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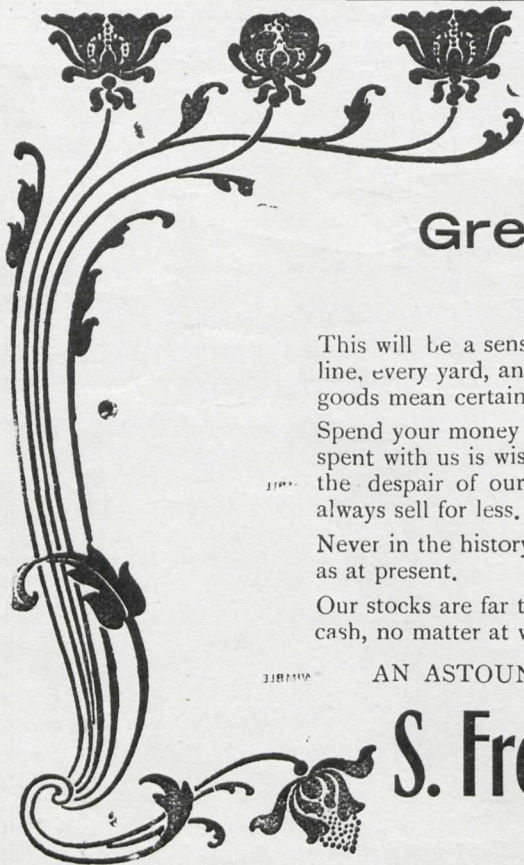
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Tuesday, December 16, 1913.

CHRISTMAS

We take this our last opportunity for the year of wishing our readers the happiest of Christmases and the brightest of New Years, and we sincerely trust that we shall meet again early in 1914. That we have been able to live so long, and to become such a power in the school has been due to the enthusiastic support we have had both from within the school and from without, and we feel quite sure that when our next number appears we shall have at our back not only our old supporters but many new ones.

A school's feelings are always mixed at Christmas time—joy in anticipation of the coming vacation and sorrow at the approaching loss of many of its best boys. Satisfaction with what has been done well, regrets for what has been done badly or left undone, but the magazine can look back without a pang, and in saying "Au Revoir" to its supporters proffers, as a thanks offering, the splendid work it has done for the school during the year, and the promise that it will try to do even better in 1914.

CONGRATULATION

We have to congratulate Mr. Oldfield, VIIC., on the completion of his B.Sc. degree.

Teacher: "Who was the first electrician?" Pupil: "Noah; he made the arc light on Mount Ararat."

AS OTHERS SEE US

Since our last issue we have had several visitors, the most important being the gentleman whose able and interesting articles appear in the columns of our contemporaries under the nom de plume of "Ariel."

"Ariel" spent half a day in our class rooms and saw each class at work, and the account of his visit which appeared in the "Daily News," provided interesting reading for the general public, while the warm approbation of the lines upon which we work, coming as it did from an acknowledged authority, could not fail to bring much satisfaction to all connected with the School.

The article was headed "A Great Institution," "Where boys are happy," and was remarkable for the clearness with which "Ariel" saw the ideas underlying the work shown. The following extracts should prove interesting:

"No form of education is more important than that of elementary education, which is all the education ever received by the vast majority of men and women. Every boy should receive at least the foundation of sound education which ought to be of such a character that when he leaves the Primary School, he should experience no difficulty in building on the broad foundations already laid.

"The school is a happy place, for happiness consists in living a full life—in the wholesome exercise of all our faculties, and to assist in giving every boy an opportunity of spending his spare time profitably and of possibly laying the founda-

tion of future hobbies, all kinds of clubs have been established and were flourishing.

"I may here say that I attended this very admirable institution (the debating society), and listened with great interest to an animated debate on the relative merits of the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. The chairman, a boy of about 13 years of age, conducted the proceedings with great dignity, and introduced the speakers in a neat and well delivered address. As to the discussion, I have no hesitation in saying that it revealed knowledge in intellectual ability, and clear presentation of argument, higher powers than are always manifested in our State or Commonwealth Legislatures. Some of the points were well put, and the whole of the class seemed to be profoundly interested in the controversy.

