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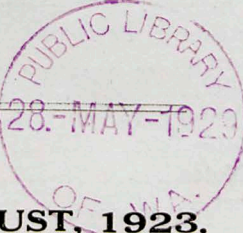
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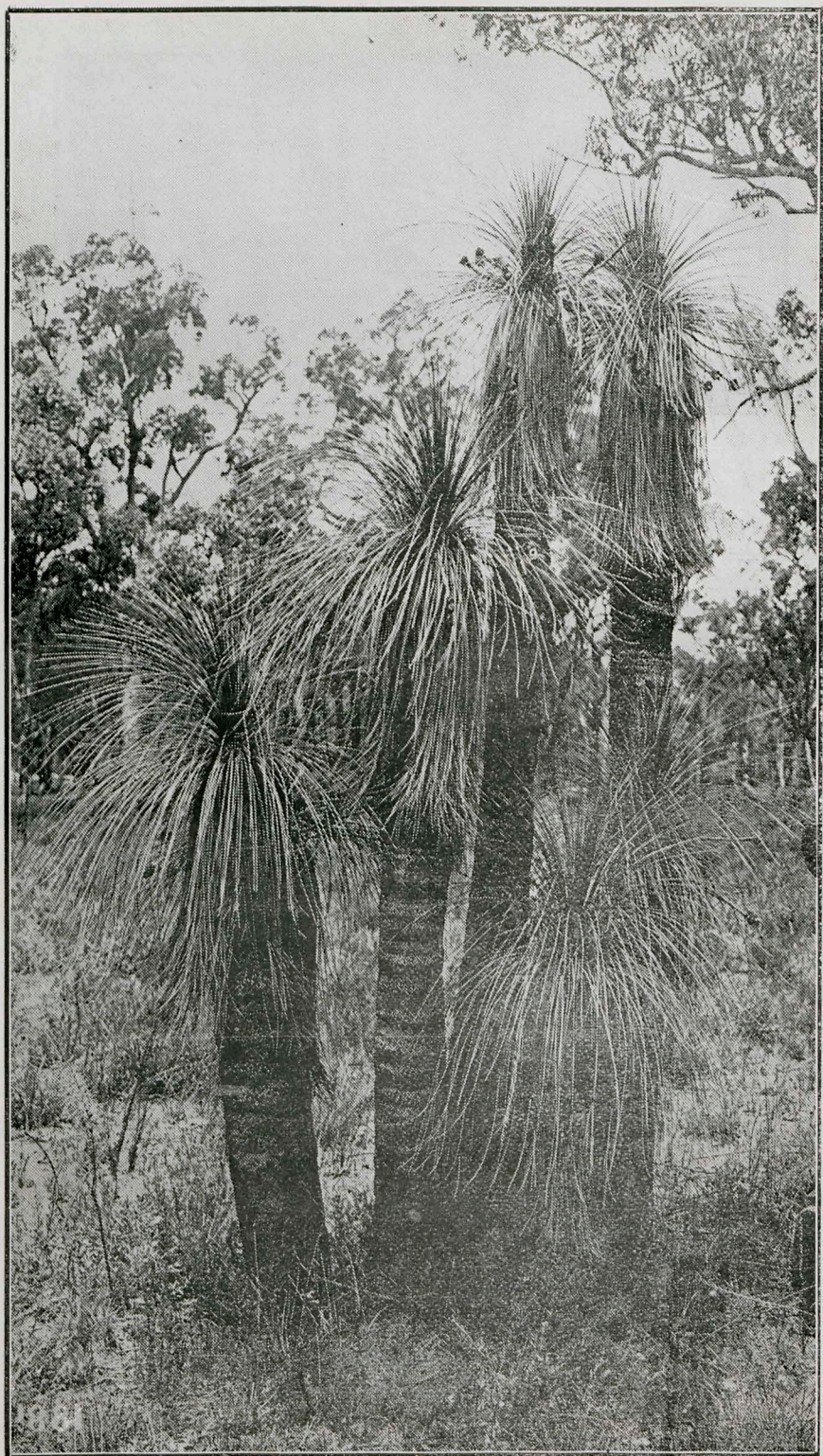
"If we offend, it is with our good will." So warbled Peter Quince; so also chirp the editors of this, the first edition of the High School Magazine, and while hoping that the "Kingia" will meet with better success than did the handicraftsmen's play, we beg to apologise for any irregularities or errors arising from ignorance, inexperience, or the superfluity of genius of which we modestly inform the public we are possessed. Having thus introduced ourselves, we may proceed with the Editorial in the orthodox fashion.

This has been an eventful year in the history of the school. On 6th February school was commenced in the new buildings, and on 9th February the official opening took place, the Premier, Sir James Mitchell, performing the ceremony. Since that date we have had sufficient time to become accustomed to the new order of things both in study and sport, and though in the latter we are severely handicapped by our distance from any other secondary school, we are glad to say that faction competition is very keen, and already we have some excellent players in every branch of sport among both boys and girls. In

this connection we cannot refrain from mentioning that Miss Stephens has very kindly donated to the school a handsome silver cup for faction competition among the girls.

With regard to the scholastic side of our school life, we feel there is very little to be said as yet. We need hardly mention that both the third and fifth forms especially are "stewing" very diligently in preparation for the Junior and Leaving examinations, which are looming in the not very dim distance of November. We wish all candidates every success and can only hope that they will keep up the tradition established in the old school.

Before concluding, we would like to thank our contributors and all who have in any way assisted to make this first paper a success. We sincerely hope that such interest will always be shown in the school magazine, and that in every way, all students, both present and future, will endeavour to live up to the school motto, "En Avant."



OUR CREST.

By "Peter Pan."

The choice of a crest for the new High School was not an easy matter. It was not desirable to import a symbol from abroad, or even to borrow one from ancient mythology. The crest must be Western Australian, and if possible not previously used for the purpose of heraldry. The choice has fallen on the Kingia and "Peter Pan" has been asked to describe the tree and point out its suitability for the purpose.

To begin with the Kingia is a native of Western Australia and is not found outside the limits of the state. Indeed it is confined to the South West portion (our district) and is a familiar object, with a beauty of its own, from the Darling Range to the sea. Sometimes called the Grass Tree, it is a species of the "lily" family of plants and its full name is Kingia Australis.

Unlike the Blackboy (*Xanthorrhoea Pracsiisii*) the stem of the Kingia does not contain gum resin. It may be distinguished from the Blackboy in several other ways. The flower stalks are short with enlarged rounded ends like drumsticks, whereas the Blackboy flower stalk is long and straight after the fashion of a bullrush. The stem, too, of the Kingia branches very very rarely, if at all, while the Blackboy branches freely. The tuft of leaves at the head of the Kingia is often not so luxuriant nor so full as that of the Blackboy.

Like the Blackboy, it is a plant of extraordinarily slow growth. Many guesses have been made as to the rate at which it grows but nothing has as yet been accomplished in the actual measurement of the increment—observations extending over several years showing on appreciable increase in height. One guess which may or may not be near the truth places the rate at one foot in length in one hundred years. Consequently a grass tree 25 feet high, and many exceed this, would be 2500 years old. It is quite possible that the oldest living thing in the world is one of the taller Kingias of Western Australia. However, this question of age is one not finally settled, but certainly the tall Kingias to be seen in the bush are very ancient indeed.

