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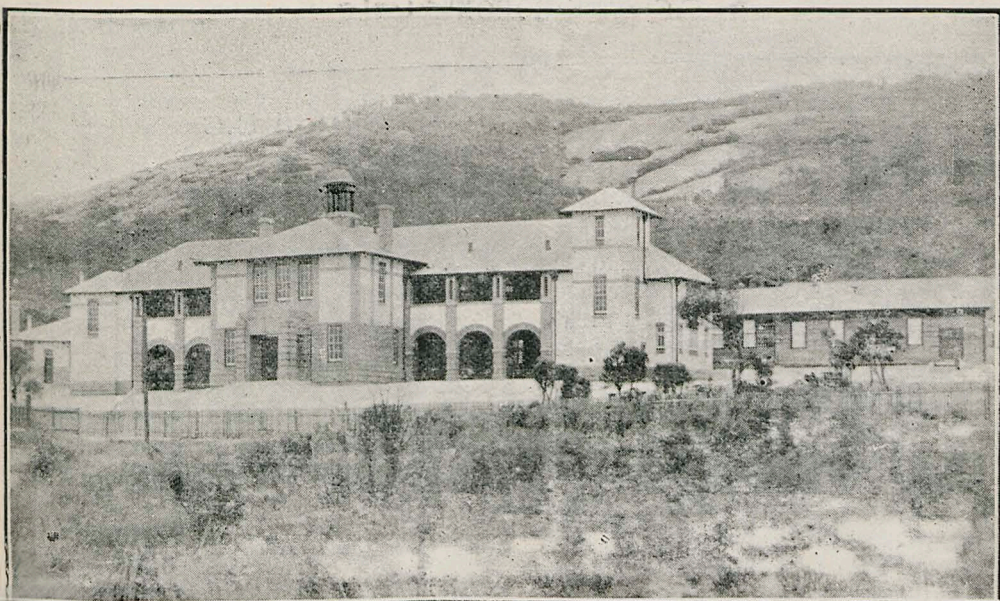
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EDITORIAL

"And we were sore afeared" when told that in the future the great responsibility of editing the "Mag." was ours. We are energetic, enthusiastic and competent, but we lack hope.

We have no possibility of living up to the standard set by our predecessors. They had ample time to do their good work in. We have three days in the middle of the Public Examination week. There is only one advantage in this lack of time—it offers an excuse for all shortcomings.

The term has been anything but dull, although it has been uneventful. We had three breaks from school work.

On Sports Day the school gathered on the "Rec." grounds, and the fun even compensated for the aches of the ensuing days. The school was granted an extra day's holiday this term, only for the Show, and permission one sport afternoon to attend the Great Southern Football and Hockey Carnival.

Our school is well represented in Junior and Leaving candidates. Wishing them the best of luck and the staff and students the happiest of Christmas holidays,

We are,

THE EDITORS.

AN APPEAL

Dear Editor,—

I hear you are again making another magazine. I implore you not to make any more, for only a short time ago a magazine blew up, and killed a great number of people. I dare not go past a bookseller's shop at the beginning of the month, and I always avoid the book stalls at railway stations.

Yours truly,

A FIRST FORMITE.

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ON DIT

That people swimming under water are not supposed to be able to see. Why therefore, should onlookers cry, "Mind the post."

That "Goo-goo, Nog-nog," is the latest form of addressing one's friends

That little girls should not go swimming alone.

That people who want their hair cut may make appointments with certain members of G room.

That several over-sized girls are anxious to reduce their weight.

That highly-coloured bows and belts are in fashion this season.

That "Amor Vincit Omnia" is the motto of several girls.

That Form II. Boys find it hard to suppress their feelings—Physic Lessons.

That room A is neither a circus nor a menagerie, and that affections should not affect maths

That when your favors at school fall low, just wear a larger bow.

That several members of II. Girls have decided to endeavour to acquire common-sense.

That Form II. Girls can give important advice on how to avoid tests.

OUR A B C

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A—for Aibanian, a sage, not a fool

B—for Boronia, the mag. of the school

C—for a candidate passing exams

D—for a dullard, who studies and crams

E—for efficient, a name we all earn

F—for the fool who never will learn

G—for the gardens and lawns neatly dressed

H—for the homework, by everyone blest

I—for the ignorance nothing can cure

J—for the joys which get fewer and fewer

K—for the kicks we endure from cruel fate

L—for the lecture we earn when we're late

M—for the mercy we never obtain

N—for our nerves, subjected to strain

O—the obedience the teachers demand

P—is for prefects, born to command

Q—for the quarry that no one must pass

R—for the rest we indulge in in class

S—for the school that stands on the hill

T—for the training our teachers instil

U—for the union twist factions in sport

V—for the victory the players all court

W—for wisdom, in which we're in quest

X—is for Xmas, the time when we rest

Y—is the youth which is found in us all

Z—is the zoo which we our school should call.

M II

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines: "Sphinx," "Swan," "The Golden Mile," "The Avon" and "The Kingia."

THE RESULT OF DISOBEDIENCE

We rejoiced to see the sun rise and mount into a cloudless sky, for that day we were going to visit the Frankland River Inlet. It was going to be fine and we knew we would enjoy ourselves.

As the party was too large for the launch, a small row-boat had to be towed along behind. It was this boat that was going to make the day eventful. There were five of us in it and as it was rather leaky one had to keep bailing out the water.

The trip up the river was not exciting, although we did throw apples about, and, as a result, were severely reprimanded and told to sit still if we wished to remain in the boat.

The event of the day was still to come — it happened while we were crossing the inlet. One of our party was noted for her lack of sense, and it was she who at length caused the calamity. We had been bidden to sit still for the boat was not safe.

When nearing the centre of the inlet, our attention was attracted by the approach of two porpoises, which threatened to capsize our boat. All our efforts to avoid such a collision were in vain for, in a few seconds, one of the creatures dived beneath the boat, we had received a sharp jar, and the frivolous child was lying in the bottom of the boat.

She immediately regained her feet, while we refused to give her a seat. We were behaving disobediently, and to make matters worse our frivolous companion was frantically going from one of the boat to the other.

"Sit down!" cried our chaperone, but without any effect. "Don't you see you are nearly capsizing that old boat?"

"Oh! Am I? They won't let me—"

Splash! The sentence remained unfinished. The frivolous person had

lost her footing and was floundering about in the water, clutching wildly at the side of the boat, which was leaning perilously over. We were sharply ordered to sit on the opposite side and thus we secured balance. The mischief-maker was still in the water, but she could swim a little and managed to keep up until she was pulled into the launch.

For the remainder of our trip across the inlet we sat still and behaved, while indignant Miss —, who really should have known better, was lectured on disobedience and its result. She was quite cheerful about it, but soon we saw the expression on her face change to one of horror. Away behind us was a hat, floating restlessly about on the water.

"I shall be nothing but a pepper pot of freckles after this; and a dance to-night, too," moaned Miss —.

We, unsympathetically, laughed and teased her, while our chaperone said, "Serve you right! You will do as you are told next time, I hope."

HORROR!

Of all the creatures on this earth

That make you blench and quail;

Of all the nightmare ghoulish fiends

That make you shrink and pale;

Of all the fearsome animals

With which the world is curst;

Of all the dreadful, dreadful things

Which do you think the worst?

You may fix your thoughts on an
image dread

That would make your courage bend;

You may conjure up a phantom ghost

That would stand your hair on end.

But worse than these is a ghastly shape

And I'll tell you what it's like:

It's one of these awful modern girls

Who dares to ride a bike.

M.H.

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OXFORD

61 Hornsey Lane,
London, N.6.
31st August, 1927.

Dear Mr. Reedy,

You asked me to send you my impressions of Oxford, so I submit a few of them. First of all it is a most beautiful place and the old colleges have a wonderful charm and lend an old-world touch to everything. The thing to remember about both Oxford and Cambridge is the fact that the University is the main thing, and the town has merely grown up round the colleges. It is hard for us in Australia to realise the difference that makes to the town. Then again, the colleges are residential and the University life centres round this smaller unit. With us the University is the main thing—with them, it is the college that bulks largest in the mind of the undergraduate. Moreover, it is the college that does the teaching and not the University, as is the case with us.

