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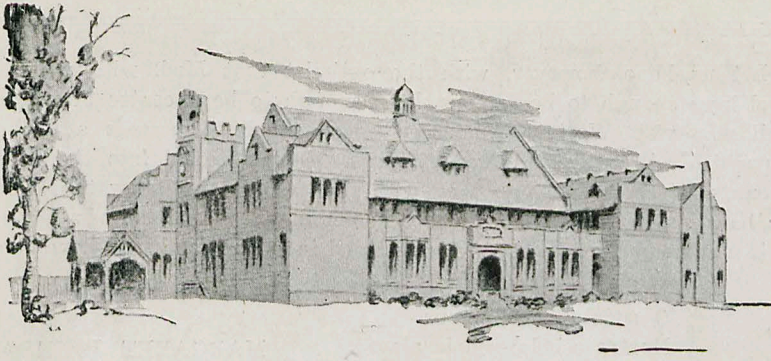
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PLAYERS OF FIRST ELEVEN, 1933.

Standing: H. Hunt, L. Johnson, K. Alcorn, Mr. F. D. Pollard (Coach), R. Kagi, N. Taylor, T. Stenhouse, D. Morpsett.
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EDITORIAL

Time, you old gipsy man,
Will you not stay,
Put up your caravan
Just for one day?

And we will stay with him and look back over the years to the day when Perth Modern School was opened with an enrolment of two hundred and fifty students. Since then the School has grown in all directions and those who have been moulded by its discipline and learnt to love it for its own sake, will take for granted that it will go on growing until, perhaps, it becomes known world wide.

Yet into the mind of those who think of such things creeps a doubt. In twenty-two years there have been great changes in the educational system. What, then, may happen in a hundred? More and more freedom is being experienced in school work. Students are being encouraged to express themselves without the old fear of suppression. Clubs are being formed, nature, music, health and literary clubs, which teach children as much of those subjects as they learn in school. Children are gaining knowledge of tours, by motion pictures, by wireless. The age we are living in is hurrying on, pushing aside old prejudices, old ideals. It is a practical, mechanical age. Even now lectures by wireless are being given in the schools. Soon perhaps that will be the only way of imparting knowledge. Without going to school at all, a child nowadays may learn useful things. Perhaps, in a century's time schools may be abolished except as centres for wireless broadcasts. Of what use then would be such a school as Mod.? The hall could be used but the rooms, the laboratories, the grounds would be empty and useless.

Let us hope, however, with the optimist that Mod. will remain a school long enough to be famous, long enough to be a centre of interest to all who visit Western Australia, long enough to possess a peal of bells which will ring the name of Perth Modern School into the hearts of countless scholars to be. And with the optimist we know that whatever happens to the building, the school and all that it stands for will live in the memory of those who have stood in its hall and who have sung:

“Moderna Schola, te amamus,

O sodales concinamus

Nostra schola, schola alma

Semper gloriam petamus.”

MARGARET JOHNSON,

CHAS. ANDERSON.

SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. W. Halliday, B.Sc., who is an old boy of the School, has completed a course of study at the University of London and will join the Staff at the beginning of next year. In addition to being a brilliant student in science subjects, Mr. Halliday is a keen sport and an outstanding tennis player, and thus will be a real acquisition to the sporting as well as the intellectual side of School activities.

The window of the west gallery of the Hall has always been something of an eyesore and mars the beauty of an otherwise perfect piece of architecture. This, at all events, was the opinion of the late Mr. H. E. Pearson, when he donated a sum of £50 to form the nucleus of a fund to have a coloured window inserted in place of the present ungainly break in the wall. This gift has been deposited in the Commonwealth Bank in the name of the Headmaster and as soon as further funds are available something will be done to carry out Mr. Pearson's wishes. If any boy or girl, old or present student, would like to be associated in this good work, he or she should communicate with the Headmaster. It is computed that nearly £200 would be necessary to attain a satisfactory result.

The close of the third term saw the usual round of social functions which it has become traditional to hold at this time. The Fifth Year picnic took place on December 11th, at the usual rendezvous—Pt. Walter.

Upper School was, like its many predecessors, a great success and it was with regret that the present Pives saw their last School dance draw to a close on the morning of Saturday, December 9th.

At the close of the Leaving Certificate examinations, Steve Dornan, who has been five years in the School, sailed for London to take up a Scholarship at the Royal College of Music. Students will follow his career with interest, particularly as he was good enough to set the School Chorus to music before his departure. We have pleasure in reproducing his first effort in this issue.

One of the greatest problems the School has to face is that of receiving a water supply sufficient for our needs. The pipes, either through clogging or their size, are incapable of delivering water as fast as it is required. The oval and gardens never looked better than they are to-day, but unless we can be assured of a better supply they will soon deteriorate. The only hope seems to be to endeavour to maintain things as they are until some wealthy ex-student immortalises his name by giving a donation sufficiently large to provide for the sinking of a well and the reticulation of the ground. In case anyone should be in the happy position to desire to do so at once we mention that the sum of only £300 will be sufficient to do this.

For four years past the School Orchestra and the girls of the School Choir have taken part in the Musical Festivals held in His Majesty's Theatre in September. The Music Society has now sent a donation of £8 to the school and this amount is to form the nucleus of a fund to be held by the trustees to be used for the purchase of music for the Choir or the Orchestra, as directed by Miss Gordon or Mr. Campbell-Egan.

School Chorus.

Brightly. S. Dornan.

Moderna Schola, te amamus.
 O sodales, convenamus!
 Moderna Schola, Schola alma,
 Semper gloriam petamus!

LIBRARY NOTES

The Fives at least have made full use of the library this term for its proper use, private study. During dinner hours, and on all other possible occasions, the library has been filled to overflowing, the chief occupants being the Fifth Year boys. This is possibly the result of the lack of such external attractions as hockey and girls' athletics.

At last our term of office is in-

evitably drawing to a close, and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing our successors the best of luck in the ensuing year. Not only we, but many others also, hope that they will see an addition to the fiction section. Although still the most popular, this section is by far the most incomplete, and we would like to express the general wish that this will soon be remedied. R.A.H.; A.D.R.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society continued its meetings until well into the middle of this term, although with the approach of Leaving there was a marked falling off in the attendance. Only one monthly competition was held, in which Millar was the winner; Miss Bayliss came second and Miss Darragh third. To each of these Mr. Sharp gave a prize, and for the short story competition which was held last term, Miss Bayliss, Jones a book by Miss Curran. The three and Millar were each presented with

sonnets appear in this issue of the "Sphinx."

Unfortunately, the meeting in which the Fourth Years were to take part will have to be foregone as there is no date on which it can conveniently be arranged. However, next year's Fives should not have any difficulty in organizing a new society from among their members to carry on in place of the old. It is to be hoped that they will make some effort to do so and that they will meet with as much success in the following year as we have done in this. P.D.

ORCHESTRAL NOTES

For another term the orchestra has practised assiduously and well, and that we have improved considerably was evident by the acclamation we received at the end of both of the two items which we gave at His Majesty's Theatre some weeks ago. The concert was the annual Schools' Festival which is conducted by Mr. O. G. Campbell Egan and the items

which our orchestra gave were Brahms' Hungarian Dance and the Fifth Nocturne, composed by Liebach.

The attendance throughout the past term has been very good, despite Junior and Leaving examinations, and if members are still as enthusiastic in the coming year as they have been, our school should possess an excellent combination. G.A.H.

CAMERA CLUB

This year has been one long run of success for the Camera Club. Our membership is about forty, and although the girls seem to lack interest, the boys have an over abundance of it. The dark room has been used more this year than ever before and much good work has been done there. Mr. Parlato has again given us a very interesting and beneficial series of talks on important subjects such as composition, mounting, and toning, besides clearing up many of

our difficulties in developing, printing, and enlarging.

Next year we hope to see a more general interest being taken in the club by the rest of the school as at present the only time many students think of it at all is when an excursion is in the offing, which reminds me—the excursion we held last term was voted a rattling success by the seventy students who came. Look out for another good one next year.

F.B.N.

PREFECTS' PARS

It is with a mighty effort that we restrain our sorrow at our imminent departure in order to achieve our customary bright little contribution to these pages. However, we will make a heroic attempt.

We wish to congratulate the Prefects-elect of 1934, and trust that they will enjoy their year quite as much as we have done. Great schemes are afoot for their initiation. The accumulation of dire instruments of torture (including printer's ink), has proceeded during the whole year. If ever Akka or Chas was absent from class they could always be found on the landing gloating over their evil hoard.

"There never yet was human power
Which could evade, if unforgiven,
The patient search and vigil long
Of him who treasures up a wrong."
The social functions of this term have been necessarily few in number. The High Schools' dance proved as

successful as usual—and the country boys as shy and bashful as usual. Unfortunately the informality of Sports Day dance was taken overdue advantage of and as a result it will not be held in future years. Upper School dance ended the year in a fitting manner and we hope that all who attended enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

We hope sincerely that we have fulfilled our duties successfully. The duties of a prefect are a sacred and precious commission. By the time we reach the Fifth Year the opportunity of doing a little for our School is grasped eagerly in both hands. There comes the sad realisation that soon we will cease being part of the heart and soul of the School to join the ranks of the Ex-students. However, we will always have the happy memories of our days at good old Mod.

J.W.

MUSIC CLUB NOTES

This year has seen the inauguration of a new society in the school—a Music Club, under the able leadership of Miss Gordon. As yet the club is still in its infant stages, having a membership of only six, but it may be safely said that during its short career it has adequately made its presence felt. The school has had the pleasure of listening to its talent on several occasions, chiefly at term concerts and, just recently, at the Music Week celebrations when its members acquitted themselves admirably.

During this term great progress has been made and those members who are leaving feel that they have found much more than mere enjoyment in their Tuesday afternoon meetings. All agree heartily that they owe a great deal to the patience and perseverance of Miss Gordon. In leaving they express the hope that next year's Fives and Fours will carry on the good work and continue to provide the school with a supply of good music.

C.A.

MEMORIAL OF THE LATE Mr. H. E. PEARSON

After the death of Mr. Pearson last year a group of his old science students resolved to start a fund to enable them to erect some lasting memorial in his honour. Subscriptions came in freely and it was found possible to set up a brass tablet in the Assembly Hall and at the same time to erect a drinking fountain on the edge of the oval in front of the

Sports Room door. The tablet, which is attached to the wall near the boys' entrance is inscribed as follows:

"In Grateful Memory of Henry E. Pearson, B.A., B.Sc. Science master in this School from its opening in 1911 till his death, 4th July, 1932. This tablet is erected by some of his Science Scholars. 'Devotion to Duty and Loyalty to the School' were his watchwords."

FACTION NOTES

RED.

