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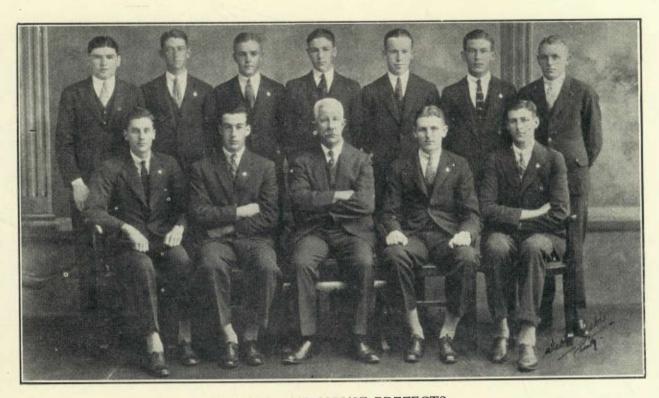
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EDITORIAL

O V October 21st, the School assembled in the Hall to witness the presentation to the School of a wonderfully carved reading desk. Mr. Jenkins, a previous Master of the School, had carved the desk himself. Mr. Jenkins, in a short speech mentioned the gentlemanly conduct that had always been associated with boys of this School. A High School boy was not only known by his cap, but by his conduct and manners towards outside people. Ever since Mr. Jenkins had come to the School, about the year 1900, he had watched its progress from its infant stage to the position it now commands. In his declining years he was proud to note that the high standard set in the opening chapters of the School's history had been maintained by the present scholars.

Most of us older boys are leaving school this year to pursue different walks of life-some to the country, others

to commercial pursuits,—but we shall all carry with us. we hope, that courtesy which has always been characteristic of Old Boys. May we never forget the Mater School where we have spent so many joyful years—the School where we have learnt to be men, both in the field of sport and in the class-room—the School which has taught us those first principles which are to guide us through the sea of life. Now that we are older we can realize the great start that we have been given. The future lies with ourselves, but we enter into stormy passages full of hope and appreciation for what has been done for us. Let us remember that, though many of us will be shortly discarding the well known School Cap, we still have the reputation of the School in our keeping.

Those boys who are in the Middle School, about to rise into the sacred precincts of the Upper School, may be reminded that the School will look to them to uphold its honour in both the sporting and intellectual world. Soon they will begin to recognise that the previous years in the lower stages of the School, have just been a foundation for those later years of life when they will realise the School in the light of a mother—A mother that is always endeavouring to send her sons out into the world, honourable, straightforward and courteous.

Our School motto is "Duty," a word which expresses loyalty to School and country. This, then, will be their task —to be loyal to the School and all it means; to be firm in the support of authority; to discountenance anything which savours of the unseemly or wrong—in short, to acquit themselves as men, remembering the words of Wordsworth:—

> "Serene will be our days and bright, And happy will our nature be When love is an unerring light, And joy its own security."

As Old Boys our motto will be "Floreat Schola Perthiensis"—Ever may the Perth School flourish—and this is only possible when we, as Old Boys, show the outward world that we still retain the principles inculcated in us at school.

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SCHOOL

W E HAVE to record with regret the death of Jack Goldstein, who met his death in a motorcycle accident early in the term. Jack was a Prefect of the School in 1925, and was very popular with all the School, both masters and boys. We take this opportunity of extending to his relatives, on behalf of the School, our warmest sympathies.

To the relatives of Ben Davies we extend our tenderest sympathies. Ben met his death during the last term under unfortunate circumstances. Ben was a member of the Football and Running Teams, 1924.

Another who has passed away, to our regret, is Mr. Walter Gale, C.M.G., an old boy of the School. Boys will remember him, as he presented the prizes at the Speech Night last year. His memory will be perpetuated in the School by the trophy which he presented called the Gale Cup, for the best individual performance at the sports during the year.

During the September holidays we were very sorry to hear that Mr. G. P. Polan had resigned his position on the staff, after many years in the School. His loss will be greatly felt by the School, and we feel that it will be hard to obtain another to fill his place as well as he did. He has gone to take up the Head-

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mastership of Berwick Grammar School, Victoria. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

On the 20th October Mr. Jenkins, a one-time master of the School, visited us to present a beautiful reading desk, which he has been constructing for the past year The desk stands about four feet for the School. high and is made of jarrah, beautifully carved, with the School crest in front. Mr. Jenkins briefly addressed the boys and, in the course of his speech, he touched upon one of the oldest traditions of the School, namely: that High School boys are recognised by the public, not only by the colours they wear, but by their general behaviour both towards their elders and each other. It is hoped that the boys will take this to heart and remember the High School is the oldest public school in W.A. Mr. Jenkins said that in his youth he met with an accident which prevented him from taking an active part in sports. Since then he has devoted most of his spare time to carpentry and woodcarving. Every boy, he said, should have a hobby of some kind to resort to in his spare time and take himself away from the general routine of his life. Mr. Wilson called upon the boys to express their appreciation in the usual High School way. (Cheers.)

PREFECTS' NOTES.

O N RETURNING to School for the second term the work of the Prefects began. Meetings were held and the various duties allotted. Jack Money did not come back to take up his duties as a Prefect, and Bob Duncan and Arthur Wright left at the end of the second term to begin their toil in the world.

The great social function of the School life, the Prefects' Dance, was held on July 23rd in the School Hall. This year it was made an invitation dance in order to limit the number and it proved a great success, as there were not too many present. The decorations consisted of two bells made of light and dark blue streamers. The bandstand, which was placed in the centre of the hall, and the blackboard were decorated with the School colours. Palms put the finishing touches to the decorations, and the dance was voted a great success.

Most of this year's Prefects will be leaving at the end of the year, and J. Maitland, E. C. Wilson, and A. Saw seem to be the only ones coming back next year.

VALETE.

- DUNCAN, R. (1923-27): Prefect, 1926-27; Rowing, 1926-27; 1st XVIII, 1925-26-27; 1st XI, 1926; Swimming, 1923-24-25-26-27; Captain of Swimming, 1925-26-27; Athletics, 1923-24-25-26-27; Swimming Committee, 1925-26-27; CYGNET Committee, 1927; Sports Committee, 1927; Junior, 1926.
- WRIGHT, A. R. (1925-27): Prefect, 1927; Rowing, 1926-27; Captain of Boats, 1927; Shooting, 1925-26; Junior, 1925.
- OLIVER, F. (19—1927): Swimming, 1924-25-26-27; Swimming Committee, 1926-27; 1st XVIII, 1927.

EDWARDS, E. (1927): 1st XVIII, 1927.

STEPHENSON, J. (1925-27): 1st XVIII, 1926-27.

GARGETT, K. (1925-27): Athletics, 1926. The following also left:-M. Thomson, M. Stone.

SALVETE.

The following boys entered the School at the commencement of the term:-C. R. E. Clark, J. M. Allard, R. K. Pearse, G. M. Royle, H. G. Johnson, H. V. Surman.

SCIENCE NOTES.

The Science year has been much the same as all other Science years have been in the past. As usual, those not sitting for exams, have spent much time in private research, whilst those with the thought of the Junior or Leaving ever haunting them have laboured steadily on to get their note-books into something like readable form. "Preference must be given to examination boys!" was the general cry, and it was with a feeling of satisfaction that we appropriated the use of balances, burners, and chemicals.

Experiments on "heat" proved colder than they should have been when the ice man left some of his wares for experimental purposes. We wonder what experiment entails the eating of large quantities when the master's back is turned—presumably the capacity of a body for ice. To

the many properties of ice we add yet another: We have found that it has the remarkable quality of drawing many non-scientists to the sacred precincts of the Lab. Although we termed it very "cool" of them to encroach on our domains, we believe that it must have been due to the fact that they were rather warm when they entered

Sound also afforded much amusement to all those budding scientists who have passed the Junior. Would-be musicians have come to the fore on many occasions in their vain attempts to sound the upper "G," or such-like altitudes in the musical scale. Relaxation seems to be gained chiefly, however, when "Geoff" comes out with the latest jazz hit on our one-string sonometer.

In spite of our seeming levity in tackling serious matters, however, some of us have managed to achieve distinction—witness Kemp Robertson and Bill Drummond, our erstwhile pals, who have recently been distinguishing themselves in science at the University.

PRIZE DONATIONS.

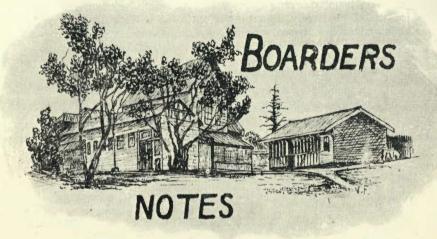
Our thanks are due to the following:---MR. ST. BARBE MORE-Science Prize. MR. A. J. BURGESS-£5 5s. towards Sixth Form Library. MR. A. H. CHRISTIAN, JNR.-English Prize. MR. G. R. BROWN, JNR.-History Prize. MR. J. F. ALLEN-Sub-leaving Dux Prize. MR. D. CHIPPER-Commercial Prize.

M.ERE MASTERS









FOR the past year, the management of Boarding House affairs has been in the capable hands of the Headmaster. As most of his time is taken up in the capacity of Headmaster of the School, a considerable amount of work has fallen upon the hands of the three Resident Masters. These, we are sure, have done their utmost to make life pleasant for the boarders, and to enforce the dicipline which every such institution needs.

Rumour has it that Mr. Keen is about to return to his native State to pursue his studies at the "shop." Mr. Waterhouse, who, through his congenial spirit throughout the year has succeeded in gaining the popularity of the boys, will be returning to us next year, after a sojourn in the East. Mr. Barton is also returning.

We are pleased to note that, although we have lost the valuable coaching of Mr. Campbell, the shooting team, which contained five boarders, was successful in wresting the cup from C.E.G.S., the previous holders.

A fad for baggy trousers quickly gained favour amongst our denizens, until the climax was reached, when a youth from the north made his appearance in "22's." Not to be outdone, however, one of the Masters was a keen follower of the new fashion; though we always though that the East led us as far as the latest modes go.

The usual morning doze, which we were wont to enjoy, has been rudely interrupted of late at half past seven, by a monotonous voice crying: "Come on! shake it up! Get out of bed." Slowly, the tired-looking sleepers arise and proceed to dress, cursing the newly-made laws that have been gradually robbing them of their liberty.

