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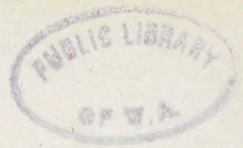
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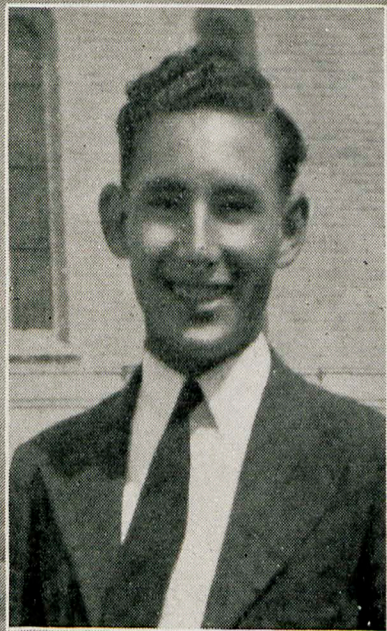
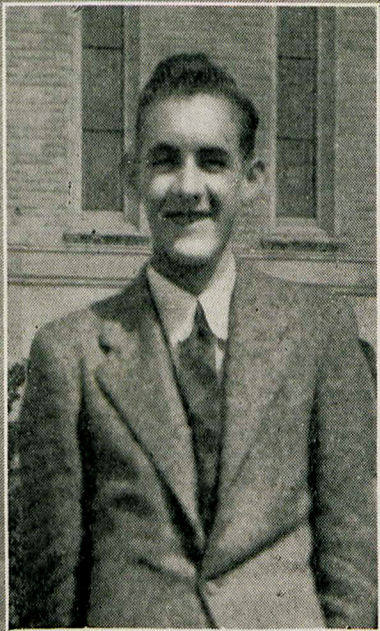
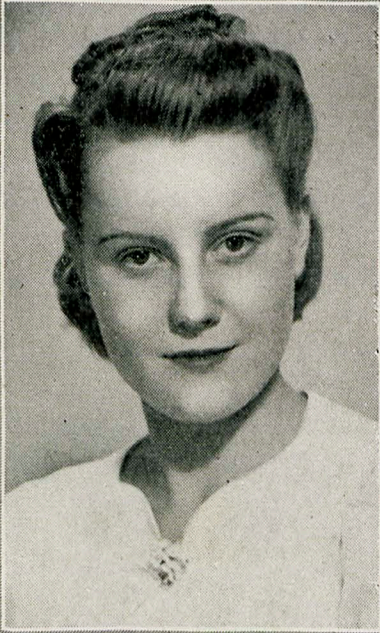
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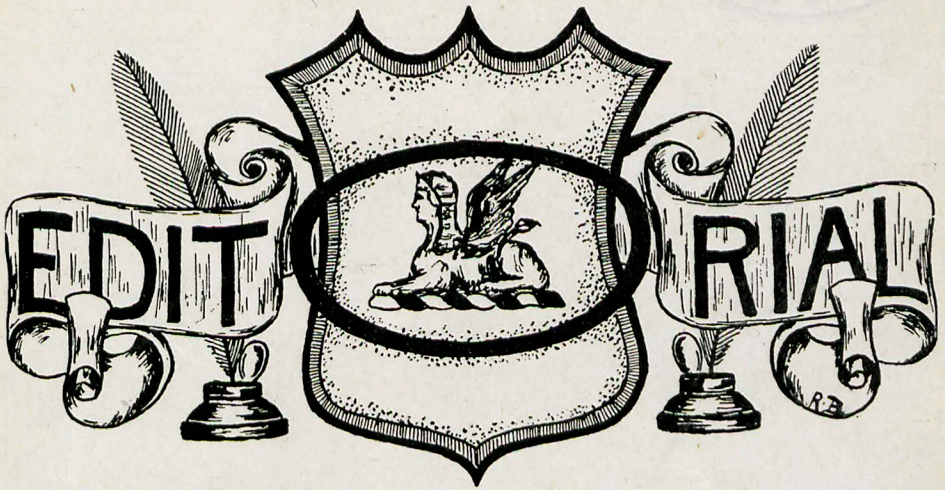
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WE ARE PROUD to be able to present to posterity another "Sphinx." When future generations of students ransack these pages in search of inspirations, even as we have ransacked earlier editions, will they realize how fortunate we are to be carrying on under comparatively normal conditions? For trying as they may be, what are our privations and bereavements when compared with the misery and suffering endured by the children of the occupied countries? and even with those of the German children.

These German children are taught that the Fatherland is all that matters, and personal honour and ambition must be sacrificed for the greater glory of this Fatherland (and der Fuhrer); we, on the other hand, believe that every individual has his personal rights and liberty and to retain these he owns certain duties to himself and the community.

We are confident that our ideal will prevail finally, even if we must temporarily forego many pleasures and liberties.

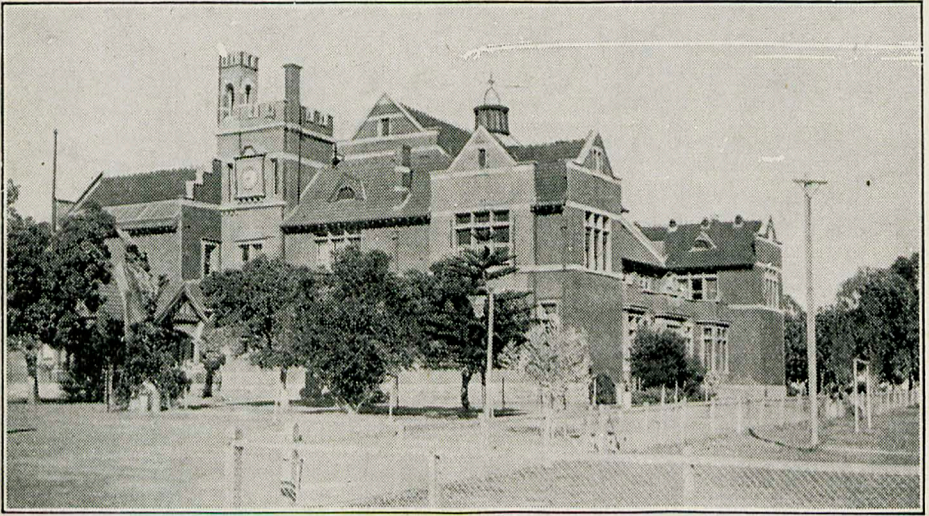
It is regrettable that we have had to use such violent means of upholding our faith; still they are preferable to losing our faith, and when the bloodshed is ended we must bear no malice, but remember, and live up to our faith and accord to defeated peoples mercy and justice.

The task of Reconstruction is appalling in its scope and every student will have a chance of helping, so that the men who die hourly for our sake will not be betrayed. Now is the routine period of training and preparation which must not be neglected. There is no time to waste, future Hitlers will not wait if we have left gaps in our education.

And we know that in the years to come there will rise from among us men and women who will make us still prouder of having once belonged to the Modern School.

The Editors,

BARBARA BREIDAHN.
BRUCE WARRELL.



SCHOOL NOTES

THERE have not been many staff changes this year. Miss Judge won a scholarship to Melbourne and her place has been filled by Miss George, who has introduced new and interesting methods into the gym, as well as on the playing field and at the Swimming Baths. During the first term, Miss Lenegan assisted in the language section and took the singing classes, and we are pleased that she can spare us the time to continue with this latter work, until such a time as Mr. Greenhill, who has been seriously ill, can return.

The collection for the War Service Fund from staff and students amounted to £15/8/-, which is the highest sum yet received; let us make it still higher in the next effort.

In the Christmas holidays a photo of Mr. J. Haire, ex-student and sportsmaster, with a magnificent beard, among the Commandos in Timor, appeared in the papers. It was very disappointing, therefore, to discover he had removed the beard when he visited the School during first term exams. Shortly afterwards his engagement was announced. Best of luck, Mr. Haire!

Considerable delay was again experienced in obtaining text books, but this was unavoidable and many are now coming to hand. It is hoped that they will have arrived by the time this appears in print.