Although Red has not done as well as we would have liked, we have at least gained second place and feel sure that next year will see Red at the head of the list. The Upper School boys have done well this term, having won all their tennis matches and helping to gain a complete victory for the faction on Sports Day. We would like to congratulate both Christie and Cordingley on their outstanding performances. The Lower School boys have not done as well as we expected, but it is hoped they will come to the fore in the near future.

At Girls' Sports Day Red, although she only came third, ran very close to the other factions. Both tennis and baseball have been disappointing but we have not given up in despair. Next year Red will be first and foremost.

BLUE.

This term Blue has failed to improve its position and has finished the year in the unenviable position of last. The faction has not been prominent in either the girls' or boys' sections.

The senior cricket team, weakened by the loss of some of its best performers, was defeated by Sphinx by a wide margin, despite a creditable effort by the captain, Kagi, to stave off the defeat. One more match remains to be played and the team are hopeful of success. The junior cricket team has not won a match this term.

The Upper School girls fielded a strong tennis team, and were successful in winning two out of the three matches which they have played. The boys' team was, however, defeated by Gold and Sphinx, although it was not disgraced. The team was composed largely of Fourth Years, and it should do better next year.

On Sports Day the faction could only obtain 12 points, filling last place. Most of the points were obtained in senior events, and not one place was gained by our representatives in the Junior Championship. The senior relay team was narrowly defeated by Red's strong combination. We offer our congratulations to their champion, Christie, who secured the School Championship by winning five

events. We should also like to congratulate Chapple, who was our best performer and who tied for third place in the school championship. Blue filled third place at the girls' sports, Misses Elliott and Nye doing well.

In conclusion we offer our heartiest congratulations to Gold, who are almost certain to win the Faction Shield. Despite our lack of success this year, the faction must not be disheartened. Blue possesses promising students in every realm of sport, and if we determine to take a more prominent position in the sport of the school, it may happen that in the near future we will once more come into possession of the Faction Shield.

GOLD.

As any member of the faction could have prophesied at the beginning of the year. Gold has again won the Faction Shield by a wide margin. In practically all branches of sport the boys held their own, the seniors only losing one cricket match and the juniors one football match, showing the talent still available for gold after her stalwarts of the Fifth Year have left. In tennis and on Sports Day the boys were moderately successful. The faction sustained a great loss through their captain, E. Utting, leaving during the year. It was due largely to his efforts that the successes in football and cricket were obtained. The absence of him and R. Mathieson, who also left later in the year, were felt in the Gold-Sphinx cricket match. J. Woolcott, as faction captain, has proved an efficient substitute.

The girls have also had a very successful last term, winning Girls' Sports Day and the faction tennis. Out of the Fifth Year, Miss G. Houghton, D. Hatley and Q. Lynch are to be congratulated on their performances both in athletics and tennis.

In conclusion we, who are leaving this year, wish the faction the best of luck. We hope the standard set up in the last few years will be maintained.

SPHINX.

Sphinx has, unfortunately, been unable to secure the faction shield this year, but we have no intention of giving up hope. The girls have put up a better performance than the boys, whose results on the whole

have been rather disappointing. Nevertheless we have some promising material among our members, and hope to acquit ourselves better in the future.

In the girls' athletics Gold beat us by a narrow margin, but the Senior Champion, Merle Morrison, was drawn from our ranks. We extend to her our hearty congratulations. From our point of view the results of the boys' athletics were disheartening, as Sphinx achieved only third place. The boys successfully overcame Blue in the tennis, but were defeated by Gold, while the girls beat Gold and Red, and lost to Blue.

We were successful in vanquishing Blue and Gold in the cricket, and Blue in the football. The Lower School have not been conspicuously

brilliant, the results of both the cricket and baseball falling below our expectations.

In conclusion, we would like to wish Lesley Turner, our captain, a speedy return to health. Her illness has deprived the faction of her very useful services, and we hope that it will not be long before she regains her former health and vigour.

FACTION POINTS.

The following are the faction points as we go to press. Two cricket matches remain to be played but Gold has an unassailable lead.

GOLD	396
RED	312½
SPHINX	291½
BLUE	230

Music Week

Few of us realised that there was a Music Club in the school at all until the recent Music Week concert. However, there is one which meets every week to promote the love for good music within the school. The members are nearly all Fifth Year students. It is to be hoped that next year's Fives will not let the club go out of existence.

The concert opened with an item by the School Orchestra. Following that Miss Mavis Jones and Stephen Dornan rendered piano solos, and George Halliday played the violin. The school is indeed fortunate in having three such outstanding musicians and on this occasion they quite maintained their high standard.

Misses Burton, Bayliss and Arnold then sang "Fly Singing Bird Fly," accompanied by Misses Payne and Raymond on the violin. This item, with three two-part songs by Misses Burton, Wheeler, Sutton and Bayliss and a duet sung by Misses Wheeler and Arnold, formed the principal part of the Music Club's work, and the songs certainly did them credit. Solos were given by Miss Wheeler who sang "Fairy Pipers" and Miss Arnold who sang "Husheen." One of the best items was that of Miss Bayliss who sang two much-appreciated German songs.

The concert finished with the School Song which had just been composed by Stephen Dornan. It was sung by the whole school for the first time on this occasion. And what an achievement it was! We hope that

that song will re-echo through the hall at every School assembly for years to come. Finally, Mr. Parsons thanked Miss Gordon and the members of the Music Club for their excellent entertainment and praised them for their splendid efforts. We were glad that we could keep up Music Week in our own School with items from our own fellow-students.

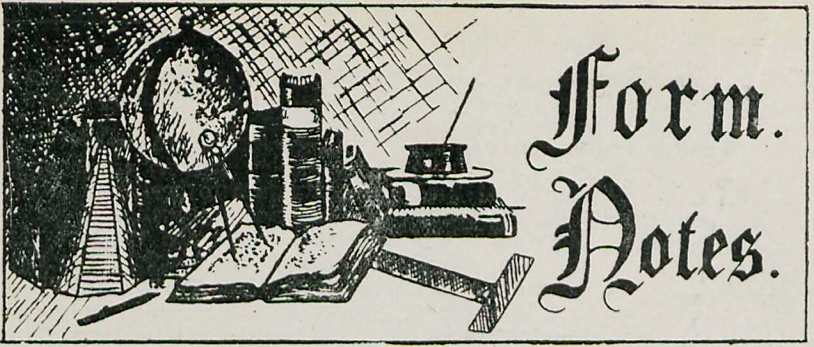
COMMEMORATION CHAIRS.

The following is a list of donors of chairs this term:—D. C. Dodd, D. H. Fraser, Dorothy Hatley, Nora Hatley, A. E. Hatley, Eva Hughes (presented by F.B.N.), Beryl Hinde, W. R. Lang, Heather Sharp, Ivy Sutton.

CONTEMPORARIES RECEIVED.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise if any have been inadvertently omitted from the list. The magazines may be seen in the library.

- "The Golden Mile" (Goldfields High School).
- "The Kingia" (Bunbury High School).
- "The Log" (Hobart High School).
- "The Dragon" (St. George's College, Crawley).
- "The Magpie" (Maitland Boys' High School).
- "The Mooi" (Potchefstroom High School for Boys, Transvaal)
- "The Vantech" (Vancouver Technical School, British Columbia).



FIRST YEAR (Girls).

This is the last time that we will make our appearance in the "Sphinx" as "fags," for very soon we will be fully-fledged members of the Twos. The word "exams" seems to haunt us wherever we go, but still we all intend to obtain distinction averages. Once again we welcome the swimming season, and on Friday afternoons we lose no time in making our way towards Crawley Baths. Although exams are very near, the thought of the Christmas holidays afterwards makes us a little more cheerful. Apart from the term exams we can safely say that we have spent an enjoyable year in the "fags."

FIRST YEARS (Boys).

Our first year at the Modern School is slowly coming to an end and after December 14th we will pass out of "Fagdom." When we return to school we will have the honour of "welcoming" next year's "fags."

This term the two forms played a match on the lower oval. 1B was again successful, but only by a small margin. Lake, of 1B, must be congratulated on his victory in the First Year hundred.

The exams were to most students in 1A and 1B easier than they expected and good results should be the outcome.

We would like to take this as an opportunity to wish the Headmaster and Staff a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

SECOND YEAR (Girls).

It seems quite ridiculous when we think that we will soon be Threes for, although we have become well acquainted with hard work this year, it scarcely seems credible that we shall survive the woes of Dalton. Most of us, however, are anxious to try this new system but quite probably our ardour will be dampened when we find that the fantastical ogre is no longer a thing of the future.

Our second Sports Day at Mod.

was equally as interesting as the first and again many adventurers tried the cakes, etc, which we had made. Whether they lived to tell the tale or not is another story. Dodging showers, signing autographs, eating afternoon tea and watching events all helped to make one of the most enjoyable days this year.

On Girls' Sports Day, Ethel Cohen ran well and gained the title of Junior Champion. Others of 2E ran or were in team events and at the Girl's Inter-School Sports Ethel Cohen Bessie Berry and Joy Uren ably represented us.

Exams have come and passed and with them all traces of hard work and sorrow have gone. Perhaps this sorrow will return when our marks come out!—perhaps it will not! Before the break-up we intend to have a picnic and then, hurrah for the holidays which, if you have as much wisdom as we, you will thoroughly enjoy.

SECOND YEAR (Boys).

Now that the exams are over the general feeling is one of relaxation, but when we return from our well-deserved but short vacation we have another pleasure in store for us—Dalton. Most teachers seem to be very confident in forecasting a most enjoyable and harmonious year. Of course, all this is subtle irony. Dalton!—why, the very word itself seems to have some dire foreboding which is enhanced by vivid descriptions from those who have already had the experience.

This term several of the Twos have become Americanised. A certain bright lad has introduced the "royal and ancient" game of baseball. This game has become exceedingly popular although it does not appear to "catch on" with our most illustrious gardener.

To date, five matches of junior faction cricket have been played, Gold having the distinction of not being beaten. The prominent cricketers are: Vanpraag and Nairn (Gold),

Ewing and Parker (Blue), and Manning and Redmond (Sphinx).

THIRD YEAR (Girls).

Several astounding incidents have occurred this term, many of which could not be recorded here.

Some of our members have been accused of being able to sleep, during certain periods, which, if they did enjoy such a luxury, is quite unfair of them, considering the torment the rest of us were undergoing.

We have become well known for being a jovial form this term. We were told that we would laugh and joke even when we were at the "Golden Gate," and St. Peter was deciding whether we might enter.

We are very sorry that so many of our members have left and are leaving and would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success.

THIRD YEAR (Boys).