A few days before the end of last term, the senior boys of the boarding house paid a very enjoyable visit to the Mint. Upon arrival there we were divided into parties under the supervision of several of the employees. As it was not a very busy time we were only able to see a few of the processes in the coining of sovereigns. We wish to thank our guides for a very instructive and interesting afternoon. It is to be hoped that this is the forerunner of many other such visits.

THEY SAY-

That the boarders are fed up with every meal.

That a Master is very keen on climbing gates.

That only those that have done the hundred in ten seconds can start and judge the same race.

That flies are not the only small things that hover around the tables at meal times.

That evening shoes are out of fashion for meals.

That we generally go to dances in slippers.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Owing to the approaching November examinations, we found little time to conduct our usual debates. During the second term, however, we were able to hold an impromptu debate, which was voted a huge success. The debate itself, being more amusing than instructive, caused a break in our usual series. As the speakers were new to this type of debate, Mr. Keen opened up the line of thought necessary, and when the feeling of newness wore off the boys acquitted themselves ably.

A suggestion was made during a meeting of the committee that the secretary should correspond with the secretaries of the other public schools with a view to interschool debates. Again, however, we found the examinations interfering with our movements, and we were unable to bring the idea to fruition. We hope, however, that in future years the schools will compete in inter-school debates.

CRITIQUE OF DEBATING TEAM.

- DRIVER, A.—A careful and convincing debater, whose subject matter is always systematically arranged. A good delivery, slightly marred by a few inaccuracies in phraseology and pronunciation.
- OFFICER, J.—A forceful speaker, whose subject-matter is concrete and relevant, yet whose style is to some extent weakened by his tendency to the too free use of invective.
- ORR, W.-A steady and accurate delivery characterises this speaker.
- AMMON, C.—Quiet confidence and absence of hesitation give the impression that this speaker has made himself conversant with his subject.
- SAW, A.—This debater has a good speaking voice, is undeterred by interjection, and would acquire confidence and fluency with more experience in debating, and by careful preparation of his subject.
- MACARTNEY, J.—A clever and pleasing speaker, whose gift of repartee, as well as his sense of humour, is used with discretion.
- WEAVER, C .- Took part in one debate, and supported his team well.
- GUTHRIE, H.—The solidity and erudition of every word uttered by this speaker demand that his hearers give him their utmost concentration and attention. His voice is clear and lends added gravity and import to his words.
- HANCOCK, L .-- Took part in one debate and supported his team well.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST XVIII CUP MATCHES.

FIRST ROUND.

School v. S.C., at Subiaco.

T WAS a calm fine day and both teams commenced play vigorously. The first major of the day went to Scotch when Powell was awarded a free near the goals. This was all that Scotch scored for this quarter, while Ammon, by faultless marking and kicking, had soon added five to our score. Hugo proved a valuable asset to the team by his brilliant play on the wing. Other goal-scorers for the quarter were Veryard, Stephenson, and Joynt. When the bell rang we had a substantial lead of seven goals.

> H.S. 8 goals 4 points S.C. 1 goal 1 point

Stephenson was to the fore in this quarter and he was responsible for two more goals. Ammon was still playing a very confident game and goals followed each other quickly. At centre half forward S. Duncan came through well and two goals resulted from his good play. It was during this term that Hugo was incapacitated by a severe bump, his good play being missed straight away. The team was, however, playing well together and at half time the lead obtained in the last term was almost repeated.

> H.S. 6 goals 3 points S.C. 1 goal 2 points

The third quarter was not quite as productive as the other two had been. Our back lines were beginning to see more of the play, but Scotch were unable to score owing to the fine play of Driver in goals and Hancock at left full back. R. Duncan in ruck was also acquitting himself well, and he often succeeded in getting the ball into our half-forward line. The Scotch back men were getting troublesome, and it was some time before Ammon marked in front of goals and kicked the maximum. Scotch got away at the bounce, but Powell scored only a single from a shot well out. The

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quarter ended with a further addition of three goals, thus giving us a very safe lead.

H.S. 3 goals 1 point S.C. 1 point

Very brisk play was the main feature of the final term. The Scotch men, despite the fact that they were fifteen goals behind, were fighting hard. The ball was continually rushed up and down the field, much hard play being necessary before five more majors were registered for us. Powell was marking beautifully for Scotch, thus adding two more goals to their score. When the bell rang we had slightly improved our position, and we were left victors by a hundred and one points.

Final scores :---

H.S. 22 goals 11 points S.C. 4 goals 8 points

Goal kickers—For School: Ammon 11, Joynt 4, Stephenson 3, S. Duncan 2, Veryard and Cadd. For Scotch: Powell 3, Davis.

School v. C.B.C., at W.A.C.A.

Play commenced with a strong breeze blowing towards C.B.C.'s goals. The ground was exceedingly wet, being in some places nothing more than a quagmire. Straight after the bounce the ball was carried to our opponent's goals, where three points were soon scored. The ball was very greasy and hard to handle. A point, our only score for the term, was registered after much soccering and brisk play. R. Duncan and Weaver came through well, but their back lines prevented our forwards from making use of their work. At quarter time C.B.C. had a lead of twelve points, and it was evident that many of our players were below usual form.

> H.S. 1 point C.B.C. 1 goal 7 points

Second quarter saw the ball in the C.B.C. forward lines. Jennings, though marking well, was prevented from scoring the maximum by the wind. Hancock saved well in a fine running mark, but the ball was soon returned to Jennings, who kicked the maximum. We attacked at the bounce, but two points were the only reward for our efforts. S. Duncan put in some good work this term, though most of his shots went wide. At half time we saw that, even with the wind in our favour, we could do nothing against our opponents, who were quickly increasing their lead.

> H.S. 3 points C.B.C. 3 goals 4 points

This quarter proved to be the most expensive of the match. Our centre men were out-classed, with the exception of Weaver, who acquitted himself well. Jennings proved dangerous, and had soon added two more goals to the score. Veryard was playing a very determined game, but he could not dispose of the ball to advantage. Our full forwards hardly saw any play, whilst our back men were unable to keep their men quiet. At the close of the quarter, C.B.C. had added six majors to their score, while School's had increased by two points.

C.B.C. 6 goals 6 points H.S. ... 2 points

The wind had dropped considerably during the final term, and kicking against it was thus easier. For several minutes the ball was dangerously near C.B.C. goals. Duncan, however, was freed, and he cleared; play continuing in their half-forward line. Bryant, in a beautiful running shot, registered the first goal of the quarter. Following the bounce, the ball was hurried to our forward line where Stephenson snapped a goal, followed soon by another from Ammon. Our next attack was frustrated by Paul, who cleared well, resulting in a goal from Jennings. Play was exceedingly rough, and though our team was doing its best and fighting gamely, the C.B.C. forwards scored rapidly. At the bell, scores indicated an easy win for C.B.C. by fourteen goals.

Goal kickers—For School: Stephenson and Annmon. For C.B.C.: Jennings 8, Dewar 2, Malone, Bromley, Bryant, Arthur.

School v. C.E.G.S., at Perth Oval.

With a good wind behind them, Guildford showed great dash, and our backs were kept continually on the defensive. Play throughout the quarter was vigorous, though unproductive; the brilliant play of our backs being largely responsible for Guildford's low scoring, while the wind kept the ball from our forwards. At the end of the term we had failed to score, while our opponents had registered three goals two points.

> H.S. ... Nil C.E.G.S. 3 goals 2 points

It was expected that we would wipe off the deficit this term, but this was not the case. The wind had somewhat abated, and it was some time before Ammon kicked the maximum after Officer had placed the ball in our forward line. Then followed a period in which no one scored, though much brilliant play was seen on both sides. Eventually Cadd broke through and goaled, followed closely by two to Guildford from Burt and Laver. Following the bounce S. Duncan marked and kicked from far out, thus adding a single which was repeated by Cadd when he took a high mark. At half-time it was still anybody's game, though Guildford still retained the lead.

H.S. 3 goals 3 points C.E.G.S. 2 goals

Early in the quarter R. Duncan was freed, but the ball was hurried to Guildford's goals where Ramsay notched a single. Play was fairly even, Cadd and Officer in the back lines doing good work. Frequent attacks by S. Duncan and Ammon were ably opposed by their backs. The only goal of the quarter was kicked by Trigg from a mark in front of goals. The position had slightly improved for us in this quarter.

> H.S. 1 goal 1 point C.E.G.S. 1 point

"Dash" characterised the final quarter when our players quickly assumed the attacking role, and carried all before them. After the bounce, the ball was rushed into our forward area where Joynt, in a beautiful piece of forward work scored the maximum. From this time on, we took the lead and gradually improved it, as a running shot from S. Duncan added a single, and some beautiful combination was rewarded by a goal to Ammon. Trigg marked well and goaled, which he repeated a little time after the play had been between the half-forward lines for some time. All through the final term, the team showed wonderful combination; four goals two points to their nil being registered for us, thus leaving us winners by twenty-one points.

Final scores :---

H.S. 8 goals 6 points C.E.G.S. 5 goals 3 points

Goal kickers—For School: Ammon 3, Trigg 3, Cadd and Joynt. For C.E.G.S.: Ramsay 2, Beresford, Burt and Laver.

FIRST XVIII CUP MATCHES.

SECOND ROUND.

School v. S.C., at Claremont.

