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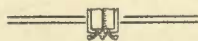
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School Calendar

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September 18th—Third term began.

October 20th—Inter-School Shoot at Swanbourne.

October 25th—School athletic sports, W.A.C.A.

October 31st—Inter-School Athletic Sports, W.A.C.A.

November 11th—Armistice Day.

November 19th—University Examination began.

November 30th—Second Round Cricket Cup Match *v.* C.B.C.

December 3rd—Cup Match *v.* Scotch College.

December 5th—Cup Match *v.* C.E.G.S.

December 10th—Annual Boxing Tournament.

December 11th—Annual Display Night.

December 12th—Break-up and Speech Night.

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SCHOOL AND HOUSE PREFECTS, 1928



Back Row: J. Draper G. Harris (House) D. McCallum (House)
Middle Row: D. C. Mills A. Tanner I. Webster E. Pearse (House) S. Duncan
Front Row: B. Williams E. Campbell-Wilson Mr. Wilson J. Maitland J. Thompson
 (Absent: C. Abbott)

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EDITORIAL

YET once more do the ever-fleeting feet of Father Time bring us near the close of another year. There are many amongst us to whom the close of this year means the close of their School career.

Perhaps some of those who are leaving School are looking forward to their last day, and yet, when they look back over their School career, they generally come to the conclusion that "it was not so bad, after all." What, then, is the cause for this wishing to leave? Surely it is not monotony, for monotonous as it may seem to have to do the same seven subjects every day for five days out of seven, yet it is only an imaginary quantity. No boy who puts his heart and soul into his work and sport, could find School life monotonous.

Every boy who wishes to do anything at all in the world must have a sound education. That is the reason why we go to School. We must learn: therefore, we must attend School. That is to say, whether we wish to or not, we are compelled to attend School. No one likes

to be forced to do a thing, and yet this is the case with a School career. This is the reason why School has always been a distasteful quantity to some.

There are others leaving School who, on the other hand, do so with the greatest regret. To them, the School has been like a foster-mother, who has carefully tended them from earliest childhood, and who has moulded their characters and bodies into those of men—men of the world. Deprive these men of their education, and they are lost from our ken. They become burdens which impede the progress of the world, and they are not wanted.

Education, then, is the difference between merely eking out an existence in the world and living. To live in modern times, with its new ideas and creeds, and with its progress in science, we need to be able to think for ourselves, and to form our own ideas.

A young boy who is able to attend a Public School, does not, perhaps, realise his good fortune. His School days are his character-moulding days; they are the days when his mind is influenced by environment, and the best possible environment is obtained from a School whose inmates are there for the purpose of learning to fill effectively the positions of trust which will fall to their lot in later life. His character moulded, he can then fearlessly tread the "vale of life," rub shoulder to shoulder with others, good and bad, and will always shine out above others as a good citizen, a gentleman, and an Empire-builder.

The festive season is almost at hand, and we take the opportunity to wish all our readers *the happiest of Christ-mases and a prosperous New Year.*



SCHOOL NOTES



The staff has been subjected to many changes since our last issue. The most important was the resignation of Mr. Wilson, the Headmaster. A more detailed article about him appears elsewhere in this number.

At the end of the second term Mr. Waterhouse, the Housemaster, resigned his position on the staff. He was liked by all at the Boarding House, and his absence will be keenly felt in the House. He has taken up a business career, and is at present stationed in the "haven of refuge" at Elder Smith's. The good wishes of the School go out to him for every success in his new position.

Mr. C. Davies has taken up Mr. Waterhouse's position as Resident Housemaster, and we feel sure that the Boarding House will thrive under his beneficent rule. Mr. Hipwell also took up residence in the House at the beginning of the second term, but after a couple of months, feeling that he did not like a teacher's life, he resigned. His position in the School was taken by Mr. Hooper.

The numbers on the Roll show a slight increase on last year's figures, but we would like to see a much larger increase next year.

During the course of this term two gentlemen from the Young Australia League visited the School and gave a short address on the proposed tour of America that will be undertaken in the New Year. As a result of the visit,

three boys at least will represent the School with the Y.A.L. To Stan. Duncan, Jim Willis, and Godfrey Adams, we join in wishing a happy holiday, and hope that they will worthily uphold the name of the School, both in word and deed.

On Friday, 16th November, the School assembled in the hall to say good-bye to our Headmaster. He and Mrs. Wilson were presented with a set of cut glass goblets and a decanter, two silver entree dishes, suitably inscribed, and a silver-mounted casserole. Mr. Wilson left on Saturday, December 1st, for the Eastern States, but Mrs. Wilson left some time before, taking "Frankie" with her to visit her sister in India.

We extend our congratulations to the Shooting Team on retaining the cup this year, with a fine win from Guildford Grammar School. Also to our Athletic Team do we extend our congratulations on winning the Shield, after a setback of two years. The win was mainly due to the sterling performance of E. Campbell-Wilson, who won four open events.

On "Inters" night the team and a few other of the boys of the School went to a theatre party in the Ambassadors Theatre. The trainers, Mr. J. Ryan and Mr. D. Williams, were the guests of the boys for the evening.

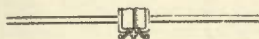
After the theatre, Mr. E. P. Clarke treated the whole party to supper at the Piccadilly tea rooms. A very cheery meeting ensued. Various toasts were honoured, including the "Inters Team," "The Captain of the School," "The Shooting Team," and last but by no means least, "Mr. E. P. Clarke."

Campbell-Wilson said the few words of thanks to Mr. Ryan for the unselfish way in which he coached the team, and expressed a wish that he would continue to coach our athletic teams for many years to come. The boys supplemented Wilson's remarks by singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The thanks of the boys go out to Mr. Clarke for his kind thought in taking the boys to supper.

The School takes this opportunity to offer a very hearty welcome to Mr. P. R. Le Couteur. Deeds speak more than words, and we hope to support our remarks by giving him all possible assistance in the near future.

In conclusion we extend our best wishes to the masters and staff, and wish them all the best of luck for the coming year. To all those who are leaving school, we wish every success in their new careers, and hope that they will worthily uphold the honour of the School, both in work and play.



PREFECTS' NOTES

On the 21st July last the Annual Prefects' Dance was held in the School hall. The Prefects wish to thank most sincerely Mrs. Matthew Wilson and those mothers of the boys and the St. Mary's girls, who so kindly assisted in making the affair a success. The hall was gaily decorated with light and dark blue streamers, with ferns and palms adorning the windows and the walls. Socially the dance was voted a success by all who attended.

Missing from the ranks of the Prefects at the resumption of the third term was Afric Tanner. C. Abbott and D. C. Mills will be the only Prefects returning next year to aid the new Headmaster on behalf of the School.

All those who have connections with the School will join in congratulating and thanking Mr. Ryan, Mr. Ted Hantke and Mr. Williams for their tireless efforts to put forward a team worthy to represent the School in the greatest event of the year. The spirit in which they carried out their work was the guiding light of our team to the winning post.

Valete

A. TANNER: Prefect, 1928; Second Crew, 1928; Second XVIII, 1928; Shooting, 1927.

Salvete

The following boys entered the School at the commencement of the term:—S. Holzman, P. G. Clarke, J. Scott, R. C. Proctor, A. C. Humble.

PRESENTATION TO MR. & MRS. WILSON

At 3 p.m. on Friday, November 16th, there was an assembly in the Big Hall for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, in recognition of their services to the School.

Mr. Newbery, in opening the proceedings, said:—

“Masters and Boys: We are assembled here this afternoon to pay tribute to a very old friend. It is a characteristic of our race that anything in the nature of fuss or publicity is foreign to our nature, and for that reason I must apologise for the shortness of our gathering. We shall make it as short as possible. I often wonder: ‘Do you boys realise what you owe to your Headmaster?’ You are apt to look upon a headmaster or upon masters as people who are here to set you more or less unpleasant tasks, which you perform more or less willingly. The mere teaching to you of the obvious things does not matter so much; there is something deeper in the influence of your Headmaster upon your lives. The influence perhaps which has most effect upon your lives, upon the life of the School, are things carried out, not with deliberation or intent, but which arise from a man’s natural character. You have been particularly fortunate in having a Headmaster who, in ordinary life, by everyday performances, has set a very good example.

“Let me briefly point out to you some of the lessons we have received from Mr. Wilson. One of the marked characteristics of this School is the happiness of the boys. All schools are more or less happy, but you are superlatively happy. I have had experience of a number of schools, and that is markedly true of this school. You are indebted to Mr. Wilson for that. He does not chase you round with a big stick, forbidding you to do this or that; he certainly tells you that there are many things which you are not to do, but a great deal is left to your proper discretion. The boys of this school have acted up to this, learning to do ‘the decent thing,’ acquiring thereby a sense of decency and responsibility, and I hope that you will retain that and carry it forward into your lives.

“One of the chief things in Mr. Wilson’s character is his affection for others—especially his affection for young children. He has shown great kindness and sympathy to

the younger boys in this school. There has never been any hardship for little boys to bear. Older boys are able to look after themselves, more or less. This kindness has arisen out of the affection in Mr. Wilson's nature. So, you boys can go out into the world having learnt the lesson of being kindly one towards another.

"Mr. Wilson has taught you to be manly and sportsmen, to take hard blows, defeats in school competitions, and not to grouch under such defeats, but to take them like men; and if you learn to do that, you will carry a lesson into life.

"Another thing about Mr. Wilson is that he has a sense of humour. If you have a sense of humour, that will carry you a long way through life. You know, boys, you cannot quarrel with a man that you can laugh with, can you? And that is why you cannot quarrel with Mr. Wilson.

"It is hard to know exactly what to say on such an occasion. These words are only a few words, but although they are a few, Mr. Wilson knows that they are sincere.

"We masters have owed a great deal to you, Mr. Wilson. At all times we have had your sympathy and consideration. As members of the Staff, we are very grateful, and that is why we have brought together these few mementos of a very happy association with you."

The Captain of the School (E. Wilson) then asked Mr. Wilson to accept the presentation as a mark of their affection and respect.

Mr. Wilson's reply:—

"Mr. Newbery, Wilson, Miss Green, Masters and Boys: I thank you very much indeed for your very handsome gifts to myself and my wife. I bring you an apology from Mrs. Wilson. She would very much like to have been here, but she felt she could not face an assembly of this sort, for, naturally, she has very keen regrets at leaving.

"I do wish to thank Mr. Newbery and the members of the Staff, some of whom have been here with me a very long time—almost as long as I have been. We have always been very good friends, and I shall carry away some very happy recollections, as I trust I shall also leave behind some pleasant recollections, too.

"It is difficult to say what one's feelings are on leaving. There are many regrets, but those regrets are tinged also with compensations. A large school like this is a very heavy strain on one's physique, one constant strain, and so I am not sorry to go; yet I regret to leave you.

"When I take these gifts up to the house, I know Mrs. Wilson will want to claim them all for herself. I wish to thank you very much for them, as well as for that very splendid public send-off at the Inter-School Sports, when you had such a fine win.