Schoolwork has been the foremost thought of every conscientious Third Year this term, owing to the shadow of the Junior. But all this is now finished and we are making the most of the short time left before we receive the results. The star performer of Sports Day was W. Forster, who though only a Third Year, won several places in senior events. The most outstanding cricketers of the Third Year are Bogan, Elliott and Forster. Elliott distinguished himself in tennis by obtaining a place in the First Eight of the School.

FOURTH YEAR (Girls).

Once again the inevitable third term exams have come along, bringing us yet another year nearer to leaving Mod. As usual the time has flown and exams seemed to bear down upon us before we could look around. Country Week Sports proved a great success and many of the Fours took part in the sports. The races at our Sports Day were as eagerly contested as before, despite the rain, and the dance at night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. We would like to congratulate Merle Morrison on gaining the title of Champion Athlete. At present the only topics discussed among the Fourth Year girls are Fours' picnic and Upper School dance. It is hoped that these will come up to expectations.

In conclusion, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those Fours who have been made prefects for the coming year.

FOURTH YEAR (Boys).

This term has been dull. In sooth, this term has been most uninteresting, unenterprising, unenviable. Thus these notes must necessarily be short, sharp, and shiny, for we shall deal only with the few bright spots since last holidays. First and foremost comes Sports Day, that memorable occasion. With the exception of Browne, who ran Cordingley close for Browne, who ran Cordingley close for prominent (in the running), but we must congratulate Bower, Higgins, Read, and Silbert for getting places in senior events. These boys in particular are showing much promise as athletes, and with a little more training and a little less toffee should soon be able to do the 100 yards in 16 seconds.

Bright spot number two may be termed "Mr. Pollard's Cricket Drive." You must be careful to distinguish between this and a certain Governor Arthur's "Black Drive," for whereas Arthur managed to catch only two people, Mr. Pollard has succeeded in ensnaring approximately 40 Fours. Of these, two or three play for the Wednesday Eleven, one for the First Eleven, and half a dozen for the Second Eleven, the rest being split up among three teams led by Spence, Parsons, and Kirk. Parsons' team is playing the Third Year team in the final of the Lower Oval Association matches, and we hope they will put the Threes in their proper place. N.B.—A Cricket Drive must also not be confounded with a Whist Drive or a Mid-iron Drive.

A little interest was aroused by the election of next year's prefects. They took up duties three weeks ago, and have already shown the old pres. how to treat fags, fools, Fours and Fives. We are all waiting expectantly to hear Mr. Johnson's choice of N.C.O.'s for next year. A large number of candidates for these distinguished positions in the army were tried out and it was found that several of them possessed abundant possibilities.

There are still two important events before the holidays—Upper School and the Fours' picnic. Some of our rich members have declared that they are financially in a position to go to Upper School, but a large number of us have discovered that we have nothing more than a stray sixpence in our money boxes, and that we should have started saving up

several years ago. Indeed, it is a case of—

“Along the cool sequestered vale of life,

‡ They kept the noiseless tanner of their pay.”

As for the picnic, we have decided

not to get sunburnt this year, most of us having borrowed our great-grandfather's eyebrow-to-ankle bathers specially for the occasion.

Since this is the last time we shall be seen in the Form Notes, we bid everybody an affectionate farewell.

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL Ex-Students' Library Fund

Report of the Trustees to the Committee of Perth Modern School Ex-Students' Association.

In accordance with the terms of our Trust we furnish herewith our annual report on the Perth Modern School Ex-Students' Library Fund, for the year 1933. The State of Receipts and Expenditure is attached.

1. The original amount placed to the credit of the Library Fund in the name of the Trustees was £100/18/5, whilst donations for the year 1933 amounted to £1/18/9, which together with £1/18/1 Bank interest, makes a grand total of £104/15/3 received by the Trustees.

2. The portion of the School Library reserved for the books purchased under the Library Fund now contains 99 books purchased at a cost of £38/7/1, and is under the supervision of two Library Prefects appointed to attend to the maintenance and upkeep of the books.

3. The statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows that the sum of £62/15/1 is in hand and of this £51/8/7 is capital and the remainder is available for expenditure at the discretion of the Trustees.

4. The Trustees hope that contributions will be received from those who have not already subscribed and that original subscribers will make their subscriptions an annual one, as it is only by means of fresh donations that the capital can be increased and money made available for further ex-

penditure on additions to the Library and maintenance of the books. Subscriptions should be paid to the Secretary of the Ex-Students' Association on behalf of the Trustees.

Dated 23rd November, 1933.

(Signed) J. Parsons, H. B. Halversen, C. H. Sharp, H. H. Stewart, L. J. A. Teakle.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

for the period from the 6th December, 1933, to the 16th November, 1933.

	Receipts.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Commonwealth Bank, Perth, at 6th December, 1932				65	3	0
„ Donations:						
R. A. Forsaith	1	1	0			
Dr. H. Teakle		10	6			
P. Orton, Esq. . . .		5	0			
Miss E. Taylor		2	3			
				1	18	9
„ Interest to 30th June 1933				1	18	1
				£68	19	10

	Expenditure.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By R. A. Forsaith	1	1	0	65	3	0
„ Books Purchased				4	4	9
„ Library Prefects' allowance for 1933				2	0	0
„ Balance at Commonwealth Bank at 16th November 1933				62	15	1
				£68	19	10

SPHINX PRIZE

The following are the Sphinx Prizes for 1932-33. It has been decided to award one prize for the whole of 1932 and this has been gained by R. McBain for her poems "Tradition" and "William Boldwood," in the August issue of the "Sphinx,"

1932. The 1933 awards are: May, to F. Jones for the poem "Everest"; August, to D. Norris for "The Dinasts" and December, to be shared by F. Jones for his sonnet "To S.L.G.D. on his Departure for London" and D. Norris for "Hossfeathers."



Corridor Chatter

THEY SAY—

That Doreen has become interested in cricket.

That a new type of harvester has been introduced to the "farm."

That IV4's latecomers now have to congregate behind the door.

You annoy me!

Don't snigger boys!

That it is thought that one of the members of the Second Year boys indulges in fanciful colours.

That Becky has a taste for luscious fruit.

That Pat is the shining light of the school.

That any involved Maths. problems can be promptly solved by "Jimmy" of IV4.

That a certain four trembles lest 'er reputation be ruined.

Never Pat a Horse.

A Win for Baby seems indicated.

That the fags are fond of cannibals, caramels and green beetroot.

That Isla has invited a long legg'd bird to the party.

That Evelyn is always in a hurry to get to dinner.

Will you come to my party?

That Geometry can be used for other purposes besides solving problems, etc.

A member of IVi. arrived early one morning! We read it with amazement.

That Hertz is a millionaire but he is certainly losing some if his million-'airs.

That Redmond has a bicycle.

That Cole does his hair a different way now for the sake of Edna.

Applied Quotations

"They fled like pinions of the wind."
—Fags at lunch-time.

"Do ye hear the children weeping,
O my brothers?"—Geog IV.

"True" say the Fourth Year, "it may happen

That we die before our times!"—
Third Term Exams.

"We shall find of him a shrewd contriver."—The Examiner.

"Their loyal luckless hearts say blindly—he!"—Thursday 7.

"I chatter, chatter, as I go."—III.

"Hey ho for Merry June,
Hey ho, hey ho."—Serenading the caretaker.

"And even spoiled the women's chats
By drowning their speaking
With shrieking and squeaking
In fifty different sharps and flats."
—Orchestra.

"Lean, hungry, savage anti-everything."
—Prefects.

"They heard and were abashed and up they sprung."
—Start of First Year 100.

"Rouse up, sirs! Give your brains a racking."
—Mr. Johnson in G.

There's a queer-looking kid called Mahoney,

His legs are tres long and tres bony.
He wanders around
With his nose on the ground,



SPORTS' DAY

In the presence of His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) the Twenty-Second Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was held on the School Oval on October 6th.

The weather conditions were decidedly inclement. Heavy rain had made the course very heavy. Throughout the whole day a bitterly cold south wind blew gustily, while occasional showers of rain, which in the afternoon became more frequent, added greatly to the discomfort of competitors, spectators and officials. Although these conditions militated against the establishing of records, they did not prevent keen competition, and most of the events were well contested. One record was broken. R. Browne jumped excellently, and raised the under 16 high jump mark to 5ft. 2½in.

As is usually the case, the open and junior miles, and the open and junior broad jump championships were decided a week before Sports Day. Keen competition was present in both of the mile events, particularly in the junior race. I. Elliott broke away from the field early in the race, and, pacing with a long regular stride, placed about sixty yards between himself and the second runner. He was unable to sustain his effort, and following a dazzling sprint, Cordingley won the event for the second time, from R. Browne, Elliott filling third position.

One of the closest finishes on Sports Day itself was witnessed in the open 880 yards event. Christie won from Forster by about three yards, Woolcott was about half a yard behind Forster, and Braimbridge mere inches behind Woolcott. The open hundred was also a thrilling race. Silbert obtained the worst deal of a rather even start. The whole field remained very

bunched. Chapple had a slight lead which he held up to about the ninety yards mark, when Christie gained a little and won by inches, with inches between Chapple and Silbert.

Faction competition was not at all even. At the commencement of the day, Red had a lead of 4 points over Gold. At luncheon this lead had been increased to 17 points. At the conclusion of the programme, Red easily ran out the winning faction. In scoring 73½ points Red scored more points than the other three factions together. This high score constitutes a record. The former highest total scored by any faction in the school's history was 58½ points.

The Headmaster's Cup for Champion Athlete was won by C. Christie with 40 points, from J. Woolcott (19), and D. Bryden, W. Forster and P. Chapple with 10 each. The successful juniors were W. Cordingley, with 43 points, R. Brown (39), and L. Bogan (16).

Good afternoon tea was served as usual in the Domestic Science, in the gymnasium and in the Hall. The following are the detailed results, the factions being denoted by their initial letters:—

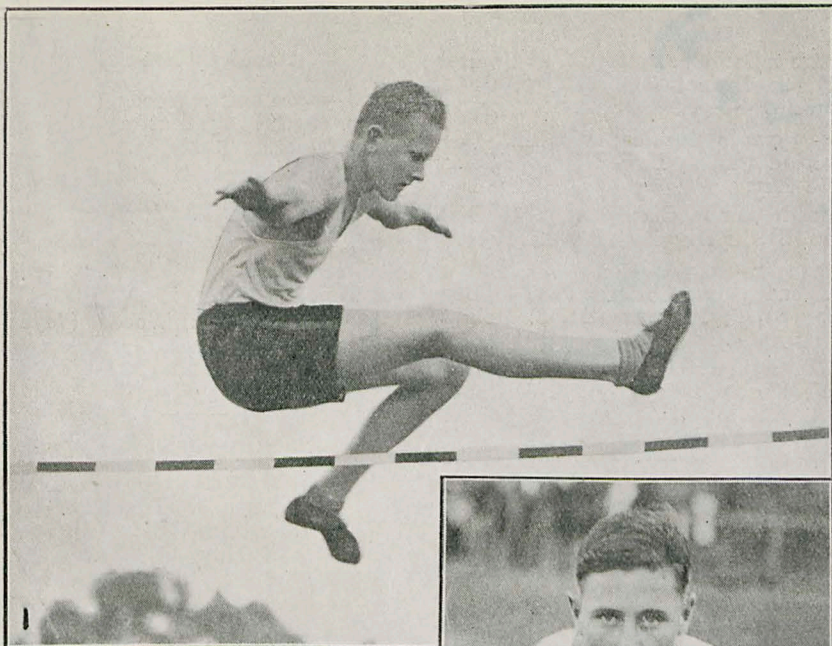
Open Championships.

