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SENIOR PREFECTS — 1942.



Standing (from left to right)—D. Allen, M. Stephens, E. Manca, I. Lay, R. Kernutt, Y. Ford, J. Bird, S. Russell, E. Manuel.  
Sitting—I. Duncan, P. Norman, Mr. H. B. Laing (Headmaster), D. Holmes (Senior Girl), R. Gorman (School Captain).

# SCHOOL OFFICIALS — 1942.

## SENIOR PREFECTS:

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J. Bird.  
S. Russell.  
M. Stephens.  
E. Manea.

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—B. Glenister and C. Smith.  
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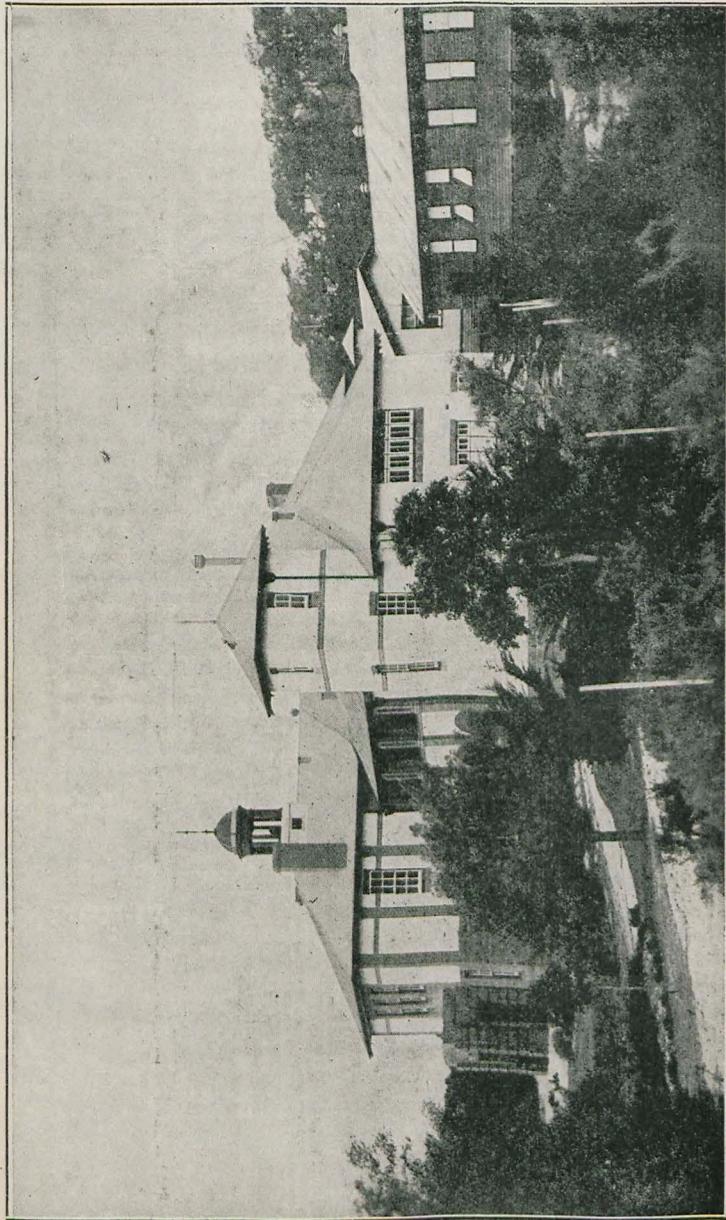
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## EDITORIAL.

Like many other Schools, ours commenced the present School year under a cloud of uncertainty. There was a rumour of evacuation and this rumour seemed to acquire greater justification when subsequently, several Government Schools were closed. Happily, later events of more heartening character dispelled much of the uneasiness the original scare produced, and thoughts turned to more normal School activities in which there was still a strong element of A.R.P. We in Albany have suffered least the discomfort and inconvenience of war scare and must be thankful.

Like our predecessors we deplore the lack of enthusiasm displayed in forwarding contributions to the current issue of the Boronia. This Term, however, this may have been due to the short notice given occasioned by the sudden decision to have one at all. Moreover the examinations are again upon us and, at such a time there is little opportunity or disposition for budding authors to exercise their literary talents.

In conclusion we wish to thank all who have helped to make this Boronia possible and hope that in years to come it will prove a pleasant reminder of the days spent at School.

R. KERNUTT.  
J. DUNCAN.  
N. ARMSTRONG.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

### Staff Changes.

During the year several changes in staff have occurred, with the inevitable result of frequent changes in the school time-table. Mr. H. Laing, M.A., who during last year was Acting Headmaster, was appointed Head in December, 1941. Following this appointment Mr. D. Collins, B.A., Dip. Ed., became Acting First Master, which position he has occupied during the entire year, save for a short period while he was absent taking a military instructional course, when Mr. J. Paul, B.A., Dip. Ed., took his place. In February, Mrs. Mutch, M.A., of Malaya, came to fill the vacancy left by Miss Birkhead. After a term spent mainly in teaching French and Geography, Mrs. Mutch left, and was succeeded by Miss McGuire, B.A., Dip. Ed. In March Miss W. Little left to be

married, and her place as teacher of commerce was filled by Miss P. Kavanagh. A little later we were sorry to lose Mr. S. Waddell, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., A. Mus. A., who was called up for the Air Force. Mr. E. Joyce ably took his place as Sports Master and teacher of Physics as well as of other subjects. Upon the transfer of Miss Kavanagh to Boongadoo, Miss McGuire took over some of the classes in Commerce.

### Patriotic Efforts.

Weekly collections in aid of Patriotic Funds have been conducted by the various factions. By the end of the year Green had collected £12/12/4½; Gold £10/0/10; Brown £9/2/2½; and Boronia £8/14/8½, making a total of over £40. £8 was donated from socials, and £20 from the proceeds of the School Ball, making a grand total of over £68—the best effort so far.

### A.R.P. in the School.

Air Raid Precaution activities have occupied a great deal of the time of both Staff and students during the year. Four First Aid parties, two each of boys and girls, have been trained. Fire parties have had continuous practice with the hoses and in fire drill. Trenches to accommodate staff and students have been dug in the school grounds, and classroom windows have been provided with anti-shatter protection. The Domestic Science centre is the only official First Aid Post so far selected by the Medical Co-ordination Board.

### Social Functions.

Arbor Day was most successful! The weather was all that could be desired and we were honoured with addresses from Mr. Kitson, Minister for Education; Mr. Little, Director of Education; Mr. Sten, District Inspector; Mr. Piesse, M.L.A.; Mr. Hill, M.L.A., and Mr. Gomm, representative of Albany District Road Board. Mrs. Mitchell, an old friend and well-wisher of long standing, graciously presented Junior and Leaving Certificates gained at the University Examinations, 1941. After a short adjournment to the plantation for the purpose of planting new pines, an enjoyable afternoon tea was partaken of in the Assembly Hall.

The Annual Ball was held in the Town Hall. Financially and socially the function was a great success; a huge crowd attended it and the nett profits were £60, of which £20 was given to the State Schools' Patri-

tic Fund, and £40 is being held for the purchase of library books.

Since the School Hall was not blacked out end of Term socials were held elsewhere. For the First Term the social was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, and for the Second Term, in the Masonic Hall. With the relaxing of the blackout restrictions, however, we will be able to hold our end-of-year social

in the School Hall.

Sports' Day, in spite of a few showers during the morning, was enjoyed by the good crowd of spectators present. The events were very keenly contested, with championships to be decided only at the last moment. And for the first time in many years, Brown faction excelled itself by gaining an overwhelming victory.

In September we were very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. J. McCall, Careers Research Officer. He delivered instructive and informative addresses both to the High School and to the Chamber of Commerce. His visit has been followed up by a frequent correspondence, through which medium information valuable to individual stu-

dents and generally helpful, is being received.

#### **Improvements to Grounds and Repairs to School Property.**

During August a good deal of time, trouble and money were spent on top-dressing the Sports' Oval, with the result that on Sports' Day the grounds looked particularly well. While the top-dressing process was being carried out, we were able by the kindness of certain of the fighting services, to have the use of the Centennial Oval, for several weeks of sports practice.

Several overdue repairs to school property have been effected, and a protective fire break has been cleared round the plantation.

