law for their hospitality and entertainment of our boys when practising for the Slazenger. They are invaluable friends to the School. Also we tender good wishes to the many boys from the School who will be playing in the Christmas tournaments arranged by the L.T.A. of W.A.

The following are the scores for the matches in the Slazenger Cup:—

High School No. 1 v. Subiaco.—Yeo and Blackman lost to Lang and Ford, 4—6, 4—6; Officer and G. Law lost to Halbert and R. Ambrose, 1—6, 6—8; Yeo lost to Lang, 4—6; Blackman lost to Ford, 4—6; Officer lost to Halbert, 5—7; Law beat Ambrose, 6—2. Total: High School, 1 set 34 games; Subiaco, 7 sets 47 games.

High School No. 2 v. Subiaco.—Kemp Robertson and Scaddan beat Lang and Ford, 7—5; 7—5; Merritt and Pilgrim lost to Halbert and Ambrose, 6—4, 4—6, 3—6; Kemp Robertson beat Lang, 7—5; Scaddan lost to Ford, 2—6; Pilgrim lost to Halbert, 4—6; Merritt lost to Ambrose, 2—6. Total: High School No. 2, 4 sets 42 games; Subiaco, 5 sets 49 games.

SUNDRY SNAPS.

Shally has left the Old School for the attractions offered by Elder's.

M. Loton should know quite a lot about the Nor'-West country. He ought to be able to tell us some interesting yarns.

The Dug-out seems incomplete without a Digger.

Dick is blossoming forth into becoming a Grub Street Scribbler.

Lamb looked like a dead sheep after the 440, and so did Hank. In fact, he was as limp as a wet rope.

Darlington still seems to be a favourite holiday resort for some of the senior boys.

Jack (Delco) told us that he is at sea in a shipping office. Here his swimming propensities should prove useful to him.

The Laboratory Jazz Orchestra has gone into vacation now that the exams.

are approaching. We sincerely hope it will never offend our ears again.

We advise the Captain to take a tree-puller with him on his next trip to Bunbury, or, better still, have a bike!

We should have the best Cadet squad in the West now with such fine types of N.C.O.'s. Still, the result of their efforts remains to be seen.

Most of the lockers in the old building are neither wind-proof, watertight, nor thief-proof. They are certainly not ornamental.

Simmo's volubility is at least appreciated by one member of the staff. Those in the class with him beg to differ. The way he expresses his opinions in history period is a great source of annoyance to our friend Tom.

Since the visit of Mr. McVicker Smyth, Mr. Newbery has become engrossed in geology. Quite a gold mine has sprung up in the lab. Among other interesting facts learned in the museum, we find that kauri gum is a geological specimen.

Our Chaucerian admirer, commonly known as "Long Bun," has been getting busy lately, and the result of his efforts may be seen elsewhere.

About twenty boys were on the track of the "Runaway Girl" on Thursday, 15th November. Mr. Rankin was the prime mover in the chase.

Mr. Wells is proving the saying of Tennyson that—

"The old order changeth,
Yielding place to new"—

by discarding such favourite old expressions as "the eye is the window of the brain," and "keep your wind for your work." The new favourites are such as, "Take them out now; it's not as cold as all that."

Jimmy Macartney had the misfortune to break his arm the other day, while training for hurdling verandah railings. We are glad he left this little diversion till after the Inters.

The Leaving Physics class found that it was able to do quite a lot of work

during the week that Ted was encamped at Rockingham.

If Parker continues to improve at cricket during the remainder of the term, at the same rate as he has during the last few weeks, it is rumoured that he will put a number of the First XI in the shade (?).

Finding it somewhat tame merely to put the flag up and pull it down daily, Bob finds much more pleasure in periodic rips.

Don's attempt at "Gallagher and Shean" on the kettle-drum proved somewhat inharmonious to our ears. Those who take physics learn that more than six beats to the second produce discord. You should learn the subject, Don.

What's wrong with the apple-pie?

But for the resourcefulness of the Kelly Gang, Mr. McLarty would find it hard to keep his drawing class supplied with subjects to draw.

We were all glad to learn of "Bunny" Wilson's prompt rescue of two unfortunate young children, who had managed to capsize their canoe in Perth Water on Sunday, 11th November. In all probability the result would have proved fatal to them, but for Bunny's ready aid.

Keith doesn't seem to think that there is a crown. In a fact, this is evident to the most superficial observer of the Have-lock Street traffic at about ten to nine. The "trio" is quite a common sight these days.

WITH THE BIRDS IN THE SWAMP.

(G. Stapledon.)

I DON'T think there is anything that I like better than to take my canoe down to the swamp, and to spend the day in just gliding through the trees and reeds, watching the reed warblers, marsh birds, swamp hens, silver-eyes and bitterns building their nests, or wading in the water after tadpoles. Once, whilst I was spending a day at the swamp, I found a willy-wagtail's nest, with three young

ones in it. After waiting a while, I saw the mother with some food for her young. It is remarkable how brave these helpless little creatures are. Whenever a large bird appears, no matter what kind it may be, the cock bird will always fight for the life of his much-loved chicks.

About the most numerous of all birds in the Claremont Swamp is the swamp or water hen. It builds a nest of reeds and sticks in a clump of bushies or reeds, and there it rears its fifteen young ones. The reed warbler and grass bird are very much alike; in fact, if it were not for the peculiar note, I should very rarely know the difference. It is very strange that the birds are never found nesting near each other; the reed warblers keep to their side, and the grass birds to theirs. One way in which a grass bird's nest may be distinguished from a reed warbler's is that the grass birds build more in bushes, and always have a lot of feathers in their nest. The reed warbler, however, likes the reeds. It has a cleverly made nest, but it is not very comfortable for her chicks, as there is just the bare lining of the reeds, which must be very hard for her young.

I think if any person started egg collecting, I should advise him to go to Perry's Lakes, which are about one and a half miles past the Hospital for the Insane. There are many different kinds of eggs to be found there, the chief ones being:—Robin Red-Breasts (two varieties); Wattle Birds (two varieties); Magpies (two varieties); many different kinds of Honey-Eaters; Tomtits, Dabchicks, Mudlarks, Butcher Birds, Fantails (two varieties), Kingfishers (four varieties, and Ducks (four varieties). The last mentioned are very rarely obtained, as the water is bitterly cold, and contains many snakes.

A source of great disturbance in the bird world is the Cuckoo, of which there are three varieties, viz.:—(1) Bronze Cuckoo; this bird, like other cuckoos, lays in others birds' nests. (2) Black-eared Cuckoo, which lays a very rare egg (we found one in a wattler's nest at

Perry's, but owing to there being a young one in the egg, we had to leave it. (3) Pallid Cuckoos; we found one in a tomtit's nest at Perry's, but for the same reason we could not blow it.

Another very strange bird is the Dabchick, whose nest is made of grass and leaves. It builds on weeds which grow under the water. It is a wonder how the eggs hatch, because they are always damp. I don't think it matters taking one egg from a nest, because the young ones are not fed properly if there are too many of them.

The proper way to blow eggs is to make a pin-prick at one end, and then at the other to make a little larger hole. By blowing, all the inside can be removed. The egg is then washed and dried thoroughly, because the yoke on the shell will bring insects of all kinds. I always put Epsom salts in the egg and over it. Another way of blowing eggs is to make a hole in one side of the egg. The inside may be blown out by means of a glass tube which has been drawn to a point.

THE MIDDLE TERM TRIALS.

Mr. Roydhouse organised a similar series of tests as last year during the second term, commencing on about the 25th July last. Regularly every Monday afternoon until the close of the term various heats and finals were run off before a small crowd of witnesses. Mr. Roydhouse cheerfully gave a considerable amount of extra work and time to ensure their success. Other members of the school staff who gave up their Monday afternoons to us in measuring speeds and picking places were Messrs. Davies-Moore, Witton, Clarke, and Brown.

Prizes won in these events were presented by the Headmaster in the School Assembly Hall on August 24th.

The following are the results:—

Open Events.—Mile: Dempster, Parker, Male.
Half Mile: R. Wilson, Dempster, Merritt.

220 Yards: W. Ambrose, A. Merritt, B. Brown.

Under 16 Events.—880 Yards: N. Wood, Baldwinson, Robinson. 440 Yards: Lamb, 1; Merritt, J., 2; O'Halloran, 3.

Under 15 Event.—300 Yards: Trethowan, E. Mills, Sara.

Under 14 Event.—220 Yards: Birtwistle, Tanner, Passmore.

SCHOOL SPORTS: ANNUAL MEETING.