100 yards: Christie (R), 1; Chapple (B), 2; Silbert (R), 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

220 yards: Christie (R), 1; Chapple (B), 2; Silbert (R), 3. Time, 25 2-5 sec.

440 yards: Christie (R), 1; Braimbridge (R), 2; Higgins (B), 3. Time, 56sec.

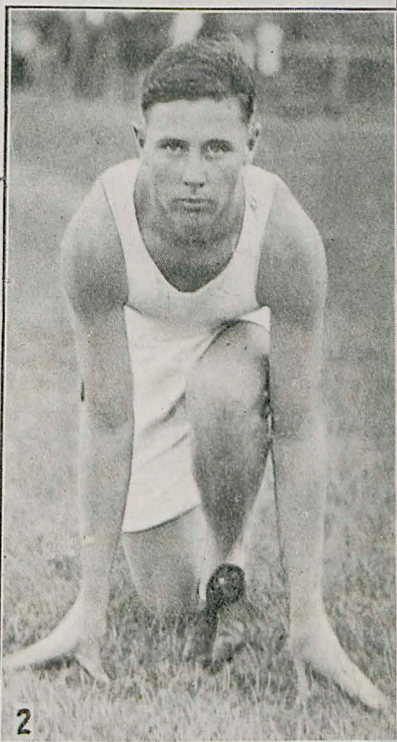
880 yards: Christie (R), 1; Forster (R), 2; Woolcott (G), 3. Time, 2min. 14 3-5sec.



(1) H. CHERRY, winner of Open High Jump Championship.

(2) W. CORDINGLEY, Junior Champion Athlete.

(3) START of Open 100 Yards Championship.



One mile: Woolcott (G), 1; Forster (R), 2; Braimbridge (R), 3. Time, 4min. 59 4-5sec.

120 yards hurdles: Woolcott (G), 1; Read (S), 2; Bower (G), 3. Time, 19 3-5sec.

High jump: Cherry (S), 1; Bryden (S), 2; Higgins (B), 3. Height, 5ft. 5½in.

Broad jump: Christie (R), 1; Bryden (S), 2; Higgins (B), 3. Height, 5ft. 5½in.

Broad jump: Christie (R), 1; Bryden (S), 2; Fahey (G), 3. Distance, 19ft. 7¾in.

Junior Championships.

100 yards: Cordingley (R), 1; Sacker (R), 2; Bogan (R), 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

220 yards: Cordingley (R), 1; Bogan (R), 2; Browne (G), 3. Time, 26 1-5sec.

440 yards: Cordingley (R), 1; Browne (G), 2; Clarke (R), 3. Time, 59 1-5sec.

880 yards: Cordingley (R), 1; Browne (G), 2; Maynard (R), 3. Time, 2min. 23sec.

One mile: Cordingley (R), 1; Browne (G), 2; Elliott (R), 3. Time, 5min. 15 1-5sec.

120 yards hurdles: Browne (G), 1; Anderson (S), 2; Cordingley (R), 3. Time, 18 2-5sec.

High jump: Browne (G), 1; Anderson (S), 2; Janney (G), 3. Height, 5ft. 2½in. (Record.)

Broad jump: Bogan (R), 1; Browne (G), 2; Janney (G), 3. Distance, 17ft. 9in.

100 yards First Year Championship: Lake (G), 1; Offer (R), Scott (S), dead heat, 2. Time, 12 2-5sec.

100 yards Second Year Championship: Sacker (R), 1; Clarke (R), 2; Northern (B), 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Relay Races.

Senior Faction Relay (880 yards): Red (Braimbridge, Colonel, Silbert, Christie), 1; Blue, 2; Sphinx, 3. Time, 1min. 43 1-5sec.

Junior Faction Relay (880 yards): Red (Clarke, Hunt, Sacker, Cordingley), 1; Sphinx, 2; Gold, 3. Time, 1 min. 50 3-5sec.

Handicap Events.

100 yards open: Woods (8yds.), 1; Jones (5yds.), 2; Slattery (scr.), 3. Time, 11sec.

220 yards open: Nairn (12yds.), 1; Woods (14yds.), 2; Jones (7yds.), 3. Time, 25 4-5sec.

440 yards open: Jones (12yds.), 1; Forster (12yds.), 2; Kelso (14yds.), 3. Time, 57 1-5sec.

880 yards open: Woods (70yds.), 1; Halliday (40yds.), 2; Kelso (15 yds.), 3. Time, 2min. 20 1-5sec.

Old Boys.

100 yards: Bothwell, Down, dead heat, 1; Stinton, 3. Time, 10 2-5sec.

440 yards: Melville, 1; O'Brien, 2; Bothwell, 3. Time, 54 2-5sec.



(1) CHRISTIE winning 440 yards Open Championship from Braimbridge and Higgins.

(2) OVER the first hurdle in 120 yards Hurdles Open Championship.

Interschool Sports

This year the Inter-High School Sports were commenced on Saturday, August 19th, and concluded on Friday the 25th. In the competition for the Staffs' Cup this year, there were the following five High Schools: Albany, Bunbury, Goldfields, Northam and Perth. Our school was successful, thus winning this coveted trophy for the fourth time. On Saturday the weather was indifferent, a light breeze blowing throughout the day. For the next three days fine weather favoured the contestants while the last two days' sport was concluded in periodic deluges.

On Saturday afternoon the sports were commenced with athletics. The course was exceedingly heavy, but the running was nevertheless of a high standard. A large gathering of students and friends of the various schools witnessed the sports. One record was broken. B. Cook, of Northam, lowered the 440 time to 54.4-5 sec. W. Scott, of Bunbury, who by winning the 100 yards, 220 yards, and being second in the 440 yards, proved himself the outstanding athlete, equalled the 100 yards record of 10 3-5sec. Miss M Morrison, who was the outstanding girl runner, performed excellently in beating her speedy rival, Miss G. McKinnon, of Northam, in both the 100 yards and 50 yards events. In the latter event Miss Morrison equalled the record.

The following places were gained by P.M.S.:—

Boys' Championships.

100 yds.: K. Silbert, second; 220 yds.: P. Chapple, second; 880 yds.: C. Christie, second; high jump: D. Bryden, first; 120yds. hurdles: J. Woolcott, first; 880 yds relay: Silbert, C. Christie, first.

GIRLS' INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The Annual Girls' Inter-School Sports were held at Leederville Oval on Saturday, 21st October. Once again Sacred Heart High School gained an overwhelming victory with 88 points, closely followed by St. Hilda's with 33 points, while Methodist Ladies' and P.M.S. tied for fourth with 22 points. It was unfortunate that in both the relay, and "B" flag race, the flag was dropped for on both occasions P.M.S. was in the lead. M. Morrison and E. Elliot were our

Girls' Championships

50 yds.: M. Morrison, first; 100 yds.: M. Morrison, first; 200 yds. relay: P.M.S., second.

In the evening the visiting teams attended a dance in the School Hall. About 250 were present and everyone agreed that the evening was a great success.

On Monday morning the girls' hockey team easily defeated Goldfields by scoring 11 goals to nil. On the same day the boys won the football match against the same school, the scores being 11 goals 13 behinds to 4 goals 8 behinds.

On Wednesday the Bunbury girls were fairly easily accounted for, the final scores being 9 goals to three in our favour. In the afternoon the football resulted:—Perth, 12 goals 12 behinds; Bunbury, 2 goals 8 behinds.

Thursday saw our girls encountering their first and only reverse. Albany defeated them, 3 goals to nil, but our football team retaliated with the scores: Perth, 5 goals 10 behinds; Albany, 1 goal 5 behinds.

The Northam hockey girls met defeat at the hands of the P.M.S. team, the scores being 4 goals to 3 in the latter's favour, and our football team also won, 11 goals 14 behinds to Northam's 1 goal 11 behinds.

At hockey the outstanding players for Perth were Miss V. Nye, Miss Q. Lynch, Miss T. Woodley, and Miss Hately, while at football Elliott, Johnson, Atkinson and Silbert accounted for themselves in an excellent manner.

Thus by winning every football match, every hockey match but one, and athletics, P.M.S. ran out the victors of the contests.

most outstanding representatives and gained several places in the open events.

Following are the places obtained by Modernians:—

100 yards open: M. Morrison, 2; E. Elliot, 3.

50 yards open: E. Elliot, 4.

Sack Race: Q. Lynch, 4.

Pass Ball: P.M.S., 4.

Leap Frog: P.M.S., 3

"A" Flag Race: P.M.S., 2.

Old Girls' Relay Race: P.M.S., 2.

GIRLS' SPORTS

On October the 10th, the Girls' Annual Sports were held. Keen rivalry and enthusiasm were evident, growing stronger as the day drew to an exciting close, the programme being completed the following Thursday, when Gold won by a narrow margin. The novelty events, particularly the obstacle race, caused endless amusement and attracted a large number of competitors. Miss M. Morrison gained the title of School Champion while the Junior Championship was won by Ethel Cohen.

The following are the results:—

75 yards (under 14): J. Bell (B), 1; J. Colvin (B), 2; B. Rocke (R), 3. Time, 10 2-5sec.

50 yards (under 16): E. Cohen (G), 1; V. Swift (R), 2; L. Williams (R), 3. Time, 6 4-5sec.

100 yards (under 16): E. Cohen (G), 1; V. Swift (R), 2; L. Williams (R), 3. Time, 12 2-5sec. Equals record.

50 yards open: M. Morrison (S), 1; E. Elliot (B), 2; R. Hookway (R), 3. Time, 6 2-5sec.

100 yards open: M. Morrison (S), 1; E. Elliot (B), 2; D. Hatley (G), 3. Time, 12sec. Equals record.

220 yards open: M. Morrison (S), 1; D. Hatley (G), 2; V. Nye (B), 3. Time, 28sec.

