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HOCKEY TEAM, 1920.



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May Frew-nack, Lucy Brown, (Vice-Capt.) Charlotte Campbell, (Captain) Myria Woodhouse, Gwenda Cowan,
Rose Crease, (Absent)



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EDITORIAL.

For some of us, our school days—the days of happiness, freedom, joy—are nearly over. It is with mingled feelings that we look back over the years we have spent at our beloved school—at times sorry that we must leave her bond of unity, and then again glad and proud that we have been gathered together under her shade. For others, the days of study and sport are only now being unfolded, and to them we tender the hope that their best endeavours will be performed on behalf of the school, for if the school bear a worthy reputation, then they themselves will also be regarded and respected.

This year of 1920 has proved to be for us one of success and fame in sport. At the outset the girls brilliantly gained the Barron Trophy for life-saving, while the boys, as

runners-up for the Law Shield, put up a better performance in this direction than the school has done for many a year. At Tennis, the boys, for the fourth time in succession, won the Slazenger Cup. Athletics, however, have successfully brought out the capabilities of the students of our school. At the girls' sports, held recently at Claremont, Modern School easily secured first honours, and of our students, Miss Hazel Malmberg gained the cup awarded to the champion athlete. The records put up at the Annual School Sports meeting showed that Modern School would more than hold her own with the other colleges, and it is a great pity that the students of this school have not the opportunity of competing against those of other schools in this branch of sport.

We should also desire to say something in our official capacity as editors. It is our wish to thank those who have generously contributed articles, poems, and such to the "Sphinx," and if by our own efforts we have afforded our readers a little amusement and diversion from the fatigue of school work, we are satisfied. Although at times it has meant much bustle and work, yet it has always been a pleasure to us to edit this magazine, and we hope that in the future the "Sphinx" will still maintain the standard which we have attempted to set this year.

JEAN SCOTT.

E. LAWSON TURNBULL.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The annual School Concert, which took place on Thursday evening, 9th December, was, as usual, an exceedingly successful and enjoyable entertainment. This year, neither the orchestra nor the choir has had as frequent practices as formerly, but it is doubtful if ever a nicer appreciation of music was sustained by present students of the School.

The present year prefects have presented to the School a very fine house flag to mark the termination of a very happy and successful year's tenure of office. The gold Sphinx on a blue back ground will be a distinctive decoration in future functions. The headmaster, in receiving the flag, complimented the Captain and Prefects on the fine spirit of affection for the School which has actuated them in presenting this acceptable gift.

Mr. Palmer goes on long leave at the beginning of the year, and will be absent from duty for six months. We hope he will have a very pleasant holiday, and will return from his trip much refreshed and invigorated. During his absence Mr. Shelton will be master in charge of locker keys.

A feature of the closing days of this term has been the number of cricket matches played on the School field. The V.'s had a very enjoyable all-day match against Guildford Grammar School, and the old and keen rivals, III.F. and III.G., met last Tuesday, when the former form was victorious.

The girls have been enjoying themselves in a somewhat similar manner. Accompanied by mistresses, the II.'s, the III.'s, the IV.'s and the V.'s have had half-day excursions and picnics. All these outings have played their part in developing and cementing school friendships.

In addition to the cenotaph which is to be erected in the School grounds, an enlistment board is to be placed on the wall of the Assembly Hall. On the cenotaph will be engraved the names of the old boys who fell in the War, and on the enlistment board the names of all those who enlisted for service abroad.

FACTION NOTES.

Sphinx.

The year of 1920 is now almost at an end, and its close sees Sphinx the top faction by a margin of 8½ points. In some directions we have been extremely lucky, as on Sports Day, when we secured first honors with 59½ points as against Gold's 59 points. We played, during the term, four football matches, two of which we lost to Red, while the other two were victories, one against Gold and the other against Blue. Out of four paperchases we won three, while at baseball we were only able to draw one match. In the boys' tennis, we succeeded in winning three matches out of four, but of the girls' matches Sphinx won one, drew one, and lost one. Of two hockey matches we drew one with Blue, and lost the other to Red. This term we played only one cricket match, and in this Red unfortunately just defeated us by three runs. Perhaps at this juncture it

would not be amiss to state that Cohen, the school champion athlete, is a member of Sphinx, as is also Hazel Malmberg, who succeeded in gaining the honour of champion athlete of the various schools at the Girls' Sports Day. Thus throughout the year Sphinx has done very well, and it is a curious coincidence that Sphinx gained first place at the Swimming Carnival by half a point, and first place on Sports Day by half a point. The total number of points gained by Sphinx during the year is 174½. In the midst of our triumph, however, we desire to extend our sympathy to Gold, who have been continually dogged by misfortune all the year. In conclusion we would just like to wish everyone the best of luck in the future, and it is our sincere hope that next year Sphinx will still be found at the head of the list.

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Blue Faction.

This term has not proved very successful to Blue, as far as sport goes, but nevertheless we are glad to say we have quite held our own. On Sports Day we succeeded in gaining third place, much to the astonishment of the Red Faction, who thought they were at least going to beat Blue. We are proud to say that we are supreme in at least one direction, our tennis four has gone through the year undefeated. Our hardest match was against Sphinx, who, in spite of the fact that two of their members are in the first four, did not show their usual form, and were beaten by us. We wish to thank our girls for the invaluable support they have given us in every direction; we owe most of our success to their efforts. In the faction collections, most of the contributions come from the girls, and they have seldom met with defeat in sport. Next year we hope to see the Blue faction well at the top, especially as they will have the support of the present vice-captain, who, we are glad to say, is return-

ing to school next year. We wish everyone of our members who are finishing their school career this year the very best of success in future life. We have no doubt that those staying on will do their best to keep up the good name of the Blue Faction.

GOLD FACTION, 1920.

This year the Gold Faction has seemed to have had nothing but bad luck. After the usual poor showing at the Swimming Carnival, we commenced to pull up, and were within easy winning distance when we had the misfortune to lose the last football match, and that to Sphinx. The idea of a second our hopes, but this was soon frustrated by the excuse of there being insufficient time. With several of our athletic members incapacitated we were able to secure second place on the champion faction table, one half point behind Sphinx. The girls' achievements have also been well up to standard in all their branches of sport. Before closing, let us congratulate the Sphinx Faction on its victory, and also inspire those of our own faction to try to keep up Gold's good name in the ensuing year.

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RED FACTION NOTES.

During the past term the performances of the Red Faction have not been brilliant. Having obtained a good start at the Swimming Carnival, we held a prominent position until Sports Day. Our athletes on this day were not up to the mark, and both Sphinx and Gold passed us somewhat easily, and we have now to content ourselves with third position. Early in the term we defeated Sphinx at football, and later at cricket. On the whole, the sport of the boys was of a high standard, but the girls this year were not particularly strong. The football team was second, and the cricket team first. The thanks of the faction are due to the members of both

teams for the good work done by them during the year. Last term we were unfortunate to lose the support of one of our most popular mistresses, Miss Crowther. We wish her every happiness and prosperity in her future life. Next year our faction should be able to give a good account of itself, as several of the Upper School members are returning to school. In conclusion, we wish all members the best of luck in the future, and hope to see Red Faction soon on top.

A FAREWELL.

As Father Time his onward track
Relentlessly will cleave,
Departing students will look back
To the school we soon shall leave.
We all are loth to go our ways,
And leave schooldays behind us;
To the Modern School, in far off
days,
Still memory's links shall bind us.

Though we may dwell in other climes
Where nought but joy is ruling,
We'll treasure still those happy
times,

Those glad days of our schooling;
Those happy days in school and out,
In class and playing field;
And we'll again our motto shout—
"Play up, and never yield!"

We'll proudly think of those from
Mod.

Who fought, and dying, won,
Who lie beneath a foreign sod,
Their duty nobly done.
We'll let their actions be our guide,
And always will maintain
Those great ideals for which they
died,

Bravely, and not in vain.

We'll always turn unto the school
With gratitude and love unfeigned,
Appreciating to the full

The benefits we have obtained.
So may Xher course in future be
Successful and serene,
And let it be our hope that we,
Worthy of Mod. have been.

B.C

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FIFTH YEAR THIS TERM.

GENERAL V.

Lancelot Andrews, Harold Camm, Bernard Clarke, Thomas Cleave, John Foreman, Charles Jenkins, Thomas Keely, Roy Nevile, Albert Ohman, Jack Pestell, Victor Read, Richard Trethowan, Lawson Turnbull, Edward Walton.

Doreen Baird, Miriam Bernard, Margaret Bracks, Lucy Brown, Mildred Bugg, Barbara Cameron, Charlotte Cameron, Mabel Clayton, Millie Constantine, Gwenda Cowen, Rose Crease, May Danker, Phyllis Fegan, Edna Fischer, Kathleen Green, Jean Hamilton, Rose Harper, Lucie Hayward, Lila Mitchell, Barbara Morrell, Biddy Morrow, Edna Nicholls, Marjorie Ockerby, Olive Owen, Beryl Plummer, Madge Price, Bronwen Roberts, Jean Scott, Consie Shugg, Ruth Simpson, Enid Stephenson, Flora Tait, May Trewenack, Jessie Voigt, Eva Williams, Myria Woodhouse, Dorothy Wright, Mary Wood.

SCIENCE V.

Arthur Amies, Leonard Boyd, Arthur Bradshaw, Bruce Bradshaw, Oswald Chisholm, James Clough, Wilby Cohen, Leslie Cowan, Eric Hiller, James McCall, Eric Orton, Robert Pirie, Hugh Sedgman, Eric Watson, Laurence Wilkinson.

COMMERCE V.

Basil Baker, Leslie Beresford, Walter Kingston, Walter Scott, Lorna Haddy.

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EXTRACTS FROM A DIARY.

Monday, 15th November, 5 a.m.—I awakened with a start. I have a confused idea that I should be feeling very unhappy about something. As my mind grows clearer, the full realisation of my dread comes. It is the first day of the Leaving. I shall try to sleep again or feverishly turn over the pages of one from among the many books which are waiting for my earnest consideration. I finally decide to sleep a little later. I am still awake. I turn in desperation to my books. Which shall it be? I handle them all lovingly, and finally take up Bacon. I discover that I am more muddled than ever.