#### **General.**

The lack of Library Room and space for books is still very apparent. By way of overcoming one difficulty, that of housing books, Mr. Sloman and Fifth Year boys have kindly volunteered to make two big book-cases. This work is nearly complete. Pine wood from the school plantation is being used to make a frame, for a photograph, enlarged by John Hallam, of our late Head

## **OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES.**

That is one of the things you will be up against all your life so when things go wrong just get busy and make them come right again.

At the time this Magazine goes to the printers Drew's have a handful of difficulties to overcome arising out of their fire; but we can spare time to wish you all success with your examinations and hope that you have put in a year of happy and useful study.

When you return to your School next year, we will be open for business again and we invite you all to visit our store. It will be laid out to a new plan that will be most convenient to our customers.

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Master, Mr. F. M. Reedy. The framed picture will probably be hung in the hall.

It is with deep regret for their loss, and with great sympathy for their relatives, that we have to record the deaths of two of our students. Geoff Elliott, R.A.N., who was a pupil of A.H.S. during the years 1937-1940, died in August at Flinder's Bay, having succumbed to a severe attack of pneumonia. James Fryer-Smith, one of our First Form pupils, died in the same month as a result of injuries received in an accident. In each case the passing leaves us with sad memories and heartfelt sorrow.

## PREFECTS' NOTES — 1942.

Having been handed the torch from our predecessors we hope that we have been successful in carrying out our duties in accordance with the fine example they set. It is with pleasure that we now hand on the torch to the prefects of next year.

Our meetings have all been highly successful insofar as the execution of general business is concerned. Our attention has been directed chiefly to the organisation of dancing lessons and socials, the proceeds of which were donated to Patriotic Funds.

At the beginning of the Third Term owing to the inability of I. Duncan to attend school for the first few weeks, R. Gorman became School Captain and the vacancy in our ranks thus caused was ably filled by E. Manea.

Unhappily we are not satisfied that we have been as successful as we would have wished in imposing our will on the unruly elements of the Lower School but perhaps by our lead they will follow our example, and in future, tread the steps of righteousness. (Loud howls from Form I.).

Despite the numerous duties which are closely connected with the honourable position of prefect we hope, however, that our 1943 successors will find their duties as pleasant as we found ours.

We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous, harsh or easy, conventional or odd.

—Alpha of the Plough.

To love playthings as a child, to lead an adventurous and honourable ~~you~~ life, and to settle, when the time arrives, into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life.

—R. L. Stevenson.

## JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERTIFICATES.

The following is a list of the successes of candidates at the Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations, held by the University in November, 1941.

### Leaving Certificate.

Joan Bamber: English, French, German, Geography (distinction), Drawing A.

Lorna Burvill: English, French, Geography (distinction), Biology, Physiol and Hygiene (distinction), Drawing A.

Muriel Furness: English, Biology, Drawing A.

Austin Holmes: English (distinction), History, Mathematics A, Mathematics B (distinction), Physics, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry.

Murray Huggins: English, History, Geography.

Inga Johns: English, French, History, Biology, Drawing A.

Grace Marshall: English, History, Geography, Biology, Drawing A.

Margaret Porter: English, French, History, Biology, Physiol and Hygiene.

William Reedy: English, Geography.

Norma Smith: English, Geography, Biology, Physiol and Hygiene.

Robert Walker: English, French, History, Geography (distinction), Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Industrial History.

Doreen Wheeler: English, French, German, Geography, Drawing A.

Evelyn Wood: English, French, History, Biology.

### Junior Certificate.

The following passed in ten subjects: J. Duncan, R. Hobley, J. Jenkyn.

Nine Subjects: D. Bethan, A. Clarke, E. Hutchens, J. Morris.

Eight Subjects: K. Furness, M. House, M. Stephens.

Seven Subjects: A. Bartram, S. Elliott, L. Groves, F. Oborne, L. Yates.

Six Subjects: R. Baker, V. Burvill, M. Clapp, P. Moir, A. Newman, E. Williams.

Five Subjects: L. Ashton, L. Barker, L. Kirby, S. Knott, J. Macaulay.

The following took individual subjects either to complete a Certificate or to add to one already gained:—N. Armstrong, I. Duncan, M. Firby, Y. Ford, R. Gorman, A. Holmes, D. Holmes, I. Johns, R. Kernutt, V. King, E. Manea, P. Norman, E. Smith, E. Trappitt, R. Willey, E. Wood, J. Bird, A. Norton.

Conversation is the laboratory and workshop of the student.

—Emerson.

## FORM NOTES.

### FORM I. BOYS.

Enter an athletic scholastic, voluble, modest, handsome, energetic reliable, class, and withal stern men of action. None the less some of our members are on the noisy side. Of highest nuisance value is the honourable, horrible Wittenoom. If his Lordship does not soon improve we cannot guarantee a safe passage through Second Year for him. There is the Woman Haters' League which, headed by Day has grown in membership recently. And there are the others—

Fatty has attempted to replace Delly in his attraction for the fairer sex but, so far has failed. David's train journey last term holidays was the epic of the season. Jim is a bachelor again! The clearing of a certain locker by two elder members of the school, has ruined the plans of one called Morris. Hedley keeps us well amused with his deep, resounding voice every time he speaks. Monty is too cheeky to be liked by the Staff members and needs demoting a bit.

First term we were subjected to a constant and heavy "blitz" of paper aeroplanes, but the timely interference of a member of the Staff prevented any serious damage being done.

Peter Wilkinson, though rather hard of hearing gives Jim Kavanagh a close run for top marks in schoolwork. Our congratulations are extended to Warren Day and David McCreathe who were Junior Champion Athlete and Runner-up respectively. We will be glad to welcome Elvard back to school after his recent illness. Hope our new Form Master appreciates our good hard work. Does he though? He gives us too much algebra!

In conclusion we would like to wish all students a very successful year when we return to our tasks after the holidays.

### FORM I. GIRLS.

Flash!! This is I.G. calling. Latest news of the day (or is it?). We have the reputation of being the noisiest Form in the school. A title is hard to earn but is sometimes harder to hold—so keep it up girls!

But we have our virtues and redeeming

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features, too. We are proud to say that one of our popular Form members, Beryl Glascoe, achieved the Junior Girls' Championship on Sports Day. Congratulations, Beryl!

There are some particularly bright sparks in our room. For instance, one girl displayed her aptitude for geography during the absence of a teacher. She stood out at the board and, after drawing a map of Australia, with the International Date Line going through it, she proceeded to plot in our various home-towns and did we learn where we lived—or did we?

One afternoon during history "Podge" was doing her best to play "handies" with her next door neighbour who wasn't having any. Remembering she was only a female "Podge" let out a broken-hearted scream which did not appeal to the teacher, who stood the two offenders up and gave them a motherly lecture. Ah well, "Podge," better luck next time.

"Gaga" seems much more talkative than usual and her voice is often raised in protest against one of the teacher's remarks. Her shapely nose has suffered from the gentle sun's rays and is now being relieved of some of its skin.

For several weeks I.G. was a considerably quieter class. The reason? Gerry was sick and her two fellow conspirators decided to attempt some work. If one looked in the door during her absence one would see these two slaving away at French, etc. However, on her return the class again suffered.

Another one of the porky occupants proved not to be backward at coming forward for after second period she neatly packed her books and rushed out of the door to wend her way home. But her return was quicker than her departure.

This is I.G. signing off until next year wishing all the Junior and Leaving candidates the best of luck in their exams and hoping the results will be A1.

Concluding with a Quiz on some of our in-mates.

1.—Which way is our battling blonde's affection running now? We wonder!

2.—Who are the cross-eyed girls who try to keep one eye on the door, and t'other on the window?

3.—Hey, Alphas! Why the rush to get to C. Room to get a seat near the window?

4.—Who are the girls who didn't consider themselves trapeze artists one gym. day?

5.—Who prefers love stories to geography?

6.—Who is the girl who, thinking herself not clean enough, decides to take a shower when the vase does a back flip?

## FORM I. SPECIAL.

"Hello"—Oh yes, it's I. Special, the noisiest if smallest First Year class. However, we think this a distinction. This term our numbers have been reduced, as a result of the departure of Pearl, Ray, Barbara, Doug and Robert, so that now our Form totals twenty-one.

We are such a mixed grill that most of us have nick-names. Most famous is Pickles, and the most comical fellow is Toe Tapping Ted, whose sole occupation is to sit and tap out melodies. Pickles and Toe Tapping Ted arrive after the bell with the greeting: "Good evening, boys."