Sack Race: Q. Lynch (G), 1; D. Davis (S), 2; J. Donegan (R), 3. Time, 8sec. Equals record.

Leap Frog Team Race: Gold, 1; Blue, 2; Sphinx, 3. Time, 32sec. Record.

Pass Ball Team Race: Blue, 1; Sphinx, 2; Gold, 3. Time, 59 1-5sec.

Overhead Pass Ball: Blue, 1; Sphinx, 2; Red, 3. Time, 1min. 19sec.

Faction Flag Race: Red, 1; Gold, 2; Sphinx, 3. Time, 1min. 24sec. Record.

Faction Relay Race: Red and Gold, 1; Sphinx, 2. Time, 25 1-5sec. Record.

Obstacle Race: J. Richardson, 1; J. Wheeler, 2; L. Giles, 3.

Siamese Race: S. Kurts, J. Wright, 1; V. Swift, J. Haynes, 2; M. Bishop, J. Doig, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race: J. Doig, 1; J. Richardson, 2; B. Sutherland, 3.

FACTION POINTS.

GOLD	32
BLUE	26
RED	24
SPHINX	30

ATHLETIC CLUB

The wisdom of competing only in "B" grade contests has already made itself markedly apparent in the annals of the Athletic Club. The strong nucleus, A. Berry, L. Stinton, W. Forrestal, T. Walkerden, and J. Down has received rather indifferent support, but the club has borne itself well, and now holds the leading position in the "B" grade at the conclusion of the first round of the competition.

The athletic talent at School is not as great as was the case last year, and moreover, many school runners have failed to realise the improvement that was expected of them. The only athletes from the school who have gained places in the competitions are Higgins and Christie, many members failing to do sufficient training to warrant their inclusion in the teams.

At the State Championships the club accounted for itself in a very mediocre fashion. W. Forrestal, running from scratch, performed brilliantly to gain second place in the 880 yards handicap. It is noteworthy

that to win this event he would have had to better State figures. A. Berry lost his broad jump title after holding it and the record for three successive years. Owing to football claiming most of his time, he was unable to do his training justice, and very poor jumping resulted. C. Christie was defeated in the 880 yards Junior Championship after running a very ill-regulated race, and was a little more successful in the 100 yards Junior Championship, when he was defeated by inches by Rossiter, of Wesley College. The school relay was eminently successful in wrestling the Caris Cup for the 880 yards Secondary Schools' relay race, from Wesley College, this being the first time that school has lost this trophy. The team (P. Chapple, H. Higgins, P. Coronel, C. Christie) ran well, and won in the excellent time of 1min. 38sec.

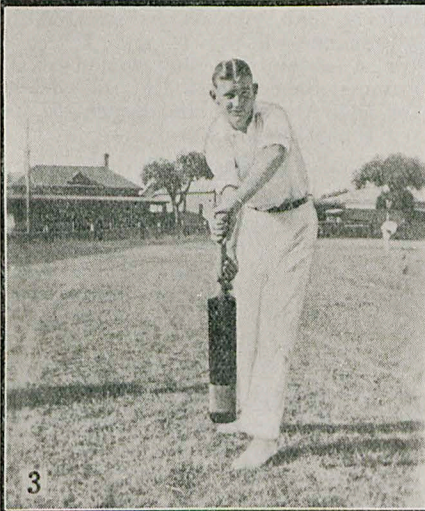
Our comparative failure in the State Championships is greatly compensated by the club's performance in the inter-club contests, where we are more than rivals for the many speedy athletes who oppose us. C.C.



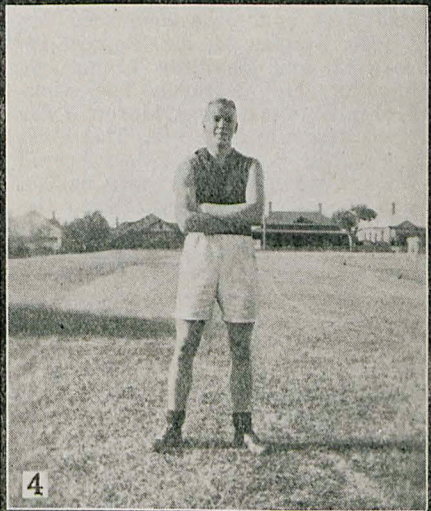
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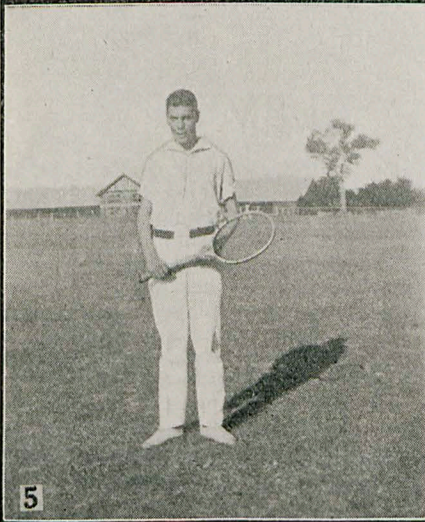
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SPORTS CAPTAINS.

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| (1) V. NYE, Hockey Captain. | (4) L. JOHNSON, Football Captain. |
| (2) G. HOUGHTON, Tennis Captain. | (5) W. ANDREWS, Tennis Captain. |
| (3) H. GROOM, Cricket Captain. | (6) C. CHRISTIE, Athletics Captain. |

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

The First Eleven has again enjoyed a very successful season, winning three out of the four matches played, the other being a draw decidedly in our favour. This makes our performance for the year ten wins and one draw. At the time of writing one match against the Post and Telegraphs Cricket Club remains to be played.

The first match this term was against the School Wednesday Eleven at school. The Wednesday Eleven batted first and were dismissed for 111 (Mr. Staples 31, Mr. Pollard 17, Alcorn 17, and Hamilton 14 not out being the chief scorers). The wickets were obtained by Atkinson 5 for 31 and Jeannes 4 for 49. The First Eleven then batted and had scored 8 for 121 when play ceased, Charlesworth 50 and Mathieson 2 being the most notable rungetters. Green 2 for 18, and Mr. Staples 2 for 20, obtained the best bowling figures.

The second match was against Guildford Grammar School First Eleven at Guildford, and it was in this match that Charlesworth distinguished himself by scoring a century and remaining not out at stumps. Guildford were dismissed for 84, Jeannes 4 for 35, Ewers 3 for 10, and Alcorn 2 for 22 securing the wickets. School replied with 1 for 165, Charlesworth 111 not out, and Alcorn 52 not out, obtaining the runs.

The next match was against the Incogniti Cricket Club at P.M.S. The School batted first and had lost five wickets for 138 when they declared, Jeannes 72 not out, Groom 25, Atkinson 17 not out, Stenhouse 12 and Kagi 10 being the chief scorers. At the end of play Incogniti had lost 7 wickets for 69, the match thus being drawn. Atkinson 3 for 8, Johnson 2 for 20, and Jeannes 2 for 28 shared the wickets. The fourth match was at school with the Subiaco Social Cricket Club, who were dismissed for 41, Jeannes 5 for 14 and Taylor 2 for 4 obtaining the wickets. At stumps School had lost 6 wickets for 184, Alcorn 61 and Groom 57 being the principal scorers.

AVERAGES

The following are the best of the batting and bowling averages:—

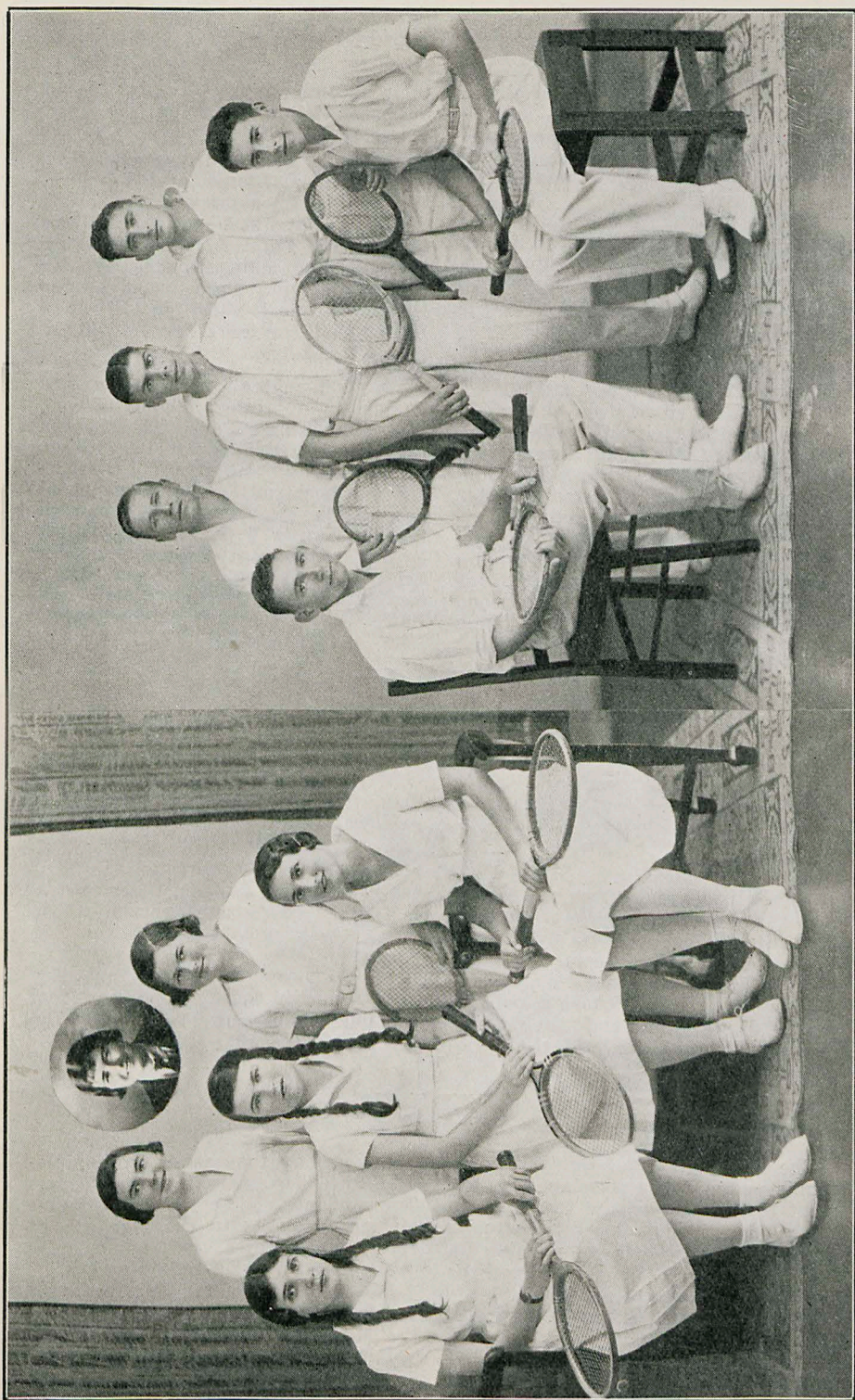
Batting				
	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	Aver.
Alcorn . . .	2	1	113	113
Charlesworth	4	1	172	57.3
Mathieson .	1	—	42	42
Jeanes . . .	3	1	82	41
Groom . . .	4	—	91	22.75
Stenhouse .	2	1	19	19
Bowling.				
	Wkts.	Runs	Aver.	
Atkinson . . .	10	62	6.2	
Jeanes	15	126	8.4	
Ewers	3	29	9.6	
Alcorn	3	29	9.6	

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN

The Wednesday Eleven has played four matches this term, winning two and losing two. Their first match was lost to the First Eleven. The second was played against the Royal Australian Artillery Cricket Club at North Fremantle. The Wednesday Eleven had compiled 132 when they declared with three wickets in hand, Kagi 69, Shea 22 not out, and Mr. Staples 20, being the most notable rungetters. The R.A.A.C.C. replied with 47, Green 5 for 22 and Morphett 4 for 12, accounting for the batsmen.