9.30—After a long and painful leaving-taking of my books I have come along a dusty road to the Drill Hall—a long bare iron building. Arrived inside, I am hopelessly wandering along in a dream, looking for my seat, when I am rudely awakened by a raucous, rasping voice, which requests all and sundry to take their seats without ado. With a few last hurried good-lucks, I take my seat, feeling all the more squeamish. I am handed a paper. Leaving his begun. Hurriedly I commence to peruse it. I am interrupted by the tinkle of a small and melodious bell, followed by a not melodious voice. More unfeeling directions follow. After an incredibly short space of time, I am watching the lucky Juniors file out. A little later my frantic scribbling is interrupted by the stentorian voice again—this time from above. I glance round in amazement. The owner has mounted onto a desk, and now surveys us from that glorious height. "Ten minutes more." Almost before I have turned to my work again, the time is up. As I go out, casting one last long lingering look behind at my fateful book, I can still hear the voice thundering at some unfortunate, who is vainly trying to finish her last sentence.

12.30—Outside I am greeted with smiling faces. "How'd you like it?" and on all sides I hear unfeeling

people praising the paper. I feel inclined to slay them together with the examiners. Evidently the latter have forgotten that they were ever young. Happily for them I am able to restrain my feelings. Despairingly I ask someone who has a miserable discontented look, how she liked it. It seems that, although she done very well, she didn't like the paper. Her method of reasoning is too difficult for me. Choking with indignation, I stumble away bemoaning my sad lot, but with one faint gleam of hope. Perhaps the next paper will be better.

1 o'clock—I arrive home exhausted, and spend the afternoon in vain regrets. With a start I realise why I feel so worn out and tired. I have left my youth behind me in that dreadful chamber of horrors—the Drill Hall.

—J.S.

MATHEMATICIAN.

Dost thou to professorial chair
aspire?

Or art, upon the tide of learning
borne,

A dabbler in geometry, a pryer
Delving in algebra till night from
dawn?

To aid thy mathematical ambi-
tion

The wisdom, knowledge thou must
needs acquire

Cannot be gleaned without keen
opposition.

—Mathematician.

Yet onward toil through trial and
tribulation;

Thy goal is worthy, thy desire
sincere.

Be undismayed by theorem or equa-
tion,

Advantages are they in thy career.

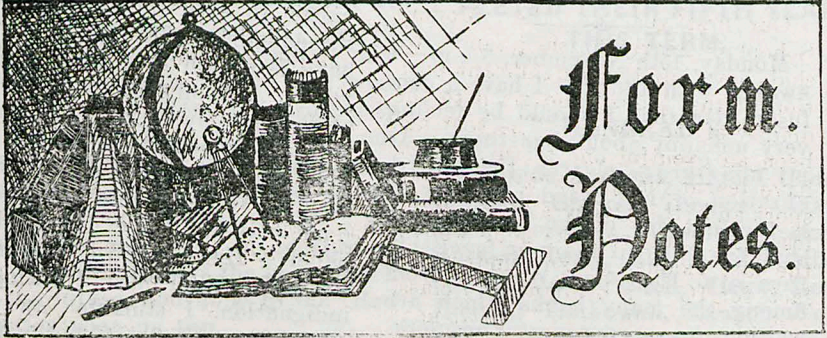
No troubles shalt attend thee
from addition;

Problems will ever fill thee with
elation;

For learning such ne'er shalt
thou feel contrition

—Mathematician.

E.L.T.



IA

We are now looking forward to the day when we will be raised to a more exalted position than that of fags. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first year at a Secondary School, but we are sure that our second year will be still better. During the term we played our rivals I.C. cricket, but a regrettable accident occurred to the ball when one of our team, "Horry," endeavoured to hit it for six (?). As eight of our form are in the under 14 XI., we may well mention our recent success against High School at King's Park, but, alas! when playing the Second Year we were beaten by the small (?) margin of thirty-four runs. The enthusiasm shown for tennis during the first two terms has decidedly declined, but we are sure that if we had played I.C. there would have been no doubt as to the result. As the summer is now upon us, many boys are endeavouring to train sufficiently to defeat our swimming rival, Watson of I.C., who easily won the First Year Handicap last season. With all this sport, there is no doubt as to why our form mistress is worrying over geometry results. It was thought that "Willo" and "Crock" had become studious, when they were frequently seen at the Dictionary, before the exams. "Stabby" is our chief pugilistic offender this term, whilst several other boys have become aggressive as "Modern" Cupids. Is "Don" in his second infancy? He is often seen rolling a mass of blue substance into various shapes, dear to the heart of children. As a fitting con-

clusion to these notes, we wish our form mistress and the rest of the school and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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IIB.

The last term of the year is speedily drawing to a close, and IIB., the best class in the school, as we all believe, must again relate to the eager perusers of the Sphinx all its wondrous doings during the term. Happily all the exams. are now things of the past, and we are not concentrating our brainy minds on that most brilliant of Shakespeare's plays called "Coriolanus," and other equally ponderous works, as, of course, we used to (?). As the exams. are over, we intend to relax the high pressure of our study in school, but several of our masters think otherwise, and a most interesting discussion ensues. On Sports Day, a member of IIB. was proclaimed winner of the Junior High Jump, and we also gained both second and third places in the Second Year Handicap. Two cricket matches have taken place this term between IIB. and IIK., and, owing to the forgetfulness of some of the team to make high scores, we suffered a disastrous defeat each time. However, we scored a victory when the combined Second Year played the First Year, and that partly atones for our losses. As yet, we have not had a chance to combat for the superiority in tennis, because the courts at Subiaco have been closed, but if we do have a tournament we are confident of gaining the desired laurels.

IC.

Our first year at the Modern School is nearly finished, and we shall have left the insignificant position of the "ones" and risen to the dignity of the "twos." The year has been an eventful one for us, for we have learnt many new things about sport and (the teachers hope) about lessons. That we have done well in the last exams. is an understood fact, for IC. is a brilliant (!) class, and we regret the thought that next year some of our members will be separated and will have to take up their abode with some of the brainy (???) students of IA. and ID. The matches played with our rivals, IA. and ID., have been few, but in sport we are seldom defeated, and we are glad to say that at the commencement of the term we beat IA. at football. On Sports Day, our form gained a number of points, thanks to Watson. We also had the opportunity of meeting IA. at cricket, but owing to the breaking of the cricket ball we were unable to defeat our rivals.

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ID.

Here we are again ID.! May we beg for a little of your valued space to recount the history of our form for the past three terms at school? Much to our sorrow, our first year, which we have both enjoyed and appreciated, is now drawing to a close, and our holidays will soon commence. We have worked very hard this term, as our exam. results have shown (?). We have been striving to beat our rivals, IC., but hardly think we have managed this; but wait till next year, when we will be a form higher, then we will have a chance. We have mastered our work much better this term, and "Je suis fatigue" is not the only phrase we use in French; but we have enlarged it to "Je suis fatigue du travail." But, alas! as regards our geometry, although we have persevered so hard—especially with the fourth theorem—when we start to explain the proof we are told it is Tommy Rot. Of course, we quite agree to this statement. Never mind. We will surely

understand it some time. We all say, "What is the use of geometry?" but that is left to reason. Now, we will not tell any more about work, but the rest will be given to sport. Our form mistress has been very kind to us, and took ID. and IC., combined, for a picnic to Darlington, and we had an enjoyable day, despite the many mishaps in the brook. We were also taken to the Zoo, and spent a nice afternoon, but were wondering if we would ever get back, when we found the gates were not closed on us. Our swimming is improving, and we were very proud to hear that we were the only form who had no non-swimmers. Our Gym. is also progressing, but we are rather scared at times, when, at attention, our mistress comes up and gives us a thump in order to make us stand up straight. That is why ID. walk so gracefully (!), is it not IC.? We all thank our form mistress very much for her kindness, and the good times she has given us, and we assure her that we will be very sorry to leave her next year.

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IIE.

Our career as Form IIE. is fast drawing to a close, and next year we will take our place as "threes" to prepare for the Junior Examination. We were very elated at the success of two of our members in the tennis tournament, and hope that this success will be followed by others. During this term our mapstick re-appeared, and we are now hoping that the key of the cupboard will follow its example, and return to its native haunts. Friday, period 7, is no longer disliked by the other forms, and even our singing master compliments us upon our vocal powers. The sight of the examination desks in the hall a short time ago reminded us of the time when we sat for the Scholarship, and we could sympathise with the poor unfortunates who were then taking it. Our own exams. being now over, we are looking forward with delight to the approaching holidays, which we hope everyone will thoroughly enjoy.

IIIF.

And now the last term of the school year draws to an end, and again we chronicle the doings of IIIF. Yes! We have been fairly busy this term—all our time has been taken up by more or less important doings. Naturally, we all settled down to hard work, with the commencement of the term, chiefly because of the proximity of the Junior Certificate Examination. But a picnic of F. and G., combined, caused a slight and pleasant interruption early in the term. Both forms, accompanied by Misses Crowther and Drummond, journeyed to Darlington, and an enjoyable day was spent. After that event, the attention of F. was drawn to athletics, and, on the day of days of the school year, namely, Sports Day, members of our form were fairly prominent, several first places being carried off. By that time, the examination was rapidly approaching, and for the remaining weeks IIIF., one and all, studied with a will. And now—"All is over and done." The exams. are gone, and with them practically all thought of school work, though we still continue the struggle with French. Summing up the individual reports of the members of the form, we should be fairly successful. This, however, remains to be seen by the list of results, soon to be published. Changing the topic to sport, it may be easily seen that IIIF. has a good record in this direction, for we have two members in the tennis four, runner-up for junior champion athlete, and several boys in the second and third cricket elevens. This reminds us that hearty congratulations are due to IIIT. for their performances at the Girls' Inter-School Sports. Much to our disappointment, the whole-day match between F. and G. is cancelled. Nevertheless, we, with the assistance of our form mistresses, have succeeded in securing a half-day match. At the time of writing, the match has not been played; but it should prove highly interesting, and will probably be a fitting close to the old rivalry, which has existed between the two forms ever

since we were fags. In conclusion, we should like to thank our tutors for the time and attention they have given to our work throughout the year. We hope to be able to show them that their labours have not been in vain, by means of the examination results. The compliments of the season and a pleasant holiday to all.