"It is very difficult for you boys to know exactly what you owe to Masters—not to your Headmaster only, but to Masters. You are thrown in upon us at a very impressionable age. Perhaps if I give you an illustration you may follow. Little boys can follow an illustration better. In my own life, 40 years ago, I entered my first big school—a school like this—and came under the control and personal touch of two men, both of whom are now dead. It may be of personal interest to you that one of these, Rev. Mr. Chapman, was the uncle of the present Captain of the English XI. He was very fond of cricket, and grew very fond of me, perhaps because I, too, was fond of cricket. The other man was a man of a very different type—a very handsome man, who had come out from Marlborough School, in England. He was very fond of music, but was not an athlete. His interests lay in other directions, and yet, looking back on my own life, I can say that no man except my father influenced me more. . . . I can remember many things about him, but the thing that I remember most and which has had such an influence on me, was the even-handed justice that he dealt out at all times. He was the most just-minded man I have ever met. . . . If there is one thing in life I ask you to remember me by, it is by the lesson that I have learnt from that man, for I have always tried to be just towards you. I ask you to remember me as a man who tried to deal out even-handed justice.

"Secondly, you are all young people in a young country, and as citizens of a young country you will have wonderful possibilities. You will be able to make your mark in various walks of life. It may well be that among the boys who are here listening to me to-day there is a future Premier of this State. Some of you will go out into the world with a future assured for you; others may have to make their way. But whether your future is assured, or whether you have to make your way by hard work, there may come a time of

temptation to do something which may not be quite straight. If that temptation comes your way, and you are not quite certain whether a thing is absolutely straight, leave it alone. It is not only in matters of money that one is tempted. It is easy to restrain oneself from taking another man's money, but there are so many other things not quite straight which a young man may be tempted to do. I, myself, have always tried to live a life of absolute integrity. I have tried to set you that example, to instil into you an appreciation of your opponent, always to give him credit for the same high motives which you have, or ought to have.

"You could not carry through life anything better than these two things. You may find the judgment of things or of persons different, but the basic principles are the same. If you are not satisfied with anything, give it against yourself. If you are not satisfied that a thing is right, do not do it, for a mistake once made is horribly hard to overcome. It takes years, perhaps a lifetime, to overcome such a mistake. There is always somebody who saw it, heard it, or remembers it, and you may never recover from it.

"These two lessons I give you. I am very sorry to be leaving you, but as I shall be saying good-bye to you personally, I ask you to spare me that now."

THE SCHOOL SONG

(To the Editor of THE CYGNET.)

SIR,—

In your June issue I observe the School song is printed, with a note suggesting that the third verse should be omitted or re-written. The feelings of the author need not be considered, but the fact that he wrote the song may perhaps justify him in venturing on a modest expression of his views.

The objections to omitting the verse are: (1) that to do so would interfere with the sequence of thought conveyed in the first two lines of the following verse, and (2) that it is the only verse which is not general, but particular, in pointing to specific triumphs in the past. If only as a matter of historic interest, the names of those who won Rhodes Scholarships directly from the High School, before the Uni-

versity was in existence, are worthy of honour and of recognition by those who come after them—so long, at least, as it is considered part of the business of a school to aim at such attainment in scholarship as may lead to academic distinction.

The chief objection to re-writing, at any rate if the revised version is to contain any names, is that the principle would involve a constantly recurring problem. I am writing this letter from a school which was founded in 1515. It has songs which contain obvious evidence of the period at which they were written, but no one has suggested bringing them up to date. One of the best known of the Harrow school songs contains the names of two Old Boys, Byron and Peel. Since it was written there have been many distinguished Old Harrovians, including the present Prime Minister, but I have not seen any suggestion to re-write the Byron verse and substitute Mr. Baldwin. Nothing would please me better than to see an entirely new song, to exist side by side with the old, and to embody, if the author wishes, the names of those Old Boys who have obtained high distinction during the sixteen years that have elapsed since the earlier song was written.

There is, of course, a general sense of the propriety of leaving undisturbed the form in which a piece of verse or prose has originally appeared, especially during the lifetime of the author; and there have been occasions when lack of regard for this canon of taste has given offence. But I have already said that my feelings need not be considered.

I notice, by the way, an obvious misprint in the last verse, but I have no doubt that the latinity of the school is such as to secure that it will not be repeated, if the song should ever be printed again.

May I send the old School my greeting, and my hope that at the moment it is winning greater successes in games, and attaining a higher standard of learning, than ever in the past?

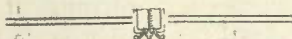
Yours, etc.,

F. H. JOHNSTONE.

Manchester, Oct. 15.

We are more than pleased that our remarks concerning the School Song have brought forward comments from a source as honoured as it was unexpected. The reasons, as

advanced by Mr. Johnstone, for leaving the song unaltered, are good and reasonable, and we unhesitatingly defer to his opinion. We would also like to thank him for his continued interest in the School, and for his good wishes.—Editor.



LABORATORY NOTES

Now that the Examinations are over and work is for the most part forgotten, the lab. presents a somewhat deserted appearance. A few budding scientists still haunt the Lab. during periods of the day, toying with strange chemicals, their experiments with which are unchronicled, but generally end in the complete destruction of several pieces of glassware. The casualty list of glassware between the exams and the end of the year is always much higher than at any other time of the year.

The Lab. is certainly deserted, physics and chem. "prac." is forgotten, and our practical books, those treasured records of our hard year's work, are left to rot ignominiously in the untidy recesses of a Lab. locker. No longer do we hear the wailing note of the sonometer, or the high pitched ring of a tuning fork, or the low curses of an experimenter who is unable to find (for the fifth time) the percentage of chromium in potassium dichromate, and has to resort to faking.

Some time ago the Leaving Chem. Class were seized by what may be called manufacturing mania. One person succeeded in making a splendid sample of soap, which was extremely odoriferous. It was found, however, that the nett product produced was greater than the substances used. An investigation ensued, and it was found that the soap had been doped with a liberal addition of granulated "Savon Parfum."

The manufacture of alcohol also assumed tremendous proportions. The news that a drinkable sample had been produced spread quickly around the School, and the Lab. became infested with large crowds of boys (mostly Boarders), and soon the manufacturers were unable to cope with the demand.

Nor did Guy Fawkes Day pass unnoticed in the Lab. On the afternoon of November 5th, when the junior scientists were exercising their knowledge in a practical way, a loud bang issued from one of the front lockers. Someone suggested nitro-glycerine, and everyone looked anxiously towards the Master in charge. All knew the gravity of the offence of preparing explosives in the Lab., and felt that the execution of the offender was imminent. A sigh of relief escaped when it was found that the explosion was caused by the ignition of a "penny banger."

A new innovation in the Practical physics was introduced by the University this year. A week before the examinations commenced Professor Ross visited us to examine the practical work in Physics. After a brief survey of the practical books and an inspection of the class at work, he departed. We heard afterwards that he was well pleased with the work, and it is a great relief to know that in practical Physics at least, most of us are sure of a pass in the exams.

During the second term the Leaving Physics Class were able, by the kindness of the "Daily Newspaper" Office, to visit the premises of the above and spend a couple of hours in seeing how a modern newspaper is produced.

A report of the visit appears elsewhere in this issue.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, 1928



Top Row: J. Thompson E. Pearse A. Halbert S. K. Joynt C. Prater
Second Row: M. Hardie, D. McCallum, G. A. Leyland, I. Webster, A. Olney, E. Campbell-Wilson, D. Everett.
Sitting: M. Synnot, J. Draper, S. Duncan, Mr. Wilson, J. Veryard, D. Nathan, R. Taylor-Thomas.
Front Row: J. Rowe, L. Oliver.

Football Notes

The football team, though only successful in one cup match, have no reason to be ashamed of their record. Every match was keenly fought to the final bell.

The School was very heavily handicapped by the lack of big boys; the smaller boys, though many of them were splendid footballers, were unable to compete with their heavier opponents, who were able to take marks well above our midgets' heads.

Special credit is due to Mr. Rodriguez, who patiently coached us, and who, in spite of our defeats, had always an optimistic word to say, to cheer us before we ran out, and after we had run in.

Many of the team will be still at school next year, and the experience gained in this year's gruelling matches will stand them in good stead in the future.

CUP MATCHES

First Round

H.S. v. S.C. at SHOW GROUNDS

The School team were much lighter than their opponents and in the first quarter the fast pace gave them the ascendancy in all departments, piling up a score of 5 goals 4 behinds to 2 goals 1 behind.

Scotch broke away in the second quarter. Their weight told against the much lighter School team, but their kicking was poor, and they made many mistakes. The term ended: H.S., 5 goals 6 behinds; S.C., 3 goals 9 behinds.

The third quarter was evenly contested, and provided the best football of the match. The School team showed pace and clever disposal of the ball. Scotch were solid, and managed to keep the play in hand, and at "lemons" the score stood 8.7 to 5.12 in favour of High School.

The final quarter was a battle from start to finish. The School scored only one goal in this quarter, their low score

being mainly due to the sterling efforts of Bennett in goal. Poor kicking continued to lose Scotch chances of scoring, but a few seconds before the bell they were awarded a kick in the goal-mouth. A goal resulted and the Claremont boys won by one point.

Scores: S.C., 8.14; H.S., 9.7.

Bennett was outstanding for the winners, and for the losers Duncan and Draper were the best.

C.B.C. v. H.S. AT SUBIACO OVAL

C.B.C. scored a comfortable win over the School at Subiaco. The team work on both sides was bad, and the poor kicking of the High School boys made the game very one-sided.

The first quarter was fairly even, ending in C.B.C. 2.2, with H.S. 1.2.

Fine combination of C.B.C.'s forwards in the second quarter gave them the ascendancy, their score being 5.1. High School scored 1.4, missing some easy chances in front of goal.

The third quarter showed both sides very erratic, C.B.C. scoring 1.2 to High School's 1.4.

In the final quarter the play was of a scrambling nature, C.B.C. dominating the game.

Final Scores: C.B.C., 10.10 (70 points), H.S., 3.13 (31 points).

For the winners, Ryan, in goal, was outstanding and for the losers Synnot and Rowe, on the wings, and Duncan gave a good account of themselves.

C.E.G.S. v. H.S.

Guildford accounted for us in ideal football weather in the second cup match. High School supporters predominated in the large crowd which was present, and their cheers helped us to keep up and fight a losing fight against our burly opponents.

The first quarter was fairly even, Guildford predominating just enough to add on a 2 goals 2 behinds lead.

First quarter scores: H.S., 2 goals; C.E.G.S., 4 goals 2 behinds.

The second quarter was perhaps the best: some very dogged football taking place around our goals.

Second quarter scores: H.S., 2 goals; C.E.G.S., 4 goals 6 behinds.

The third quarter was marked by scrambling play, both teams appearing tired after the strenuous second quarter. Guildford, however, managed to add another 2 goals 2 behinds.

Third quarter scores: H.S., 2 goals 1 behind; C.E.G.S., 6 goals 8 behinds.

High School in the last term rallied, and for the first time began to overplay the Guildford team. However, we could not pull up, and the match ended with Guildford the victors.

Final scores: C.E.G.S., 7 goals 8 behinds; H.S., 2 goals 3 behinds.

Second Round

HIGH SCHOOL v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

By superiority in all departments of the game, the School won its first cup match for the season against Scotch College, at Subiaco. The weather was ideal for our players, who were able to gain a decided advantage by their combination.

The School broke away at the first bell, scoring a goal, but Scotch equalised a few minutes later. From then on we had the better of the game, especially in the last quarter, when our speed enabled us to gain an easy victory by 13 goals 12 behinds to 5 goals 5 behinds.