As a family, too, the Blackboy and Kingia are representatives of very old types of vegetation such as formed the basis for the coal deposits. During the course of ages this type of vegetation has given place to others more familiar to us and most of the older types have died out. Among the very few that remain must be placed the Kingia. Visitors to our forests often remark on the odd appearance of the grass trees, and an American recently said he half expected to see a giant ichthyosaurus, ready to devour him, dart out from behind a clump of Kingia. It would not have surprised him anyway, and would have been quite in keeping with the prehistoric character of the flora.

The stem of the Kingia plant consists of a heart of tough, closely interlocked plant fibres of a light sand color about four or five inches in diameter surrounded by a ring, one to three inches thick, of stout fibres several feet in length running vertically and closely cemented together. This ring again is surrounded by an outer sheath of leaf bases radially arranged and tightly packed. Owing to the action of fire the trunks appear black—the outer end of each leaf base has been charred.

Examination of the several parts of the stem shows that it yields useful products, though the sheath is of no commercial importance. The long fibres surrounding the core are at present the valuable part of the plant. Hard brooms and brushes are being made of these cut fibres and it is found that the Kingia fibre has a far longer life than the bass fibre imported for this purpose. The streets of Sydney, Melbourne and Perth are now swept with brooms made of this material. The process of manufacture is simple. The trunk, stripped of its outer sheath, is passed back and forth between heavy rollers to loosen the matrix of the fibre sheath. The fibres are then removed and dried thoroughly. They are cleaned by being drawn through a series of rollers having a sideways motion by which the adhering cement is brushed off. The cleaned fibres, up to a quarter inch in diameter and several feet long, are cut to length and packed into bundles. The fibres are tough and pliable, and will withstand a remarkable amount of rough usage. The dust, flakes and small pieces of cement

obtained as a waste product in cleaning has a wonderfully low coefficient of thermal conductivity, or in other words, forms an excellent non-conducting packing for ice chests, refrigerating rooms or "fireless" cookers. Samples tested at the National Physics Laboratory in England were shown to be second only to granulated cork in efficiency and superior to sawdust and charcoal for these purposes.

The core consists of large numbers of short fibres closely cemented together. It may be cut readily with axe or saw. It is wonderfully resilient and a piece placed beneath a steam hammer was uninjured by the powerful blow. Children's cricket and hockey balls made of it outlast many of the other kinds. Experiments are being carried out by the Railway Department with a view to its use as shock absorbers in railway under-carriages. It is also very light and will float in water, having about seven-eighths the lifting power of cork. It has been recommended for use as life buoys in the form of three foot round logs to replace the cumbersome heavy ring variety familiar to every visitor to the sea. In a test carried out by the Royal Life Saving Society in Perth a log of the core easily held up two heavy men in the water. Its thermal conductivity is exceptionally low and bath mats are made from it. Another use depending on the same property is the making of in-soles for boots and shoes. Incidentally it is found useful in the laboratory in the form of bench mats on which to place hot beakers or flasks.

The Kingia is, then, a thing of beauty, is purely Western Australian, has useful and varied purposes to fulfil and above all, has a good sound heart. It is a fitting symbol to form the crest of the Bunbury High School.

SCHOOL NOTES

"Last of the schools of the West
are we,
Youngest and fairest born."

—Anon.

Thus (after apologising profusely to a bard of earlier date do we, the members of the High School sing; for

our school is not yet twelve months old. And who, after examining the walls, would dare to suggest that it is anything but fair? Certainly not the intelligent reader of the "Kingia."

Having thus modestly made our debut, we may continue to give an account of our doings and school life up-to-date.

On February 9th, 1923, the Premier (Sir James Mitchell), accompanied by Lady Mitchell, Mr. Colebatch (the then Minister for Education) and others paid a visit to "the Birthplace," not in connection with the Bunbury harbour, nor yet the Group Settlement scheme—their object was one of more enduring importance perhaps than either of these. It was to open in Bunbury the fourth of the State Secondary Schools that the Premier and his party visited the town on this occasion.

Though the day was scorchingly hot and the climb up the sandhills by no means enticing, yet the school gymnasium was packed to overflowing with friends and well-wishers, while the senior girls, be-decked with white aprons and strange caps, dispensed tea among the visitors. On that day, the Bunbury High School was officially born.

New rules and regulations at once came into force, but we soon became accustomed to them, as they all seemed part and parcel of the new building.

Soon after the commencement of school an Ex-Students' Association was formed to consist of all who had passed through a course at the old High School. Already there is quite a large membership, and several very enjoyable socials have been held. Needless to say, all parties are looking forward eagerly to the Re-union at the end of the term.

A "Parents' and Citizens' Association" was also formed in connection with the school. Some time ago they held a social with the object of augmenting the piano fund.

For the purpose of beautifying the grounds, great loads of couch grass have been set, while the First Master and his band of budding agriculturalists have succeeded in planting some thousand odd trees of every conceivable and unpronounceable variety. There are trees on the terraces, trees on the slopes, trees on either side of the drive leading up to the front of the

school, and in the small valleys at the extreme end of the ground an aboretum has been formed.

In their intellectual pursuits, however, the students have been unfortunately handicapped by the absence of a reference library. During the past few weeks, however, the English Master organised a series of winter lectures, the proceeds of which came to something more than thirty-five pounds. With this money a fiction library has been established, and we hope now that we have not long to wait for the reference library. In connection with the lectures, the students owe their gratitude to the Headmaster and other members of the staff who went to a great deal of trouble to make them a success.

In connection with the library, we wish to acknowledge donations of Miss N. C. Johnston, Mrs. Honey, and Mrs. Eaton; of magazines from Mrs. Monkhouse and other donations as follows:—

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Of sport we will not here speak, but feel bound to mention the very successful school social held at the beginning of the second term. In addition to dancing and games, several items were given, the play of "Pyramus and Thisbe" being very well presented by members of the upper school.

Among other social happenings we may mention several picnics to Turkey Point and several afternoon teas, the latest of which took place about three weeks ago, when the staff and upper school entertained the officers and cadets of the Belgian training ship "L'Avenir."

Mr. Editor, we fear we trespass too much on your space, but one word more before we close. We congratulate you, we congratulate ourselves, and we congratulate Bunbury on the energetic and popular staff which it is our happy lot to possess and to know.

PREFECT NOTES

We are eight. So pipes the unhappy prefect responsible for these notes and who, not being able to compose any other introduction, goes one further than the famed bard of the illustrious poem.

The introduction of prefects to our school life being an innovation, we books from the Bishop of Bunbury, have had a somewhat difficult task to establish ourselves on the rest of the scholars, but, with the optimism of youth, they have at last accepted us along with the new desks and other altered conditions. Not that we seem to do much good for the school in our new positions (boastfulness, you see, is not one of our many failings), and, indeed, we are not the only persons who think so, for it has been whispered that certain of our honoured staff regard us as mere triflers, muddlers and what-not—one person even alluding to us as "dreams." (On behalf of the prefects I wish to thank this person for the graceful compliment).

Every Friday we hold a meeting and discuss improvements (?) for the comfort of the students, and other equally weighty matters connected with the school life. For his interest and help in these matters we desire to thank the First Master, who patiently attends our meetings and proffers his valuable suggestions and advice.

Being very hardly worked this year, we have not had very much time to indulge in very many little "sprees," which go to make life worth living, but what we have had proved extremely enjoyable. Once, far back at the beginning of the First Term we picniced up the river and had a splendid time, while not long ago we entertained the staff at afternoon tea at the school.