Perhaps our Form Quiz will introduce some others:

Who's the Gorilla that pulls faces at the teacher?—Smarty Smith.

Who's the girl who peeps around corners in arithmetic?—Dagwood.

Who are the Giggling Gerties who sit in the front desk?—Carrots and Parsnips.

Who's the "Snow White" dwarf who has lost his way, but find himself quite often at school?—Sleepy Simpson.

Oh! We mustn't leave Ten Ton Tony out of this altogether. We daren't say anymore about her for fear of getting a broken neck.

We would like to introduce, too, the Troublesome Four—Midge, Ginge, Hefty and Humdinger. Midge is always busy writing notes to boys; Hefty sucks her thumb and only pretends to pay attention to her teacher; Ginge whose tongue seems to be swung too loose, does occasionally attend to her work. But Humdinger, that monkey who cannot sit still, is entirely lost in admiration of a rose which "Ginge gave her." We wonder.

Perhaps we can give some idea of our feelings in the words of our Form poet who says:—

In our Form there is a riot,  
'Twould be a shame if we were quiet,  
At sport we do some bludging,  
Until at last we're homeward trudging.

## FOR II. BOYS.

The ferocious growls and piercing screams which issue forth in never ending chorus from the depths of Room G have often been compared by fiercer masters to such as issue from a den of wild animals. Others upon occasion have voiced their sympathy: "Pity the poor dumb creatures!" Among the so-called wild animals are a number of very interesting specimens, but if the reader would make it his business to conduct a psychological examination of these beasts,

be advised, the opposite side of a brick wall is safer. You have been warned.

Among us is a person who has decided to lead an ecclesiastical life, has studied arduously the art of music, is a well-known student, and answers to the somewhat misleading title of Porky. A high authority on social status, he has earned for himself the enmity—oh! many are the battles royal—of a certain young person who by his shrill voice and glaring ties can be identified amongst hundreds. We are alluding to "Slip" who struts around like the proverbial peacock with an imitation of a specimen of the botanical world in his button-hole. It is very rare indeed that a Form has in its midst such a dignitary as a member of the Peerage, but Form II.B., as in everything else is exceptional and proudly numbers "Lord Claude Nunan" as the greatest of the great. Shakespeare gave us Hamlet, but Form II.B. gives you a greater character in "Hefty" whose personality rivals Ariel. From the depths of the swamps of Chorkerup comes a sweeter, gentler soul, a poet who this day may be classed with Tennyson. His present occupation is "spud-digging," but as Shakespeare said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." "Spuddigger" is of the latter category. We also have a future Dr. Einstein in "Dr. Eyebrowless," an expert on dictionaries and encyclopedias. We one day hope to see the "Not so Australian Dictionary," compiled by "Doc."

Interesting characters are we of II.B. Some have passed to wider fields of endeavour, but space lets us mention no more of them than their names: Charlie, Eleka, Swanea, Hopny, Mickey, Kirky and Rosebud, not to forget Alfy the Vaccee. Good luck all of you wherever you may be!

In the meantime we have done our best to enjoy 1942 in Form II.B.

Ere next year comes to a close may all our names appear in the Press both yours and ours. It is this thought which prompts us to wish sincerely the best of luck to Junior and Leaving candidates of 1942 in parting.

#### FORM II. GIRLS.

We're the pride and joy of the High School,  
We're a wonderful class, II.G.,  
And yet if a teacher comes along  
We're as dull as a class can be.  
But we "don't give a whoop" for lessons,  
For History and Maths and such;  
We're the best in the School at escapades,  
And we don't fear our Form-Mistress—  
much.  
Form notes, did someone say? Well, if

we write as much as we talk it should be easy. As a matter of fact one teacher in particular has congratulated us on being able to talk. What she cannot understand is that whereas we can chatter gaily between lessons, we become dumb as soon as a question is put to us. Or else our confusion vents itself in such a crisis as the following:—Question: What took place in 1066? Answer: Plimiss the Spanish Armada. Subsidence of the perpetrator beneath the furious gaze of the teacher.

The year has flown as usual, and it brings us again to the close of Term III.—much to our delight. Our only regret is that we will be saying goodbye to Room E. We have, most of us, grown fond of Room E, even with its badly damaged sink which afflicts the minds and noses of certain members of the Staff. We have all grown fond of gazing out of its windows on to blue (ahem!) Albany skies, when we should be concerned about more vital things than whether we are going to have sport in the afternoon.

II.G. has to its credit the memory of a concert, contributed mainly by girls of our Form and given at the Forts. If one had been foolish enough to peep into the Hall every afternoon after school, one would have seen the girls, enveloped in Mother's, Aunt Henrietta's or maybe even their own dressing gowns, looking very picturesque (? ? ?); and as they sang the melodies "Tit Willow," etc. One's heart bled for those who would be in the audience on the great night. They also displayed all their feminine charms as Hula girls, swaying gracefully to the music supplied by one of our talented pianists.

Hark! the dinner-bell! I must get there first. Cheorio, fellow scholars, till we meet again in 1943.

#### FORM III. GIRLS.

"Why Study?"—The more we study the more we know; the more we know the more we forget; the more we forget the less we know; the less we know the less we forget; the less we forget the more we know:—So why study?" Undoubtedly this seems quite a logical chain of reasoning, but we all agree that more persuasive powers than we possess would be needed to induce the Staff to think likewise.

For months we have been dreaming of the fateful day when the Junior will commence and at last the realisation has burst upon us that on the morrow we shall embark upon our short but hazardous journey of exams. Many of us are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping that the fates will smile kindly upon us in these coming days

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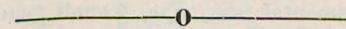
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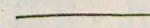
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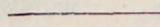
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of trial. Especially when we remember that History is the first subject.

Our Form has at times been rather boisterous and noisy as discovered in our sins by the teachers and we have been informed by one that on the 23rd November we shall not be able to raise even one wan smile between us. We'll try anyway!

Various girls have decided that they may rejoin us next year after all. Is it the prospect of being able to indulge in the luxuries of Physiology and Hygiene, or some other attraction that lures them back to the realms of homework and swot? It is really quite a simple question; can you supply the answer?

Owing to the close proximity of the aforementioned Junior, we must apologise for the brevity of our notes. Next time you hear from us we may be Fouth Formers, so for the present we must away. We offer our sympathy and best wishes to the Fifth Formers, and hope they all win through.

### III.G. Questionnaire.

(1) Who is our little dark-haired student who felt (especially one day) that she really could not stand the strain of a geography test?

(2) Who frequently uses A Room cupboard door as a handsome (?) young dancing partner?

(3) Who is our class genius who answers "coral" when asked of what coral islands are made?

(4) Who is III.G.'s French genius?

(5) Who is the temperamental lass, who relieves her pent-up feelings by ill-treating her inoffensive books?

(6) What attraction brings Deanie back next year?

(7) Who is the Class Treasurer?

### FORM IV.

"The quietest and most studious Form in the School!" Such is our reputation! We never would have guessed it until our Form Mistress kindly announced the fact to us a few weeks ago. In spite of this most agreeable praise we would like to announce to the rest of the school that we still take the same size in hair ribbons. (All of you? —Ed.).

Our main contribution to the social (physical?) welfare of the school was a tuck-shop at the end of first term. Hot dogs were the main attraction for the hungry, who fought and scrambled for their portion of canine flesh—until we were reminded of the mob scenes in Paris in 1789 and had to be forcibly restrained from rushing out of the Hall, chasing wildly after a fleeing Robespierre, and knocking him on the head.

Form IV. is notable for the number of strange characters that make up its ranks, among them being:—

(1) The Learned One who could argue the leg off a chair on any subject from domestic science to the evolution of man. Although these arguments, taken up by the whole Form, sometimes become rather heated, our History Mistress has informed us that there is nothing like arguing to speed up production of the little grey cells.

(2) Peter, who seems to find difficulty in controlling his gentle little voice while delivering to the maths. class a short lecture on the prospects of winning the war before Christmas, or relating the touching incident of how he happened to bump into a long, thin shadow one night during black-out. By the way, this worthy's latest joke is—"What is cow-hide used for?" Answer: "To keep the cow together, of course."

(3) Another member, who persists in delivering a running commentary on social news and current gossip, etc., during the history period and, although the History Mistress may have other ideas, has managed to impress at least one member of the community with his "tact and diplomacy."