A long awaited replacement of posts and netting has been made to the tennis courts. The cadets, with very little assistance (?) constructed a rifle range. Ample warning will be given to the Children's Hospital when the range is to be used.

The School is indebted to Miss Lesley Hewett, last year's Senior girl, for a donation of £10/10/- to the Library fund.

Prefects' Pars

As soon as we returned to School, work started, for the boys at any rate. The sale of books was the first task and because of the sterling qualities of the prefects this was accomplished in grand style.

The next excitement was the first pres' tea. The 1942 prefects were invited and we took the opportunity of wishing success to Trevor Gibson, the former captain of the School, who was selected to attend Duntroon Military College. We wish to congratulate him on his appointment. The respective captains tried their best to make speeches but certain others were apparently not extremely interested, judging by the remarks and the noise. A visit to a city picture theatre rounded off the evening. Although some of the party, particularly this year's boys, voted the show foul, the evening was very successful.

Other pres' teas have been moderate successes, and we are looking forward to more in the future. We are beginning to appreciate them more as we become hardened to the usual "sosages 'n hash."

By this time the various duties hold no thrill and are only so much more work done. Monday mornings were always times of bribery and corruption until one unfortunate pre was unanimously elected to the duty of "Towel Prefect." Needless to say, his vote didn't count.

On the last day of term we held a tennis party and several of the pres showed that they knew the idea was to hit the ball. The main attraction of the day was the "super spread" prepared by the boys (?), which was not very well appreciated by the girl pres, probably due to the jealousy rising from the fact that their teas were not as good.

We would like to warn all students that the landing is for prefects only. We accept no responsibility for any mutilation incurred at the hands of "Oscar."

—E.G.H.

Historical Society

During the first term the Historical Society has got under way with two highly successful meetings, both of which were well attended by those interested and by some, I fear, merely in search of amusement to while away a dull Tuesday afternoon.

The subjects of "India and Ghandi" and "Fascism" have been dealt with fully, Miss Julie Marx's address on the latter being enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to hear it.

We hope during second term to explore many other aspects of current problems and to give our members further opportunity to air their respective opinions. Also, may we remind those concerned that the Society is now open to Lower School students and that we would like to see and hear them at our future meetings.

—J.W.

Science Notes

Although hampered to some extent in certain departments by restrictions, the Science Department's existence continues unaltered. The excursions to various factories for Science IV and V are luckily still held and provide a source of information (and soap) to the students. The last such visit was made by Science IV (now Science V) to the Cumming, Smith superphosphate works, under the supervision of Mr. Mills.

The fifth year students are now studying the mysteries of electro-dynamics and the roar of the electric motor and the tinkle of bells has now become familiar to most students.

We conclude these notes with a reminder that the pound contains many unclaimed articles and the library many books which should prove a valuable source of information to both fourth and fifth years.

—E.F. and G.W.

Fourth Year Dramatic Society

This term the activities of the new society have been quite fair on the whole. On March 2nd we held a General Meeting, at which there seemed a record attendance. Unfortunately, the paying of subscriptions has been a gradual process, but we do not grumble, for we realise that probably those who do not pay are the more patriotic of our members, who put their spare cash into War Saving Stamps.

Naturally our first concern has been a play for the Term Concert. After many feverish play-hunting expeditions to Perth bookshops, which, incidentally, came to naught, thus causing many sleepless nights and worried frowns (more noticeable on the faces of the female members of the committee), a suitable arrangement for our first show was made, and we started to practise most energetically. By the time these notes are published you will have witnessed our stirring drama. We hope you like it!

—W.L.

Library Notes

Despite an unusually short term there has been a good deal of activity in the library.

As the result of some very generous donations by the Old Modernians' Association, many sections of the library, particularly science, scripture and hobbies, have expanded considerably. Six books presented by Miss Creeth are also valuable additions.

The section dealing with the various hobbies which was introduced last year appears to be widely appreciated.

To cope with the rush during lunch hour, it has been found necessary to employ the assistance of a number of fourth year students.

Orchids to Miss Knowles, whose invaluable work has been appreciated by all.

—L.B. and P.J.

Music Society Notes

At the beginning of term a meeting was held to elect officers for the year and also to receive suggestions for future activities. Ideas for several interesting programmes have been put forward and it is hoped that they will materialise. Miss Lenegan entertained us at the second meeting with a programme of the work of contemporary British composers and illustrated with several songs. This programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present and it is hoped that this will not be the last time that Miss Lenegan entertains us. At the next meeting a programme was given by Miss Clarke, who showed us, by means of her interesting talk and the various illustrations on the piano, how great an influence rhythm has in forming the many types of music.

There were good attendances at both meetings and we are pleased to see that we have gained some loyal supporters among the new students. We hope that this will continue through the year and that 1943 proves to be a happy and successful one for the Music Society.

—L.H.

Workshop Notes

This term has seen a change back to our original staff with the departure of Mr. Stevens from the centre. He has returned to Perth Boys. Owing to the restrictions imposed on non-essential uses for war material the workshop stock is running low. However, with sparing use of that which we have we can manage without neglecting the requirement of any essential job. Apart from repair work which has been undertaken for the Science Department and the School no other project has been attempted. Those who visit the workshop for manual training will no doubt have noticed that the small lathe is in working order. The restriction on paper necessitates that we close here, so adieu till third term.

—F.B. and G.W.

A.S.C.M. Notes

At our first meeting we had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Nan Fletcher, a Travelling Secretary, who gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the S.C.M. Movement in various parts of the world. She also spoke about the representatives of several countries whom she met at the international conferences and this proved to be very interesting. Miss Stevens then spoke about the work of the A.S.C.M. Movement in the School and it was found that sixty girls intend to join the study circles which begin next term. A few weeks ago a meeting was held in King's Park and several Mod. girls and Old Modernians were present. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Fletcher and this was followed by a discussion, games and tea. From the large number of girls who are joining the study circles, we should be able to look forward to some interesting discussions next term and we hope that this enthusiasm will continue and help to make the year a happy one for the A.S.C.M.

Early last term the first meeting of the boys' A.S.C.M. was held. Officers were elected and it was decided to hold meetings every Wednesday lunch hour. A subject for discussion "One can be good without being a Christian" was chosen and after two weeks' discussion, a debate was held. Next term we propose to discuss social problems, such as "Gambling," and it is hoped that a large number of boys will be present.

Cadet Notes

Although the first term was shorter than usual, most of the cadets from "rookies" to "veterans" have settled down to their training with commendable zeal. Several informal talks have been given. The first was by an "old boy," Major Jackson, M.C., who related to us in an exceedingly modest manner his exploits and experiences whilst serving in Syria, Greece and Crete; W.O. Simpson also gave an instructive talk on "saluting," which was appreciated by all who were doubtful of this procedure.

Meanwhile, the construction of the School Rifle Range has been progressing rapidly, due no doubt to the "saw" boys of V2 and the "chisellers" of Sc. V.

On the last parade of the first term a talkie was arranged by courtesy of the Vacuum Oil Co., in conjunction with the Dept. of Army, depicting the training and general tactics of British Commandos.

Early in the second term, a rifle shoot will be held at Swanbourne Rifle Range, where, as before, No. 1 position will no doubt be popular.

In concluding, it is to be hoped that, when the next edition of this paper is printed, we shall all have had a first-hand experience of camp life.

—H.B.C.

Literary Society

So far this year the Literary Society has had only one meeting. Thus it is difficult to say in which of the twenty odd members the greater part of the literary talent lies. However, with the advent of second term we hope to hold many more meetings and so discover amongst us the makings of a real genius.

At the one meeting we did have, three papers were read and a heated discussion followed; in fact, the heat of it seemed to be an added attraction.

In conclusion, I would like to add that, as always, there is a great majority of girls in the society and we would warmly welcome the addition of any number of boys.

—J.H.B.

Domestic Science

In spite of rationing, much progress is being made in the Domestic Science Department.

The First Year girls have quite overcome their shyness as waitresses, and judging by the dinners they cook, are managing very well in the kitchen.