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IIIG.

We have survived the one little trial which faced us in our Third Year course—the Junior. Nobody has failed in such an easy examination, and indeed everyone is optimistic of gaining at least nine subjects. Even Latin has not depressed us, and most boys think they have qualified in this branch. In sport we have kept up our record of last year. On Sports Day we showed our superiority over our Third Year rivals. We are proud of L. Lightfoot, who won the Junior Championship, gaining a place in every event, and of O. Jones, who also maintained the reputation of IIIG. We have not as yet had the opportunity of asserting our ascendancy over IIIF. on the cricket field, but we are quite confident that when we do them the honour of playing them, we shall be altogether victorious. Before our late form mistress left us in September, we were able to have a very enjoyable picnic to Darlington, where several enterprising youths managed to evade our attention and spent a very pleasant afternoon with some sirens of IIE. Little did they guess what we had in store for them on their return. They promptly found out when we immersed them in the clear water of the creek. This must have wet their feelings. During the afternoon we also obtained a number of select photographs, which were eagerly sought for by all lovers of physical beauty. We were very sorry to lose Miss Crowther, who we are sure was not sorry to lose us. At all events, we hope that she will enjoy her new sphere of life and will always remember the pleasant (?) hours that she spent with us. The individual talent of the

class is of a high standard. Every boy is noted for some unusual brilliancy, some shine at cricket, others at tennis, football and swimming. We possess two of the infamous combine who spread terror among the fags of the lower school. Another four youths specialise in lady killing, and by their good looks (?) they gather round them a select circle of feminine admirers, mostly from lower forms. It may be mentioned that these are the same lads who tested the density of the water at Darlington. The boy upon whom all eyes are turned is the hero of the green Shamrock. He holds forth in such eloquent language that a large crowd of interested students gather to hear his views. These meetings usually finish by the school bell saving some poor youth from coming into contact with the unsympathetic gravel. On the whole, we have had a very successful year, triumphing over the other two Third Year forms in both studies and sport. We have established a name which will not easily be exceeded by other students who in later years will belong to the great Form III G. In concluding, we hope that everyone has done as well in the University Examinations as we have, and that they will spend as pleasant a holiday as we intend to spend.

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III K.

The dreaded examinations of the year have passed, and all is again happy and cheerful in K. Despite its difficulties, this year has been a very pleasant one for us, and as its end draws near we have again to record our doings. In the recent Alliance Francais examination one of our number gained first place in Division Four. We have been getting on very well in the gymnasium under our new instructor, Major Saunders. We have also been successful at sport. A football match at the beginning of the term against IIB. resulted in a victory for us. On Sports Day we secured first place in the Second Year Handicap, 100 Yds, Open Handicap, and Egg and

Spoon Race, second and third places in the Junior Cricket Ball Throw, and second place in the 100 Yds. Junior Championship. We have played two cricket matches, and in both of these we succeeded in beating IIB. In fact, we are superior in every way to the inmates of B. The Christmas vacation, which is to be a little longer this year, is drawing near, and we wish everyone a good holiday.

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III T.

Considering the capacity for endurance always shown by the illustrious class, which generally reside in T.—i.e., when it does not move to drill halls (merely for change of air, of course)—it is not surprising that its members have survived the exams., and are now engaged in the pleasurable and easy task of forgetting them. Upon resuming after the exams., we were a little hurt to find that French was still the order of the day, but we became reconciled to this and found these periods excellent ones for talking over class picnics and holidays. We also appreciated the thoughtfulness of our French master in bestowing his attention on the "Fives" in our periods. There is no need for us to say how proud we are of our girls, who put up such a wonderful performance in the recent sports, and everyone knows that we have amongst us the champion girl athlete. We would tell all that the spread which followed the sport was "good-oh," and we wish to thank Miss Butler, Miss Gill, and Miss Drummond for their kind help in this matter. We have this year gained the reputation of being a most quiet class, for when the harassed first master is seeking whence comes the noise, he has often assured us that he never dreams of visiting T., for if we are not studying we are industriously finishing our tray-cloths, which Miss Butler agrees are works of art. The year, altogether, has been a very happy one, and we are all rather sorry to think it is nearly over, but we are also looking forward to being in the "upper school." We wish to

thank all our teachers for the interest they have taken in us throughout the year, and especially our form master, Mr. Palmer, to whom we extend our best wishes for his coming holidays.

Along the corridor 'way from E.,
There lives a class that's called
IIIT.;

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me"
That never a better class could be.

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COMMERCE IV.

We are now sending the last edition of the Commerce IV., 1920, form notes to press. The term passed uneventfully until the exams. gave us a very ungentle awakening, but these are passed and we are now looking forward to breaking up, when, we are sorry to say, we will bid good-bye to more than half of our fellow formites, to whom, with Commerce V., we extend our heartiest good wishes for their future success. During this term the boys of our form, with some others of the school, went down to act as stewards at the show, where they were shown some of the principal points in judging sheep, cattle and horses. We also wish to thank all our teachers for the kindly interest they have shown in us this year, and wish them and the rest of the school the best of good times during the holidays.

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GENERAL IV.

"Does the road wind uphill all the day?"

Yes, to the very end."

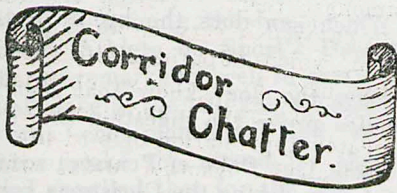
These words of Christina Rossetti's seem typical of our year's work, for this is the end of our first year of Leaving Certificate work, and next year we hope to be raised to the dignity of "Fives." Apart from work, the most interesting event this term has been the Girls' Sports Day, in which our school played a very successful part. This

was due, not only to the training which the girls received from their sports mistress, but also to the splendid spirit of loyalty developed amongst them. During the term we enjoyed a very interesting lecture, which Captain White kindly gave us. From this we obtained a more extensive knowledge and greater appreciation of bird life in Australia. Another event which created great excitement at the time was the appearance of one of our members in a "bootless" condition. At the end of last term several of our members drowned their cares and sorrows in the joys of reunion. We wish to thank our teachers, and especially our form mistress, Miss Drummond, for their patience and kindness towards us, and in conclusion we wish every one a happy Christmas and a well-served holiday.

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SCIENCE IV.

The school year is now rapidly drawing to a close, and for a couple of us it will be the last time our doings will be recorded in the "Sphinx." The general opinion is that we have had a jolly good year, and have maintained the high reputation of previous science forms in work and in sport. A short time ago, Science played a match against the Rest, and would probably have won but for time. In order to make a fitting end to our last year of French, each one distinguished himself by passing in that subject in the last terminal exam. At the beginning of the term, by the kindness of Messrs. Kitchen and Sons, we were enabled to pay a visit to their soap factory. The afternoon passed pleasantly, not the least enjoyable part being the refreshments at the end of the inspection. The services of our artist are in constant demand to design posters for the notice boards. In conclusion, we wish to thank the staff for the interest taken in Science IV., and to all we offer our best wishes for a happy holiday and success in later years at "Mod."



That Wib & Co. have given up the sale of green and gold ribbon in favour of green and blue.

That even mending cases is liable to cause family troubles.

That few will be as luc(k)y as Spud or as merry as Watty on bust-up night.

Wanted a straight jacket for a snowy-haired member of Commerce V., who has suddenly gone very Dotty.

That a certain little cat of IIE. seems very fond of dogs.

That Johnston delights to be called "Alfonso."

That we regret to say that several dark horses of the Red Faction remained dark even on Sports Day.

That on Sports Day,
Wise men look sad, and villains
dance and leap,
And masters play with aeroplanes.

That according to our infantile prefect, the old love is not to be compared with the gold love.

Who said "VICTOR I AM, EH "

That Gen. V. has its own idea of "the story of the rings."

That once more on account of corridor congestion a clean sweep has been organised.

That in the opinion of many, it might have been cleaner.

That many students believe in supporting local industries.

That a welcome addition to the Sports Day programme would be a master's cycle race.

That they are considering establishing a boot polish factory.

That some students should join the submarine section of the Navy.

That they are easily able to detect the presence of torpedoes.

That a large part of Gen. IV. came into class without his boots.

Perhaps it was a protest against the H.C.L.! Who knows!

That Kiwi suits P.L.C. colours to a T (F.).

That to a certain member of IIIT. Ambrosial food is preferable to that made from White flour gristed by the Miller.

Who said don't be unhygienic. You are dull if you don't see.

That public embracing is disliked by departing mistresses.

That the favourite pastime of the caretaker is digging for gold on the Oval.

That owing to a mis-Hun-derstanding, a certain student did not take the German paper.

Who were plotting to go yachting after swotting?

That the jazz band in "S" came to an abrupt termination.

That it was uncertain whether the tune was "Abe" or "Bubbles," or both

That chess provides a fine rest (?) for the brain after a week of Leaving.

That "Net the Ball" is so-called because the ball hardly ever goes into the net.

That billies, either of the smoked or bright variety are indispensable in the Physics Lab.

Who's coming yachting with me?

That Jay Sea is an extremely nervous individual.

That I.D. are very fond of getting Ad. out.

That there is a Man who knows three languages.

That a certain prefect may be married soon.

That the voice of the Gold captain inspired such abject terror in the heart of a member of his own hockey team that she collapsed at his feet.

That the picnickers at Nedlands were rather surprised to hear that they were to be chaperoned by the First Master.

That "Mein Herr" is the correct term of endearment to address to a French examiner.

That the affections of the Head Girl are divided, but that in some ways mathematics attract her more than music.

That during Leaving, West Subiaco Station was the scene of many a fond meeting.

That the French verb for "to cease" is extremely popular in H.

But that the interest in the French verb "to pierce" is, alas! fading, though it still receives a tribute of grief from a few lorn maidens.

That a bell will be the cause of a neat member of I.I.T.'s comin' to grief.

That the sand of Cottesloe was not appreciated by the boy prefect of General V.(ii).