We simply cannot bring these enlightening little notes to a close without mentioning the various coiffures affected by the female members of the Form. We have two airy little "windsweeps," a couple of unadulterated "straights," an upward twirl, a downward twist surmounted by numerous small "sausages" and, added to these, one member actually flouts a "perm."

The boys appear singularly unimaginative as far as hair styles go (although it is well known that Surridge's little blonde curls are his soul's chief delight) but their "dress sense" seems to find full force when it comes to the choice of ties. There is one in particular of pale blue satin figured with cunning little green and blue squiggles. Although repeatedly told that it resembles bathroom curtains more than anything else the owner still seems to retain his fatherly affection for it.

We have been particularly fortunate this year in having for our Form Mistress Miss Richards, who has been an inspiration to us in this critical year of our mental (?) development. We wish to convey to her our appreciation of the interest she has taken in our progress and work.

### FORM III. BOYS.

Hullo everybody! Form III.B. calling on wavelength 560 kilometres—or is it kilocycles? It is with much regret we are forced to write these Form Notes with time

which could be spent in much pleasanter surroundings. At least, we deserve a little recreation.

The Junior is now almost over although when this magazine reaches public notice we will have done away with our "Domestic Worries"—useful suggestion from "Jinnie" with the light brown hair.

We wish to thank all members of the Staff for their valuable assistance in keeping our nose to the grindstone for so long. Thanks are especially due to our history teacher who has guided us "safe to the landing place"—so well that we can now afford to "Drop the Pilot"—was that William the Silent or Benito Mussolini?

We happen to be well read in the other literary arts of Mr. Punch—in fact he plays quite an important part in our studies, although our analysis does not benefit—so we hear.

The end of this year will see the departure of many of our prominent "friends, Australians and countrymen," and doubtless the Form will miss them next year.

We have, in our midst, several renowned

personalities who will doubtless make good in years to come.

John (one of the nine) our four-eyed philosopher and representative of the Air Training Corps "will pass in everything—shame that more of us have not such powers of concentration."

John (Bull) and "Glack" are always a centre of disturbance; especially during Maths B.

"George" has a way of his own—punctuality is his motto. It is wondered if "Lavender" has been affected likewise.

"Here Sproll! What's your definition of an erg? Ah! he hasn't got one."

D.G.W. certainly shows promise of becoming a second "Isaac" and firmly believes that "action and reaction are equal and opposite"—that's how he got his black eye.

"Alf"—the man who has hopes of a revised French language—especially for his benefit.

This must finish our latest edition as the wheels of industry cannot be further delayed and with it will end, for many of us, our school life and all that it stands for. Those of us who are fortunate enough to be able

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to stay longer wish them all "Bon Voyage" wherever their travels may lead them.

**FORM V.**

This is Form V, emerging from a welter of books just to say "hullo" for the last time. It is five years since with varying degrees of bashfulness we introduced ourselves to the School. And now with the confidence attained by thus cautiously gaining the exalted Fifth Form, we now reintroduce you to a few of our members. The idea of course is to see if you will recognise in these mangled heaps of humanity, the innocent flower of youth which precipitated itself over the High School threshold five years ago.

From the vantage point of female superiority we introduce you to the far from better half of our Form. Leading all in speed, if not in actual intellect is the worldly Thomas. Five years of warfare have not dampened his youthful, innocent ardour and love of fun. To Two Gun, just appearing from the Reference Library with a book in one hand and a glazed glare of concentration in his eye, we present you next. Following him is the kingly Duncan who also frequents the Reference Library but not for the same purpose. And then comes Ernie, the hero of the fairer sex, who has so far failed to succumb to the "feminine touch." Ghostie, Tweet, and Karnutt have come to the conclusion that swatting is far more pleasant in the corner block, surrounded by Mother Nature. Or is it swot? And now, a blushing a chortle usher in the youngest of our lordly "Fives." Five years have not spoilt that childish innocence so sadly lacking in his companions.

It is of course of far greater interest to the reader to be introduced into the charming female circle. Rene, the athlete, who strangely enough, is also lured to the Reference Library, requires no further introduction. Watty, who still cannot pronounce her r's concentrates on the fact that she will at least get her man. And then there is Doris, our guiding light who still radiantly casts beams of complacency over her more turbulent fellow members. In five years you have come to recognise the striking personalities of the Invincible Quartette who are still as invincible as ever and various members have shown their latent sophistication by adopting glamorous hair-styles. Rose has rid herself of her "sausages" and has now developed into a forward young lass. Even Enid, the Form's support, was so influenced by the "Rape of the Lock" that she consented to the sacrifice of her shining tresses which are now up for

sale. Marj. has lost her girlish giggle and is now developing into serious maturity under the guiding influence of "an outside interest." You have now met the frivolous members of the Form; it only remains to introduce you to the studious Joan and the "Reluctant Dragon," who after five years of strenuous gym can at least turn a somersault—with support.

You have now met the illustrious members of Form V. And I have not doubt that you will realise with us the severe loss (?) we are inflicting upon the School by our departure.

In conclusion we wish to thank all those who have helped to make our stay at school so pleasant. And in particular we would like to thank Miss Richards, our Form Mistress, who has throughout guided our erring footsteps into the path of righteous ness.

Thanks and cheerio!

## "FROM LIBYA."

The golden sun is sinking.  
 And the sky is stained with red;  
 The moon will soon be risen,  
 And the stars shine overhead.  
 In my tent I'm sitting thinking,  
 Not of war, but of the peace,  
 When the bayonet charge is over,  
 And the roaring cannons cease.  
 Thinking not of Hun nor Dago,  
 Nor of how we made them stay,  
 Nor of agony we suffered,  
 Pushing forward day by day.  
 With the blazing sun above us,  
 Burning sands to left and right,  
 Going onward, ever onward,  
 Struggling ever for the right!  
 Thinking of our wives and mothers,  
 Towns we know and homes we love,  
 Children, fathers, sisters, brothers  
 Dear Lord, guard them from above!  
 We have suffered heat and hunger,  
 Lost our souls in pangs of thirst;  
 But the honour of our country,  
 Not our comfort, came the first.  
 We've had clashes with the foemen,  
 We've had losses, great and small,  
 Seen our own dear friends and comrades,  
 For their King and Country fall.  
 Land of my love, Australia!  
 Girt round by silver seas,  
 May I return to your shores and live,  
 Once more with the brave and free!

I know of nothing sweeter than the leaking of Nature through all the cracks in the walls and floors of cities.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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## GIRLS' SPORT NOTES.

During the First Term of this year tennis, baseball and basketball were, as usual, keenly contested but some disappointment was felt when it was known that it was impossible to hold the Annual Swimming Carnival. Of the four factions Brown and Boronia were the "favourites" for the Carnival although Green and Gold had entered many able representatives.

Points resulting from the baseball, basketball and tennis matches were as follows:—Basketball: Gold 20, Green 16, Boronia 4; Baseball: Brown 12, Boronia and Green 9; Tennis: Gold 8, Green 6, and Boronia 4.

Throughout the Second Term Green showed itself supreme on the hockey field, being unbeaten and gaining 50 points. Gold followed with 30 points Brown with 16, and Boronia with 6. Boronia proved superior at baseball gaining 30 points, while Gold gained 21, Green 9 and Brown 6. At basketball Gold and Green tied with 26, while Brown gained 16 points and Boronia 8.

Association hockey was of a high standard this year, and during the Term produced many surprises. Although at times "B" team received some crushing defeats at the hands of "A" team, it has one brilliant in its history—the fact that in one match it tied with "A" team. "B" team also won and tied against Ex-Students. The final positions were:—Checkers, 1st; "A" team, 2nd; "B" team, and then Ex-Students. Barbara Hall has evidently been "hiding her light under a bushel" but now, much to the appreciation of "A" team she has been discovered to be a very efficient "goalie."

Only a few faction matches have been played during Third Term owing to practices for Sports' Day but from the basketball, tennis and baseball matches that were played the points were—Basketball: Green, 12; Gold, 4; Boronia, 4; Brown, 4. Baseball: Green, 9; Gold, 9; Boronia and Brown, 3. Tennis: Boronia, 4; Gold, 4.