The whole team played well, but those most brilliant were Pearce, in goals, Olney, Duncan and Veryard, while Synnott and Rowe did well on the wings.

H.S. v. C.E.G.S. AT PERTH OVAL.

This match was played at Perth Oval in bad weather, and neither team could adapt itself to the wintry conditions, poor kicking and fumbling with the ball being much in evidence. The first quarter was fairly even, with Guildford kicking with the wind, the scoring being 1 goal 1 behind to 4 points, Guildford leading. Mainly due to Lefroy's fine defence in goals, the School failed to score, and at half time the scores were C.E.G.S., 2 goals 5 behinds; H.S., 4 behinds.

The third quarter was rather dull, the school adding 1 goal and C.E.G.S. 1 behind. In the last quarter the eighteen seemed to go to pieces and the Guildford boys added four quick goals, the final scores being C.E.G.S., 6 goals 9 behinds, H.S., 2 goals 6 behinds.

For the School, the best players were Veryard, Nathan and Prater; whilst Guildford's best were Beresford, Burt and Gregg.

H.S. v. C.B.C. at W.A.C.A. GROUND

Unsuitable weather and the vast superiority of our opponents offered little opportunity for spectacular play. C.B.C. scored early, but the School's attacks were all thwarted by our opponent's defence. Before half-time C.B.C. had added four goals, and restricted our total to 2 behinds. Half-time scores: C.B.C., 6 goals, 7 behinds; H.S., 2 behinds.

The third quarter was our best and the forwards began to work together better. Pearce marked and kicked our first goal. Despite our repeated rallies, C.B.C. increased their lead, and in the last quarter C.B.C. completely over-ran us, the final scores being: C.B.C., 16 goals 15 behinds; H.S., 2 goals 7 behinds.



H.S. v C.B.C.

On Friday, November 30th, the Cup Match between Christian Brothers College and High School took place. Both Schools looked forward to it with keen interest, as neither were satisfied with last season's unsatisfactory match.

C.B.C. won the toss, and their Captain decided that we should bat. Individually the members of the team put up a disappointing display, and the first eight wickets fell with only 104 on the board. Fortunately a fine last wicket stand by McLennan and Eyres brought the score up to 168 before Eyres lost his wicket.

Christians went in to bat with every hope of an easy victory. The School bowlers came up to scratch, and Christians' first four wickets fell cheaply. The rot was stopped by Cody and Ryan, who made an excellent stand, and punished the bowling in fine style. With the dismissal of these two our victory was assured. Our opponents were dismissed for 146.





Since the end of last season no great amount of serious rowing has been done. A few boys continued rowing during the second term with the W.A.R.C., and later a few novices were tried out.

A. B. Stowe, our Captain, left us in May, soon after the race. D. Wheatley and T. Muir also left about that time. Stowe has chosen a commercial career in the City, and Wheatley and Muir are "on the land." We take this opportunity, on behalf of those interested in rowing at the School, to tender to them our most hearty good wishes in their new positions.

At the end of first term Mr. McLarty called a meeting to elect a new Captain of Boats, to fill the vacancy left by Stowe. B. Williams was elected Captain, and C. Rennie-Abbott, Vice-Captain.

During the third term quite a number of novices were taken down to the sheds, and it is to be hoped that by the end of the year they will have mastered the elements of the sport, and will settle down to some really serious training.

There has been some rumour of a new racing boat for the School to take the place of the "Cygnet." This would be a very welcome addition to the fleet, and we hope that the "Cygnet" may be discarded next year. It is not that this boat is old or out of repair, but it seems unsuitable in many ways; it is impossible to get the same speed out of it as the other racing boats. Mr. McLarty also suggested purchasing a practice pair for the School. As there is only one "tub" pair in good order at the W.A.R.C., it makes the earlier training very slow. The rowing fraternity will be extremely pleased if these two boats materialise by next year.

HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM, 1928



Back Row: S. K. Joynt, C. Maley, A. Olney, I. Webster A. McLennan, D. Everett.
Middle Row: E. Pearse, S. Duncan, Mr. Wilson, C. Newbery, J. Veryard.
Front Row: J. Eyres, J. Rowe.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Never before in the history of the Public Schools' Sports Association was the competition for the Alcock Shield so close as it was this year, at the 24th annual meeting, held on the W.A.C.A. ground. As was generally anticipated, all the open distance events went to High School, but the jumping was poor and productive of surprise results, while the points for the under-age events were evenly distributed between the four schools. At the end of the afternoon the four schools were so close, on points, that the destination of the Shield depended upon the result of the open mile. Campbell-Wilson and Thompson, the High School pair, secured first and second places, respectively, and won the trophy for their school.

The weather was dull and rain was threatening, but about 4,000 persons witnessed the meeting. Campbell-Wilson was the outstanding performer, winning the 220, 440, 880 yards and mile events. Running with a short, quick stride, he did not impress as a distance runner, but, possessed of remarkable stamina, he made wonderful finishes and was never seriously challenged for first place in any of the races he won. The points were:—High School, 90; Guildford Grammar School, 82; Scotch College, 78; Christian Brothers' College, 72.

Racing began at noon with the 220 yards open event. Campbell-Wilson won by inches from Lalor (C.B.C.). The start of the 440 yards open was unfortunate for High School. The course bends sharply about 25 yards from the start. As the field got away, Lehman (C.B.C.) sprinted to gain a lead of some yards, and the other runners crowded in at the bend. Campbell-Wilson was almost run off the course, but hustled through and, in the scramble, Thompson (H.S.) fell and was out of the race. It was expected that the fight for first place would be between the High School pair, but the result was that Campbell-Wilson won easily by about 10 yards from Lehman.

In the open half-mile, Thompson paced Campbell-Wilson, and the pair ran the first lap in 64sec. With a well-judged sprint, the latter won by about two yards from his companion, with Culmsee (C.B.C.) third. Adlam (C.B.C.) scored a comfortable win in the hurdles by several yards. The jumps were disappointing. In the high jump the C.B.C. pair, Slater and Scott, failed at 5ft. The competitors con-

tinually knocked the bar, and the winner, Cush (S.C.), was the only one of the eight who jumped with confidence. First and second places in the long jump went to the Guildford pair, Gregg and Chippington.

Before the last race—the open mile—was run, the points were:—H.S., 77; S.C., 78; C.B.C., 72; G.G.S., 82. High School required the points for both first and second places to ensure their holding the Shield, while Guildford had only to fill a place. Campbell-Wilson replaced Maitland for High School, and the race was run amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm. Campbell-Wilson and Thompson sprinted to the lead and held it throughout the race, closely followed by the Scotch College pair, Forbes and Stevenson. Cheering madly, the crowd surged into the trotting track and on to the ground as Campbell-Wilson and Thompson sprinted hard over the last 200 yards. Both boys made a wonderful finish and about two yards separated them at the end of the race.

There was no outstanding performer in the under age events. The only new record of the day was for the 300 yards under 15. From a straggling start, Gwynne (H.S.) led by yards over the whole course, and won easily from White (G.G.S.), who was badly left at the start. Lalor (C.B.C.) equalled the record for the 100 yards under 16, covering the course in 10 4-5sec., and the same boy won the 440 yards under 16 in the good time of 58sec.

For the first time since an Old Boys' relay race has been included in the programme, the Guildford team was defeated, the High School team winning by about ten yards. Gosden gave Robertson a good lead, which the latter improved, and Hantke won the event, with Cook (G.G.S.) filling second place for his team.

Following are the results.

OPEN EVENTS.

- 100 Yards.—Lehman (C.B.C.), 1; Duncan (H.S.), 2; Cook (S.C.), 3; Taylor-Thomas (H.S.), 4. Time, 10 3-5sec.
- 220 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson (H.S.), 1; Lalor (C.B.C.), 2; Duncan (H.S.), 3; Slater (C.B.C.), 4. Time, 24 4-5sec.
- 440 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson (H.S.), 1; Lehman (C.B.C.), 2; Gregg (G.G.S.), 3; Bennett (S.C.), 4. Time, 54 3-5sec.
- 880 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson (H.S.), 1; Thompson (H.S.), 2; Culmsee (C.B.C.), 3; Forbes (S.C.), 4. Time, 2min. 7 3-5sec.
- Mile.—Campbell-Wilson (H.S.), 1; Thompson (H.S.), 2; Forbes (S.C.), 3; Stevenson (S.C.), 4. Time, 5min. 5 4-5sec.

- Hurdles.—Adlam (C.B.C.), 1; Pearse (H.S.), 2; Hickey (C.B.C.), 3; Bennett (S.C.), 4. Time, 17 3-5sec.
- High Jump.—Cash (S.C.), 1; Leyland (H.S.) and Bennett (S.C.), tie, 2; Pearse (H.S.) and C. H. King (G.G.S.), tie, 3. Height, 5ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- Long Jump.—Gregg and Chippington (G.G.S.), 1; Prater (H.S.), 2; Taylor-Thomas (H.S.), 3.

UNDER 16.

- 100 Yards.—Lalor (C.B.C.), 1; White (G.G.S.), 2; Gwynne (H.S.), 3; McLennan (S.C.), 4. Time, 10 4-5sec. (Equals record.)
- 440 Yards.—Lalor (C.B.C.), 1; Wittenoom (G.G.S.), 2; Skinner (S.C.), 3; Nicholas (G.G.S.), 4. Time, 58sec.
- 880 Yards.—Wittenoom (G.G.S.), 1; Skinner (S.C.), 2; Minchin (G.G.S.), 3; Kirkpatrick (C.B.C.), 4.
- High Jump.—Hampshire (S.C.), 1; Davis (S.C.) and O'Hara (C.B.C.), 2; White (G.G.S.), Brown (C.B.C.) and McKay (H.S.), 3. Height, 5ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

UNDER 15.

- 100 Yards.—White (G.G.S.), 1; Gwynne (H.S.), 2; Williams (G.G.S.), 3; Hogben (S.C.), 4. Time, 11sec.
- 300 Yards.—Gwynne (H.S.), 1; White (G.G.S.), 2; Ambrose (H.S.), 3; Burnell (S.C.), 4. Time, 35 2-5sec. (Record.)

UNDER 14.

- 100 Yards.—Lundon (S.C.), 1; Owens (G.G.S.), 2; Higham (G.G.S.), 3; Davenport (H.S.), 4. Time, 12 1-5sec.
- 220 Yards.—Lundon (S.C.), 1; Owens (G.G.S.), 2; Moloney (C.B.C.), 3; Grieve (S.C.), 4. Time, 28 1-5sec.

UNDER 13.

- 100 Yards.—Holmes (G.G.S.), 1; Devlin (C.B.C.), 2; Hunter (S.C.), 3; Currie (G.G.S.), 4. Time, 12 2-5sec.

UNDER 12.