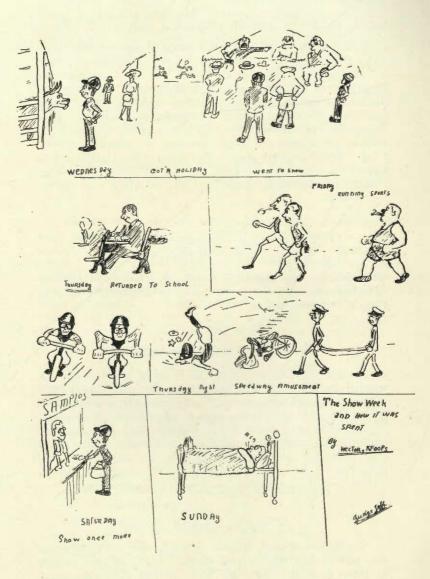
In the opening quarter play was rather slow, and individual effort was more prominent than good team work. Smart play by Veryard resulted in a goal for us in the earlier stages of the game. Scotch, however, retaliated with a goal from Broadhurst, followed by several smart dashes which were rewarded by two singles. Hancock relieved smartly in back-line, while Officer at centre half-back was clearing well with some very long kicks. Trigg passed well to Joynt, who notched the maximum from an angle shot. Driver, in goals, came through well, and in many cases saved what would otherwise have been goals for Scotch. At the end of the term the scores were:—

> H.S. 2 goals S.C. 2 goals 4 points

S. Duncan was first to score the maximum in this quarter, after much play up and down the field. Driver was defending well, yet Broadhurst managed two goals. In the centre line Weaver was doing some useful work, but our forwards could not make use of it until Gosden broke through to goal. Play here began to get rough, it being chiefly around our opponents' forward area, until Davis goaled. Following the bounce S. Duncan was freed, and again registered the maximum. At half time we had lost ground, the scores for the quarter being :--

> H.S. 3 goals 2 points S.C. 4 goals 3 points

Play was slow at commencement and Scotch goaled with comparative ease in the early stages. Both sides were beginning to warm to their work, and much rough play took place. S. Duncan shone out well at this time when



he notched two majors, one almost straight after the other Neither side was playing very good combination, and consequently the play assumed a "kick to kick" nature. A goal to S. Duncan and two to Scotch concluded the term, leaving us in a slightly better position than at half-time.

> H.S. 4 goals 2 points S.C. 3 goals 1 point

Play continued to be rough in the final quarter, but the School team played well together, and two points and a goal from Veryard improved our chances of victory. Our forwards figured much in the play, and good work by Graham, Veryard and Joynt resulted in additions to our total. Scotch scored their only major after Graham had kicked the maximum for us. Goals to Edwards and S. Duncan concluded the game, and left us winners by seventeen points.

Final scores :---

H.S. 13 goals 7 points S.C. 10 goals 8 points

Goal kickers—For School: S. Duncan 6, Veryard 3, Joynt 2, Graham and Gosden. For S.C. Broadhurst 6, Davis 2, Powell and Davenport.

School v. C.E.G.S., at Subiaco.

Smart play by Hugo in the opening quarter was rewarded by a point. For some time the play was mostly in our forward lines, until S. Duncan notched a well-earned goal. Veryard was playing a good game, while good marking and kicking by Joynt and S. Duncan yielded two majors. Guildford then attacked, and a goal followed a point— their only score for the quarter. R. Duncan marked well and kicked to Joynt, who secured a major. School again attacked, and the quarter finished with a goal to Joynt.

> H.S. 6 goals 4 points C.E.G.S. 1 goal 1 point

Guildford rallied in this quarter, and their forwards attacked successfully several times. The play was chiefly in their forward area, and Kyle proved very dangerous, he being responsible for three goals in a very short time. Towards the end we again attacked when Hugo goaled after a smart dash from the bounce. Duncan repeated this effort very soon afterwards, and the term finished with a two goal advantage of School.

H.S. 3 goals C.E.G.S. 5 goals 5 points

School attacked immediately after the bounce, and play continued in our forward lines until Veryard goaled. A quick piece of work from Hugo to Oliver only resulted in a point, which was soon followed by a major from the same player. Hugo did much to keep the ball in our forward area, and it was some time before Guildford were able to score a goal. Gosden got away at the bounce and kicked to Joynt, who only scored a single. Clydesdale was doing some valuable service in ruck, while Driver, in goals, was saving well.

Hard fighting characterised the final term, as Guildford were already five goals behind. The play, however, was mostly in our forward area, though we did not register a major. Veryard and Hugo proved useful throughout the quarter. Guildford, in an exceptionally good dash, broke through to goal—their only score for the quarter. Six behinds constituted our total, owing chiefly to snap shots and kicks from too far out. At the final bell we were left victors by the fairly safe margin of five goals four behinds.

Final scores :---

H.S. 12 goals 16 points C.E.G.S. .. . 8 goals 6 points

Goal kickers—For School: S. Duncan 4, Joynt 4, Hugo, Veryard, Oliver and Clydesdale. For C.E.G.S.: Kyle 5, Ramsay, Burt, and Laver.

FIRST XVIII PRACTICE MATCHES.

HIGH SCHOOL v. MODERN SCHOOL (Won). High School 16 goals 16 points Perth Modern School 6 goals 6 points HIGH SCHOOL v. MODERN SCHOOL (Won).

High School 12 goals 8 points Perth Modern School 4 goals 7 points HIGH SCHOOL v. NEW NORCIA (Lost).

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High School 17 goals 15 points Perth Modern School 5 goals 5 points HIGH SCHOOL v. LAW STUDENTS (Won).

High	School			9										points	
Law	Students	,			• •		•	•	•	•	11	goals	10	points	

SECOND XVIII CUP MATCHES.

First Round.

HIGH SCHOOL V. SCOTCH COLLEGE (Won).

High School9 goals5 pointsScotch College7 goals10 points
HIGH SCHOOL v. C.B.C. (Lost).
High School 2 goals 4 points Christian Brothers' College 3 goals 3 points
HIGH SCHOOL v. C.E.G.S. (Lost).
High School

Second Round.

Second XVIII Season.

HIGH SCHOOL V. MODERN SCHOOL (Won). HIGH SCHOOL V. C.C.S. 1st XVIII (Won). HIGH SCHOOL V. MODERN SCHOOL (Lost). HIGH SCHOOL V. C.C.S. 1st XVIII (Won). HIGH SCHOOL V. MODERN SCHOOL (Won). HIGH SCHOOL V. C.C.S. 1st XVIII (Won).

FOOTBALL CRITIQUE.

- J. OFFICER—The captain of the side and a fine stamp of player. A brilliant high mark and a strong kick. Led his team in a very able manner.
- J. GOSDEN—Vice-captain; one of the outstanding players of the season, with a fine turn of speed. Generally disposed of the ball to advantage.
- A. DRIVER—A goalkeeper of class, with good judgment. A good kick with both feet, and a fine high mark.
- D. CADD—A fine stamp of footballer, with untiring energy and wonderful grit. One of the best ruck-men in all the schools.
- C. WEAVER—The utility member of the team and a very game player. Could always be relied on to carry out instructions. Watched his man closely.
- L. Hugo-The cleverest player on the side. Handicapped by size, he always played a plucky and speedy game.
- J. VERYARD—A game and dashing player, he is rapidly developing a fine style.
- R. DUNCAN—The biggest player on the side, he used his weight to advantage. A greatly improved player towards the end of the season.
- F. OLIVER—Another heady footballer; requires a little more pace; can kick with both feet and has a great disposal.
- S. DUNCAN-A most improved player, and a fine halfforward. A beautiful mark and a nice kick.
- L. HANCOCK-Worked like a Trojan in the back line, and was a good man in the pocket.
- C. AMMON—The coolest player in the team and an accurate kick. Gave some fine exhibitions of full-forward work.
- S. JOYNT-A heady footballer; was always in position; most unselfish, and a deadly left-foot kick.
- E. EDWARDS-Half-back and ruck. Played stylish and effective football. Came through in great style.
- W. CLYDESDALE.—Change ruck; rather on the slow side; a good mark and kick.
- A. GARDNER—One of the new members of the team; a big and enthusiastic player. Most improved player in the team. Should be a great asset next year.

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- J. DRAPER—A game player, and not afraid to use his weight; a good mark and in time should make a fine halfforward.
- T. TRIGG—Change-rover; has a good style, and the football brain. Rather inclined to hang on to the ball, but is a good pass.
- R. GRAHAM—Fully justified his inclusion in the team; a gritty determined player, with plenty of dash.
- J. STEVENSON—Rather erratic; did not quite come up to promise as a footballer. Showed plenty of dash and grit.



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S INCE the end of last season very little serious rowing has been done with the School. Several boys continued their rowing in the second term with the W.A.R.C. A. Wright, our last season's captain, rowed with many successes in the junior ranks, while Cameron and Duncan were both successful in winning a Maiden Eight.

During the year all of last season's crew have left the School. Wright and Cowan are "on the land," while Cameron and Duncan are still in town. We take this opportunity, on behalf of the rowing fraternity of the School, to extend to them our most hearty good wishes in their new positions.

At the end of the second term Mr. McLarty called a meeting of rowers to elect a new Captain of Boats. A. B. Stowe was elected captain and J. Maitland vicecaptain for the ensuing season.

It is hoped that, by the end of the year, the beginners will have mastered the elements of the sport and will settle down to some really serious work next season.

It is likely that three of last season's second four will be back next year, and with many promising novices coming on, the prospects of next season are, on the whole, good.

We are rather at a disadvantage just at present for only one "tub" pair is available at practice and that in a very bad condition. The School's old practice four, which has been in use since 1914, is in very bad repair and it is doubtful whether she will be fit to use next year.

We must congratulate Mr. Geo. Rogers, who has coached the School crews for some years now, on his splendid win in the State Champion Four in August.

MID-TERM TRIALS.

At the end of the second term the usual mid-term trials were held on Subiaco Oval. The races were in charge of Mr. Barton and the Sport's Committee. The events were evenly contested, and the trials were extremely successful from all views. The Committee wish to thank Mr. Keen and Mr. Waterhouse for ably assisting them during the trials.

The following were the results :---

100 Yds., Under 13.—Strickland, 1; Le Mercier, 2; Davenport, 3.
220 Yds., Under 14.—Southee, 1; Sharp, 2; Le Mercier, 3.
300 Yds., Under 15.—Johnson, 1; Ireland, 2; Sharp, 3.
440 Yds., Under 16.—Mills, E. C., 1; Stone, 2; Leggoe, 3.
440 Yds., Open.—Thomson, 1; Driver, 2; Macauley, 3.
220 Yds., Open.—Thomson, 1; Everett, 2; Williams, 3.
Footballers Hcp.—Brockman, J. V., 1; Driver, 2; Gosden, 3.
100 Yds., Under 15.—Ireland, 1; Cowden, 2; Eyres, G., 3.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE ANNUAL Athletic Sports of the School was held at the W.A.C.A. Ground on October 9th. The weather was excellent and the meeting was very successful. The attendance of parents and friends was large and they witnessed some very stirring contests, although only two records were equalled.

The title of Champion Athlete was gained by E. C. Wilson with a fine total of 34 points, J. Gosden being runner up with 29 points; the next being J. Officer with 20 points. The under 16 champion was J. Veryard, who succeeded in annexing 31¹/₂ points, very closely followed with A. McLennan with 30¹/₂ points. P. Gwynne easliy gained the title of champion athlete under 14.