Amid hoarse yells and wild cheers Brown raced to a victorious finish on Sports Day, with 165½ points, much to the satisfaction of most people. Gold came second with 85 points, while Green and Boronia gallantly brought up the rear with 69½ and 59½ respectively. Brown was unusually fortunate in having the Open Champion, I. Lay, and the Junior Champion, Beryl Glascoe. Runner-up for Junior Champion was T. Avins, of Boronia.

Hockey pockets have been awarded to B. Groves, of Gold; N. Reedy, of Green, and T. Furness and B. Hall, of Boronia.

On the whole, sport has been of a fairly

high order although it has been really an unlucky year as far as sport is concerned. Firstly, the Swimming Carnival was greatly missed by all and, secondly, we had it seems more rainy Tuesday afternoons than ever before, so that hockey was the only game that could really prosper.

However we have triumphed over these difficulties under the able leadership of Miss Richards and have been able to enjoy a keen and exciting "sport" year.

### FACTION EVENTS:

Over and Under.—Brown, 1; Green, 2; Gold, 3. Time, 59.1 secs.

Tunnel and Arch.—Green, 1; Brown, 2; Boronia, 3.

Circular Pass Ball.—Brown, 1; Green, 2; Gold, 3.

Flag Race.—Green, 1; Gold, 2; Boronia, 3.

Pass Ball.—Brown, 1; Green, 2; Boronia, 3.

Relay Race.—Brown, 1; Green, 2; Boronia, 3.

### OPEN CHAMPIONS:

I. Lay (Br), 13½ points. Runner-up, F. Oborne (Gr), 4½ points.

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONS:

B. Glascoe (Br), 11 points. Runner-up, T. Avins (Bor) 9 points.

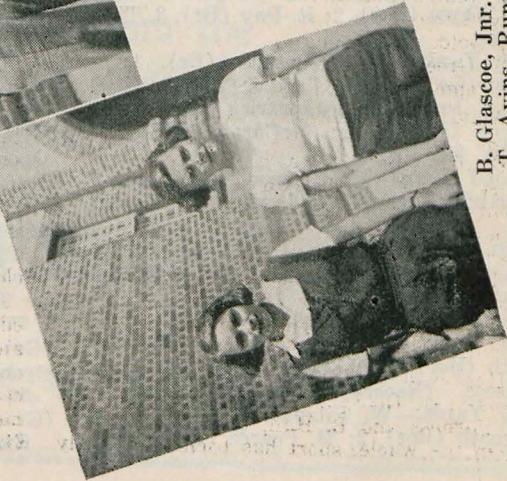
### TOTAL FACTION POINTS.

Brown	- - - - -	165½ Points.
Gold	- - - - -	85 Points.
Green	- - - - -	69½ Points.
Boronia	- - - - -	59½ Points.

## RED CROSS NOTES.

This Term several bundles of magazines donated by students have been despatched to the local Branch for use by patients at the Hospital and by soldiers at the Forts. Still more supplies would be very welcome. The girls of Forms I., II. and IV. have made and rolled about 23 dozen bandages which have been sent to the Red Cross. As a result of previous tuck shops held by the Senior Girls, £5 was handed in for the Prisoners of War Fund. The momentum of the knitting campaign has this Term slowed down considerably, but we hope for an all-out offensive next year. The Term's knitting amounts to 9 mufflers, 1 pair knee caps, 1 pair socks, 1 helmet, in addition to baby's clothes consisting of 1 dozen singlets, 7 bonnets, 3 coats, 5 pairs bootees. It is suggested that a sale of Christmas gifts be held in aid of Red Cross Funds, some orders for dolls having already been received. Proceeds from the afternoon tea on Sports' Day handed in to the Red Cross amounted to £4/5/-.

D. McCreath, Runner-up: Under 14.  
W. Day, Champion: Under 14.



P. Surridge and T.  
Shelley, Senior  
Champions  
(tie).

B. Glascoe, Jr. Champ.  
T. Avins, Runner-up.

C. Glascoe, Under 16 Champion.  
J. Fitzpatrick, Under 16 Runner-up.

I. Lay, Senior Girl  
Champion.

# SPORTS' DAY — 1942.

The Eighteenth Annual Sports Day was held on the School Oval on Friday, 23rd October. The weather, except for one slight shower, was ideal for the various athletic events.

## BOYS' EVENTS.

### Open Championships:

Mile.—M. Stephens (Go), 1; P. Surridge (Br), 2; T. Shelley (Go), 3.

880 Yards.—M. Stephens (Go), 1; P. Surridge (Br), 2; T. Shelley (Go), 3.

440 Yards.—T. Shelley (Go), 1; P. Surridge (Br), 2; M. Stephens (Go), 3. Time, 55 secs.

220 Yards.—T. Shelley (Go), 1; P. Surridge (Br), 2; M. Stephens (Go), and R. Gorman (Bor), 3. Time, 25.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—T. Shelley (Go), 1; M. Stephens (Go), 2; P. Surridge (Br), 3. Time, 21 secs.

100 Yards.—T. Shelley (Go) 1; P. Surridge (Br), 2; M. Stephens (Go), 3. Time, 11.8 secs.

High Jump.—P. Surridge (Br), 1; T. Shelley (Go), 2; J. Manuel (Gr), 3. Height, 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—P. Surridge (Br), 1; T. Shelley (Go), 2; R. Gorman (Bor), 3. Distance, 39ft. 2ins.

### Under 16 Championships:

Mile.—C. Glascoe (Br), 1; T. Penter (Go), 2; M. Walsh (Br), 3.

880 Yards.—C. Glascoe (Br), 1; T. Penter (Go), 2; M. Walsh (Br), 3.

440 Yards.—C. Glascoe (Br), 1; E. Manea (Go), 2; T. Penter (Go), 3. Time, 58.5 secs. (Record).

220 Yards.—J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1; E. Manea (Go), 2; C. Glascoe (Br), 3. Time, 26.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1; L. Whyte (Bor), 2; R. Day (Br), 3. Time, 19 secs.

100 Yards.—J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1; E. Manea (Go), and C. Glascoe (Br), 2 (tied).

High Jump.—J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1; C. Glascoe (Br), 2; P. McCormick (Go), 3. Height, 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Broad Jump.—C. Glascoe (Br), and J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1 (tied); E. Manea (Go), 2.

Hop, Step and Jump.—J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 1; C. Glascoe (Br), 2; E. Manea (Go), 3. Distance, 36ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

### Under 14 Championships:

220 Yards.—W. Day (Br), 1; D. McCreath (Bor), 2; M. Pearce (Br), 3. Time, 26.9 secs. (Record).

100 Yards.—W. Fitzpatrick (Gr), 1; D. McCreath (Bor), 2; M. Pearce (Br), 3.

75 Yards.—W. Day (Br), 1; W. Fitzpatrick (Gr), 2; D. McCreath (Bor), 3. Time, 9.4 secs.

Broad Jump.—W. Day (Br), 1; D. McCreath (Bor), 2; W. Fitzpatrick (Gr), 3.

Hop, Step and Jump.—W. Day (Br), 1; D. McCreath (Bor), 2; W. Fitzpatrick (Gr), and Westerberg (Go), 3 (tied). Distance, 33ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

### Open Handicap Events:

Mile.—E. Stokes (Go), 1; R. Pederick (Br), 2.

440 Yards.—L. Whyte (Bor), 1; R. Kernutt (Gr), 2.

220 Yards.—J. Bird (Bor), 1; R. Kernutt (Gr), 2.

100 Yards.—R. Kernutt (Gr), 1; J. Bird (Bor), 2.

### Under 16 Handicap Events:

440 Yards.—R. Pitt (Br), 1; M. Walsh (Br), 2.

220 Yards.—R. Pitt (Br), 1; A. Reeves (Go), 2.

100 Yards.—A. Reeves (Go), 1; A. Milne (Go), and L. Norman (Gr), 2 (tied).

### Under 14 Handicap Events:

220 Yards: M. Norton (Bor), 1; R. Thorman (Br), 2.

100 Yards: D. McCreath (Bor), 1; Tutt (Go), 2.

75 Yards.—W. Day (Br), 1; D. McCreath (Bor), 2.

### Novelty Event—Potato Race:

M. Stephens (Go), and J. Bird (Bor), 1 (tied).

### Fact Relay:

Brown, 1; Gold, 2; Boronia, 3. Time, 50 secs.

### Open Champions:

T. Shelley (Go), and P. Surridge (Br), 20 points each.

### Under 16 Champion:

C. Glascoe (Br), 18 points. Runner-up, J. Fitzpatrick (Br), 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  points.