I went into residence at Lincoln College for the month, living in the ordinary rooms as the undergraduate would. My own digs consisted of a sitting room and a small bed-room adjoining, and since you are asking for real impressions, I have to say that the first thing I noticed about my position was its extreme and depressing dismalness. My rooms were at the top of a flight of stairs which wound and wound and wound. They were narrow, dark and the plaster was falling out of the sides of the walls as I went up. The landing at the top outside my room looked like the loft of a more or less respectable stable, in rather a bad way. And when I entered what was to be my home for a month, I wondered how on earth I was going to bear its dinginess and lack of light! In the sitting room there was only one window that was

not very large, and the walls were papered with a solemn brownish grey that leered forbiddingly at me. The bedroom was very small and the window heavily barred as though it had been anticipated that I would want to get out into the open again! Not a very auspicious beginning, you will say, and I must confess that I felt rather damped, especially as it was raining all day long and I had to trek in and out three times that day.

Lincoln is the college where John Wesley spent his time at Oxford, and his rooms are still shown to admiring visitors. I expected to see something more ornate when I entered them, but the first thought that came to me when I saw where he had worked, was "No wonder he wanted to reform things, if he had to live here." It was too dingy and uncomfortable. Or so I felt it to be, and you must remember that opinions differ!

We had a mile or thereabouts to walk to lectures in the morning, and we usually had three before dinner and at least one afterwards—either in the afternoon or evening, and sometimes both. Here in parenthesis, let me remark that I found it a terribly boring process, being lectured to, and wondered whether I had proved to the poor students at Albany as boring as some of the lectures I listened to. Only some of them, remember—for on the whole I found them stimulating and interesting, and indeed sometimes entertaining. But I think it would be a good thing for all masters and mistresses to be forced to listen to lectures for a month at a stretch in order to show them the soporific effect of the human voice. It might reduce the sufferings of the student class in W.A.! After this, I'm on the side of the students!

We had lectures in the principles of education, its history, and in methodology of two subjects. I took English and History. Lectures in method of

English were taken by the Hon. General Secretary of the English Association, a Miss Bracken, and they proved very helpful and instructive. I find that we are not at all behind modern thought in Albany in this subject. The lecturer on History method was a genius and gave us a wonderful exhibition of the fact that wide reading is a great asset and deep knowledge is essential in a teacher.

The most pleasing feature of the course, perhaps, was the fact that all the lecturers were experienced teachers as well as scholars.

Dr. Keatinge, the Reader in Education, was interesting and at times amusing. Altogether the course was a decided success from my point of view. The emphasis at Oxford is on the philosophic side of educational thought, and the main eye seems to be on the past to interpret present-day needs in terms of the past. The emphasis in London is, of course, the reverse, the emphasis being laid on research in education with a forward glance. I have been fortunate in studying under both types of teachers, and it has broadened my outlook as nothing else could have done. I am satisfied that teachers should get away from their job every now and then and set themselves down to study it in a dispassionate kind of way and learn what others are doing with the same kind of problems. Only in this way I think can one get the right perspective towards our work. Certainly the cry for the practical teacher when it means only one who has developed rule of thumb methods in some particular sphere without that widening of outlook which comes from wider reading, etc., is sheer nonsense. And I am inclined to think that we hear a lot about this "practical teacher" in W.A. There is no more dangerous individual, I should imagine, to the cause of education than this, at present, over-raised person. Indeed, if I had my way,

I should make it compulsory for every teacher to undertake every now and then some study of the theory of his art and would, at the same time, entirely separate him from the practice of it. I am sure that the advantages would be enormous both to the teacher himself and to the children who were under him.

We dined in hall every day sitting on long forms instead of chairs—because, forsooth, people have done that always! Believe me, it isn't half as comfortable as sitting on a chair. We were waited on by men called "scouts," who did for us in every way.

Wesley was at Lincoln, as I said before, and there is a bust of him in the main "quad." Lincoln is celebrating its fifth centenary this year. Strange, isn't it, that the two places I have been in over here should both be celebrating centenaries—University College in London, its first, and in Lincoln its fifth?

I am going up the straight as far as my work is concerned, and I shall be at it hammer and tongs for the rest of the time. I may sit for the examination for the Diploma at Oxford in December, but that will depend on the amount of work that I have been able to get in on my thesis before then. The latter goes on like the brook, and I shall be doing more work in the schools this month as soon as I can arrange it with the various schools. I have just ordered 25 more reams of paper for the effort, so you can see that it is not an inexpensive matter! I have already used up the first 25 reams.

I'm afraid that this has been an inadequate sort of a letter and has ranged inconsistently all over the place and that you know very little about Oxford as I saw it, even now. But it is very late as I write, and perhaps at some other time I may be able to tell you a little more. I have taken a good many snaps, but think that it will be

better to bring them back to you and then I can tell you all about each one, and perhaps get some lantern slides made from them. I promise you an interesting yarn about what I have seen, then. Perhaps we may be able to get some money out of the people for the school library!

Remember me to all, both staff and students, and please tell the latter that I am a reformed character as the result of having to listen to so many lectures!

I may mention that it rained nearly every day while we were at Oxford and that the weather generally was as depressing as possible. Every time I tried to take a photograph it promptly rained—or tried to.

With everyone the best of luck at the exams. Before the next one after these I shall be back again.

Best wishes to you and everyone.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. FOWLER

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RULES FOR FOURTH

(To be read only by moderns).

(1) Never forget that in Fourth Form fun must be our only aim.

(2) Always overhaul the specimens on the science room table after entering the room.

(3) Never come punctually to class.

(4) Run up the stairs.

(5) Talk loudly and fast when in the library.

(6) Contradict the prefects—it is good for them.

(7) See the library is untidy before you leave it. The library prefects have never any work to do.

(8) If you don't know work for a test gain inspirations by annoying those in front of you.

(9) Waste time.

(10) "Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow you may die."

THE GHOST OF CANDYUP FARM

Joan Peters and I were staying at a farm called Candyup. It was old, very old, and had a story attached to it, and, better still, a ghost. We were greatly excited over this and begged Mrs. Brown to tell us the story.

"Well," said Mrs. Brown, "the ghost is only heard, never seen. It is a man who rides up to the door, pulls his horse up sharply, and then footsteps are heard walking away. I assure you it is very uncanny, for I have heard it once, myself."

"Oh," I exclaimed, "I have never heard of a ghost like that. What is the story?"

"The ghost is a murderer," went on Mrs. Brown. "who killed his wife in this room. What one is supposed to hear is the husband arriving before the murder. But go away now, I'm busy."

That afternoon, when we were discussing the ghost, Mrs. Brown came bustling in and said that her husband was in town, that she had to go and look after a sick friend, and that she hoped we would not mind being left alone for the night. We assured her we would be quite safe and she set off.

The night was very windy and we were reading in the sitting room, when suddenly we heard a terrible howl, as if someone were in pain. We both jumped and looked at each other.

"Whatever was it?" asked Joan.

"Perhaps it was the ghost," I suggested.

"It makes the wrong sound," Joan objected.

"Well, it might be the ghost of the murdered woman," I said. "Let's investigate."

So with shaking legs we went into the next room, and again we heard that weird noise. I was very startled, but summoning up my fast evaporating courage, I opened the door leading

to the verandah. We stepped out after looking fearfully around, but we saw no white thing, shaking its arms or clanking its chain—nothing alarming was there.

Having satisfied ourselves on this point, we were just going into the house, when again we heard the fearful cry behind us. Our hair rose, and we sprang around to find — just a crack in the wall.

It was about two inches wide and the builders, when joining the dining room to the rest of the house, had left it. The wind was due east, and was sweeping directly down the crack and making that howling noise.

Thus our ghost was laid and we went back into the house laughing, in spite of a feeling of discomfort until, with the dying down of the wind, the noise ceased.