- 75 Yards.—Coleman (C.B.C.), 1; Hunter (S.C.), 2; McLeod (G.G.S.), 3; Gordon (H.S.), 4. Time, 9 3-5sec.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING

The brilliant performances of E. Campbell-Wilson in winning the title of Champion Athlete of the High School were the feature of the annual Sports Day, which was held on the W.A.C.A. ground. Wilson gained 37 points by winning the 220, 440, 880 yards, and the mile open championships, and running second in the 100 yards event. He was followed by J. Thompson with 18 points, G. Leyland with

15 points, and S. R. Duncan and C. Prater, with 13 points each. In the 440, 880 yards and the mile, Campbell-Wilson established new school records, his times for the quarter and half-mile also beating the inter-schools' records. He covered the 440 yards in 52 3-5sec.—15sec. better than the inter-schools' time. In the 880 yards event he took 2min. 5 3-5sec., 4 1-5sec. better than the school record and 1sec. faster than the inter-schools' record. Campbell-Wilson's time for the mile was 4min. 55sec.—14sec. faster than the existing school record.

Other records broken were for the 300 yards under 15, in which Gwynne, by covering the distance in 37 2-5sec., beat the existing record by 1 1-5sec. Another was for the inter-house relay race, for teams of four, over half a mile. The Faulkner House team (Thompson, Webster, Taylor-Thomas, and Wilson) covering the distance in 1min. 40sec., breaking the record by 4 4-5sec.

The Champion Athlete under 16 was Gwynne, with 29 points. He was followed by Cowden with 26, and Hyem with 18. The inter-house competition resulted in an easy victory for Faulkner House with 286 points. Hale House scored 96 and School House 91.

Following are the results:—

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Open: 100 Yards.—Duncan, 1; Campbell-Wilson, 2; time, 11sec. 220 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Duncan, 2; Thompson, 3; time, 24 4-5sec. 440 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thompson, 2; Prater, 3; time, 52 3-5sec. (record). 880 Yards.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thompson, 2; Maitland, 3; time, 2min. 5 3-5sec. (record). Mile.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thompson, 2; Harris and Maitland, tie, 3; time, 4min. 55sec. (record). Hurdles.—First heat: Leyland, 1; Prater, 2. Second heat: Pearce, 1; Draper, 2. Final: Leyland, 1; Pearce, 2; Draper, 3; time, 17 4-5sec. Long Jump.—Prater, 1; Taylor-Thomas, 2; Veryard, 3; distance, 19ft. 5in. High Jump.—Pearce, 1; Leyland, 2; Cockburn, 3; height, 5ft. 3½in.

Under 16: 100 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Cowden, 2; Lee Steere, 3; time, 11 2-5sec. 220 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Cowden, 2; Campbell, 3; time, 25 2-5sec. 440 Yards.—Cowden, 1; Marris, 2; Gwynne, 3; time, 61sec. 880 Yards.—Cowden, 1; Gwynne, 2; Campbell, 3; time, 2min. 29 2-5sec. Long Jump.—Hyem, 1; Gwynne, 2; MacKay, 3; distance, 17ft. 5in. High Jump.—McKay, 1; Hyem, Illidge and Eyres (tie), 3; height, 4ft. 10½in. Hurdles: Eyres, 1; Hyem, 2; Lee Steere, 3; time, 23sec.

Under 15: 100 Yards.—First heat: Gwynne, 1; Davenport, 2; Gerloff, 3. Second heat: Ambrose, 1; Sharp, 2; Strickland, 3. Final: Gwynne, 1; Ambrose, 2; Sharp, 3; time, 11 4-5sec. 300 Yards.—Gwynne, 1; Ambrose, 2; Sharp, 3; time, 37 2-5sec. (record).

- Under 14: 100 Yards.*—First heat: Gerloff, 1; Humphries, 2; Dakin, 3. Second heat: Davenport, 1; Fethers, 2; James, 3. Third heat: Gray, 1; Russell, 2; Le Mercier, 3. Final: Davenport, 1; Russell, 2; Gerloff, 3; time, 13sec. 220 Yards.—Davenport, 1; Le Mercier, 2; Gray, 3; time, 29 2-5sec. Mile.—McDaniell, 1; Le Mercier, 2; Hall, 3; time, 6min. 2sec. High Jump.—Gerloff, 1; Gray, 2; Le Mercier, 3; height, 4ft. 3in. Long Jump.—Gerloff, 1; James, 2; Gray, 3; distance, 15ft. 6in. Hurdles.—First heat: James, 1; McDaniell, 2. Second heat: Le Mercier, 1; Gray, 2. Third heat: Davenport, 1; Gerloff, 2. Fourth heat: Duce, 1; Dean, 2. First Semi-final: James, 1; Le Mercier, 2. Second Semi-final: Davenport, 1; Gerloff, 2. Final: Davenport, 1; James, 2; Le Mercier, 3; time, 21 2-5sec.
- Under 13: 100 Yards.*—First heat: Gerloff, 1; Humphries, 2; Dakin, 3. Second heat: Fethers, 1; Atkinson, 2; Pearse, 3. Third heat: Gray, 1; Lee Steere, 2; Rowe, 3. Final: Gerloff, 1; Ambrose, 2; Fethers, 3; time, 13 3-5sec.
- Under 12: 75 Yards.*—First heat: Gordon, 1; Moore, 2; Mallabone, 3. Second heat: Bateman, 1; Southee, 2; Cuthbertson, 3. Final: Bateman, 1; Gordon, 2; Southee, 3; time, 10 4-5sec.
- Under 11.—75 Yards.*—Bateman, 1; P. Oliver, 2; Royle, 3; time, 10 3-5sec.
- Under 10: 75 Yards.*—First heat: P. Oliver, 1; Baker, 2; Rae, 3. Second heat: Beaton, 1; Ewing, 2; Cumpston, 3. Final: P. Oliver, 1; Baker, 2; Beaton, 3; time, 10 4-5sec.
- Inter-House Relay, 880 Yards.*—Faulkner, 1; School, 2; Hale, 3; time, 1min. 40sec. (record).

HANDICAPS.

- Opens 100 Yards.*—First heat: Thomas, 1; Pearse, 2; Mills, 3. Second heat: Willis, 1; Withnell, 2; Harris, 3. Final: Thomas, 1; Pearse, 2; Harris, 3. 440 Yards.—Mills, 1; Draper, 2; Williams, 3. 880 Yards.—Maitland and Harris, 1; Mills, 2. Mile.—Campbell-Wilson, 1; Thompson, 2; Harris and Maitland (tie), 3.
- Under 16: 220 Yards.*—Rose, 1; MacKay, 2; Eyres and Hyem (tie), 3. 440 Yards.—Clifton, 1; Rose, 2; Ellis, 3. 880 Yards.—Hyem, 1; Nelson, 2; Clifton, 3.
- Under 15: 330 Yards.*—Elliott, 1; Dannett and Cuthbertson, 2.
- Under 14: 220 Yards.*—First heat: Atkinson, 1; Gordon, 2; McDaniell, 3. Second heat: Moore, 1; Tanner, 2; Mallabone, 3. Final: Atkinson, 1; Moore, 2; Davenport, 3. Mile.—Gray, 1; Rowe, 2; McDaniell, 3.
- Under 13: 440 Yards.*—Gordon, 1; Gray, 2; Rowe, 3.
- Under 12: 120 Yards.*—First heat: P. Oliver, 1; White, 2; Gordon, 3. Second heat: Cuthbertson, 1; Moore, 2; Wilson, 3. Final: Oliver, 1; Cuthbertson, 2; White, 3.
- Under 10: 75 Yards.*—Baker, 1; Beaton, 2; Rae, 3.

OLD BOYS.

- 100 Yards.—Hantke, 1; Driver, 2; Wilson, 3.

NOVELTY EVENTS.

- Sack Race.—Oliver, 1; Robertson, 2. Siamese.—Moore and Dakin, 1; Gerloff and Fethers, 2.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM—CHAMPIONS, 1928



Top Row: D. Hyem, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hantke, J. Ambrose.

Standing: K. Marris, D. McKay, E. Pearse, J. Maitland, G. A. Leyland, D. Russell,
C. Cowden, S. Campbell.

Sitting: Mr. Ryan, C. Prater, J. Thompson, E. Campbell-Wilson, S. Duncan, G. Gwynne,
R. Taylor-Thomas, Mr. Clarke.

Front Row: Gordon, F. Davenport, J. Le Mercier, D. Gerloff, L. Gray, L. Bateman.

AN APPRECIATION

At our annual sports meeting this year some of the parents of the boys of the School very kindly offered to take charge of the afternoon tea. In former years this has been catered for and has consumed a very fair sum that could otherwise have been expended on prizes. Naturally, therefore, there was some glee among the boys when they found their prize money increased by something between ten and fifteen pounds. So successful was the arrangement this year that we hope in future years to find others equally willing to assist us. To Mrs. Campbell-Wilson and Mrs. James Thompson, who took charge of everything, we are especially grateful; and no less so to Miss Rose, Mrs. Dakin, Mrs. Basil Murray, Mrs. L. H. Gwynne, and the others who assisted. Still more pleasing was it to hear them express their delight at being able to assist.

We desire to express our very grateful thanks to the following for donations to our sports prize fund:—

The Headmaster, The Masters, The Old Boys' Association, The Rugby Union of W.A., Drs. A. J. Saw, J. Campbell-Wilson, J. Thompson, D. P. Clement, H. J. Gray, A. Webster, Sir Walter James, Mr. Justice Draper, Messrs. E. E. Lee Steere, J. W. Marris, E. N. Hall, J. B. Ver-yard, E. Levinson, J. A. Dimmitt, G. Nathan, W. Duce, C. W. Ferguson, T. Eyres, A. E. Sharland, J. Campbell, M. J. Gerloff, U. C. Russell, A. H. Priestly, H. Nickoll, J. A. Beaton, C. A. Saw, L. L. Bateman, R. W. A. Warren, A. H. Abbot, T. S. McGill, H. W. A. Tanner, A. Duncan, J. W. MacKay, N. White, W. J. Joint, J. W. A. Rae F. G. Moore, R. C. Prater, A. Merritt, M. Southee, J. Ellis, H. C. Little, H. C. F. Keall, H. Parry, T. Hantke, Jr., E. M. Deane, E. J. Wallis, Mesdames D. Rutherford, Basil Murray, Miss D. Clark.

SHOOTING

The Shooting Team this year has been subjected to many inconveniences, both in the matter of coaching and ammunition supplies. Had it not been for the interest of two of the boys from last year's team, Tanner and Williams, the sport would have had an inglorious end. Mr. Barton, last year's coach, left soon after the shoot in 1927, and as no master was available to organise regular practice, the work was taken up generally by the boys.

Practice was commenced on the miniature range at the Swan Barracks soon after the commencement of first term, and was continued throughout with as few breaks as possible. We extend our thanks to Mr. Richardson and other officers for their help during this period. In all, about 40 boys were tried out on this range. By the end of this term the number had been reduced to 20.

On June 16th, the second Saturday in second term, practice was commenced on the open range at Swanbourne. The first few shoots were not productive of any outstanding scores. Although the weather was moderately good, the usual gun-shyness of those using the .303 rifle for the first time had its effect upon the scoring. A few weeks later we were unfortunate enough to encounter several stormy days, which did not permit of using the 500 yards range, as the targets would not stand against the wind. By the end of the term the number of aspirants of the team had been reduced to twelve, and so commenced the final lap during the third term.

The actual shoot was held on October 20th, under good weather conditions. The School won the draw, and chose the target on which we had had most practice. On the 200 yards range the scoring was very close, and left the probable outcome very doubtful.