That the three heavy weights of General V.(i.) think that people in

glass houses should not throw stones.

Don't bellow Mulberry. While there's life, there's hope.

Which sun does the brollie keep off?

Does the dog know that loganberries prove the digestion sour?

Lorst, One Cake of Pears(e) soap. Last seen during the Christmas holidays.

That besides the high price of flour, bakers are in great demand.

That I.I.T.'s hind is light-footed.

"Great Tom is cast." No he ain't, is he, Lucius?

That others than horses ought to wear blinkers.

"Ma Jock," is it French? No it has been kicked out.

That a member of the "Fives" is economical when it comes to buying a quarter of a yard of lace.

Why did the bull turn? Because it saw the lily.

What are "snaughty but snice?" Ask Barbara.

That the Upper School boys showed an interest in aeroplanes a short time ago.

Who broke all records on Sports Day? Ask Lil of the "Threes." There is a young lad of I.I.B.,

Who would do well to take council from me;

He should cut off his hair,

Although it is fair,

And then what a beauty he'd be.

That some youths are more appreciated when obscured by the shades of night.

That Red and Blue are complimentary colours.

That tan shoes are decidedly becoming, but should not be worn by youths under seventeen and a bit.

And that on infants under sixteen and a half it is unpardonable.

PREFECT PARS

We tender our heartiest congratulations to Cohen on his fine performance in gaining the honour of Champion Athlete on Sport's Day. Cohen ran remarkably well in securing first place in the 100, 220, 440 and 880 yards championships, and of these he broke the record for the 440 and equalled that for the 880.

We must also, in connection with the same function, congratulate Cleave on breaking the record for the long jump, and Ohman on doing ditto in the hurdles.

At our meetings on Tuesdays, afternoon tea is still the most popular item, although it is run very close by our famous sets of lancers.

As retiring prefects we should like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Miss Williams, Miss Prisk, Miss Russell, Trethowan, Pestell, Helson, and Flintoff on their appointments as prefects for 1921. We wish them the best of success, and hope they will have as good a time as we have had during our term of office.

There is one person, whom we must not neglect to thank, and that is Mr. Fraser. Throughout the whole year, and especially towards the end of the year we have been much indebted to him. It is to his kindness and forbearance that we owe our fine time at the meetings. So—here's to you Mr. Fraser, and may good luck ever be with you!

During the term the school was visited by Mr. White, who delivered an interesting lecture on bird life and the necessity for preserving it. Some of our girls, however, are strongly opposed to his views on cats.

The Tenth Annual Reunion was held in the School Hall on the 19th of August and all concurred in voting it a success. The hall was gay with streamers and balloons of the faction colours, and a goodly crowd of past and present students attended. As a result of the entertainment £5/18/6 was handed over to the War Memorial Fund.

PERSONALITIES.

"Johnnie":—Is an inhabitant of the famous Port of Fremantle, and a firm supporter of the lumpers; has achieved a great reputation as "Father F." Is very seldom seen over at the shop; is a youth tender in years but old in experience. Favourite language, Australian, in which he is well grounded. (Too bloomin' honest.) Has a passion for performing marriage ceremonies, although in so doing he "may" never feel :(h)iller" than he once did at Greenmount. Latest appointment, official photographer for the "Sphinx."

"Turny":—A distinguished resident of the great city of North Perth. Possesses a youthful, honest countenance, but in reality is a hardened and experienced dissembler. Loves to go paddling in the Swan River (near the brewery), but is very annoyed if he gets wet above the ankles. Is ever on the lookout for innocent victims who may be lured into "shouting" him, and is chief of the tribe of "barbarous" boys. Has no time for the female portion of the school, and his favourite expression is unprintable.

"Jimmy."—Hails from the little village known as Suby. Is "Turny's" accomplice in extracting "shouts" from unsuspecting students. Is possessed of a rather troublesome "conscience," which will never leave him alone, and which he is seldom able to "read." Prefers swotting to yachting, but has no objection to talking to females for a short time, say, three or four hours. Favourite sport, draughts, which he sometimes relinquishes in favour of football. Hobby (frequently indulged in), falling over in the Lancers.

"Eud":—Hails from the aristocratic suburb of South Perth, in which she has a very deep interest (very deep!); has gained for herself the appellation of "Froggy," but none, ah! none, knows why. Also, on account of the sweeping contours of her nose, is known privately as "Bumpy." On the hockey field she ensures the good temper of her fel-

low-back by amiable converse. But in spite of her innocent rotundity, she is of serenish tendencies. So, hapless males, beware!

"Joyce":—A local celebrity. She is a mild-mannered maiden of melancholy aspect, for she suffers from a passion which is, alas! unreciprocated. (Same here. Deepest sympathies.—Eds.). Is admired for a certain curliness, which, no doubt on account of her modesty, she dislikes to hear mentioned. In her youth she bore a striking resemblance to a zebra, which resemblance, however, has disappeared with the retirement of a certain striped garment. Pet aversion—?

"Barbie." — A perpetrator of puerile puns, who has hitherto been hiding her light behind a bushel, is now appearing before the public in a romance entitled, "Budgie, the Butcher's Boy," or "The Sausage Which Jazzed." Is the possessor of a charming lisp. Has many suitors of the back-door variety, but they are all poor, and her affections cannot be divided from her Purse (mind the spelling.—Eds.). Her only delight: Listening to a certain mandolin.

"Biddy."—A little wisp of a girl, weighing four stone. You'd never think SHE was eighteen. She is the victim of parental sternness by reason of which she has lost her purse. Has the unhappy knack of writing her essays illegibly, much to the confusion of her friends. An adept at turning the conversation into pleasant channels, as the German mistress will testify. Ambitions:—(1) To found a home for stray cats and dogs. (2) To live long enough to disentangle her hair.

"Bill, alias "Helen," otherwise "Eva."—Has shown us how mistaken we can be about a person's character. Was universally admired as a good little girl until shown up in her true colours as a villain of deep and darksome mien. In her checkered career has milked cows, attempted aeroplaning, and used "Dorcena" face powder. (To assure fags, we admit that the last was quite accidental.) Hobbies: Killing cats and telling taradiddles.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Mistor Emitter,—I spose yer know as 'ow me youngest son Eney has now been a year at yer skule. He seems two be doing pretty well their, espeschully at spawt. He came 'ome won day an' sez as 'ow he had 'atched a duck at kricet, while another time he reckoned he had been boxing an' someone had lied 'im hout with a fowl. I reckon the work they give 'im two do at 'ome is fair over the hodds. Why when heggsams were coming he was not able two go too the pitchers maw than three times a week. I 'opes as 'ow ye'll speak to the 'ead-master about this, but tork about the work he has two do for these 'ere perfects, he told me won day that won of 'em actually made 'im put his lunch paper in the binn on the hopposite side of the shad, an' these 'ere perfects also stop him from pitching bricks on the hoval. I can't 'elp thinking that yer must 'ave some very paw teachers at yer skule, cos Eney was at tea won nite when he sez all of a sudden, "passay lay frooi see voo play." 'Elp! I thort he'd gone dopey, an' I made 'im 'ave too doses of castor oil at wunce, an' then I sez to 'im I sez, "Wat's that yer torkin, Eney?" an' he sez as 'ow it's a langwidge korled french, what sum bloke has tawt 'im. Well I thinks to meself, "If that their's french, yer can give me the good ole bloomin' australion!" The subject what Eney likes though is engnish, cos then he sez the mars-ter does a lot of passing an' paralising an' erecting sentences, an' then he gives 'em some clawses which are sometimes in abolition and sometimes aint. They also teach 'im eurithmatic, but as this 'orse only got forth in the melbun cup I don't see much good in telling 'im about it. Well, now that I've told yer all about Eney, I 'opes as 'ow yer'll try two reform some of these 'ere griefances an' oblige

ELIZA JANE S——.



SPORTS DAY.

On Wednesday, October 13th, the ninth annual sports meeting was held on the School Oval. The weather could not have been finer, and there was a very large attendance of interested spectators, comprising parents, friends, students, and ex-students. Music was rendered by a local band, and afternoon tea was provided in the Domestic Science Department and in the School Hall, both of which were very tastefully decorated with flowers, representing the various factions.

The events were closely contested, but not as closely as they might perhaps have been if T. Cleave, who unfortunately strained his back, had been running. As it was, however, W. Cohen was successful in gaining the headmaster's cup, awarded to the champion athlete, by obtaining first place in the 100, 220, 440, and 880 yards School Championship, and third place in the 120 yards hurdles, making a total of 13 points. T. Keely was runner-up with 9 points, and he secured first place in the mile championship, second place in the 440 and 880 yards championship, and third place in the long jump and the 100 yards championship. Next came T. Cleave, L. Beresford, V. Read, and A. Ohman, with 5 points each. In the junior championship L. Lightfoot gained first honours with 16½ points, and he secured first place in throwing the cricket ball and the long jump, second place in 440, 880, and mile junior championships, tied for second place

in the high jump, and obtained third place in the 100 and 220 yards junior championships and the 120 yards hurdles. A. Cummins was runner-up with 12 points, while O. Jones was third with 6 points.

A great feature of the day was in regard to the records for the races, for on this day there were five records broken and three equalled. The close of the day saw Sphinx top faction, with 59½ points, very closely followed by Gold with 59 points, while Blue was third with 16 points and Red fourth with 14½ points.

The following are the results:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Cohen, 1; Wain, 2; Keely, 3. Time, 11 1-5 sec.

220 Yards.—Cohen, 1; Ohman, 2; Read, 3. Time, 25 3-5 sec.

440 Yards.—Cohen, 1; Keely, 2; Read, 3. Time, 56 sec. (Record.)

880 Yards.—Cohen, 1; Kelly, 2; Read, 2. Time, 2 min. 16 1-5 sec. (Equals record.)

One Mile.—Keely, 1; Read, 2; Beresford, 3. Time, 4 min. 55 sec. (Record.)

High Jump.—Janney, 1; Beresford, 2; Cowan, 3. Height, 5 ft. 2½ in.

Long Jump.—Cleave, 1; Hiller, 2; Keely, 3. Distance, 19 ft. 10 in. (Record.)