When the Browns came back the crack was blocked up and was heard no more, though the real ghost is still heard at intervals, I believe.

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WANTED

- 1.—Inspirations for Fourth Formers.
- 2.—Enthusiasm (by the yard).
- 3.—Aspros for Leaving Class.
- 4.—To know whether we chew tobacco in Australia.
- 5.—Love—for Amor Vincit Omnia.
- 6.—A Play—at once. Apply Room "E."
- 7.—A child nursery for Third Year.
- 8.—Articles for mag.
- 9.—A keeper for the animals in "P" Room.
- 10.—A definition for a "riderless hossa."

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THE COUNTRY DANCE PLRTY

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On the 24th of November, the Form I. Girls invited their friends to a country dance party, which was held in the Assembly Hall. It was a huge success and an enjoyable evening was spent, thanks partly to our able pianist, Elsie Whyte, who was assisted by Thelse Gloe.

The girls had looked forward to the party all the month, and when the invitations were issued excitement ran high. The programme was made by the "hostesses" during the previous week, and were both pretty and appropriate.

In the morning Miss Lowndes gave us the permission to use the Domestic Science room, to prepare the fruit salad, which was served with ice cream during the evening. Not only did Miss Lowndes allow us to use her utensils, but also she permitted her class to help us, and the work was done easily by many willing hands. On Thursday afternoon the girls cleaned the hall, swept it, and tidied up generally.

The party started at 7.30, but about half an hour before the time the majority of the guests were present. The first dance was the Swing Dance, which everyone enjoyed heartily. As the hall was too small to allow everyone to occupy the floor at once, the dances were repeated.

In between the dances, games, piano-forte solos, and a song were enjoyed. The games were "Celebrities," "Musical Bobs," "Proverbs" and a competition. The most popular game was "Celebrities." The supper was an important item of the evening, and the fruit salad and ice cream was liberally served by some of the Form I. girls. As the evening drew to a close the winners of the competitions and games drew lots to receive their prizes from

Miss Tonkin, who had helped us to make the evening successful.

At 10.45 the party was concluded by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." The girls and mistresses then prepared to depart home, wishing that "Country Dance Parties" were held more often.

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DIVING—AS A SPORT FOR OTHERS

As the summer approaches swimming is rapidly coming into its own again, and the baths are packed nearly every day.

For the third summer in succession I resolve to learn to dive. I announce my intention to sympathetic friends and receive in return much and varied advice. When asked for their opinions, the expert divers say, "Oh! It's easy. You just fall in head first. You may do a splendid dive the first time." I may, of course, but then again I may not. So filled with good intentions, I arrive at the spring board. At I look at it disinterestedly, it seems an amazing long way to the water, and it strikes me as peculiar that I have not noticed this before.

However, I square my shoulders boldly, and, shutting my eyes, I put my head down and fall in as directed.

Just when I have left the board, I decide how rash I have been, and try to turn it into a jump. The result is indescribable. When I dazedly rise to the surface once more, I am greeted by shouts of laughter from my ever-sympathetic, but too candid friends, and am assured I looked more like a kangaroo trying to dive than anything else.

So having had enough for one afternoon and as it is rather late, I go home, sadder but no wiser than before.

WHITE HORSES

We had been telling ghost stories all the evening. My friend told an exciting tale which ran as follows:—

We were staying for our holidays at a beach and had rented a cottage close to the sea. The house, though small, had large verandahs, and, as it was summertime, we slept on the verandah which overlooked the sea.

One evening we were visited by friends and did not go to bed until late. It was a dark and misty night and the sea was calm and still.

I lay awake for what seemed hours, and then began to doze. I must have been almost asleep, for suddenly I awoke with a start, and was as cold and frightened as could be. I stared with wide, unblinking eyes at a white moving object which appeared to loom up from the sea. Petrified, I watched! On it came, this white, shapeless moving object in the mist! Nearer and nearer it drew, but still without definite shape!

A ghost!!

The thought chilled me.

This object was nearly to the verandah. If something had moved or made a noise, if my bed mate had snored or turned over, I would have screamed and put my head under the clothes, but, while all was still, I could only gaze. This phantom was almost touching the verandah now. My blood froze.

Then this apparition took a definite shape and poked its head over the verandah rail.

A white horse!!

Well, I can assure you, girls, I subsided on the bed and laughed so loudly and so long that I woke the entire family. They came rushing from all directions to see if I was absolutely out of my senses or if anything else terrible had happened to me.

"What is the matter with you?" from mother.

"Can't you let a feller sleep?" from my rather annoyed brother; and many other questions were rushed upon me.

But the laughter and noise had frightened away the poor horse. I had to repeat the whole story and for weeks afterwards I was the victim of many jokes and much teasing about my poor ghostie.

J. Hallett

APPLIED QUOTATIONS

"Eleven men of England
A breastwork chargel in vain.
Eleven men of England
Lie stripped and gashed and slain
(Sir F. H. Doyle)
"B" Hockey Team.

"What schulde be studie and make
himselven wood." (Chaucer).
Fourth Form Motto.

"And he was right fat I undertake"
(Chaucer).
School Captain.

"Ful longe wern his legges and ful
lene
All like a staff ther was no calf y sene
(Chaucer).
A First Former.

"And e'en though vanquished she
could argue till." (Goldsmith).
A Fourth Former.

"Somewhat he lippede, for his wau-
tonesse
To make his Englissch swete upon his
tunge."
(Chaucer)

"Myrt."

"Fade far away, dissolve and quite
forget." (Keats).
In Examination Room.

"For him alone hope leads from goal
to goal." (Pope).

"The Studious One."

"Most musical, most melancholy."
(Milton).

"The Little Brown Owl."

"For ful big he was of braun and eek
of boones." (Chaucer).
Fifth Former.

"Ful lowde he sang 'Come Hider love
to me.' " (Chaucer)
A Fifth to a Fourth.

"As I rose in the early dawn
While stars were fading white."
(The Wanderers).
Early Morning Swim.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Adapted for use in Schools

- 1.—Thou shalt not remove thy neigh-
bours' books.
- 2.—Thou shalt not stock thy neigh-
bour's locker.
- 3.—Thou shalt not partake of refresh-
ments during school hours.
- 4.—Thou shalt not read or write dur-
ing a lecture.
- 5.—Thou shalt not covet thy neigh-
bour's bike.
- 6.—Thou shalt not keep thy gym. cos-
tume in thy locker, for thou
shalt wear it.
- 7.—Thou shalt not crack nuts without
whistling.
- 8.—Thou shalt not polka in the streets.
- 9.—Thou shalt not interview St.
Peter during drawing lessons.
- 10.—Thou shalt not leave wet sand-
shoes to dry on the windowsills.
And I give unto you a final Com-
mandment:—
- 11.—Thou shalt wear to Church no
other clothes but thine own.

SCHOOL BOY HOWLERS

Mr. Brownlow married Oliver Twist's mother's brother.

Mecca is the capital of Tibet.

Timbuctoo was a town that fell to the rebel army during the Chinese trouble.

Michael Angelo took 41 years to paint the roof of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Martin Luther brought the printing press to England. He lived to a ripe old age and worked until just before death.

The "Merry Totten" was a stone God worshipped by the Saxons.

Cromwell's greatest aim was to become Pope of England.

After the Dissolution of the monasteries the Jews were forced to return to Palestine.

"Childe Harold" was Chaucer's greatest work.

Leonardo Medici made great discoveries in medicine.

"Anon he gaf the syke man the boote"—He gave the sick man the boot.

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DREAMS

I looked, on a showery freakish day,
When the elfin wind had ceased to play

For Beauty's shining key.
And lo! I saw slight silver sail's
In the west, where the soften'd sky line
pales.

Becalm'd on a silver sea.

Oh, a silver sea, all a-gleam with blue
Like the tender shade of twilight
through

The shimmering moonlight leaves.
Then the sails were caught by the fickle
breeze,

Which ruffled and rumpled the sleep-
ing seas,

Leaving me only dreams.