W.A.C.A., Wednesday, Oct. 10.

UNDER ideal weather and track conditions the Annual School Sports took place. In the afternoon there was a large gathering of the relatives and friends of the boys of the school.

The officials for the day were:—Judges, O. W. Blackman, Esq., T. C. Hantke, Esq., E. Brumby, Esq., Dr. E. A. Officer, Dr. T. Ambrose, C. A. Saw, Esq., S. Grimwood, Esq., R. O. Law, Esq., A. H. Christian, Esq., V. F. Shallcross, Esq., Dr. W. Seed, R. G. Kelly, Esq., G. R. Brown, Esq., M. J. Moody, Esq., C. L. Stawell, Esq., S. J. Yeo, Esq., Dr. J. Campbell-Wilson, W. L. Brine, Esq., J. Veryard, Esq. Timekeepers, S. J. Chipper, Esq., A. McDougall, Esq., C. H. Guy, Esq., T. Anthoness, Esq., A. Caris, Esq. Starter, C. J. Veryard, Esq. Clerk of Course, E. P. Clarke, Esq. Results Stewards, J. Campbell, Esq., J. V. Brown, Esq. Committee, E. Blackman, T. Hantke, S. Brumby, B. Brown, G. Law, C. V. Loton. Hon. Secretary, J. Roydhouse, Esq., and to these our hearty thanks are extended.

The running itself was excellent and some good times were furnished. The champions were:—Open, Hantke; under 16, Duncan and Treacy (tie); under 14, Duncan ii.

Results:—

220 Yards, Under 14.—Duncan, 1; Noble, 2; Sutton, 3.

440 Yards Championship, Open.—Hantke, 1; Lamb, 2; Kelly, 3.

220 Yards Championship, Under 16.—Duncan, 1; Treacy, 2; Sara, 3; Law, 4.

High Jump, Open.—Hantke, 1; Officer, 2; Law, 3; Veryard, 4. Height, 5 ft. 3½ in.

75 Yards Championship, Under 10.—Gwynne, 1; Strickland, 2; Cuthbertson, 3; Royal, 4. Time, 11 sec.

High Jump, Under 16.—Law ii, 1; Duncan, 2; Veryard, 3; Wright, 4. Height, 4 ft. 10½ in.—Unfinished.

100 Yards Championship, Under 16.—Duncan, 1; Treacy, 2; Merritt, 3; Dempster, 4. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship, Open.—Hantke, 1; Ambrose, 2; Loton, M., 3; Lamb, 4. Time, 10 2-5 secs.—Record.

120 Yards Hurdles, Under 16.—Law ii, 1; Treacy, 2; Halbert, 3; Duncan, 4. Time, 20 4-5 secs.

220 Yards Handicap, Under 16.—Robertson, 1; Roberts, 2; Kelly iii, 3. Time, 26 secs.

120 Yards Handicap, Under 12.—Beresford, 1; Mills iii, 2; Royal, 3. Time, 17 secs.

100 Yards Handicap, Open.—Skinner, 1; Hancock, 2; Brumby, 3. Time, 10 2-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship, Under 13.—Beresford, 1; Macartney, 2; Oliver ii, 3. Time, 13 1-5 secs.

220 Yards Championship, Open.—Hantke, 1; Lamb, 2; Loton, M., 3; Brumby, 4. Time, 24 2-5 secs.

440 Yards Championship, Under 16.—Merritt, 1; Sara, 2; Treacy, 3; Law ii, 4.

440 Yards Handicap, Under 16.—Wilson, 1; Robinson, 2; Holmes, 3.

75 Yards Championship, Under 12.—Beresford i, 1; Marris ii, 2; Mills, 3. Time, 10 sec.—Equals Record.

120 Yards Hurdles, Open.—Hantke, 1; Officer, 2; Kelly, 3; Yeo, 4. Time, 17 2-5.—Equals Record.

Sack Race, Under 11.—Gwynne, 1; Oliver iii, 2; Kirwan ii, 3.

Siamese Race, Under 13.—Newbery and Joyce, 1; Beresford and Fahle, 2; Beresford ii and Oliver iii, 3.

100 Yards Championship, Under 15.—Sara, 1; Trethowan, 2; Fry, 3; Mackenzie, 4. Time, 11 4-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship, Under 14.—Noble, 1; Duncan, 2; Sutton, 3. Time, 12 2-5 secs.

75 Yards Championship, Under 11.—Marris ii, 1; Gwynne, 2; Wood, 3; Beresford ii, 4. Time, 10 1-5 secs.—Record.

Half Mile Championship, Open.—Lamb, 1; Yeo, 2; Stone, 3.

Half Mile Handicap, Open.—Kelly ii, 1; Draper, 2; Keene, 3.

220 Yards Handicap, Under 14.—Sutton, 2; Wilson, 2; Everett, 3.

Half Mile, Under 16 Championship.—Merritt, 1; Treacy, 2; Duncan, 3; Law ii, 4.

Half Mile, Under 16 Handicap.—Dempster, 1; Wright, 2; Pilgrim, 3.

440 Yards Handicap, Under 13.—Clarke, 1; Reid, 2; Marris ii, 3.

300 Yards Handicap, Under 15.—Sara, 1; Trethowan, 2; Brown, G., 3.

One Mile Championship, Under 14.—Beck, 1; Duncan ii, 2; Sutton, 3; Lefroy, 4.

One Mile Handicap, Under 14.—Beck, 1; King, 2; Wilson, 3.

One Mile Championship, Open.—Dempster, 1; Stone, 2; McGibbon, 3; Moodie, 4.

One Mile Handicap.—Dempster, 1; Stone, 2; Roberts, 3.

Long Jump, Open.—Hantke, 1; Robertson, K., 2; Baxter, 3. Distance, 19 ft. 4 in.

Long Jump, Under 16.—Treacy, 1; Duncan, 2; Sara, 3. Distance, 18 ft. 1 in.—Record.

Long Jump, Under 14.—Duncan ii, 1; Sutton, 2; Hume, 3; Sewell, 4. Distance, 16 ft. 1 in.

SCHOOL RECORDS.

Open.

Mile Championship.—Mann (1921), 5 min. 9 sec.

880 Yard Championship.—Mann (1920), 2 min. 13 sec.

440 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1922), 53 3-5 sec.

220 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1922), 24 1-5 sec.

100 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1923), 10 2-5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles Championship.—Cockburn (1921) and Hantke (1923), 17 2-5 sec.

Long Jump Championship.—Norman (1921), 19 ft. 11 in.

High Jump Championship.—Hantke (1922), 5 ft. 4½ in.

Under 16.

880 Yards Championship.—Moar (1922), 2 min. 25 3-5 sec.

440 Yards Championship.—Moar (1922), 60 secs.

220 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1921), 25 2-5 sec.

100 Yards Championship.—Scrymgeour (1918) and Hantke (1921), 11 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles Championship. — Hantke (1921), 20 1-5 secs.

Long Jump.—Treacy (1923), 18 ft. 1 in.

High Jump.—Norman (1919), 5 ft. 2½ in.

Under 15.

300 Yards Championship.—Sara (1923), 35 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1920) and Breen (1921), 11 3-5 secs.

Under 14.

Mile Championship.—Milner (1922), 5 min. 36 1-5 secs.

220 Yards Championship.—

100 Yards Championship.—C. Chase (1916) and Hantke (1919), 12 secs.

Long Jump.—Sara (1922), 16 ft. 2½ in.

High Jump.—Duncan (1921) and Marris (1923), 4 ft. 5½ in.

Under 13.

100 Yards Championship.—Hantke (1918), 12 2-5 secs.

Under 12.

75 Yards Championship.—L. Chase (1918) and M. Beresford (1923), 10 secs.

Under 11.

75 Yards Championship.—Marris ii (1923), 10 1-5 secs.

Under 10.

75 Yards Championship.—Marris ii (1922), 10 2-5 secs.

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INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS, 1923.

The School Retains Alcock Shield.

THE 19th Inter-School Sports Meeting was held on Saturday, October 27th, at the W.A.C.A. Ground. There was a large attendance of friends and supporters of the various schools. The weather conditions were perfect and the track in good order.

The School again succeeded in holding the Alcock Shield, this being the fourth year in succession in which they have won it. The School took the lead from the start.

