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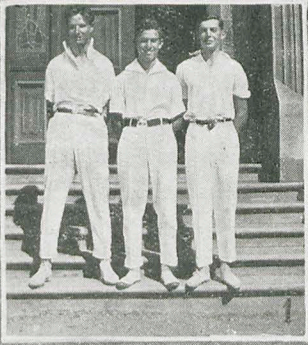
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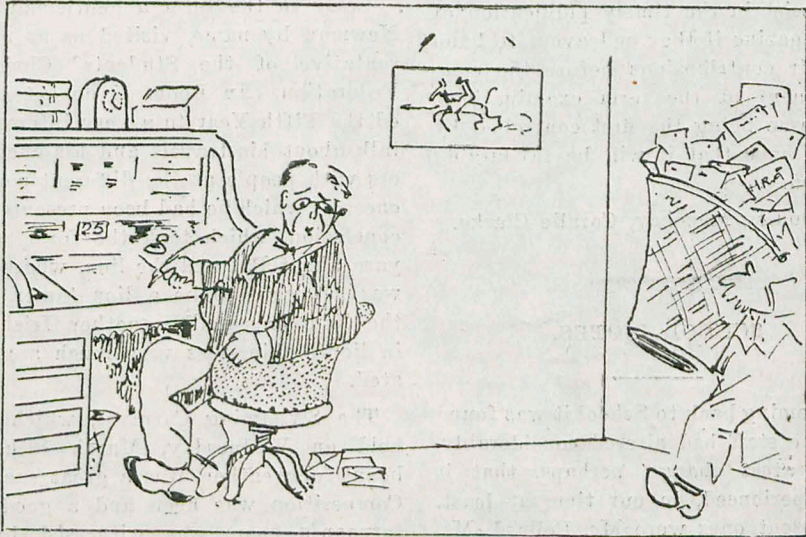
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As it ought to be.

EDITORIAL.

As the end of the term approaches, those of us who are leaving "Mod." at the end of the year are doubtless regretting that times flies so fast. Nevertheless, "Live and be merry, for tomorrow we die" is a good motto, and the Fives could be well advised to make their last year at school an outstanding one in their lives. The Editors this year have adopted the slogan, "Veni, vidi, vici," and are determined to make the "Sphinx" an all-round success, striving to make each term's issue better than its predecessor. To satisfy a long-felt want, new headings have been substituted for old on some pages, but the cost of printing makes such innovations very expensive. Those students who commenced their course at Mod. at the beginning of the year have doubtless now fallen into the rhythm of "Modern" life and are already imbued with the School's ideals and traditions.

To all we wish a very happy stay and success, both in sport and study in the years to come.

Nothing eventful has happened this term. Anzac Day was honoured, as usual, in the hall on Friday, 24th ult., when the Headmaster, in a few well-chosen words, impressed upon the assembled school the sacrifice made by those Anzacs who took part in the landing at Gallipoli, and, more vitally concerning the school, of those from Modern who paid the supreme sacrifice.

In the University Leaving Certificate Examinations last year, Modern School students were successful in gaining three of the exhibitions offered. D. Hagger won the Mathematics and Applied Mathematics Exhibition; Theo. Marshall was awarded the Agricultural Science Scholarship, while L. Beekwith gained a Government General Exhibition. Unfortunately, however, the last

named had to relinquish his exhibition, having obtained a good position, with the result that he decided not to attend the University. All three are to be heartily congratulated on their successes.

In conclusion, we wish to remind contributors that they will greatly facilitate the work of the Editors and materially assist in the timely publication of the magazine if they endeavour to hand in their contributions before the commencement of the term examinations. This issue being the first controlled by us, we hope that it will be favourably received.

—Dudley Macoboy, Coralie Clarke.

SCHOOL NOTES.

On coming back to School it was found that the staff had altered considerably, the greatest change, perhaps, that it has experienced, in our time at least. The absent ones were Mr. Pollard, Mr. Laing, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Shelton, Miss Mackay and Miss Napier.

Mr. Pollard is now at the Goldfields High School in the capacity of First Master. Mr. Laing has been transferred to Bunbury High School, where he has charge of the English Department. Mr. Bradshaw is now at the Claremont Training College as Housemaster and Lecturer. Miss Napier has also left the School, and is now studying in Europe. It is needless to say how much we miss them, and it will be long before we are quite accustomed to their absence. They have been more than teachers to us, they have been friends who will always hold a foremost place in our thoughts.

Mr. Shelton is now very far from us. He has taken his long leave, and at the same time is accompanying the Y.A.L. boys on their World Tour. He has visited most of the great battlefields in Europe. His wife is also with him, and we feel sure they must be having an extremely interesting time there. Miss Mackay, who is also on leave, has taken the opportunity to visit her relations

in Tasmania and New Zealand. We look forward to seeing these two members of the staff before the end of this year.

The vacancies occasioned by their departures have been filled by Messrs. McLeod, Staples, Downing and Misses Dorothy Oldham and Jean Scott. Mr. Downing has taken Mr. Bradshaw's place as Sports Master.

Early in the term a gentleman, Mr. Newman by name, visited us as representative of the Students' Christian Federation. In Room K he entertained the Fifth Year to a very interesting talk about his travels and his encounters with people at the different conferences at which he had been present. His conclusion, which took the form of a yarn about Pat and the lion, where Pat was supposed to be a lion tamer, and the lion was really another Irishman in lion's skin, was very much appreciated.

The Swimming Carnival, which was held on Wednesday, March 18th, in beautiful weather, was a great success. Competition was keen and a good afternoon's sport was witnessed by a good number of Ex-Students and parents.

The Carnival was immediately followed by the Fives' Picnic, which was a huge success, and which we are sure, eclipsed all previous functions of this kind.

On the 28th March an Ex-Students' Day was held. Cricket, boys' and girls' tennis were keenly contested. The dance which followed was a great success. The Board of Prefects wishes to take the opportunity of thanking the Ex-Students' Association for their kind and well-appreciated entertainment.

The Masters' Match was played on Wednesday, April 15th, in ideal weather. In the first innings the Masters' compiled 52 and the Students replied with 9 for 137. The Masters then went in again and made 7 for 30. Thus it was a decisive victory for the students.

We feel that, before closing, we must all extend our good wishes to Allan Jeffrey, one of our most promising sports and personalities, who left us late in the term.

FACTION NOTES.

Faction Points—Complete for Term I.

Sphinx	..	..	120
Red	..	..	108½
Blue	..	..	101½
Gold	..	..	96½

GOLD.

This term has been a very successful one for Gold and we are now well up in the list of points. A sturdy lot of juniors came into the faction at the beginning of the year, and the boys should do well in the paper-chases, while many of the girls are doing good work in the base-ball. The juniors should cultivate the true faction spirit, and aim to bring Gold again to the fore as in 1915.

The boys compiled 21½ points at the Swimming Carnival, thanks to the valuable work of Jeffrey, whom we must congratulate on being runner-up to McClintock for School Champion. Since the Carnival he has had to leave us, and we were very sorry to lose his valued services, as he was a promising all-round sportsman. We tender him our best wishes for his business career. Redgrave, a new-comer, registered a meritorious performance in winning the First Year Championship in the excellent time of 36 2-5th sees. In the cricket we vanquished Blue, but were rather unfortunate in being beaten in the tennis. The only life-saving match this term was forfeited to Blue. Members of the teams should endeavour to fulfil their duty to their faction.

All the girls' tennis teams have acquitted themselves very well, winning all their matches in fine style. We went unbeaten through the first round of the baseball. Though the girls gave little assistance at the Swimming Carnival, the Life Saving Team has done fairly good work. This aquatic sport is evidently our weakest department.

With football, hockey, tennis and paper chases next term we should do fairly well and maintain our good position. Keep up the good work, Gold, and we will have the opportunity of again shaking hands with our defeated opponents.

E.D.T., J.W.C.

BLUE.

Elated by our last year's success, we have made a very creditable beginning this year. The Swimming Carnival saw the commencement of the faction competitions, and on the morning of this event 33½ points were scored for the faction, a further 30 points being added through the efforts of the boys. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Miss Emmie Coe upon her gaining the title of Champion Girl Swimmer, and also thank all those who strove to bring the faction into prominence.

Since the Swimming Carnival the girls of the Upper School have won all the Life-saving contests in which they have participated, while those of the Lower School do not remain without some success to their credit. Unfortunately, our girls have been vanquished in every baseball match and at tennis the results have not been altogether in their favour. Next term, however, we hope to see them perform well in the netball and hockey matches.

Although the boys were beaten by Gold in the faction cricket match, they easily gained victories in the tennis and life-saving competitions.

Our present position gives us high hopes of holding the shield again next year, provided that every member of the faction does his, or her best during the remaining terms of this year.

RED.

“Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
That he's not of the glorious Red?”

We are sure that at least he is not to be found at Mod. This year has commenced with firmly-rooted determinations and convictions in the heart of every member of Red to avert the disappointment which 1-12th of a point caused us last year by definitely taking the lead away from Blue.

At the Swimming Carnival our glorious faction more than upheld its traditional prowess in swimming, with the result that at the end of the day Red was leading with a total of 72 points (of which the girls gained 35). And once again we must congratulate McClintock on gaining the position of

School Champion. Among the girls we feel happy to say that the exhibition of Kathleen O'Toole and Phyllis Love augurs well for the faction in future years. A feat which we regard as really worth while extolling, on account of the fact that it has not happened to Red for a number of years, is that of the girls winning the relay race. Also, it is wholly owing to the talent of the younger members of Red that we have won all the Girls' Lower School Life-Saving, although the Upper School team has not been nearly so successful.

We have not done very brilliantly in the girls' tennis, but entertain better hopes for the second round. In baseball we have succeeded in twice beating Blue, although we succumbed to both Sphinx and Gold.

The boys, resting a little on the laurels gained at the Carnival, lost in a cricket match against Sphinx, but succeeded in beating the same faction at tennis.

On the whole we feel that Red has made an excellent start for the year, and our only desire is to be able to retain our present position in the fore.

SPHINX.

Most readers will doubtless be astonished to learn that this wonderful faction has not already gained a considerable lead over its rivals, but there is no cause for concern, for we are keeping well up in the matter of points, and should have no difficulty in once more placing Sphinx's name on the Faction Shield at the end of the year.

At the Annual Swimming Carnival, held on the 19th March, Sphinx gained third place. Miss Sheila McClemans especially is to be congratulated on her magnificent performance, gaining the Junior Championship and being beaten by only one point for the title of School Champion. W. Faul, among the boys, did well by winning the Junior Championship.

On the girls' side, faction matches have been played regularly, and our girls have been very successful, the netball, baseball, tennis and life-saving teams all performing creditably. The

boys have only played one round of matches against Red, winning the cricket, but losing the tennis.

In conclusion, we feel sure that, with the co-operation of all the members of the faction, Sphinx will enjoy its usual position—First—at the end of the year.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The Library is, as usual, progressing favourably, and much useful information and pleasant reading, is obtained from its well-stocked shelves. No new books have been recorded up-to-date, but the periodicals are still coming in, and, by the absence of covers, etc., they seem to be well appreciated. As the "Fives" have already received their huge list of essays for the year, keen competition exists in the procuring of information. It is to be lamented that the Cross-word puzzle craze, existing mainly amongst the "fourth years," has turned these students from the books of learning and those two huge dictionaries, which formerly reposed in the dim recesses of the fireplace corner have at last come into prominence. Nowadays the most important question is "Who has got the Dictionary?" It is noticeable that the first year students, having at last gained access to the Library, use it to the utmost benefit of their knowledge (a very good example to set) with the exception of a few. It is to be hoped that they will continue to do so. These students seem greatly grieved because they are unable to obtain fiction from the Library, and "Fifth year" students who have the privilege, lament the fact that they are unable to read such literature, as they have no time to call their own.

PREFECTS PARS.

The full complement of Prefects, seventeen in number, returned to school at the beginning of the year, ready to commence their duties. Although these have at times been arduous, yet on the whole the students have combined very

well with us in keeping the school in good order.