B. Quigley.

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ALBANY

When the sun shines bright on Albany,
When the brave West winds blow dus-
tily,

When the white caps cap the dark
blue sea,

And the fleecy clouds 'cross the hea-
vens flee,

I'm quite content in Albany.

When the grey skies frown on Albany,
When the brave West winds blow pierc-
ingly,

When the white caps cap the sullen
sea,

And the dreary rain falls steadily,
I'm quite content in Albany.

When the sun shines again on Albany,
When the days lengthen perceptibly,

When the wild flowers bloom and
the bumble bee

Drone here and there contentedly
I'm quite content in Albany.

When night descends on Albany,

When the night wind blows caressingly,

When the moon reveals a shimmering
sea,

And the dim but beautiful scenery,
I'm quite content in Albany.

B.U.

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THE LITTLE STREAM

Against a grey and lichen'd val:

Grows honey suckle's creamy horn,
While purple bells luxuriant fall.

The glowing "Glory of the Mo.n,"
And roses, yellow, crimson, pink—

With violets grow upon the brink
Of the little stream that ripples
through my garden.

And in a damp and rocky nook,

Grows maidenhair, all tender green
Carnations sway, and if you look

There hides lobelia, bluest seen.

The almond tree just bends to drink
And drops pale petals on the brink

Of the little stream which ripples
through my garden.

B. J. Quigley.

IMPROVEMENTS

A visitor to the Albany High School nearly three years ago would not have been impressed by its immediate surroundings. A brewery and cemetery are not institutions which appeal to a cultivated taste—and it is upon such objects that the visitor's cursory glance would necessarily fall. He would probably be enthralled by the delightful situation of the school, its dominant position, its commanding view of the Porongorups and surrounding districts. Thus he would depart from the school, pleased with the building, but disappointed with the surroundings.

Let that same visitor return to the school as it is to-day—what a different scene would meet his astounded gaze! On his previous visit he ploughed through sand before reaching the front steps, and on either side were shrubs and irregular heaps of sand. Had it not been for the brewery he might have thought the school the one mark of man in a desert.

The change hinted at is indeed apparent almost as soon as the school is sighted, for fronting it can be seen ornamental trees, such as the gum and wattle. As the buildings are approached, one becomes conscious that a great plan has been carried into effect with most pleasing results. From the front approach, neatly trimmed turfs cover what was formerly thought heaps of sand. These slope down from lawns, which, in turn, are set with elliptical beds of bright flowers. The longer one gazes the more alluring becomes the scene.

This great alterations in the school's surroundings has been wrought by Mr. Colgate, who has worked early and late to improve the school grounds. This year his success was recognised at the Albany Show, where he gained eighty-three points, thus winning the President's Cup and the Brunning Silver Medal. Mr. Colgate also did

splendid work on the school tennis courts last year. For this he deserves thanks.

THE INFIRMITY OF THE EXAMINING MIND

Before sitting for our exam we were told to treat our examiners as idiots and to tell them all we knew, explaining all the hard parts and being careful to temper our treatment with moderation, for idiots are sometimes liable to special aversions, one of which is irrelevant matter.

What was one to do?

We went into the History exam, and (being polite) groaned inwardly over our papers and sighed. Our suspicions regarding the vagaries of the examiner began to take definite shape, so we had few qualms about making false statements and one of our lumber spake of that mysterious merrie totten as a god, carved unto the likeness of a pole, about which the ancients danced.

We went into maths, not feeling very cheerful, as the examiners asked us to show various things which were entirely against and foreign to our geometrical conscience. They were, you see, not very logical. We came out scornful and full of loathing for the examiners.

The German and French examinations gave our imaginations wide scope. Thus, it was intimated, that the locomotion in a serpent was accomplished by humid breaths which descended to all its coils, and that "les petit," was synonymous with the posterior end. In our blissful ignorance we expected the examiner to take it all in—poor man! In German translation we spoke of a traveller, sword in hand, his hair lost his scalp burnt, returning to see a blossoming or blooming maiden. Surely this should satisfy the puerile longings of an idiot after knowledge. Such was our attitude.

The Biology paper, however turned

our vague feelings of contempt and dislike into something more intense and definite, although it was tempered with wonder at the being who could descend to something so simple as the Lierre-totten and yet rise to such heights of botanical pedantry as "Xerophytic plants" and introduce the "honey bee"—and to trip and trouble the Juniors.

Yet, always magnanimous, we say with Coventry Patmore,

"I will be sorry for their chiddishness and forgive the infirmities of the examining mind."

"Junior."

EX-STUDENT'S NOTES

After an enthusiastic but poorly-attended inaugural meeting, we have struggled through the year, and we are to-day at least the beginning of what must in time become a thriving organisation. It is well that there should be an Ex-Students' Association, for, to those people who have spent any time in the old school it is a big break when the last day comes, and they know that "their best days" are over. In numbers, certainly we are not strong, but the interest exists and only needs a little encouragement. Very probably many old members of the A.D.H.S. will join up next year—several have already promised to do so and have evinced keen interest in the movement.

Our efforts during the year have been limited to dances. Strange to relate, these functions were, on two occasions, attended with mishaps to the lights, but despite this little inconvenience those in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Association this year has, necessarily perhaps, struggled for existence—but it has become an established fact. Now, this measure of success

could not have been attained without the splendid co-operation of several ex-students, both of the H.S. and the A.D.H.S. who were in the town. Neither could it have been achieved without the assistance of Mr. Reedy and staff, who were always willing to help and advice. Our thanks then are due to those people who enabled us to profit by their experience, and who entered into co-operation with us so whole-heartedly. It were indeed unbecoming of us, if, in offering our thanks to those persons who lightened our burdens, we overlooked the School Prefects. These harrassed individuals may at least take consolation in the fact that they have earned the gratitude of the ex-students. They certainly did a great deal towards making those few dances we held the success that they were.

It only remains now to express hopes for the future. Every person leaving the High School should strive to maintain his connection with the old school through the Ex-Students' Association. Such an organisation cannot be permitted to fade away now that it has commenced to flourish, and surely it is not an onerous duty for those people who are not returning next year to get in touch with the Association. We earnestly solicit their assistance and co-operation.

In conclusion, we believe it is the custom, at this time of the year, to wish everyone "the compliments of the season." We subscribe to that ancient custom whole-heartedly, and, dear reader of the "Mag," we mean it. We must not overlook those battle-scarred heroes and heroines who have just emerged from the horrors of the University Exams.—they have our deepest sympathy and our hopes that their periods of convalescence may be brightened by a few distinguished service marks.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PHYSICAL DISPLAY AND DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.

Just as this magazine is about to be issued, the Third Annual Display will be held in the School Assembly Hall. A squad of boys under Mr. Constantine's tuition have been practising for some weeks. The programme contains the following items:—Exercises on the Vaulting Horse, Parallel Bars, Roman Rings and Boxing, Tumbling and Pyramids.

The Senior Girls propose giving a short play called "The Rest Cure." As the whole production has been commenced since the University Examinations, rehearsals for the past few days have been many. A good night's entertainment is confidently expected.

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The latter half of the year 1927 has passed unmarked by any extraordinary events but with pleasure and profit to both staff and students.

The Annual Sports Meeting was held at the Ulster-road ground and again the weather was all that could be desired. Competition was keen and the day closed with Gold Faction having secured the greatest number of points. More recently swimming, tennis and cricket have engaged the attention of students and there is considerable interest in the prospective Staff v. Students cricket match.

The Third and Fifth Forms stimulated by a desire to distinguish themselves in the Junior and Leaving Examinations, have been working hard. Members of the First Form have profited by visits to the Woollen Mills and Butter Factory.

Amongst recent and notable visitors to the school must be numbered Mr. Parsons, Mr. Rockcliff, Miss Ware, Miss Wylie and Miss B. Mills ("Miss Australia").