120 Yards Hurdles.—Ohman, 1; Beresford, 2; Cohen, 3. Time, 17 4-5 sec. (Record.)

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Pestell, 1; Cleave, 2; Baker, 3. Distance, 99 yards 1 ft. 5 in.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Jones, 1; Hannan, 2; Lightfoot, 3. Time, 11 4-5 sec.

220 Yards.—Jones, 1; Cummins, 2; Lightfoot, 3. Time, 27 sec.

440 Yards.—Cummins, 1; Lightfoot, 2; Cooper and Halliday, 3. Time, 60 2-5 sec. (Equals record.)

880 Yards.—Cummins, 1; Lightfoot, 2; Miller, 3. Time, 2 min. 23 4-5 sec.

One Mile.—Cummins, 1; Lightfoot, 2; Miller, 3. Time, 5 min. 15 sec.

Long Jump.—Lightfoot, 1; Hodgson, 2; Cummins, 3. Distance, 18 ft. 6 in. (Equals record.)

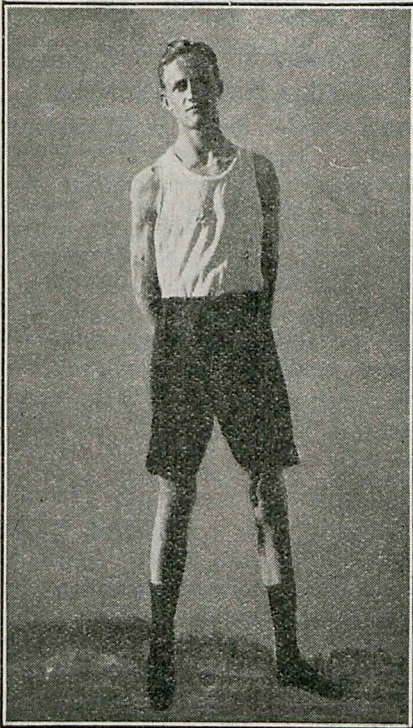
High Jump.—Brockway, 1; Lightfoot and Whittber, 2. 4 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Hodgson, 1; Arthur, 2; Lightfoot, 3. Time, 19 sec. (Record.)

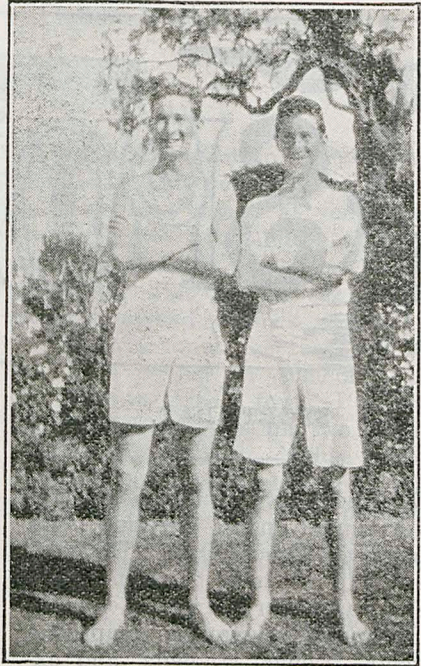
Throwing Cricket Ball.—Lightfoot, 1; Watson, 2; Earl, 3. Distance, 75 yds. 2 ft.

HANDICAPS.

First Year, 100 Yds.—Stace, 1; Watson, 2; Duncan, 3.



COHEN, Sc. V., School Champion, 1920.
Holder of School Record, 440 yds., 56 secs.



LIGHTFOOT, Junior Champion, 1920.
CUMMINS, Runner-Up.
Gold Faction, III G. and Sphinx Faction, III F.
respectively.

Second Year, 100 Yds.—Hannan, 1; George, 2; Brockway, 3.

Third Year, 100 Yds.—Jones and Frederick, 1; Cummins, 3.

Open 100 Yds.—Hannan, 1; Sutton, 2; Pestell, 3.

Open 220 Yds.—Wain, 1; Watson, 2; Trethowan, 3.

Open 440 Yds.—Trethowan, 1; Pestell, 2; Stace, 3.

Open 880 Yds.—Baker, 1; Sutton, 2; R. Turnbull, 3.

Siamese Race.—Bell and Wain, 1.

Egg and Spoon Race.—Williams, 1.

Sack Race.—Muirson, 1.

100 Yds. Old Boys' Race.—Matthews, 1; Cummins, 2; Evans, 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

440 Yds. Old Boys' Race.—Roydhouse, 1; Allen, 2; Maw, 3. Time, 57 4-5 sec.

440 Yds. Faction Relay.—Sphinx, 1; Gold, 2; Red, 3. Time, 51 2-5 sec.

Faction Tug-o-War.—Gold, 1; Sphinx, 2; Red, 3.

**GIRLS' INTER-SCHOOL
SPORTS.**

Triumph For Modern School Girls.

The athletic sports meeting between the various girls' secondary schools took place on the Claremont Show Grounds on November 6th. This event was looked forward to with great interest, both by girls and boys, as it was the first occasion on which the girls of W.A. had met to compete in athletics. The events all passed off successfully, and at the end of the day our school was the champion school, having gained 60½ points, and Methodist Ladies' College gained second place with 35 points. Prizes were given for first and second places in each event. A beautiful shield was presented by Mr. D. Carmichael for the champion school, while a silver cup was presented by Mr. W. Sandover for the champion girl athlete.

Miss Hazel Malmberg is to be congratulated on gaining the cup for the champion girl athlete of W.A. She ran excellently in every race, and it is chiefly owing to her capabilities that our school gained such a majority in points. Congratulations are also extended to Miss N. Hanrahan, who was third in the championship. The heats of each race were run off during the morning, while the finals were finished in the afternoon, our school gaining a place in nearly every heat. In the finals the school was well represented, and in several cases gained first, second and third places.

The high jump was one of the chief events of the day, when our school secured first place, in the person of Miss Rita Hoft, who cleared 4 ft. 6 in.

The balloon race caused much amusement among the onlookers, as owing to a fairly strong wind, the girls were unable to guide the balloons which were blown in all directions. However two of the competitors were plucky enough to finish the race amidst much laughter.

Perhaps the most important event was that of the school relay race, which was also won by P.M.S., the trophies for this event being a banner for the school, and a silver pencil for each of the members of the team. The success of the day was due to the energy and good management of the sports committee, of which our sports mistress is the secretary, and the committee is to be congratulated on the result of their efforts. Our thanks are due to Miss Drummond, as it was through her perseverance and energy that we were enabled to hold the sports meeting:

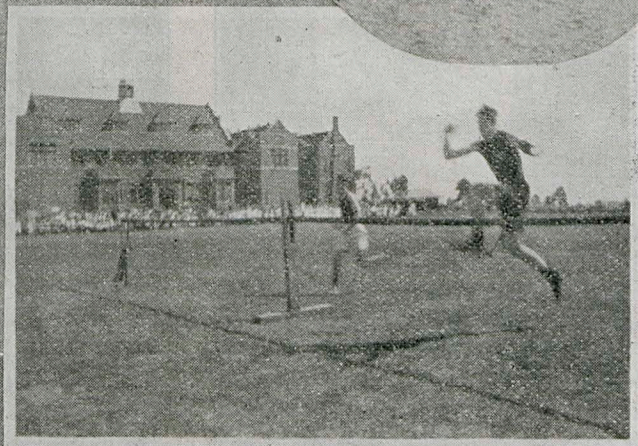
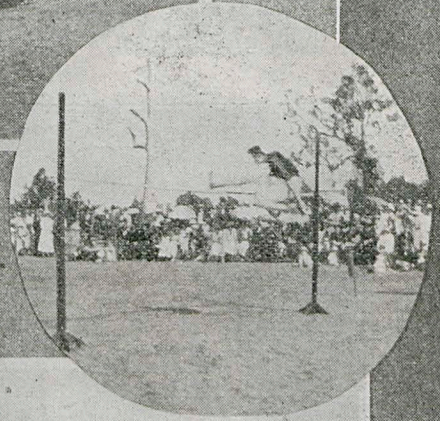
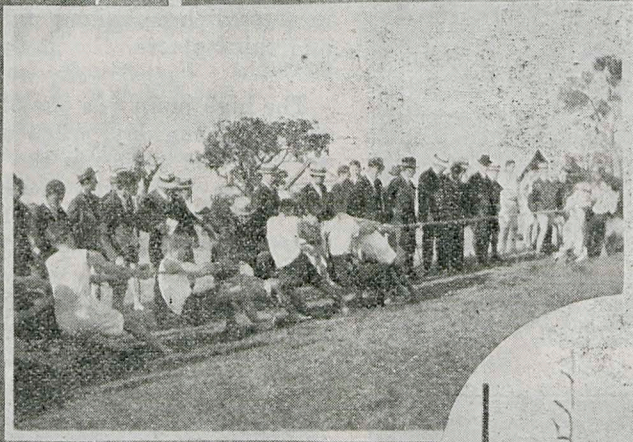
The following are the results:—

100 YARDS (OPEN).

- H. Malmberg, P.M.S. 1
- G. Hewitt, M.L.C. 2
- N. Hanrahan, P.M.S. 3
- L. Brown, P.M.S. 4



HAZEL MALMBERG, I.I.T.
Champion Girl Athlete, Inter-School Sport, 1920



SPORTS DAY, 1920.

100 YARDS (UNDER 15).

G. Hewitt, M.L.C.	1
E. Monger, G.H.S.	2
N. Wren, P.M.S.	3
B. Beattie, P.M.S.	4

HIGH JUMP.

R. Hoft, P.M.S.	1
E. Curtis, G.H.S.	2

Height, 4 ft. 6 in.

50 YARDS (OPEN).

N. Hanrahan, P.M.S.	1
L. Brown, P.M.S.	2

50 YARDS (UNDER 15).

G. Hewett, M.L.C.	1
G. Courthope, G.G.S.	2
E. Curtis, G.H.S.	3
N. Wren, P.M.S.	4

HITTING THE HOCKEY BALL.

L. Booth, M.L.C.	1
G. Cowen, P.M.S.	2
P. Cornish, M.L.C.	3

HURDLES (OPEN).