Our fortnightly meetings have passed very pleasantly. Thomas, as Captain of the School, has officiated well, and shown his ability to manage all proceedings. The Fives picnic, which was run by the Prefects, proved an unqualified success, and all are looking forward in expectation of another at the end of the year.

Afternoon tea has, perhaps, been the most important feature of these meetings, and the girls are to be complimented on the fine way they have provided the necessary for these miniature feasts. We must congratulate the girls on their improvement, shown in the demolishing line, those most prominent in this department being Misses Le—, H—e, C—, K—. The boys have been most disappointing in their performances at the table, especially A.E.C., who scarcely eats a thing.

NOTICE.

The Board of Prefects wishes to thank those students who stayed behind after the Fives Picnic and helped to take back the empty bottles, and who thus helped to make the picnic a financial success.

PERSONALITIES.

“**Steve.**”—A genial member of the Fives, famous for his legs and for his childish blush. Is a man of two worlds, for while really treading this planet, his thoughts are elsewhere as he meditates on the renowned “A.S.” motor-bike of the future, on Geometrical Problems, applied maths., wireless insulators, and on the number of vibrations per second in his patent carburetor. Is famed for his “Sunbeam” and overhead valve.

Pet Hobby: Working out geometrical problems, while listening in to bedtime stories straight from Mareoni.

Pet Expression: “Aw! Cut it out!”

Harry Banks.—A diminutive, unassuming youth, known to all by his child-

ish manner and loud voice. Has definitely retired from all manner of pugilism, having now attained the autumn of his school career. He bids fair to become an excellent dancer, and is somewhat of a protegee at all manner of languages, particularly French. Has a vast knowledge on all subjects, particularly cricket, and athletics, and has the makings of an ideal member of Parliament, being adjudged the best soap-box orator of his day. He is called “the man of no vices,” and endeavours to live up to this sterling reputation.

Pet Expression: “‘Ullo!”

Pet aversion: Fourth year girls, with whom he is very familiar.

Favourite Pastime: Singing “Barney Google” at the top of his voice, and saving youths from the clutches of oppressors.

Charlie.—Commonly known as “the gay bandoliero.” Tries to terrorise his fellow-students by impersonating Jack Dempsey, though this really enhances his appearance. Wears spectacles so as to see more and perhaps to look around corners.

Pet Hobbies: Testing razors and making a nuisance of himself.

Pet Expression: “‘G’ day Chang,” and “Ya done ya Latin, Stimmo?”

“**T.H.S.-K.**”—A tall, thin, seedy-looking lad of the Fives. Noted for brains and common-sense, and an Irish disposition. Very light on his feet—especially on Thursday mornings. Is the idol of all V3 (i.) girls. He is said to have accepted the Judge’s offer to leave the State, hence his rapid departure. Is a great biological student, and can discourse at some length upon roses, berries, lilies, etc. They say that he is “thrilled to the marrow” when a lady teacher calls him “Terry.” Is also a past-master in the art of borrowing and is said to have amassed a considerable fortune in this way. Frequently tells obscure jokes, of which no one but himself can see the point.

Pet Hobby: Construction of cross-words and destruction of Fords.

Pet Saying: “Lend us your——”

LIFE SAVING NOTES.

Although unsuccessful at the Annual Life Saving Competitions held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Claremont Baths, the School team (McClintock, Hogan, Gamble, Jeffrey) performed creditably.

The School is at a great disadvantage in this branch of sport, owing to the difficulty of securing sufficient practice. It is to be hoped that next year more time will be devoted to this important phase of the natatorial art.

Lower School members should recognise that it is from their ranks that the School's representatives in the future must be chosen; it, therefore, behoves them to show more interest in, and to dedicate more time to this pastime, thus enabling the school to achieve its initial success in the Law Shield competitions.

In conclusion, the Life Saving Four wish to thank Mr. Johnson for his able coaching, and Mr. Downing for the great interest he has taken in this sport.

CADET NOTES.

It is said that the "Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." Thus, as Modern School is one of Western Australia's greatest schools, why should not our cadet training for battle be confined to sport and not to such marching and turning as at present. Under the able command of Mr. Johnston, we have been learning many complex platoon movements, and hope to show a considerable improvement in drill before the end of the term. An event to which we are all looking forward (?) is a drill competition, for which goal we are now assiduously training.

According to the new Act there will be no reinforcements to the ranks as previously intended. At the end of June the numbers will be depleted by

the following of the '07 quota:—Sergt. Sanderson, Corpls. Brooke-Cowden and Calcutt, Cadets Blatchford, Gamble, Hogan and McClintock. The remainder with Sergt. Stonehouse, with the exception of three cadets will leave the School in December.

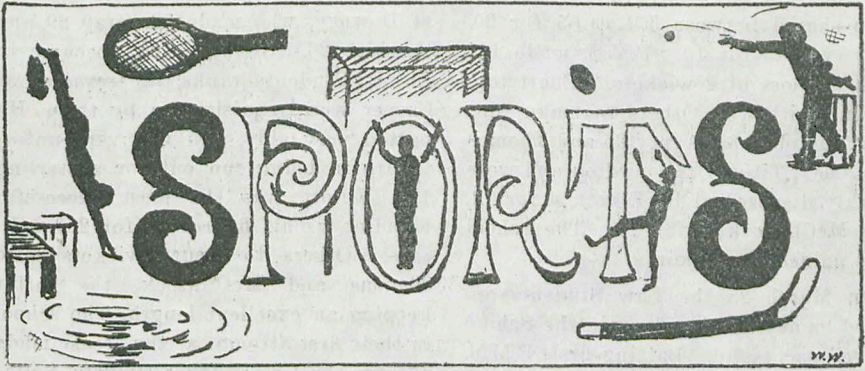
The knell of the Modern School quota seems to have been tolled, but it is hoped that in some little time ahead, some interested, kindly-disposed official of the department will reinstate it to its former glory.

—Sergt. Sanderson.

AN EPISODE—A SEQUEL TO THE FIVES' PICNIC.

It happened that on the day following the Fives' Picnic, a certain male member of the Pre's made a little mistake. This is how it came about. Having in his possession a bottle of liquid refreshment he concealed it in his B.A.G., where he thought it would be safe from his colleagues.

In the interim three thirsty individuals got to work. At a convenient hour he took it from its place of concealment and hid it, with one or two others, up to a high place, where he made efforts to open it. To his surprise it opened easily—but he was a guileless lad and suspected nothing. The label read, "Sparkling Kola." He raised it to his lips with a smile of anticipation. He had barely taken one gulp when the smile froze on his lips. He quickly lowered the bottle and yelled, "It's only water." But his mates were wily lads and would not believe him, and they all had a mouthful to satisfy themselves (so good for their health, you know). And then, after thinking seriously for some time, they came to the conclusion that someone had drunk their "Sparkling Kola" and had filled up the bottle with "sparkling water." "'Tis marvellous, my friends, the perfect genius that some persons have for finding out things." There is a moral in this story.



CRICKET NOTES.

Although the practice wickets have not been of the best this season, the standard of cricket has, nevertheless, remained high, and a long list of fixtures has been successfully negotiated. The outfield of the oval has been considerably improved, and bids fair to be a good fielding ground for next season.

The opening match of the team was played against High School and, although both sides were considerably out of practice, a good game ensued, resulting in a draw. Batting first, High School put together 138 for the loss of 4 wickets, due to the fine batting of Veryard (44), Sewell (30) and Scaddan (41). The bowling honours went to Elliott, who secured 2 wickets at the cost of 43 runs. Samuel, 1 for 18, and Calcutt, 1 for 10, also obtained wickets. P.M.S. made 94 for 6 wickets, the chief contributors being Calcutt (34) and Smith, with 17. Webster and Veryard got two wickets apiece for High School.

The next encounter took place at the Teachers' College, where we engaged the students in a drawn game. Batting first P.M.S. compiled 115 for the loss of 7 wickets, those to make runs being Smith 54, Ray 16, Elliott 17 and Campbell a very tedious 11. Flanagan, with 2 wickets for 39, and Watson 3 for 13, were the mainstay of the College attack. Training College replied with 8 wickets for 101, Bennett top-scoring with 44, while Coombs batted well for 34, made chiefly by neat leg-side play. Elliot was the most successful bowler with 3 for 33, while Smith, going on late, secured 2 wickets at 6 runs apiece.

On Wednesday, 11th March, a match was played against Guildford Grammar School at C.E.G.S., and P.M.S. suffered its first defeat. Batting first the XI. made 138 and declared with three wickets in hand. Calcutt top-scored with 46, Samuels made 30 not out, Smith hit up 20 in very quick time, while Campbell played very slowly for 23. Lefroy bowled best in obtaining 2 for 35, while Blain got 1 wicket at a cost of 48 runs. Guildford made 148 for the loss of 3 wickets, the chief contributors being Laver with 52, Cornish 25, and Huddleston 28. Smith obtained the only wicket for the school at the cost of 33 runs.

The following Wednesday a return was played at C.T.C., and resulted in a very unfavourable draw for the School. The Teachers had first use of an exceptionally fiery wicket, and put together 163, those chiefly responsible being Flanagan with 44, Bennett 52 and Watson and Cook 14 each. Elliott struck form with the ball and obtained 4 wickets for 57 runs, while Avery 2 for 22 and Cowden 2 for 32, materially assisted him. Modern School then went to the wicket, and disaster was immediately manifest. The situation, however, was saved by Elliott, who made a lively 28 and Pell, who at his first try in the "1sts" played solidly for 13. Flanagan, who was bumping dangerously, obtained 2 for 22, and Jones bowled well in securing 2 for 9.

The Titles Office XI. were engaged the following week and the School added another win to its lists. At their first try, "Titles" could only manage to compile 55, a very mediocre total, McComish and McKittrick, each secured double figures. The bowling honours

were shared between Elliott, 5 for 20, and Avery 3 for 10. P.M.S. made 112 with the loss of 2 wickets, Calcutt top-scoring with 34. Others to make runs were Campbell 33, Avery 25 and Thomas 17. The "Titles" followed on and were quickly disposed of by Elliott, 4 for 12, and McClintock 4 for 15. The school thus gained three points.

On March 25 the Law Students opposed us at School and again the School proved successful. Batting first, P.M.S. compiled 150 for the loss of 3 wickets. Campbell top-scored with 64 not out, while Calcutt made 52, Finn also reaching double figures with 12. The Law Students were disposed of for 129 (Bryant, of Interstate fame, making 70). Elliott bowled very ably in securing 3 wickets for 44, while Cowden, McClintock and Thomas got one wicket each.

The following Saturday the 1st XI. played the Ex-Students at School, and a drawn game resulted. The Ex-Students made 138, chiefly due to the efforts of McCrae (43) and Miller (37). Halliday also made 25. Elliott secured 2 wickets for 49 runs, and McClintock got 2 for 33. Avery and Calcutt each secured one wicket. The school made 55 for 5 wickets, Calcutt being the only successful batsman with 28 not out. The bowling honours went to Miller, who secured 4 for 16.

C.E.G.S. were next engaged at Guildford and a drawn game resulted. Batting first the School put together 140 for the loss of 7 wickets, Campbell top-scoring with 56, made mostly by on-side play. Calcutt batted well for 34, while Elliott (11), Finn (14) and Avery (13) each got double figures. Guildford batted next and at time had made 104 for 6 wickets. The most successful batsmen were Laver with 30 and Vallentine with 32. McClintock bowled best in obtaining 2 wickets for 37 runs, and Avery and Thomas each secured one wicket. The fast wickets were entirely unsuitable for Elliott, who was unable to control his length to suit the conditions.

The next match was a return contest against the Ex-Students, and the game resulted in a draw. The Ex-Students had first use of a splendid wicket, and compiled 150, chiefly due to the batting

of Downey, who made 32, Gray 29 and Forsaith 26. Owing to an absentee in the Ex-Students ranks, the services of Casper were requisitioned by them. He batted very ably, and was very unfortunate in being run out for a sterling 17. Elliott was the most successful trundler, as his figures (4 for 25) indicate. Others to secure wickets were Thomas and McClintock, the latter keeping an excellent length. The school in their first attempt at the crease made 125 for the loss of three wickets. Smith top-scored with 54, while Calcutt was successful in making 48. Both remained unconquered. McClintock was successful in reaching double figures. The Ex-Students attack was not exceptionally strong, but Hiller (1 for 34) and Forsaith (1 for 44) were responsible for the downfall of two of the three wickets.