Dressmaking has become quite a passion with the Two's, who were fortunate in getting extra coupons so that they could take the course. The Three's are, as usual, the busiest, mastering the arts of laundry and cooking for Junior, and have little time for anything else.

The Four's have become most proficient in their First Aid, and also spend a lot of time knitting. We would like to thank the girls who are knitting for the Red Cross, and also to remind the others that there is plenty of wool left for them to do their bit, too.

—D.C.G.

Life Saving Notes

LAW SOCIETY SHIELD

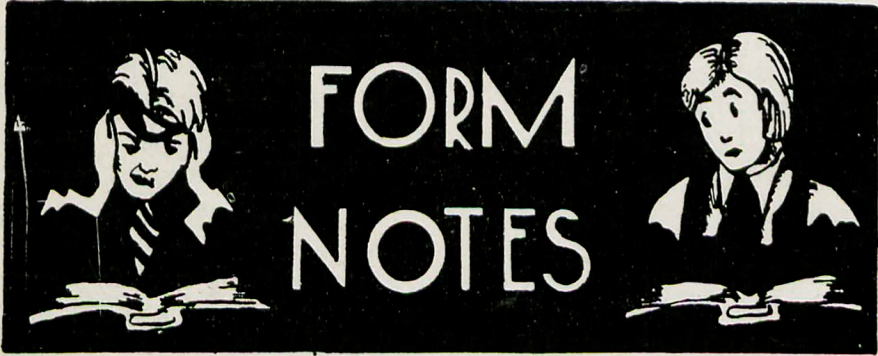
The P.M.S. team—P. Hill, R. Strauss, D. Cole, H. Krasenstein and B. Warrell (Emergency) was unsuccessful in gaining a place this year, but we offer our congratulations to Hale on their splendid effort and to R. Trend (Aquinas) for gaining the fastest time.

BARRON TROPHY)

The girls, however, had more success in that their team, represented by J. Bertwistle, L. Blacklock, S. Carter, E. Randell, V. Harrison (Instructor) and M. Thompson (Emergency) once more gained the trophy.

NIGHTCOW (AS DISTINCT FROM NIGHTMARE)

I dreamt I saw a purple cow
 With formulæ upon her brow.
 She floated in a sea of acid,
 And yet withal her face was placid.
 Around her paddled Permutations,
 Tracked by Difficult Equations;
 Proceeding in Progression, they
 Made magnificent display.
 A Solenoid then came in sight,
 With lines of force to left and right;
 Electric currents here and there,
 With volts and amperes filled the air.
 And then all faded from my view,
 Cow, volts and amperes, acid too.
 I woke to hear—no doleful knell,
 But the joyous Electric Trembler Bell.



FIRST YEAR GIRLS

Hello everybody! Here we are, the "little fags" of 1943. We are now nearing the end of our first term at Mod, which has been short but very enjoyable. The prefects in "C" this year are Hazel Allen and Elizabeth Blair, and in "D" Lois Hulme and Beryl Jones.

We were all keen onlookers at the Swimming Carnival in which Cath Loneragan of "D" did remarkably well. Amongst us also are some enthusiastic tennis players and baseballers.

We are anxiously awaiting the results of the exams to see which form is the better of the two.

FIRST YEAR BOYS

The first term has now passed, leaving us fags a little enlightened in regard to our future school. A little trouble we had settling down to our new routine has been overcome, though the new system is vastly different from the old one.

During gym we discovered we had some basketball talent smouldering beneath our inscrutable exteriors. This caused Mr. Mills to arrange a basketball match between IA and IB one dinner hour. A very close match it proved to be, IB beating IA by 1 goal—score: 5-4.

We would like to congratulate Rolf Harris and Garrick Agnew for their excellent swimming in the School carnival. Both deserve their places as some very hard opposition was met in all events.

SECOND YEAR GIRLS

Our first term as Second Year's has proved to be very short and filled with work, but we have managed to survive the exams. We were all glad when we knew that everybody could go to the Faction Swimming Carnival. We must congratulate all the girls who won points for their factions. We are all looking forward to this term's sport and we are hoping that it doesn't rain too often on Friday afternoon.

The new work this year has not given us any headaches yet, and the girls who take German still seem to prefer it to Latin or Physics. Well, good luck to everyone.

SECOND YEAR BOYS

At the time of writing, the shadow of the exams hangs threateningly over us, and "Swot" has been the byword in the corridors of late. The news that there was to be no Chemistry Exam was hailed with relief by most, while the German students are considered to be lucky fellows by their less fortunate Latin friends.

The term has been a good one, most of us enjoying ourselves at the Swimming Carnival and Ex-Students' Day. It has also been satisfactory to us in our studies, to which we are now thoroughly accustomed. Let us hope that next term will be as good.

THIRD YEAR GIRLS

Since last we wrote under the heading of "Second Year Girls" we have graduated into the third year and the intricacies of the Dalton System have been explained to us. After a few weeks of settling down, we have given up the idea of being three assignments ahead, and are managing to keep our work up to date, taking full advantage of the Dalton periods. However, we have no fears of the Junior, well, not many — that is, we are a bit jittery — well, anyway, we hope we pass.

The Swimming Carnival was a great success, although our delicate pink-and-white complexions lost their whiteness for a few days. Our future Bronze Medalists are feverishly rescuing and resuscitating each other at every spare moment.

Well, we must—Good heavens! The Dalton period is nearly over and our maths. have still to be done.

THIRD YEAR BOYS

Another term has passed, leaving us much improved in mind (?); and having survived the first term exams (only just), we look forward in eager anticipation to the next term exams (any resemblance to sarcasm is purely accidental). We hope that by then the "Boneheads" of 3X, less commonly known as that certain five, will have roused themselves from oblivion and rack their brains in further attempt to stave off their lingering fate.

Congratulations must be extended to Don Hewitt and Bob Jones for their fine performances in the Swimming Carnival; also to the three Third Year boys who were in the First XI.

And now with the Junior daily growing more ominous, we close with a piece of timely advice—keep to the second stage.

FOURTH YEAR GIRLS

For three happy, hard-working years we have been hearing of Fourth Year frivolities with much envy, and now that we hold those coveted positions of "Fours" we are quite in agreement with our predecessors that it is really the best of the lot. Having been joined by a jolly crowd of new girls, who, by the way, do not need welcoming, as they have already settled down comfortably, we intend making this an ideal year of Modern School life.

At the Swimming Carnival our most prominent representatives were E. Randell, B. Pearce and E. Griffiths. To these, and others who excelled in summer sports, we offer our congratulations. We are all looking forward with high hopes to winter games, especially hockey, which holds an attraction for all. But even with these outdoor activities we have not failed to make our presence felt at the various societies, whose first meetings we always attend "en mass," much to the joy (or otherwise) of the senior members.

As for our work, well, that hardly needs mention. It is surely a well-known fact by now that our diligence in all subjects is most surprising to our teachers.

FOURTH YEAR BOYS

To all readers—Greetings!

Well, time has definitely marched on, and we find ourselves in the Fourth Year. In the past term we set about mastering harder Chemistry, Applied Mathematics, History or French. Chemistry especially resulted in numerous incidents and accidents, everyone proudly displaying work-stained hands and enthusiastically relating just what mixture he used to produce such fumes in his last experiment. Then after a few lessons of Applied we were bewildered and shattered men. Less scientific lads were left to grapple with History and French, even though it is allegedly less exciting.

For a' that, Peter Graham is the busiest Fourth Year boy. He is certainly greatly sought after, and seems to hold the key to success.

As usual, many Fourth Year boys distinguished themselves in sport last term. Ray Strauss swam to many victories at the Swimming Carnival, and a newcomer, L. Tilly, performed excellently to win both Junior and Senior Dives.

Keith Simpson fairly bowled the opposition over with his devastating deliveries, and has earned himself a place of distinction in the First XI.

So now cheerio, while we just see if there are enough coupons left for new football boots!