One of the striking features on this occasion was the extraordinary appetite of the biology master. It was quite amazing to see the rapidity with which the cookies in his region disappeared, and we much feared that the sausage rolls had affected his brain in some strange manner when we heard him gaily prattling of "mouses." This remark, overhead by the English Master, quite unsettled that poor gentleman.

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At the beginning of the second term we also organised a social and dance and invited the school and staff to attend. Members of the fourth and fifth forms took part in the representation of the tragedy of "Pyramus and Thisbe," from the "Midsummer Night's Dream," and owing to the talent of the actors and the excellent coaching of the English Master, the play proved a huge success. Other items were also given, and games and dances, and of course, supper, completed the programme. Indeed everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and we all look forward to another social in the near future.

Before we terminate our notes, we wish to say how much we appreciate the privilege of being the first prefects in the school, and, whether we have succeeded or not, we may truthfully say that we have done our best to act up to our positions. We may also add that, as pioneers, we have not wholly avoided the sorrows and cares which accompany the lives of these persons, but, though battered,

We remain,

Yours still extant,
THE PREFECTS.

EXAMINATION HOWLERS

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"The Ancient Mariner," by Coleridge, tells of a ship that is becalmed and has neither drinking water nor the means of obtaining it. They decide to kill one person: they draw lots

and the lot falls on a little child: the mother is heart-broken and entreats the sailors to have mercy: they are obdurate and the child is just going to be killed when a cloud appears and a breeze springs up.

When the foreigners land in different countries, they are searched to see if they bring goods with them. When they go out again they are re-searched. This is called the Right of Research.

The clever scientist conducted a research party on the body of a frog.

FORM IA

The first few weeks for 1A were mostly occupied in getting into our stride, and, altogether the first term passed very slowly without many important events. However, some of the form members distinguished themselves at swimming, cricket and tennis which were the sports at the time.

French, Algebra, Geometry and other new lessons were rather difficult at first, but when we found they could be learnt by study we soon struggled through them, mostly owing to the great help given by our teachers.

Gym. was regularly held and some laughable and pitiable scenes were witnessed. Two of our fellows had the misfortune to damage their limbs. But great progress has been made by all, in collecting their stray muscles.

Second term saw everybody ready for work and an excellent start was made with gym. on the first lesson. Football now started the bats, wickets, and balls were placed away till next summer and everybody turned his attention elsewhere. 1A played 1E twice and both times hopelessly defeated them.

We are always told by our generous lecturers that 1A are beating us in school work, but we all are sure that we can defeat them in the long run. Our spacious cupboard was made a depot owing to the T squares being stored there until the workshop was completed, and the rowdy upper-forms generally tramp in and make a mess of the cupboard in attaining them.

We now get lessons hard and fast, and quite sufficient home-work comes our way to occupy us in the evenings.

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I E NOTES

We of form 1E are noted for our capabilities where study is concerned, those worthy of special mention being "Black Peter, the Pirate," "Dutchy," "Possum" and "Hockey." The builders made a mistake in not including several padded cells in the school, as we could fill some of them. Study for the forthcoming terminal exams. is now the order of the day; but difficulty has been experienced in instructing several members of our form in the meaning of "study."

Sweet, our Prefect, is not as nice as his name implies, as those who do not do their home-work soon discover. 1E has the distinction of possessing a student whose initials coincide with those of the school—Basil Hugh Scott.

In sport we are not quite successful. 1A is much too strong for us at both cricket and football. The only time when we are successful is when we are combined with the Third Form against IIB and 1A. In tennis, however, we are a little better. Any outsider must be puzzled to know who fills the position of our football captain. For their information, we tell them Dyer is; but, owing to the enormous volume of "Peter's" talk, one would imagine that he was captain.

With best wishes to the school, magazine and students, we conclude our first form notes.

FORM I C NOTES

Since the 1E girls have taken up their abode with us, IC has become rather noisy; but now they are quietening down owing to our influence. In spite of this, our work is progressing favourably, as is shown by the last examination results. The prefect is to be complimented on the manner in which she has carried out her duties, especially concerning the neatness of the room and the chalk supply. (Other prefects please note.—Ed.)

Several of our members have often been able to procure "beautiful specimens," but they cannot appreciate "Julius Caesar." They think that "Aht! ye brute," was not a nice thing for the dying Emperor to say.

Teachers are strange beings. One entered our room some time ago with a large black smudge on its upper lip. On being greeted with loud and prolonged merriment, it shouted: "Please restrain yourself, and make the source of your amusement vanish." If we had done so, the teacher would not have been at all pleased.

II C FORM NOTES

The members of our form are a very good mixture. We have amongst us the sons of station-masters, civil servants, motor mechanics, carriers, butchers, drapers, waterside-workers, and farmers, and if, in after life, we all follow our fathers' footsteps, we shall almost be able to start a small town of our own. Our form also contains the person on whom depends the length of the periods, namely, the bell-ringer, and although certain members of the Third Form have offered him bribes to shorten the French periods, he rather prefers to prolong their agony.

Speaking of third years, it reminds us that their French lessons take place in our room, and there are generally piles of screwed-up paper, pencil-shavings, etc., on the floor when they leave. Also the board is covered with a mass of French hieroglyphics which our prefect has to clean off. We would suggest to the Third Form Prefect that it is up to him, either to clean the board himself, or else to hide the chalk from "Mademoiselle."

We have several fellows in our form who sometimes show remarkable genius when answering questions—particularly geographical.

One day the following question was asked:—

"For what can the Victoria Falls be used?"

Answer: "For catching fish, sir."

Another member wished to know how to spell a word which the master pronounced "C.P.R."

Needless to say, nobody enlightened him.

While translating a piece of French concerning a calf, another boy made a slight mistake. The correct translation was: "The soldiers, hearing the noise, etc." His version was: "The soldiers, hearing the brute...."

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IID FORM NOTES

This form consists wholly of girls and in this respect we consider ourselves one of the privileged classes of the school, being free from the disturbing and retarding presence of the male element.

Thus it was that our first term report was favorable, and judging by the work pressed upon the unfortunate scholars, the result this term will probably be still better. The prefect has controlled the class exceedingly well and has attended to her duties though the third form official has on several occasions failed to carry out his task of erasing from the black-board the remains of the previous French lesson.

When the weather is balmy and the First Master's periods arrive we have the good fortune of being able to assist in beautifying the school grounds by digging holes so that pines of various types and other trees may be planted therein. One day last term we had the pleasure of planting marram grass on the slope of the hill, and, although we had the strenuous task of climbing up and down the hill and our attempts were in vain, I sincerely hope that IID will again be called upon to offer their assistance in the matter of replanting this useful vegetation.

At sport this form has shown its superiority by producing some of the best tennis players in the school. The baseball results are very promising and I daresay those of hockey will be the same. We all hope that there will be a good struggle between the four factions.

One day during a French lesson the acute voice of Mademoiselle was heard to pipe forth:

"Student, where is your book?"

Student: "Home, miss."

Ma'm'selle: "Well, one in a seat, please."

(Student now calmly returns to her own desk and takes out her own book.) (Second student, who is with-

out a book, sits with first student.)

Ma'm'selle: "Second student, where is your book?"

Second Student: "Home, miss."

Ma'm'selle: "Well, I can't have two sitting in one desk."

As a result, first student hands second student her book, and the lesson proceeds, first student minus a book.

Now, Mr. Editor, we must conclude our short column, wishing you every success in this, our first issue.