The final positions were:—

High Shool	395
C.E.G.S.	365
Scotch College	339
Christian Brothers' College	—

The individual scores were as follows:—

Williams	49
Veryard	45
McLennan	46
Harris	52
Woolley	50
Stone, A.	51
Stone, K.	55
Dyer	46

K. Stone was champion shot for High School, with a score of 55, and is to be congratulated on his success.



HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING TEAM—CHAMPIONS, 1928



Back Row: A. McLennan, Woolley, G. Harris, H. Tamer
Front Row: C. Dyer, J. Veryard, B. Williams (Captain), M. Stone.

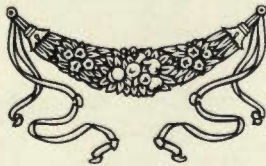
MATTHEW WILSON: AN APPRECIATION

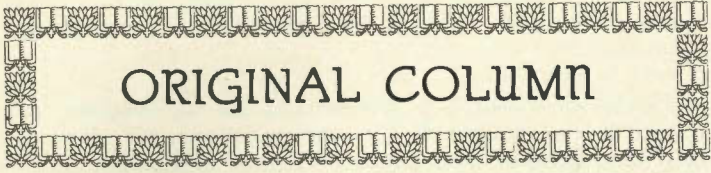
In the early days of a man's retirement from any public service it is difficult to appreciate at their proper worth his services to the cause he has served. The sense of perspective is not present, and his faults and virtues are seen altogether in their wrong proportion. It is, therefore, not the intention of the writer to attempt anything of the kind in regard to Matthew Wilson, the retiring Headmaster of the High School, Perth. Suffice it to say that the fluxion of time will, in his opinion, amply demonstrate the value of the work carried out by him. Rather is it the writer's intention to record a sober appreciation of the qualities of the man who has, for the past fourteen years, guided the destiny of W.A.'s oldest school. Sober, and on that account more convincing, and carrying the ring of sincerity, because uncamouflaged by verbal extravagance. To one who has worked with him of later years, and who was under him in the early days of his Headmastership, it is a joy to recall the kindly sympathy, the friendly gesture, the infectious laugh, which, at all times, marked one's intercourse with him. It is a fact that in many respects he had the mind of a boy: his love of mirth, of open air pursuits, his appreciation of a boy's feelings, and his constant endeavour not to offend these, all go to lend support to the statement. And yet this "boyishness," if the writer may be allowed to use the term, was backed up by a knowledge of the world which has made his advice invaluable to those who have accepted it. He was, and is, essentially a man's man, and a boy's man, pretending to no heroic virtues—a man, in fact, possessing all those characteristics which we would like our own sons to acquire. His influence for good with boys cannot fail to be lasting. Nor would it be right to omit mention of his scholarship, which, while never ostentatiously displayed, was, nevertheless, of a high order, such as must inevitably influence those who came under his control. As a teacher of classics he would be hard to excel.

His rare addresses in the Big Hall (all too rare, in the writer's opinion; but, perhaps, thereby more effective) were always brief and to the point, uttered with a quiet dignity and with just the necessary touch of humour which the occasion demanded. The effect on the listening boys was always most evident, and it is difficult to imagine that his words on these occasions will not reap a rich reward in the future. He was, perhaps, at his best on the sports field, where his love of honesty and clean sport were always

in evidence. His words on the occasion of victory or defeat in inter-school competition, always appeared to the writer to strike exactly the right note. Modesty in victory, manliness in defeat, and respect for one's opponents were the keynote of these short talks.

So we of the old School owe much to him—a debt never fully repaid, but always in course of repayment, let us hope, in handsome instalments, by those very virtues he so constantly instilled into us. By our conduct in life will his measure of success be estimated. Let us see that this measure is full to the brim and overflowing with the goodly vintage of lives given in the service of our country.





ORIGINAL COLUMN

HOLDEN'S MOTOR BODY WORKS

Holden's motor body factory is situated about half-way between Adelaide and Port Adelaide. It is the largest works of its kind in Australia.

The visitor is first shown into a large room, with great ovens in it. As he watches he sees several staves of wood taken out from the large quantities which are in the ovens. These staves are placed across a flat, or slightly rounded, sheet of steel; steel clamps are fastened round the end of the sticks, and they are dragged slowly down by means of winches until they are shaped like a broad, inverted letter U. They are then clamped into position by steel bars, removed from the steel table, and laid aside for nearly a fortnight to set. These staves form ribs for the bodies of the cars.

The next room is the carpentering shed. On every hand huge band and circular saws are whirring ceaselessly, cutting the wood which will be required for the frame work of the cars, into the required shapes. One is at first astonished by the apparent absence of sawdust from the shed, until one notices the great vacuum tubes which suck the waste from every bench, whence they carry it to the incinerator. The factory runs its own electric light plant by using the waste of the carpentry shed for fuel.

Many wonderful machines are to be seen on either hand. For example, one machine drills a hole in the wood, drops a screw down, and then screws it in.

Passing quickly through the electric power room, we come to a large shed where there is a great deal of banging and hammering. Gigantic overhead cranes slip alongside inside the roof, carrying, as easily as feathers, great masses of steel. We stop beside a machine and note what is happening. The operator slides a flat sheet of metal under a great lump of steel; he presses a lever; the lump of steel

descends, rises, and—behold! the sheet of metal has become a mudguard!

One's admiration for the wonder of the machine is dimmed by the thought of the crushing monotony of such work, day in, day out, pushing endless sheets of metal into the tireless machine, and pulling out endless mudguards. One realises that the nightmare monotony of the novel "Metropolis," is not so unreal, after all.

Several similar machines are working elsewhere—some stamping out panels; some bonnets; and others doors. Machines rivet the various parts together and they are then ready to be sent to the assembling shed.

We next go to the electroplating room, where, in great baths, hundreds of ornamental parts are given a coat of electroplate.

The next shed we visit is the one where the insides of the seats are made. Many girls are engaged in attending machines which turn out springs, spring fasteners, and all the parts which go to make a comfortable spring seat. Others who are engaged in putting these parts together work with great rapidity, long practice having made them able to perform intricate tasks with a speed which almost defies the eye.

The last, and probably the most interesting room, is the place where the bodies are assembled. Trolleys are pulled along the floor, by means of a toothed cable, at the rate of only a few feet per minute. At one end of the shed the ribs and the wooden parts are bolted into their respective places; and by the time this has been done the trolley has moved on to where the next group of men wait to fasten the stamped metal sides on. The trolley continues to move on until the body is complete. It is then taken off the cable and run into a semi-dome-shaped shelter of steel, where a man with a terrifying mask sprays it thoroughly with a brown substance from an instrument remarkably resembling an automatic pistol, with a tube attached. The body is then run on its trolley to another slow cable, which drags it through a very hot atmosphere in a drying shed.

The next process is that of laying on the duco. Several tubular-shaped steel shelters are stretched in a line across the shed, with red, green, blue, etc., painted on them.

Trolley cables pass into each one, carrying the bodies. Men with masks and duco pistols spray the duco on. This substance dries very quickly and then men with rags come and polish the dull surface until it shines like a mirror. The fancy parts are then painted on and left to dry.

The bodies, with their trolleys, are then put on to other cables, which drag them along to the upholsterers, who cover and pad the backs of the seat, etc. At the end of these cables are railway trucks, carrying huge wooden cases, under a crane. The bodies are lifted by the crane, packed two in a case, like a pair of shoes, and are then despatched to the port, where they are shipped to every part of the Commonwealth.

—G. A. LEYLAND

ON INTER'S DAY

I saw the old man in the crowd,
'Twas on last Inters day,
All tattered, weary, battered and bowed
He stood in that vast array.
But gaily dressed with ribbons fluttering,
Youth passed in careless glee;
And that old, old man, he started muttering,
In an undertone to me.

“ Though perchance you fail to know me,
Without my sickle and glass,
And though everybody eyes me
Scornfully as they pass,
To tell you the truth, I'm Father Time,
And for three and twenty years,
I've heard the warning bell gaily chime,
Through the medley of shouts and cheers.

“ And some of those who took their places
To wait for the pistol crack,
Now sit in the stand with eager faces,
And eyes still glued to the track.
They may grow old, feel stiff and weary,
As the long years pass away,
But are sure to forsake their office dreary,
On every Inters Day.”

Then all of a sudden the old man vanished,
 He just seemed to fade away,
 And all the further thoughts of him were banished
 Till near the end of the day.
 When as the brilliant sun was sinking
 Like a fiery ball of red;
 I found myself again a-thinking
 Of what the old man had said.

Perhaps his words were very true,
 And everything he told;
 But why think of that time when you
 Are grey, and bent, and old?
 So if 'twas old Time with all his power,
 I did not heed what he said,
 One should always live in the present hour,
 And not in the days ahead.

—Towser.

THE LATECOMER: OR THE AGONIES OF CONSCIENCE

It was with growing concern that the School Authorities noticed that the number of pupils, who make it a practice to arrive at school after 9 a.m. was growing substantially. Despite severe punishments, this lack of punctuality was increasing to an enormous extent. Although for a short time it seemed that we should again become noted for our punctuality, when the prefects hit on the plan of insisting on a remarkably good hand-writing for the lines, so that veteran late-comers were unable to do their lines in bed in the mornings before rising at 9.15, this improvement was only temporary.

At last, when on the point of distraction, the authorities were forced to beg the CYGNET to take the matter up, and to discover the cause of this constant late coming. After much consideration, the Editor decided to put the case into the hands of a representative of his powerful paper. This representative decided that the wisest course would be to join the happy throng of late-comers, and by gaining their confidence, to get to the root of the matter.

On Monday, September —¹⁷th, he arrived at the gate at 9.15. No one was in sight. He had decided to await developments, when he saw the first prefect arriving. Habit

got the better of him, and he stepped in the gate and told his master that he had already seen a prefect. On the next morning he arrived at a quarter to ten; several boys were standing round waiting for something, and soon their numbers were considerably increased. At 10 a.m. a boy was seen to turn the corner from Hay Street into Have-lock Street. Immediately there was a hush of expectation, and the boys clustered around the gate. The new arrival was one well known to our representative. A prefect of medium height, broad and strongly built, with about three days' growth on his chin. As he neared the gate the excitement of the onlookers grew intense, and our representative felt that he had not waited in vain. The cause of the excitement walked through the gate and turned to the right, ascending the steps to the spot where the prefects await their prey. From his pocket he produced a note book and a dirty piece of foolscap. He read something from the note book and then turned to the piece of paper. Carefully he counted the number of lines written thereon, and having satisfied himself that the correct number had been done, he tore the paper up. He made an entry in his note book. Over his shoulder our representative saw what was written in the note book.—Williams, B., 50 lines.

Williams, B., having satisfied the clamourings of his conscience, turned to mete out punishment to other late comers.

THE LIAR

(By *Candide*)

Stop and think a while, gentle reader before you condemn me for incriminating statements about my poor despised self. My isdemeanours are known to many, while my reputation seems to have been broadcast to the four winds.

I am a confirmed liar. No! not a petty story teller who wishes to escape the punishment of some trivial escapade by a week-as-water falsehood, but a callous, premeditating liar, condemned by man and scorned by one-time friends. One of my innumerable untruths came to the ears of a none-too-scrupulous scandal monger. She—note the “she”—at once told all her well-meaning kindred lovers of gossip, and so, in a short time I was branded as absolutely untrustworthy by all the potential and self-imagined George

Washingtons of the district. I would have reformed, but, not wishing to disappoint my accusers, I lived up to my reputation even to the extent of declaring the steak delicious when it seemed to have come from the most weather-beaten flank of a decrepit ox that had died of senile decay.