FACTION NOTES

GOLD

At last gold is back to its old form and heads the way towards the faction shield. We must, however, keep up our effort, for we do not want a repetition of last year's narrow defeat.

We won through with flying colours at the Swimming Carnival and must congratulate Cath Loneragan, Val Fritchard and Agnew, Harris and Strauss for their fine performances on that day.

In the senior cricket we were defeated by Blue, but were successful in winning one out of the two junior matches, owing largely to the efforts of Loukes and Zampatti.

The girls' tennis matches, however, have not been so successful, but it is hoped that this state of affairs will be remedied in the near future.

—N.N. and J.C.

RED

At the time of writing, Red's position on the Faction Board is not all that we could wish it to be, but we are not unduly downhearted.

The Swimming Carnival is best forgotten, since Owens, as Swimming Captain, is a jolly fine announcer. However, the girls swam well, and we would like to congratulate Miss Pearce (Under 16 Champion) and Miss Thompson, on their fine efforts. Congratulations also to Miss Bredahl and Peter Hill, the Open Champions.

In tennis, the girls have not done as well as was hoped, but there are still several matches to be played.

The faction eleven is one worthy of note, containing many members of the School team. Our juniors, too, are pulling their weight in tennis and cricket.

In the coming terms, our rivals will have to carefully consider "crack" football teams, athletes and tennis players among the boys, and the girls will be faced with indomitable basketball, baseball and hockey teams.

In conclusion, we wish to issue a warning to the other factions: we are waving a Red flag, and that means danger, as far as your positions are concerned.

—D.G.

SPHINX

Surely you Sphinxites don't think that it's any honour to be last on the faction board. But the other factions have not such an enormous lead and with an all-in effort from both boys and girls in the second and third terms, the shield will be easily within our grasp.

Our performance at the Swimming Carnival was disappointing, particularly in view of the success we have had in previous year. The points we did gain were the results of sterling work by one or two members of the faction. These were Don Hewitt, V. Purkiss and S. Hamley, whom we would like to congratulate, as we would P. Hill and B. Bredahl on being the Open Champions.

The girls' tennis team has had a fair measure of success, but in the boys, the juniors did not come up to expectations. The seniors, however, are eagerly waiting for matches to start. In other spheres of sport, especially the cricket, we have met with little success, but there are hopes of better things to come in the girls' hockey and basketball and the boys' football.

A hard struggle lies ahead but we are capable of achieving final victory.

BLUE

Although Blue did not demonstrate at the Swimming Carnival the talent which she doubtless possesses, the captains of the various sports are expecting something better next term. In gaining second place our thanks are due mainly to Barbara Breidahl and Peter Hill, who both swam excellently. Congratulations to Gold for their runaway victory which left the other three factions to have a carnival of their own and rendered them incapable of giving Gold any encouragement.

A fact worth mentioning and one which should make the boys squirm, is that the girls did the lion's share at the Swimming Carnival, for at the end of the day it was found that Blue girls had a greater number of points than the girls in any other faction. It is becoming almost a tradition for our boys to sit back and allow the girls to do all the work.

As yet no baseball has been played, but we are counting on these Lower School girls to save our reputation when they do begin to wield a bat. The boys have not let us down in the cricket and have won a number of their matches but with only moderate results in our tennis, all our efforts have not altered our position very greatly.

However, only one term has elapsed and there is still time for us to catch up on Gold and then go on to win, provided that members of the faction show the enthusiasm and ability which has been seen in past years.

—P.W.

ADVICE TO FAGS

TO THOSE FAGS who are not yet acquainted with the rules of the School, we thought we would make a few suggestions as to what to do and what not to do. Firstly, don't bother to say "Good morning" to the prefects or to raise your caps (if wearing them) to the girl pres.

If you see an ownerless piece of paper floating blissfully along the lawn, don't bother picking it up, the prefect on grounds just loves doing that; in fact, you might even try dropping your lunch papers at his feet and point out the fact that some papers are on the ground, but don't stay around too long afterwards. Similarly, when it's raining, don't bother telling the prefects that you would like to sweep the rooms out, there's nothing that gives the pres such a thrill as chasing all over the grounds looking for a first year volunteer to fill this position.

When you're walking along the corridors, whistle as much as you like, nobody will stop you, on the contrary, they will stop and listen probably, and remark what a merry sort of fellow you are.

Always leave your cases in the well in a very untidy manner, so that the pre on duty there will not be without anything to do.

Finally, don't be backward in asking the person on doors to get you a book from your locker, he will rush to do it for you!!!

—"MARGLAY."



CRICKET

FIRST XI, 1943

THE OUTCOME of this season has been fairly successful and would have been more so if, early in the season, the batsmen had not lacked confidence due to their inability to drive. Under Mr. Anderson's coaching this difficulty was overcome and the batting improved immensely. The fielding throughout was fair and the bowling was very creditable. Of the 5 matches we played, 2 were won and 3 lost.

The results of the season are as follows:—

P.M.S. v. Hale: This match was played at School and proved to be very exciting, resulting in a win for Hale. Batting first, Hale were dismissed for 106 (Simpson 7 wkts for 49, Hamblin 2 for 45). Due to a poor start, at the end of the day we were only 8 for 96 (Same 29 n.o., White 23).

P.M.S. v. Wesley: In this game, which we lost to Wesley, we made a fairly good start and at the end of the innings we were 6 for 105 (Lobascher 20, Menkens 19). Wesley retaliated strongly and our score was soon reached and passed. When stumps were drawn they were 6 for 173.

F.M.S. v. Ex-Students: In this match the team as a whole performed very well and in our innings we compiled 119 for 7 wickets (White 30, Cole 26). Despite some very good bowling on the part of the students at the end of the match the Old Boys were 6 for 126.

P.M.S. v. C.B.C.: This match, which was played at School, proved very exciting. The score-board showed 8 wkts. for 147 when our time was up (Lampe 29 n.o., Hamblin 27 n.o.). C.B.C. then batted and at the end of the day were 7 for 141 (Strauss 4 for 31).

P.M.S. v. Christ Church: This was our final match for the season and we had no difficulty in winning it. Our opponents batted first and made 89 for 8 wickets (Same 3 for 13, Strauss 3 for 29). We retaliated well and retired when we had reached their score. Our final total was 93 for 2 wkts (Menkens 35 n.o., Cole 33 n.o.).

BATTING AVERAGES:

	innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
Same	4	3	29 n.o.	58	58
Cole	5	1	33 n.o.	87	21.75
White	5	—	30	92	18.4
Menkens	5	1	35 n.o.	67	16.75
Lobascher	5	—	20	71	14.2

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Strauss	17	—	106	9	11.7
Same	8	—	58	4	14.5
Simpson	44	2	219	12	18.25
Hamblin	44	2	162	7	23.14

CRITICISM OF TEAM:

- D. COLE (Captain, by Vice-Captain)—Has carried out the responsibilities of captain admirably, showing judgment in placing the field. Wicket kept well; a fine batsman, but a little weak with off-drive.
- H. WHITE (Vice-Captain)—Has ably and willingly carried out the responsibilities of vice-captain. By far the most reliable batsman with fine off shots but inclined to be a trifle weak on the leg. A safe pointfield with a sure return.
- B. LOBASCHER—A good opening batsman with a solid defence who is capable of gaining high scores. A fine slips fieldsman and a fair wicket keeper.
- G. OWENS—A fair left-hand batsman and a keen fieldsman. Standard of batting did not come up to expectations but with a little more confidence early in his innings should do better.
- K. HAMBLIN—A fast bowler with splendid pace and a good command of direction. Would do better to improve his length. A fair field but a weak batsman.
- E. SAME—Has fielded brilliantly in slips and is a useful slow bowler. A batsman who hits hard but should use his feet more and cultivate a good drive.
- K. SIMPSON—A good medium fast bowler who has gained many wickets. His batting improved as the season advanced. A good field who returns well.
- R. STRAUSS—A steady bat with a powerful drive, but has had little opportunity to prove himself. A good medium fast change bowler with a slight deceptive swing.
- N. MENKENS—A steady batsman who came good towards the end of the season. Has a variety of shots and has developed a good pull to leg. Should smarten up his fielding and endeavour to cultivate an easy throw.
- D. GREEN—Perhaps the most stylish batsman in the team, but lacks confidence in his ability. Also a quick and reliable fieldsman.
- J. LAMPE—Has the ability to score runs although some of his shots are weak. Should decline from pulling away from balls on the leg. A good change bowler and a fair field.