3RD FORM NOTES

During the past six months, the Third Form has gained precedent over all other classes in the High School, in spite of the accusations hurled at us by certain members of the staff. All the masters and mistresses have come to the conclusion that we are the most frivolous, undignified and lax pupils in the school; but we do not agree with them, and challenge them to prove their statements. ("Hear! Hear!" from all the form.)

Times innumerable have we been told, by a certain person, that our English is awful—the worst in the school, in spite of the fact that many a time and oft some of our members have obtained the coveted 8½ for their compositions, in fact, even nines are now being obtained. We have at last, however, won the smallest fraction of praise from our English Master, and so have faint hopes of the Junior yet.

The First Master has already weighed, and found not wanting our sterling worth as cleaners and grubbers, in connection with the clearing of his small "Wattle plantation" in a certain secluded corner of the School grounds. He has lately given us a much harder task, which was to choose the lesser two of three evils, Agricultural Science, Chemistry and Physics. Our French mistress, if questioned, will certainly agree with us in saying that we, especially Keith, Wilfred and Miss Elsie, excel at French. At History and Geography, we very modestly class ourselves as moderate; but at all forms of Maths. we have proved ourselves to be very apt pupils. Here I would like to ask our Maths. Master to calculate the holding capacity of the desks before

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he again says to our twelve girls "If you don't stop talking, you can all get into one seat." Lately we have had a repetition of last year's abuse, and now all agree that Room "G" is a "lecture" room indeed. One of our teachers sets us all a good example by closing his (or her) eyes for some seconds, opening them and then looking Heavenwards as if seeking spiritual aid.

Not only in class have we become the envy of the school ("not even in class" would have been more suitable. Ed.), but at sport also we are pre-eminent. During the cricket season, we played the 1st and 2nd years respectively, defeating each so badly that we decided to show the two teams combined some of the finer points of cricket. Needless to say, we were again victorious. We also have hopes of producing some of the best hockey players, and grieve to think that we are excluded from net-ball.

But stay! sport and study are not our only accomplishments. We are also intimately connected with the social life of the school, and this, at any rate, has been recognized by certain members of the staff, for we have been promoted to the upper school, owing to a lack of numbers in the Fours and Fives. This we esteem a great honour.

As we shall all be entering for the Junior Examination before another school magazine is published, we shall here take the time and space to wish every student, of our own form and also the Fives taking the Leaving, the "best of good luck," and hope everyone will pass with distinction.

With strong resolutions to become less frivolous, more dignified, and more industrious for the remainder of the year, we close our notes, wishing good luck and prosperity to the students, staff and school.

4TH FORM NOTES

Study is progressing very nicely, if not smoothly, in our form; but it could be made much pleasanter if certain of its members would consider the comfort of the others. For example, those who possess "chaff-cutters" ("Town Halls"—for the benefit of the

uninitiated) would do well to get rid of them, as their incessant chugging is most disagreeable. Students, too, would do much better if they were not everlastingly borrowing (?) other students' books.

As some generous idiot has kindly donated to us a number of ink splashes arranged in happy designs on the walls, a collection has been taken up amongst the male members of the form, who are now in a position to offer the really useful sum of 3½d. reward (in one ton lots of marks if desired) to any person able to give information as to the culprit. The prefect has asked us to thank all the girls for the lovely flowers which they have so kindly not placed on the mantle shelf.

To some, Biology is a pleasure; but Sally does not think so, as he had to greatly lower his dignity by running—running! mind you, like a youngster, by running round the school to quicken his pulse beats.

Because of his fog-horn voice and nautical roll, Pyramus is thought to be of marine descent. His case, however, is not nearly so bad as that of another fourth former, who has been consistently patronising a certain South Bunbury bakery for some time. Beware, Keith, "Women are the source of all evil."

During one English lesson, the form was pleased to learn that a dowager is a rich old aunt who will not die.

The fifth form has been quarrelling lately, our budding detectives tell us, for one member has lost several of his teeth, and the girls are finding great difficulty in keeping their hair. This is peculiar, for, if the boys should ever battle with the girls, one would expect the former to lose the hair and the latter to be minus the teeth.

5TH FROM NOTES

"Every day in every way we work harder and harder!"—such is our form war cry, and indeed a very suitable one, for we are a most industrious form. It must needs be so—our Leaving looms like a hideous nightmare before us, increasing in horror as the dreaded time approaches. So

much, in fact, does it prey upon our minds that our bodies suffer in consequence, and it may be noted that the fifth formers show a decided tendency to "slimness" which is leaning gradually to emaciation as our studies increase.

In speaking of studies, mathematics does not seem to hold a favoured place in the minds of certain members of our form. Four out of our small number have renounced this subject and now wallow in a profusion of private study periods. It is also reported that if it were allowed, French would be instantly wiped from their time tables by quite half of our students. One can hardly credit this, for (especially to the boys) the study of French is so interesting—so fascinating—we simply delight in it and weep for joy when the French mistress enters the room.

At the beginning of the year, the activities of the biology master much disturbed our comfort, owing to his persistence in lodging ancient corpses of various marine animals in the physics lab., which permeated our room with a strong and most offensive odour. It was during the never-to-be-forgotten period when a dilapidated looking shark occupied the place of honour in the lab. that the astonishing gentleness and patience of our Form Master were exhibited.

To be rudely awakened from the engrossing study of the charming Chaucer by an ancient and fish-like smell was enough to try the patience of a saint, but of our Form Master—No! He contented himself with a gentle remark on the eccentricities of various scientific folk, mildly philosophising the while on the great advantages to be derived from the study of English.

Our French Mistress also displays an amazing amount of patience and optimism, and even though she be handed in work a fortnight old, Mademoiselle is so thankful to obtain any at all that she never murmurs a word of reproval.

It is history, however, which exposes our hidden geniuses and calls forth so many words of a sagacious and startling nature. Thus, such brilliant remarks are continually being made as:—

Mistress: What happened in 1688 ?

Student: William I came over to

England and caused the Bloodless Revolution.

Another original response overheard during the history period was that "after the Civil War, certain members of the Army were dissolved." (One feels for the unfortunate members!)

Again, while expounding on various settlements made in Australia, one student mentioned the Melville Island Settlement, and on being asked if it were permanent or not, he replied that "it was at first, but later Melville Island was moved on to the Continent."

But enough of study! Let us give an account of our doings in sport. We have four factions in the school and as the faction captains are all in our form, there is great rivalry between us, and the results of the matches are watched with much eagerness.

And now your notes must end, and our heads must once more bow over our books. Every good wish, your worships, the editors. We wish this first magazine of ours every success.

We are

Your pale and etiolated,
FIFTH FORMERS.

(By "Puck.")

I only came here last night; and it was to attend another presentation of part of "Midsummer Night's Dream." I suppose everyone knows the story of my gaining the right to come back from the upper air whenever there is any attempt made to produce that play. I can remember the circumstance quite well. I had been very busy playing with Shakespeare, upsetting his ink, mislaying his papers, and stealing his thoughts, and then sending them back to him all at the wrong times (so that his plays should be topsy turvy for the school children for whom they were written), and, as a result, though he was as a rule, very hard to rouse, he grew angry, and discovered me, forcing me to become one of the characters in the play he was then writing. He called me Puck. And though the critics have never mentioned the fact, so far as I

could discover, his true greatness lies in the discovery of my personality. For until he came along, although people had seen the results of my work, they had never known who had been the workman.