### Under 14 Champion:

W. Day (Br), 12 points. Runner-up, D. McCreath (Bor), 9 points.

## GIRLS' EVENTS.

### Open Championships:

100 Yards.—I. Lay (Br), 1; N. Reedv (Gr), 2; N. Basilico (Bor), 3. Time, 13.2 secs.

100 Yards Skipping Race.—B. Groves (Go), 1; I. Lay (Br), 2; F. Oborne (Gr), 3. Time, 14.6 secs.

75 Yards.—I. Lay (Br), 1; F. Oborne (Gr), 2; N. Basilico (Bor), and N. Armstrong (Go), 3 (tied). Time, 10 secs.

50 Yards.—I. Lay (Br), 1; D. Holmes (Gr), 2; F. Oborne (Gr), 3. Time, 7 secs.

Hitting Hockey Ball.—I. Lay (Br), 1; D.

Portner (Gr), 2; B. Groves (Go), 3. Distance, 98ft. 10ins.

Throwing Basketball.—N. Worthington (Gr), 1; D. Farmer (Go), 2; N. Basilico (Bor), 3. Distance, 80ft.

#### **Junior Championships:**

100 Yards.—B. Glascoe (Br), 1; T. Avins (Bor), 2; G. Rogers (Br), 3. Time, 12.8 secs.

100 Yards Skipping Race.—B. Glascoe (Br), 1; T. Avins (Bor), 2; G. Rogers (Br), 3. Time, 13.5 secs. (Record).

75 Yards.—B. Glascoe (Br), 1; T. Avins (Bor), 2; G. Rogers (Br), 3. Time, 10 secs.

50 Yards.—T. Avins (Bor), 1; B. Glascoe (Br), 2; N. Ferry (Go), 3. Time, 7.1 secs.

Hitting Hockey Ball.—B. Moir (Gr), 1; B. Robins (Bor), 2; E. Deane (Go), 3. Distance, 102ft.

Throwing Basketball.—N. Worthington (Gr), 1; M. Kernutt (Gr), and E. Bull (Gr), 2 (tied). Distance, 75ft. (Record).

#### **Handicap Events:**

100 Yards, Grade I.—R. Nicholls (Br), 1; J. Milne (Br), 2.

100 Yards, Grade II.—M. Bowman (Br), 1; N. Atkinson (Br), 2.

100 Yards, Grade III.—N. Armstrong (Go), 1; N. Basilico (Bor), 2.

75 Yards, Grade I.—J. Milne (Br), 1; J. Brandenburg (Bor), 2.

75 Yards, Grade II.—T. Avins (Bor), 1; B. Voce (Br), 2.

75 Yards, Grade III.—E. Hansen (Go), 1; R. Allwood (Go), 2.

#### **Novelty Events:**

Obstacle Race.—J. Jenkyn (Br), 1; D. Farmer (Go), 2.

Siamese Race.—Green, 1; Gold, 2.

Shakespeare was forbidden of Heaven to have any plans. To DO any, or to GET any good, in the common sense of good, was not to be within his permitted range of work.

—Ruskin.

A poet will generally tend to describe not so much the mental attitudes which he seriously thinks right, as those which are so temperamentally tied on to him, that he knows he can describe them well.

—G. K. Chesterton.

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## BOYS' SPORT — 1942.

This year sport as in previous years has been a prominent feature of the Schools' activities, and a good standard of play has been witnessed in all spheres.

The most important function in First Term is generally the Swimming Carnival, but unfortunately the Town Baths were not available this year and that function had to be abandoned.

In Faction football this year, Boronia was victorious closely followed by Gold, then Brown and Green. Just after the beginning of Second Term several exciting football matches were played between the High School team and the Town team. In nearly all these matches the High School proved to be the stronger. Matches were contested also between the combined teams of the High School and the Town against the Forts and "C" Coy. In one of these the Town-School team led most of the way only to be robbed of victory by a strong finishing effort on the part of "C" Coy-Forts.

When the summer months approached cricket and tennis again became the main sport. Basketball was played all the year round. In basketball Gold led the factions with most number of points, followed by Boronia, then Green and Brown. In cricket Brown won from Boronia, Gold and Green. Gold also had a win in tennis being followed by Boronia, Green and Brown. For basketball L. Barker and R. Piesse have been awarded pockets, and cricket pockets have been awarded to C. Trappit, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Gorman and T. Shelley. Congratulations!

The main event in Third Term is Sports' Day, which is much looked forward to by all students. Generally on Sports' Day we get a shower of rain in the morning; this year it came in the afternoon, but it soon cleared up. P. Surridge and T. Shelley tied for Open Championship. C. Glascoe was Under 16 Champion, J. Fitzpatrick was runner-up. The Under 14 Championship went to W. Day, and runner-up being D. McCreath. In faction points Brown had a decisive victory by gaining 165½, followed by Gold with 85, Boronia with 59½, and Green with 69½.

Near the end of this year tennis again came into prominence and although only a limited number of matches have been played, they attracted much interest from the tennis players.

The final points in Faction Competition in 1942 are:-

Boronia - - - - -	222
Gold - - - - -	220½
Brown - - - - -	185
Green - - - - -	114½

We take this opportunity of congratulat-

## THE LONELY HOUSE.

Again the joyful spring is here,  
And nature sings its happy song,  
But though I'm loved by kindred dear,  
The tedious day is far too long.  
There was a time in days gone by,  
This house was gay with brother's  
laughter,  
And we were happy, you and I;  
Nor could we see the sad days after.  
For when your country called to you,  
You gladly went; and I am lonely.  
Gone is the joy that once we knew,  
I feed my soul on memories only.  
I wander slowly by the stream,  
That winds its way among the hills,  
And you are with me in my dream,  
Your face alone my sad thoughts fills.  
But when these troublous days are past,  
And peace comes back to earth once more,  
You will return to us at last,  
And laugh here with us, as before!

—By NOELINE ATKINSON, II.G.

## ALPHABET FORM.

A is for Arthur our classes' sure-prize.  
B is for Bavin known by his size.  
C is for Cooky who's not so dumb.  
D is for Dawson the classes tom-thumb.  
E is for Edward the Priory's Pie.  
F is for Fatty oh! what a guy.  
G is for Gleno of great-boot fame.  
H is for Haines who is not too tame.  
I is for 'Icka he has never been caught.  
J is for Johnny, Maxie for short.  
K is for Knockers (his fate's in I.G.).  
L is for Lennie the flirt of II.B.  
M is for Monte our milk-shake man.  
N is for Nunan "The Lord of the Clan."  
O was for 'Oppy, he stayed with us once.  
P is for Pierre he's far from a dunce.  
Q is for Quizzy the boy of the day.  
R is for Ricka—search for him you may.  
S is for Spud-digger—rations don't count.  
T is for Tweet—his coupons just mount.  
U is for Us—the best of the School.  
V is for Victory—synonymous with us.  
W is for Willies we get them in exams.  
X is the Unknown and troublesome too.  
Y is his mate he's also a stew.  
Z is for Zarkoff, but he's no Uncle Sam.

ing Boronia on its success in which the boys played the major part and we look forward with keen expectancy to a renewal of the contest next year.

**WHEN FAIRIES RIDE.**

A fairy went out riding.  
Out riding in the air.  
For horse she had a butterfly,  
They made a happy pair.  
This fairy went a-riding  
To reach the bright blue sky,  
But she never, never got there—  
There was one reason why.  
There were no flowers a-growing,  
A-growing in the air,  
There were no pearly dewdrops,  
And no sweet honey there.  
Now fairies feed on honey,  
From dainty flowers and rare;  
They quench their thirst on dewdrops,  
And that is all they care.  
So when fairies go a-flying,  
They never fly too high;  
They have to live with flowers,  
And when you see bright butterflies,  
A-fluttering their wings,  
And softly, gently bend your head—  
You'll see the fairy things!

—By Gwen Ingram, I.G.