L. Harrison, P.M.S.	1
N. Hanrahan, P.M.S.	2
H. Malmberg, P.M.S.	3
M. Harrison, M.L.C.	4

SIAMESE RACE.

H. Malmberg and B. Burnside, P.M.S.	1
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EGG AND SPOON RACE.

L. Booth, M.L.C.	1
G. Smiley, M.L.C.	2
G. Cowen, P.M.S.	3

RELAY RACE.

P.M.S.	1
G.H.S.	2
M.L.C.	3

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

R. Driver, P.M.S.	1
L. Mitchell, P.M.S.	2
L. Brown, P.M.S.	3
C. Stapleton, M.L.C.	4

OLD GIRLS' RACE.

S. Mason, G.H.S.	1
G. Woodhouse, M.L.C.	2
H. Mayne, P.M.S.	3

LONG JUMP.

E. Weir, M.L.C.	1
H. Malmberg, P.M.S.	2

E. Curtis, G.H.S.	3
M. Oldham, C.L.C.	4

Distance, 14 ft. 6½ in.

MISTRESSES' RACE.

G. Woodhouse, M.L.C.	1
D. Milner, M.L.C.	2
O. Drummond, P.M.S.	3

HOP, SKIP AND JUMP.

E. Weir, M.L.C.	1
K. Munyard, M.L.C.	2
E. Rand, P.M.S.	3
E. Curtis, G.H.S.	3

Distance, 27 ft. 10 in.

220 YARDS (OPEN.)

H. Malmberg, P.M.S.	1
E. Cohen, P.M.S.	2

CHAMPIONSHIP.

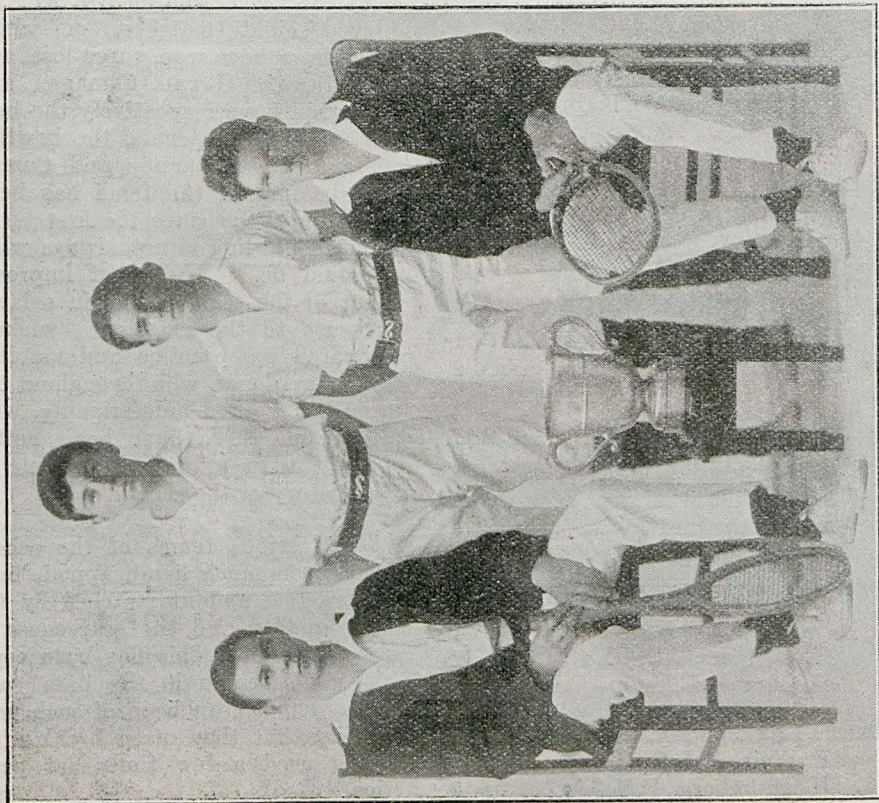
H. Malmberg (P.M.S.), 16 points	1
E. Weir, 10 points	2
N. Hanrahan (P.M.S.), 9 points.	3

CRICKET NOTES.

So far this term, the 1st XI. has played eight matches, of which three have been won, three lost, and two drawn. Cowan, Flanagan, and Anderson have respectively the best batting averages, while the bowling honours go to Janney and Camm. The batting of the team has been much improved since the first term, but the bowling is not always what it could be. The great improvement of the team is due in a large measure to the excellent wickets prepared for practice and matches by the gardener, who throughout the term has worked indefatigably, with the result there have been better wickets than at any other time in the history of the school.

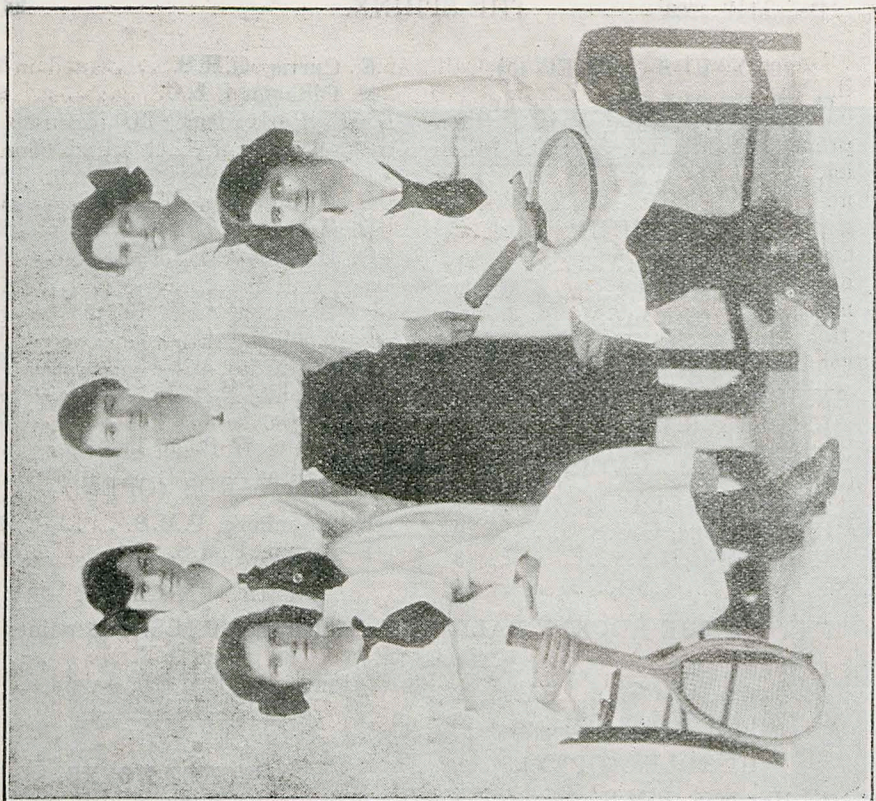
The various teams of the school have been much handicapped, both at practice and at matches by the poor quality and the scarceness of the material. This has been especially noticeable in the bats and balls, which have been of such poor quality that they often break after being used a few times at practice.

TENNIS FOUR. 1920.



WINNERS OF SLAZENGER CUP.
Left to Right—Amies, Cummins, White, Camm.

TENNIS FOUR. 1920.



C. Shugg, Miss Hinde, M. Woodhouse,
L. Mitchell, E. Nicholson.

Under the leadership of McCall, the 2nd XI. has won four matches out of seven played. It is their proud boast that, unlike their friends of the Firsts, they have never been defeated on their home ground. At the beginning of the season, the 3rd XI. elected Jones as captain. They have played two matches, winning one and drawing the other. During the year, a round of Faction cricket matches was played, with the result that Red was undefeated, winning three matches. Gold was second with two wins, and Sphinx third with one.

Below are given the details of several of the most interesting matches played during the term. These are the first matches played against the Guildford Grammar School, and the matches played against the Guildford Grammar School and the ex-students.

Against the Training College.—College 53 (Janney 7 for 18, Bradshaw 3 for 7); P.M.S., 4 wickets for 84 (Cowan 45 not out, Bradshaw 15, Ohman 7 not out).

Against High School.—P.M.S., 9 wickets for 136 (Bradshaw 32, Sharpe 30, Anderson 26, Cowan 12). P.H.S. 8 wickets for 141 (Camm 3 for 30, Janney 3 for 65).

Against Church of England Grammar School.—C.E.G.S., 185 (Flanagan 3 for 27, Bradshaw 2 for 15, Camm 2 for 43, Hiller 2 for 44). P.M.S., 1st innings, 90 (Bradshaw 32, Flanagan 23); 2nd innings, 81 (Janney 24, Ohman 18).

Against the Ex-Students.—P.M.S., 3 wickets for 132 (Anderson 44 not out, Flanagan 36, Cowan 35 not out) Ex-Students 67 (Janney 7 for 38, Camm 2 for 3).

A.F.S.O.
B.O.B.

manner in which they played in all matches, especially against the King's Park team. Unfortunately, the girls did not reach a high enough standard, and were beaten in both the Slazenger and Sandover competitions.

The annual school tournament is at present in progress, and judging by the matches already played, the results will be rather unexpected.

On Saturday, November 27th, an Ex-Students' Day was held, and part of the proceedings took the form of a tennis match between past and present students. It was hardly surprising that they proved somewhat too strong for us.

The following are the scores:—

Misses Shugg and Mitchell lost to Misses Milner and Richards, 2—6, 1—6.

Misses Nicolson and Frith lost to Misses Rotenburg and Russell, 1—6, 2—6.

Boys.

White and Cummins lost to Evans and Truscott, 5—6, 0—6.

Ausden and Baker lost to Ferguson and Farrington, 6—3, 6—4, 4—6.

White lost to Evans, 3—6.

Cummins beat Truscott, 6—4.

Ausden lost to Ferguson, 1—6.

Baker lost to Farrington, 2—6.

Mixed Doubles.

Miss Shugg and White lost to Miss Milner and Evans, 6—5, 2—6, 2—6.

Miss Mitchell and Cummins lost to Miss Richards and Truscott, 6—1, 2—6, 2—6.

Miss Nicolson and Ausden lost to Miss Rotenburg and Farrington, 3—6, 3—6.