It's a fact that there hasn't been an author since the world began whom I haven't visited on many occasions. It has been only the very bad ones who haven't noticed me at all. All the rest have known my work, in the imperfect pages which their pens have written. For they have all known (more or less) what they wanted to write, and yet when their thoughts have been put on paper, they have seemed to them very tangled. And yet they could not refuse to publish, because of their friends who had been so used to thinking that they would publish, that they hadn't the heart to refuse. And when I have seen this I have sat back and laughed at them all. And I've had such fun. One of the best jokes I ever had was with Stevenson; for I made him write and rewrite and write again before I let him rest; and all the time I liked him best of them all, for he was so gay and happy and fearless even on the brink of the grave. So he and I worked together for forty odd years before the doctors' prophecy of his early death came true.

As I was saying, it was at the time when Will was trying his hand at the new play, "Midsummer Night's Dream" and had become hopelessly tangled up in an attempt to get past the first act, when he found me. I had been a little too slow in getting away with some of his ideas, and he caught me when I had a particularly heavy one to carry (some of poor Will's were pretty heavy at times, too!), and before I had time to drop it, he had me fairly cornered. I had to stand and deliver. We had a long talk, the upshot of which was my agreeing to help instead of hindering: in return I was to have the right to take a holiday wherever this particular play was staged. And that was how I managed to be present at the Social last night; and now I am here I am anxious not to go away until I have explained what manner of creature I am.

But after all, Mr. Editor, we have met before. For every time you have been trying in vain to write an editorial, I have been responsible for

your failure; and every time you have written anything that has not pleased the critics, I have blinded their eyes, lest they should see your true greatness. Now this has really been for your advantage, for you have had great fun chasing those elusive thoughts which I have stolen, haven't you?

I see you bear no malice, and that you are going to let me into that paper you're starting up there on the sand-hill. And that reminds me. Some of the best fun I've had since coming to Bunbury has been in getting the wind to blow extra hard, and the rain to come down more heavily, just when the dear little children are in the middle of their long climb up the great hill they call Parnassus. You know there is just one little pinch where the wind can get at them. I always wait there, and as soon as I see any of them coming, I'm away for the wind and back again, while they are drawing a breath, and away goes a hat down, down the hill: at other times little feet and legs get wet with the driving rain, and while the owners sit and shiver all morning, I am laughing and laughing. I laughed too, the other day to see all the little boys and girls busy planting trees (pines, mind you!) on sand drier than the Sahara, and windier than the wilds of Scotland. I had a hand, too, in the building of that beautiful hall, which was meant for the school functions, and I was very amused to find that none of the people who helped me to build it will come up the hill, because it is too far!

But all this is only the smallest part of what I do. I was in the army when everything seemed to be going wrong; and it was then that I had the best time of all: for I sealed men's lips about the things which were going on about them, and made them laugh, and smile, and see the fun in everything.

Whenever it was very wet, and the water had been trickling down their backs all night, and their clothes were almost frozen in the cold winds, I made them laugh and pretend it was all a game, and whenever any one of them saw Death in front of him, I brought a smile to his lips, so that he met his enemy with careless drollery.

Why! once I heard a man who had slipped on the ice-covered duck-boards, as he tried to dodge a heavy

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trench-mortar shell, and had fallen to the ground, say, as he waited for the shell to go off, "Good-night, nurse." And somehow it sounded with no strangeness, that gallant sally, in the ears of those his mates, who listened. They only felt the fitness of such a fearless end. But the gay laughter rang out again, when, the shell having failed to go off, he rose, and with a face all of disgust and disappointment said, "Ugh! it was a dud."

My time is nearly up, and I must hasten. One word before I go. I am the quintessence of all fun, and gaiety, and boldness of heart; I am everywhere where men and women face life with laughter and fun, and welcome even the most unwelcome happenings, with the debonair courage of an unbowed spirit. In the words of a great man, who lately stood in the breach, through years of difficulty and danger, and faced his task unshrinking, "It is not always the things that happen to you that count, but the way you face them." And if you look for me, you will always find me near."

broken, sometimes their backs, sometimes their legs, sometimes their arms, sometimes one part thrust out of joint, sometimes another, sometimes their noses gush out with blood, sometimes their eyes start out, and sometimes hurt in one place and sometimes in another. But whosoever scapeth away the best goeth not scot-free, but is either sore wounded and bruised so as he dieth of it, or else scapeth very hardly. And no marvel, for they have sleights to meet one betwixt two, to dash him against the heart with their elbows, to hit him under the short ribs with their gripped fists, and with their knees to catch him upon the hip, and to pitch him on his neck, with an hundred such murdering devices. And hereof groweth envy, malice, rancour, cholera, hatred, displeasure, enmity, and what not else: and sometimes fighting, brawling, contention, quarrel picking, murder, homicide, and great effusion of blood, as experience daily teacheth.

—PHILIP STUBBS,

"The Anatomie of Abuses." 1583.

FOOTBALL

(A Puritan View.)

"And I so round with you as you with me,

That like a football you do spurn me thus?

You spurn me hence, and he will spurn me hither:

If I last in this service, you must case me in leather."

—The Comedy of Errors.

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For as concerning football playing, I protest unto you it may rather be called a friendly kind of fight than a play or recreation; a bloody and murdering practice, than a fellowly sport or pastime. For doth not everyone lie in wait for his adversary, seeking to overthrow him and to pitch him on his nose, though it be upon hard stones, in ditch or dale, in valley or hill, or what place soever it be, he careth not, so he have him down. And he that can serve the most of this fashion, he is counted the only fellow, and who but he? So that by this means, sometimes their necks are

CAMERA CLUB NOTES

In order to afford scholars of the High School an opportunity, if they desire it, of engaging in a pleasant pastime, a Camera Club has been formed. The idea of the Club, besides increasing the members' ideas as to the art, is to bring them together to indulge in various interesting expeditions into the country.

Thanks to certain members of the staff, a great advance has been made in the fitting up and preparing of a "dark room" in the tower, thus giving members every encouragement.

A further advance of the Club has been the promotion of competitions. Prizes worthy of the amateur's efforts have been offered, and keen contests for them have ensued.

It is hoped that at a future time the members of the Club will have the opportunity of increasing their knowledge of the more intricate problems of photography; as it is expected that lectures will be given by various persons who are interested in the subject.

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CHRISTIAN UNION

During last century, there was formed an Association which has grown until now it links together students from all parts of the world. This organisation is known as the World Student Christian Federation, and represented at its meetings are people of all races and colours, but of one creed.

Australia is one of the countries linked together in that Federation. In the schools, colleges and universities of Australia have been formed Christian Unions in which boys and girls, men and women, join together in an endeavour to learn, through Bible study and discussion, the right way to live. The Christian Unions are linked up in the Australian Student Christian Movement, one of the units of which the W.S.C.F. is formed.

So we, in the Christian Union formed at the Bunbury High School, may feel ourselves a part of a world-wide Association of students, although we may seem to be isolated.

Our activities, though of necessity small at first, will, we hope, lead to bigger things in the future. We were very pleased that it was found possible to form four study circles, two of girls and two of boys, and we hope that they will continue to meet regularly.

There are other activities connected with a Christian Union, besides Bible study. As far as social service is concerned, we have not yet found an opportunity for work.

We have, however, had two general meetings of the Union. On April 30th, we had the afternoon free from school and went for a very enjoyable picnic to Turkey Point. There Mr. Russell Fowler gave us a most interesting and helpful talk.

We hope to be able to have other picnics, and perhaps it may sometime be possible to hold a camp for girls and boys during the holidays, as is done in the other States.