—J.B.C., J. B. Hobbs-Campbell,
J. R. Elliott.

2nd XI.

During the term, the 2nd XI. has performed fairly well. Only four matches were played, of which two were won and two lost. In the first two matches, the team did not perform too creditably, but the games gave the players more confidence in themselves, with the result that the next two matches provided easy wins for the school. The frequent alterations in the personnel of the team, due to the fact that many players have been given a chance in the 1st XI. have been somewhat disconcerting, while the lack of match practice has also been a handicap. Metcalf has captained the team satisfactorily during the term.

The first match was against Fremantle Boys' School at Fremantle Oval. The home team batted first and compiled the mediocre score of 56, but the School collapsed before the bowling of Holmes and Alexander, the last wicket falling with the total standing at 23 (Temby 6, Macoboy 4). The next match against High School, at King's Park, resulted in our second defeat. High School declared at 6 for 102, while our eleven were dismissed for 39 (Scaddan 12, Temby 6). Guildford Grammar School were contested on the School

Oval, and P.M.S. opened their winning account at their expense, the scores being:—C.E.G.S., 53; P.M.S., 8 wickets for 56. Scaddan, with 23 and Wilson (18) both batted well for the School. Christchurch School were vanquished on their own ground by 66 runs to 41, Cairns, Scaddan and Macoboy being most successful with the willow. The chief bowlers for the team have been Nadebaum, Jackson, Spigl and Macoboy.

Under 14 XI.

The under 14's have only played one match this season, against the Guildford Grammar School on the Guildford ground. The School team won by 9 runs, the totals being 86 and 77. Spigl batted well for 52, while Spear reached double figures, and the bowling honours were carried off by Spigl and Johnson.

THE MASTER'S MATCH.

On Wednesday, 15th April, the annual Students v. Staff match was contested on the School Oval in excellent weather. Owing to the uncertain weather of the few days previous, the wicket was rather on the soft side, but with a warm sun and a fair breeze, it gradually improved as the match progressed. Mr. Downing (Captain of the Masters' XI.) having called right, the Masters had first use of a fairly fast wicket, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Staples being the opening batsmen. Avery, a medium fast right-hand bowler, opened the attack from the railway end, being materially assisted by the breeze. Thomas, a slow break bowler, trundled from the school end, and opened with a beautiful length. Mr. McLeod repeatedly got Avery away to the leg boundary, while Mr. Staples was not quite 'at home' to any of the bowling. The first wicket fell at 32, Mr. Staples being caught at mid-off by Calcutt, off Thomas. Mr. Adlard followed, and the Masters certainly seemed in a good position. With only seven runs added to the score, however, Mr. McLeod lost his wicket, being stumped by Elliott off Thomas. A change in the bowling was

then made, Elliott being taken from behind the wickets to replace Avery. The change soon brought disaster to the Masters, Mr. Adlard playing one of the fast bowler's deliveries on to his wicket. Thomas again asserted himself in the next over, being responsible for the dismissal of Mr. Downing, who attempted a big hit, and was caught at point by McClintock. Mr. Hetherington joined Mr. Piper, but soon fell a victim to Temby, off Thomas. The latter had now taken four wickets for 10 runs off seven overs. In the slow-bowler's same over, Mr. Piper gave McClintock an easy chance at point, which was accepted. Mr. Johnson was next in and batted ably before being clean bowled by Elliott. Mr. Ellison had been unlucky enough to be run out, and it fell to Mr. Copley to stop the rot. His stumps, however, were laid low by Elliott's first ball, nine wickets being down for 50 runs. Mr. Lambert joined Mr. Howieson, and in the next over the innings closed for the mediocre total of 52, Mr. Howieson being out in attempting a short run.

Avery and Calcutt opened the Student's innings to the bowling of Messrs. McLeod and Staples. At the afternoon tea adjournment, the score stood at none for 32, but soon after the re-commencement of play, Calcutt was bowled by Mr. Piper for 14. Campbell joined Avery, but did not stay long, being out l.b.w to the same bowler. Thomas, the next man in was run out for 1, and Finn did not remain long either, being bowled by Mr. Downing for the same score. Elliott was next man, and, with Avery, put up a respectable partnership, until the latter was bowled by Mr. McLeod. He had batted well for 54, and had made many fine shots. McClintock occupied the vacant crease, but when he had compiled 16, Elliott played one from Mr. Adlard on to his wicket. Temby failed to score, and gave Mr. Staples his first wicket; McClintock also losing his wicket to the same bowler shortly afterwards. Pell was unlucky in being run out for 5, and Macoboy and Chandler were still unconquered when Calcutt declared the innings closed at 9 for 134.

The Masters followed on, and at

stumps, the score stood at seven for 28, Mr. Adlard with 10 and Mr. Staples with 8 being the only scorers of note. McClintock took 3 wickets for 14, and Finn 4 for 13.

Scores:—

Masters.

First innings.

Mr. McLeod, st. Elliott, b Thomas	21
Mr. Staples, c. Calcutt, b Thomas	11
Mr. Adlard, b Elliott	1
Mr. Downing, c McClintock, b Thomas	0
Mr. Hetherington, c Temby, b Thomas	1
Mr. Piper, c McClintock, b Thomas	4
Mr. Johnson, b Elliott	2
Mr. Ellison, thrown out	0
Mr. Howieson, run out	2
Mr. Copley, b Elliott	0
Mr. Lambert, not out	0
Sundries	9
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Total	51

Bowling: Thomas, 5 for 14; Elliott, 3 for 3; Avery, 0 for 25.

Second Innings.

Mr. Downing, b McClintock ..	6
Mr. Adlard, l.b.w., b McClintock..	10
Mr. Ellison, b Finn	0
Mr. Hetherington, b Finn	2
Mr. McLeod, c Temby, b McClintock	1
Mr. Staples, b Finn	8
Mr. Howieson, c Calcutt, b Finn..	0
Sundries	1
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7 wickets for 28

Bowling: McClintock, 3 for 14; Finn, 4 for 13.

Students.

First innings.

Avery, b Mr. McLeod	54
Calcutt, b Mr. Piper	14
Campbell, l.b.w., b Mr. Piper ..	1
Thomas, run out	1
Finn, b Mr. Downing	1
Elliott, b Mr. Adlard	16
McClintock, b Mr. Staples	23
Temby, b Mr. Staples	0
Pell, run out	5
Macoboy, not out	2
Chandler, not out	4
Sundries	13
—	

Declared at 9 wickets for 134

Bowling: Mr. McLeod, 1 for 28; Mr. Staples, 2 for 12; Mr. Adlard, 1 for 33; Mr. Downing, 1 for 31; Mr. Piper, 2 for 15.

TENNIS NOTES.

Tennis, as far as the boys are concerned, has been a disappointing feature of this term's sport. Unfortunately practice for them on Tuesdays has been forbidden, owing to the excessive strain on the courts. As a result those who play in the cricket teams are placed in the unfortunate predicament of not being able to play tennis at all at the School, that is except the first seven players, who have special practice at the Association Courts every Tuesday. It is to be feared that if the existing conditions are not altered, the standard of the boys' tennis will appreciably decline. This will be fatal for the School, which has always prided itself on its past performances.

A number of bumping board matches have been played amongst the leading players, and at present the positions are Calcutt, Stevenson, La Nauze, Ashton, C. Blatchford, McClintock and Campbell. We were greatly elated when news came that Mr. Gemmell, W.A.'s State Champion had kindly offered his services as coach on Tuesday afternoons. Mr. Gemmell came on one occasion and gave many valuable hints on the game. Unfortunately, owing to business and other engagements, he has been unable to be with us for some time. However, it is to be hoped that next term we will be fortunate enough to again secure his services.

Only one match has been played by the boys during the term. This took place on Saturday, 28th March, against the Ex-Students. A very enjoyable afternoon's sport was spent by the players, although the Ex-Students succeeded in winning by 8 sets 64 games to 5 sets 55 games. The boys are now eagerly waiting for the Junior Pennant series to commence, and it is to be hoped that we can emulate our last year's feat, that of being "runners-up" or even to eclipse this and run out winners.

—C.J.C.

Criticism of the First Seven Players.

(By the Captain.)

Stevenson.—A very keen follower of the game. He possesses a very fine service, especially his first, which is consistent and effective, and which enables him to score many points. Also has a good forehand drive. His backhand, however, is rather weak, being only a defence shot. He should endeavour to learn to drive on his backhand. His volleying and ground shots also have room for a great deal of improvement. Possesses a fair amount of court-craft.

La Nauze.—Although only in his second year, La Nauze already occupies a high position in the School tennis. He possesses a very attractive style. He has a nice, easy action for his service, which at present lacks pace and consistency. Drives well on both backhand and forehand and volleys consistently and accurately. With good practice and more experience, he should develop into an excellent player, for at present his play all round only lacks pace. He has the right temperament for tennis, and is well versed in court tactics.

Ashton.—One of last year's leading players, and of whom much was expected. Up to the present, however, he has been disappointing. He is the possessor of an excellent style, can drive well, both on the forehand and the backhand. His service also is good, possessing pace and length. However, his whole play is too erratic, and again his attitude on the court appears too listless. With introduction of a great deal of vim and yet more steadiness in his game, he should develop into a good player. At present he lacks experience, but this will come later during the year.

C. Blatchford.—A tall and very interested follower of the game. He has a good fast forehand drive and his backhand is also very fair. His service, however, is rather weak. He should throw the ball higher and take longer over serving. If he does this he will find that he will serve less double-faults. His ground play is also only mediocre. However, with more practice, he should develop into a good player.

McClintock.—A very steady player who manages to get a lot of shots back. His style, however, is rather cramped. His service is consistent, but is too soft, he must endeavour to hit the ball harder in this respect. He drives well on his forehand, but his backhand at present can not be depended upon. He is also good in the air, and if only he makes his style more free, should win a good number of matches, for he has a good knowledge of tennis tactics.

Campbell.—Although small and consequently greatly handicapped, he possesses a very nice style. He drives very well on his forehand and his backhand is also reliable. Volleys rather well and his ground shots are very neat. His service, however, is weak, lacking pace and consistency. If he could introduce more speed in all his shots, he would become a fine player. He plays a very steady game, but lacks experience.

Ex-Students v. School.

Saturday, 28th March, 1925.

Doubles.—Mr. Cummins and Dr. Cohen v. Stevenson and Ashton, 6-2, 6-2. Mr. Preshaw and Mr. Allen v. La Nauze and Blatchford, 2-6, 3-6.

Singles.—Mr. Cummins v. Stevenson, 5-6, 6-5; Dr. Cohen v. Ashton, 6-3, 4-6; Mr. Preshaw v. La Nauze, 6-4, 6-5; Mr. Allen v. Blatchford, 2-6, 6-2.

Ex-Students, 8 sets, 64 games.

School, 5 sets, 55 games.

Girls.

The girls' tennis this year has shown some improvement, largely due to the increased practice procured by our sportsmistress, whom we desire to heartily thank. We must also express our gratitude to Miss Rotenberg and Miss Oldham for the interest which they have shown in the tennis.

At the beginning of the year the competition for places in the various teams was keen. Indeed the final "A" team was the choice of a small selection committee. It was not necessary to resort to this committee for the "B" and "C" teams.

With two members of last year's team back, the "C's" have done good work,

while those in the second four are to be complimented on the fact that they have not yet sustained a defeat, although they drew with P.C.

Commencing with two inter-school victories and an easy win over the Ex-Students on March 28th, the "A" team raised hopes which have not yet been realised. However, we are still hoping that its members will redeem themselves since the defeats have been narrow ones.

Tennis pockets have been awarded to Misses Negus, Hodge and Williams. We must congratulate Gwen on entering the first four, while still a "two," and we have great hopes for future years, when we expect "Mod." to regain its prestige in inter-school tennis.

—S.C.K.

A SIDE-GLANCE OF THE DEFECTS.

Kemble.—A bit of a wag, but seems to be occasionally troubled by her conscience, as her pet expression is "Mother says I wasn't to." The heroine of the macaroons.