The House Competition resulted in a fairly easy win for Faulkner, School being second and Hale, a long way behind, was third.

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RESULTS.

OPEN EVENTS.

High Jump.—Officer, 1; Marris and Driver, 2; Weaver and Tanner, 3. Height: 5ft. lin.

- 100 Yards.—Gosden, 1; Driver, 2; Campbell-Wilson, 3; Hugo, 4. Time: 102/sec.
- 220 Yards.—Gosden, 1; Campbell-Wilson, 2; Thomson, 4; Driver,
 4. Time: 242-5sec.
- 440 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Gosden, 2; Thompson, 3; Cadd, 4. Time: 57sec.
- 880 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thomson, 2; Maitland, 3. Time: 2min. 16 2-5sec.
- One Mile.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thomson, 2; Weaver, 3. Time: 5min. 28sec.

Long Jump.—Gosden, 1; Driver and Officer, 2; Campbell-Wilson, 3. Distance: 19ft. 6in.

Hurdles.—Officer, 1; Draper, 2; Driver, 3; Everett, 4. Time: 172-5 sec. (equals record).

UNDER 16 EVENTS.

- 100 Yards .- Burkett, 1; Veryard, 2; Mills, 3; MacLennan, 4.
- 220 Yards.—Burkett, 1; MacLennan, 2; Veryard, 3; Mills, 4. Time: 261-5sec.
- 440 Yards.—MacLennan, 1; Burkett, 2; Veryard, 3; Mills, 4. Time: 60 2-5sec.
- 880 Yards.-MacLennan, 1; Veryard, 2; Mills, 3; Pearse, 4. Time: 2min. 32sec.
- Long Jump.—Pearse, 1; Prater, 2; McLennan and Veryard, 3. Distance: 17ft. 7in.
- Hurdles.—Veryard, 1; McLennan, 2; Pearse, 3; Prater, 4. Time: 21sec.

UNDER 15 EVENTS.

- 100 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Bateman, 2; Cowden, 3; Ireland, 4. Time: 12sec.
- 300 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Eyres, G., 2; Cowden, 3; Howard, 4. Time: 40sec.

UNDER 14 EVENTS.

- 100 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Sharp, 2; Strickland, 3; Bateman, 4. Time: 12sec. (equals record).
- 220 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Burkett, 2; Sharp, 3; Strickland, 4. Time: 26 3-5sec.

One Mile.-Beecher, 1; Prater, 2. Time: 6min. 24sec.

High Jump.-Gwynne, 1; Kirby, 2; Armstrong and Gerloff, 3. Height: 4ft. 2in.

Long Jump.—Robertson, 1; Gwynne, 2; Gerloff, D., 3; Gerloff, C., 4. Distance: 14ft. lin:

UNDER 13 EVENTS.

100 Yards.-Davenport, 1; Gerloff, 2; Corbett, 3; Hall, 4. Time: 14sec.

UNDER 12 EVENTS.

75 Yards .- Gerloff, 1; Gray, 2; Feathers, 3; Southee, 4.

UNDER 11 and UNDER 10 EVENTS.

- 75 yards (under 11).—Tomkins, 1; Gordon, 2; Southee, 3; Meares, 4. Time: 112-5sec.
- 75 Yards (under 10).—Stephenson, 1; Oliver, 2; Bateman, 3; Ewing, 4. Time: 11 3-10sec.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards (open)Hugo, 1; Leyland, 2; Everett, 3.	
440 Vards (open) Newbery, 1; Jones, 2; Angel, 3.	
880 Vards (open) Newbery, 1: Angel, 2; Cadd, 3.	
One Mile (open) — Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thomson, 2; Weaver,	3.
220 Yards (under 16).—Synnot, 1; MacLennan, 2; Prater, 3.	
440 Vards (under 16).—Nelson, 1; Clitton, 2; MacLennan, 5.	
880 Vards (under 16) — Prater, 1; Fulwood, 2; Marris, J.	
300 yards (under 15).—Campbell, 1; Robertson, 2; Clark, 3.	
220 Yards (under 14)Kendal, 1; Ambrose, 2; Little, 3.	
One Mile (under 14).—Shapcott, 1; Mason, 2; Hall, 3.	

440 Yards (under 13).—Cole, 1; Gray, 2; Duce, 3. Siamese Race (under 13).—Davenport and Gerloff, 1; Hall and Little, 2.

120 Yards (under 12).—Tanner, 1; Moore, 2; Feathers, 3. 75 Yards (under 10).—Oliver, 1; Bateman, 2; Johnson, 3. Sack Race (under 11).—Atkins, 1; Oliver, 2; Wilson, 3. House Relay Race.—Faulkner, 1; School, 2; Hale, 3. Time, 1min. 50sec.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS

The 23rd Annual Sports' Meeting of the Public Schools of Western Australia was held on the W.A.C.A. ground on Saturday, the 22nd October, in the presence of a large crowd. The weather was ideal, and the track was in good order, some fast times being recorded. By consistent training and good team work, Christian Brothers College won the Alcock Shield for the first time since 1918, beating the School by $20\frac{1}{2}$ points.

The scores were :---

С.В.С	117 1-6	points
H.S	96 2-3	points
C.E.G.S	$58\frac{1}{2}$	points
S.C	51 2-3	points

No records were established in the open events, but five records were broken in the under age events-the 100 yards under 13, 14, 15 and 16, and the 220 yards under 14.

"Tim" Officer, our great all-round sport, succeeded in gaining the title of Champion Athlete of the day by gaining 21 points, and "Mick" Wilson, our grand long distance runner, was runner-up with 16 points.

Following are the results :---

Open Events

- 100 Yards.—Gosden (H.S.), 1; Lalor (C.B.C.), 2; Sampson (S.C.), 3; Roe (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 102-5sec.
 220 Yards.—Sampson (S.C.), 1; Lalor (C.B.C.), 2; Gosden (H.S.), 3; Laver (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 264-5sec.
 440 Yards.—Tunney (C.E.G.S.), 1; Roe (C.E.G.S.), 2; Sampson (S.C.), 3; Lehman (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 54sec.
 880 Yards.—Wilson (H.S.), 1; Thompson (H.S.), 2; Tunney (C.E.G.S.), 3; Ivison (S.C.), 4. Time, 2min, 72-5sec.
 High Jump.—Officer (H.S.), 1; O'Shaughnessy (C.B.C.), Slater (C.B.C.) and Barrett-Leonard (C.E.G.S.), 2 Height, 5ft. 5½in. (unfnished).
- (unfinished). 120 Yards Hurdles.—O'Shaughnessy (C.B.C.), 1; Officer (H.S.), 2; Adlam (C.B.C.), 3; Sandersonn (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 17 2-5 sec.
- Long Jump.—Officer (H.S.), 1; Sharp (C.E.G.S.), 2; Gosden (H.S.), 3; Lefroy (C.E.G.S.) and O'Shaughnessy (C.B.C.), 4. Distance, 20ft. 3in.
- One Mile.—Wilson (H.S.), 1; Ivison (S.C.), 2; Bunning (S.C.),
 3; Thompson (H.S.), 4. Time, 4min.
 Old Boys' Relay (660 yards).—C.E.G.S., 1; C.B.C., 2; H.S., 3.
 Time, 1min. 112-5sec. (record).

Under 16

- 100 Yards.—Lalor (C.B.C.), 1; Grundy (C.B.C.), 2; Cook (S.C.), 3; Walters (S.C.), 4. Time, 10 4-5sec. (equal record).
 880 Yards.—McLennan (H.S.) and Grundy (C.B.C.), 1; Burkett (H.S.), 3; Morrissey (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 2min. 15 3-5sec.
 High Jump.—Pearse (H.S.), 1; Scott (C.B.C.), 2; Hickey (C.B.C.), 3; Gordon (S.C.), Veryard (H.S.), and King (C.E.G.S.), 4. Height 5ft 21in Height, 5ft. 21in.
- 440 Yards.—Lalor (C.B.C.), 1; Grundy (C.B.C.), 2; McLennan (H.S.), 3; Craig (S.C.), 4. Time, 58sec.

Under 15

- 100 Yards.—Lalor ii (C.B.C.), 1; White (C.E.G.S.), 2; Gwynne (H.S.), 3; Sheppard (S.C.), 4. Time, 104-5sec. (record).
 300 Yards.—Lalor ii (C.B.C.), 1; Lonergan (C.B.C.), 2; McLennan (S.C.), 3; Wittenoom (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 38sec.

UNDER 14.

- 220 Yards.—White (C.E.G.S.), 1; Gwynne (H.S.), 2; Halvorsen (C.B.C.), 3; Hogben (S.C.), 4. Time, 26sec. (record).
 100 Yards.—Gwynne (H.S.) and White (C.E.G.S.), 1; Halvorsen (C.B.C.), 3; Coleman (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 11 1-5sec. (record).

Under 13

100 Yards.—Landon (S.C.), 1; Flynn (C.B.C.), 2; Grieve (S.C.), 3; Higham (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 121-5sec. (record).

Under 12

75 Yards.—Bolleman (C.B.C.), 1; Delvin (C.B.C.), 2; Gerloff (H.S.), 3; Holmes (C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 10sec.

At the time of going to Press, the cricket season has just commenced and comparatively few matches have been played. The 1st XI have been entered for the "C" grade competition, and up-to-date have had one win on the first innings against Claremont, and an outright win against West Perth.

The team have been lucky enough to have the services of Mr. A. J. Richardson before 4.30 on Tuesdays, while five of the 1st XI are coached by him every Friday. The team will be weakened considerably by the loss of our captain, Reg. Sewell. The pitches at the grounds have been fully occupied by aspirants for the 2nd XI, and the under-age teams, who have all started the season successfully. The report of the second round of the Darlot Cup Matches will appear in our next issue.

SHOOTING NOTES, 1927.

Mr. Barton is also to be congratulated on his very successful coaching of the team. Mr. Barton, who was a firstclass army shot during the late war, took charge in place of Mr. Campbell, who left to join the staff of his old school.

Practice was commenced at the Lord Street Drill Hall, on the second Saturday of the first term, and continued throughout the term with only two breaks.

An innovation this year was the use of a service rifle with a miniature range barrel, thus giving practice with a heavier rifle having the double pressure action. About fifty boys were tried out during the first term, some showing early promise, notably Williams. This number was reduced to twenty-six for practice on the open range, which commenced on June 11th.