My plight is by no means enviable. At my approach the extremely juvenile fraternity of the village stop their play and stare at me, while a few of the bolder spirits manage to whisper, "Any 'ow, I aint a liar like 'im," or some such highly disdainful remark. Men and women will not design to recognise me; youths are openly defiant, while more than once I have been the subject of a tirade of abuse by some inebriated citizen. This is not all. My crimes have been augmented out of all reason, for I have heard myself described as robber, forger, murderer, or even as being wanted by the police.

My one refuge seems to death. But I do not think I will consign myself to Charon yet awhile. For some evilly intentioned enemy would only say I had cheated the gallows. And so I am forced to stay here, shunned by the world. Flight would savour of ignominious defeat, as would reformation or attempted repentance for my former sins.

So, dear reader, should you some day happen to find out what a dangerous criminal is in your midst, do not shun him as you would a leper, but have pity on him, remembering that his first colossal sin was this: "he defended the village baker by saying that gentleman put two currants in each bun, whereas everyone knew it was two buns to one currant."

MURDERED MASTER

TERRIBLE REVELATIONS IN THE PASTY INDUSTRY

What do you eat in your lunch-hour pasty? Mere dog or horse? you suppose. But can you be sure? A terrible crime has been exposed, which throws a new light on the source of these delicacies.

At a certain school (we mention no names) it was discovered that a certain master was missing. Some suggested that he had accepted a lift in a Baby Austin, which had been wrecked in a collision with a perambulator. Enquiries at the police station proved this theory false.

After a week of suspense the Leaving French Class decided to offer a reward to anyone proving the master to be satisfactorily dead. Sub-Leaving French would also have contributed to this worthy object had it not had a hole in its pocket. The result was instantaneous. That day a certain boarder staggered into the police station, and told the following harrowing story:—

He had purchased a pasty at the tuck shop the previous day, and on eating it noticed a curious flavour of chalk, mingled with iodine and disinfectants. Eating further, he discovered a human finger. He realised that he was in the presence of his late master, and removed his hat and sand-shoes as a token of respect. Putting this grisly evidence in his pocket, he set out for the police station; but before his wasted limbs had carried him far, his hunger proved stronger than his sense of duty, and he ravenously devoured the finger. Frightened at having destroyed the evidence, he returned to school. When the reward notice appeared, however, he decided that he might gain the reward, lay in supplies, and save many valuable lives at the boarding house.

A number of police were sent out, and the tuck shop proprietor was arrested. On being cross-examined, the following story came out:—

He had prepared a poisoned "Old Gold" chocolate, for the deceased spent money liberally on this sweet. He then waited for his arrival at recess. Handing him the poisoned tablet, he engaged him in conversation by discussing the derivation of "pie." Little did the victim think that he would be the derivation of a pie. By the time coastal Fiji was reached, the poison had done its work. He fell lifeless on the floor. The corpse was quickly robbed and disposed of by passing it through a mincer, and making it into pies and pasties.

These disclosures make us wonder whether we unconsciously inherit the traits of our cannibal forefathers. What has happened in the pasty industry many be happening in other branches of the meat trade. It is significant that Chicago, which has more murders than any other city, is a great meat canning centre. However, we make no allegations, but who can now doubt that pie is an incommensurable quantity?

—Anon

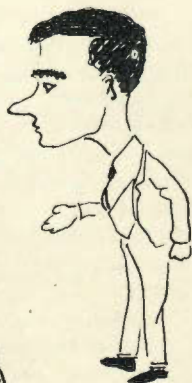
THE ARGUIERS

SOME OF

THE
DEBATERS



"SKOOGIE" JOYNT



"ANDY" OLNEY



D. KEALL



"BOBBY" LANCE



"SAWNOFF" THOMPSON



J. MACARTNEY

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WE PILLORY

Wilson for being delicate.
 Thomas for not dancing.
 Lance for loafing.
 Leyland for limping.
 Nathan for being a robust young savage.
 Stan for having unmentionable eccentricities.
 The Leaving English Class for free religious beliefs.
 Mr. Wells for falling off one of his towers..
 Le Soeuf for asking questions.
 Olney for wearing "jiggers."

THEY SAY—

That Draper is in the "pink."
 That Shag is an agnostic—we hope it didn't trouble him during the exams.
 That Geoff. not only attempts the impossible, but does it.
 That Billie has a large keel.
 That Darlington is a good training ground.
 That "Possum" has laid an egg.
 With some truth, that the CYGNET staff are overworked.
 That Bate's Salve has no rival.
 That Thompson's relations inhabit the Lab.
 That it is impossible to pass Leaving History in one year.

"The Cygnet" Interviews Important Personages:

MR. WELLS

It is impossible to be with Mr. Wells for any length of time without realising that he is a punster of no common ability. When questioned, he confessed that his name was a common one, and added that it sometimes gave him a sinking feeling.

Our representative murmured something about the lowest form of wit, and was immediately taken up by the drill instructor, who insisted that cynicism stands lower on the list than punning. He illustrated his point admirably, and at last raising his hand above his head, "Am I right," he questioned. Our representative assented. "Then that is all *au fait*" he said. Then realising that he might be mistaken in the use of *au fait*, he asked its true meaning.

"Au Fait is a horse" answered the reporter, growing witty, and at the same time concealing his ignorance. Mr. Wells, with great courtesy, immediately raised his hat in token of his appreciation of the joke.

When asked if he ever found it necessary to indulge in bad language, Mr. Wells answered in the negative. But on being reminded that on a certain display night he had been heard to murmur a certain word, he replied, "Ah yes, but there are plenty of dams in Australia." "Well," thought our representative, "there are plenty of wells in Australia, too."

Before another question could be asked, a small boy entered, seeking to be excused from drill on account of a poisoned hand. He was readily granted this, and was about to depart, when Mr. Wells asked him how he was treating the wound. "I am painting it with iodine," came the ready response. The drill instructor's mouth worked; one could see that he felt the matter deeply. "Perhaps Bates' Salve would be more effective," the reporter tactfully murmured. "Many a life has been lost for the want of Bates' Salve and linseed meal poultice," said Mr. Wells. "Change it every thirty seconds if necessary."

Our representative soon came to the conclusion that Mr. Wells has a deep attachment to the "Good Book," for he is very fond of quoting from it. You all have heard him quote his favourite verse:—

"Chest before chin;
Finger tips touching sides;
Thumbs on or behind seam of trousers;
Head erect."

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—

As some dissatisfaction has been expressed with the present mode of head dress for the summer months, we put forward a few suggestions. The straw decker is, of course, deleted owing to its adoption by a rival school—we lead, others follow.

The sun helmet has been suggested as a suitable covering. Of course, local colour could be provided by planting elephant grass in the front lawn, and by having the caretaker wear a tiger skin during special days.

The Mexican sombrero is favoured by some. A 'dobe wall would, of course, have to be provided for the wearers to lean against.

The French beret, we fear, will not become very popular, owing to the painful fact that it does not look really effective without a pair of sideboards and a toothbrush moustache.

The topper, owing to the certainty of practical jokers exercising their talent on it, will not, we feel, find favour with many, while a suggestion that traffic policemen's hats be used for crossing the road during the eleven o'clock rush we discard as frivolous.

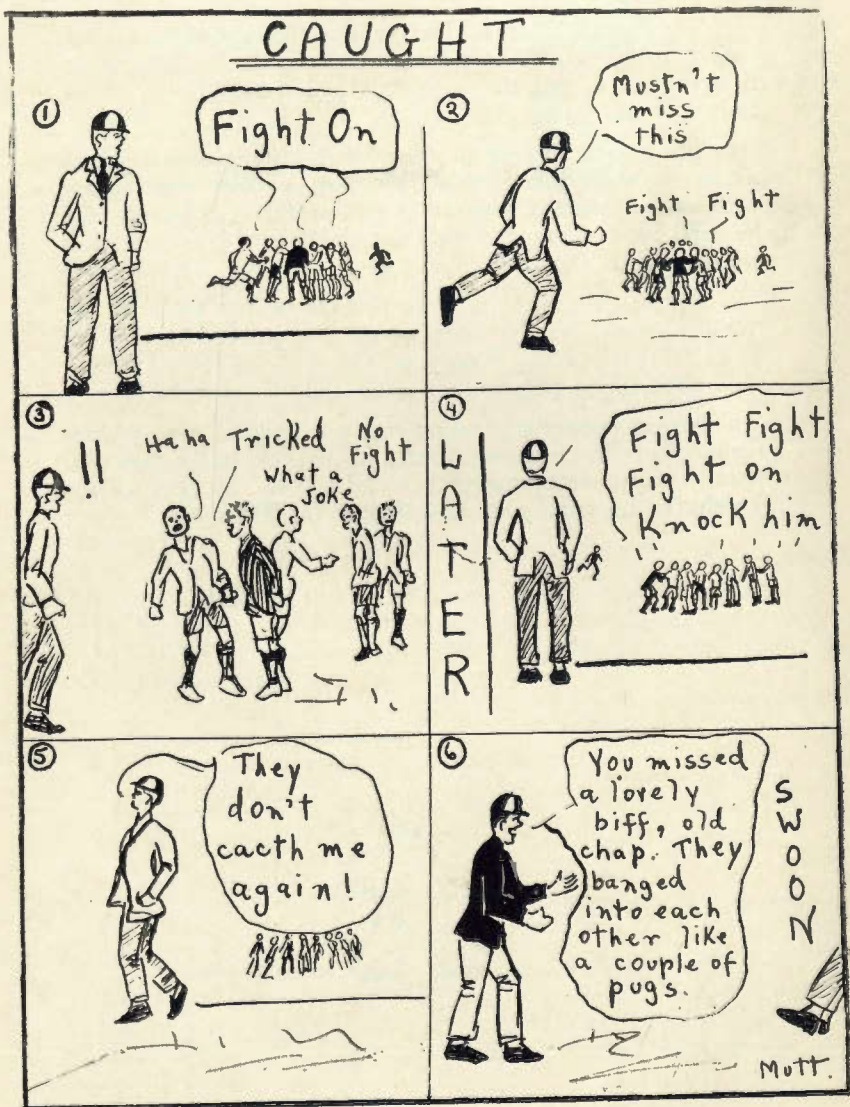
Perhaps the most suitable head-dress for some of our number would be the burnous of the desert sheik. Our front "lawn" would supply all the local colour necessary, with little or no preparation.

An interesting suggestion received from a certain bitter member of the boarding house, is that we adopt the type usually worn, decorated with broad arrows, by persons enjoying the hospitality of His Majesty at Fremantle.

Yours etc.,

"POOPE."







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BUSINESS NOTICES

The Annual Subscription to the High School Old Boys' Association is 7s. 6d., or £1 1s. for three years, and dates from 1st January in each year in advance.

All members are entitled to admission to every entertainment of the Association and to each issue of the CYGNET, the journal of the School and Association, which is posted to financial members on the day of publication. It contains news and notes of Old Boys with School records.

Members are also entitled to wear the High School Old Boys' Association colours, badge and blazers.