Alpha.—"He was a lord, ful fat, and in good point."

Codge.—A dignified member of the noble order. Liable at any time to break into verse, and renowned for her swimming capacities.

Dud.—The smart lad of the order, whose motto appears to be "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."

Nance.—Supplies the comic element, but cherishes no fond remembrance of the day she was dubbed, "Class fool."

June.—Has well been compared with Goldsmith's character sketch "Olivia." Aspires to a place in the 1st eleven.

Gambie.—The boy with the wavy hair. Rivals Nance in his comic abilities.

Dot.—June's "right-hand man." Conscientiously carries out her duty as a Pré.

Geoff.—Not renowned as yet, as he has not had an opportunity of bringing to the fore his dancing abilities, which are believed to rival even those of "Pivoting Perc."

Gwen.—The girl with the acute sense

of humour, but a good sort.

Mac.—The Record Breaker.

Finnie.—Usually shy, but distinguished himself by being runner-up in the latest endurance test (in eating).

Marj.—"And sikerly she was of great desport,

And ful pleasant, and amiable of port."

Syd.—The secretary of the order—always in time for tea, if not the meetings.

Elsie.—Well known as the noisiest member of the pre's meetings.

Jock.—The lad with the voice and the appetite. Shines on the cricket field—about the only place.

Thomo.—The kind father of the brood. Presides over it with the air of an old-timer.

—"Onlooker."

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

(After swotting for exams.)

What unknown ghostly forms appear
From the ages long, long past?
Why, there's our good old friend Shake-
speare,

He's quarreling, I see at last
With—oh, can that be Chaucer?
Over the Nonne they argue fast
As to whether she drank from her
saucer.

"Cruel necessity!" familiar words,
I thought by Cromwell said.
Here are Royalists waving swords,
Here come Ironsides, long since dead,
Here comes Charles with absent mind,
It seems, too, with absent head,
"Regrets to say it's left behind."

But who's this with blue eyes, fair hair,
With stature square and short.
She has caused us too much care
Much more than she really ought.
I recognise who she is now
She is a figure of despair,
She is that German Sorge Frau!

The scene swings now to the Physics
Lab.

Where researchers of bygone days

Endeavour with all colours to dab
 And paint the spectrum's rays.
 Here's Chladni, by some trick of Fate,
 Engaged in a close confab.
 About making music with an old tin
 plate.

The last of the pageant comes in sight,
 I see my work crossed out
 With strange signs placed all down the
 right,
 What is this all about?
 Dare I this secret do disclose?
 Yes, with triumphant shout,
 It is my hopeless "Français prose."

TO THE MOD.

Here's to the health of the good old
 Mod.,

The pride of the wonderful West!
 Your traditions we'll keep
 Till the long last sleep,
 And, from knowledge gained there,
 good benefits reap
 When we finally stand to the test.

As fresh fags, in good days gone by,
 We gazed on your portals with awe,
 But we love you, this hour,
 With all love in our power,
 From your base to the top of your high
 raised tower,
 And our pride in you always will soar.

When at last we must all say "fare-
 well"

When we go from you into the world
 Life's hard battles to fight,
 Deep in our mind's sight
 Will the picture of you keep us all just
 and right,
 Noble building; with Sphinx on high
 furled!

Dear old Mod., we must all be a credit
 To the lessons which we'll ne'er for-
 get,
 Let us boast of your name
 And make world wide your fame,
 Savoir c'est Pouvoir, and let's play the
 game
 Till the bright sun of our lives must
 set.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The Annual School Carnival was held at the Claremont Baths on Wednesday, 18th March, in beautiful weather. Miss E. Coe succeeded in gaining the honour of Champion Girl Swimmer, while W. McClintock was Champion Boy swimmer. The Junior Girl Champion was S. McClemons.

Girls' Events.

50 Yards School Championship.—E. Coe, 1; S. McClemons, 2; E. Bottle, 3. Time, 35 1-5th secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke Championship.—E. Coe, 1; J. Robinson, 2; J. Peden, 3. Time, 46 2-5th secs.

Neat Dive.—S. McClemons, 1; G. Negus, 2; E. Coe, 3.

Brick Dive.—S. McClemons, 1; E. Coe, 2; J. Hadley, 3.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—S. McClemons, 1; K. O'Toole, 2; N. Cleave, 3. Time, 40secs.

50 Yards' Breaststroke Junior Championship.—K. O'Toole, 1; S. McClemons, 2; P. Love, 3. Time, 49 2-5th secs.

Junior Brick Dive.—S. McClemons, 1; J. Hadley, 2; L. Bailey, 3.

50 Yards 1st Year Championship.—P. Love, 1; M. Clairs, 2; J. Anderson, 3.

50 Yards 2nd Year Championship.—R. Fogarty, 1; N. Roberts, 2; G. Negus, 3.

50 Yards Upper School Handicap.—M. Thomas, 1; J. Peden, 2; E. Bottle, 3.

50 Yards Lower School Handicap.—L. Evans, 1; P. Love, 2; D. Thompson, 3.

Old Girls' Race.—Miss McGregor, 1; Miss Martin, 2; Miss Fitch, 3.

School Relay.—Red, 1; Blue, 2; Gold, 3.

Girls' Championship.—Miss E. Coe, 14 points, 1; Miss S. McClemons, 13 points, 2; Miss J. Robinson, 3 points, 3.

Boys' Events.

440 Yards School Championship.—McClintock, 1; Jeffrey, 2; Thomas, 3. Time, 6 mins. 45 secs. (Record).

200 Yards School Championship.—McClintock, 1; Jeffrey, 2; Thomas, 3. Time, 2 mins, 39 secs.

100 Yards School Championship.—McClintock, 1; Jeffrey, 2; Thomas, 3. Time, 68 secs. (Record.)

50 Yards School Championship.—McClintock, 1; Middleton, 2; Gamble and Jeffrey, 3. Time, 29 secs. (Record.)

50 Yards Breaststroke Championship.—Gamble, 1; Jeffrey, 2; Hogan, 3. Time, 42 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke Championship.—McClintock, 1; Gamble, 2; Jeffrey, 3. Time, 37 3-5th secs. (Record.)

50 Yards Junior Championship.—Faul, 1; Ransom, 2; Bentley, 3. Time, 31 2-5th secs. (Record.)

High Dive.—Highet, 1; A. Smith, 2; Jeffrey, 3.

Neat Dive.—Highet, 1; Liggins, 2; McClintock, 3.

Junior Faction Relay.—Sphinx, 1; Blue, 2; Gold, 3.

Senior Faction Relay.—Blue, 1; Red, 2; Gold, 3.

Old Boys' Race.—Turnbull, 1; Watson, 2; Allen, 3.

50 Yards 1st Year Championship.—Redgrave, 1; Penberthy, 2; M. Smith, 3. Time, 36 3-5th secs.

50 Yards 2nd Year Championship.—Craig, 1; Pell, 2; Cooper, 3. Time, 41 3-5th secs.

50 Yards Open Handicap.—McAllister, 1; Goff, 2; Janney, 3.

50 Yards Breastroke Handicap.—Bourne, 1; Stevenson, 2; Hogan, 3.

50 Yards Lower School Handicap.—Moore, 1; Porter, 2.

Novelty Race.—Goff, 1.

Boys' Championship.—McClintock, 16 points, 1; A. Jeffrey, 10½ points, 2; K. Highet, 6 points, 3.

Total Faction Points.—Red, 72, 1; Blue, 63, 2; Sphinx, 39, 3; Gold, 28½, 4.

THE SCHOOL SONG.

In connection with the request being now made for a school song it may be of interest to state that as early as June, 1914, an effort to supply this want appeared in the pages of the "Sphinx." As few, if any, of the present race of students have seen it, we reproduce the song here as it originally appeared in page 30 of the first volume of the "Sphinx."

"The School."

(An Old Student sends us the following, in the hope that it may draw forth other attempts at a Song worthy of the School.—Eds.)

Hail to the School that we honour and cherish!

Fair be her fame as the long years unroll!

Ne'er dawn the day when her memory shall perish,
May each year engrave new success on her scroll.

Oh that her power may grow,

Through days of weal and woe,
Built up by those who have joyed in her rule!

Come, let us sound the cheer!

Ring it out strong and clear!

Long may she flourish—The Perth Modern School.

We, in the pride of youth—prudence comes later—

Press for the prize that the present can show,

But we'll cling to the love of our dear Alma Mater,

And make her fame ours to guard as we go.

List to the grave appeal,

None but her own can feel:

"My sons and my daughters be worthy my rule!"

Come let us answer make!

Cheer till the echoes wake!

For ever our own—The Perth Modern School.

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8 A	M	I		9 O		10 S	E	N
11 W	A	A	12 L		13 O	H	I	O
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24 A	M	O	K		26 P	27 E	28 O	29 N
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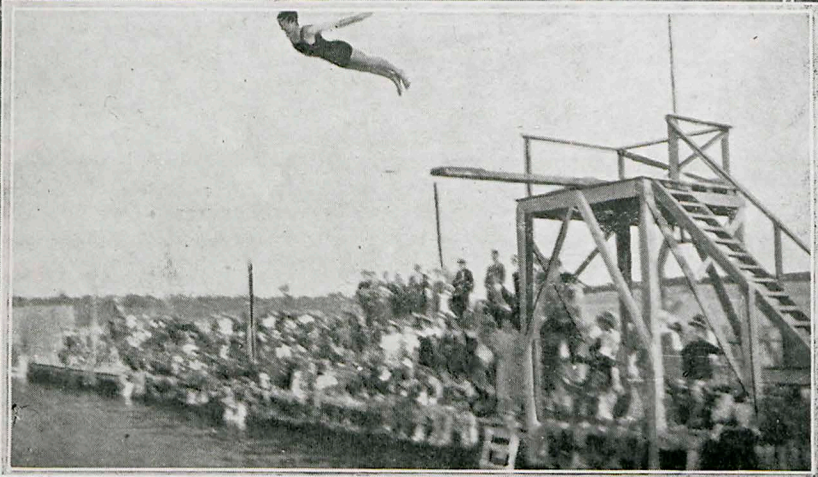
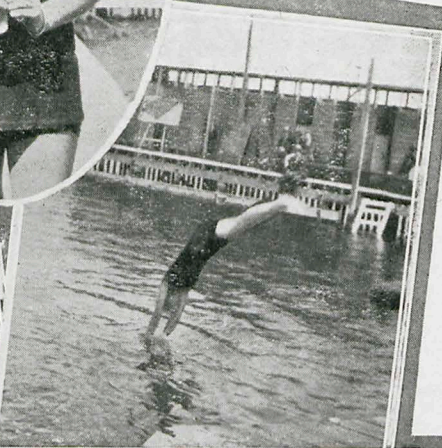
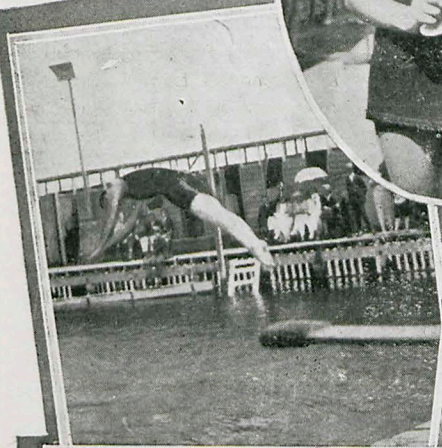
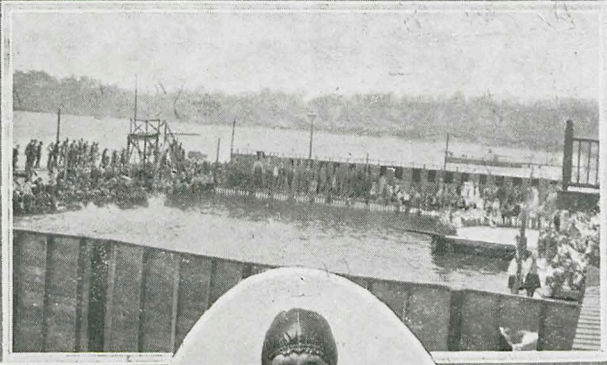
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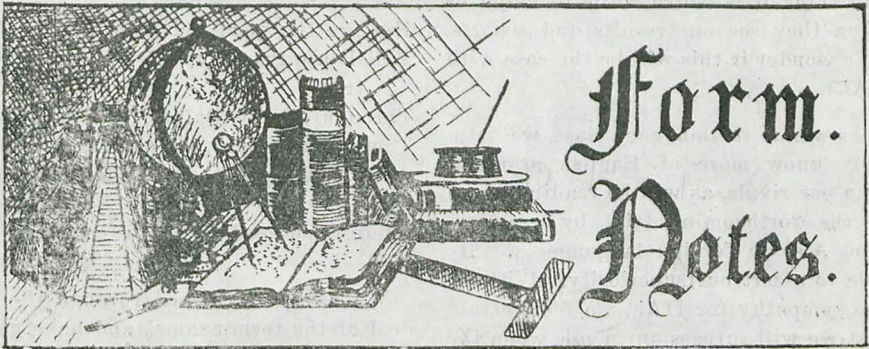
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| 1. Sunrise. | 18. From. |
| 2. Christian name of Persian poet. | 19. Sticky, black substance. |
| 3. By. | 20. River in England (symbol). |
| 5. Tree. | 21. River in Africa. |
| 6. Artery. | 22. That is. |
| 7. Brand of Health drink. | 24. Building in Perth. |
| 9. Ejaculation (expression of surprise) | 25. Unity. |
| 12. Exclamation. | 27. Indispensable side-intelligencer. |
| 13. Excellent. | 28. Ballad. |
| 16. Like. | 29. Inclination of the head. |

CLUES—ACROSS.