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The first few visits to Swanbourne were not productive of any high scores, owing to unfavourable conditions, and the natural gun-shyness of those using the .303 rifle . for the first time. During the next few Saturdays, the weather improved, and also the score, until a sixty was scored by H. Tanner, who should prove a good shot next year. Again a spell of bad weather interfered with practice, and on two occasions we had to abandon shooting, after firing a few rounds, while on one occasion the wind was so strong that the targets would not stand at the 500 yards range.

By the end of the winter term the number of aspirants to the team was reduced to about fifteen, and so commenced the final lap during the third term. On the last two occasions before the actual shoot, Scotch College beat us by a small margin, on the aggregate of the best eight, but still the team was confident that it would win. K. Stone was reserve.

The actual shoot was held on October 15th, under ideal conditions. Fawcett, our captain, won the draw and chose the target on which we had had most practice. High School led by eight points from Scotch College, on the two hundred yards range, and increased that to 30 points by the end of the shoot.

The final positions were High School, 432; Scotch College and Guildford Grammar School, a tie, 402; Christian Brothers' College, 337.

We were all very pleased to see Christian Brothers' College enter a team, and trust that we shall see them again next year.

The individual scores were as follow :---

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Fawcett	25	31	56
Williams	31	30	61
Tanner, A	30	24	54
Orr	32	19	51
Muir	30	23	53
Macartney	25	26	51
Veryard	25	23	48
Hibble	29	29	58

Brian Williams, with a score of 61, was champion shot of the day, and is to be congratulated on his success.



SHOOTING TEAM.

J. Macartney, W. Orr, T. Muir, A. Tanner. J. Veryard, B. Williams, Mr. Barton, W. Fawcett (Captain), L. Hibble.

TENNIS NOTES.

O NCE more the rumour is abroad that the School intends putting down two gravel courts between the new boarding house and the memorial wing, but as yet nothing definite has been heard. It seems a great pity that the School is unable to have courts of its own—grass for preference for, once down, they take no more looking after than gravel courts. At the present time only those actually in the teams are able to get any practice, as it is necessary to hire courts at Subiaco.

The result is that tennis is not thriving as well as it should, for those who are not quite good enough to play for the School get little chance of improving their game.

In the Winter Pennants this year the School did not do as well as in 1925 when Scaddan, Law, Pilgrim, and Parker succeeded, thanks greatly to Mr. Clarke's coaching, in winning this widely contested event.

Only one team was entered in the Slazenger Cup this round, yet our chances seemed better than in the Pennants for, with Trigg, Marris, Saw, Officer, and Hyem, we expected at least to reach the final. In the first round we defeated Wesley College, who now enter a team in this event, by eight sets to love. Next we were successful in disposing of Christ Church fairly easily. This and a bye gained us the privilege of playing off with King's Park in the final.

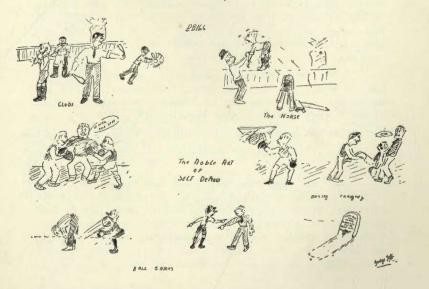
The latter team, consisting of Scaddan, Pilgrim, Noble, and Brown, had had great difficulty in defeating Modern School, who were very well represented by La Nauze and Holmes.

Scaddan, a much more experienced player than Trigg, was too clever for him and defeated him in straight sets. Pilgrim, whose forehand drive is excellent, especially when passing anyone down the sideline, won the first set from Marris. The former, however, was down at 5-2 in the next set, but Marris was unable to gain the deciding point and lost at 7-5. Saw was outdriven by Noble, who often came to the net, and won by a neat placement shot. Officer was the only successful player in the singles, for he defeated Brown 6-0, 7-5. In the doubles Saw and Marris were not strong enough to oppose Scaddan and Noble with much hope of success, and were beaten 6-2, 6-4. Officer and Trigg had an excellent fight with Pilgrim and Brown, winning 10-8, 6-4.

It is pleasing to note that all the members of the King's Park team are old High School boys, who have been coached at some time or other by our present coach, Mr. Clarke.

WE PILLORY-

J. Scurlock for being a self-confessed "Queen." Mitchell for consummate self-confidence. Lance for swotting on Sport's Day. Officer for horse-play. Guthrie for bullying. "Gabbett" for not shaving. Joynt for loud loquacity. Saw for ceaseless courting. Clydesdale for constant clamour. Draper for his Renood acquaintance.



ORIGINAL COLUMN

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INFINITY.

It was the night before the physics exam., when I was putting the finishing touches to my knowledge of the subject, when all at once my head began to feel heavy and I seemed to be falling away . . . I found myself in a different place of the world altogether. To be exact, I was between two parallel mirrors, reflecting a dazzling light, which seemed to accentuate the darkness around, above, and below.

All was still except when the silence was broken by thundering noises accompanied by brilliant flashes of light which came from nowhere, and vanished into the space behind the mirrors.

While I was wondering what I had better do, one of these *nebulae* suddenly caught me up and swirled me to the region behind the mirrors. The darkness around was profound, while as we passed the light lit up countless images on the way.

Far away in the distance I could see a tiny speck of light. As we approached, it became bigger and bigger, until it assumed the shape of a tiny man, about two feet high, resembling an elf of a child's picture book. He was standing beside what looked to me to be a solid figure eight that had fallen on its side. The cloud at this stage had disappeared and I was left standing in front of the mysterious person.

"Oh!" he cried, quite pleasantly; "so you've come at last. I've been waiting for you. Get in the car and see the sights"; and so saying he entered the smaller portion of the figure, while I seated myself in the rear.

"Are we at Infinity?" I ventured to ask.

"Yes; this is on the outskirts of the suburb of Plus Infinity."

Away we shot into space, and landed in front of a very large building in the centre of a large city, with pearly gates and streets of gold. The mansions were fair to look upon and the gutters ran with eau de cologne. The inhabitants wore simple white robes, and had wings sprouting on their backs, some larger than others. Some carried palms, others sat on the doorsteps and sang, while others

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played on beautiful harps. My guide led me to a large building which he said was the Scientific Department, in which, no doubt, I would be extremely interested. The porter seemed to be none other than Saint Peter, who regarded us with favour.

In one room were hosts of angels engaged in chopping up various metals and minerals. Others were busily fixing wings on a peculiar animal like a pig, while others again were wheeling away the work of their fellows. We followed one of these last until he came to a large furnace, wherein he threw the substances.

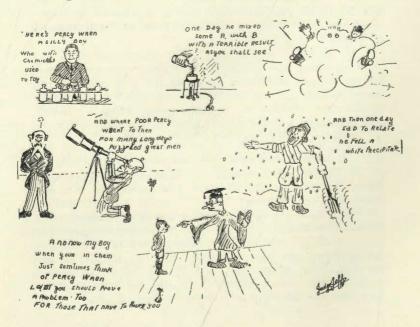
"Would you like to see what happens?" quoth he.

"Certainly, if you please." So we walked round to the other side.

"Peep in there," he instructed; so I looked through a glass window. Inside were countless numbers of balls sailing around in apparently nothing, and wandering at random. When two crossed, there appeared to be an explosion and an electrical discharge.

"Ions!" I gasped. "May I have one?"

His reply was to send a spirit away, who soon returned with a small, round ball in his hand. He gave it to me. It consisted of two hemispheres each labelled "H," and bearing a cross.



"Now I am taking you to the cells" And I wondered why cells or prisons should be needed in Paradise. We passed into another room, much dirtier and filthier, hotter and clammier than before. In front of what seemed to be a lift-well labelled "Anode," was a gentleman who might have been Satan's twin brother, but who was clad in dull grey.

"I don't know which entrance to take you to," remarked my guide.

"Oh, that does not matter," I replied. "I am positively charged with excitement to see the prisons and dungeons."

"Then we go in here. Good morning, Harry! This gentleman wishes to see the cells."

"Is he positive?"

"Yes."

The individual named Harry took me by the hand and thrust me down a pipe. I felt pushed from behind, when I entered a large pool, where much effervescence was proceeding. Then I was shot forward amid a maze of tiny balls, some of which were going in my direction, others in the opposite. In the midst of this confusion I noticed a girl of fascinating beauty, but I only caught a fleeting glimpse. At last we arrived at the edge, where a collector, dressed in bluish green, and standing in front of a sign, "Cathode," was crying out, "Charge! charge! charge, please!" All the ions had changed into tiny elves as they left the electrolyte, gave something to the demon, and vanished into space, while the collector threw the "somethings" up a pipe.

He spoke to me, saying, "Give up your charge!" I fumbled about and produced the hydrogen ion. He took off the crosses and threw them up the pipe, while I followed *en suite*. I need not trouble you with my experiences in that pipe. It was like a chute, going through furnaces, and fans, until I found myself again by my guide's side.

"Did you enjoy yourself?" he queried.

"Immensely. By the way, who was the girl I saw?"

"Oh, that was Katherine; we keep her there always because she was so careless. Do you know, she even left the current on the table?"

We passed on, spying gnomes and elves weaving dusty cobwebs into beautiful patterns, others making compounds in giant crucibles, others again catching the rare sunbeams to infuse them into lead molecules, until at length we left the Scientific Department. At the exit was stationed a great Demon—Satan himself. He did not want to let us pass, but the little man performed the desired effect. But to my surprise the whole scene had altered. The gutters ran with burning oil, the streets were of hard flints and cobbles, the houses in ruins. Fire pits and furnaces blazed everywhere; the people were working for their lives, and devils ran about the streets urging the poor inhabitants to work faster.

At the gate, which was made of studded iron, were two more demons. We had some difficulty in passing through, but succeeded. I perceived the walls to be of broken brick, surmounted with broken glass and spikes. Dust and filth lay everywhere, so I was not at all reluctant to be told our journey was nearly ended.

"Where are we now?" I enquired.

"Oh, this is Minus, another suburb of Infinity. I will call my sister, vulgarly known as Sleep, to take you home. Did you know she has been with us ever since you left Reality? Sister, come forth!"

I bowed most awkwardly as she materialised, and then the quaint little sprite left me.

"Well," she said, "we must be going. Hold my hand." And as I did I felt the strange world falling away from us.

"Now I, too, must leave you," she sweetly said; and with that she vanished like a beetle in a conjuror's hat.