SECOND XI

The Second XI played successfully during the season. Of the three matches played only one was lost. The team was rather handicapped by being without a permanent captain.

The first match of the season was against Hale. The team, captained by German, was successful, the best performers being German 21 and 4 for 20, and Lampe 6 for 21. The final results were: P.M.S. 76 and Hale 55.

Wesley was the team that was beaten in the second match, when our Captain was Hayman. Results were: P.M.S. 6 for 90 (Wroth 35, Morris 30) and Wesley 9 for 85 (Wroth 3 for 5 and Hayman 3 for 24).

In the last match, the team, captained by W. Spencer, lost to C.B.C. Scores were: P.M.S. 57 and C.B.C. 75 (Wroth 3 for 15, W. Spencer 3 for 20).

THIRD XI

Two matches only were played by the Third XI (captained by Spencer), both of which were against Hale and which were unfortunately lost.

In the first match Hale had an overwhelming victory, making 88, while P.M.S. managed 28 only. This was remedied to a certain extent in the second match, when Hale made 64 and P.M.S. made 46 runs.

Swimming Carnival

ALTHOUGH no close finals were witnessed at the thirty-second Annual Swimming Carnival, held at Crawley Baths on March 5, the carnival was very enthusiastically followed. Four records were broken, one equalled and seven inaugural records were established. Peter Hill brought the 110 Yards Breaststroke down 2-1/5 seconds. Strauss broke the 165 Yards Medley record and equalled the 55 Yards Backstroke Under 16 record. The records of the boys' Under 16 and the girls' Under 14 relays were also broken.

Gold was the successful faction, gaining 124½ points, having an easy victory over Blue (67), Sphinx (55) and Red (36½).

P. Hill was the outstanding swimmer in the boys, being successful in gaining the position of Open Champion, and R. Strauss showed much skill and stamina to obtain the Junior Championship and to be runner-up in the Open Championship. Several first year boys showed great promise and look as though they will be invaluable to the School later on.

In the girls' section B. Breidahl was Open Champion and Miss Betty Pearce was Junior Champion.

CHAMPION SWIMMERS

GIRLS:

Open—Miss B. Breidahl, 24 points, 1; Miss J. Thompson, 19 points, 2.

Junior—Miss B. Pearce, 21 points, 1; Miss V. Purkiss, 13 points, 2.

Under 14—Miss C. Loneragan, 11 points, 1; Misses V. Pritchard, D. McHarry, S. Hamley, V. Purkiss, 8 points each, 2.

BOYS:

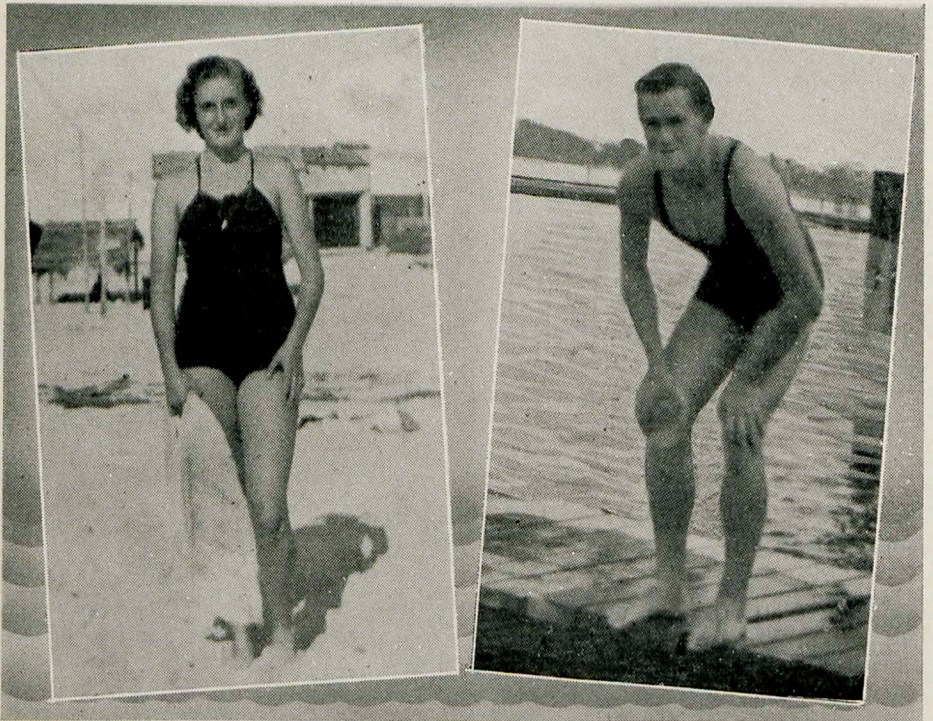
Open—P. Hill, 34 points, 1; R. Strauss, 32 points, 2; R. Harris, 24 points, 3.

Junior—R. Strauss, 42 points, 1; R. Harris, 13 points, 2.

Under 15—D. Hewitt, 21 points, 1; R. Harris, 9 points, 2.

Under 14—G. Agnew, 16 points, 1; R. Harris, 10 points, 2.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 1943



Top: Open Champions: B. Breidahl and P. Hill.

Bottom: Junior Champions: B. Pearce and R. Strauss.

GIRLS' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 110 Yards Freestyle—J. Thompson (R.), 1; B. Braidahl (B.), 2; P. Prideaux (R.), 3. Time, 1 min. 43-4/5 secs.
- 55 Yards Freestyle—J. Thompson (R.), 1; V. Pritchard (G.), 2; B. Braidahl (B.), 3. Time, 44 secs.
- 55 Yards Backstroke—B. Braidahl (B.), 1; B. Pearce (R.), 2; J. Thompson (R.), 3. Time, 52-3/5 secs.
- 55 Yards Breaststroke—B. Braidahl (B.), 1; L. Blacklock (R.), 2; C. Randell (B.), 3. Time, 51-3/5 secs.
- Neat Dive—E. Randell (B.), 1; V. Purkiss (S.), 2; E. Griffiths (G.), 3.
- Senior Relay—Red, 1; Blue, 2; Sphinx, 3. Time, 3 mins. 18-3/5 secs.
- Breaststroke Relay—Blue, 1; Red, 2; Gold, 3. Time, 3 mins. 56 secs.

BOYS' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 440 Yards Freestyle—R. Harris (G.), 1; P. Hill (B.), 2; R. Strauss (G.), 3. Time, 6 mins. 36-2/5 secs.
- 220 Yards Freestyle—R. Harris (G.), 1; P. Hill (B.), 2; R. Owen (B.), 3. Time, 2 mins. 58-1/5 secs.
- 110 Yards Freestyle—P. Hill (B.), 1; K. Spencer (S.), 2. Time, 1 min. 28 secs.
- 55 Yards Freestyle—R. Jones (G.), 1; R. Strauss (G.), 2; P. Hill (B.), 3. Time, 33-4/5 secs.
- 55 Yards Backstroke—R. Strauss (G.), 1; R. Harris (G.), 2; K. Spencer (S.), 3. Time, 42-4/5 secs.
- 110 Yards Breaststroke—P. Hill (B.), 1; R. Strauss (G.), 2; G. Woodley (G.), 3. Time, 1 min. 26-3/5 secs. (Record).
- 165 Yards Medley—R. Strauss (G.), 1; P. Hill (B.), 2; R. Harris (G.), 3. Time, 2 min. 17-2/5 secs. (Record).
- Diving Championship—L. Tilley (B.), 1; N. Hammond (S.), 2; R. Strauss (G.), 3.
- Senior Faction Relay—Gold, 1; Blue, 2; Sphinx, 3. Time, 2 min. 23-1/5 secs.