The School success was due largely to the fine performances of Hantke, the champion athlete. He won the 100 yards, 220, 440 open championship, as well as the high jump, long jump, and 120 yards hurdles. In the hurdles he broke Burke's record of 16 4-5 to 16 3-5, and equalled Clarke's 220 record of 24 sec. In the under age events Sara did well by winning the 100 and 300 yards under 15, and third in the 440 under 16. Duncan, Treacey, Merritt, Sutton, Beresford, Law, Duncan ii, and Trethowan did well in the under age events, while Stone, Robertson, Officer, and Ambrose were successful in the open events.

The aggregate points scored by each school were:—

High School, 124½.

C.E.G.S., 89 5-6.

C.B.C., 69 1-3.

Scotch College, 49 1-3.

Results:—

440 Yards Open.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; Carson (S.C.), 2; Brophy (C.B.C.), 3; Good (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 53 2-5 secs.

100 Yards, Open.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; Carson (S.C.), 2; Roberts (S.C.), 3; Ambrose, 4. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

100 Yards, Under 15.—Sara (H.S.), 1; Richardson (S.C.), 2; Taylor (C.E.G.S.), 3; Simpson (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 11 2-5 secs.

220 Yards, Open.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; Carson (S.C.), 2; Roberts (S.C.), 3; Malcolm (C.E.G.S.), and Brockman (C.B.C.), tied for fourth place. Time, 24 secs.—Equals record.

100 Yards, Under 16.—Duncan (H.S.), 1; Horley (C.E.G.S.), 2; Brown (S.C.), 3; Treacy (H.S.), 4. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

Half Mile, Open.—Brophy (C.B.C.), 1; Benson (C.E.G.S.), 2; Good (C.E.G.S.), 3; Gerrick (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 2 min. 14 1-5 secs.

100 Yards, Under 14.—Taylor (C.E.G.S.), 1; Noble (H.S.), 2; Duncan (H.S.), 3; Kyle (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 11 4-5 secs.—Record.

75 Yards, Under 12.—Lalor (C.B.C.), 1; Beresford (H.S.), 2; Lalor (C.B.C.), 3; Marris (H.S.), 4. Time, 9 2-5 secs.—Record.

300 Yards, Under 15.—Sara (H.S.), 1; Richardson (C.E.G.S.), 2; Simpson (C.E.G.S.), 3; Trethowan (H.S.), 4. Time, 37 4-5 secs.

High Jump, Open.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; Brophy, Brown and Merfield, 2. Height, 5ft. 3½ in.—Unfinished.

880 Yards, Under 16.—Edmondson (C.B.C.), 1; —Equals record. Richards (C.E.G.S.), 2; Simpson (C.E.G.S.), 3; Giles (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 2 min. 17 2-5 secs.

High Jump, Under 16.—Merfield (C.E.G.S.), 1; Brown (S.C.), 2; Law (H.S.), 3; Lefroy (C.E.G.S.) and Veryard (H.S.) tied for 4th place.—Height, 5 ft. 3 in.—Record.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; O'Connor (C.B.C.), 2; Officer (H.S.), 3; Brown (S.C.), 4. Time, 16 3-5 secs. Record.

220 Yards, Under 14.—Taylor (C.E.G.S.), 1; Duncan (H.S.), 2; Sutton (H.S.), 3; Kyle (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 27 secs.—Record.

440 Yards, Under 16.—Edmondson (C.B.C.), 1; Merritt (H.S.), 2; Sara, (H.S.), 3; Brown (S.C.), 4. Time, 58 4-5 secs.

Long Jump, Open.—Hantke (H.S.), 1; Robertson (H.S.), 2; Brown (S.C.), 3; Malcolm, 4. Distance, 21 ft. 4½ in.

660 Yards, Old Boys' Relay Race.—C.E.G.S., 1; S.C., 2; C.B.C., 3. Time, 1 min. 15 2-5 secs.
 100 Yards, Under 13.—Rintoul (C.E.G.S.), 1; Merryweather (C.E.G.S.), 2; Lalor (C.B.C.), 3; Beresford (H.S.), 4. Time, 12 3-5 secs.
 One Mile, Open.—O'Connor (C.B.C.), 1; Brophy, (C.B.C.), 2; Goode (C.E.G.S.), 3; Stone (H.S.), 4. Time, 5 min. 5 secs.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

BENEATH that iron roof, in the barracks' shade,

Where heave the clothes in many a jumbled heap,

Each in his narrow bed for evening laid,

The boarders of the household sleep.

The breezy call of Mr. Brown at dawn,

The bell tinkling from the brick-built shed,

The noisy trams or the motor horn

At last arouse us from our lowly bed.

We arrived back at school to find our members diminished by more than is usually the case. However, we have by no means gone back, as was shown by our increased number of representatives in the Inter-School Sports. Judging by a glance around the prep. room on any morning at 6 a.m., there seems to be a large number of boarders entering for the University examinations. Many of them, alas! have been sadly tricked, for an announcement was just recently made to the effect that all boarders who were taking the exams. would have to return to school when they were over. Had this been known earlier, the number of swats would probably have made a sudden decrease. However, we wish the candidates the best of luck.

Some of our number seemed to think that as Guy Fawkes' Night only comes once a year, they might as well make a little celebration. Accordingly they took French leave of prep. for half an hour, and during that time one could easily have imagined that the boarding house was being bombed. After half an hour of excitement misgivings began to assail the rebels and they decided to return to their studies. They could not escape retribution, however, and it was a sadder and wiser—if

not sorer—band who wended their way to school next morning.

Our leading humourist, who is usually so self-possessed, the other night so far forgot himself as to talk in his sleep. He happened to let out a close secret when others around him were wide awake.

One of our housemasters has made himself very popular by kindly wakening everybody in the big dorm at 5 o'clock in the morning.

For list of devices for prevention of early rising, apply—Header, Davis, Moore & Co., Limited, Junior Swats.

Some Outstanding Characters.

"Ah Ling."—Not, as his name might suggest, a Celestial. Wears a vacant expression, but has been known to become quite pugilistic. Favourite expression, "Cut it out."

"Monkey."—Comes from the hilly regions around Kalamunda. Delights in regarding himself in highly polished knife blades. Chief hobby: gaudily-painted bicycles. Best known by a penetrating voice.

"Betty."—Short and fat, with an angelic expression. A fine example of the fact that looks are sometimes only skin-deep. A walking tennis encyclopaedia and an enthusiastic emulator of Mdle. Lenglen.

"Bandicoot."—Hails from a village on the South-West coast. Very fond of "yelly," and is a connoisseur of felt hats. Pet aversion: girls.

"Professor."—An expert on fish. Gives a learned dissertation every Friday morning at breakfast time. Will shortly give an address on "How to Smile." Favourite expression: "Stupid cow."

"Old Boy."—Delights in the possession of a brand-new felt hat. Carries a heavy fleece and nearly became mutton on the day of the Inter-School Sports.

"Little Man."—An ardent student of physical culture. Chief hobby: calling the roll on Monday nights. Becomes greatly excited when anyone ventures near a certain tin trunk. Pet aversion: bulrushes.

ORIGINAL COLUMN.

Poetry.

- "Requiescat," by Helilas.
 "Scatterberrie Wails," by Longus Puer.
 "Ye Firste Decaye of Pyng Pong," by Ye
 Pyng Ponger.
 "Ode on a Motor Bike," by Gosling."
 "The Cricket Match," by Jaymac
 Kaycee."
 "The Ghost-Belles of St. Marye's."
 "On the Re-appearance of the Flag Pole."
 "A Night Piece."

Prose.

- "Shaving on a Cold Morning," by
 Copper.
 "Heralds of Revolt," by Sufferer.
 "Out on the Sand Plains," by Dilwriif.
 "Stranger than Fiction," by Kekir.

Requiescat.

An Elegy upon the Death of a Neigh-
 bour's Cat.

Down on a bed of roses, roses,
 Caressed by the morning dew,
 In quiet she at last reposes.
 Ah! the tired their sleep renew!
 Her voice our Tom admired,
 She aired it oft with glee,
 And I was tired, tired,
 That's why she maddened me.
 My brain was turning, turning,
 In maze of howl and sound,
 I took a faggot burning
 And struck her to the ground.
 Her voice of doubtful merit,
 Fluttered and failed for breath;
 To-night she doth inherit
 The vasty Hall of Death.

—Helilas.

Scatterberrie Wails.