There are over 600 boys on the roll and the number is steadily increasing.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held on Inter-School Sport's night, October 31st, 1928, at the Savoy Hotel; about seventy-five members being present.

Mr. C. H. Guy, President of the Association, was in the chair, and two of the three Vice-Presidents, namely Mr. J. Marychurch Jenkins and Mr. H. P. Stone were present (Rev. C. L. Riley, the other Vice-President, being absent in Melbourne at the time).

After the Royal Toast had been proposed by the President, and duly honoured, Sir Edward Witenoom, supported by Mr. J. H. Walker, proposed the toast of "The School," coupled with that of "The Headmaster." After referring to the Inter-School Sports, in which the School had carried the day after a very close contest, due to a great extent to the hard work and enthusiasm of the following gentlemen, Messrs. E. P. Clarke, J. Ryan, and D. Williams, the speakers regretted that the Headmaster was unable to be present, and referred to the wonderful work he had done for the School during his term as Headmaster. The toast was responded to by Mr. J. B. Newbery.

The toast of "The Board of Governors," which was proposed by Mr. J. R. Campbell, and replied to by Frank Wittenoom, was followed by the Toasts of Mr. J. Marychurch Jenkins and the President.

Mr. T. A. L. Davy, who arrived at this juncture, after apologising for having been detained at the House, proposed the toast of "The Retiring Headmaster and The New Headmaster." He expressed the sentiments of those present in saying how sorry he was that the retiring Head could not be present, and referred to those qualities for which he was held in such affection by the Old Boys. Mr. Davy also hoped that the Old Boys would give the new Head, Mr. R. P. Le Couteur, every help and encouragement. He also referred to the War Memorial Debt, and stressed how important it was that this debt of honour should be wiped off.

Mr. J. Roydhouse a former popular Sports' Master of the School, paid a fine tribute to the old Head, and eulogised the qualities which had endeared him so much to all his Old Boys.

The Dinner was a decided success, and many old friendships were renewed. It was pleasing to see among the older Old Boys present, Sir Edward Wittenoom, and Messrs. Frank Wittenoom, H. Heeny, A. E. Cockram, O. A. Irvine, J. R. Campbell, N. Russell, J. L. Walker, W. L. Brine, J. R. Gibbs, T. A. L. Davy, and many others.

The Old Boys were happy to have with them two old masters in Mr. Marychurch Jenkins, and Mr. Jack Roydhouse, and two present ones in Mr. J. B. Newbery, and Mr. J. P. Polan.

Apologies were received from the following members :—
E. B. Arney, Dr. Battye, General Bessell-Browne, John Forrest, M. J. Gerloff, Sir Walter James, Gordon James, H. D. Mosely, Frank Malloch, Gerald Pretty, Dr. A. J. H. Saw, C. A. Saw, C. R. B. Saw.

After 25 years on the Board of Governors, for part of which he was Chairman, Dr. J. S. Battye has felt bound to resign, and the Board of Governors has accepted his resignation with thanks for all he has done for the School.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

Harry Guy, our President, has been made Secretary of the W.A.C.C. Heartiest congratulations to him. No one has been a more faithful supporter of cricket in W.A. than Harry, and he will fill the post well.

Eric Riley is Chairman of the Moora Road Board, and has recently been appointed a J.P. for the Swan Magisterial District.

Dr. Jim Ainslee has begun practice in St. George's Terrace. Dr. A. O. Watkins has just returned from London, where he was for six months Senior House Surgeon in the Royal Waterloo Hospital. He had seen Tom Seed lately, since when Tom has gained his F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. Tom was Assistant Medical Officer at Australia House.

"Buz" (W.A.) Farmer has just returned from England, and we would like to get some account of his wanderings.

C. L. Riley was recently appointed Rural Dean of Perth.

At a cricket match played in Port Hedland, on the 2nd September, Robert and Arthur Draper, Frank Leeds and Archie Hardie all performed well.

Vern Sewell was noticed down in town for the Royal Show.

Ken. Van Raalte is now teaching at Christchurch School, Claremont.

Congratulations to Roy Saw on annexing the Victory Gold Cup.

George Maitland has left Pinjarra, and is now practising in Leederville.

Ted Hantke has relinquished wool and stock, and has joined his father at fire adjusting.

Shelley Garner and Don. Plaistowe are both in England touring. They have been on the Continent, and Shelley Garner has also been through U.S.A.

Bill Mosey went to England in November to further his engineering knowledge.

Congratulations on passing the last half final of Law to George Gwynne. On getting their first half final, to E. E. Burgess, N. de B. Cullen, B. E. G. Simpson, and to Robert Ainslie, and J. Shillington on passing their Law Intermediate.

Vic. Felstead has been in town for a while, but has now returned to the bush.

N. Cobley represented Albany in the National Rifle Competition in September.

The sympathy of Old Boys is extended to N. de B. Cullen on the death of his father, and to John Holland, on the loss of his mother.

K. F. Lorman, formerly with the Perth Branch of the Bank of Australasia, is now stationed with the Bank, at Beverley.

H. F. Wilkinson is at present in Singapore.

J. Murray, in a letter to the Hon. Secretary, congratulated the School on winning the Alcock Shield.

Brian Ryan has been transferred to the Wyalkatchem Branch of the Bank of N.S.W.

Billy Moore, chemist to the Adelaide Cement Works, is the proud father of a son.

H. D. Mosely has been appointed a Magistrate for Perth.

S. H. Williams, who was on Wangarrie Station, Mount Magnet, has now gone to Murrum Station, Yalgoo.

A. C. Rose, of the Commonwealth Bank, who was stationed in Adelaide for some time, has now been transferred to the West.

Mark Purser is still continuing his studies in London.

Evan Saw, who was travelling through to Geraldton recently, ran across Alf. Curlewis, Bin Lefroy, C. Sara, and many others. All asked after the School, and were very pleased at the School's success in the Inter-School Sports.

L. G. Hancock has begun station life on Mulga Downs, Roebourne.

Conrad Chase is at present residing at St. Kilda, Melbourne. The Association was very pleased to hear from him some little time ago.

Phil. Henriques, who was over here on a holiday recently, has left again for Sydney.

H. Spaven is now farming at Nalkain.

"Punch" James, having recently married, was accordingly unable to get down from Merredin for the Dinner.

Several members are desirous of forming an Old Boys' Athletic Club. Will any member who is interested kindly communicate with T. F. Hantke, National Bank Chambers, Perth.

The Hon. Secretary received a letter from the Headmaster, just before his departure, thanking the Old Boys, on behalf of his wife and himself for the flowers, address, and also for the cheque which had been presented to them. The Head asked the Hon. Secretary to convey to all Old Boys his best wishes for Xmas and their future prosperity.



Do you recognise any of these?

MR. WILSON AND THE OLD BOYS

On Friday, November 23rd, some 30 Old Boys met quite informally at 5 p.m. at the Palace Hotel to bid farewell to Mr. Wilson. Various other Old Boys apologised for their inability to attend, including Dr. Saw, Sir Edward Wittenoom and Mr. Frank Wittenoom.

C. H. Guy, the President, was in the chair, and presented Mr. Wilson with an illuminated address, the text of which is printed below, and a cheque from Old Boys, as a mark of their appreciation of what his unfailing help, and that of Mrs. Wilson, had meant to the Association.

Mr. Wilson's speech in reply was much appreciated by those present, and they realised how much his friendship had meant to them when they said goodbye to him at the close of the gathering.

The address was in the form of a letter, and was signed by the President and other officers, and all present.

PERTH, November, 1928.

TO MATTHEW WILSON, ESQ., B.A.

Dear Mr. Wilson,—

On your resigning from the Headmastership of the High School, and on the eve of your departure from Perth, the Old Boys' Association desires to express to you the appreciation of the Old Boys of the School for all that you have done for Old Boys ever since you came to Perth. The members of the Association realise to the full all that your continued interest and encouragement have meant through all the years you have been here, and they can never thank you sufficiently for all the advice and very real friendship that you have given to them, individually and collectively.

To you and Mrs. Wilson they wish to express also their gratitude for all the hospitality you have shown to members, and for all your many acts of kindness, and they wish you to realise that you take away with you their sincerest goodwill and best wishes for your future welfare.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. C. Leonard Clifton, for many years Manager of the Western Australian Bank, at Fremantle, died at his home at Armadale, on Thursday, November 8th, at the age of 74.

The late Mr. Clifton was born at Bunbury, in 1854. He was educated at Guildford under the late Major Gardiner,



A Hot Job! Dam Sinking on Mr. Mussarede's Farm

and later at Bishop Hale's School, Perth. Six years ago he retired from the service of the Western Australian Bank, the Fremantle Branch of which he opened, and subsequently managed for 44 years.

He took keen interest in musical activities in Perth and Fremantle, being the founder of the Fremantle Orchestral Society, and its conductor for many years. He was in command of the old Fremantle Rifle Volunteers, and also played cricket in the old Fremantle Eleven, and was a Justice of the Peace.

His interest in philately he maintained to the end.

For several years he was on the vestry of St. John's Church, Fremantle, and his younger days he was an active Freemason.

In 1879 he married a daughter of the late Mr. George Spencer Compton, of Fremantle.. He is survived by her and their grown up family; two sons, Mervyn and Gordon, also being Old High School Boys.

Another old Bishop Hale boy to pass out is Mr. Henry John Leeder, who died at Northam in his 82nd year. He had lived in that district for over 50 years, during most of which time he was actively connected with the Northam Race Club. It was said that up to the time of his death he had witnessed every Perth Cup race that had been run, and his interest in horses was well known.

The following lines were written by the American Poetress, Anna Hempstead Branch, at Christmas, 1927, in memory of the previous Christmas which Basil Riley had spent at Northover Camp, in the Batchung Hills of New Jersey, U.S.A. He had helped to cut the Yule Log, and had carved his name on it, and his present from the Xmas tree was a miniature globe.

The Man that Loved the Whole Round World

(To the Memory of Basil Riley.)

Our friend, it was a year ago,
Upon this wood we cut your name.
Now Christmas lights its fires once more,
And all your letters turn to flame.

It was a year ago we gave
The globe to you from off the bough,
Perhaps you hold it in your hands,
And think of us where you are now.

For whether you are East or West,
 Or whether in the world above—
 We know that you are here tonight,
 In tenderness and love.

There is no fear—there is no death—
 And no despair for such as you;
 We pray to-night for all the world,
 As you would have us do.

And if you come to us next year,
 As merry as when first you came;
 Still you shall find your letters here—
 And in the living wood your name.

We shall not ever let it pass,
 But write is every year anew;
 The pulse of every Yule-tide fire,
 In memory of you.

The man that loves the West, the East,
 Whose heart is deep, whose will is free,
 His name, cut in the wood of life,
 Shall blossom in the Heavenly tree.

The man who loves the East, the West,
 Whose heart is near, whose thought is far,
 Shall breathe through dawn and sunset sky,
 And shine as does the evening star.

The man that loves the whole round world,
 The towns, the trees, the sea, the land,
 Shall lift aloft a happy earth,
 And hallow it in his hand.

Dear friend, our love goes forth to-night
 Through star, through storm, through
 trackless air,
 And faith, with all its magic powers,
 Shall find a way to lead you here.

Dear friend, we think of you to-night,
 With love—with passion—and with faith;
 God bless your high immortal dream,
 And guard for us your mortal breath.