Miss Frith and Baker lost to Miss Russell and Negus, 6—4, 4—6, 5—6.

Total:—Ex-Students, 19 sets 17 games; P.M.S., 5 sets 53 games.

C.M.S.

TENNIS NOTES.

This year the boys, under the competent leadership of Amies, have upheld the reputation of the school by again winning the Slazenger Cup. To all "four" are due the heartiest congratulations for the splendid

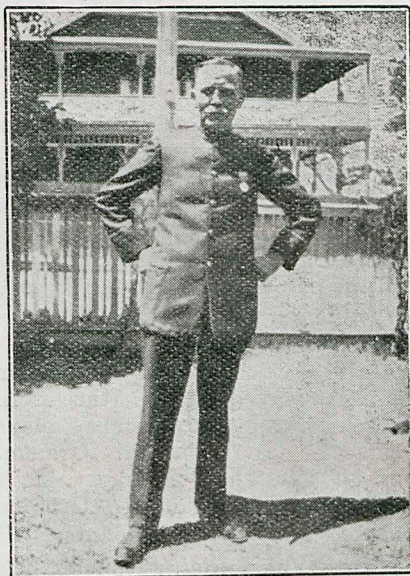
CADET NOTES.

At the commencement of the current cadet year, the number of non-commissioned officers attached to the school company was totally insufficient. To relieve this deficiency an examination was held on August

17th, resulting in the promotion of six cadets to the rank of Lance-Corporal, twelve to the rank of Corporal, three to the rank of Sergeant. A compliment of five sergeants is required under the present platoon division of the company, so that, to obtain this number, another examination will be held shortly, and, by the time this is published, will have been completed. General regret and disappointment were felt when the cadet sports, which had been arranged to take place this year, were postponed till next May, but the winning of the Fremantle-Guildford Relay Race, accompanied by a cup and sixteen medals, by the school company, did much to refresh our interest in cadet training. The cup and medals were presented to the members of the relay team by Inspector-General Chauvel, of the Commonwealth Military Forces, who visited the school, inspected the company, and spent an afternoon watching the drill. During his stay in the West, the school company was the only cadet force which the General visited, and we sincerely hope, and have reason to believe, that the impression he gained of cadet training in Western Australia was a good one. At a sports day, arranged between Leederville and Subiaco areas, the latter gained an easy victory over the former, and I think we can safely say that Modern School proved itself a not invaluable factor in helping Subiaco to victory. There has been a tendency for other areas to protest against Modern School taking a part in cadet sports and demonstrations, but we remain confident that those in power will see that the school company gets a fair deal in future. At an examination held in May of this year, two of our sergeants, Mr. Amies and Mr. Ohman, were successful in gaining their commissions, and are now attached to the school company. We offer them the heartiest congratulations, and wish them every success in their responsible positions.

—R. TRETOWAN, C.S.M

**MR. JOHN FRASER,
CARETAKER.**

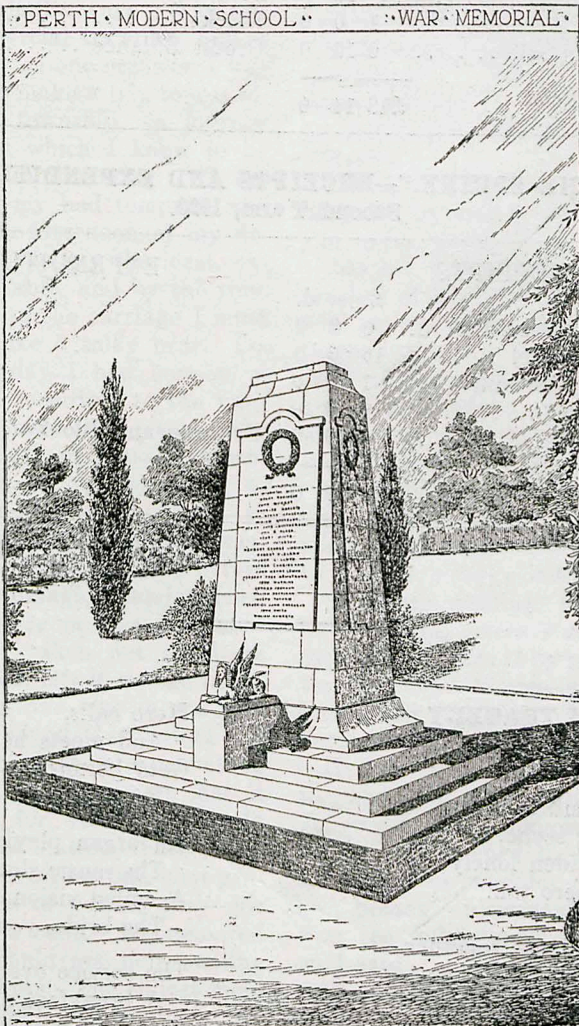


The "Sphinx" has pleasure in presenting to its readers a picture of one who is perhaps better known to students past and present than any other member of the staff. Mr. Fraser took possession of the building in 1910, before it was completed and since that time has not been away from the Modern School for a single day. It is safe to say that there is not a more capable or conscientious official in the State than Mr. Fraser, and it only needs a casual glance through the school to see with what care and affection the building has been attended to and preserved during those ten years. Of the hundreds of visitors who have passed through the School since its opening a great majority want to know how it is kept so free from any trace of vandalism and no higher compliment could be paid to Mr. Fraser as a caretaker. Boys, past and present, know what a friend they have had in Mr. Fraser, who has always been willing to do or to grant any privilege provided it did not clash with the interest of the School as a whole. In all his duties he has maintained the best

spirit and tradition of the Imperial Army, in which he served for years as a warrant officer in India and afterwards as Paymaster to the West Australian Contingent in the Boer war.

completed. The Headmaster, who is honorary treasurer of the fund, will be glad to receive contributions from ex-students who have not yet replied to his appeal.

The Memorial Committee are to



By the courtesy of the Government Printer we are able to reproduce above a photograph of Mr. W. B. Hardwick's design of the Cenotaph, which is to be erected in the School ground in memory of the Modern School boys who fell in the Great War. After careful deliberation the Memorial Fund Committee have determined to proceed with the erection of the memorial at once, the estimated cost of which is £800, and as only £650 are in hand up to date, it is hoped that the remaining £150 will be raised before the work is

be complimented on the success which has attended their efforts, and the School is deeply indebted to Mr. Hardwick, the Chairman of Committees, for the way in which he has put at its service his technical skill and knowledge. The cenotaph, which will be eleven feet in height and seven feet broad at the base, will be a chaste and impressive memorial and in perfect keeping with the architectural lines of the School. It will be built of West Australian granite, the Sphinx and the wreaths being of bronze.

"THE SPHINX."—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.
First Term, 1920.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sale in School	16	18 0	Printing	16	0 0
Ex-Students Account	1	0 0	Blocks	2	6 0
Miscellaneous Sale	0	16 0	Credit Balance	0	8 0
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	£18	14 0		£18	14 0

"THE SPHINX."—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.
Second Term, 1920.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cr. Balance Carried Ford.	0	8 0			
Sale in School	15	5 0			
Ex-Students Account	1	1 0			
Miscellaneous	0	16 0			
Debit Balance	0	10 0	Printing and Blocks	18	0 0
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	£18	0 0		£18	0 0

W. E. COHEN,
Business Manager.

A TRAGEDY.

A sound of music,
The scene, a ball;
A maiden lonely;
A hero tall.

They dance together,
The maid's alone;
The hero, gallant,
Takes her home.

A meet next evening
Down the street;
Hero smiling
Maiden sweet.

Friendship ripening
Into love;
Eyes that shine
Like stars above.

Maiden hopeful,
More or less;
Hero: "Will you—?"
Maiden: "Yes!"

Hero calls,
And meets her ma;
Gets permission
From her pa.

An organ playing
The music slow;
A veiled vision,
The bride, you know.

The service over,
A breakfast nice;
The two depart
'Mid boots and rice.

A year of marriage,
Perfect joy;
An engine comes,
And kills the boy.

Music sounding,
The scene, a ball:
A widow lonely,
A hero tall.
They dance together,
And that's all.

(Finis.)

E.L.T.

A RAILWAY FREAK.

I am not particularly fond of railway journeys, but I have in mind one which I shall always remember. I am a commercial traveller, and it happened that on one occasion I was called upon to make a trip to a moderately sized township, a journey along a route which I knew to be tedious and uninteresting. I am notorious for my bad temper, and somehow on the afternoon of my departure I was, to say the least, exceedingly irritable, and by the time I was settled in the carriage I must have looked like a sulky bear. On the previous day I had bought a novel, which, according to the various literary periodicals, reached the high water mark of sensationalism. I now opened my portmanteau to procure it, but was mortified to find that it was not there, and suddenly remembered that, just before leaving my lodgings, I had opened the bag to place in it a few more packages, had taken out the book and, like a fool, left it on the table. There was no one else in the carriage, but I hoped that before the train left I should have a travelling companion. Luck ordained that it should be so, for, just as the train was leaving the station, there jumped into the carriage a tall, slim gentleman, garbed in a plain grey suit and carrying a cane. Ill-humoured as I was, I could not help smiling at his movements. The tiniest moustache imaginable adorned his upper lip, and he was evidently extremely proud of this ornament, for no sooner had he entered the compartment than he surveyed his face in the mirror above my seat and twirled the almost imperceptible ends of his moustache with all the dash of the immortal cavalier of bygone days. He flashed a smile at me, stuck his cane on the rack, settled in the opposite corner of the carriage and burst into a terrible fit of laughter; his whole body shaking and quivering. I gazed upon him in astonishment, and inquired the reason for his mirth.

"Permit me to introduce myself," he replied, handing me a card which struck me as being rather dilapidated. I took it and read the inscription, "Dr. Merry, Principal of the School for Laughter," and at the bottom of the card, in smaller type, "A thorough training in all branches guaranteed." When I looked up again, I found Dr. Merry inspecting his moustache with the greatest satisfaction.

"Well, sir," I said, "your's is indeed an unusual profession. Have you many pupils?"