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| 1. Bird. | 21. Negative. |
| 4. To possess. | 23. Egyptian diety. |
| 8. French for friend. | 24. Astir. |
| 10. Japanese coin. | 26. Mexican servant. |
| 11. New Zealand name. | 30. Humanity. |
| 13. River in America. | 31. Indefinite article. |
| 14. Abbreviation for near. | 32. Fuss. |
| 15. Tree. | 33. Order of “Defects.” |
| 17. Two points of the compass. | 34. Boys’ name. |



1. View of the Baths. 2. Miss E. Coe, Champion Girl Swimmer. 3. Miss Coe leaves the board. 4. Miss McClemans takes the plunge. 5. A. Smith in the air.



FORM NOTES.

2A1.

The term is now drawing to a close and the holidays are looming into view, likewise the exam. results. On the latter point, however, we have nothing to fear, for the average of 2A1 will undoubtedly surpass that of those misguided youths who compose the rest of the Two's (??). Owing to the absence of "under fifteen" matches, 2A1 has been unable to show its cricketing ability, but next term we hope to be able to demonstrate our equally great talent for football. Pertaining to sport, "Where were 2A1 at the Swimming Carnival???"

iiA2.

"What can we say?" To begin with, we possess the champion swimmer of the Second Year, and also two members of the "C" team. We have not had the opportunity of meeting our rivals, iiE, at either baseball or netball, but we advise them to be on the "qui vive," for by our troth we will make them feel our superiority. Of course we need not tell you that we are dignified 2's this year. Adieu, until next term.

IC.

We are just emerging from the dark cloud of exams., which, during the last few weeks, have heavily burdened our young lives. Yet we have not had much time to rejoice, as results followed on, and quenched, with fatal suddenness our hopeful spirits. Although still in our "faghood," we have distinguished ourselves in the field of sport. We are good swimmers, tennis players and—no, not baseball players—for we were hopelessly beaten by ID. in our last match

against them. But are we downhearted? Not in the least! ID shall be made to sit up next term, when, with renewed vigour, we return after the holidays.

We are a very young class as yet, and have the honour of having the "baby of the school" among our number. Many of our members have very fertile imaginations with regard to practical jokes, as many found to their cost on April Fool's Day. There was agony in the corridor that day, and many had cause to bless the members of IC.

ID.

On our arrival at P.M.S. we naturally felt rather shy. Now that feeling has worn off and we are accustomed to the rules of the school.

It was likewise before the terminal examinations, which were dreaded by every girl in Form ID., but now we have an entirely different view of matters.

During the term ID. played IC at baseball, and as for the results they need not be mentioned.

We heartily congratulate P. Love for winning the 1st Year Championship. We also extend our congratulations to M. Clairs of ID., who secured a good second, and also to those members of the Form who succeeded in gaining Life-saving certificates. The holidays will commence shortly, and the members of ID. wish every person in P.M.S. a most enjoyable vacation.

IIA2.

Here we are again to grace the pages of the "Sphinx," even though the exams. seem to be worrying more than one of our number. Our teachers, however,

will think it is worth while teaching us when they see our results and reports. (We wonder if this will be the case with IIAi.)

As we are the language class, we naturally know more of English grammar than our rivals, as will be readily shown in the forthcoming trial by examination. Also in foreign languages we are able to assert our superiority. With all due sympathy for IIAi., we feel certain that we will surpass our rivals when the results are at last posted, as we have such genii in the class.

The boys have not yet had the opportunity of proving their superiority in tennis, cricket or football, but chances of doing so will doubtless come some day.

Very few interesting incidents have occurred this term, therefore, we can only end by wishing everyone the best of luck and then a well-earned holiday to follow.

III E.

Our first term in the ii's has passed away very uneventfully. At present we are anxiously awaiting the results of the exams., which, we are sure, will surpass those of our rivals IIA (ii.).

In sport, we have gained many successes, several of us having obtained places in the Swimming Carnival, while others play in the faction tennis teams. We are very proud of the fact that two of our members represent the school in the inter-school tennis four.

3G.

At the time of writing, the form is looking forward with some misgivings to the advent of the exam. results. Up to the present the marks have not been very encouraging, but there cannot be any doubt that we have triumphed over our rivals, 3 G. The thought of approaching holidays helps us to forget the tortures forced upon us through the medium of the Dalton system. However, we have still breath enough to wish everyone a happy vacation and good exam. results.

3G.

Here is the good old form 3G
Which always stays at the top of the tree.

Through all the Dalton, hard and long,
There is no doubt, we can't go wrong.
And, although the dreaded Junior's near,
There is no need for us to fear.

—By the Class Poet.

We have just passed through the ordeal of the term exams., and have gained results that would make a philosopher smile (??). We have easily downed our rivals 3F, both in sport and study? (Poor old 3F.) We are sure of getting excellent reports, as our form master is highly delighted with us (we don't think). Hoping everybody will have a merry holiday we are, yours sincerely,
3G.

III Ti.

"Ring out wild bells!" The exams are o'er, yet we of III Ti., under the discipline of Dalton, may still worship god "swot." Of course, as becomes a junior form, we have worked industriously this term, and have completely overshadowed our third year friends, one of our members having dashed to the ground the pride of a certain "Classical scholar." Our deepest sympathy to the injured!!

To the School netball team we will most certainly contribute several members, for if energy is required—

As Junior approaches we cannot hope to enjoy what one would term a "ripping holiday" but we wish all care free students of the school to make the most of "les vacances," perhaps giving now and again a thought to the aspiring students of good old III Ti.

III. T (ii.)

Once again we noble form of girls make our appearance in this page to tell you all of our remarkable prowess at sport and school work, and of how we have surpassed our sister form III T (i.) in these subjects.

"Why are we weigh'd upon with heaviness,
And utterly consumed with sharp distress,

While all things else have rest from weariness?

For we are suffering under the effects of Dalton, yet despite this enjoyable (?) system, we have absolutely surpassed the other forms in the exams.

In the field of sport we outshine III. T (ii.), for amongst our numbers we have the best tennis players, swimmers, net-ballers and base-ball players. Indeed we can leave the language class far in the back-ground in all subjects except that of talking, for there we are entirely left in the shade. As the exams. are now over, we wish everybody good results and even better holidays

IV. 3 (i).

This being our first term at Mod. the whole Form is looking forward with much interest to the publication of the "Sphinx." Our Form is composed of students who are entirely new to this school, and being unaccustomed to Mod. ways, perhaps we have not shone in the recent exams., but we hope to form a better impression by the end of the second term. Congratulations are offered to the two girls who have succeeded in obtaining places in the faction tennis teams.

ESSAYS OF LAMB.

(Revised by a Modite.)

All Fool's Day, French V., First Term, 1925.

Two Races of Men, A. E. C. Smith, F. O. Janney.

A Quaker's Meeting, Prefects Gatherings.

Witches and Other Night Fears, Hash, Happy Harry, Robt. H.

Old Benchers of the Inner Temple Prefects.

Modern Gallantry, Robert at the Fives' Picnic.

My First Play, Cherry Ripe.

Dream Children, a Reverie, obedient "Fags."

Old China, Domi. Sci. Crockery.

The Child Angel; A Dream, V. Form Student, Maths, 96 per cent.; French, 97 per cent.; English, 98 per cent.; Chem., 99 per cent.; Physics, 100 per cent.; applied maths., 101 per cent.

MISCELLANEOUS SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For some time the boys of the school have suffered from several wants which, however, have never been brought into public notice. The first of these is in connection with the school Prefects. It is absolutely imperative that they should always bear insignia of their office, and yet they cannot be expected to wear straws throughout the winter. It is my humble suggestion that they should be given something such as a small white "P," which could be sewn on their caps. This surely would not involve great expense, and it certainly is needed.

Secondly, the programme of the Annual Swimming Carnival might be extended somewhat. If a 100 yards Breaststroke Championship were introduced, I am sure it would not be regretted, and also what is wrong with Faction Water Polo? At the present there are two diving championships, the High and Neat, points for each of which are the same as for the 440 yards championship and other gruelling races. Is this right? I propose that the two events be made into one—the diving championship. Before this subject is left, there is another point worthy of consideration. Why not exact a small entrance fee for each event? This would provide the winner of each event with a more valuable trophy. The same thing applies to athletics. My last suggestion is the holding some time each year of a School Tennis Tournament, on the School courts, with handicap events, doubles and singles, under age championships and School championships. If entrance money were paid good prizes be offered without in the least depleting the Sports' Fund.

I hope that the near future may see at least some of these suggestions realised. Yours, etc.,

X.Y.Z.



CORRIDOR CHATTER.

That a certain Pre. has at last found his ideal.

That at the last meeting he suddenly remembered he had to be home early when he saw her lee-ving.

That a certain member of the fours tries to make up for her diminutive stature by dragging in her wake a large portmanteau.

That a bright member of IV. 3 (i.) lately disclosed this astounding statement: "About this time (during the siege of Troy), Lamb produced his famous Essays of the Illiad."

That it is commonly thought that men dress in sober colours nowadays, but have you seen Dudley's socks?? (Couldn't miss 'em—Ed.)

We really advice Doreen to hire a body-guard to ensure the safety of her most expensive winter outfit.

That an innocent maiden of Vi. was very indignant when she found out the meaning of "dissolute." On consulting bosom friends and hand mirrors she failed to understand how the term could be applied to her countenance.

That "Peanuts" has been minus a handkerchief for some time.

That Lucifer's interest in soap is not because she herself is in need of it.

That a "voice so thrilling ne'er was heard, in springtime from the cuckoo bird" as that which warbled at the Fives' Picnic.

That some of us ought to know quite well now that we are "big goats" if repetition of a statement impresses it on the mind.

That we have heard that coming rain will cause some wounds to ache, but never a coming cricket match.

Who said my face is my fortune? Ask Hash.

That he felt quite annoyed when told not to try to improve on Nature by pulling faces.

That Benny has been credited with having brains.

Often to be seen on Wednesday at lunch time—three youths creeping out of school gates. Whaffor?

That the leader of the trio is the notorious Skin.

That a budding tenor was unearthed at the Fives' picnic.

That his rendering of "Gin a body" proved very effective.

That it is darkly whispered that a distinguished male member of VII. spends the hour that should be given to the culture of his soul to the cultivation of his hair.

That the latest puzzle among the Fives is in finding the connection between many-coloured socks and the study of the language of the Ancient Romans.

That certain members of Physic V. spend Fridays watching the effect of music (?) on certain other members.

That the single wrong definition was an even "Fowler" result than a car weighing five pounds.