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SPORT

At a time when the anxiety over exams. tends to cast all other interests into the background, it is not difficult to understand how even sport has been forsaken to some extent in the last few weeks. Nevertheless it is unfortunate that such should be the state of affairs, for the faction competitions, up to the time mentioned, had been very keenly contested and the standard generally had shown some pleasing improvement. The control and interest on the part of faction captains have been productive of a much more vigorous struggle for first place, besides going further than has been achieved hitherto in the direction of developing a healthy team spirit throughout all factions.

Unfortunately the results of Sports Day, appended below, put the final issue beyond doubt, and this fact calls attention to the inequitability of counting the faction scores on that day directly from the points gained by the individual competitors. This system of awarding points on this carnival day will be revised next year. For the present, however, Gold has achieved a victory which it owes to its superiority in athletes, and to steady tenacity and doggedness throughout the year. Green gained a very considerable lead in the Swimming Carnival, but has not been able to maintain it. Brown has made a very meritorious recovery from a seemingly hopeless position in that event, and Boronia has kept well up with the leaders and has shown that it has made up for the lead of one year which it conceded to the other three.

There is still the difficulty in arranging matches outside the school, and this year we were unfortunate enough to have to forego the competitions with Katanning. The girls however, are more fortunate with their Hockey Association fixtures. Here they have maintained the reputation which previous years had established,

though this time the Robinson Cup is appearing with the shield in the Fall, whereas last year the Soccer Cup came to us with the shield. The possibility of entering a school team in the Great Southern Hard Courts Tournament was considered, but the uncertainty of the venue of the fixture has caused the abandonment of the idea.

Again we regret that there were no competitions with the other secondary schools, but hope that it may be possible to reorganise them in the future.

The faction scores and a resume of each faction's activities appear below.

FACTION SCORES.

Gold	247½
Brown	216
Green	200½
Boronia	172
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FACTION NOTES

BORONIA.

Since last magazine we have had the misfortune to drop back a place in the points, and this loss is mainly due to Sports Day, where we won 31½ points, while the score above ours was 73. We are still undefeated in tennis, but have been badly beaten in both football and cricket. It is to be hoped that members of this faction will do their utmost to repair our damaged reputation next year. To make matters worse many of our best players are leaving, so it is to be hoped that we gain valuable recruits from the incoming students.

BORONIA GIRLS.

Alas! We are last on the list. Last term we were third, but we have slipped back sadly. At baseball we have been completely overmatched, but we were highly elated when we won the last match of the year — and it was against the “invincible” Golds, too.

Tennis has been our very weakest point, and so one can imagine how weak it is.

We sincerely hope to improve our basketball (which is not at all bad) and so our rivals can look forward to a hard struggle next year.

On Sports Day our ability was not displayed very wonderfully. We would rather not dwell on our performances on that occasion. Still, we remain cheerful, and hope to do better next year.

Faction Captain—M. Hill.

Hockey Captain—G. Holding

Swimming Captain—J. Merrifield.

Tennis Captain—M. Hill.

Baseball Captain—P. Moncrieff

Secretary—E. Chester.

GOLD FACTION BOYS.

This has been a very successful year for Gold Faction, for despite a deficit of 30 points incurred in the Swimming Carnival, Sports Day has raised our position from third to leading faction.

Our score for the Faction Championship for 1927 is now 247½ points, so that we have a lead from Browns, our nearest rivals, of 31½ points.

Early in the year our cricket team had some small successes, which have been repeated recently, and we believe that we can maintain our lead until Breaking-up Day. Our successes in football and tennis have not been so marked, but we may say that every match was contested until the very end, and whenever we went down it was not without a well-fought struggle.

In our ranks is the proud possessor of that elongated lightning left (?) which brought us the Heavyweight Boxing Championship, and we also have the middleweight runner-up.

Sports Day altered the position of all the factions, and Gold Girls won almost all the championships, gaining Champion Girl Athlete, Junior Champion Girl, and both runners-up, J. Sounness winning Open and Junior Championships. The boys kept their

end up well, although gaining fewer successes, so that when Sports Day was over, Gold had won 98½ points. In this connection, we desire to record our appreciation of the magnificent achievements of the girls, which should ultimately bring Gold Faction the victory.

It may be relevant to mention that that section of the pine plantation under Gold Faction's charge, is growing very well, and looks extremely promising. In conclusion, we wish the best of luck to our rivals and to the members of our own faction during the Christmas holidays, and hope that many may return next year to maintain the faction's position in 1928.

Gold Faction officials:—

Faction Captain—J. Clough.

Football and Cricket Captain F. Carty.

Tennis Captain—E. Holmes.

Secretary—R. Miles.

GOLD GIRLS.

Gold has the honour of being top this year, having redeemed its reputation of 1925.

Compared with the other factions, our attainments up to the Swimming Carnival were inglorious, to say the least, and not a little sarcasm was indulged in at poor Gold's expense. Since March we have gradually diminished the difference between the faction scores until Sports Day established us in the lead. Gold Faction possesses many good runners among the girls, and both the girl champions came from our ranks.

The efforts of the boys are not conspicuous; but nevertheless they are assured that what prowess they have is fully appreciated by the girls.

Faction matches for this year have now been concluded, and it is hoped that next year Gold Faction will continue to hold its hard-won position of this year.

Faction officials are:—

Faction Captain—R. Scarborough.

Tennis Captain—M. Chester.

Baseball Captain—N. Pratt.

Swimming Captain—S. Merfield.

Hockey Captain—R. Scarborough.

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BROWN FACTION NOTES.

BOYS.

When we joined our little band at the beginning of this year, we doubtfully wondered if we would ever win a game of cricket or football, a race in swimming or running, but thanks to the efforts and training of the team we are now the strongest, although not top.

Our outlook on Swimming Carnival Day was slightly dull, but the response of the team brightened both our spirits and our scoring.

Cricket season opened, but never once did success smile upon us, until with two newcomers, our scores began to rise. In football our side lost only twice.

No team trained as well as Brown for Sports Day, and our efforts were well repaid. Our score once more leapt near the top.

We hope that next year the Browns will be as eager for success as this, and that they will "keep troth" as loyally as now.

Our cricket team is now the best, and in contrast to the beginning of the year, we have not yet lost a game, owing to the ready response of the members.

D.T.

BROWN FACTION—GIRLS.

At the last publication of the "Mag." we were last on the list. Of course it was not our fault, and there only remains the boys to blame, but now we are second—this again is not through the girls. The honours go to the boys, who were successful in securing first and second places many times on Sports Day.

Our tennis is "middlin' Sir," but we should be stronger next year. In hockey we held our own, although Green had the better team. Our baseball is good and it shows promise of improvement in the coming year. Next season we hope to do great things in the Swimming Carnival. Baseball as of old, offers few attractions on hot days, when the other members of the faction go to the Baths.

This is the first year that basketball has been introduced as one of our recreations, and the players have been enthusiastic, and consequently have won many matches.

The faction officials are:—

Faction Captain—Phyllis Young.

Hockey Captain—Phyllis Young.

Baseball Captain—Mary Ferry.

Swimming Captain—Edna Harris.

Tennis Captain—Mary Treasure.

Secretary—Mary Treasure.

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GREEN FACTION—GIRLS.

During the past year the members of this faction have on the whole taken a keen interest in faction competitions, including tennis, baseball, hockey, basketball and swimming.

It is rather difficult to say what place the Green tennis four now takes. During the first two terms the faction took second place, but since then Brown tennis has improved. We have defeated and been defeated by both Brown and Gold, yet the victories and defeats depended on the girls' form at the time of the match.

The interest shown in baseball is greater than it was last year, although the girls have not always been successful.

The hockey season proved singularly successful, as we were only defeated once in the beginning of the year. It was unfortunate that practice could not be arranged, as many of the younger girls showed promise, but we hope to improve matters next year.

Basket ball was commenced late in

the season and the players barely had time to learn the game. In spite of this fact, however, most of the girls preferred it to baseball.

No faction competitions in swimming, except in the case of the Swimming Carnival, were held. The carnival took place in the first term and the points derived from it gave us a good lead. The champion girl swimmer was one of our second year girls, and the faction was well represented by her and others.