Then I awoke to find myself staring at a figure eight that some careless printer had let fall on its side.

-ELECTRON.

FISH.

At home there is rather good fishing with line, net and rod. In winter-time we can set our net at night in the Wonnerup Estuary about a mile from home, and pull it out at day-break, before the shags and pelicans get there, to find half a sack of nice, large mullet. We can also drag the net, which is harder, but you can procure many more fish. In summer-time the Estuary dries up, leaving dozens of little pools from which, with a pitch-fork, you can rake out as many mullet from the mud as you please.

In the spring, when the rivers are running, there is a great flow of water through a couple of flood gates on our property. The water first flows into the "Deadwater," which is a long, narrow, salt lake, lying between our house and the sea, then through a mouth into the sea. The "Deadwater" is divided into three parts by long points which come nearly to the opposite shore. The wide parts are very deep and are inhabited by sea mullet, silver and black bream, yellow-tail and whiting, all of which are easy to catch with a line. When the fresh water runs through the gates, great shoals of pilchard come to feed from the shrimps which come down; if you threw a line in you could pull fish out as quickly as you liked.

Sometimes during the year, when the weather is calm, we go out to sea for about a mile till we come to submarine rocks, which we locate with a water glass. We anchor and thrown in our lines to catch schnapper, rock-cod, or jewfish, all of which are very good eating. But some times our bait is never touched. This means there is a shark about. One day we were hauling in gardies, skip-jack and schnapper hand-over-fist, when suddenly they stopped. But we soon discovered the trouble when we perceived the fin of a shark circling round the boat.

Very often, in March, we go down to Cape Naturaliste about 32 miles distant, where, with the help of "burly" we catch hundreds of herrings; but at any time of the year we catch buffalo bream, groper, rock-cod, or flat-head. One has to be very careful, as the rocks are very steep and slippery, and under them the water rushes and boils furiously. Once, one of our party fell in. Luckily it was a very calm day, but we had great difficulty in landing him safely. Only a few minutes afterwards we hauled in a nine foot shark from the very spot.

About Easter-Time great shoals of salmon come down the coast. They come very close to the shore, so it is possible for us to haul a net round. If we don't haul them in quickly they become frightened and dart through the net. Now and again we see a shark, which causes us to hurry out.

C.P.R.

LOST AND FOUND.

Lost—One razor. Apply "Gabbett," Leaving Math.'s form. Large reward offered by rest of class.

Lost-A door-handle. Apply Mr. Barton. No re-ward.

Lost—Two practical books. If found, please reply "Geoff," Sub-leaving Form.

FOUND—"A crack-shot in the Imperial Army." Loser please apply the boarding-house.

AN EXPERIENCE.

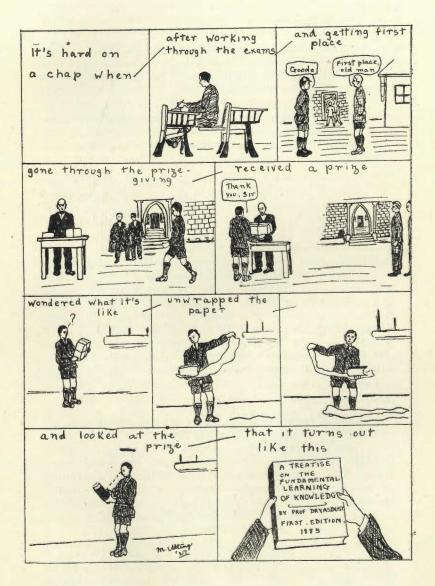
(By Veteran.)

One dark night I was walking along the street, when, happening to glance into a nearby house, I saw a sight that surprised me and brought me quickly to the window of a certain room. For there, lying back in the most comfortable of easy chairs and reading a book, I saw one whom we were wont to regard as a "swot." A moment's thought, however, reassured me. He was, of course, reading history or dabbling into the philosophies of Lactantius and Chrysippus.

Relieved, I turned to go, but something vaguely familiar about the cover of the book struck me, and once more I pressed my face against the window-pane. The reader moved slightly and I saw the title of the book. It was, "Dark Deeds of Death at the Dead of Night." To say that I was dumbfounded is to minimize my feeling. I could hardly stand, my eyes goggled, my knees bent, reason tottered on her throne. For here was our "swot", the boy who had never done anything in his life but "swot"-reading literature which could only be described as trashy. At once it struck me that if this paragon of students could read "Dark Deeds of Death at Dead of Night", surely I could return home with a clear conscience and read "Blood, Bones and Beetles". a work to which I am most addicted. I was just debating whether I should do this or no, when a strange movement on the part of the boy in the room drew my attention.

He was tearing his hair, throwing his arms about, and shouting loudly enough for me to hear, "No! No! I won't do it," and then, in a wailing voice, "I must! I must! I must!" Strongly perturbed, I contemplated flight, but I was drawn irresistibly by the sight which confronted me, and determined to see the thing through. The boy was now alternately throwing down his book and picking it up again, and all the while he was wailing "No! No! I won't be a slave," and then "But I must. He'll punish me if I don't."

These last words gave me, as I thought, the key to the situation. Some cruel man had gained a strong ascendancy over our poor "swot," and was compelling him to perform an inhuman crime. The boy suddenly got up and left the room, but returned soon with pen, ink and paper, and commenced to write at a desk. Evidently his last speech and confession: he was going to commit suicide



then. I thought of knocking at the window and trying to reason with him, but it struck me that in his present nervous state he might shoot me at sight, and so I decided to remain where I was.

Meanwhile, the object of my gaze continued, his writing with all the symptoms of tremendous hurry and reckless abandon. At the end of about half an hour he got up from his desk, with—strange circumstance—a relieved expression on his face. That expression terrified me. I thought how terrible his subjection to that other man must have been for him to welcome death as he seemed to be doing. To my surprise, instead of shooting himself outright, he picked up his book and commenced to read. Ah! I thought. One last half-hour of pleasure and then—Eternity.

I was watching his face with interest, when a slight rustle from papers he had written drew my attention to them. I looked hard at them, and the light shone full on the first page. With a sigh of relief— or was it disappointment—I read the title, "Essay on 'Ode on Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood '."

That reminded me that I had not done my own essay. I ran home.

Next day our "swot" had his essay done as usual, and as usual the non-workers criticized him: but I was silent, for I alone of all the school had seen and understood.

WRITTEN IN 1998.

By Veteran.

"Oh, who will sing an old, old song?" I heard a grey-beard cry.

"Oh, who of ye can visions see Of days so long gone by?"

We answered "None," for youth we had A-coursing in our hearts;

So thus began that grey-haired man, That man of many parts.

"In heat, in cold, in sun, in shower We boys of '27

Found nought but joy and to each boy Existence was a heaven.

The School was great—had grown quite great In those past years I trow.

The School was good and none but would That it might better grow.

The good old "horse" was captain then, A captain good and true,

Well loved was he-deservedly-And strong and firm thereto.

The champion shot of all the schools In dear old Gab we had.

Though big and strong, he was, for long A most unshaven lad.

What pranks we played, what fun we had, What reprimands received!

What sideboards sleek we shaved from cheek, What form-masters deceived!

We did not win all we desired, Fate was not always fair.

The best must fall, but best of all Each fellow did his share.

They called me Mac."—The old man stopped, . . He smiled, he swayed, he fell.

His soul had fled, by God 'twas led Out of its earthly shell.

He's buried now, but still, I think His voice rings in my ears.

Still, still he sings of boyhood's wings And gives me up to tears.

THE PREFECTS.

There's, firstly, Jimmy Officer, A man of stalwart frame; A mighty captain eke was he In many a hard-fought game.

There's Driver with the ginger hair Who hails from town obscure.

A cool and keen debater he, In thought both quick and sure.

There's Gosden, Jack, a runner great; A modest youth withal.

He won the hundred in the sports And beat big Driver tall.

Dick Marris comes from South Perth shores; He high-jumped for the School, And cleared with ease a full five feet, In manner calm and cool.

Farewell to all this merry band; We wish you all good-speed. John Maitland, Wilson, Saw remain The good old School to lead.

-" Gussy."

REJECTED CONTRIBUTIONS.

"Bicycles ": Style good, but article savours too much of a school essay.

"Boarder's Life in a Nutshell": Too long; the idea a good one, could be written up in better form.

We thank these contributors for their attempts and hope they will try again.





ATHLETIC TEAM.

J. Burkett, E. Pearse, J. Draper, E. Mills, J. Veryard. G. Eyres, P. Gwynne, A. McLennan, R. Marris, J. Thompson, C. Cowden, A. Sharp. Mr. Barton, L. Hugo, J. Officer, E. Wilson, A. Driver, J. Gosden, Mr. R. Douglas. F. Davenport, D. Gerloff, R. Feathers.



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During August the Hon. Secretary, D. J. Chipper, who was elected at the annual meeting held in March last, resigned, owing to his inability, through business reasons, to give the necessary time to the Association's work. The committee then appointed M. D. Easton, the assistantsecretary, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

PERSONAL NOTES.

NEW ARRIVALS.

October 17.—To Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Brooking, a Daughter.

October 28.-To Mr. and Mrs. Earle Arney, a son.

November 23.-To Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Liddelow, a daughter.

WEDDINGS.

H. B. Summers to Miss Meg McGibbon.

Old Boys have heard with interest of the marriage of Gwendolyn, younger daughter of the late F. C. Faulkner, to Colonel Frank Nicholson, D.S.O., M.C., of Peshawar, India, and they wish them all that is good.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Bessell-Browne to Miss Beatie Toy, of Nedlands. Roy Saw to Miss "Pat" Elliot.

To Mrs. Goldstein and Mr. and Mrs. Davies and Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, the Old Boys extend their sincere sympathy on the loss of three of their number in Jack Goldstein, Ben Davies, and J. Butcher.

We regret also to have to record the death of Geoff. Eliot, son of the first boy to join the School, while among the older generation of Old Boys, Mr. J. F. Higham and Mr. Chas. Edwards have passed away.

There seems little doubt that Frank Basil Riley, who was Rhodes Scholar in 1912, was murdered by Chinese soldiers in July last near Cheng Chow. He was in China as Special Correspondent for the London *Times*, and his extensive study of international politics of recent years made him specially suited for such work. All Old Boys extend their sympathy to the Archbishop and Mrs. Riley and their family. Under his old school name of "Squaretoes" Basil was well loved, and untimely death cuts off one who would have had a brilliant contribution to make to international relationships in a very few years if he had been spared. C. L. Riley has just returned from Brisbane, where he was one of the two W.A. delegates to the R.S.L. Federal Congress. Amongst those seen "over East" was Winspear Farmer, formerly of Guildford, who sent his remembrances to Old Boys.