That there is only one thing that can be compared with the Fives' Applied Maths. Paper—Dud's socks.

Wanted by a fifth year student—book of French proverbs. Must be the most out-of-the-way ones known.

That the 3rd year boys like the Dalton system on account of the large amount of work it is possible to do in it.

What fellow passed someone's book round the class in F.

That Felix handkerchiefs have become the rage in the Threes.

That a certain youthful member of 3G takes a delight in "pinching" them.

That 3F is still trying to guess how many he has got.

That a census of "for and against the Dalton system" was taken in 3F. Results:—For, 1 vote; Against, 18 votes.

That two girls in F enjoyed the songs rendered by two young fellows in the seat behind them.

That nearly everybody in 3F and 3G has started razor-scraping.

That Iris's hopes have all gone north.

That we suggest Lucifer should wear a teething band.

Emerged from behind her goggles—one Stromboli. Cause, a restless piece of pork.

That a certain Maths. master wonders if he is a linguist.

That, in consideration for the young ladies of Z we wish Henry would refrain from giving gymnastic displays on chairs.

That speculation is rife as to whether a certain damsel of V3ii. is to affect long or short hair. Did the clippers slip? Ask Mac.

That Robert H. has got musician's locks.

Is it grim humour or mere callousness to put "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" at the end of a French paper?

That the person who is lucky enough to get one, when he made a duck deserves it.

That, although he is called "Ranji," he is not quite the cricketer his name implies.

That the Pound Prefect has had a very busy term in an endeavour to keep his cupboard clear of a wide assortment of lost articles. That he says he would not be a bit surprised to find even a tin lizzie among the lost articles that find their way to his keeping.

That those boys who have not sufficient sense to keep off the oval when marked out ought to be made run the gauntlet between two lines of real sports.

That the ash trays being turned out in the workshop are a huge success, and the Prefects expect to be presented with one and a box of woodbines by way of experiment.

That the less said about the Staff match the better for the dignity of all, including the new blood in the Staff.

That Alf. wants to know who broke the gramophone mica disc, and thinks a note should be sent round the rooms.

That hanging pictures in K with a good group of spectators in the desks, suits the Captain and his cobbles.

HEARD DURING THE EXAMS.

Did Queen Elizabeth have a Magna Carta?

No! Garibaldi was not the bald-headed swimmer of the Schledt.

Bismarck was not accountable for the German currency.

Macquarie did not present the Welcome Nugget to the Emancipists in 1899.

Tom Thumb did not fly to Australia in Flinders' aeroplane.

Columbus Walker did not introduce Prohibition into America.

A TRAGEDY.

Scene I.

Dining Room of a Residence in Subiaco Road.

Fond Mother (pleadingly): Now, dear, please try and eat just a tiny bit of this stewed grape-nut. I cooked it specially in butter-milk so that it wouldn't be difficult for you to digest.

Willie: Take it away mother, I absolutely can't bear the sight of food!

Mother: Oh, this is dreadful! Won't you really eat it? But you have had nothing but an arrowroot biscuit and a glass of malted milk for two days! (Aside.) My poor little boy I know I shall not be able to keep him on this earth much longer, he's so frail now that every time he walks across that windy oval to school I hold my breath lest he should be blown away. . . . I think it is a burning shame the way they work those Prefects at Modern School. My poor little boy! Fancy forcing him to pick up papers and ring those nasty electric bells, and then every second Tuesday having to go to one of those dreadful meetings where they sit discussing and debating on questions of philosophy and psychology from 4 o'clock till 9 (he never gets home till 9) with no interruption, save for five minutes, when bread and butter and weak tea is brought round to give them enough strength to continue their labours! Oh, the poor little thing!

Willy (repenting a little to see his mother so upset). Awfully sorry, mum, but really you know it's the Prefects meeting this afternoon, and the young ladies provide afternoon tea, so one really must eat something just for the sake of etiquette, and if I ate anything now it would be a physical impossibility for me to even toy with a tiny macaron this afternoon. And then, think how hurt the young ladies would be! Oh, well, so long, must now get back and tidy up the play-ground.

Mother (running after his retreating form): Willie!

Willie: Yes'm.

Mother: If the meeting makes your head ache too much just you come home to mother.

Willie (with a long-suffering, but angelic smile—one which already carries an atmosphere of the world he is to join shortly): Alright, mater, ta-ta!

(Exeunt.)

Scene II.

The Library, Perth Modern School.
Time, 3.56.

Enter Willie, bearing fountain pen and ledger—takes a seat near the top of the table. Soliloquises.

Hallo, others not here yet? Then, I'll just jot down a summary of the points I wish to bring before the board this afternoon. (Begins to write busily and continues to do so until the room is filled with the other members). The meeting is opened and business commences. One hour later.

President: I am now bound to announce that there will be five minutes' interval for refreshments.

Willie (scandalised): I say, old chap, time to stoke already? Oh, can't you postpone it for an hour or so?

President: Sorry, my son, but—

Willie: Then, you must count me out of it this afternoon, gentlemen. I'm sorry, but I really couldn't—

Jackie: Come on, Bill, be a man. I've been feeling a bit your way myself lately—haven't taken any sustenance since lunch-time—must be the weather! But you really must come in.

Willie (resignedly): Anything for a quiet life. Come along!

(Exeunt.)

Scene III.

The Domi Sci. Bill enters and takes a seat between two young ladies.

1st Young Lady (sweetly): Do have a coffee roll, William. No? Perhaps a piece of water-melon, then? Oh, why not? Just a finger, please. Then you simply must have some cake.

Willie: Alright, thank you! (sees a tiny biscuit, but it is on the other side of the plate, and realising that it would

be rude to reach he takes the thing nearest him — a macaroon. After trying fruitlessly for some time to make an impression on the outer crust of reinforced concrete he rises, his eyes blazing with the the fire of resolution). Look here, you chaps, I can't bear this any longer. I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Prefects' Board. (Makes a dash for the door.) I'm going into a monastery!!!

(Exit.) (Curtain.)

CRITICISM OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

(By the Captain.)

Avery.—A left hand batsman, possessing a very nice style and good scoring shots. One of the best batsmen in the team. His performances, however, have not done him credit, for he has the ability to make more runs than he has scored. He is a good fast bowler, and, although not a consistent field, has at times been brilliant in this department.

Campbell.—A prominent member of last year's team. He has improved wonderfully, has a sound defence, coupled with some very pretty shots, his leg-side play being a feature of his innings. Has batted consistently throughout the term and been a valuable asset to the team. He has the distinction of making the highest score this term. A safe field at cover point.

Elliott.—The School's best bowler. Puts down a very fast ball with a good length and has captured a good bag of wickets at a low cost. His batting has improved considerably since last year, punishes anything loose, especially on the leg side, but his off shots are weak. He is fast between the wickets, although at times he is inclined to be too eager to run. Probably the best field in the eleven, anticipates very well.

Finn.—A member of last year's XI. His batting has improved considerably, having a good defence and some good scoring shots. His leg-side play, however, is rather weak. A fair change bowler and a safe reliable field. He has taken some excellent catches.

McClintock.—A useful all-round play-

er. Did not strike form in his batting till late in the season. He has also performed well as a bowler, puts up a very slow ball, and although he suffers a good deal of punishment, has taken a good number of wickets at a comparatively low cost. Fields well at point and runs very well between the wickets.

Pell.—The smallest and youngest player in the team. Bats very attractively, but at present lacks power to make his shots as effective as they should be. Has been unlucky in his innings. His fielding has room for improvement.

Thomas.—A new member in the team who has made good. A very careful and steady batsman who watches the ball very well—does not possess a full equipment of strokes at present. As a bowler he has performed very creditably. Bowls a slow off break with a good length. A very sure catch and a good field.

Cowden.—Gained a place in the team at the beginning of the term. A left-hand bowler, delivering a slow leg-break. Would have done well if he had maintained a good length. His batting is rather weak, but is a safe catch and a fair field.

Porter.—Played in a few matches. Bowls a medium-pace ball. A careful bat and watches the ball well, but lacks good scoring shots. As he is only in his third year he should prove an asset to the school in future years.

Dornan.—A left hand batsman, possessing a good style. At present lacks power behind his strokes. When this is remedied, and he has had some good coaching, he should prove a very useful batsman. Rather slow in the field.

Chandler.—Promoted to the XI. late in the season. A rather forceful batsman, having some good scoring shots, but lacks experience. Fields well.

Temby.—Likewise entered the 1st XI. ranks late in the season. A steady batsman, being content to stay at the wickets, and let the runs come. Should take more pains over his fielding. He would be good in this department if he were more keen.

IN ONE SHORT MONTH.

February 10th, 8.45.

With much rattling and a stentorian yell from the conductor, a car stopped at Thomas Street. Out bundled a crowd of youngsters, amongst them Jones, minor. Jones, minor, was a sight to please any fond mother's eye. He shone from the crown of his new straw hat to the toes of his Kiwied boots. Passing by the Children's Hospital he smiled quietly to himself, as he swaggered down the street. On gaining a view of a huge building to the left, however, it dawned on him that this must be the school, and his spirits wilted visibly. He felt funny, somewhere in the region of his late breakfast, and wondered what the kids at home'd be doing now. On reaching the corner, however, he revived somewhat, as his eyes alighted on Weggs, and he registered a vow to investigate in that direction at no distant date. Seeing his brother with some of the other big fellows of the "Fives" wandering in that same direction, he respectfully raised his hat, and passed on to the gate.

The monument and the tower together proved rather too much for him, but he became normal again on seeing two chaps he'd met in the train. At last a bell rang, and he entered the sacred portals. The next thing he remembered he was standing in something which he thought at first was the cathedral, but which a little later he guessed must be the hall. Something inside him was pretending it was a hammer, and he wished his legs wouldn't shiver—it wasn't cold. From a long way off came a master's dulcet tones. Suddenly something boomed out which dissolved itself into "Frederick Jones," and the hammer got tangled up with his tongue. With great presence of mind, however, he followed a boy with red hair, and felt much better when he was outside. At last he was received into the friendly bosom of a class-room. A master in a black dressing-gown (he wondered what they wore their dressing gowns for) was standing by the window, and with a feeling of awe he sank into a desk, to listen blissfully to the fact that he was to own a locker key.

March, 10, 9.15.

A tram once more rattles into Thomas Street, and a small boy again alights. As he passes the hospital gate, he smiles benignly at a couple of kiddies who have admired the way in which he has alighted. (Jolly smart chap, Eddie Polo, only he couldn't quite get the hang of how he did it from a motor.) And, whistling "Chili Bon Bon," he saunters down the street. At the corner he casts a longing glance at Weggs, but remembering that the mean things at home haven't sent his money yet, and hearing also the distant tinkle of a bell, he scurries on towards the gate.

With great forethought he waits in the hat room till certain footsteps have died away, and then dashes down the corridor. He has fortunately lost the key of his locker which is, consequently open, and grabbing a couple of books he dives into B.

The old chap's gassing about some bloke called Cnut, and having tired of extracting hairs from a certain red head in front, he falls asleep to dream of stouthing the big swanks of the "Fives."

Miss "M."

 TO A SEA GULL.

Little white gull, O, bird of the sea!
 Wither away and why must thou flee?
 The earth in her beauty dost welcome thee
 And bids thee to stay, O, bird of the sea!

Little white gull, so swift of wing!
 What message of hope or love dost thou bring
 From countries afar, where the swallows sing?
 Pray answer my question, O, blithe king!

Little white gull, O, bird of the sea!
 Skimming the silvery waves so free;
 The land has no mortal so fair as thee,
 So rest and stay, O, bird of the sea.

—Margaret H.

THE EX-STUDENTS' PAGE.

[Contributions for insertion in these columns may be forwarded to the honorary secretary of the Association, Mr. R. K. Downey, 61 Malcolm Street, Perth, or c/o the University, Perth. Interesting items of news concerning Ex-Students will be thankfully received.]

The Association.

Although only 90 Ex-Students were present, the Annual General Meeting, held in December last, was distinctly successful. The President, Mr. Parsons, presided, and in the course of his address endeavoured to encourage Ex-Students to help the School, to which they undoubtedly owe so much, more than they have done in the past. He instanced the re-equipping of the School gymnasium as a means whereby Ex-Students could assist the School financially, and in this connection we again remind Ex-Students that donations to this deserving fund will be most thankfully acknowledged by the Secretary.