"I was pleased to find that literature has a prominent place in the curriculum. In one class I found the teacher cross-examining his boys on the relative merits of Charles Lamb and William Wordsworth, and the eagerness with which the pupils answered the questions asked was to me a revelation. They seemed to have got right into the very hearts of these two great masters—the one a worshipper of nature, the other a lover of cities and men. In another class the boys acted with great credit the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice," revealing an intimate knowledge with Shakespeare's great comedy.

"During the afternoon I paid a visit to the science room, where I found a number of boys receiving practical, very practical, demonstrations in electricity. Here, I may

mention, the boys are initiated into the mysteries of wireless telegraphy. They receive practical instructions in the subject, and actually communicate with a number of private wireless stations.

"Another feature of the school is more than worth placing on record. Now and then a boy is told off to study a special subject, and to state the results of his investigations in a lecture or in an essay, which is read before his class. Recently, for example, a young lad of 14, with the aid of the Public Library, went elaborately into the question of "Australian Poetry," and subsequently delivered an exhaustive and able lecture on the subject.

"I had submitted to me a large number of competition essays, written by boys of about 13 or 14 years of age, on 'The Growth and Development of Trade Unionism,' and I must confess that I was deeply impressed with the knowledge and literary skill these productions revealed.

"Everywhere I found evidence of hard work. As I entered class-room after class-room I was impressed with that fact. But I was no less impressed with the general spirit of cheerfulness. All the boys seemed

to be having a good time. They were evidently enjoying themselves. If I had not known that they were working, I would have concluded that they were playing. Some foolish people make play work. At James Street School they seem have discovered the secret of making work play

"I came away that afternoon feeling a little prouder than before of my adopted country, and regretting a little more than usual that I had not had the good sense to get myself born about 14 years ago, instead of—but that is another matter."

FREMANTLE BOYS' SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Some months ago we had much pleasure in welcoming "Our Girls," and we are now delighted to receive into our ranks a new brother, the Fremantle Boys' School Magazine, the first number of which is to hand. We congratulate the school on this forward move, and wish the newcomer a long and prosperous career.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The annual inspection of the science work is now over. The written test was a complete surprise. This is the first time that the science has been subjected to such a test, and we were not prepared for it.

We cannot say how we got on, as there has been no report sent in as yet.

The terminal test in science has not yet been completed, but from certain indications we predict that VIIIb (Industrial) will again top the score.

VIc. has again beaten the other sixths, but did not do so well as last time.

Class VIII. ought to have done well in the science for the leaving certificate; it was a fair paper, giving plenty of scope to the boy who had done his work honestly.

Gosnell threw a lump of sodium into a trough of water by mistake, and the explosion which followed shook the neighbourhood. We did not get much warning, but made the most of what we did get, and the only damage done was to the ceiling of the laboratory. A charge of conspiracy to blow up the school preferred against Gosnell and Co was withdrawn on enquiry.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(By Old Boy.)

The Perth Boys' School Old Boys' Association is now an accomplished fact. As a result of a couple of public meetings, which were held at the school and most enthusiastically and well attended, not only was a strong complement of officers duly elected, but the Association was placed on a business-like footing by passing a most comprehensive constitution and rules and by also (which is of extreme importance) enrolling quite a number of members. The officers elected at the first meeting are as follows:—Patron, Sir Edward Stone, K.C.M.G.; president, R. A. Sholl, Esq., I.S.O.; vice-presidents, Sir Walter James, K.C., K.T.; Sir Edward Stone, K.C.M.G., Frank Wittenoom, Esq., W. H. Strickland, Esq., D. Chipper, Esq., S. Chipper, Esq., C. H. Smith, Esq., William Bowra, Esq., W. H. Hope, Esq., and Lieut.-Colonel Strickland; chairman, T. C. Chandler, Esq.; management committee (in addition to president and vice-presidents), Messrs J. H. James, J. S. Glaskin, J. L. Walker, J. S. Everett, W. J.

Lambert, R. Bandy, B. C. Cohen, W. J. Randell, Eric King, and Walter Barrett; treasurer, Stan. Tuke, secretaries, J. H. Bicknell and Max Kott.

The fact that every officer of the Association received some, if not all, of his education at the school, is certainly a matter upon which the Association can look with a deal of pride.