The other general meeting was held on June 18th, when the Bishop of Bunbury very kindly came up to the school and gave us a most interesting address on his missionary experiences in Melanysia. About fifty students were present, and the meeting was very much enjoyed by all.

WIRELESS WHISPERS

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That the curly-headed master suddenly decided to retrace his footsteps when at the top of the dentist's staircase. Moral courage is very scarce these days.

That the caretaker's diminutive son has no respect for the First Master.

That gymnasium has no attraction for the senior prefect.

That the languid master is still as sleepy as ever.

That two girl students like planting pines when they have two young gentlemen to help them.

That it is the opinion of several that the prefects are too "bossy," but if the third form will indulge in hop-scotch on the porch floor, this is only to be expected.

That there is a strong supernatural element amongst the staff.

That the singing mistress should be able to obtain at least one good singer from the second form, judging from the melodious cackles which issue from that part of the building.

That science is progressing. It has lately been discovered that "there are no curves in nature."

That love letters are not part of Physic's lectures or the the Third form would have at least one genius.

That a certain young lady of the Fourth believes it is a woman's first duty to be beautiful. This is hard the Fifth.

That a loud buzzing noise has been heard emanating from the chemistry laboratory on various occasions. The wireless? Oh no! Only the buzzer.

That a certain blushing youth, fond of criticising the deportment of the prefects, should refrain from going up the girl's staircase in two strides.

That week-ends and hockey fields have an upsetting effect.

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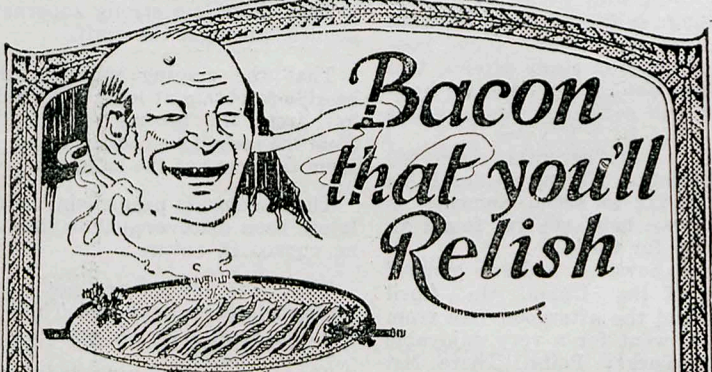
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Will the camera club survive? The answer is in the negative.

The perpetrator of the above pun we confined in the dark room pending further developments.

That the Fourth and Fifth form girls are eagerly awaiting the advent of the new male member next term. It is said, however, that he is already caught in the flame.

That a bathing shed is to be erected in the shelter of the pines—"in the sweet bye and bye."

That duplicate copies of French home-work do not always score the same marks. Reputation is something after all.

That the magazine committee receives no encouragement from "Mademoiselle."

That there were objections to a scheme propounded by the prefects.

That a certain girl prefect has conceived a great affection for the "cigarette" and vice versa.

sion has been provided by the publishers of that famous scientific research book by Milkcan and Pail.

How can one study science without knowing the English language? It is impossible, therefore I advise all scientists to take a practical course in literature. We are told that scientists are now trying to discover the composition of those mysterious things called enzymes. Who is anxious to know the composition of an enzyme? I am sure I don't. In fact the only persons on this earth, anxious to know about enzymes are those scatter-brained gentlemen, the scientists. I advise all scientists to throw over the cause of science, and turn all their efforts into the discovery of new facts about the English language; but on after thoughts, I think this would be useless; they would be wanting to put it in test tubes and label it. Thus instead of improving the study of literature, they would spoil it. After all I think it would be better if they were allowed to dabble in their science to keep them out of mischief. There is no knowing what may happen when a scientist is allowed to try to improve English literature. The least said about this, the better.

Just because a few men have found out a few facts about the atmosphere and such things, school children have to study science, when they could be better employed by learning all they can of the works of Shakespeare, Milton and Chancer, men whose intellect is as superior to those of the scientists as the mountain is above the plain.

All, when reading this dissertation, should ponder deeply, and thus find out for themselves the uselessness of science. I myself suggest the formation of an anti-science league, whose work would be to expel all scientists from this country and to uphold the interests of literature.

THOUGHTS ON SCIENCE AND SCIENTISTS

BY A LITERARY EXPERT.

Science, pshaw! science; what is science? It is simply a collection of facts, discovered by a few old fossils, better known as scientists. To study science, we must buy a book, just the same as for studying literature; but there's the rub. For a science book by Milkcan and Pail, a book worth about twopence halfpenny, we are charged the scandalous price of 10/8. Compare this with the price of a literature book, a book worth pounds for which we are charged the modest sum of 3/3. It seems to me that the publishers of all scientific books are in league with the scientists, and in the near future, we may probably see in the "South Western Times" the following announcement. "We are glad to announce that Mr. A. Howler, B.Sc., has been retired on the handsome pension of £5000 per year. This pen-

APPLIED QUOTATIONS

"In the lost battle, born down by the flying
Where mingle war's rattles the
groans of the dying."—Scott.
(First hockey match played by any team against Blues—(or "Gold"—Ed.)

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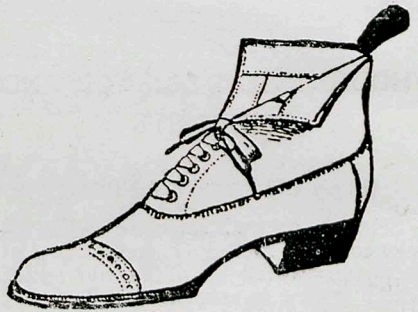
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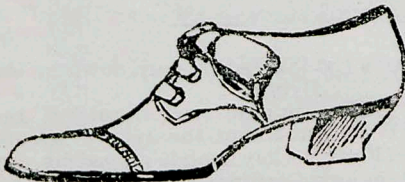
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Creeping like a snail unwillingly to school.—(Shakespeare).

(Young gentlemen of 1A.)

“Even though vanquished he could argue still.”—(Goldsmith).

(Youth of Third Form.)

Sweet sounds came slowly through their mouths

And form their bodies passed.

Around, around flew each sweet sound Then darted to the sun ;

Slowly the sounds came back again, Now mixed, now one by one.

(Coleridge).

(Singing in the Gym).

“A flock of sheep that leisurely pass by.”—Wordsworth.

(Boys at drill.)

“The nicely sanded floor.”—(Goldsmith).

(School porch).

“The lover sighing like furnace.”—Shakespeare.

(Captain of the school).

“Things are not what they seem.”—(Longfellow).

(Advise given to an art class).

“Mine be a cot beside the hill.”—Rogus.

(Caretaker’s dwelling).

“Yet he was kind, or if severe in aught

The love he bore to learning was in fault.”—Goldsmith.

(English Master.)

Full well they laughed with counterfeited glee

At all his jokes, for many a joke had he.—Goldsmith.

(First Master).

“Shall I, wasting in despair Die because a maiden’s fair?”—Wither.

(A youth of the Fourth Form.)

How to Fall

HINTS TO JUNIOR FORMS.

It is perhaps unnecessary for us to say that Kate Kennedy and Harry Somerville had, within the last hour, fallen deeply, hopelessly, utterly, irrevocably and totally in love with each other. They did not merely fall up to the ears in love. To say that they fell over head and ears in it would be comparatively speaking, to say nothing. In fact, they did not fall into it at all. They went deliberately backwards, took a long race, sprang high into the air, turned completely round, and went down head first into the flood, descending to a depth utterly beyond the power of any deep sea lead to fathom, or of any human mind adequately to appreciate.—Extract.