The Statement and Report which were presented, showed not only that the Association was financially sound, but that it had during the year greatly strengthened the social ties and "esprit-de-corps" existing among Ex-Students themselves, and Ex-Students generally and the School. The large number of social functions arranged had been well patronised, and the Annual Masquerade Ball and the "Ex-Students' Day" had proved especially popular.

The election of Officers resulted in Mr. Cecil Andrews and Mr. J. Parsons being re-elected unopposed to the positions of Patron and President respectively, whilst the other offices were filled as follows:—Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. B. Halvorsen, Miss K. Russell and Mr. R. A. Forsaith; Hon. Treasurer, Miss L. Wilson; Hon. Auditor, Mr. W. Scott; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. K. Downey; Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. P. Turvey; Committee Members, Misses Asquith, Major, Milner and Thompson, and Messrs. Allen, Cooper and Truscott.

At the first meeting held this year, Miss M. Backshall and Mr. D. Stewart were co-opted members of the Commit-

tee under the powers of the new constitution. Prior to the Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting was held to adopt the Constitution as re-drafted by the Sub-Committee, and to consider a report concerning the formation of an Ex-Students' Club. The constitution, which is much fuller and more comprehensive than the old one, was adopted with two small alterations. The matter of the Club was enthusiastically discussed by a large number of speakers, and the general opinion was that, although to form the Club was a most creditable suggestion, it would involve an undertaking perhaps too expensive to be proceeded with at present. Finally, it was decided to authorise Mr. R. A. Forsaith, whose initiative procured the discussion of the matter, to spend as much as £10 in ascertaining the feelings of Ex-Students in regard thereto. Mr. Forsaith will shortly distribute circulars to members in connection with the matter, and it is sincerely hoped that he will gain the support of the majority of Ex-Students in his enterprise.

During the term Mr. Truscott was forced to resign from the Committee, owing to his departure for the North-West. Since leaving the School in 1918, Mr. Truscott has been associated continuously with the Association as an active office-bearer, and has worked very hard in the interests of his fellow Ex-Students. All Ex-Students will wish him the success he deserves during his stay in the North-West, where he is interesting himself in wool. Mr. O. Negus has been appointed to take his place on the Committee.

The first Annual Dinner held in December last, proved a notable social success. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Parsons, Mr. F. L. H. Sherlock, who travelled from Bunbury to be present, occupied the chair. He was accorded a great reception and thoroughly appreciated the evening, enjoying the many jokes told, of which more than a few were "on" himself, and fellow-masters. The small attendance of 27 did not prevent the spending of a glorious time, and we proudly boast of the fact that all present unhesitatingly made at least one speech. If you haven't

heard an account of it, ask someone who was there, and you'll be there next December. Perhaps it would be well to give the names of those present—"the originals"—and mention some of the places from where they came. Mr. F. Sherlock (Bunbury), Jack Castilla (Broome), T. Flintoff, J. Purser (Melbourne University), G. Purser (Piawaning), D. Marsh (Jelcobine), G. D. Scholar (Narrogin), D. Wilson (Northam), H. Halvorsen, R. Forsaith, F. Bradshaw, B. Truscott, S. Ohman, W. Cohen, J. Cummins, E. Hiller, T. Hosking, T. McCrae, K. Bruce, O. Negus, A. Preshaw, L. and R. Skipper, W. T. Wright, N. Anderson, C. Turvey and R. K. Downey.

In endeavouring to trace those Ex-Students who have lost touch with the Association, the Secretary, in March, sent circulars and cards showing the programme of events for 1925 to over 1,250 Ex-Students, there being over 300 whose addresses could not be ascertained. Although to date some 150 of these have been returned "unclaimed," it is very gratifying to enroll members who had previously been scarcely aware of the existence of the Association. A typical letter was received from Mr. Macalister A. Blain, authorised surveyor, of the Survey Office, Brisbane, and reads:—"I was pleased indeed to receive the circular giving details of the activities of the Ex-Students' Association for the year 1925. This is the first I have received and is welcome on that account as it demonstrates the success of your efforts to get in touch with old students. I regret that I have not taken an active part myself, but after returning from the war in 1919 I was only a few days in Perth, before taking to the tall timbers of Queensland. I anticipated returning, but so far that hope has not been realised. I would like to hear of the activities of the old students, more particularly those of 1911-12. You will know that their ranks were sadly depleted during the war, and my memory goes back to Regan, Dave Stewart — those sterling fellows who paid the supreme sacrifice. Could you inform me of any others, and if an Honour Board has been erected

to their memory? For myself, I have been engaged on extensive surveys in North Queensland, and was successful last year in passing my examination; at present I am with the Queensland Survey Department. I am enclosing £3 10s. to cover the cost of my life membership badge, and subscription to "The Sphinx" for 1925, together with a small donation towards the re-equipment of the School Gymnasium."

Mr. Blain's letter is one of many, and tends to show that the Association is extending year by year to finally embrace practically every old Modernian. Nevertheless the enrolling of members this year has so far proved a little disappointing, as only 220 have become financial, whereas over 1,000 should have paid their subscriptions. It is asked that members approach their friends with a view to inducing them to join, as it is impossible for Committee members to see each Ex-Student individually.

No further news has been received from the Melbourne branch of the Association, but a full report is expected after its annual meeting is held, which will be during this month. "Silence is golden," so it is predicted that all is well and there are no complaints.

Through the initiative of Mr. and Mrs. Berthold, a branch has been formed at Albany, which gives every indication of being a great success. The associate and honorary membership clauses of the constitution enable wives and husbands of members, and members and ex-members of the staff of the School to become members of the Association, and this has greatly augmented the numbers of the branch, the membership of which includes:— Mr. F. Reedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. Berthold, Mr. and Mrs. F. Constantine, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fowler, Misses D. Hill, B. Morrow, H. Norman, E. Nicolson, E. Glenister and Messrs. D. Collins, J. Clough, F. and D. Mercer, A. Smith and Don. Bell. The best wishes of all Ex-Students is extended for the success of the branch. We appeal to Ex-Students to assist the School in the matter of producing a School song—one suitable

to be sung at assemblies, socials and other gatherings. Many poets of school-days fame are among our ranks, and we ask them not to lose sight of their ability, but to revive their love of verse, and contribute at least one song. A University education is not necessary in writing verse, as has been proved by the splendid poems which, from time to time, have appeared in the pages of this magazine, and so it is asked that an appreciable number of Ex-Students respond, and forward their efforts to either the Headmaster or the Secretary of the Association. Help the School now—perhaps we will ask for an Ex-Students' song later.

It was rather late when the first function was held this year, due to the fact that the School Tennis Courts and Sports Ground were not ready for use. On the 28th March a successful Sports Afternoon and Tennis Dance were arranged, the attendance being especially good at the dance. In the cricket the Ex-Students declared at 138 for 9 wickets, Miller (37), McRae (43), Halliday (25) and Truscott (12) scoring well. The game was drawn on time, 5 school wickets falling for 55, of which Calcutt made 28 not out. Miller, with 4 wickets for 16 runs, bowled well for the Ex-Students and was ably supported by McRae (1 for 17). The School won the ladies' tennis, whilst the position was reversed with regard to the gentlemen's tennis. The dance proved a fitting ending to a good afternoon's sport, and the next function of the kind will be eagerly awaited.

When this issue is printed the Ex-Students' Day to be held on 2nd May will be over. Comprising cricket, hockey, football, tennis and basket ball, the sports will cater for all members. It is desired to emphasise the fact that the Committee are concentrating on this fixture with a view to ensuring its success, and it is asked that Ex-Students endeavour to take part in some sport at this function, which will be an annual one. On Saturday, the 9th May, the first dance of the winter season will be held, and promises to be well patronised. The syllabus card sent to members show the other events for the year,

the full programme of which will be strictly adhered to.

Personal Paragraphs.

It was pleasing to see Dr. B. C. Cohen, second Captain of the School, at the sports afternoon held on the 28th March, when he represented the Ex-Students' tennis team in their match with the School. The doctor is now practising in Perth, and has the best wishes of members for success in his profession.

Albert Wolff, the first old Modernian to enter the ranks of the legal profession, has relinquished his practice in Goomalling to commence in Perth. Len. D. Seaton, who followed Bert. in donning the wig and gown has, for some time, been a partner in the firm of R. S. Haynes and Co. Both should do exceedingly well at the profession.

Roy Griffiths, who last year passed the final exam. of the Pharmaceutical Society, is now managing a large pharmacy at Frewville, Adelaide. If we may judge from his letters he is very much attached to both his business and to Adelaide, and is doing well.

Sig. Ohman, a former secretary of the Association, has entered the Melbourne University, where he is studying for a veterinary science degree. His cheery greeting and ever-extended friendship are sadly missed by his many friends in Perth. Sig. has confided in a few that he intends to concentrate on running in the "Hurdles" at the Eastern Varsity, so success to him in this as well as his study.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. C. L. Evans upon his winning the tennis singles championships of the South-West. Actively interested in tennis both at School, where he represented "Mod." in the Slazenger Cup contests, and, since leaving, he has thoroughly deserved the distinction meritoriously won.

Early in January the Prefects of 1922 held an enjoyable re-union at the residence of Mrs. Ewins, Nedlands. Despite there being one or two notable absentees, the evening was voted a huge success, and this was made possible by the untiring energies of the hostess. The supper was a considerable improvement on the "Domi. Sci." dumb feasts, and

the boys showed a surprisingly good return to form. We thank Tom for his serviceable auto.

Frank Helson, Captain in '22, gained first place in the Commonwealth in an examination to become a cadet engineer in training, Keith Taplin gaining second place. Considering that only nine out of more than 200 candidates passed, the result is very satisfactory. Ambrose Cummins topped the first year dentistry exams. in Perth last November, whilst Tom Cleave and Harold Camm were both successful in the March surveying examinations. John Driver had the misfortune to miss one subject, which he hopes to complete in September. George Farrington, one time Slazenger Cup representative at School, who intends to take the same exam. in September, is at present surveying with a party near Beneubbin.

Carlisle Jarvis, who played for North Fremantle in the "B" grade cricket contests, scored four centuries in the season just concluded, and finished with the highest batting average of either "A" or "B" grade. We congratulate "Bub" on his splendid performances.

Ern Hodgson has left to study medicine at Melb. University, where he is sharing rooms in Queen's College with Harold Nash. Joe Purser, who is now in residence at Ormonde College, passed his second year "medicine" last year with distinction. Basil Williams is now in Melbourne doing the same course. The best of success to our budding medicos.

Arthur Amies, who is resident in Queen's College, last year added yet another scholarship to his credit in his fourth year (post graduate) dentistry course. News has since been received that he has achieved further distinction by being appointed a tutor, being the first student to gain such success. Undoubtedly Arthur has proved one of the most brilliant students who have taken the course from the School.

Both Bill Woodhouse and Tom Flintoff, also studying dentistry, have succeeded in gaining entrances to Ormonde College by winning scholarships. Congrats to all three.

A popular engagement to be announced is that of Miss Dorothy Milner to Mr. R. A. Forsaith, Senior Girl and Prefect (1918) respectively. Both are enthusiastic office-bearers of the Association, and have done much for the Association during the past six years. Further engagements to be announced are:—Miss Dorothea Wheatley to Mr. Ron. Oldham; Miss Marion Gibson to Mr. T. L. Robertson, Miss Olive Martin to Mr. Reg. C. Elphingstone; Miss Olive Prowse to Mr. Craig Whitwell.

The engagement of Miss Jean Dick to Mr. Sydney Wain, has now depleted the hitherto unbroken ranks of the Prefects of 1922. Syd. has been doing extremely well in business circles and, we trust, will always meet with his deserved success. We heartily congratulate all the above "old boys," who are engaged, and offer our best wishes for the future happiness of the engaged couples.

Jack Castilla, who was in Perth in December, and able to attend the annual dinner, is engaged in the pearling industry in Broome and doing well. He appeared in the best of spirits and reported the same of his brother Fred., who is at Port Hedland.