—Anna Hempsted Branch.

December 25, 1927.

Correspondence

LETTER FROM Mr. HENRY LEEDER

Northam,
Oct. 14th, 1928.

EVAN SAW, Esq.

Dear Sir:

The High School Dinner—I would like very much to attend; old age prevents me. I do like to be in my own home every night.

I would like to see the gathering of all the Old Boys, for this reason, I think I am the oldest Old Boy. When the School first opened we had fourteen boarders. The Rev. G. H. Sweeting, Headmaster, and Geo. Teede, Monitor. If I recollect right, the boarders consisted of the following boys:—William Forrest, James Forrest, John Forrest, Fred. Parker, Henry Parker, L. S. Eliot, T. E. Clifton, William Cornish, William Conway, William Morgan, Sam. Burgess, Reuben Doncon, William Leeder, and Henry Leeder.

Mrs. Sweeting passed away a few weeks back, and I am told she asked after me before she died. I will be 82 on the 14th of March next, and I think I am the oldest left that first went to Bishop Hale's School.

Yours very truly,

HENRY G. LEEDER.

Hawthorn,

16th October, 1928.

E. S. Saw, Esq., Hon. Secretary,
High School Old Boys' Association,
Perth, W.A.

Dear Sir:

I thank you heartily for your cordial letter of welcome from the High School Old Boys' Association. Realising as I do the importance to any school of its association of Old Boys, and remembering in particular the well-known interest and loyalty of the Old Boys of the High School, I am particularly grateful for your friendly gesture of welcome.

I wish to assure Old Boys that I shall identify myself as intimately as they will allow me with their Society and all its doings, and I look forward to happy days among them. I feel confident that our united endeavours will give the Old School a future worthy of its honourable past.

I am, Yours very sincerely,

P. R. LE COUTEUR.

WEDDINGS

Frank Leeds to Miss Cream.

Alfred Watkins to Miss Rose Henderson.

Jack Morrison to Miss Peggy Murray.

Charlie Foulkes-Taylor to Miss Rosemary Taylor.

Jim How to Miss Rosamund Hanks.

NEW ARRIVALS

June 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Tim) Langler, of West Perth, a daughter.

July 6.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lacy, of Gnaweeda Station, Meekatharra, a son.

July 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Theo Watkins, British North Borneo, a daughter.

July 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guy, Havelock Street, West Perth, a son.

December 3.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. P. Montgomery, Nanhob Street, Mt. Lawley, a son.

AN APOLOGY

Owing to the confessedly incomplete records kept last year, the Committee's Report was woefully inadequate. On page 58 of last CYGNET, the list of committee attendances at the five meetings held, should have included Gordon Clifton's name with attendances at two meetings and apologies for the other three. The Committee are sorry for the admission of such a keen Old Boy from the record, and wish to make these small amends for the error.

NOTES FROM MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Bowen Allen and Mort. Tymms, having passed their finals in Medicine, are both sitting for final Honours. It is expected that they will worthily uphold the standard set by J. Ainslie some years ago. To date both have done exceedingly well throughout their course, obtaining honours in each year, and there is little doubt that they will be amongst the first in the Honours list of 1928. Bowen Allen has interested himself in tennis and for some years has been one of the stars in the Ormond College team.

Bessel-Browne at present is grappling with the finals in Dentistry, but for all that can still tell a good yarn, just as he did in years gone by, to while away the Prac. Physics period.

Jack Grove is in Queen's College and is keeping his end up in the scholastic world. Jack's only worry this year was an attack of scarlet fever, which kept him off the hockey field for some months. However, he has now recovered and, I believe, is working hard for his finals in August, 1929.

Lex Watson is also doing Medicine, and will be sitting for finals next August.

Neville Joel is another of next year's finalists in Medicine. Yoc. has become a wily exponent in the game of pitch-and-toss, but he doesn't let it interfere with his work.

Ken. McGibbon is doing something in the City, but finds time to take a Commerce course up at the shop. His chief diversion seems to be falling off motor cycles, but I hear that he has given that up lately, owing to the unqualified success of his last effort, which left him minus the use of his arm for some weeks.

Bob Officer has now become a Double-Blue. Last year he obtained a Blue for Football, and this year one for Rowing. Although he was chosen to represent Melbourne against Adelaide in Football, an accident prevented his making the trip. Bob has just completed his third year in Medicine, obtaining Honours in both Anatomy and Physiology.

Derek McCay is doing well in his Arts course, having obtained First Class Honours and the Exhibition in Psycho-

logy, Logic and Ethics, in his first year. "Mac" is tipped as a good thing for the Advanced Logic Exhibition this year. His chief amusements are carrying an umbrella, contrary to all traditions, and discussions—friendly or otherwise—on all subjects, from Einstein's Theory to The Ultimate. None of us has quite discovered what Mac means by "The Ultimate," but we assure you that Mac knows. He is also secretary to the Philosophical Society.

Bunny Wilson and Arthur Merrett have also just completed their third year Medicine.

Passed out at Armadale Hospital, Armadale, near Perth, on the 24th Sept., 1928, Charles Frederick Gale, one time Chief Protector of Aborigines and Chief Inspector of Fisheries in West Australia. He was a brother of the late Walter A. Gale, clerk of the Federal Parliament. Since his retirement some years ago, Mr. Gale had lived at Gosnells.

W.A. UNIVERSITY NOTES

(By *Squirm*)

Perhaps this year has been a record for Old Boys at the University. In addition to the usual Science and Engineering representatives, there has been an enormous influx of familiar faces with the installation of the Law Faculty. Although these newcomers have not as yet entered fully into the University functions and social life, it is good to see them in the common room and find the School so well represented. Brian Simpson, Bob Ainslie, Jack Shillington, Frank Downing, Eric Burgess and J. Moore seem to have put in a good year, and to have had a fairly successful struggle with the examiners at its conclusion.

Frank Downing won deserved fame for his debating against the American team.

Hugh Guthrie is going in for Law, and is doing first year Arts subjects for the course.

Among the Engineers, Kemp Robertson has just completed his fourth year, and is a leading light in tennis club affairs and in the C.U. study circles. Johnny Corbett is still going strong, is a member of the shooting team, and has lately

developed an interest in the dramatic society. Henry Seeligion, though rather unfortunate in his engineering subjects, is deeply interested in such questions as "What is Truth?" and "Does Morality Depend on Religion?" Upon these subjects he will argue for hours.

Kirk Hearder (just as mad as ever), and Ron. Fitch have just completed their second year with a few supplementaries.

Mickey Driver and Billy Orr have just finished their first year, both having supplementaries in chemistry and mathematics. They are enthusiastic inmates of the University Hostel in the Terrace. Driver has been on the Sports Council, and took a prominent part in the football. Billy Orr has developed an interest in rowing, and is to be found at the sheds when not at the Hostel.

Drummond and Gurney are still the sole science representatives. Drummond has completed a successful second year with distinction in mathematics, and Gurney obtained two of his subjects with a supplementary in the third. Both are enthusiastic students of the flora and fauna of W.A., and may occasionally be seen poking round in the bush or on the sea shore in search of curiosities, both zoological and botanical. Gurney took part in the Dramatic Society's annual play in the Assembly Hall, and is an enthusiastic member of the committee.

Among the freshers this year we are pleased to find "Duck" Lyall, "Booter" Irwin, and "Choggy" Ammon, all doing a course in journalism. Lyall has also developed a keen interest in the Dramatic Society, and is rumoured to be writing a book.

Again it is our pleasant duty to congratulate the School on winning the finest "Inters" we have yet seen. We congratulate the whole team on a splendid effort, and, also, for their outstanding performances, Wilson and Thompson, whom we hope to see with us next year.

FOOTBALL

Old Boys v. School

An inauguration this year, which should in future be an annual affair, was a football match between the Old Boys' Association and the School.

The match took place at the School grounds between the two rounds of the Cup Match, and was regarded by all who participated as a most enjoyable game, even if the Old Boys did not show the same dash towards the finish as they exhibited at the commencement.

The Old Boys fielded the following team :—(1) Gwynne, (2) Draper, (3) Shillington, (4) Law, (5) G. Eyres, (6) Graham, (7) Ryan, (8) Cadd, (9) Veryard, (10) Roberts, (11) Robertson, (12) Moore, (13) McCrae, (14) Sanders, (15) Summers, (16) Breen, (17) B. E. G. Simpson, (18) W. W. G. Simpson.

An Old Boy, who has always followed fixtures of this nature with great interest, thought that possibly, if he were to drop in and see the match for a few minutes, he might derive a little entertainment. He did.

His comments were of interest :

"What sort of team have the Old Boys managed to rake together? Shouldn't be bad on paper, though I suppose they're out of condition—hullo; they've started! Who is that streaking along there? He can move! Why, it's Gordon Law! And surely that human windmill must be 'Fishy' Breen? Good boys—a goal! If they play like this they'll win. Well done, Robbie—you know, he plays a fair game: fast, too. Gee, what's this coming through, spreading destruction in all directions? By all that's clumsy, Tom Draper! Go easy, Tom; this isn't rugby! Pass it to Sandy. Good on you! Now across to George—he's missed it! Running about all over the place as usual, and never touching the ball.

"You know, that first quarter wasn't bad—quite fast, in fact—but they're all looking a bit weak on it. They can't possibly keep it up.

"Brian Simpson's hard to get past, isn't he? Good mark again, Brian! That chap is useful, too—who did you say?—Shillington? Oh, yes, I remember. Pity they lack combination—they might win, yet. No, it's no good; they're all done. Vern. Veryard is still plugging on, though. Nicely passed! Who is that man there—no, over there—just taking the ball—you must be blind—the one with the enlarged extremity? McCrae? Of course, I should have known!

"Well, we're still leading at half-time. I wonder if the backs can hold the School off? 'Pecky' Roberts will have to fly a bit more freely, and 'Boogie' Summers better ginger it up a bit!

"No, they can't do it! Cadd and Graham are the only ones pulling their weight now. That's better, tho'—you've got it, George—on to Tom Eyres, good! Now on to Robbie—that's the stuff—goal!! Not too bad. Time, is it? Well, taken all round it was a good game.

"They ought to have this match every year; I'll play

"What were the final scores? Oh, it doesn't matter: the School won, but not by a great deal!"

The match was most ably umpired by E. P. Clarke, of tennis fame, to whom the Association's thanks are due.

OLD BOYS' HOCKEY CLUB

During the past season neither of the two teams forming the above club was fortunate enough to secure a position in the final four.

Some fine performances were, however, given, and the general improvement throughout the teams inclines the Club to hope for greater success in the next season.

The Club offers its congratulations to Guildford for securing the Challenge Cup, and to Perth for winning the Hockey Cup.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

On 25th October last, the Old Boys' Association made an appeal to the Old Boys with reference to the Association's liability—namely, £1,170, being debt due upon war memorial building at the School. Replies have been received from 110 members to date, and £300 5s. (including £100—cheque from Mr. F. Wittenoom) has been received in cash. This amount has been paid over to the honorary secretary

of the War Memorial Fund; and £84 17s. 6d. has been promised. There remains a balance of approximately £800 to be raised.

All Old Boys who have not made a donation to the fund, or replied to the circular letter, are requested to do so immediately, and so save the Association any further expense.

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