GIRLS’ SPORT NOTES

Points gained up to date :—

Blue	29
Red	26
Kingia	15
Gold	0

In the girls’ sport great enthusiasm has been caused by the presentation of a handsome silver cup by Miss Stephens, which is to be won by the faction obtaining the greatest number of points during the year. Needless to say, much rivalry exists between the factions.

Of late much excitement has been experienced on account of the proposed sending of a hockey team to Perth to represent the School during “country week.”

BLUE.

During this term the Blue faction has succeeded in gaining the lead. Up to the present we have not been defeated in any of our matches, but have twice had the misfortune of having drawn games. At basket ball we defeated Gold and drew with Kingia. Up to date we have not met Red. We have been very successful at hockey, defeating Gold and Kingia and drawing with Red. The leading lights of this faction at hockey are Misses E. Cross, E. Humphryson, E. Leeson and A. Bell, and at basket ball Misses J. Struthers, D. Robinson and E. Humphryson.

RED.

We have succeeded in gaining second place this term, but hope to see ourselves figuring at the head of the list before the end of the year. So far we have not been beaten at hockey, having defeated Kingia and Gold, but unfortunately drawn with Blue. At basket ball we defeated Gold but lost to Kingia. As yet we have not had the pleasure of combatting with Blue. The mainstays of the faction at hockey are Misses D. Bickerton, T. Eaton, D. Forrest, G. Smedley, and G. Piggot, and at basket ball Misses M. Taylor, F. Cahill and G. Gregson.

KINGIA.

Although fighting against heavy odds we have managed to put up a fair show. We have been very unfortunate in losing several matches. At hockey we have had very bad luck, losing two matches, one to Blue and one to Red. We have had better success at basket ball, having defeated Gold and Blue and drawn with Blue. We occupy third place in the points, but hope to make up our losses during next term. Our "stars" at hockey are Misses M. Kealy, L. Tobitt, and D. Carroll, and at basket ball Misses W. Delaney, E. Scott, and B. Henshaw.

GOLD.

Luck seems to have been against us this term. We have been very unfortunate in being beaten on several occasions by very narrow margins. We have been defeated in all our matches and stand at the bottom of the list with no points. But we are not downhearted. We mean to put up a good fight for top before the close of this year. At hockey the most prominent players are Misses J. Muir, E. D'Raine and V. Kealy and at basket ball Misses E. Buggenthin, L. Wendt and E. Kinsella.

BOYS' SPORT NOTES

At the beginning of the year the school was divided into three factions, namely, Blue, Gold and Red, which participated in cricket, football, tennis, swimming and athletics. This system was carried on throughout the cricket season and several weeks into the football season, but was proved unsatisfactory in the latter. Each team had a bye in every round, so, during the summer, it had swimming practise; but as, during the winter

there was no other sport which they alone could enjoy, the three factions were accordingly changed into four. It was somewhat of a pity, for up till the time of the change, they had proved themselves to be fairly evenly matched, with Red perhaps a little in the rear. All the cricket matches were evenly contested, and the one swimming competition was also close. In tennis alone was there a big difference, which put the Blues above the rest.

The additional faction which was formed was called the "Kingia," after the school emblem; but its colour—green—was chosen by the faction itself.

This reform was accompanied by the receipt of permission to use the two sports grounds—Forrest Park and the Recreation Ground; which enabled the playing off of two matches each sports day.

At the present time the school oval is not in a good condition for sport, because of its sandy nature. It was played on before the grass had grown thickly, and although it was progressing favourably, it is now extremely patchy. It is to be hoped that, with nature's kindly assistance, and the caretaker's hard work (which is assured), it will soon have a solid grass surface.

FOOTBALL.

To begin the football season, Mr. P. Williams kindly presented us with a football inflater and lacer, which gift was followed by another football donated by the Bunbury Football Association.

At this sport the Blues are far superior to the other three factions, who, however, when they meet provide a very even game; but here again the Reds generally suffer defeat, having drawn only one game and won none.

Out of the six games played by each team, up to the present, the Blues have won six, the Kingias three, Golds two, one match being a drawn game between Golds and Reds.

Two outside matches have been played, both against the ex-students, who suffered defeat on both occasions by a very small margin.

ATHLETICS.

All students who do not play football have to take part in athletics, and this takes about five boys from each faction. The contest takes the form of a cross-country run. Of the six which have taken place so far, Blue have won one, Kingia two, Red two, Gold one.

TENNIS.

This branch of sport was taken up most enthusiastically by a large number of boys, some of whom show great promise. No tennis has taken place since the formation of four factions; but before the winter set in it was played extensively among the original factions, on two courts kindly lent by the Bunbury Tennis Club. At present many students may be seen energetically helping in the construction of tennis courts in the school grounds, but up to the present progress has been but slow.

CRICKET.

No cricket has been played since the fourth faction came into being; but during the last half of last season, two matches were played against the ex-students, the first resulting in a win for the Old Boys, and the second in a victory for the School.

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- McKENNA—A good half back, marks and kicks well.
- RICHARDS—Fast and tricky, very cool.
- LLOYD—Should make a good forward. Marks well.
- HOUGH—A good forward. Flies well. Needs more weight.
- WILLIAMS, A.—A good back; knows how to come through with a rush when needed to relieve.
- WOODHEAD—Very steady back. Marks and kicks well. Lacks height.
- TROTMAN—Is improving every match. Still inclined to rush things too often.
- ROBERTS—Solid and reliable at half-back. Lately is getting his kick in sooner and is therefore becoming more effective.
- CLARKE—Very handy in ruck; needs to improve his kicking.
- COPLEY—Fairly fast; but inclined to hang on to the ball too long. Gets to the ball as if he wanted it.
- GRACE—Useful ruckman, keeps going all the time. Kicking rather erratic.
- SINCLAIR—Useful in open play.
- BRUCE—Marks and kicks well. A good forward if not watched too closely.
- DEAN—Most improved player in the school. Is developing "head" (not in size) and also improving in marking and kicking.
- STEERE—Has plenty of natural ability; but doesn't seem to like to use it. Could use more "brute force" without breaking anything.
- BIGNELL—Is not fulfilling early promise. Inclined to take things too easily.
- MACAULAY—A great trier. Is improving in marking and kicking very much.
- MINORS—Improved player, needs to develop more judgement.

EX-STUDENTS' NOTES

As members of the High School ex-Students Association we are very pleased to insert a few notes in the "Kingia."

The ex-Students' Association is a link which binds those who have left school, with the present students. It thus cements the affection for the old school and keeps alive the tradition which helps to make a school truly great. If a school has a good healthy tone an intercourse between those who have left and the students who have yet to finish their course, will preserve this happy state of affairs and thus raise the school prestige. Indeed no school—at least no secondary school—is complete without an ex-students' association which serves the dual purpose of preserving old and making new friendships which will persist throughout our future lives.

It is with gratification that we note the progress of the school which was founded so recently as 1918. For five years both scholars and staff worked under great difficulties; namely poor buildings and inadequate equipment.

All is now changed. Instead of apologetic looking buildings in a crowded portion of the town, we see a truly imposing edifice crowning a hill which was once merely a succession of sand dunes. Soon we shall see grass plots and trees flowering where once stunted scrub was the only ornament. Nor is the beauty of the High School confined to the exterior appearances; a glance inside will show bright and airy class rooms, where both lecturers and scholars can work with the maximum of comfort.