A Black ther was and that of bullok
 frame,
 Who playde in many a verray toilsome
 game.
 Men were adrad of him as of the deeth,
 As shown by such a lack of frontal teeth.
 His weyghte was wel nigh twenty stone

I guesse,
 With which he oft was wont to make a
 messe.
 He was a verray parfit gentil boye,
 And strange to say he cared but noght
 for joye.
 He nevaire cast his eyen upon a mayde,
 But oft in Crawley Baths I saw him
 wayde.
 A bike he hadde, I know not of what
 brede,
 But wel coude it up Malcolm Strete spede.
 And thogh that he were fatted he was
 wyse,
 For alder best he coude a team devyse.
 He surely hadde a verray mery note,
 His voys resembled verray much a gote.
 A sonne he hadde ye known to alle as
 Rabbye,
 And from the tyme he learnt to love a
 tabbye,
 Of love-craft knewe he alle the usagé,
 Eke therto suited well was his visage.
 His grettteste ooth was by the Fish of
 Craye,
 And on his wriste he bar a watchlet gaye.
 Of tuck-shoppes took he most hede and
 most chewe,
 Thogh where he put it alle I nevaire
 knew.
 Ful often in the lab I saw him snooze.
 Mine host was one we always knewe as
 Fooze.
 A theatre partie lyk'd he moste of alle,
 While nexte to that he did enjoie a balle.
 A most dejected lukinge **Twentye Aighte**,
 Hadde ventured from the bush without
 a mayte.
 Wel coude he bite barbed wyre and maken
 screech,
 And sikerly he thought that he coude
 teech.
 Amongst the reste I did observe a **Rosse**,
 As short and fat as any Shetlande hosse.
 He drofe biforn his fader in the motor,
 And was withal an ardent rowing boater.
 A sheef of tennis rakettes carried he,
 For using in the tournies at Soobee.
 Of collars hadde he several tons I guesse,
 Y'lyk his rakettes always layde in presse.
 And also ther was one y-clepen **Beezel**,
 His sokkees looked as if they hadde the
 meazel.

Ful loude he sange of "Gallagher and Sheen,"
 Til folk bigan to think him off his bean.
 At dances, thogh he fairely made his mark,
 Y- caughte was he ful often in the dark.
 His nose it was as a sharp butcher knife.
 A Tough ther was a-looking for a wyfe,
 From Claremont to the Beach men clepen North,
 And if he finds one she will be the fourth.
 His bird was as black as is a raven,
 But once a yeer was it ever shaven.
 Now haf I told you briefly in a word,
 Of only few which to my mind occurred.
 But since that I am running out of rhyme,
 I'll telle of more perhaps another tyme.

—Longus Puer.

Ye Firste Decaye of Pyng Pong.

Extract from daily paper: Saturday, October 6—the High School Tennis Team suffered an unaccountable defeat.

Be it ryght or wrong these men among
 On pyng pong do complayne;
 Affyrming this—how that it is
 A labour spent in vayne.
 I loved it wele, but never a dele
 I'll love that game agayne.
 I'll say not nay but that all day
 It is both writ and sayde,
 The game pyng pong, as all may say,
 Is quite utterly decayede.

—Ye Anciente Pyng Ponger.

The Gift-Horse.

One motor bike with piston ring,
 Two rear wheels and one front spring,
 Has a sidecar worth a quid
 For the missus and the kid.
 Carburettor's busted, petrol leaks,
 Engine misses, kicks and squeaks,
 Six months' old, twelve in the Spring,
 Has shock absorbers n'everything.
 Ten spokes missing, front all bent,
 Tubes blowed out, ain't worth a cent,
 Tyres all split, been run on the rim,
 A darn good bike for the shape it's in.
 —Radiator.

The Cricket Match.

But meanwhile bat and ball
 Have sorrowfully been plied,
 And now the match stands tottering
 On the last one of his side.
 "Bat up, bat up Horatius,"
 Loud cried the cricketers all;
 "Bat, Lartius; Bat Horatius,
 Bat ere the wickets fall!"
 When the cricketer cleans his shoes
 Or mends his best leg-guard,
 When the big boy's merry whistle
 Goes echoing down the yard,
 With feeling and with gesture
 Still is the story told,
 How well Horatius kept the wicket
 In the brave days of old.

—Jaymac Kaycee.

The Ghost-Belles of St. Marye's.

(A Ballad.)

In an old Spanish town when the abbey
 still stood,
 With its belfry and bells in a little green-
 wood,
 Its bells always tolled their jolliest lay
 At breaking and closing of day.
 At morn when the grass was still wet
 with the dew,
 The matins each dawning day welcomed
 anew,
 And at eve, when the sun had sunk red
 in the west,
 The vespers lulled nature to rest.
 Oh ye Belles of St. Marye's, ring
 merrily, merrily!
 Echo forth your happy song;
 In your ven'erable belfry swing joy-
 fully, joyfully!
 Peal out! Peal the whole day live
 long!
 The music of bells borne back on the
 breeze
 Would cause those who heard, to turn to
 the trees,
 From whence came the chimes, and to
 listen spell-bound,
 Entranc'd, to the haunting sound.

Ah! slowly but surely the sands of time
sink,
Something born, lives and dies, and forges
a link
In Eternity's chain—now, the abbey no
more

Appears in the wood as of yore.
Only moss covered stones and decayed
walls remain—
But sometimes, at midnight, those spirits
who fain
Remember'd would be, a knell sadly
ring—

To mem'ry they yearn to cling.
Then the Belles of St. Marye's swing
eerily, eerily—
Faintly wafting that ghostly song.
In th' invisible belfry, ring mourn-
fully, mournfully—
And echo through ages livelong.
—"Le Sonneur."

A Night Piece

Oh shine, thou moon! for thine orb lumi-
nous
Dost hearts inspire with thoughts that
soar above
Thine opalescent sphere, and float beyond
To regions empyreal—e'en above
Thy Heav'nly path. Titania of the night,
Surrounded by thy fairies twinkling stars,
Thou thrill'st all with deep'ning wonder-
ment,
Yet ever ling'ring pure tranquility,
Which only thy soft gentle light imparts.
No rustling zephyr stirs the leaves—all
trees
Are still—the balmy summer night is
calm—
A blissful peace holds Nature as she
sleeps—
And thou, O queen, dost rule this silent
realm.
Thine Oberon, the sun, whose beams and
rays
His elves attending herald his approach,
With all his virile heat doth lord the day.
But even he, when eve draws near, must
his
Domain surrender to his queen—thee,
moon,
Who slowly mount'st the arc of patined
Heavens,

When daylight wanes, and tak'st up thine
abode

To bathe the earth in floods of silv'ry
light.—

'Tis then that dearest, fondest memories
Revivest thou, as, pitying, thou seest,
From thy celestial height, the wanderer
Move pensively alone through thy pale
night.

To compensate his loss reviv'st thou
these—

Oh, gentle queen, that thou wouldst al-
ways shine!

—"Luna."

On the Re-appearance of the Flag-Pole.

Ye youths, both great and small, rejoice!
Swell out the news with loudest voice!
Let shouts the vault of Heaven rend,
Afar and wide your huzzas send.

Now, he for whom your souls have
burned,

He, whom you mourned for, has re-
turned!

Again in majesty uprears

His height, in glory new appears.

Oh, everyone! rejoice to see

The great official—solemnly

To th' roll of muffled drums—display

Our national flag to greet the day!

To see that crimson Jack white-starred,

Whose honour e'er shall be unmarred,

Go fluttering from the mast-head tall,

With wonted British pride stirs all.

What joy profound that noble sight

Promotes in ev'ry heart! Well might

We say with universal voice—

Ye youths, both great and small, rejoice!

—"Joyeux."

Shaving on a Cold Morning.

I knew that it was time to rise for my
alarm-bell had sounded a good fifteen min-
utes before, and I was about to leave my
virtuous couch when a sudden horrible
thought flashed through my brain. I
sank back among my warm cushions, in-
wardly quaking; my hand rose stealthily
and guiltily towards my chin, and the
sand-paperish sound that I heard as my
fingers caressed my cheek sent a tremor
through my entire body.

My thoughts began to wander to the possible origin of shaving, and who the barbarian was that invented it. But I soon tired of this and turned my thoughts to the more peaceful occupation of inventing a suitably horrible death for the inventor of shaving.

This delightful reverie was rudely interrupted by the boom of the clock sounding the half-hour. I dared not remain in bed another moment; brave thoughts took the place of my former cowardly ones. I would show friend Razor whether I was afraid of him or not, and the sooner the better. With one great bound I had left my bed and plunged into the chilly air of my bedroom. The floor seemed like a block of the very coldest ice. I stood on one foot and then on the other in a futile attempt to dodge the floor. I felt my good and brave resolutions slowly but surely becoming hard frozen.