Although we started off so well, we could not retain the lead on Sports Day. We have no athletes among the girls, and what is worse, few among the boys. Thus on Sports Day we fell from first to third place. Nevertheless we are not displeased with the year's efforts. With the exception of Sports Day, the year has been a successful one. A good sporting spirit prevailed throughout, and we hope that it will continue to do so in years to come.

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GREEN BOYS.

Our faction has failed badly in its efforts to attain the place that it secured last year but our invariable comfort is that we are not at the bottom.

To the scorn of those in more successful factions we disdainfully answer that we are more successful than one faction. But can we fairly say that? The members of the bottom faction declare that it was not the boys but the girls of Green Faction who vanquished them and secured most of our points. However, we console ourselves with the fact that they at least are in our faction.

Until the end of last term we appeared to be progressing favorably and we were indeed hoping to follow the example of last year's Green Faction. With Sports Day, however, came the end of our meanest hopes. Green boys were "left in the dust" and our hopes of being top faction for 1927 were dis-

pelled for ever. We congratulate 'old Faction on their victory, but hope to beat them next year, even though our best athletes are leaving.

SPORTS DAY

Favored by the usual perfect weather conditions, this function was held this year on Centennial Oval. Since its reconditioning, this ground is in a much better state for the purpose of athletics and the accommodation is considerably improved. We still look forward, however, to the time when we can hold the event on our own oval, when we hope to get the track into even better condition. Then, too, we hope for further improvements in the standard of running and jumping because of the more convenient facilities for training.

This year the results achieved were generally below the previous records, owing chiefly to the fact that in both girls' and boys' events the championships, open and under age, went to the same competitors. D. Thorpe deserves very hearty congratulations for his well-earned success in gaining both the School Championship and the Championship under 16. J. Sounness performed quite as well to secure Girl Champion and Champion under 14. Runner-up for the boys went to J. Jamieson in both open and under 16 Championships. For the girls, L. Jenkin secured the second place. Champion under 14 was secured by S. Dwyer.

Following are the results:—

44 yards Handicap, under 16.—J. Treat 1, F. Parker 2, J. Warburton 3. Time, 66sec.

75 yards Handicap, under 14.—First heat: T. Norrish 1, A. Knight 2, L. Cook 3. Second heat: E. Pedter 1, W. Chester 2, L. Hodge 3. Time, Norrish 1, Pedler 2, Cook 3.

50 yards Open Championship, Girls.—First heat: J. Sounness 1, N. Mitchell 2, E. Haywood 3. Second heat:

E. Cooper 1, L. Jenkin 2, L. Dawe 3. Final: J. Sounness 1, L. Jenkin 2, N. Mitchell 3.

100 yards Handicap, under 14.—First heat: S. Dwyer 1, T. Norrish 2, V. Tuttlebee 3. Second heat: A. Knight 1, L. Cook 2, J. May 3. Final: Dwyer 1, Norrish 2, Tuttlebee 3.

50 yards Handicap, under 14, Girls.—P. Knapp 1, B. Pearson 2, J. Sounness 3.

440 yards Open Handicap.—T. Chester 1, W. Chester 2, L. Hodge 3. Time, 60 2-5sec.

75 yards Open Championship, Girls.—First heat: N. Mitchell 1, L. Jenkin 2. Second heat: J. Sounness 1, E. Cooper 2, L. Dawe and E. Genoni, dead-heat, 3. Final: J. Sounness 1, L. Jenkin 2, E. Cooper 3. Time, 10 sec.

Hitting the Hockey Ball.—W. Hillman 1, N. Shepherd 2, D. Bailey 3. Distance, 56yds. 1ft.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Parker 1, F. Carty 2, J. Clough 3. Distance, 87yds. 2ft. 4in.

Long Jump, under 16.—D. Thorp 1, R. Davidson 2, H. Perkins 3. Distance, 16ft. 7in.

220 yards Handicap, Girls.—M. Fiveash 1, E. Climie 2, C. Campbell 3. Time, 31 2-5sec.

220 yards Championship, Girls.—E. Cooper 1, L. Jenkin 2, M. Roberts 3. Time, 31sec.

100 yards Open Handicap.—F. Carty 1, W. Chester 2, H. Nockolds 3. Time, 12sec.

75 yards Championship, under 14.—S. Dwyer 1, A. Basley 2, L. Payne 3. Time, 10sec.

220 yards Handicap, under 16.—Final: K. Cull 1, J. Warburton 2, G. Cook 3. Time, 29 2-5sec.

Hop, Step and Jump, Girls.—Final: J. Sounness 1, E. Cooper 2, J. Henson 3. Distance, 30ft. 8in.

Long Jump, Open.—A. Brown 1, D. Thorp 2, W. Chester 3. Distance, 17ft. 7in.

100 yards Championship, under 14, Girls.—J. Sounness 1, E. Cooper 2, I. Ferry 3.

120 yards Hurdles Handicap, under 16.—First heat: D. Thorp 1, F. Parker 2. Second heat: V. Ingham 1, J. Bedwell 2. Final: Ingham 1, Thorp 2, Parker 3. Time, 23sec.

High Jump, Girls.—Final: N. Mitchell 1, T. Glue 2, E. Cooper and I. Ferry, dead-heat, 3. Height, 3ft. 9in.

75 yards Handicap, under 14, Girls.—P. Knapp 1, J. Sounness 2, J. McClure 3. Time, 16sec.

100 yards Open Handicap, Girls.—Final: M. Williams 1, I. Gray 2, C. Campbell 3.

440 yards Open Championship.—J. Jamieson 1, D. Thorp 2, J. Clough 3. Time, 63sec.

220 yards Championship, under 16.—D. Thorp 1, F. Parker 2, J. Jamieson 3. Time, 30sec.

50 yards Championship, under 14, Girls.—J. Sounness 1, E. Cooper 2, I. Ferry 3.

Siamese Race.—First heat: V. Ingham and J. Trent 1, L. Cook and T. Norrish 2, J. May and K. Anderson 3. Second heat: E. Bryant and S. Oates 1, B. Lindsay and H. Nockolds 2, E. Pedler and W. Mercer 3. Final: Ingham and Trent 1, Cook and Norrish 2. Time, 11 4-5sec.

High Jump, under 16.—D. Thorp and R. Davidson, dead-heat, 1, J. Trent 2.

220 yards Open Handicap.—H. Nockolds 1, W. Chester 2, F. Parker 3. Time, 23sec.

100 yards Championship, under 14.—S. Dwyer 1, A. Basley 2, L. Payne 3. Time, 14sec.

75 yards Championship, under 14, Girls.—J. Sounness 1, E. Cooper 2, J. Norman 3.

100 yards Handicap, under 16.—Final: K. Cull 1, J. Shiner 2, A. Genoni 3.

100 yards Open Championship.—D. Thorp 1, W. Chester 2, F. Carty 3.

Sack Race.—First heat: V. Ingham 1, J. May 2. Second heat: J. Bedwell 1, E. Pedler 2. Final: J. Bedwell 1, A. Vaughan 2, V. Ingham 3. Time, 16sec.

100 yards Open Championship, Girls.—J. Sounness 1, L. Jenkin 2, E. Cooper 3. Time, 13sec.

50 yards Open Handicap, Girls.—First heat: E. Climie and M. Ward, dead-heat, 1, J. Campbell 2. Second heat: N. Pratt and R. Marsh, dead-heat, 1, J. Peat 2. Third heat: N. Shepherd 1, E. Chester 2. Final: N. Pratt 1, E. Chester 2. Time, 6 1-5 sec.

440 yards Championship under 16.—J. Jamieson 1, D. Thorp 2, F. Parker 3. Time, 65sec.

Siamese Race, Girls, 75 yards.—First heat: I. Pearson and P. Carpenter 1, E. Chester and J. Merrifield 2, L. Dawe and J. Norman 3. Second heat: B. Paltridge and N. Pratt 1, M. Hill and E. Cass 2, F. Haywood and I. Ferry 3. Third heat: M. Holmes and A. Hill 1, J. Peat and M. Watsford 2, S. Bennetts and N. Mitchell and B. Tomlinson and K. Jefferson, dead-heat, 3. Final: E. Chester and J. Merrifield 1, L. Dawe and J. Norman 2.