The very atmosphere of the High School is stimulating—this is most marked in winter—and should tend towards a greater efficiency.

The gymnasium too is a great asset which we ex-students missed sorely. Perhaps it is the gymnasium exercise which we lacked, that makes you so formidable at cricket and football. Whether or no, we have suffered defeat from the present boys in both sports. One can, however draw consolation from the fact that the games were fairly even. Undoubtedly the laurels would have been for the ex-students had they been able to muster full teams. We still look for-

ward to the future when we will have the victory on our side.

The High School is to be consoled as it has no contemporary schools nearby with which it might try conclusions. The Ex-Students Association must therefore do all it can to give the school the stimulus it needs in the spirit of friendly competition.

Since the founding of the Association we have held two socials, which, considered from the social point of view, were each an unqualified success. Financially they were not prosperous; but does that matter if one has spent an enjoyable evening?

At the last social, a few more students would have given the function a more scholastic atmosphere.

Preparations will soon be under weigh for the Reunion which, it is to be hoped, will take place some time in August. As this will be the first of a long series of reunions we hope it will be well attended. Notice of the function will appear in due course.

Well, Mr. Editor, we hope that in the next publication of the "Kingia" we will have something more tangible to say. But, as you well know, our Association is only a few months old and as yet we have few activities afoot which will interest the High School student.

"FUN AT ROTTNEST."

(By J.M.)

Eight o'clock in the morning! Outside the grass is wet with dew, and the air is chill and frosty. Yet undauntedly from all directions, we see approaching a crowd of eager early-morning bathers, wending their way down "Kimona Parade," to the reef-fringed "Basin" which forms the delightful natural swimming pool of Rottnest.

What a varied, motley crowd it is, composed of old and young, thin and fat! Here we see a buxam, middle-aged person of ample dimensions, grey corkscrew curls peeping coquetishly from beneath a gay bathing cap; beside her is a tall, angular gentleman of staid, severe bearing, who seems greatly embarrassed by the youthful (if somewhat laboured) caperings of his companion. Behind them is a group of merry, sunburned girls and boys, vastly enjoying the

amusing spectacle of the incongruous couple; and, in the distance, trailing slowly along beneath the genial shade of a huge sunshade, is a lovesick swain, with the object of his affections close beside him. At last we reach the Basin. With coy shrieks the stout lady, assisted by her companion, approaches the water's edge: gingerly she advances one plump foot: with a shrill scream she withdraws it. This procedure goes on for some time, till at length, with a loud yell of "I'll break the ice," a cruel hearted boy plunges in, splashing the poor matron with icy water. With a shudder at the sudden contact of the chill water, she transfixes the daring youth with a belligerent glare, and muttering in baleful accents, "Young hooligan," she dares the icy horrors of the deep. After a refreshing swim and a "sun bath," we return home, voraciously eager for dinner. In the afternoon, we swim again, or retire to the tennis court, where the energetic engage in strenuous sets, whilst the lazy lounge in the shade of a tree midst pleasant company.

And now night has drawn her dusky curtain over the island. Little groups of hilarious people may be seen drifting in the direction of the brightly illuminated dance hall, whilst others stroll along the silvered sands of the beach. Nevertheless, I will convey you to the former, there to view a scene of pretty simplicity, and also to witness various little comedies. Already the dance has commenced and vivacious young girls clad in all the dainty fripperies of feminine evening attire, men in picturesque yachting garb, and boys attired in all the pride of college blazers, sway in unison to the rhythm. Ah! at last we view something in the nature of a comedy! Cautiously a young couple are stealing outside to the cool fragrance of the night air, and "the seats beneath the shade for talking age and whisp'ring lovers made," when suddenly a strident voice falls on their ears:—"Mary, where are you going?" "Oh, just to see the s-sea, mother!" replies a voice in muffled accents. "But, my dear, couldn't you see it just as well in the day-time?"—but both the voice and its escort have vanished into the blackness of the night, leaving an irate parent seeking to dissemble her wrath.

On our way homeward we are startled by loud shrieks, and the sight of a contorted mass of struggling canvas! In the half-light of the moon three bedraggled female forms appear. In the distance can be heard retreating footsteps and wild yells of cannibalistic laughter. Pausing to investigate, we discover that some practical jokers had cut the guy-ropes of their pal's tent. Unfortunately they were not cognisant of the fact that their pal had loaned his tent to his mother and friends, while he, himself, was sleeping the sleep of the just on the sandy beach!

And now we will leave thee, isle of laughter, cradled in the crooning waters of the Indian Ocean, wrapped in the shining radiance of the serene moonlight!

An ensign is a flag under which we fly.

N follows M

C follows B

adding : N.C. follows M.B.

Despite the ability of a certain damsel of the Third Form in baiting the youthful male members of the school, she has not, as yet, succeeded in winning the esteem of Cheerful Charlie with the flaxen wig.

A certain scientist, of Italian (youthful grammarians are asked not to confuse with Italics) descent, is reported to have discovered oil in the North of Australia.

He pegged out his lease,

Though his prospects were dim.

As he came from Greece,

P'raps the oil came from him.

A clergyman who advertised for an organist and music teacher received this reply:—

Dear Sir,

I notice you have a vacancy for an organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years, I beg to apply for the position.

Perhaps some IIB-er could correct the above.

Overheard at the last ex-students' dance:—

"When did the fox-trot?"

"When it saw the cake-walk."

The fox must have been very quick, for we did not even have one glimpse of the cake.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nemo.—We have no room in this magazine for nondescripts.

Pro Bono Publico.—Rather hackneyed. Try again in 1933.

Examination Time at B.H.S.—We have no desire to perpetuate it.

A Frequenter of the Library.—This is libellous and we hesitate to print questionable material.

The Writer of Scenes in Form Rooms.—We would refer you to the English Master for a course of study in drama.

Psychologist.—Your article on "How to be Happy, Though Married" is being revised and will probably appear in our next issue.

Stradismus.—Unfortunately, you are beyond us. We advise you to try the "Bookman" with your contribution. Before so doing, however, you might look up in your form dictionary the meaning of terms "rhyme," "rythm," and "poetry."

Potash Missing.—No! It is not a case of theft. It is a scientific experiment.

Curious.—Yes. It is a moustache.

Anxious.—I am surprised at your wanting to fall in love. It is a dangerous athletic and very hard to drop. Read further down my answer to correspondent "Distracted" on how to fall out of love.

Query.—No! You are wrong. Jonah did not swallow the whale.

Perplexed.—Re wireless—Yes! It will be in order soon. The First Master has the matter in hand now.

Distracted.—We sympathise with your case. One is bad enough; but several must be difficult, to say the least. Solomon had 1000 wives—refer to his book on the subject.

"First Year."—There is no satisfactory method of avoiding homework, so far as we know. We suggest leaving it at home. It works sometimes

"Fifth Year."—Our mathematician has just handed us the calculation you desire. Your study of the French books you mention will be finished at 12 midnight on the 19-20th August, 1946.

Inquirer.—We don't know who Puck is, nor are we responsible for the article.

Scientist.—Oh yes! The Kingia article is really scientific. We have submitted a draft to the English Master, who undertakes to translate it for the next issue.

Biologist.—No. There is no tame crow attached to the school. The sounds you mention may be referred to the English department's attempts to ask "What for?" in French.