The next match was against the West Australian Newspaper Cricket Club at School. The Wednesday Wednesday Eleven were dismissed for

109, Andrews 43, Mr. Pollard 24 and Mr. Staples 10, being the only batsmen to secure double figures. The W.A.N.C.C. then compiled 124, Mr. Hetherington 2 for 11 and Green 2 for 45, returning the best bowling figures. The last match played by the Wednesday Eleven was against the Post and Telegraphs C.C., at Perth Oval. Post and Telegraphs batted first and scored 145, Morphett 5 for 23, being the only bowler to trouble the batsmen. At stumps the Wednesday Eleven had lost 5 wickets for 160, Andrews 66 not out, Bogan 29, Kagi 22 and Morphett 13 not out, being the chief contributors.



GIRLS—Standing: M. Morrison, O. Paine. Sitting: E. Elliott, G. Houghton (Capt.), Q. Lynch. Inset: L. Turner-Waters.

BOYS—Standing: C. Elliott, W. Andrews (Capt.), G. Halliday. Sitting: G. Shea, C. Bower.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven have also played four matches this term against stronger opposition than formerly and have only been successful in one match although another was drawn in their favour.

The first match was against the Christ Church First Eleven at Christ Church. The opposition batted first and declared at 8 for 132, Hunter 3 for 21, Elliott 2 for 16, and Bower 2 for 20, obtaining the wickets. The Second Eleven were then dismissed for 84, Forster 16, Bogan 15 and Shea 15 being the principal scorers.

The next match was played against the Subiaco Social C.C. at School. Batting first the Second Eleven were dismissed for 45, Andrews 12 being the only batsmen to secure double figures. In an attempt to gain an outright win the Subiaco Social C.C. declared at 8 for 109, Elliott obtaining 4 wickets for 34 and Hunter 2 for 16. At stumps, however, the Second Eleven had lost 5 wickets for 57 in

their second innings, Hunter 18 not out and Bogan 10 being the chief scorers.

The next match was against Hale School Second Eleven at Perth Oval and resulted in a draw. The Second Eleven declared at 7 for 118, Halliday 27 not out, Forster 24 and Maclure 21 being the main scorers. At the cessation of play Hale School Second Eleven had lost 8 for 49, Elliott 4 for 10 and Hunter 2 for 16, obtaining the wickets.

The last match of the term was against the Hale School Second Eleven at King's Park. The Second Eleven declared at 7 for 120, Elliott 43, Maclure 23 and Bower 19, securing the most runs. The Hale School Second Eleven were then dismissed for 26, Hunter 6 for 13 and Elliott 4 for 7, sharing the wickets. Hale School again batted and had lost 5 for 53 at stumps, Hatfield 2 for 7 and Bower 3 for 21, securing the wickets.

TENNIS

BOYS'

The School team was successful this term in winning the Slazenger Cup, after defeating King's Park and Hale School. The team did well against King's Park, not losing a set, while against Hale School all of the doubles were won and the singles drawn. We owe much of these vic-

tories to Mr. Downing, our coach, and to Andrews, our captain, whose fine play and good example were big factors in our success.

The School has had an especially good record in these competitions and the fine cup is now standing on the Hall table for all to see.—G.A.H.

GIRLS'

The second round of the "A" grade tennis matches has seen an improvement in the play of the team, which though having only one match to its credit, has succeeded in winning a greater number of games than in the first round.

We have been handicapped this term by the loss of Miss L. Turner and also by the fact that the school courts have been closed necessitating practice down at Kitchener Park.

Exams have prevented the completion of the finals of the Tennis Tournament. These results will give an indication as to the strength of 1934 tennis teams.

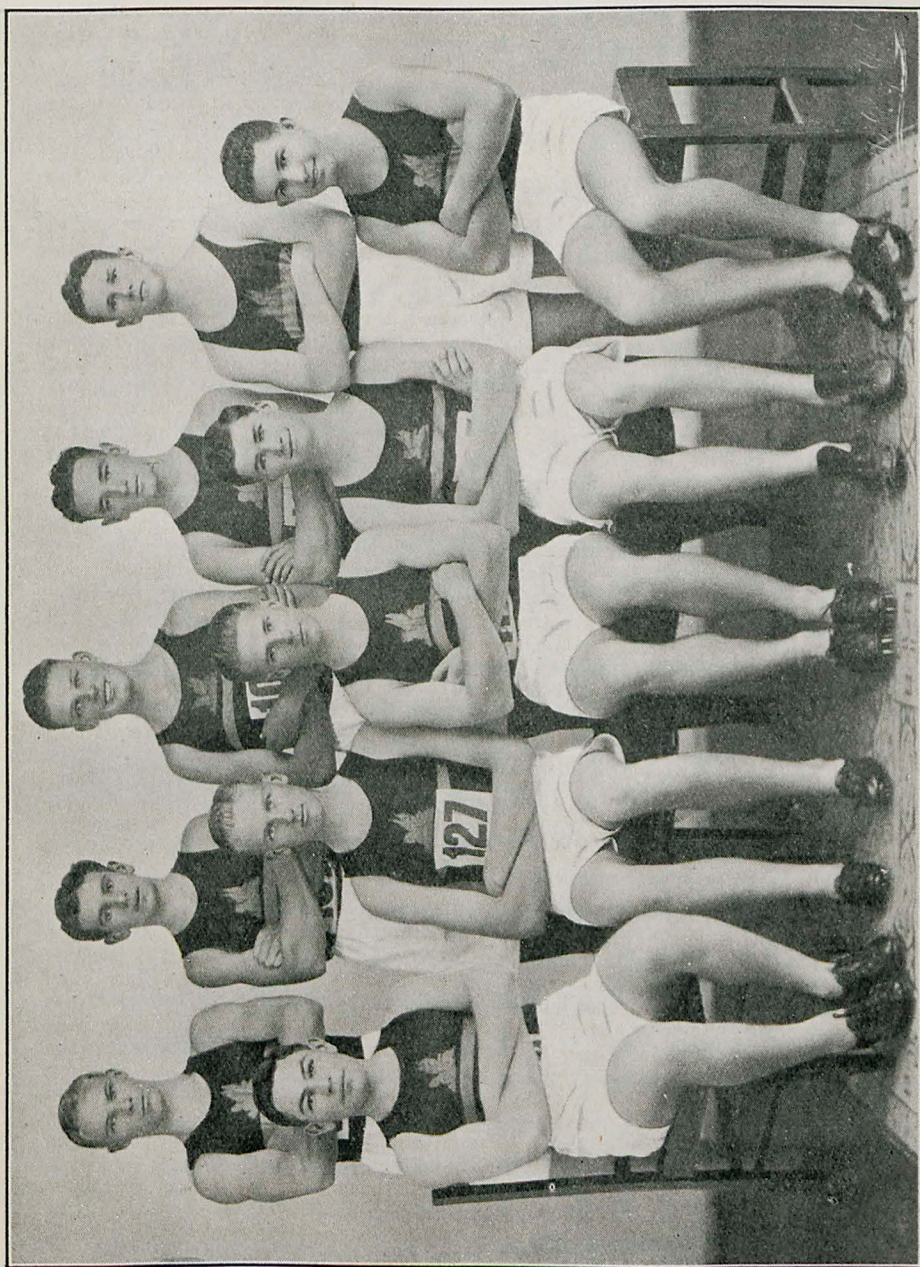
Results of "A" Grade Matches.

P.M.S. lost to Sacred Heart, nil sets to six.

P.M.S. beat C.E.G.S., 6 sets to nil.

P.M.S. lost to P.C., 2 sets to 4.

The "B" team has been successful in all inter-school matches, and the "C" team in two.



ATHLETICS TEAM, 1933.
Standing: P. Chappel, W. Forster, R. Browne, J. Woolcott, D. Bryden.
Sitting: K. Silbert, H. Cherry, C. Christie (Capt.), H. Higgins, P. Coronel.

Hossfeathers: A Drama of the West (For Fags)

The sun beat down mercilessly on the badlands. As far as the eye could see (and probably further) stretched mesas, monuments, arroyos, coyotes, canyons, etc., and alkali (NaOH). There were no flies. It was far too hot. Even the lizards ran from shade to shade.

A puff of dust rose on the horizon, grew larger, and became a horseman spurring furiously and rolling a cigarette. If one could bear to look at him he was seen to be hairy, swarthy and oily. He smelt of (a) sweat, (b) gunpowder, (c) horse and (d) whisky and garlic. A large rock loomed up beside the trail. "Ha! The very place," hissed the rider. He pulled his mount savagely to a stop and hastily built a corral for it out of sight behind the rock. Then he climbed to the top, took a bite from his plug, rolled a cigarette, and examined his colts. He was busy counting for some while. He chuckled brutally. "Seventy-six," he said, "and one more to-day makes seventy-eight." He rolled a cigarette. Suddenly there was a warning rattle behind him and the snake struck. He laughed. The snake recoiled, looked ill, then slowly collapsed and fell backwards off the rock. "I'm Arizony Pete!" he roared, rolling a cigarette. A second rattler sprang to its feet

and fled. Pete settled down on top of the rock.