We congratulate our president, J. L. Walker, on his election to the Board of Governors. All know Mr. Walker is a very keen Old Boy and his election will undoubtedly be for the benefit of the School.

Also in Town for Christmas, from the North-West, is Arthur Draper, still the same cheery old soul who hasn't changed since he left School.

Pat Trouchet and Gra Rosser are at present in France, engaged, we hope, on a business trip. However, all who know these two are confident that they will endeavour to mix a little pleasure with the said business.

Morris Parkes has returned from the wilds of South Africa and is now up North.

Captain Marychurch Jenkins, known to so many of the Old Boys, has presented the School, through the Headmaster, with a beautifully carved rostrum. The rostrum, executed by himself, in jarrah, is a very fine piece of work and we congratulate both him and the School upon it.

Lloyd Allen has returned from France and is now on the staff of the *Daily News*.

"Punch" James is now practising at Merredin. He will be much missed from the committee, of which he has for some considerable time been an energetic member.

Brian (Skeet) Ryan has been on the relieving staff of the Bank of New South Wales for some time, and has been consecutively at Harvey, Busselton, and Collie. At the latter town he met Syd. Brumby, who is managing Ezywalkin's there. "Skeet" is at present stationed at Moora.

Congratulations to Jim. Ainslie on passing his F.R.C.S. exams. in England.

Seen in Bunbury recently, Keith and John Mitchell, Bill Castieau, Paul Lethbridge and Clarrie Dungey.

Terry Pidgeon has the responsibility of captaining the Bunbury Rowing Club, and with Frank Slee, is one of the best rowers in the town.

Alec. and Jim. Lee Steere were in Bunbury recently, probably having a rest from their agricultural duties.

John Pilgrim is at Margaret River and still remains a keen tennis-player. We hear that Val. Fabricius has developed into something of a golf player. Several Old Boys will be looking forward to extending him when he comes up again.

The Bunbury Old Boys are looking forward to meeting some of the "Townies" during the South West Annual Tennis Tournament to be held in January.

We wish to thank the anonymous writer who sent up all this news from Bunbury. Our only regret is that more Old Boys in different parts of the State and elsewhere do not keep us up-to-date with their activities.

Brian Seed has been up north with a shearing team for a few months, but is now back at Fremantle again with Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Ltd.

Aub. Fowler was up in town for a few days in October. He is known as one of the best shearers in his district.

Congratulations to George Gwynne in winning the first two Royal Perth Yacht Club races, and to Marcus Lotz for annexing the third.

Alex van Raalte, who is teaching at Tambellup, was up in town for the Teachers' Conference at the end of August.

We offer warm congratulations to Grath Rosser and C. Matthews on being members of the crew which brought back the King's Cup this year. Grath sailed with Pat. Trouchet on the "Moreton Bay" for France, and is now touring England and the Continent (on business).

Jack Hargrave and Gordon D'Arcy helped the eldest "Boog" through a very serious event in his life as "Best man" and "Groomsman" respectively a few months ago.

Noticed at the Royal Show, Jack Curlewis who has now got his own place at Goomalling, and Noel Drummond and Keith Mitchell.

Both Keith Woodroffe and Ken McGibbon were hurt recently in a motor and motor cycle accident respectively. We are glad to report, however, that they are now both well again.

Congratulations to George Gwynne and Tom Draper on their passing first half final Law.

Seen at Port Hedland races in August, were Arthur Draper, Gordon Craig, Rex Moore, Ronald Barker and Frank Leeds. Gordon won the "Forced Handicap" which was the last and most popular win of the day.

Several of Old Boys ran across "Nigger" Brockman when he was up in Perth a few months ago. He is now farming at Buntine and doing well. Morris Loton has been enjoying a holiday in Scotland, whence he writes that he hopes to return home via America, in January.

George Kelly is Jackerooing up North at "Brick House Station," Carnarvon, and Bob Fry is at "Nigham Station," Yalgoo, and from all accounts both are doing well.

John (Whopper) Broadhurst and Harry Blake, the former from "Boodonoo Station," Mount Magnet, and the latter from Wagin were welcomed by the School players last July, when they came down to see the Hockey matches. Harry Blake has subsequently been moved to Toodyay.

Arty Foster is stationed at Mount Magnet, at the Bank of New South Wales. He is a married man and now has a daughter.

We hear from Sydney that Bob. Cadd is now with Ted. Blackman and Bully Shotter in the employ of "Hadfields (Aust.) Ltd., Sydney."

James Linton came back a few months ago on the "Orvieto" from London. He has been studying sculpture and painting on the Continent, and is at present in Melbourne, where, we understand, he intends setting up a studio.

Hector Spaven is now farming at Wyalkatchem, where there has been a very good season this year.

Does any Old Boy know the whereabouts of :--R. K. Manthorpe, G. D. Sanderson, K. McBrown, W. H. Samson? If so would he kindly communicate with the Secretary.

Noticed at the inter-School Sports, from the bush, "Bandy" Birch, Geoff Thiel, and Ted Hantke.

During "Rose Marie" Season, Frank and Jack Money, Val Fabricius, Don. Smith, and Terry Pidgeon paid a flying visit to town, and after seeing the performance returned straight away to Bunbury.

Jack Yeo and Robert Draper have both been having a holiday in town, but are now back up North at work again.

Allan Mills annexed the Champion Athlete's Cup at Muresk College at the recent sports, while "Dad" Hancock was the Champion Athlete at Duntroon Military College this year, winning the 220 in 23½ seconds, the 120 hurdles in 16 2-5, and the long jump, 21ft. 7inches. Wally Watson was runner up, winning the mile and half mile in 4 minutes 36 4-5 seconds, and 1 minute 59 seconds respectively. We wish to offer our congratulations to all three. Colin Ednie-Brown is now back again after having been away some months travelling in England, on the Continent and through America.

Conrad Chase spent a few days in Perth after his arrival from India where he had been doing a course with the Indian Army. He is now on his way to Melbourne, where he has joined up with the Third Division at the Victoria Barracks.

Bernard Joel is an energetic farmer in the Ferguson District during the week, but can nearly always be seen in Bunbury for the week ends.

Jack Money is at present a salesman for South West Motors Limited.

Neville Joel, writing from "Ormonde College" Melbourne University, states that he is at present busy preparing for the coming exams., but is looking forward to being over here again at Christmas. He also writes of Lex Watson, who is now in his 5th year of medicine.

Bob Moore is on the staff of the Union Bank, Bunbury, and still remains a keen cricketer, while "Digger" Davies-Moore is a very keen fisherman and spends quite a lot of his spare time on the back-beach with his line.

Congratulations to Don. Smith on being runner-up in the Victory Golf Cup.

Basil Oldmeadows is in the Bank of N.S.W. at Meeka-tharra.

After spending three years on the Meat Works at Wyndham, whence he is studying engineering, Jack Skinner came down for a holiday this month. He is looking fit and well.

Congratulations to Bill Drummond on winning the Lady James Science Prize, also to Kemp Robertson on his fine result in 3rd year Engineering.

THE LATE MR. WALTER GALE.

A well-known figure in Parliamentary circles, Mr. Walter A. Gale, Clerk of Parliaments, passed away suddenly at Parliament House on July 27th.

The late Mr. Gale was a Western Australian, having been born at Geraldton in 1864. He was educated at the High School, Perth, and later at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, whence he went to Oxford. In 1885 he served a year as third master at the High School, Perth, and in the following year, entered the Colonial Secretary's Office. In 1888 he became Secretary to the Central Board of Education, and in 1890 was appointed First Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. On the establishment of Federation, he was appointed Clerk Assistant to the House of Representatives, continuing in that position until 1917, when he was appointed Clerk of the House. In 1920 he received the C.M.G.

Mr. Gale had an engaging personality and left behind him many friends. One of these, Sir Walter James, has written an appreciation, which we append :---

December, 1927, is moving daily towards the dawn of 1928, but December, 1864, saw the dawning hours of a life which, rich with good deeds and generous thoughts, closed in 1927.

The old December was good and gracious to us: this December is to all of us the poorer because the gift of 1864 has passed. Walter Gale was with us last year on speech night, and he welcomed 1927 as it came to W.A. His first Christmas and his last, and his first and his last New Year's Day, were spent in the State he loved best.

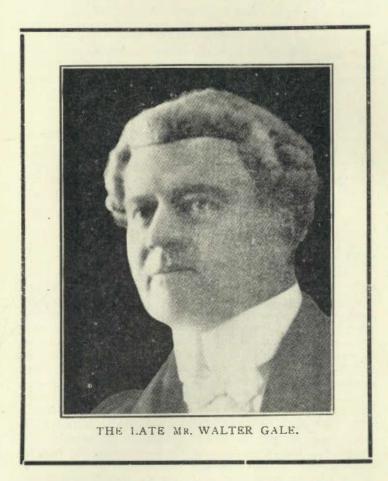
Walter Gale—to me, always called "Waggy" Gale was born at Geraldton on the 22nd December, 1864, and died at Canberra on the 27th July last. Throughout his life he was a whole-souled Western Australian: a "sand groper" who loved his native State through its old days of poverty and—because it was poor—rejoiced and gloried in its recent days of justification. In 1901 his work took him to Melbourne, and, up to within a few weeks of his death, he resided there; but he had only one home, and that was with us, and often has he assured me that when he retired from the Public Service he would come back and again dwell with us.

I was at the "High" with "Waggy," and at school he was a favourite of all—possessing a dry, but kindly humour, a generous and unselfish character and earning the warm affection of us all. With me that affection remained until the end.