High Jump, Open.—A. Brown and D. Thorp dead-heat, 1, R. Davidson 2. Height, 4ft. 8½in.

75 yards Open Handicap, Girls.—Final: A. Hill 1, E. Chester 2, N. Pratt 3.

Obstacle Race.—J. Bedwell 1, K. Anderson 2, C. Pedler 3.

Relay Race, Girls.—Gold 1, Brown 2, Green 3. Time, 65sec.

Faction Relay, Boys.—Brown 1, Gold 2, Boronia 3. Time, 57sec.

Primary School Championship, 100 yards.—Boys: G. Davis 1, S. Austin 2, C. Golding 3.

Primary School Championship, Girls.—H. Ick 1, E. Dowling 2, E. McCreery 3.

Sack Race, Girls, 75 yards.—First

heat: T. Gloe 1, B. Tomlinson 2, I. Pearson 3. Second heat: M. Fincash 1, L. Jenkin 2, N. Mitchell 3. Third heat: E. Chester 1, E. Bedwell 2, A. Hill 3. Final: L. Jenkin 1, E. Bedwell 2, N. Mitchell 3.

220 yards Championship, Open.—J. Jamieson 1, J. Clough 2, W. Chester 3. Time, 27 4-5sec.

Wheelbarrow Race, 50 yards.—N. Swarbrick and G. Lauri 1, Basley and Steel 2.

100 yards Championship, under 16.—J. Jamieson 1, D. Thorp 2, A. Genoni 3. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Mile Championship and Handicap.—Championship: J. Jamieson 1, J. Bedwell 2, W. Mercer 3. Handicap: G. Cook 1, J. Warburton 2, J. Steel 3. Time, 6min.

FACTION POINTS.

The points gained for the respective factions for the sports are as follows:

	Points.
Gold	97½
Brown	73
Boronia	31½
Green	23
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PREFECTS' NOTES

Having come to the end of our period of authority, we find—contrary to our expectations—that we are relinquishing our positions with decided regret. The responsibility of maintaining discipline we have at times found irksome, but the privileges we have enjoyed have fully balanced the account. The newcomers, coming as they did from schools where their actions have been governed solely by the staff, were apt at first to regard our fraternity either with flippant disrespect or awed submission, but with time they have begun—I hope—to learn, among other things, that we are not here solely to inflict pain, but that we really have a desire to be of some help to them.

Our existence during this last term has been made really dreadful by the presence of a black cloud—a cloud of pending doom—and our haggard and worn faces, appearing at inopportune moments among groups of care free roisterers, have been met with perhaps more than the usual amount of disapproval. We hope that any unusual grouchiness may be attributed to the great strain under which we have been labouring.

We extend our best wishes for good luck in the exams. now in progress, and hope that all, who, like us, have been lately enduring the tortures of University examinations, may be able to bear up with fortitude until the results have been published.

A little poem has been composed by one of the most gifted of us, and, as it expresses the feelings of all in a manner approaching to poetry nearer than most of us can attain, we have thought it not inappropriate to insert it here—with all due apologies to Milton.

Begone, dull care! Come, Mirth so fair!

For we are tired of toil.

Away with sorrows, sad and dark.

Which joys and pleasures foil.

To picnics, parties, eke and dances,

Careless will we hie.

Replete with knowledge, sure and sweet

In bed we now may be.

Our books have vanished like the rain

Upon a summer morn.

And gone are fears, all mental strain

And gone expressions worn.

Duty is a cure, they say

When idle spirits pall,

But have banished Duty

And we have found a Beauty

In doing nothing at all.

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FORM NOTES

FORM I.S.

Our first year at the High School is now drawing to an end, and I think we are now well accustomed to the rules that were so difficult to remember at first.

During the last term the annual Sports Day was held. At this long anticipated event many of the boys from our form showed what they could do, although they might have entered for more events had they known better against whom they were to compete.

Most of the boys of the form are preparing for the gymnastic display at the end of the year. They are also studying for the coming examinations. This is a source of constant worry and books are held in front of the faces of quite a number of I.S. pupils.

The prefects have tried and have paid full attention to their work. This they have carried out in a way that has pleased everybody.

The 1928 Swimming Carnival is the first big sporting event of next year, and many members of the form are striving all they know how to fit themselves for the races.

We have found all the subjects taught us very useful and interesting, and have thoroughly enjoyed our first year at the High School. We intend to have a good time during the next holiday months, and hope everyone else will also.

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FORM I. GIRLS.

We are now nearing the end of the first year at Albany High School and feel quite settled, in what we termed, in last issue, our new surroundings. In the first half of the year we created a good reputation, but being eager to progress in our work, we have neglected to curb our excitement on quite a few occasions.

Last term we certainly looked for-

ward to the holidays, but not to the extent that we do this term. The work of this year has been too much for our feeble rains (if any) and it is with dread that we anticipate the coming exam.; and to add to our dismay, spelling and writing are to be considered.

Our Form Mistress kindly arranged interesting visits to the Butter Factory and Woollen Mills, which were instructive as well as enjoyable. Besides these, we were honored by a visit from "Miss Australia"

To us the most important event during this term was Sports Day. Several of our form mates showed their ability in running and jumping, among them being the Senior and Junior Champions, and also the runner-up for Junior Champion. During the Junior and Leaving Examinations we arranged matches between the First and Second Forms in tennis and baseball. We were successful in baseball, but the Second Form proved superior in tennis.

The most popular lesson during the week takes place in the gymnasium, and we are always ready to spend an extra period there. It is unnecessary to say how grateful we are to Elsie Jane for her playing.

A point which we are not very proud of was the lack of exhibits from our form in the recent Albany Show.

This term we have acquired a better knowledge of problems and exercises in Geometry, and many are becoming very keen on this subject.

Having said so much about school work and sport, we will terminate this by heartily wishing our schoolfellows a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

N, Y and Z.

I.B.

A week ago the headmaster praised us on account of our good behaviour and because so few of us have left during the year. This pleased us very much.

It was amusing when a member of the Form became firmly attached to his seat by a piece of chewing gum, and was only released after vigorous use of a pen-knife.

During the second term the school was suffering from an escape of gas, and we were accused of being concerned in the matter. Since that time there has been no complaint on this matter, but a lot of "gas" still escapes in our class room.

Several members of our Form distinguished themselves on Sports Day by winning finals. In school we also distinguish ourselves and are glad to be able to say that we have some poetical minds amongst us. During a Physics lesson a student made up a rhyme which ran:—

Attached to a post

I see a ghost.

Needless to say, we are not sorry that the holidays are drawing near, though we will leave the school sadly.

FORM II. BOYS.

This year's Second Form is one of the noisiest Forms in the school. Despite this fact, we are a hard-working (?) class, and expect to do well in the final examinations.

We take a great interest in sport and are the backbone of the factions. On Sports Day also, we gained our share of honours. Gym is a favorite subject with us and we will take an important part in the display which is to be held after the examinations.

Next year we will be the Third Form and will have to face the Junior. If we all desire to pass, some of us will have to take our studies more seriously than we have been doing this year. This especially applies to History, which we have felt inclined to neglect.

We sincerely hope that our year's studies have been satisfactory, and that we will do even better work next year.

FORM II. NOTES—GIRLS.

"If ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise" is our motto, and we think that the members of the staff will agree that we do our best to live up to it. Nevertheless, we hope we can pass the terminal examinations.

An important function of this term was Sports Day, at which II. Girls helped considerably, and we are proud of the fact that runner up for champion girl is amongst our numbers. One of our class prefects left at the end of the second term. We are sure her faction will miss her in the coming year, for in the first term she was the champion girl swimmer.

We were all very perturbed early in the term when we thought that our biology teacher would resign—but we found that the test had not been forgotten—merely deferred.

Next year Domestic Science will be a subject for the Junior Examination. We are not overjoyed at this, for one of the lady members of the staff has suggested that the eating of the pastry we make might be used as a punishment.