Another cloud of dust approached. It was a handsome bronzed cowboy, scanning the ground for tracks and urging on his fine-looking thoroughbred, cloppety-clop. "Ha!" chuckled Pete, "I've got you Texas Jack." But not so. Jack's keen eyes were too quick. What was that beside the rock? A pile of cigarette butts and a dead snake! "Pete!" he yelled and flung himself off his horse into cover just as a bullet hit where he wasn't. Slowly he crept up close to the rock, taking care to keep between himself and Pete so as not to be shot. Then he thought. Jack had been educated. He remembered all about projectiles from Loney. After some rapid calculations he pointed his .45 into the air and fired; 30 seconds later came a scream like a wounded locomotive and Pete rose to his feet, a half-rolled cigarette in his fingers. Bang! went Jack's Colt just to make sure. Pete tottered and fell over the edge, wunk onto the ground. His hand rose, finished rolling the cigarette, and dropped, to be still. Jack strolled over, removing his hat. "I sure hated to do it," he said. "We've lost the swellest poker player in Arizony."

OSS.

A Stiff Day

For fourteen years and more Mr. Elder had fought for supremacy in the small suburb where he kept his grocery store. Other trades people had come and gone during that period—some finding the rents too high and custom scarce, while others complained of the low profits. But all declared that the competition was too keen in such a sparsely populated district. Mr. Elder alone seemed to do well. Perhaps it was because he had a Scotch grandmother, and inherited her calculating determination.

Only one person in the world could influence Mr. Elder—and that was Mrs. Elder—a rather magnificent-looking woman with charming manners who seemed much above the social status into which the grocery business had forced her—until something upset or annoyed her. And

then, a picture of majestic wrath, she would pour such obloquy upon the victim of her displeasure that one would almost believe she had been bred in the streets. So devastating, so terrifying was her behaviour that Mr. Elder would go to any lengths almost to keep her out of one of these tantrums. He was a tactful man on the whole—cautious and self-contained, and people said that they were an excellent pair.

One busy Saturday morning when Mr. Elder arrived at his store, he noticed with annoyance that a new shop had been opened across the way. Of course, he had known for some time that Elsegood and Co. had leased the place; he also knew that they were an established firm with several branches, but he had not imagined that it would be quite like this. The

windows, for example—in black and gold lettering emblazoned the questionable statement that H. Elsegood and Co. were the greatest and cheapest firm in the world. Certainly no one had challenged Mr. Elder so plainly as that before during his business experience.

Nor was that all. Very soon he was to see a huge placard raised outside the front window advertising the fact that Elsegood and Co. made a regular practise of having Saturday morning "specials." Mr. Elder's searching eye scanned the board from the other side of the road. From a few less significant items his gaze picked out the following astounding bargain, "Potatoes 1/- stone!" and scarce at that! unheard of! preposterous! undersized third raters surely!

But wait—did his eyes deceive him?—a steady crowd was piling up within the shop. He almost believed he could hear them demanding potatoes at 1/- stone.

Well, if Elsegood's could sell at 1/- a stone Mr. Elder was not going to quibble over a half-penny. Outside his own window therefore it was not long before a new sign was hoisted announcing that potatoes were available at 1½d.

Almost immediately the tide began to turn. Some congratulated themselves on not having been too hasty in making their purchases, other lamented their misfortune—but Mr. Elder smiled as he did up the bags, a dignified smile which betrayed to others that he was on his mettle. He felt somehow that this morning was a crisis in his career.

By 10.30 potatoes were down to 1½d. in the store over the road and Mr. Elder was busy altering his sign to 10½d. The other items he did not worry about. Potatoes were all that mattered—just potatoes—as he sorted them out—and potatoes again as he handed over bag after bag to his customers and said: "Excellent weather we're having don't you think?"

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The young manager for Elsegood and Co. was inclined to be cheerful on this his first morning in the new suburb. He had thought it looked a dead enough place when he arrived, but this morning the people seemed to be pouring in from nowhere at all, armed with baskets, bags and cases. He did not believe that Mr. Elder was a serious rival. Anyway, what could one small store do against a large firm like Elsegood and Co.,

he thought, as he changed the price on the signboard from 9d. to 6d. Something drastic had to be done, that was plain.

Whatever may have been Mr. Elder's dismay at the tenacity of his competitor he showed no signs of it. With the fortitude of a Spartan he steadily cut down the price, till at 11.30 it rested at 4d. By now many people were grouped about the two shops waiting out of mere curiosity to note the developments. A few boys were speculating wildly in terms of money or cigarette cards as to who would come out top. Women were telling the news about in all the adjoining shops.

At 12.15 Mr. Elder made his "coup d'etat," following a valiant effort on the part of his rival to dispose of his potatoes at 3d. He was becoming rather anxious now, was the self-confident young manager lest he should have too many potatoes left on his hands. Somehow Mr. Elder seemed to get ahead of him every time.

At 12.5 therefore when he read with horror that Mr. Elder was giving away a stone of potatoes with every pound of tea, he mopped his brow. By 1 p.m. the profits of the morning would be eaten away!

Suddenly a calamity occurred. At a quarter to one Mr. Elder realized that he had no more potatoes left! The struggle was ended.

Over the road Elsegood and Co. began to sell at 3d. stone again. Mr. Elder sighed heavily and strove to maintain his fixed smile. The struggle had not really been in vain, he told himself. Then like a bolt from the blue he was struck with an unpleasant thought, a reminder! Mr. Elder remembered his wife's last words as he went out the front door: "Now John, don't forget to bring home half a stone of potatoes. We're having Mr. and Mrs. Mapelle for evening dinner!"

He glanced furtively over the road. No, he could not possibly beard the lion in its den. He could suffer a great deal but not that!

At one o'clock he closed the shop and walked down the road to the nearest green grocers. He asked for half a stone of potatoes. "Sorry," said the assistant, "but as a matter of fact Elsegood's bought up all we had at about half-past ten this morning." He doggedly made his way to the next greengrocers, but did not go in. A group of women were talk-

ing to the man behind the counter, discussing the excitement of the morning. He only waited to hear his own name mentioned and then crept away like a dog. Julia would have to mash the parsnips, that was all!

When he reached home, her voice met him at the back door, impatient, threatening, heated with bending over

a hot stove, before she herself appeared. "I hope you've remembered those potatoes, John!"

John Elder paused on the doorstep. A sense of failure descended dismally upon him, more hopeless and more desolating than if H. Elsegood and Co. had already put him out of business. A.B.

The return of the Mad Mandarin

I.

You will remember how the villainous Oxo, realising that he was trapped, took his life by consuming a pastie. He was buried with all due ceremony in a piano case, and after the old Oriental custom, his mother-in-law was buried with him. Now, by strange circumstances, it chanced that he was buried just two feet above an underground stream which supplied Hong Kong's great volcano, Buckland Hill, with molten rock and scrap iron. Under the combined weight of the two victims, the case at length sank with a plop into this stream, and it was shot out of the volcano two days later in the great eruption of 1526, when the capital city was blown into Japan. The piano case landed in a deserted onion farm, and was claimed to be the first conveyance of its kind to make a forced landing. Needless to say, Oxo was quite alive, and managed to escape from the case after having strangled his mother-in-law with a "G" string which he had found in the bottom of it. For two weeks after that he lived entirely on onions although he was well aware of the truth of Alexander Pope's famous heroic couplet:—

"And but what it is not yet enow,
For doth not but what an onion
lift thee

Physically, yet but what degrade
thee socially?"

(An onion blots out the view, and the point of vision shifts to Oxo's new laboratory where he is working under the name of Professor Oh Ah.)

II.

Professor Oh Ha sat at a desk in his laboratory, surrounded by litter of all descriptions. Rubber tubes, test tubes, cauldrons of boiling radium, witty retorts, and hundreds of bottles lay everywhere in heaps. On the desk at which he sat, was a

test tube stand, with about a dozen test tubes in it, including a stock solution tube, which after the manner of its kind was hopelessly broken. Nine of the others of course had holes in the bottom, but the other three or four were more interesting. The first, containing some distilled water coloured with cochineal and labelled "Wood's Great Peppermint Cure," he gazed at with mingled feelings. The next was half full of a light brown liquid. A self-satisfied smirk shot across the features of the professor, as he held this up to the light. "There is no tannin in this tea!" he said fondly and beaming all over. But as he looked at the next tube, a change, strangely weird, came over his visage. A diabolical leer convulsed his face. His eyes gleamed savagely, his nostrils dilated, the veins stood out on his neck and his teeth went three shades whiter in three days. "Attaboy!" he exclaimed in a guttural accent. This was his favourite expression; it was evidently of Chinese origin. He got it from his father, who used to say it before and after meals. The liquid which had so excited his interest was a pale green liquid, in which was suspended yellow gelatinous lumps. The formula was simple:—

1 Onion.

1 Ice block.

2 Drays blue metal.

CO under pressure

—a deadly poison in the hands of a maniac.

(What will the villain do with the poison? Is there no one capable of defying his demented will? If there is anyone who can satisfactorily answer this absorbing question, will he please communicate with the author of this article who would like to know himself. Cable Address: "Guff and Drubble." Postal Address: Box X67 Heathcote.)

Hysterical History

Way back before you were born, somewhere in the 15th or 16th century, Vasco da Cortez, a noted Spanish doubloon, sailed westward and discovered America. He climbed a mountain, saw the Pacific and looked at his men with a wild surmise. He then consulted Chapman's Homer to get his bearings. Having satisfied himself in this respect he decided that he might as well explore the country now he was here. First he sent tidings back to Spain and invited his friends Prescott and Rider Haggard to come out and join in the fun. While they were coming he amused himself by torturing the natives cunningly so that they unwittingly told him about a wonderful civilization far inland. There were several cities, he learned, but the chief one was Tzutchkatpfotl. The ignorant natives could not pronounce this name properly but preferred to call it El Dorado. Here, they said, the people were so desperately rich that they bathed in turpentine, rolled in gold dust, and did other silly things. They also sacrificed nastily on dirty pyramids. When he heard this, Cortez said: "Hut!" He knew quite well that only Egypt was allowed to have pyramids. After some years his friends arrived with supplies of food, gunpowder, etc., and horses, which they liberated on the pampas. They started inland. After being bitten by mosquitoes, lamas, gringos, and

other pests, they suddenly emerged into a fertile country, dotted with cities, people and dots, with Tzutchkatpfotl in the middle. The king, Montezure, received them kindly and gave feasts in their honour. But they could not leave things alone. They objected to everything, especially to being periodically sacrificed on the pyramids, which Cortez had discovered really did exist. They hastily sent word to Spain for priests to subdue the place. The priests came. They tipped over the pyramids and built cathedrals and sprinkled firewater round and made themselves generally objectionable. Montezuma grew angry and refused to give Cortez any more gold. Things were complicated a great deal because rider Haggard married Montezuma's daughter and went over to the other side. After a while there was a great flare-up but the death of Montezuma from acute pain was too much for the Indians and they died in millions. Rider Haggard escaped to England. It was warm weather, so as soon as it was all over Cortez collected as much gold as his men could carry and left hurriedly because of the smell. And thus the barbarians were softened by the influence of civilization. Cortez returned to Spain and was for some years a well-known company promoter, but finally he died.