My water I found luke-warm—it having been waiting for me a good half-hour—but there was no time to have more heated. I gingerly dipped my brush in the almost cold water, and after much perseverance managed to create a watery lather on my face. My skin tingled, and with disgust I read the advertisement on the shaving-soap box, which cried in loud red letters that it made shaving a pleasure and that the thick soft lather could not hurt the skin of an infant. It also showed a picture of a smug-faced young man with his face covered with the “thick, soft lather.” I happily bashed in his smug face, after which I felt much better.

I groped and found the razor, for I could not bear the sight of it, and a second later I had drawn first blood. I continued my Pagan rites until my face was one large patch of soreness. Then, with great relief, I sponged it with a steaming towel, fervently thanking the Lord that it was “all over and done.”

—Copper.

Heralds of Revolt (Elemental).

Darker grows the sky, the leaden clouds gather ominously. Soon a gentle

patter, ever increasing as the raindrops splash faster. A quivering flash of jagged lightning illuminates the sky, a ponderous and deep-seated growl betokens the thunder. These are but heralds of the approaching storm. But the unfortunate inmates of Classroom X. look with ever-growing concern at the fast-spreading darkening patches in the ceiling above. The deluge continues with unabating fierceness. “The gentle rain from heaven” is to be seen trickling, splashing, frolicking, as it descends through the ceiling to the floor of this snug yet well-ventilated classroom. After seeing some portion of the crystal flood upon the floor in pool formation for a day or two, it is decided that—the roof is leaking. This, an example of true perception, is justified by the increasing resemblance of the floor to that paradise of English tourists, the Lake Country.

—Sufferer.

Out on the Sand Plains.

We were passing some fresh-water lakes when we heard the shrill cry of the plover carried to us on the breeze. Having tied up our horses, my companion and I crept under cover of the saltbush in the direction whence the cry had come. There were the birds sure enough, but before we had time to fire they must have caught sight of us, for they rose and flew shrieking away to the other side of the lake.

“We shall have to wade it,” said my companion, so together we picked our way through the ice-cold water. Our eyes were fixed upon the spot where the quarry had landed, so that when we reached the other side we did not see a duck in the undergrowth, almost at our feet, until it rose and flew rapidly away. “Why didn’t you see it before it flew?” each one of us asked the other. I then advised: “Watch it now to see where it settles, and perhaps we may be able to get it yet.”

The plovers were abandoned to the greater attraction offered by the duck. The latter led us far away from the former birds, and by the time that we had followed it until we were unsuccessful in finding its fresh hiding-place, the plovers had flown screeching overhead, seeming to deride us at our inability to find our prey.

We returned to our horses and decided to shoot at the very next bird we saw, no matter what its size might be. Thus our day's bag consisted of one tom-tit.

—Dilwrif.

Stranger than Fiction.

Heavy, impenetrable darkness hung over the dorm. A pin dropped on a silk handkerchief would have made a loud clang, so intense was the silence. Not a soul stirred or snored. The stillness was ominous, foreboding. It was a veritable calm before a storm.

Then, abruptly, an individual, apparently gripped in the throes of mortal anguish, shattered the spell of the soundless night. After a loud preliminary throat clearing, a series of most excruciating coughs broke forth.

Some enterprising colleague nearby, determined not to be outdone, followed suit with a sequence of sharp staccato barks, resembling in a vague degree the first performance. There followed a chorus of all manner of noises, somewhat similar to coughs, emanating from all quarters.

A moment's pause to take breath, and echoing footsteps advancing along the verandah rang out clearly through the turbulent midnight air. With one accord the coughs became sincere sounding snores. Figures sitting up in bed to create a greater degree of sound subsided to their former recumbent postures. Peace reigned supreme, save for the reassuring snores.

A click and the darkness was transformed into a brilliant flood of light.

There entered the Matron! Judging her time, she administered in three movements a plentiful portion of castor oil to those affected with pseudo-colds and the attendant coughs. With a gasping, choking cry the unfortunates succumbed to inevitable Nemesis.

Such is the legend of the Great Cough; let the reader of this breathless narrative draw from it his own moral, and act accordingly in future!

—Kekir.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

WELL! Our fate is decided or being decided now, one way or the other.

The annual exams. have finished for most of us, but we are not yet free from the worry of supplementary exams. in March, or, worse still, an oral before an inquisitive professor who knows what you don't know better than you know yourself. And, apart from this, the horrible blotchy green paint which we daily look at, on the Library ceiling is not conducive to any heaven-sent inspirations.

But at all events, all being well, Jack Virtue has applied for admission to Ormond College, Melbourne, for next year, where he intends to interest himself in legal studies. E. Tymms and Bowen Allen have also made arrangements to enter Melbourne University; let us hope they will not be frustrated in their desire to "seek wisdom." Ken. Grove and John Witty are getting on well at Arts, and likewise R. Lawson in his Science course. Keen rivalry takes place each term between Bowen Allen and Clabon Allen in Mathematics. In the first term Bowen was top with 80, and Clabon second with 78; but next exam. Clabon was easily first with 95, and Bowen next with 94. Pretty close going—what?

The Engineering representatives, Arthur Christian and E. Irving, are valuable cricket enthusiasts. Irving, unfortunately, became ill and missed part of his second Physics paper.

Next year we shall have the pleasure of tramping among the mountains of Crawley to our Biology lectures. This may be a change for the better, because it is well known that the engineers are a particularly hard-working lot and they have nearly all their lectures on the shores of Matilda Bay.

Much interest was evinced in the Inter-School Sports; always a popular event with boys who have left school, and even the critics at the University agreed that the best school won. So in conclusion let us trust that there will be many more fellows to uphold the school's reputation here next year.

—E. Tymms.

CONGRATULATORY.

The committee of "The Cygnet" feel themselves worthily honoured in that, through the medium of this magazine, they are able publicly and unitedly to tender the heartiest congratulations of

School to Mr. J. Brown. Our popular master's continued and diligent application to work has recently been crowned with deserved success; the just reward of his labours is the conferment on him of the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We were very pleased to see our old friend "Muzzy" at the School just prior to show week. There is no doubt about the loyalty of the terrible twins to their "alma mater." The "shooters," and the School in general, extend their heartiest thanks for "Muzzy's" practical donation of a trophy for the champion shot.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. H. Crapp for his invaluable aid in coaching our footballers on Thursday nights; also to the West Perth Football Club for their assistance in lending us the use of their dressing room and hot water plunge.

SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Old boys, present boys, parents and members of families who consider themselves connected in any way with the traditions of the School, are earnestly asked to help by responding to this call

as far as their ability allows.

Glance through the list and see if your family is correctly represented.

Let it be that as Anzac Day passes by year by year we can all say—

"The School Remembers."

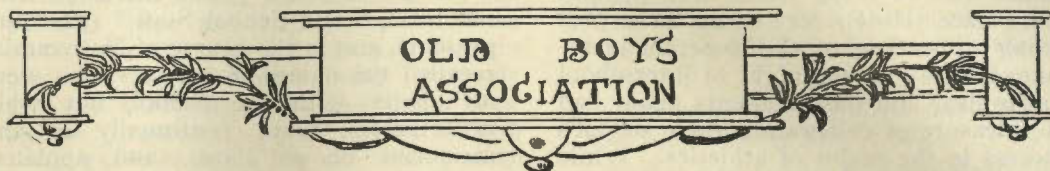
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"AN OLD FRIEND"



LAST term the school sorrowfully bade farewell to Mr. F. Davies-Moore, a former Pupil and a recent Master. Unfortunately his departure took place so close to the time of publication of the "Cygnet" that a complete article could not have been recorded satisfactorily. However the school will show its appreciation of Mr. Moore in the next issue.



[Paragraphs, letters and suggestions for this Section will be gladly received. All matter should be addressed to F. Davies-Moore, 192 Nicholson Road, the Editor of these pages.]

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GENERAL NOTES.

Application for membership and remittance of subscriptions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. L. Riley, St. Mary's Rectory, Emerald Hill Terrace, West Perth.

The subscription is 7s. 6d. per annum, or £1 1s. for three years.

Junior Old Boys, boys who have left school recently, should enroll with the Junior Branch. Application for Junior membership should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Junior Branch, F. Farmer, c/o The "Sunday Times," Perth. The annual subscription is 3s. 6d.

Membership fees include a copy of "The Cygnet," which will be sent out on the day of publication to every member whose subscription is not more than twelve months in arrears.

It would be a great help to the Association if present members would forward names and addresses of Old Boys in their respective districts, who have not yet enrolled.

Subscriptions.