**IRONING COLLARS.**

Get those double collars ready,  
Don't forget those ironing rules,  
Firm table, hot iron, pressing long and  
steady,  
If your flat-iron scorches, wait until it  
cools,  
Wrong, right, wrong, right,  
Gee! I'm getting dizzy!  
Wrong, right, wrong, right,  
Now I'm getting busy.  
Flop it on the right side,  
Flip it on the wrong,  
Right side press and creases hide,  
From curious gazing throng.  
Scrub it with the rounder iron,  
That tries and makes you burn  
Yourself, and roar like blistered lion  
When the blessed thing won't turn.  
And what a mighty sigh you heave,  
And what a scowl you give,  
When torture-room you gladly leave;  
How DOES one manage to live?  
—“A Sufferer.”

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## EX-STUDENTS' NOTES.

There has been a wealth of news that we have learnt and reported with pride concerning our Exies in the course of this year and all of it could occupy a worthy place in the School Magazine. But obviously we cannot reprint it all. It is in the doings of our ex-students that we are justified and though light now plays upon another canvas it still shows figures from whom we can gather encouragement and satisfaction. They are spread widely from Jack Shiner who is missing, and Jerry Haire and Herb Hawley, prisoners with the Japs and in Germany respectively, to John Knight (decorated), a Fortress Pilot in Australia and Laurie Howard and Frank Davey, pilots in London, Ron Douglas who has distinguished himself in his training. There are Brian Moir, F/O Clark Tufnell, P/O Ossie Tomlinson, Eric Ramsay and Warren James, Instructors, Jack Ramsay, Alan Norton, Bill Hortin who gained their wings and Bob Walker, Eric Matson, Alan Paterson, Bruce Forte, Max Sloman, and Bob Rust, who are in the course of training. In the Navy are Norm Murray, home now on leave we believe, Phil Taylor having a spell of sick leave after an operation, and Hamblin Mair. These are but few of the names that come to mind from a great number who are doing their duty nobly. We offer our sympathy to Jack Shiner's wife and parents and are glad that news is coming through from Jerry and Herb.

It is good to have Exies come back to see us from time to time, and some of them do look well these days. There was Warren James, who brought with him a brand new and attractive bride and there was Hilda Edwards looking very fresh and happy, Phil Taylor not too bad in the circumstances, Alan Norton very fit, and Bill Wright, towering to a lofty 6ft. 4ins.

Mention of Hilda Edwards did start me on the good intention of introducing the ladies but I was beguiled again into the less disturbing society of the men. And it is indeed one of the many delights to meet our girls again. For instance I saw Beth Carrie on the eve of her marriage and thoroughly enjoyed the ensuing half hour. There is Lick Whittem out at Walpole teaching and running a home, Dorothy Deane and Maude McLennan in the Children's Hospital, Perth and Fremantle, respectively; Marie Moir in the Mount Hospital, and then in the Services, Marion Waddell, Aileen Thomson, Edith McKenny and Rae Berry in the A.W.A.S. and Rita Burroughs, Mary Castle and Meg Porter in the W.A.A.F.'s. And there must be many more. It is im-

possible to keep trace of all, but we are grateful to receive information from any source of their doings.

One thing I would like to mention before closing. I think it must be something of the Reedy touch still—and I'm sure Mr. Laing will endorse the reference—which has prompted so many of our Exies to send wires of sympathy and cheer to those about to take the exams; Max Ladyman, Bill Reedy, the Davis twins, Jim Morris, Murray Huggins, Daphne Fitzpatrick—it's good to see her back in Albany—Hilda Edwards, Marion Waddell, Meg Porter, Norma Smith, Muriel Furness, Grace Marshall, Lorna Burville and Edith and Eva Lav.

## AUSTERITY.

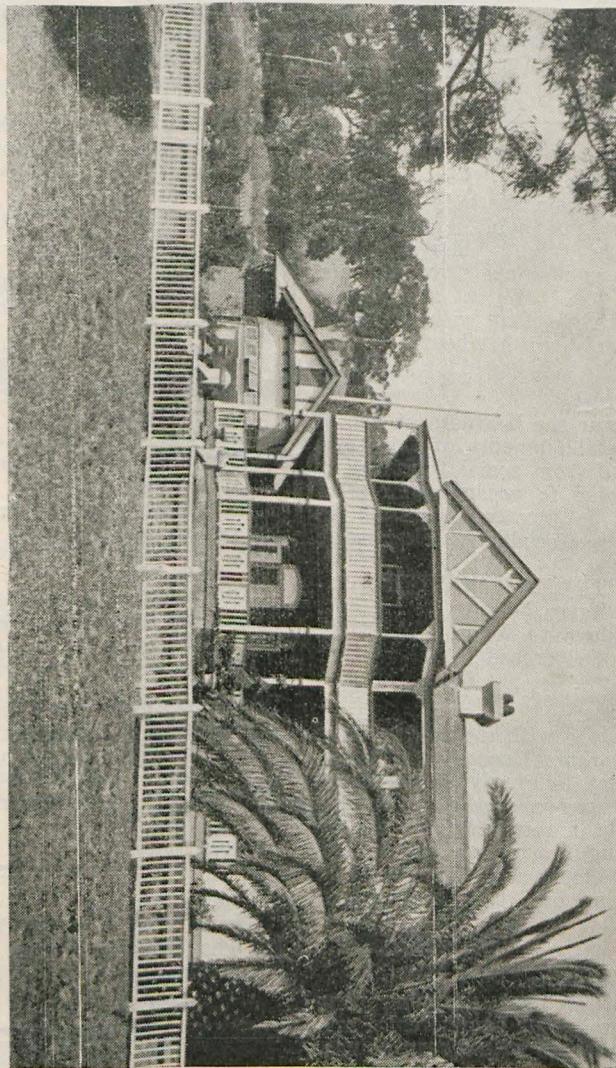
Now my folks, we have been told;  
If we're to win this war,  
Austerity we'll need to hold,  
And each day practice more.  
Never spend your money lads;  
On heedless little things,  
Forget about your betting fads,  
Why worry which horse wins?  
Our clothes are rationed as you know;  
To help the job along,  
Why grumble? Really you should know,  
That you are doing wrong.  
Petrol rationing is a bore;  
To those with lazy legs,  
But Hitler holds much worse in store,  
Than tired aching legs.  
Instead of pictures every night;  
As you have done of old,  
Of the beauty of the moonlight,  
Haven't you been told?  
Take up hiking for your health;  
And study nature's treasures,  
For really they are full of wealth,  
And hold so many pleasures.  
With Christmas coming soon around;  
Don't spend on luxuries,  
War Savings Certificates I'll be bound,  
Are just as sure to please.  
And when at last the lads come home;  
And you have grown much stronger,  
That you took out that big War Loan,  
Will worry you no longer.  
So everyone get down to it;  
And save your money fast,  
Then you'll be doing your little bit,  
To win this war at last.

—By Beatrix Moir and Betty Rout.

It is much less to a man's honour to distrust his friends than to be deceived by them.

—La Rochefoucauld.

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## AGONY CORNER II.

This session has been continued from the last edition of this magazine. If you have a problem send it to Penelope Prue and look for the answer in the Boronia of 1943. Dear Penelope Prue,—

I am enamoured of the slashing little Miss who attends our Science Classes several times a week. Although I am equally as handsome, and answer more questions than any other member of the Form I seem to make no headway. Can you solve my problem?

—“THIRD FORMER.”

Dear “Third Former.”—

Be chivalrous. When she gets her finger stuck in the test-tube hold her hand and gently remove the tube. When she gets jammed in the gas-chamber draw her tenderly towards you. When she upsets H<sub>2</sub> SO<sub>4</sub> gallantly wipe it up with her cardigan—this will surely win her heart.

P.P.

Dear Penelope Prue,—

Owing to the war the boarders at one of the high class establishments of this town have to go to and from social functions in crocodile. I wish to accompany one of these girls home but my courage fails me at the sight of the crocodile? What can I do?

—“TREMBLING TERRY.”

Dear “Trembling Terry.”—

All the world loves a lover. Act St. George and slay the crocodile.

P.P.

Dear Penelope Prue,—

I am madly in love with a young man of my acquaintance whom I see every Sunday at Church. I gaze longingly at his Grecian profile and sometimes he gives me the most angelic smile in return but all my attempts never bring him any closer to me. I am a blue-eyed blonde and thus imagined that my difficulties would have been solved at the outset.

—“MAYBELLE.”

Dear “Maybelle.”—

Try fainting at his feet, dropping your Prayer Book or even your handkerchief and follow his gallant rescue with a cosy glance. If you carry out my advice no doubt you will soon be walking down the aisle on his arm.

P.P.