GIRLS' UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 55 Yards Freestyle—C. Loneragan (G.), 1; B. Pearce (R.), 2; N. Burnham (B.), 3. Time, 49-1/5 secs.
- 55 Yards Breaststroke—B. Dival (G.), B. Pearce (R.), 2; E. Randell (B.), 3. Time, 58 secs.
- 55 Yards Backstroke—B. Pearce (R.), 1; V. Purkiss (S.), 2; S. Hamley (S.), 3. Time, 56-3/5 secs.
- Neat Dive—V. Purkiss (S.), 1; E. Randell (B.), 2; B. Pearce (R.), 3.

BOYS' UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 220 Yards Freestyle—R. Harris (G.), 1; R. Strauss (G.), 2; G. Agnew (G.), 3. Time, 3 mins. 6-4/5 secs. (Inaugural record).
- 110 Yards Freestyle—R. Strauss (G.), 1; N. Hammond (S.), 2; W. Hendley (G.), 3. Time, 1 min. 18-2/5 secs.

- 55 Yards Freestyle—R. Strauss (G.), 1; R. Jones (G.), 2; N. Hammond (S.), 3. Time, 34 secs.
- 55 Yards Breaststroke—R. Strauss (G.), 1; N. Tredrea (G.), 2; G. Woolley (G.), 3. Time, 43-4/5 secs.
- 55 Yards Backstroke—R. Strauss (G.), 1; R. Harris (G.), 2; K. Spencer (S.), 3. Time, 42 secs. (Equals record).
- Neat Dive—L. Tilley (B.), 1; R. Strauss (G.), 2; N. Hammond (S.), 3.

GIRLS' UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 55 Yards Freestyle—V. Pritchard (G.), 1; D. McHarry (G.), 2; C. Loneragan (G.), 3. Time, 44-3/5 secs.
- 30 Yards Backstroke—S. Hamley (S.), 1; V. Purkiss (S.), 2; D. McHarry (G.), 3. Time, 28-3/5 secs.
- 30 Yards Breaststroke—C. Loneragan (G.), 1; P. Steinholdt (B.), 2; V. Purkiss (S.), 3. Time, 30 secs.
- 30 Yards Fair Swimmers—M. Hocking (B.), 1; W. Meade (R.) and J. Stewart (S.), 2. Time, 24 seconds.
- 55 Yards First Year—C. Loneragan (G.), 1; P. Brockman (R.), 2; P. Quantock (S.), 3. Time, 49 seconds.
- Faction Relay—Gold, 1; Sphinx, 2; Blue, 3. Time, 3 mins 16-2/5 secs. (Record).

BOYS' UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 110 Yards Freestyle—D. Hewitt (S.), 1; R. Harris (G.), 2; G. Agnew (G.), 3. Time, 1 min. 24-3/5 secs. (Inaugural record).
- 55 Yds. Breaststroke—G. Woolley (G.), 1; D. Hewitt (S.), 2; G. Agnew (G.), 3. Time, 47-1/5 secs. (Inaugural record).

BOYS' UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 55 Yards Freestyle—G. Agnew (G.), 1; R. Harris (G.), 2; P. Douglas (G.), 3. Time, 37-3/5 secs. (Inaugural record).
- 55 Yards Breaststroke—G. Agnew (G.), 1; R. Harris (G.), 2; P. Dival (G.), 3. Time, 49 secs. (Inaugural record).
- 55 Yards Freestyle Under 13—R. Harris (G.), 1; G. Agnew (G.), 2; N. Stephens (B.), 3. Time, 37-4/5 secs. (Inaugural record).

INTERSCHOOL MEETING

On March 9th the boys swam against Wesley College and Christ Church Grammar School. P.M.S. (27 points) was unsuccessful, however, against stronger competitors, but we congratulate Christ Church (46 points) and Wesley (34 points) on their fine performances.

Ex-Students Day

Fine weather prevailed for this year's meeting, which was held on April 3rd, although in the morning ominous clouds threatened to spoil the cricket. The attendance was good, many of the Ex-Students being in uniform, and those who were not there missed an enjoyable afternoon.

At 10.15 a.m. the cricket commenced. This match, in which both teams battled well, resulted in a win by a narrow margin for the Ex-Students. The scores were: Ex-Students, 6 wkts. for 126 (Strauss 47 n.o., Davies 20, Hamblin 2 for 27); School, 7 wkts. for 119 (White 30, Cole 26, Davies 3 for 24).

In the men's hockey the Ex-Students battled hard for the 2 goals which they won by, the students failing to raise the numbers at all. In the women's division the Ex-Students had an overwhelming victory over the Students, who were beaten 8—0.

On the courts the men Ex-Students were successful in scoring 9 sets 65 games to the Students 3 sets 41 games. This defeat, however, was atoned for by the girl Students winning 10 sets 63 games to 2 sets 40 games.

In the men's basketball the superior weight of the Old Boys was overcome by the plucky vigour of the School players, who won 13 to 7. The Students had a similar victory in the women's section by winning 16 goals to 11.

The final events of the day were the relays. Before the race the speculations were that the Old Boys' team, which contained some outstanding runners, would easily win. The School, however, put up a fine effort, only being beaten by 2 yards or more. The girls' race was won by the Students.

A MODERN POEM

(Inspired by a desire for Peace, and the feeling that
Long Hair suits the Fairer Sex.)

V for Victory,
Hairpins for Henry,
Ribbons for Winchcombe,
Clips for Coll,
Sheepskins for Russia,
Oil for the Lamps of China.
Vive La France!
Heil Hitler!

N.B.—This was written at a time of excess swot.

—N.D.



Corridor Chatter

THEY SAY . . .

That Jill found waiting rather Ted-ious.
 That Barb Des-erves the Cole-d shoulder.
 Warrell Bruce do about Joan now?
 Follow the White, Lyn(e), all the way.
 That Lois Ow(e)ns up she likes him by "George."
 That all Calendars can't hang on walls—Jean in Gym.
 That the Pres. are indulging in "Party" Politics.
 That Naomi Strahan a winner.
 That there's a little bit of "Pudding" in Domi Sci.
 That the boy Pres. have sox appeal.
 That although the teachers of V3 despair, Betty still has a Ray of hope.
 That Wendy is very Wroth to find she has a Riva(l).
 That insects crawl on Grass—and How(e).
 That Spencer bowled a maiden over on Wednesday.
 That Science IV had more than one loaf during the bread strike.
 That Westlake has joined the Paratroops.
 That a certain fag is Harris-d by a swelled head.
 That Garrick has a very Hulme-an interest in life.
 That Muriel always gets the Wright results.
 That Jenny drew a Blank when she Scaled the Dalton stairs.
 That Bruce has gone Westwood Ho.

Applied Picture Titles and Quotations

"But I am rejoiced you do so well with Mr. Henry"—Nice work, Lyn.
 "It is time, oh ye bells"—Yes, but who's ringing them?
 "The League of Hungry Men"—Pre's go into Domi.
 "The League of Hungrier Men"—Pre's come out of Domi.
 "The loud laugh that spake the vacant mind"—Kinson.
 "His hosen were of fyn scarlet red"—Henry.

- "And served us with vitaille at the best"—Pres' teas.
 "—What needeth words mo?"
 "When this goode man saugh, it was so"—J.H.
 "But riche he was of holy thoghte and werke"—Henry J.G.
 "Hold That Ghost"—H. Friday I.
 "Johnny Eager"—What about Eileen?
 "Hold Back the Dawn"—She's after the Domi tickets.
 "Hands Across the Table"—Pres' teas.
 "Stage Coach"—Surely not Byfield.
 "Gone With the Wind"—Hats at Swimming Carnival.
 "Surely slumber is more sweet"—French periods.
 "The Bashful Bachelor"—Staunch.
 "Immortal Dawn"—Surely not.
 "Let Us Live"—After Pres' teas.
 "Och, Katie's a rogue it's true"—At the pound.
 "Sitting in the Dark"—H'm! Quite an education.
 "I was mighty good looking when I was young"—Pres' baby contest.
 "Gay is the Hill with Song"—Going home from Pres' teas.
 "All That Swagger"—William J. Sp——.
 "Sweet and Lo(w)"—George's theme song.
 "Twilight is not good for young maidens"—After Dancing Lessons.
 "Talked as modest maidens should"—Girl Pres.
 "There is a shout about my ears"—Swimming Carnival.