We congratulate Eric Watson and Karl Allen on winning the Amy Saw Scholarship and the Lady James Prize in Science respectively for 1924 at the W.A. University. Both are doing exceedingly well in their studies.

We have received news of the engagement of Miss Amy Litchfield to Mr. Fred. A. L. Maw, both Ex-Students of the School. Fred. is at present in Singapore with the Hume Pipe Company, with whom he has had a long connection, and for some time had charge of these columns, of which he made a distinct success. We offer our congratulations.

The deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Vernon Hale (Miss Lynda Moar) in the loss of her husband in January last.

Allan Preshaw once more demonstrated his prowess at swimming by gaining fastest place in the "Swim Through Perth" for 1925. Allan has performed

consistently well in swimming circles for some years, and has also been a popular and enthusiastic social member of the Association since leaving school. He has lately joined the small band of life members, who at present number seven, but who, we trust, will include many more in the next few years.

A fair number of competitors entered for the Ex-Student races at the Swimming Carnival, which were won by Miss Jessie McGregor and Ray Turnbull. As usual the Association are presenting the trophies to the winners, but we should like to see greater enthusiasm displayed by more entries being received next year.

Karl Allen did well to gain the championship at the University Swimming Carnival. Eric Watson was runner-up. Evidently their study does not interfere with their progress at sport.

Our congratulations are given to Mr. and Mrs. S. Finkelstein, of Trayning, upon the birth of a son.

Noel Roydhouse, a most successful "sport" at School, has, for some months been practising dentistry in the city, where he took over a large practice. He should do well at his profession.

Max Allen is still with the W.A. Airways at Port Hedland and reports "all's well." Servetus Bruce, of '15, sees a good deal of the State by virtue of his position as relieving officer in the Crown Law Department, but finds time to interest himself in the Citizen Military Forces, in which he holds a commission.

The engagement is announced of Miss Vera Douglas to Mr. Edwin B. P. Grace. Ted is now an inspector in the Roads and Bridges Department, and engaged on this work throughout a great part of the State.

Cyril Fortune is teaching mathematics at Scotch College, Claremont.

Russell D. Cooper has been employed as assistant engineer on the newly-opened Narembeen-Merredin railway. He is at present at Muntadgin on that line constructing the railway dam.

Stanley Haworth is now stationed at the headquarters of the Amalgamated Wireless Ltd., Sydney, after spending

some time as an operator on different ships. It will be remembered that on leaving school he entered the Government Savings Bank and while there took up his studies in wireless.

Two ex-students of 1922 to do well at singing are Miss Roma Driver and Miss Phyllis Turner. Miss Driver gained her L.A.B. last year and won a University scholarship, while Miss Turner was successful in winning the Royal Academy Scholarship which entitles her to pursue her course further in London, to which city she travelled some months ago. Both give promise of developing very fine voices.

In the next issue we hope to mention those students who were successful in gaining their University degrees last November, and who will graduate on the 15th May.

EXAMS. TO A STUDENT.

(i.)

"And are you sure the news is true,
Is time so swiftly flying?
But even though I've lots to do,
Just what's the use of crying.
I'll do a bit some other day."
This is what we Mod-ites say
Before exams!

(ii.)

Is life worth living? No, not when
Exams. are hovering o'er.
How oft the student wishes then
That he had swotted more.
There's nothing that can chase the
gloom,
Unhappiness pervades the room,
During exams!

(iii.)

Now those days are gone away,
With their hours sad and grey.
So we are quite bright and jolly,
Swotting for exams. is folly!
Now, there's nought to make us blue,
Since there's little left to do;
For it's after exams!

—T.

WITH APOLOGIES TO LAMB.

Reader, in thy passage from Weggs, where thou hast been receiving thy half-yearly peanut block (supposing thou art of lean purse like myself) to West Leederville Station, there to secure a ticket for Claremont or Cottesloe, or some other, thy suburban retreat westerly, didst thou never observe a melancholy-looking brick edifice to the right, where College Street abuts upon Roberts Road. I dare say thou hast often admired its magnificent portals, ever gaping wide, with traces of goers-in and comers-out, a desolation like unto the Towers of Babel immediately after the confusion of tongues. This is a centre of busy interests, a house of learning. A throng of scholars and instructors is here—the quick pulse of frenzied swotting—and here some forms of recreation are still kept up, though the soul is long since fled. Here are long corridors, peopled by students, feverishly hunting for books, or aimlessly wandering from room to room. Here are imposing staircases, guarded at the head and at the foot, by venerable beadles. The very beadles have an air different from the outside world. They partake of the genius of the place.

The chief beadle is one Jackass, belonging to a year gone by, but an engaging fellow for all that, and a mighty singer.

In the assemblage of the beadles, held fortnightly, for the single purpose of imbibing sweet cakes and pastries, sit Jack and Cally, not blessed with the handsome visages of some of their compeers, but with muscles of steel and pleasant dispositions withal. Ah, A. G., thy voice haunts me yet. The flute's breathing is less divine than thy Arcadian melodies, when, in tones worthy of Arden, thou chantedst of the squire.

Can I forget thee, D. M., polished man of letters, and editor of this magazine, unworthy of thy powers though it be. But thou art not the cynic of the noble band. Thy quirks never rankle as do those of Mac. He never enters or leaves a room without passing some bitter remark that leaves a sting behind it. Sweet, mild, childlike Alpha, thou star of leapers (I nearly said

bounders), wilt thou leap this year as thou leapedst upon that memorable October day, when fair eyes and sweet voices cheered thee on to victory? Or wilt thou, actuated by some noble principle, let some lesser star outshine thee? What shall I say of thee, G. F. Can I describe thy noble expression, thy fair countenance, thy flaxen hair? My pen is unworthy of the subject. Geoffrey, where are thy eyes? What is the lodestone which draws them as a crane draws a load of coal? Noble creature, thou art happy in thy adoration, and there I leave thee. Reader, what if I have been playing with you all this while. Peradventure, the very names are fantastic, insubstantial, like Froggy or Beery Bill. Be satisfied. Something answering to them has a being.

 QUOTATIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

“He was as fresh as the month of May.”—Pop.

“Well coude he sit on hors and faire ryde.”—Johnny.

“And of his port as meke as is a mayde.”—Harry.

“He was the beste beggere in his hous.”—Gilly.

“Ful well she sung the service divyne,

And French she spak ful faire and fetisly.”—Dorothea.

“In curteisye was set ful mucche hir leste.”—Coralie.

“For, hardily, she was not undergrowe.—Marge.

“A manly man, to been an abbot able.”—Gordon.

“A fat ducke loved he beste of any roost.”—Walla.

“Ful wel beloved and familier was he.”—Thomo.

“Somewhat he lipsed, for his wantonnesse.”—B.B.

“As thin he was, as is a rake,
And he was not right fat, I undertake.”—Jan.

THE DILEMMAS AND PERPLEXITIES OF A HOPEFUL.

[This is written with no intention of humour, but to expose to those rising young students, who hope to become "Teachers," the difficulties and hardships to which they will be subjected during their first criticism lesson.]

Scene (presumably school-room), numerous books and papers scattered over desks and floor (mostly on floor).

Enter Class, marching, of about 50 urchins of both sexes, generally bare-legged and more or less in a state of undress. A hefty teacher brings up the rear, accompanied by a somewhat small and scared young monitor.

Teacher: "Class, sit! Now, Mr. Blank, your lesson—Nature Study, I think?"

Mr. B. (overwhelmed by the suddenness of this unexpected ordeal): "Y-yes, sir, j—just one minute!"

(He dives rather hastily out into the school garden after a flower. To his dismay he can not find a single flower in the barren wilderness, which the Head proudly calls "His Garden." At length, under a rather large leaf, he discovers a particularly miserable little flower. He returns in all haste.)

Teacher: "Ha! ha! sir; so we can begin. What has kept you this last five minutes?"

Mr. B.: "I—I was j-just after a specimen, s-sir."

Teacher: "Good, so now we can begin." (Mr. B. looks for his hand bag, opens it with rather relieved countenance, which quickly changes to one of despair as he discovers that he has left his note book home, the one thing on which he had placed such hope. He spends another three or four minutes, ransacking the bag and examining the table without result. By this time numerous titters and giggles have arisen from various parts of the class, especially from the female section.)

Teacher: "Silence! Mr. Blank will you be long?"

Mr. B.: "N-No, sir, I am quite ready now." (He advances to the front of the class, the teacher seats himself at the back of the room with a long pencil and an evil-looking book.)

Mr. B. (to himself): Dear me, how do we start? Oh, I must say something (to class): "Well, what sort of a flower is this?"

Student (from back), "Whatcher say, sir?"

Mr. B. repeated the question and looked at his flower, whose petals had all fallen off, except one. No one answers; several little giggles and titters from about the room.

Mr. B.: "Does no one know what this is? W-Well, then, I must tell you. It is a ——" (He stops suddenly realising that he has forgotten also. Then he looks at the flower, which is now destitute of petals. His face suddenly brightens as he remembers that, in his notes, composed the previous night, he mentioned something about a geranium.)

Mr. B. (boldly): "It is a geranium."

(Loud laughter from around the room.)

Teacher (with a pained expression): "Ahem! Silence!"

Boy from front: "Isn't that a gallardia, sir?"

Mr. B.: "Y-Yes; I-I knew it was s-something s-starting with g."

Another boy from the back calls out, "No, it's not. Betcher, it's a sunflower."

(1st student gets up in haste and turns round to glare at his opponent, "I tell you it's a gallardia.")

2nd Boy: "'Tisn't it's a sunflower."

(At once, the class all call out supporting one or other of the disputants. The poor monitor is helpless and takes advantage of the uproar to try to remember what he will say next.)

Teacher (arising in all haste): "Great Goodness! Sit down! Silence! (He turns to Mr. B.) Hurry on, sir! In 15 minutes we have done nothing. Get on with the lesson."

Mr. B. (meekly): "All r-right, sir—N-Now, w-what does it matter w-what s-sort of a flower it is? How many p-petals has it?"

Boy: "Had it, you mean!"

(Answers ranging from 1 petal to 10 were yelled at the unfortunate fellow from all corners of the room. In the midst of the confusion the teacher grabs his book and pencil, glares reprovingly at the monitor and walks in despair out of the room. Numerous students, kept quiet by the august presence of the master, now join the yelling mob. The monitor tries in vain to quell the riot, and after much difficulty gets comparative quiet in the room. He wonders at this somewhat, but does not notice the "Deadwood Dicks" open on many of the desks at the back. His nervousness, now that the master has gone, has greatly decreased.)

Mr. B.: "As we do not know what sort of a flower this is, we do not know for certain how many petals it has."

Diminutive boy: "What does "certain" mean, sir?"

(Some of the larger and presumably more intellectual girls hurl answers, representing a large range of meanings, at the poor fellow.)

Mr. B.: "Silence! Silence, I tell you!" (with little effect).

Re-enter teacher in a great hurry.

"Mr. Blank, the Head Teacher wants you." A few minutes later, the unfortunate monitor was seen leaving the school, downcast and subjected, apparently to find a new occupation.

R.C.R.

TEN LITTLE 4th YEAR BOYS.

Ten little 4th year boys, all in a line,
Phil. went to Domi- Sei—now there are
nine.

Nine little 4th year boys, all so ornate,
Hash tried to shave his neck—now there
are eight.

Eight little 4th year boys, none'll go to
Heaven,

Barney's partial to red hair—now there
are seven.

Seven little 4th year boys, Walla's in a
fix,

Pretty girls are passing by—now there
are six.

Six little 4th year boys, exams. must
soon arrive,

When Fat sees the English paper—
there'll be only five.

Five little 4th year boys, once there
were more,

Chong's gone to Claremont baths—now
there are four.

Four little 4th year boys, mostly don't
agree.

Dug. and Neilie came to blows—now
there are three.

Three little 4th year boys, don't know
what to do,

Jeff. tried a one-and-a-half—now there
are two.

Two little 4th year boys, life's lost all
its fun.

Dug took to drinking spiders—now
there is one.

One little 4th year boy, getting ready to
run,

They'll soon know who wrote all this—
then there'll be none!

"P."