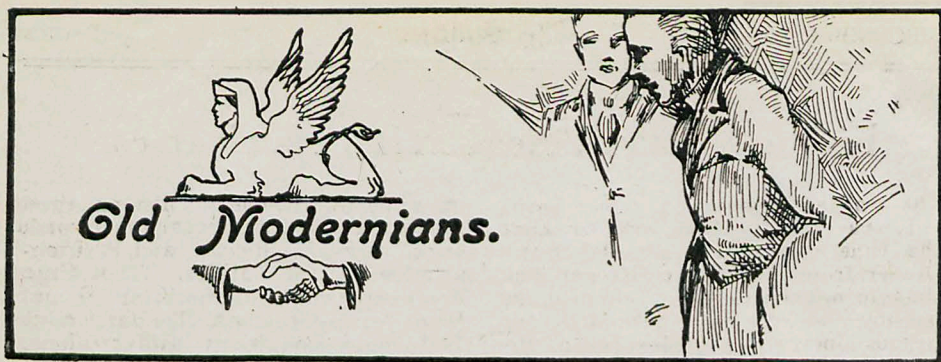
CABALLO.

POETRY

CONSOLATION.

When sorrows lie like lead upon my heart,
 And pent-up grief, unsoothed by con-
 jured tears,
 My breast torments, or when a dream
 of years,
 Preserved and nursed with all a
 dreamer's art,
 Recedes with one brief turn of For-
 tune's wheel—
 When dissillusion prints her burning
 mark—

Stern grim realities stand bleak and
 stark
 In place of castles which seemed firm
 as steel—
 When love is fed in silence, unob-
 served,
 And pain seems worse since no one
 else can know,
 Then to my lov'd piano soft I go
 And always find a solace there re-
 served.
 In crashing chords or wailing minor
 key
 It answers back in perfect sympathy.
 A.B.



PERSONAL

Before leaving for England, Mr. E. FINN, our last Rhodes Scholar, was entertained at luncheon in Parliament House on Wednesday, 6th December. The function took place in the Speaker's room and was presided over by Mr. MacCallum Smith, the member for North Perth. Among those present were the Minister for Education (Mr. Willcocks), The Speaker (Mr. Panton), Mr. Parsons, Professor Weatherburn, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Cook and Mr. Fry.

News was recently received that Mr. D. L. SERVENTY (1922), the first West Australian graduate to be awarded a 1851 Scholarship, has obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Cambridge. Dr. Serventy who has had a brilliant academic career, has been offered a position as assistant lecturer in the Biology Department at the University, Crawley.

Miss JOSIE CURTIS (1925) is now touring the British Isles with the D'Oxley Carte Opera Company.

Mr. E. OWEN (1923), of the staff of P.M.S., left in August to continue zoological studies at the London University.

Mr. ROY ASHTON (1925), who left for England to continue his studies in drawing, has received an appointment with the Gaumont Film Studios.

Miss MARGARET FLETCHER

(1926) completed her medical training at the Adelaide University last year and is now on the resident staff of the Adelaide Public Hospital. She hopes to return to the West next year.

Dr. KEN BROOKE-COWDEN (1925), after two years on the staff of the Adelaide Hospital, has now set up practice in Nedlands.

Mr. CHRIS O'CONNOR (1924) has left Adelaide for a year's training in India where he is attached to a British Regiment on the North-West Frontier.

Mr. AMBROSE CUMMINS (1922) left by the Ormonde on the 23rd October on a health trip to England. He intends being away twelve months and will devote some time to further study.

Mr. A. E. (Ted) FINN (1929), Rhodes Scholar for 1932, left for England on the 7th December. He intends to pursue a course leading to Ph.D. in Chemistry at Lincoln College, Oxford.

We hear that the following marriages will take place during the Christmas vacation:—Mr. Owen Jones (1922) to Miss Marion Hurst (1923); Mr. Harry Dettman (1924) to Miss Dorothy Dolling (1923); Mr. John Elliott (1925) to Miss Amy Newman (1923).

Ex-Students, N.S.W. Branch

Some old Modernians living in New South Wales are anxious to form a branch of the Ex-Students' Association and would like to hear of others in the Sydney area who are willing to join them in this laudable proposal.

Captain Bruce Klein, of the Defence Department, is acting as temporary secretary and he would be pleased if intending members would communicate with him, his address being 49 Sutter Road, Bellevue Hill.

Ex-Students, Association Activities

The Annual Dinner.

It was decided this year to alter the time of holding the Old Boys' Dinner from January to October, and thus bring the function as near as possible to Show Week and the School Sports day. The Tenth Annual Dinner therefore took place at the Savoy Hotel on Friday, October 13th. The Senior Vice-President of the association (Mr. Howard Middleton) was in the chair until the arrival of Mr. Parsons.

Several new faces were seen at the function, among them being Dr. E. Watson, Messrs. Max Allen, B. Ivimey, Adrian Hayward, W. Meharry, A. N. Gamble, W. R. Lang, Reg North, Ben Rees and Don Jackson. Leo Cooper, West Australia's Rhodes Scholar for 1927, who was in Scotland engaged in engineering for some years after leaving Oxford, and Jimmie Wells, who was captured by Arabs after he had crashed in a plane while on service with the R.A.F. about 18 months ago, were welcomed back from abroad. The latter, who is still suffering from the effects of the injury he received in the crash, gave some account of his thrilling experiences. The following toasts were honoured during the evening:—"The King" and "Fallen Comrades," proposed by the Chairman; "The School," proposed by Dr. W. B. Woodhouse and responded to by Mr. J. Parsons; "The Association" proposed by Dr. E. M. Watson and responded to by Mr. R. K. Downey; "Our Lady Members," proposed by Mr. A. M. Hayward and responded to by Mr. A. L. Casper; "New Faces," proposed by Mr. L. Shipper; and "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. H. Wilson. During the evening the gathering stood in silence as a token of respect for the late Mr. Frank Nelson, captain of the School in 1922, who died in September. The students of the year 1922 were again the most strongly represented year

in point of numbers. Among those present and not previously mentioned were:—Drs. H. Stewart and P. Thomas, Messrs. W. Miller, T. McCrae, A. G. McKenna, J. Foulkes, G. W. Finn, C. J. Calcutt, T. Harper, R. Monson, R. Wells, H. Halverson, J. Carden, J. Filmer, R. Forsaith, G. Anderson, N. Anderson, L. Porter, J. Cohen and G. Bourne.

Bridge Evening.

About 40 old Modernians and their friends gathered for bridge in the Domestic Science room on September 10th. Flag bridge, which was new to most, was thoroughly enjoyed, particularly by Messrs. Heather McLintock and Phil. Thomas and Messrs. Eric Montefiore and Alan Burgess, whose table succeeded in scoring more flags than any other. After a dainty supper, dancing was held in the Hall to the music of a gramophone.

Picnic at Yanchep.

This year the Association Committee decided to organise "something different," with the result that a picnic was held at Yanchep. About 40 Old Modernians and their friends assembled in the Terrace on the morning of the 5th November and proceeded by bus to Yanchep Park. Most of the party indulged in swimming before lunch, after which some inspected the caves while others wandered off along the many walks or resorted again to the swimming pool. About four o'clock the party assembled for afternoon tea, and after a final rush to sign the Visitor's Book at the Cave booking office, left for Perth. All were agreed that the day had been most successful. Among those present were: J. Fitch, H. and S. McLintock, M. and B. Hodge, M. Hodgson, M. Dease, D. and L. Roberts, I. McLennan, M. Browne, H. Cole, M. Mather, R. Hedley, E. Crawford, G. Brown, W. Woodhouse, C. Calcutt, K. Bott, G. Brotherson, A. N. Gamble, A. Batty and J. Cavanagh.



POETRY

TO A.B.

Today in one of Pleasure's bacchic
lairs
I paused beneath a heavy-fruited vine,
Where shifting lights and shadows
fell in squares
Of mellow blue and yellow. In a line
Stood curious dishes heaped with
ripening pears
With Smyrna figs, and plums as red
as wine,
With peaches surcoated in tiny hairs.
And persimmons, and pomegranates
fine.
Upon a damask-covered table gleamed
Carafes of perfumed water from the
Nile,
While drifting from a silver censer
streamed
The clinging apple-scent of camomile.
Yet all this sweetness, all this splen-
dour seemed
So much less sweet and splendid than
your smile.
And a face like a lump of polony.
P.D.

TO S.L.G.D. ON HIS DEPARTURE
FOR LONDON.

That lustrously-illuminating light
Whose fixity has led our feet so far
In harmony—that constant guiding
star
Obliterate, sinks us in sombrest night.
Five years swifted wings have flung
their flight
Above our common aims, our com-
mon whims:
Who knows? Another five on leaden
limbs
May measure out your absence from
my sight.
Though half the whirling world will
separate
Our lives henceforth, on this I medi-
tate,
And with this thought recall my
agony:
When you recall a little loan I made,
Which oft I mentioned, but you never
paid,
I know that then you will remember
me.

F.L.J.

SERVICE.

Tall smoke-stacks cleave the brood-
ing sky, forlorn
In their unloveliness, grim, stark,
and yet
Transformed—a miracle of beauty
born
Of dim defined, soft, soaring sil-
houette.
A deep bell booms its message to the
skies,
Within the streets a murmur starts
which seems
A sad wind sighing, or the troubled
cries
Of little children, whimpering in
their dreams.
Beat out, O throbbing bell a call to
prayer,
Not for the dead who know the
peace of sleep,
But for the living, who, forgotten
reap
The aftermath of war and war's
despair.
O multitude who in the half-light
pray,
Remember those who need your
prayers to-day.

M.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEA.

When sunlight sparkles on the sea
With glittering, golden sheen,
And dances o'er its shining face
Of laughing blue and green—
The Spirit of the Sea, I prance
Above the wavelets gay,
Until my skipping sprightly feet
Are wet with glistening spray!
When gusty winds fly o'er the shore,
And clouds go scudding by;
When stinging sand is whipped
around,
And gray is sea and sky—
Then raging anger fills my breast,
I set the waves to war;
I drive them landward, mountain high
To crash upon the shore.
My kingdom is the ocean wide,
The breakers are my slaves!
Oh, hearken to their mighty roar—
The Anthem of the Waves!
They rise and fall, they surge and
moan,
Or whisper murm'rously,
And bow they all to my proud will—
The Spirit of the Sea.

J.D.