On Silly Nonsense

HAVING been requested by the Editor to write some silly nonsense, I wearily took up my pen and began to think. On carefully considering matters in general, I came to the conclusion that I possessed neither the energy nor the ability to write anything suitable for publication. Then I remembered my poor old father's dying words: "Do it now." (I never did discover what to do, but I always try to do it.) So I began to write. Undoubtedly the words that fell from my pen were silly nonsense, but were they suitable for publication? No, definitely not.

Then I went hence under the wide blue sky to try Wordsworth's famous idea of sitting on a stone and, incidentally, waiting for an inspiration. Unfortunately the stone I chose was not a stone, but an ant hill. I found the surorundings were not conducive to deep concentration and went forth again to a grassy bank in the sunshine. Inspiration failed to come, either because grass is not stone or because I soon went to sleep.

Later I thought about the little birds that twitter in the trees, and the sparkling brook nearby, but reluctantly cast these things aside, for they were not silly nonsense. I read the newspapers and found them full of silly nonsense, but not the sort required.

So for lack of inspiration, lack of ability, lack of energy, and lack of brains, I gave up and began to snore contentedly. So, dear Editor, you know now why I did not write any silly nonsense—I was too serious minded.

An Experiment

With due apologies to Mr. Carrigg

AIM:

To find the reaction of Scientists and Historians under the catalytic action of a basketball.

APPARATUS:

A gym, a basketball, a cage that can be lowered and raised, an umpire (preferably of the steady type) and two representative teams of the Scientific and Historic class.

METHOD:

For a couple of days before the start of the experiment, the teams were starved until they became a mob of raving, biting, snarling, gnashing, screaming fanatics. They were then given a test to see if they were ready for action. Test: If, when a large bone was placed before the captives, their eyes popped out and the bars of the cage became bent with the exertion to reach the bone, they were ready. About the time of the experiment the cage descended from the roof, when the referee warily opened the door, emerged, placed the ball in the centre and scrambled back into the cage, whence he was raised to a safe height. The guns fired a broadside, the crowd roared, the bars crashed aside and the action was on. The mobs just ran helter skelter for each other, not knowing whether it was friend or foe they were attacking. Gradually the air became a crimson hue with atomized blood, and occasionally turned blue with demoniacal screeching. Limbs lay strewn about like leaves and heads were rolling to the side. At last the score was one all (left) and furiously they chased one another round the gym until the last of Historians slipped in a pool of blood and the Scientist, in a frenzy of delight, jumped on him, and then fell to the ground like a stone.

It was then the hero of the affray lowered his cage and essayed the gallant task of retrieving the ball from the spot where he had left it.

CONCLUSION:

As the basketball did not take any part in the action, but was necessary for its smooth running, it was concluded that it was a catalyst.

—"OWMAN."

The 7th Chapter of the 63rd Book of the Prophet Veritiah

VERILY, VERILY I say unto you that man is a selfish pig. He doeth nothing yet expecteth all, he thinketh that he is the centre of things. He hath an inward turning eye and looketh to naught but his own comfort.

Witness, I say, the Feast of the Overlords. Man playeth cricket on the oval, or maketh happy sounds in the hall even until 5.30 and

thinketh it only his right. Woman, his unappreciated partner, steweth over blazing ovens, prepareth mighty spreads and becometh exceeding heated. She knoweth it unfair yet such is the habit of the ages that she doeth it with no murmur.

When all is in readiness, man entereth and taketh his place at the weighted board. He eateth fast, that he may get more into himself, and he seeth how much he may scrounge from his neighbour.

It delighteth his soul to turn others from their food and he discusseth displeasing subjects; he watcheth the effect with joy.

He eateth so much that he walketh not without a creaking knee and he waxeth fat on the fruit of women's toil.

Yet such is his contrariness that he spreadeth it amongst his brothers that a famine is on the land and walketh about with a palsied expression on his face for many a day.

Yea verily, man is even as a lily of the field, he toils not, neither does he wash up. He quickly quitteth the festive scene and disporteth himself merrily in the outer halls until the hour of departing is come.

Take heed of my words O my sisters and beware of man and his fiendish habits. And I say thou shalt doubt me not for my lips shall not speak idle wickedness nor my tongue utter deceit.

THE BOYS IN IV1

The boys in IV1 are a mouldy collection—
 But for them the girls have the greatest affection (???) . . .
 First there comes Cohen, our charming Tom Thumb
 (Our French teacher thinks him a trifle dumb).
 But as for our Dinney, he's a good little boy,
 He never turns pink, and he never goes coy.
 And Harvey and Sawyer—gee! aren't they a pair?!?
 They both have blue eyes and they both have fair hair,
 And they both have noses of a violent hue,
 And their brains are rather—er—rather few!
 Next comes Tom, that dark-eyed lad;
 He's quite often good, but more often bad!
 And Morris—well, Kim just "takes the bun,"
 Pushing books on the floor he thinks is just fun.
 And as for his French, it's simply superb
 (He thinks that "Lectures" is part of a verb!!!).
 And we mustn't forget the artist Hertz—
 He's simply super at drawing skirts.
 Ladies and dresses, he draws them both,
 But to draw them together he's somewhat loath.
 And now comes Sharpe with his locks so silky
 (Who's stolen the heart of dear old W——ie?).
 And we've left till last our prefect Wroth—
 He attracts the girls as the candle the moth;
 Yes, in spite of his failings, the girls are all keen
 On our unresponsive prefect—Ian!

Ghosts

THE LAND LAY SLEEPING under the cold moon, which dominated the shining heavens; the road, bordered by lissom, swaying poplars, wound between grassy mounds and hedges. Far in the distance rose the spires of a church, showing plainly in the serene moonlight; all was so quiet, never at any time, in any day, any year, was there a scene of such utter tranquility as in this night of wonders.

Suddenly, on the distant horizon, there appeared a cloud, a blue-black cloud, jagged at the edges, slashed with streaks of ghostly white, and with the cloud swept the wind and thunder, shrieking and grumbling in eternal combat. The land tossed and twisted in anguish, remembering sounds it had striven to forget.

Was it thunder? Was it the wind alone that flew screaming for vengeance over grassy fields, which had been and were to be once more the altars of unknown sacrifice? These sounds were the rumble of gun-fire, the whistling of shells as they cut the air on their task of destruction.

The men knew, those lads in khaki, remaining always in that ditch over there, the mud hole, long covered by friendly grasses, which saw their bravest deeds—their deaths. These, the ghosts, knew the terrors, the horrors of those sounds, the everlasting waiting for something, they didn't know what, perhaps death, perhaps injury and perhaps that blessed signal, just before dawn, those words of the boy officer, "Over we go, good luck." These, the ghosts, knew that the luck was not always good and that each shell found its mark as the gods destined, and so they rose, these guardians of peace, these sacrifices to the hungry gods of fire and destruction, to the gods of war, and fought their last fight.

With glazed eyes and shattered bodies they dragged themselves to the breaches in the line which is memory and which gives way, in time, to pressure just as any other line. With words of wisdom, they filled the burning minds of their brothers, their fathers, sisters, wives, mothers; but just as once before they failed in their battle for the peace eternal, so now also did they fail because human nature is such that forgets past sorrows and dwells on past grievances.

Across the fields, no longer grassy, they gazed, and a vision of grey-clad hordes of armoured monsters appeared before their tortured eyes. Was the warning to pass unheeded? Was their sacrifice worthless? Did not France, England, see disaster to liberty loom across the skies? The ghosts gazed and as they did so the visions passed, the thunder ceased, the moon shone palely and unsteadily—indeed, all was unsteady, rocked by the emotions of these oracles from the past.