"As yet, I have none," replied the teacher of laughter, "but I hope it will be my great pleasure," here there was a low bow, an energetic twirl of the microscopic moustache and a tremendous grin, "I hope it will be my great honour, sir, to acknowledge you as my first pupil."

"And what are you fees?" I stammered nervously, for I must confess that I was somewhat taken aback by such a strange individual.

"I charge nothing, sir, for I believe that all diseases may be cured by laughter; that is by proper laughter, sir, none of this silly giggling, but hearty laughter. Allow me to demonstrate."

He did so with remarkable facility, and with no stimulus whatever. It was a laugh impossible to describe, but seemed to come out of his mouth in cascades of sound, by no means objectionable. I saw that the fellow must be humoured, so I said:

"I must compliment you, doctor. You certainly have made a fine art of laughing; but surely you are generous to a fault, in refusing to charge for teaching it."

"I have no doubt, sir," replied Dr. Merry, "that I could gain much money by charging even a small fee, but my principles will not allow me, they will not allow me, sir, I repeat. I am a philanthropist, and believe that by disseminating my healing art abroad I shall ultimately rid the world of disease. One thing I have forgotten to mention, and it is that all my male pupils will be obliged to cultivate their moustache like mine, so that they can at once

recognise each other. Indeed, sir, I have the greatest hopes that, before long, the whole world will recognise the wonderful properties of laughter."

I listened to this discourse with as serious a face as I could possibly maintain. "And how," I questioned, "shall the women pupils distinguish one another?"

"As for that," replied the professor laughing, "it will be necessary for them to shave their heads with the exception of their forehead, which they shall make it their duty to cultivate and stiffen so that it may stand out a right angle to their nose."

"Well," I observed, "I should imagine that the very sight of such a headress would send any person into roars of laughter."

"That is exactly my purpose," cried my eccentric companion eagerly. "You see how I would distribute my art amongst people. My pupils also should make it their duty to teach them how to laugh properly. It would afford me much pleasure, sir, to give you the preliminary lesson. First of all you should —"

"Here he is," said a gruff voice at the carriage window. I suddenly became aware that we had arrived at a little station, and that two uniformed men were entering the carriage, and advancing towards Dr. Merry. The learned laughter looked at me earnestly.

"I implore you, sir, in the interests of humanity, to protect me from these wretches."

"Don't take any notice of 'im, young man," growled one of the men. "I s'pose 'e's bin recommendin' 'is laughin' cure."

"Who is he, anyhow?" I asked.

"O, he managed to escape from the asylum the other day," replied the other warder, for such I took them to be "He used to be in the music halls, and known as the 'Laughing Man.' Then he went cranky."

Dr. Merry, seizing his cane from the rack, viewed his moustache once

more, grinned at me, and left the carriage with the warders. A narrow road ran straight from the entrance to a giant building. The train waited at the siding for about five minutes, and I can always picture Dr. Merry, teacher of laughter, walking along that road, between the warders, waving his cane, and most likely amusing his two captors with his extraordinary theory of the properties of laughter.

C.L.J.

THE SCHOOL PLAYERS.

With the purpose of increasing the War Memorial Fund, as well as attempting to relieve the monotony of the "after-exam." period, Miss Drummond, assisted by various students of the school, organised an entertainment. To say the least, the performance, which was held in the School Hall on Tuesday afternoon, November 30th, was a great success, when one takes into consideration that not one of the participants had more than a week's notice.

Beside the usual piano and violin solos, which were fully appreciated, the "Ones" and "Threes" presented two scenes from "Alice in Wonderland. The Griffin, Mock Turtle, Dormouse, March Hare, the Mad Hatter, and also Alice were faithfully portrayed by the members of the above-mentioned forms.

"The Fives" displayed their dramatic talent in the burlesque, "Alice, the Woodman's Daughter." Miss Bracks, Miss Cowen, and Miss Cameron, as Baron Baddenuff, Alice and William respectively, were received with much enthusiasm, while the bold, bad villains and the mysterious stranger created quite a sensation. Before the National Anthem was sung, Mr. Parsons gave a short address, in which he conveyed the thanks of the school to Miss Drummond and the performers, and announced that the proceeds, £3/18/- in all, were handed in to the school War Memorial Fund.

THE HORRORS OF EXAMINATIONS.

As I entered the examination room, which was presently to be the scene of such ghastly woe and lamentations, I experienced an awful feeling of dismay about the impending exams. The faces of all the other boys wore a sickly pallor—all seemed gloomy and oppressed, and I felt that I should like to die.

But I was awakened from these reflections by the prefects distributing foolscap, and hastily opening a book I began to shout vociferously, "On what date did Julius Caesar win the Battle of the Nile? 1293, wasn't it? And when did Henry VII. sign Magna Charta?" Oh! this infernal history, why was it ever recorded? Hastily turning pages, reading off dates, shouting (or moaning, rather) and gesticulating with my arms, I learnt nothing, and as the master came into the room I closed the book, with a muttered prayer.

But soon we were to endure a worse ordeal than this. The master began to give out the examination papers, and oh! what agony of suspense in waiting for one. All except myself had now papers, and as one was handed to me I felt that I was not in a fit condition to look at it. The boy in front of me nearly choked; the boy to the left nearly fainted; everybody was "pallid and wan."

And now I turned my eyes to the history paper. What! the Constitutions of Clarendon! What were they? Surely I had never heard of such things. I scratched my head, chewed the end of a pen, racked my brains—but no inspiration came. Raising my eyes, I discovered that a quarter of an hour of the allotted time had passed. So far, I had done nothing.

My mind was now somewhat clearer, and I began to have a vague idea of what the Constitutions of Clarendon really were. All at once the truth (?) flashed across my brain. Of course I knew it. Signed in 1215 by King John VII. Why had I not thought of this before. I scribbled down a few notes, and

then, casting a hurried glance at the clock, perceived that over one hour of the two allowed had passed. However, I seemed to get on better after this, and when the bell rang I was certain of a distinction in that delightful subject—history.

Now, we had to endure the anxious suspense of waiting for the marks. In spare time I occupied myself by working out imaginary results, supposing I had obtained fifteen out of sixteen marks in this question, and full marks in that. With this mode of marking I found I had obtained ninety-three per cent., and I rejoiced in my supposed success.

The time came when I ventured to enquire for my marks. "Yes," said the mistress who had marked the paper, "I think you have done very well." My hopes rose like an aeroplane as the mistress glided away for the marks. She returned in a moment with the following:—"I am sorry to have raised your hopes in this way (the aeroplane crashed to the earth). It was not you but the other boy who obtained such good results. I am sorry that your paper was only worth two per cent." I sank to the floor in a dead faint.

C.R.

EX-STUDENTS' PAGE.

(This page is under the direction of Mr. F. Maw, the University, who will always be glad to receive interesting paragraphs from any quarter relating to old students.)

The Ex-Students' Association has been particularly busy this term. A number of successful dances and socials have been held at the school, and it was a great pleasure to us all to be able to meet old friends. The ex-students' concert was a new feature, and we felt very proud that artists from the school could give us such a musical treat.

On Sports Day there were many old students present, and it would be a good thing if we could make each Sports Day a meeting of the past and present students of the school. The smile, or rather, I should say, the beam of satisfaction, on the faces of old masters when 13 old boys turned up to start in the Old Boys' Race was well worth a

trip to school from the furthest parts of the State, and we have to congratulate Mathews and Roydhouse on their respective victories. Mathews came down from the country especially to be at the school on Sports Day, and it is to be hoped that many more will follow his example.

During the term, many of those who have been prefects had a social at school, and had a very good time until Mr. Fraser turned them out—but he always does that, and we wish to thank him for the help he has always given us, even if he does turn us out at midnight.

Another meeting of interest was called to consider the question of the War Memorial. That is a subject which particularly interests the ex-students, and it was unfortunate that so few were present at the meeting. However, it was decided to build a cenotaph in the school grounds as well as tablets in the hall. Ex-students will be very glad that a really fine memorial will always remind us of those who have given their lives, and will bear witness that the school has played her part nobly.

The last event of the term was an Ex-Students' Day, which was held at the school on Saturday, November 27. The ex-students played the school cricket and tennis. We did not win anything—ex-students never do in any school—but had a great day, and we should like to see a still greater number at functions which help to keep us in touch with one another.

The Re-Union this year was to an old student at once a pleasure and a pain. Looking around the old hall one saw the faces of many old friends, but missed those of some whom we usually met at this much looked-forward-to event. They are scattering our old friends.

Griffiths has just left us for England, having gained the Orient Scholarship. Rudeberg, another whose face was missing, is designing bridges in Sweden.

Miss Hilda Pfister, after a distinguished course at the W.A. University, is now in Edinburgh studying

medicine. Hensell studies among the fogs and busses of London how to cure the ills of mankind. Surely the School takes a great interest in those same ills as Miss Thomas, Le Souef, Day, Lawrence, have all been successful in their various years at Melbourne University, and we hope to see soon a crop of brass plates in our own city.

The School takes its part in the development of the North-West.

Mrs. Greenwood (Rene Driver), Jock and Freddie Castilla, Will Coleman, Alf. Tilly, and Bradshaw, who formed a lasting friendship at school, Alf. Morgan, and O'Brien, are all north of Capricorn, and, we hope, all making their fortunes in that far-away part of the State.

Many of our number who are now at the University deserve congratulations for their successful year's work, and we look forward to the time when they will be able to make use of the knowledge they have gained for their own and the State's advancement.

Coming nearer to the School we regret to learn that Mrs. Compton has given up mothering the girls, and very often a number of the boys of the School. Many of us will remember the delightful social evenings at Compton House, and how the School will get on without Mrs. Compton I do not quite know.

Another item of interest is the engagement of Miss Alwyne Compton to Mr. Vernon Gibson, and also that of Miss Beatrice Deeble to Mr. A. Gibbins. We wish them the best of luck.

Now that the end of the year is here I should like to remind those who are leaving the old School that, if they wish to keep in touch with their fellow students, they will be wise to join the Ex-Students' Association. The more members we have the better can we accomplish the object for which the Association was formed, namely, to keep together those who had the advantage of a few years at the P.M.S. See the School Captain, if you cannot arrange to meet our Treasurer, and he will direct you how to become a member.