The Hon. Treasurer, Roy B. Saw, c/o Saw & Grimwood, N.Z. Chambers, St. George's Terrace, Perth,

to whom payments may be sent direct, acknowledges the following receipts as from 1st June:—J. Chas. Rose, £1 1s. 6d.; H. W. Parker, £1 1s.; A. A. Guy, 7s. 6d.; F. J. Fleay, £1 3s.; D. Taylor, £1 1s.; W. B. Garner, £1 1s.; Alan Herbert, £1 1s. 6d.; H. P. Turnbull, £1 1s.; W. J. Ford, £1 1s.; S. G. Meares, £1 1s. 6d.; R. McDougall, £1 1s.; I. M. Stewart, £1 1s.; Dr. A. J. H. Saw, £1 1s.; K. Dougall, £1 1s.; R. G. H. Irving, £1 1s.; J. S. Craig, £1 1s.; A. R. Leschen, £1 1s.; G. Atkins, £1 1s.; S. K. Montgomery, £1 1s.; no name, 7s. 6d.

Financial Statement for Month ending October.

The balance at the Association's credit with the Western Australian Bank at the end of October, as shown by the books, was £35 4s. 8d. This is a most healthy state of affairs, and as far as I can ascertain is quite the most satisfactory position from a financial point of view that the Association has ever been in since its inception. At a recent meeting of the Committee it was decided to invest the sum of twenty pounds in 6 per cent. War Bonds. There are still, however, many old boys whose subscriptions are long overdue, and a reminder will be sent to them in the near future.

ROY B. SAW,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNUAL DINNER.

A Great Evening at the Palace Hotel.

Saturday, 27th October.

(From the "Sunday Times.")

There was a good attendance of "old boys" of the High School at the annual

dinner and re-union which was held at the Palace Hotel, Mr. Chas. Saw presiding. The date of this function is arranged to fall on the night of interschool sports day, and past students again had the pleasure of celebrating their school's success in the realm of athletics. While most of those present came from the metropolitan area, the country was also represented.

After the loyal toast had been drunk with musical honors, the chairman called on Dr. A. J. H. Saw, M.L.C., to propose the toast of the School, to which the Headmaster (Mr. M. Wilson) responded. Dr. Saw recalled interesting incidents in the life of the School, and remarked on the fact that old boys had always occupied prominent positions in this State. He appealed to his listeners to support the school thoroughly and at all times and to remind their contemporaries whenever they met to do the same. Mr. Wilson spoke on the value and service of old boys to a school, and said he was sure that the spirit which the old boys had instilled into the school was still alive. Indications of this had been seen at the sports that day, and, in fact, at all times. The present boys, he said, were very keen in all departments of school life, and with the able assistance of his staff he was sure that the prosperity which the school now enjoyed would be maintained.

"The Governors" was proposed by Mr. H. Parker, who considered that the thanks of the old boys were always due to the governors of the school. They had in the last few years made great improvements and marked headway, and the success which the High School enjoyed now was very largely the outcome of their efforts. Sir Walter James replied, and again reminded old boys that there never had been one day's break in the continuity of the school's existence from the day it was opened by Bishop Hale in 1858. He said he was satisfied that the future of the school could be left to the younger generations of those who had left the school to see that this record was perpetuated.

Mr. T. A. L. Davy was entrusted with the toast, "The School Staff" (past and present), and in the course of his remarks recalled the names of masters who were no longer with the school, but who, nevertheless, were continually in the memories of old boys, and applause greeted their names as he mentioned them. Mr. J. M. Jenkins responded on behalf of the past masters, and was loudly applauded on rising. He said that it was always a pleasure to him to remember being associated with the High School, and those boys with whom he had come into contact. He wished the school continued prosperity, and hoped he would be able to be with them on many more occasions.

Mr. J. B. Newbery spoke on behalf of the present masters, and mentioned that their life was a happy and interesting one, always associating, as they were, with boys. He paid a tribute to Mr. Wilson, and considered the governors and old boys were most fortunate in their choice of head master, and assured those present they would continue to do their best, and thanked them for their kind reference.

The toast of the school athletic team was proposed by Mr. Val. Abbott, and supported by Mr. T. Hantke (father of the champion athlete). Mr. J. Roydhouse (sports master) replied and spoke of the grit and determination of the boys in all departments of sport to achieve the best results for their school.

The evening's proceedings were enlivened with bright renderings of the latest music supplied by Mr. Chas. Sheridan's orchestra, and the evening terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

FROM SOUTH-WEST DISTRICTS.

Bunbury Old Boys hold another Dinner.

News from headquarters at Bunbury states that another successful dinner was held on November 1st, at the Rose Hotel.

Old boys of the South-West registered their first activity by a dinner at the Rose on the 27th January this year during the

South-West Tennis Tournament. It was decided there and then to make it an annual fixture every January. Dinners and old boy re-unions being intensely pleasant functions in the hands of a competent organiser, plans were altered. Arrangements for a second dinner were made for the 1st November, during the Bunbury Show, when a greater number of old boys would find it more convenient to attend. The following were present at this dinner:—T. A. L. Davy, H. F. Johnston, G. E. Clarke, F. D. Slee, D. B. Forrest, J. H. Forrest, Reginald Hester, Godfrey Hester, Angus Lukis, F. H. Sherlock, A. Thomson, F. J. Thomson, Arthur Lee Steere, A. Lee Steere, R. Clifton, Claude Clifton, E. R. C. Roberts (Capel), C. Dungey (Burekup), M. E. Clarke, M. B. Clarke, C. L. Clarke, R. A. Clarke, A. H. Clarke, R. H. Rose, Les. Craig, J. G. Brockman, R. Brazier, D. G. Smith, Bernard Joel, and (representing kindred associations) Godfrey Hester, W. H. Cooper, S. C. Joel, and T. H. Rose.

The Headmaster wrote that he could not attend the dinner owing to the proximity of examinations, that he was sorry not to be able to attend, but that if it were at all possible next year he would come to Bunbury. Apologies for non-attendance were also received from A. G. Layman, A. R. Maidment, F. D. Willmott, Noel More, and R. J. Lodge.

T. A. L. Davy was in the chair. After the loyal toast, J. H. Forrest (an old boy of 1859) and C. L. Clarke and R. H. Rose proposed "The School and the Governors." In responding, the chairman touched on the manner in which the Governors of the School are now appointed. He said the School was an old school, one of the oldest in Australia. The School had again won the inter-school sports recently. It was making still further progress. The debt incurred in erecting the Memorial Wing was not yet paid off. £1,700 still remained to be paid, and this amount was being carried at the present time by one old boy. This was not as it should be, and it was to be

expected that the old boys of the South-West would see to it that portion of this amount should be wiped out in the near future.

The toast of "Kindred Associations" was proposed by Les. Craig.

It was decided to hold the next dinner on the night of the first day of the Bunbury Show next year. The gathering did not break up till nearly 10 o'clock, and the dinner was voted a successful event.

BACK NUMBERS.

No. 6 of Vol. IV Wanted to Complete Set.

Thanks to the kindly assistance of the Headmaster, Mr. M. Wilson, and the following Old Boys: C. L. Riley, R. C. Dickson, A. A. Guy, J. E. Nicholson, A. M. P. Montgomery, and R. L. Curthoys, we have been able to come thus far in compiling a complete set of past "Cygnetts."

On receipt of the above-mentioned back number, we shall immediately set to and have the set serviceably bound and kept accessible for any Old Boy in search of past records and events.

Any Old Boy who is able to supply this missing number is urgently asked to forward the copy to the Editor, F. Davies-Moore, 192 Nicholson Road, Subiaco.

The Mysteries of Volume I.

That No. 1 of Volume I was published 1st March, 1879, is a very interesting fact. It would be, however, very much more interesting and useful to have a complete collection of these pioneer day numbers bound and made available for reference.

From the enquiries we have made, it appears that, with the exception of the numbers mentioned in our last issue, most of them have mysteriously disappeared or have crumbled away under the work of generations of silver-fish.

Possibly the discovery of a Western Australian Tutankamen inner-chamber will some day reveal to us our lost records. In the meantime we have to keep on patiently digging.



"THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES"



Dick
Stowell



NOTICES.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Val. Abbot—a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ross McLarty, of
 "Fairholme," Pinjarrah—a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cadd, of Toodyay
 —a son.

Marriage.

Charles Wittenoom to Miss Constance
 Patricia Hanrahan, of Albany, at Bun-
 bury, 17th September.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

"Where e'er we go, let's keep in touch."

To Sir Edward Wittenoom all Old
 Boys extend sincere sympathy in his sad
 bereavement.