All was serene once more, the ghosts, turning in despair from a world, too complacent to view their drama as anything but fiction, slept the fevered sleep of souls burdened by others' stupidity and blindness, and yet on the horizon still hung a cloud, growing imperceptibly, which, unseen except by the ghosts, grew and burst, shattering civilization in a flood of horror and brutality, beyond the imaginations of even those beloved dead.

AUNTIE ALICE PROBLEM BUREAU

Dear Auntie Alice,

I am a patriotic Australian, fully aware of the dangers threatening my beloved land. How can I possibly impress upon my fellow-workers, my countrymen, the true significance of the menace of the Fascist regime? Besides this evil all others are put to shame, and yet people persist in discussing minor matters, like the White Australia Policy. I do my utmost, but I feel my tongue is not fluent enough to do justice to the greatness of my ideals, modelled on those of the U.S.S.R., which has lately proved its strength. Is there no way of liberating Australia?

—SPRAT.

Dear Sprat,

Many people in a like predicament have plastered the streets of Perth with such notices as "Open 2nd Front Now," but I do not think you need do anything so laborious. Provide yourself with a badge, preferably red, and wear it in a conspicuous position. Then when a person inquires the reason of this badge, he is at your mercy. He has asked for it and cannot escape, and you are at liberty to expound your views at length. If you have sufficient faith in the truth of your ideals you should find no difficulty in gathering a crowd of followers, who could also wear the red badge. Some slogan, such as "The flag of the worker is Red," might help. People belonging to other factions should be allowed to substitute their own favourite colour.

—AUNTIE ALICE.

Dear Auntie Alice,

As an intelligent and cultured member of the Upper School, I find great pleasure in attending meetings of the various societies. Very few of my own sex back me up, but I manage to hold my own against all the women folk. In fact, I generally manage to keep the floor for the whole meetings and I have no doubt that all benefit by my intelligent enlightening arguments, worded eloquently yet comprehensively. And as they can prove nothing at fault in my logic, why will they not admit it's truth?

—A SECOND GHANDI.

Dear Ghandi II,

You are obviously not appreciated where you are. I suggest you buy a soap box and go to Canberra. If you have not sufficient funds, a collection would soon supply them for such a worthy purpose. You can be sure of a warm reception at Canberra, and when you have become famous, you might, as a favour for me, write to Hitler and Tojo to settle the war. I badly want some new frocks, and long to indulge in chocolate and some decent tobacco. Thanking you in anticipation.

—AUNTIE ALICE.

With Apologies to Mr. Carrigg

SCIENCE IV — CHEMISTRY

First Term:

Time: 3 hrs. 33½ mins.

All questions may be attempted, but this will probably result in loss of time, and is also unnecessary. Marks will be given for any funny drawings in the margin.

- 1.—Give the formula for each of the following:—Watkins' Nutmeg, Glauber Salts, Vinegar, Nace, Scott's Emulsion, Spencer's Kidney Concoction and Epsom Salts (or Castor Oil).
- 2.—Explain briefly (showing equations) the process for manufacturing sulphuric acid from tomatoes in alkaline solution.
- 3.—In a few words express your opinion of the science course and teachers of this school.
(Note: This paper will be censored.)
- 4.—How many of each are in the following:—10 pints, 2 quarts, 8 litres. Give reasons.
- 5.—Give names for the following:—Hek, hydrochloric acid, IaN , and oxygen. Be quick.
- 6.—(Chemical Arithmetic): Three burettes A, B and C contain water. If half of A is poured into $\frac{1}{3}$ of B (the other $\frac{2}{3}$ having been added to C), and A is empty, find the weight of oxygen which combined with 10 gms. of sulphur will react with an explosion.
- 7.—From the following equation find Lewis' Atomic Wt.:—Lewis in Science IV + Broken Apparatus + Lewis in IV2.

N.B.—Do not use more than two sides of the paper in answering questions.

NOTE.—Fountains pens, pens and pencils are forbidden. (School Laws: Act 112, 1927, Paragraph 189, Line 2.)

—J.S. and D.S.

LET US SIT BY THE FIRE

Let us sit by the fire and listen to old stories;
 Let us forget the wind and the wild weather;
 Just for this time, let us be all together
 And remembering things as they were,
 Turn the music low, turn the lovely loom
 Of passionate music swiftly from the room.
 Sit close and huddle by the fire.
 Thus shall we, for a little time, at last
 Cheat loneliness his due, and cast
 Him out-of-doors like a Judas.

ON SPENDING HOLIDAYS

IF YOU ARE ANXIOUS to get away somewhere for your annual vacation, but have nowhere in mind, I suggest you take a trip to West Murray. The river is really picturesque, but, of course, this is not its only attraction, for you can row, or boat, or scull. Sometimes the fish are biting, but speaking as one of experience, there are not many fish in the river.

In this delightful river you can swim to your heart's content—that is, of course, providing you can stand water below zero. But what is so delightful about the swimming point of view is that you don't have to stay at the same place all the time; there are three spring-boards in three different places. The first, which is rarely inhabited, is practically submerged by water; the second is near the boat shed, while the third is on an island. The name of this island, so we were informed by a mermaid whose cave rested on it, was "Linga Longa." She informed us that as far as we were concerned it should be "Stay Shorter."

So much for the swimming. Let me say a few words about the exploring. On viewing the numerous islands surrounded by deviating streams, we knew just how Captain Cook felt (it was Captain Cook, wasn't it?) when he was trying to solve the problem of the rivers. Closer investigation, however, showed that they led to a huge estuary.

I would suggest that you make out a roster as to when each person is cooking and if the person cooking goes exploring early in the morning, and does not return till about 3.30, when he should have been cooking the dinner, pounce on him and give him his just punishment as a shirker.

Naturally, you will have custard on your menu, in which case, make sure someone can cook it. In case you are doubtful, I will make a few suggestions. The best method is to pour boiling water on to custard powder, you get a delightful, colourless, gluey substance. The second method is to pour cold milk on to custard powder, the result is similar to milk with flavouring. A good dessert is the above two recipes poured on cake, it's delicious.

I feel sure you will be traversing shallow water, where it is very difficult to row, and punting is your only hope of getting over it. Let me introduce you to the C—— method of punting; the idea is to take the oar to the bow of the boat, place it in the water, then as the boat moves, you move along the boat and then take it out of the water when you reach the end of the boat. See how simple it is? This method, though, is found rather difficult when the oar sticks in the mud, and you stick to the oar, and the boat does not stick to you!

There is usually one person who likes to sit up the front, and call out silly things, such as "Pull harder on your right," and "Slacken off your left," but don't take any notice of him, just you go on in your own sweet way.

Finally, beware of those known as "snag-busters" and also the man with the "Candid Camera," as a photo of you looking through the wall of a boat shed might be difficult to explain to those who don't know that it is a boat shed.

—B.W.

N.B.—All events, except those that happened, are fictitious.

THE DANCER

The bus was late
But woke no hate, within the young man's heart.
The tram broke down
But still no frown did yet his features start.

Then to the school,
He was no fool; the bell for long had rung.
With wary eye
He hastened by—the girls within still sung.

The classroom found,
No voice did sound, the students were at work.
As he came in
He barked his shin—and then his daily shirk.

Long hours in class
For all, the farce of teachers teaching him
The greatest joy
Of every boy; of looking wise while dim.

The lessons thro'
The lonely few slink off to catch a train,
The happy crowd,
In accents loud, their nimbleness acclaim.

Now down below
These students go, the soap is melting fast,
The combs do swish,
As youths do wish their new hair-styles would last.

Now all is straight
And to their fate the tremblers stumble on;
The girls appear
To bring new fear; all joy at once has gone.

A feverish glow
Did ebb and flow; we see our hero prancing.
The girl he loves
He grimly shoves around the floor—it's dancing.

His feet are slow,
They do not go to where he thrusts them shaking;
His eyes are glazed,
His soul is dazed, his heart within him quaking.

So if to dance
You have a chance; besides a rhythmic beat,
Do not forget
The wisest yet—take rubbers off your feet.