Dear Penelope Prue,—

Could you help me to solve my great problem? We have a bell-boy here who persists in ringing the bell on time, thus depriving me of precious minutes spent read-

## IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THESE.

Arriving at school at a quarter to nine

When you find you've forgotten your keys,  
You rush for hack-saw and saw as you go—  
“Oh help! It is moments like these!”

Enjoying a quiet P.S. and a rest,

When the temperature's ninety degrees,  
And the bell rings the call for a geometry  
test,

You swear, “It is moments like these!”

When you fumble in darkness in black-out,  
And every small object you seize,  
Gets mixed with you tooth paste and hair  
oil,

You moan: “It's just moments like these!”

When you hand up your art to the teacher,  
With an air of desiring to please  
And she says, “You're no artist poor crea-  
ture,”

You sigh, “It is moments like these!”

When your gym teacher tells you to turn  
in the air,

And you say you can do it with ease,  
And you land on the mat on your small  
derriere,

“Oh heavens! It's moments like these!”

One day when the hockey field's slippery  
and slimy,

And you ruin your nicest chemise,  
You swear as you flounder in mud “Oh Gor’  
Blimey—

I guess it's just moments like these!”

When roaming around with a sorrowing air,  
Muttering endlessly “Articles please,”  
The poor editor weeps and tears her grey  
hair,

And sobs, “It's moments like these!”

—“Sweet J.”

There is no saint in all the calendar but  
he who lived with him, must have found  
in his some flaw.

—Richard King.

ing Shakespeare (or the weekly editions of  
Buck Rogers).

—“REF. LIBRARY RUDOLPH.”

Dear “Ref. Library Rudolph.”—

Perhaps you could dispose of the bell or  
the boy? Try strichnine if cyanide is in-  
effective—or you could try reporting him  
to some member of the staff.

P.P.

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## VOCES PULCHRAE !

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The second day of the week; to be exact;  
the Third Period.

On Tuesday mornings the melodious strains of puerile voices raised in glorious unison (???) may clearly be heard as Form II.B. indulges in a singing period. As may be expected, the occupants of the surrounding classes are more than enthralled by the harmonious chanting of the "Lord's Prayer," or a tuneful rendering of some negro spiritual as magnificent tones issue from the gymnasium.

Sometimes, but rarely, one shv student, blushing in the loveliest hues of deepest crimson, walks, or rather sildes on to the trembling platform and proceeds to give the class the (dubious) joy of a Minuet in A Flat, Opus. 10, or "Long, Long Ago," done in swing-time. When this is completed the harmonious voices are once more lifted to the beams in a song which, like David's harp or the voice of Orpheus, paralyses those who listen.

If a curious spectator should suddenly enter the room whilst Form II.B. is engaged in its charming occupation he or she would be surprised to observe some half dozen embarrassed boys, their faces convulsed in horrible and death-like contortions, singing lustily, while the rest of the class, with seraphic visages and a restless attitude, gaze mutely ceilingwards. It would be entirely doubtful whether these silent forms are merely bored, or whether, like so many others, they are living in a world of dumb ecstacy from which nothing can move them. It would be advisable, also, not to enquire too closely.

Of late, our admirable singing master has substituted for the music psycological lectures which, delving as they do into those skeletal remains professedly in every cupboard, should certainlv be of great interest to the silent ones.

But why the sudden change? Perhaps by perpetually listening to our vocal reiterations he has grown aurally fatigued, out-wearied, insensate to our celestial, heaven-sen choiring. Or perhaps other masters, dumb, brutish, savage and hypochondriac, have complained, during our singing periods, of the inattention of students in the immediate vicinity.

Have they no souls? Is culture totally unknown to them? Would they crush at the outset those budding Beethovians and lisp-ing Liszts on whose lips the mother's milk is scarcely dry. Let the music go on! Let us move the hall-rafters; charm the very rats from their peaceful, under-stage exist-

## ON ATTEMPTING TO FIND A RHYME TO "EAGER."

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(By N. Atkinson, II.G.).

He was young and very eager  
To become a Dinkum Deeger,  
And when he saw the feegure  
Of a huge, unfriendly neeger,  
Who was puffing at a ceegar  
He did not run,  
But drew his gun,  
And quickly pressed the treeger  
With a most unpleasant sneeger!  
And as this defiant neeger  
Must straight away  
Be put away  
That very day,  
Without delay  
He HAD to be a deeger.

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## COMPLAINT.

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There's a very well-known personage who  
goes to A.H.S.  
If you're a brainy pupil there his name  
you'll surely guess;  
He's a hero with the Upper School, the girls  
all think he's it,  
But with the lowly Second Form he doesn't  
make a hit.  
We do not like his swagger, nor his lan-  
guage, nor his nose,  
(Which is a rather large one). but the peak  
of all our woes—  
And here we think you will agree with us  
it is not fair  
That a pupil of this School should have such  
Darned Untidy Hair.

—"ARDENT ADMIRER."

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Innumerable are the illusions and leger-deain of custom; but of all these perhaps the cleverest is her knack of persuading us that the miraculous, by simple repetition, ceases to be miraculous.

—Thomas Carlyle.

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ence; weave witchcraft about the woods and weapons through adjoining walls! Let us treat the entire school to triumphant trumpeting from these tiny Taubers, to kata-bolic crescendos from these clear-voiced Kipnises whose only aim is to soothe, as never before, the savage breasts so prevalent just now at—"A.H.S."

—By One Who Knows.

## APPLIED QUOTATIONS.

"With throats unslaked, with black lips baked, we could nor laugh nor wail."—After the mile.

—St. T. Coleridge.

"Then came the Master of Delight, and softly called for me."—A summons.

—Rachael Taylor.

"I dreamed as dream the seraphim."—Upper School chemistry.

—Rachael Taylor.

"Yet you who by the pools abide; Judge not the man who swerves aside."—Advice to the Staff.

—A. Adams.

"Work, work, work! From weary chime to chime."—A.H.S.

—Thomas Hood.

"Somewhere she lisped for her wantonness."—Val.

—Chaucer.

"And e'en though vanquished, she could argue still."—Edith, Form IV.

—Goldsmith.

"There was a naughty boy; And a naughty boy was he."—"Bugs."

—John Keats.

"Mother wept, and father sighed."—On seeing the Term report.

—Joseph Skipey.

"Pity it was to hear the elfin's wail; Rise up in concert from their mingled dread."—I. Form Boys' singing lesson.

—Thomas Hood.

"He went like one that hath been stunned."—On leaving the office.

—St. T. Coleridge.

"He left me in the early morn; The early morn, ah me- ah me!"—After the Ball.

—J. Logan.

"Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted."—Morning assembly.

—Sigfried Sasson.

"Give me the life I love."—P.S. in the Ref.

—R. L. Stevenson.

"The tumult and the shouting dies."—Entrance of a master.

—R. Kipling.

"On her cheek an autumn flush; Deeply ripened—such a blush."—"Slobby."

T. Hood.

At church with meek and unaffected grace;

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Shelley.

—Goldsmith.

There past a weary time.—Waiting for  
exam results.

With heavy thump, a lifeless lump; They  
dropped down one by one.—I.G. at Gym.

The cold sweat melted from their limbs.  
—First reading of exam papers.

What loud uproar bursts from that door.  
—I.G. in B. Room.

## LANDSCAPE.

(By "Country Lass").

There's leschaultia growing on the Tambellup road,  
And the sun's a-streaming down upon its blue!

There's a waving sea of wheat that moves  
in rhythm to the wind,  
As the breezes smear soft shadows on its hue.

White and black of magnie-wing, a-settling  
on the fence;  
Crisp everlasting, touched with rose and gold,

The hilltop hides a cottage, whose four  
walls and shingled roof,  
All that is near and dear to my heart hold.

## ADDENDUM TO EXIES NOTES.

Since handing in these notes I have had other interesting information. Firstly there is a strong rumour that Jerry Haire is back in Australia and if this is so it would suggest that he was never a prisoner but a member of that force which carried on guerrilla tactics against the enemy in the islands north of Australia. Then we have heard that Russell Richardson is a member of Morshead's force which did such sterling work in the opening phases of the last North

African campaign. He is still in that area forward with Australian troops there. Harry Beeck has attained the rank of Pilot Officer. We have news too, of Carol Steadman. He was wounded and dangerously ill, in the Middle East. We are glad to receive later news that that one-time timid schoolboy is now off the danger list.

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