We have been very shocked at receiving the information that Orlando, when in the forest of Arden—did not "wear anything" and also "carried his heart on his arm."

During the last period on Thursday afternoon we find it very hard to concentrate on our lesson, and are forced to move to the lawn, but even from there we hear wails coming from the Hall.

Our class is keen on historical debates, and one person is said to have caused a war by her arguments. Other debates take place between lessons, by a select few in the front giving orations on such subjects as, "Are the Germans superior to the English?" or "Would there be less accidents if women drove cars." These subjects often cause very heated discussions. Although the examinations are near,

they have not caused our expectations for the next holidays to be less joyful. To conclude, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Jolly holidays.

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FORM III. NOTES—BOYS.

Since the girls have refused to write our notes we have taken it upon ourselves. The Junior being over, we are slightly light-headed, or so one of our masters said. This light-headedness may be excused after the trials and troubles we encountered in the exam. But that is over and nearly forgotten.

The free days during the exam. have been spent in fishing parties, and all our members have the fishing craze.

The Fifth Form Girls have arranged a picnic to the caves and we are invited. We are anticipating a great deal of pleasure from this picnic.

In sport we have not been the worst Form, nearly all our members having a place in one faction team or another.

The remainder of the year we expect to spend in hoping for the best and working for the school as best we can. Next year we will be greatly diminished in numbers, and through these pages we all join in wishing our pals who leave good luck in their new enterprises.

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FORM III.—GIRLS

Term III., 1927: This period of our life's history can be divided into three distinct periods:—

(a) The cause of the breakdown of our philosophy of life, shown by giving away to superstition (illustrated by the Third Formers that they shall pass in the Junior), by ignorance (emphasised by the unkind evidence of the staff), and even in some cases by various weird action on the part of the boys, who take a pathetically childish joy in beautifying text books with wonderful caricatures; and who have so hungered for pastimes of their in-

fancy—that, through lack of other detail, they have taken to mixing the looks of fair maidens.

(b) The Junior—much consequent distress and trouble! During the period of examination we Third Formers were seen to be bowed down with grief and despair, to wear a "hang dog" look, to smile in a sickly manner upon sympathetic inquirers after exams. The Threes were in a disturbed state.

(c) Remedies! applied (though not by law) quite lawfully. We have now been relieved of our recent troubles and become a little sprightly. We can even bear a little light discussion on such topics as the weather! But wait! Follow us through the many stages of our brilliant career. Just a mad, glorious, hilarious abandonment, culminating in the summer holidays and a merry Christmas time.

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FORM IV. NOTES

Third term has been very unevenful for Fourth Form. We have not distinguished ourselves in any particular way—for which perhaps we may be truly thankful.

Despite our reputation for being keen sports, we failed to uphold the title to any remarkable extent on Sports Day, when most of the honours went to the Lower School.

At present we are rather busy studying for the exams., which are unpleasantly near. To think that while we are sitting in agony, chewing the ends of our pens in futile efforts for inspirations, the Junior and Leaving Classes will be disporting themselves in their riotous fashion, is truly horrible. But, one consolation is that this time next year we will be able to do the same, providing the effort of doing the Leaving is not too much for us. The appointment of two of our members as Library Prefects will prevent a repetition of the sky-larking at the end of last term, as they are bound to

enforce law and order. This is perhaps rather fortunate, as the said sport had rather disastrous effects on the health of several of the participants.

We find it rather a nuisance having the greater part of our lessons in E room, on account of the menagerie that is kept on the table. What troubles us most is the fact that the mosquitoes are left unchained during the day-time.

At Domestic Science we excel, and are very proud of the fact that in the yearly report our attempts at decorative work were said to be excellent. We wonder if Miss Lowndes really agrees with this estimation of our work. Nevertheless, we are all interested in our work, and much taste is being shown in the blending of colours, especially by one artistic maid, who is at present making a wallet in "colours of green."

In conclusion, we wish "good luck" to all those who intend leaving at the end of the term.

FORM V. NOTES.

The "Leaving" is just over and, having passed through that tremendous ordeal with few casualties, we are now about to die of pure enjoyment, provided the idea meets with the approval of the staff, the sheer enjoyment part, I mean, not the dying.

We have planned innumerable picnics and excursions, though how we are to cram so many pleasures into such a short period is a problem which may well baffle a skilled mathematician.

During the term we worked (?) more or less ("Chiefly less!" says some adverse critic) with great industry and perseverance, and though doubtless there are some who will question this, by a glance at the bent shoulders and haggard eyes of the Form in general, the absolute truth of this statement cannot fail to enforce itself upon the most unobservant.

The anticipation of the examination

was even worse than the ordeal itself, and sad to relate, it has affected students in various ways. The fact that one of the gentler members was actually seen to ride a boy's bicycle in public may be attributed to its influence; while the war and worry of consistent study caused two of the male portion of the Form to hand in incorrect time on Sports Day, and thus be disqualified for too great an acceleration in one of the events.

Lately our lockers have become possessed of a propensity to untidiness, and it is quite usual to see their contents ornamenting the corridors. Books, too, have developed wings and flown, though it is not altogether an uncommon sight to see, and even feel books flying without the aid of wings.

Some people think we are more to be pitied than blamed (though this does not seem to absolve us from blame), and their extreme charitability has almost succeeded in restoring our faith in human nature.

To conclude, we are all looking forward to "breaking up" celebrations and the Christmas holidays, and we strive valiantly to forget that sometime during the latter the "Leaving" results will be published.

E.B.

BASKET BALL

This year for the first time in the history of Albany a basket ball association for girls was formed. The school entered one team, thus making five teams in the competition. Two rounds were played in all, the school being in the lead at the end of the first round. Many exciting games were played. The positions at the end of the second round were:—Imperials 1, High School 2, Methodists 3, Church of England 4, Checkers 5.

In the semi-finals Methodists beat Imperials, and in the finals School beat Methodists. Imperials then exercised

their right to challenge the winners, and a very exciting game resulted, for when time was called the scores stood even. It was decided to play five minutes each way, to decide the winners. The school team, by a brilliant dash in the last three minutes, managed to score a margin of several goals.

The school team was chosen from the following players:—

M. Genoni (captain)—a very good back, but must watch the “one hand” mark.

N. Shepherd (back) — does very good work, inclined to be a little rough.

J. McGuire (wing)—passes very accurately, but slow on marking.

M. Treasure (centre)—passes well, watches her player, often loses points by slowness in taking the ball from the bounce.

N. Mitchell (wing)—too slow, both in passing and marking, improved towards the end.

R. Marsh (wing)—a splendid mark who “feeds” the goal throwers well; has a tendency to throw too hard into the circle.

D. Bailey (goal thrower)—a good mark, often loses a goal by over-anxiousness in not taking sufficient aim.

J. Sounness (assistant goal thrower)—marks well and easily, is too rough at times.

than a ladder leaning against the wall. Here was my chance to see “that Imperial palace whence we came.”

Lightly I mounted the dizzy heights and rapped on the roof. Almost at once I heard a faint rattle, like the jingling of distant keys. As the sound drew nearer I knew that it heralded the approach of none other than St. Peter himself.

Wildly excited, I listened to the ever loudening seraph’s song, and just as I was waiting for the roof to fade away a commotion from below intruded on my heavenly rapture and a sharp voice called out in wrathful accents, “Now, now, girls! girls! Too much noise! Too much noise! Get on with **your** work!” And, blushing guiltily, I climbed meekly down and took refuge behind the table.

J.M.

A GLIMPSE OF A HEIGHT THAT IS HIGHER

What is life? Seated on a kerosene box at a dusty bench, my drawing apparatus before me, I mused thus on the weighty problem. But, alas! I could arrive at no satisfactory solution. In fact, the effort of thinking so profoundly was rather too much for me.

In search of relaxation, I put my pencils from me, and arose. After a search about the room I was about to sit down once more in another futile attempt to work, when—ah!—I saw the very thing—it was nothing less