We had only one rivalry at school and that was as sprinters, and in that limited field the honours were easy, but in every other field of sport and in school work I merely "also ran." In after-school days there were no rivalries between us; only the deepening pleasure of dwelling on school days as they receded from us with ever increasing rapidity. His ambition was to become a barrister, but he was too fine a character to be a burden on others, and so he set aside his ambition and earned the needed money. In that respect the time was for him out of joint, and he might well have exclaimed against the cursed spite that required him to put things right. But seeing his duty clear, said nothing so dramatic nor harboured any thought so bitter. I doubt, however, whether he ever ceased to regret that the time so compelled him. I saw him last when Parliament was opened at Canberra, in May. Before that he had been warned that his life hung on a thread, and he looked ill, but was just the same loveable, unselfish old chap, smiling goodhumouredly at those who would warn him-content to take life quietly but not fearingly. Had financial circumstances been less adverse, Walter Gale would have made an Australian reputation in open contest with his fellow men, as it was in the work of his life he won the high regard of every Prime Minister, Federal Minister and Federal Member since Federation was inaugurated-a widespread body of men drawn from all ranks and each paying tribute to a fine character.

He knew only what was good of his friends; to the evil he would never listen, and so he continued through life in a sunny serenity with friends alone around him and in his thoughts, until on the 27th July, when the slender thread snapped with tragic suddenness, and Walter Gale passed into

> The first dark day of nothingness The last of danger and distress.



F. B. RILEY.

An appreciation—being a letter published in "The London Times," October 24th, 1927.

AN EXPERIENCE.

Mr. F. B. Riley-His Services in Arabia.

To the Editor of The Times.

Sir,—News of Mr. F. B. Riley's uncertain destiny in China has been received by his friends with great regret. Having been in the service of the Department of Education of Iraq, where he served for five years, I had the privilege of being in close touch with him, and therefore I cannot but recollect the services he rendered with devotion.

The five years of Mr. Riley's service in the Ministry of Education of Iraq were marked in their fruitful activity. His work left a lasting impression among the people. His friendship and sincerity were highly appreciated by both his British and Iraqi fellow-workers. His friends were sorry to see him go on leave and were anxiously waiting to see him back. It was therefore with real disappointment that they learned that he decided on a new career of journalism away from Iraq. Some instances drawn from his work in Iraq will perhaps best describe his activities in the country.

During the previous *regime* schools in Iraq had been under the control of various religious sects, native and missionary. Naturally this situation resulted in differences in social standing and in political suspicion and religious intolerance. Mr. Riley was one of those who saw the need for a general system of education under the control of the Government in order to draw all sects together into one united nation. He was largely responsible for bringing the scheme into effect.

His great interest in the people of the country made him study the Arabic language, thus coming into close touch with instructors and other officials of the Department of Education. He did not confine himself to *personnel* in his department, but he mixed with all classes of people, talking to them in their own language and succeeding in arousing public interest in support of the new educational scheme. He also was interested in the personal welfare of every instructor, whether in town or village, which shows his real friendship and sympathy with those with whom he conducted his work. I know of many instances where he visited village schools and studied the financial standing of the teacher as well as the general administration of education. In some cases where he found that the pay of the teacher was not possibly enough to support him and his family, he often contributed from his own pocket.

Another instance I recall, which represents many others that I know, is when he bought shares of the Mosul Farm, Limited, for Rs.500 from an Iraqui instructor who had paid 25 per cent. of their value and failed to pay the rest. These were bought by Mr. Riley at their face value at the time when the company were running into bankruptcy. He knew that very well, but his intention was to help out an instructor in an indirect way. I know that was the case because Mr. Riley refused to buy shares during the formation of the company at a time when everything was going in its favour and people were rushing to buy its shares.

Being an intimate friend to teachers and administrators, in case of any trouble or dissatisfaction he was asked to settle difficulties which sometimes arose in school work. I state one instance which shows his good administration in school affairs. One day there was trouble in an important school, where teachers were in conflict with the principal. The trouble developed to such a degree that the instructors were about to resign just at the time when they could not possibly be replaced. He was informed by wire, whereupon he immediately came up and settled the trouble very wisely, thus keeping the school running smoothly, whereas higher authorities of the district had been unable to provide a satisfactory settlement.

His interest also in the general affairs of Iraq was manifested in his support of what he sincerely believed to be the best for the welfare of the country, just at its hardest time-the time of organisation of the present form of government-both through personal acquaintance with leaders and through the Press. Even after he left Iraq his interest in the people did not die. He tried to keep in touch with the recent publications relating to that country, and often kept correspondence both in English and Arabic with his friends there. In the U.S.A. he often spoke before many audiences about the country, its problems, its progress, and about various phases of its life, customs, and traditions. Like his friend, Miss Gertrude Bell, Mr. Riley was not only a trusted and competent British official, but was a sincere friend and servant of the Arab people. It is out of admiration and pleasant recollections and in tribute to his services to Iraq, that I write this appreciation.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

DAOUD KASIR.

Columbia University, New York City. October 10th.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER.

Inter-School Sports' Night.

An Old Boys' Dinner was held on Inter-School Sports Night, October 22nd, 1927, at the Savoy Hotel. The Dinner was a great success, considering it was organised within two weeks, and the number present totalled close on sixty.

Everyone enjoyed himself, as was shown by the excessive hilarity towards the end of the evening. Orchestral music was provided and the young lads joined in singing popular choruses, and the School Song.

Mr. J. L. Walker, President of the Old Boys' Association, presided. The only toasts of the evening were "The King," proposed by the Chairman, and "The School," coupled with "The Headmaster," which was proposed by Rev. C. L. Riley and seconded by Mr. W. L. Brine (recently elected to the Board of Governors). Amongst others who spoke, Sir Edward Wittenoom made a very witty speech, mentioning some of his happy schoolday recollections. Many other humorous school anecdotes were related by some of those present.

An occasion such as this, brings together many old school chums who have drifted apart since schooldays, and it was pleasing to see the Old Boys who had journeyed down from the country to be present at the Dinner.

Amongst the older Old Boys present were:--Mr. M. Wilson (Headmaster), Sir Edward Wittenoom, J. L. Walker, C. A. Saw, W. L. Brine, S. J. Chipper, Rev. C. L. Riley, H. Parry, A. Haynes, J. B. Newbery (Master), H. Ranford, and Ralph Brown.

It is intended to make this gathering an annual event, a fact which will be appreciated by many Old Boys.

-D.J.C.

W.A. UNIVERSITY NOTES.

(By Sqirm.)

At last, with three months' holiday before us, we feel the full advantage of being University students. The exams. have passed like a bad dream and the results are known: the Old Boys have really given quite a good account of themselves, nearly everyone getting through this year. The most popular faculty with the Old Boys seems to be Engineering. Kemp Robertson has just passed his third year, as usual with an imposing array of distinctions. Johnny Corbett and N. Seeligson have completed their second year, while Kirk Harder, Ron Fitch, and Frank Bottrel have reached the end of their first year. Kirk Hearder passed very well with all his subjects, while Ron Fitch and Frank Bottrel have to do a supplementary exam. in chemistry, each obtaining three other subjects.

The Science representatives are Frank Drummond and Cyril Gurney, and the School has every reason to be proud of its representative in Frank Drummond. Topping the list in all the exams. throughout the year, he finished up by passing his four subjects with distinctions in chemistry, maths., and physics, thus obtaining the coveted Lady James' prize for the highest aggregate marks in chemistry and physics. Gurney obtained three of his subjects, which will enable him to pass to his second year, and is doing a supplementary in chemistry. Our sole representative in arts is Hubert Trenaman, who, however, completed his third year with distinctions in education and ancient philosophy. He is an enthusiastic official of the Dramatic Society.

With the installation of the new chair of Law we hope to see an influx of old friends such as Tom Draper, George Gwynne, Eric Burgess, Brian Simpson, Jack Shillington, Frank Downing, Bob Ainslie, and Jack Moore, who are at present articled to various firms in town. To those still at School, who are considering a University course, we would like to say that the University life is the ONLY ONE!

We wish to congratulate the School on its performance in the inter-school sports. Continually rubbing shoulders with representatives from the other three schools, we feel assured that nowhere does enthusiasm for the old school reach a higher pitch than at our Universities.

NEWS FROM MELBOURNE.

J. H. Campbell is doing well in his new position at Geelong College. It did not take long for him to settle down and to become the same popular master we knew of old. However, his thoughts still run back to his time at the old school in W.A. Ian Anderson is still in Melbourne, making full use of his LL.B. In the near future we may see him once more in W.A.

George Campbell, who did dentistry at Melbourne, is working up a good practice in Collins Street.

Old Boys at Ormond are doing well, as of yore. Most of the exams. are finished, with a consequent relief to all.

Bowen Allen and Eric Tymms are just starting on their final lap for M.B.B.S., whilst Bessell-Brown is doing the same for L.D.S.

Yock Joel is finishing his fourth year, but his exam. results are not yet to hand.

Bob Officer, Arthur Merritt, and Bunny Wilson have just completed their term as freshmen and as second year meds.

Derrick McCay has been working hard at his first year law and he will put forward a good argument to the examiners.

Bob used his weight well during the year and is returning with a football blue to his credit. He has also done well both on the river and over the hurdles.

Bowen did well in the inter-college tennis, whilst Arthur Merritt went to Sydney as twelfth man in the inter-'varsity hockey.

Lex Watson is now living in Toorak and is doing well with four years of his course to his credit.

We are pleased to record the following successes of Old Boys:---

ROBERTSON, KEMP, in third year Engineering, passed in five subjects with distinction in four.

DRUMMOND, "BILL," in his first year at the W.A. University obtained ap ass in his four subjects, with distinction in mathematics, chemistry and physics, thereby winning the Lady James' Science Prize. Hearty congratulations, Bill!

GURNEY, C., passed in mathematics, physics, biology.

FITCH, R., in first year Engineering, passed in physics, mathematics, English, mechanical drawing.

BOTTRILL, F., in first year Engineering, passed in physics, English, mechanical drawing.

TRENAMAN, H. R., passed his third year in English, education and ancient philosophy—the latter two with distinction. He has now finished his B.A. course and in ten courses has gained eight distinctions.

OFFICER, R., and MERRITT, A., have both passed second year medicine at Melbourne, both being in the first twelve. WILSON, "BUNNY," also passed second year medicine.

EXCHANGES.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since the last issue:--

Prince Alfred Magazine, South Australia (two copies).
Southportonian, Queensland.
The Swan, Guildford (two copies).
King's School, London.
The Reporter, Scotch College.
Hutchin's School Magazine, Tasmania.
The Melburnian, Melbourne.
The Scotch Collegian, Scotch College, Melbourne.
King Edward's School Magazine, England.
The Golden Mile, Kalgoorlie.
Muresk College Magazine, Muresk, W.A.
The City of London School Magazine, England.
The Home (six copies).