We should like to hear how 'Appy
 Smythe is. Last heard of, he was in the
 land of earthquakes—Japan.

A postal order, valued 7s. 6d. (one
 year's sub.) to hand. No name. Post-
 mark indecipherable, reports our active
 Hon. Treasurer, Roy B. Saw. Will
 sender please write in and claim?

Some, we understand, took from mild
 to strong objection to a "Missing
 Friends" column, which appeared here
 two issues ago. The Hon. Treasurer is
 at present busy sending out politely-
 worded reminders re subs. due. Should
 these fail in their purpose—well, what
 else is one to do?

For the second time in succession the
 O.B.A. trophy for the School Champion
 Athlete goes to T. F. Hantke, whose
 brilliant performances create a new
 school record.

A fair number of Old Boys witnessed
 School's dazzling victory last inter-
 schools' Sports Day at the W.A.C.A.,
 but somehow none felt like stripping for
 the old boys' event.

It is some years ago now that M. J.
 Gerloff, who, by the way, has a son at-
 tending school now, and dear old Rex
 Montgomery won victories for us in this
 event.

At the University sports Arthur
 Christian showed good form: first in the

high jump (4ft. 8in.), second in the 100
 yards, and third in the 220 yards. J.
 Virtue won first place in the mile handi-
 cap, and second in the 440 yards handicap.

Old Boy Super Six-ists, Citroen-ists
 and motor-cyclists are advised that roads
 around Pinjarra are in the pink of con-
 dition. Ross McLarty, who is one of the
 most energetic road board chairmen that
 Pinjarra has ever had, sees to it.

Pleased to meet Tom Anthoness, over
 from Melbourne, where he is an expert in
 rapid despatchment of the celluloid rib-
 bon. For the past few years Tom has
 seen to it that W.A. has her fair quota
 of screen thrills.

R. A. Clarke, of the Roelands Rifle
 Club, Sou'-West, was declared King's
 Prize winner at the N.R.A. competition,
 held at Swanbourne ranges last Septem-
 ber. We have heard that R. A. Clarke
 was easily this State's first choice for the
 Bisley team, but owing to business ties,
 it is unlikely that he will avail himself
 of the trip.

Received, a memo. from Hubert Les-
 chen as follows:—"In your last issue of
 'The Cygnet' there was a note in the
 Old Boys' section to the effect that H.
 Leschen was in England, married, and a
 proud father. This is my brother, A. R.
 Leschen, and will you oblige me by kind-
 ly noting in the Old Boys' column in the
 next "Cygnet" that it is A. R., and not
 H. Leschen, about whom this note was
 written?"

Last heard of, "Barney" Driver was
 boarding the rattler for the mulga, via
 Geraldton.

Roy Curthoys is back in Melbourne
 after a glorious world's tour. Everything
 went according to plan precisely and
 without the hint of a hitch, until here, in
 his home State, where an ordinary, every-
 day washaway on the Great Southern
 was successful in creating the only break
 in the dull monotony of what might have
 been an uneventful globe trot.

The appointment of F. H. Sherlock to
 the headmastership of the new Govern-
 ment High School, Bunbury, we hear,

has proved to be a very popular one. Hugh Fowler is a senior master on the staff of the same school.

"Bin" Lefroy evidently still keeps up his cricket. In a recent match, Australs v. Moora, "Bin," batting for Australs, knocked up a century.

Arrived in London, Chris. Ewing, still smiling.

Gerald Blake, located among the heads at General Electric Co., in this city.

Two latest recruits to the motor-cycle legion—Don. Pilmer and Vic. Hall.

General Bessell-Browne was in charge of the artillery camp held recently at Rockingham.

P. C. L. Williams, we understand, is now owner of a station near Leonora. He is the proud father of a daughter who promises some day to be the belle of the West.

Met at the sports, "Bin" and "Jos" Lefroy, from the North.

Successfully through with his first finals in Law—Punch James.

Who were the Old Boy motor-cyclist enthusiasts who, immediately after the annual dinner at the Savoy, suggested the trip to the visiting warships at Fremantle?

Another interesting letter from Maurice Parkes, Rumurite, Laikipia, British East Africa.

C. L. Riley, Hon. Secretary of the O.B.A., has just returned from Frank Wittenoom's Murchison station, where he spent a much-needed six weeks' holiday.

Roy L. Curthoys writes:—"It might interest Old Boys of our time to know that when in London recently I saw Mr. Faulkner. He was good enough to take lunch with me and we had a long chat about school days. He is now living at Sutton, in Surrey, not far from London. In case any Old Boy would like to write him—he is always delighted to receive letters—the exact address is 27 Hawthorn Road, Sutton, Surrey. Mr. Faulkner

looks very well indeed and, needless to say, follows the doings of the school with the keenest interest. He wished me to convey his kindest remembrances to all old boys. I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to convey them personally to C. L. Riley when in Perth on my way back here, but my stay was limited to a week and I was tremendously rushed for time. By the way, Mr. Faulkner mentioned that Mr. Johnstone is now a master at the Manchester Grammar School. Is that news?"

It is great to hear from an Old Boy of the early '80's still taking a keen interest in the school. Good-luck to A. W. Barnett!

W. Nicholson is breeding stud sheep at Beverley. He is specialising in Lincolns.

Evan Saw is doing very well at Merredin, where he unravels the tangled problems of bucolic bookkeeping.

Frank Parkes is still farming at York. He works so hard that horses are too slow for him; so he drives a tractor.

Frank Morrison was down from the wilds of Meekatharra for a few days. Old Boys will be pleased to know that he has not yet commenced to grow a fleece.

Since we last went to press, Jack Yeo has been to the Nor'-West. He is now back again, looking very worn after his three months' toil amongst the mulgas.

"Eddy" Nicholson distinguished himself by topping the list in the Intermediate law exams. Gordon D'Arcy also did well, getting through the first half of his finals.

Richards has planted his foot on the first rung of the ladder of success. He has bought out Louis L. Dewar's business, the Income Tax Compiler Co., Ltd., in Forrest Chambers. So, when in doubt about your income tax—see Richards.

"Buzz" Farmer is with the "West Australian," and is said to be doing well. His hobby is still bird-nesting.

John Virtue, if he gets through his University exams., is trekking to Melbourne for a year or two to continue his studies over there.

Howe is now an artillery "lootnant." The firing of howitzers should come natural to him.

Ronald Irving was over here recently in the capacity of aide-de-camp to Lieut.-Gen. White, Inspector-General of Military Forces in Australia. "Ron" went through Duntroon before taking up his present position.

"Jeff" Jacoby, after taking up a position on "The Daily Guardian," Sydney, is again back with "The Sun."

Bill Mosey drives a resplendent Willys-Knight about these days, which is always quite as spick and span as its owner. The car is said to be a twenty-first birthday present.

Phil. Clifton, we believe, is farming at Wyalcatchem.

Shirley Meares is down from the North for a long spell—his first since leaving school.

Gil. Mann is still in Bradford, England, learning wool-classing.

Approaching exams. in law, dentistry and bookkeeping and at the University have corrugated the brows of junior old boys with heavy wrinkles.

The Old Boys' blazers, which are procurable at Bon Marche, Ltd., are selling well, and all who want them are advised to get in early.

Following upon a resolution carried at the last annual general meeting of the O.B.A., a sub-committee has been formed to deal with matters concerning the War Memorial Fund. It is the object of this committee to wipe off the debt on the War Memorial Wing as soon as possible. All donations should now be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, E. Waugh, Esq., 3 Dalgety Chambers, William Street, Perth.

A MELBOURNE BRANCH OF THE O.B.A.

"I have been wondering whether we could muster sufficient members for a branch of the O.B.A. here in Melbourne. I've not the faintest idea how many old

boys have found their way here, but I conceive it to be possible that there may be a fair number. Personally, I only know of one—Walter Price—whom I see very often. If you think it worth while to put a paragraph in 'The Cygnet,' asking any old boys in Melbourne who consider the idea worth while to communicate with me at the "Argus" office, do so by all means. If a branch could be organised I would gladly do any secretarial work that might be necessary. My idea is that we might have a small annual reunion, as do the St. Peter's and Prince Alfred's old boys here. Also, we might give the school a hand now and then."

R. L. Curthoys,
"Argus" Office,
Melbourne.

THE NEXT MARCH ELECTIONS

And West Perth Old Boys.

T. A. L. (Taddy) Davy, Rhodes Scholar, lawyer, and Governor of the School, has announced his intention of seeking parliamentary honours. He will contest the West Perth electorate at the forthcoming elections in March next. There are quite a number of Old Boys in the district eligible to vote, and we feel sure that they will rally to their old friend's support. Already a large number of young men have promised their assistance, and the Old Boys' Association looks forward with confidence to the time when another of its members will represent them in the Western Australian Parliament. Taddy! we wish you the best of luck.

WITH THE RIFLE AT DUNTROON.

Con. Chase, our School representative at the Duntroon Military College, has once more obligingly remembered what we want for these columns. You will remember that Con. was one of the successful eight who brought back the shooting trophy to the School in the 1921 match.

This year, his second at the R.M.C., Con. gained the double distinction of

winning the coveted Marksman's Badge and the Best Service Shot. The latter is a strenuous ordeal. It consists of running a 100 yards and opening fire on two discs or tiles 200 yards away. The first who shoots down his targets wins. Each competitor starts off with an unloaded rifle and a limit of ten rounds in his pouch.

Then follows an interesting account of a tough musketry competition between the Military College and a Sydney University Scouts' team. This consisted of six practices, viz.:—

1. Firing prone: 200 yards range. Small targets; application.
2. Snap shooting: 200 yards. 3 secs. exposure; prone; rifles to be on the ground until targets appear.
3. Rapid: 300 yards. Standing behind cover. 15 rounds. Time limit, 60 secs. (The mad minute.)
4. Tile knocking: One tile per man. Run from 300 yards mound to 200 yards mound. Load and blaze. Team first in knocking tiles down wins. Time limit, 60 secs.
5. Firing prone: 600 yards. 24-in. ball.
6. Advancing up range: 600 yards to 100 yards. Firing 2 rounds at each 100 yards mound. 60 secs. for each interval of 100 yards, including running and firing. Bayonet fixed between 400 yards and 300 yards. Prone at the first four mounds. Standing at the 200 yards and 100 yards.

In all respects a pretty thorough test.

"There were six in each team. As it happened we were easily the better team, though they beat us at the snap-shooting and tile-knocking. In the rapid we showed a margin of 120 points to the good, while in the final reckoning of totals we were ahead by 180 points. I did well in the advance up the range, getting 7 bulls, 2 inners and 1 magpie for my ten shots—the best score in that practise.

In the mad minute one of our chap's score sheet showed 8 bulls, 4 inners and 3 outers for his fifteen shots. Mine read

1 bull, 9 inners, 2 magpies and 2 outers. On the 200 yards mound not one of our team got lower than two from possible.

I was to have gone to Sydney for our ten days June leave, but must hurt my leg at football, and on the morning of the day I was to leave, I was told by "the quack" that I could go into hospital instead. Such is life. I spent nine out of the ten days leave in bed.

RUMOURS FROM RUMURUTI.

In the Heart of British East Africa.

Readers of the last number must remember Maurice Parke's breezy description of the lion prowling round his East African cattle ranch. This time Maurice writes:—"I personally did not get the lion that was worrying me when I last wrote. But with the help of my natives I managed to drive it down to where a neighbour of mine was waiting with more natives. It was so close to him before he realised it that he got it first shot.

Population.

"According to an article I was reading the other day in a local paper, there are 9,000 British settlers, 23,000 Indian immigrants, and from two and a half to three million natives in Kenya Colony.

"In this district we see a lot of Somalis. They are traders and generally keep little stores or, as in Rumuruti, butcher shops. They generally trade in donkeys, mules and horses, or, rather, Somali ponies."

We take the liberty of printing an interesting extract from an enclosed newspaper clipping describing

"A TREK TO LAKE RUDOLF."

"The long and arid track to Lake Rudolf—180 miles beyond Nanyuki—leads through and into an area which is probably one of the least known of all the lands in Africa which remains unsettled by white men. In another generation or less the romances of these unoccupied countries will be ended, and writers of adventure will be compelled to look back

to history, or draw upon their imaginations for material of this kind.

"At present, however, the traveller to these outlandish regions—and he is a rare bird—is almost outside the sphere of white influence. I have just had the pleasure of a conversation with a man who not long ago accomplished the journey to Lake Rudolf and back, travelling via Nanyuki from Nairobi. This involved a trek with wagons and oxen of nearly 650 miles out and home, more than half of which was over a route not yet marked out.

The Bounds of the Pax Britannica.

"Although it can be claimed that the whole of these northern wilds are well within the control of our administration and subject to the peace that it imposes, it is as yet a place that involves precautions. It is possible that the slave trading of which the Home papers have been so full recently, has ramifications not distant from this area. Ivory poaching is still rife, and it is the intention of the Government to begin the effective supervision of the vast lake area and its littoral by sending up a gun-boat to Lake Rudolf.

"A good deal of the country is high ground and affords excellent grazing. It was noticeable, however, that when the natives have occasion to move their cattle they invariably first send scouts ahead so as not to run into trouble. And porters with the party were not allowed to wander far afield; one straggler who was more adventurous than discreet failed to rejoin his companions.

Digging for Water.

"Over portions of the route it is necessary to carry water, whilst in other parts which are still within the basin of the Uaso Nyiro it was only possible to water the cattle by digging—the river itself disappears beneath the sand. Excellent water is obtainable, but with a transport train that included over three hundred trek oxen it was no small undertaking to dig holes sufficient to satisfy such a tremendous collective thirst.

"It appears that there is now only a very small number surviving of the curious tribe that lives on the shore of Lake Rudolf, and has become amphibious to the extent of being unable to do without water for more than two hours together. The explanation of this more than American water mania lies in the fact that the waters of the lake are extremely alkaline in character, and therefore do not satisfy thirst as pure water does.

"I am told that this feeble little remnant of a tribe once possessed goats and did not depend upon the lake, but were unable to hold their own against more warlike natives and were despoiled of all they possessed. It was on this account they became lake dwellers. It is reported that the authorities intend to rescue them and provide them with sheep and goats, and the protection without which they cannot survive."

AFTER MANY YEARS.

(Contributed by "Beetle.")

After leaving School and going out into the world, we often experience strange and unexpected revivals of our school-boy acquaintances. An instance or two from an old boy of the early '80's may

amuse the High School youth of to-day. These instances go to prove the truth of those lines—

“Our acts our angels, are for good or ill;

The fatal shadows that walk by us still.”

Johnny and I were not bad friends in the old days, when the old military hospital (Mr. Wilson's present home) was the school house, prior to Mr. Beuttler's advent and for some time after. But we could never settle who was best at the punching game. Our last fight occurred during the dinner hour. When the bell went for the school again we were both pretty sore. My face was alright, but Johnny had a black eye. Mr. Beuttler failing to elicit from Johnny who gave him his “glorious orb,” stood poor Johnny up on the form for the lesson. I was in the class, too, and my soul always reproaches me that I did not hop up in the form too and do my bit with Johnny. “Leave me alone, Regret!”

Many years afterwards, when we were both young men, I met Johnny in a city one evening. After a chat I remarked what young beggars we had been for pounding each other. “Let me see,” said Johnny, “we didn't finish the last one, did we?” I concurred. “Oh, well!” said Johnny, “there's a vacant lot close by; let's go in and settle it now!” But Johnny's cold-blooded proposal only succeeded in shortening the interview!

Another instance was the case of Louie. Louie was the son of a very exalted personage. Louie was brought to the school by his governess, who also waited for him to take him home after school. Louie was a little man being spoilt by women. He was of quick, fiery temperament. His nature shone in his dark eyes. But Louie

was cheeky and Louie had to be shown that his pa and the governess had their limits. So one day I very lightly impressed the fact on Louie per a lilac switch.

Long years afterwards I was working in a warden's office on the Goldfields. We bachelors on the staff used to go to a hotel for our meals. We heard a new manager for the hotel was to arrive. One day I went to dinner as usual and, standing in the doorway of the hotel, was the new manager, a very fine young man, smart, and tall. He greeted me, with “Hello, Beetle! Do you think you could switch me now?” I had to confess that I had rather not make the attempt, judging from his appearance. But I found a good friend in Louie, who gave me the chance to earn my board by writing up his books, etc. Louie is now a famous airman of world renown. And so the old world wags along.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Change of Name.

I was interested in the proposal to change the name of the School. It seems a pity to alter the name after all these years, and honourable years. But if the name must be changed, why not “Hale College,” not “Hale's College”? Besides perpetuating the name of the School's beloved founder, the name itself sounds robust and hearty. Hale is a good word for boys' ears. A constant reminder of the necessity of the old phrase, “Mens sana in corpore sano.”

These few modest remarks are from an old boy of the early '80's, aforesaid yclept

“Beetle.”

Day Dawn,
27th June.