The objects of the Association as set out by its constitution, i.e., "To preserve the associations of the school days of the boys and masters of the school, and to encourage the work of the school and education generally. The former of these objects will be achieved by arranging a number of social reunions, which shall be held from time to time in the form of smoke socials, river trips, dinners, and other entertainments.

The latter of the objects of the Association will be achieved mainly by donating special prizes for competition, and already two prizes have been given by the Old Boys' Association to the youngsters of the school.

The great thing to be done now is to enrol as many "old boys" as possible as members of the Association, and considering the easy means of

obtaining membership and the nominal subscription, there should be no excuse for any "old boy" not becoming a member of the body.

Applications from membership should be obtained from the secretaries or members of the committee or from the school, and should be sent on completed to the secretaries or to the school, together with a remittance for 2s 6d, which is the annual subscription to the Association.

It is hoped that all "old boys" will immediately make application for membership, and also influence their friends and acquaintances who are eligible for membership to do likewise. The Association has come to stay, and is going to do great things.

Oh, who would be in England
Now December's there?
For whoever wakes in England
Finds each morning that the air
Is bitter cold—the winds are bleak,
And frost and ice choke every creek,
While the raven croaks from the
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GEORGE WILLIAMSON

The boy who to-day holds the proud position of dux of the school for 1913 is George Williamson, and we congratulate him not only on account of the distinction he has gained, but also because he is the first to receive the prize given by the Old Boys' Association. Williamson owes his position to a combination of brains, perseverance, and capacity for hard work. And these possessions, backed up as they are by sterling qualities, should send him well to the front in the struggle for existence.



GEORGE WILLIAMSON
Dux of School

Williamson has not taken much interest in sport, boxing being his chief recreation, but he is very popular with his classmates, who recognise that the honorable position he holds to-day is a fitting reward for one who has worked solidly and conscientiously during the whole year.

A man remarked that he came from a very large family.

"How many are there of you?" he was asked.

"Well, there were ten of us boys," he said, "and each of us had a sister."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the other. "Then there were twenty of you?"

"No," said the boastful man, "eleven."

OLD BOYS' NOTES

J. Stroud Glaskin, who attended this school during its first days in James-street, is an architect, who has made good in the city. Is most enthusiastic about the Old Boys' Association.

G. H. James, the manager of the Northern Insurance Co., is an old boy with a warm heart for the school.

Jack Lukies, associated with the Globe Insurance Co., is also an "old boy," who had his training in the Terrace School.

H. J. Pether, head of the Government litho. office, is an old boy, who, despite his numerous business, social, and musical engagements, has always plenty of time for the school.

"Wallie" Ballment and "Laurie" Lapsley, of the London and Yorkshire and the South British Insurance Companies respectively, are touring on behalf of their companies, and by all accounts making good.

George Mettam, who had some reputation as a cricketer at school, now dips the oar as a very successful oarsman. Is paying officer at the Agricultural Bank.

Dave Guthrie, of Hay-street, an interested old boy, was a contemporary of Sir Edward Wittenoom and his brother.

"Toby" Ollivier is doing well with Emanuel Bros., probably as well as he used to do on the cricket and football field.

Word has been received that Horace Walker, who is at Gray's Inn completing his law course, has had a most successful year. He has obtained 2nd class honours in constitutional law, 1st class in Roman law, and in real property and conveyancing, and shared a £5 prize in the terminal examination.

Darrel Greaves has our best wishes and congratulations on his marriage.

PREFERRED THE EARTH-QUAKE.

From America comes the story of a father who, fearing an earthquake in the region of his home, sent his three boys to a distant friend until the threatening rumble had passed. In a week he received a wire from his friend, which read:—"For heaven's sake take your boys home, and send us down the earthquake."

ERIC SMITH

In this number we are publishing a photograph of Eric Smith, winner of the Old Boys' Prize for the "best all-round boy in the school."

Smith came from Subiaco, and soon showed that he was a lad much above the average. He gained a bursary last year, and this year obtained a very high position in the struggle for dux of the school. He is one of the best bats that the school has ever had, and if he gets on to turf and plays good class cricket should develop into an inter-



ERIC SMITH
Best all-round boy in School

national man. He is a fine footballer, and makes a splendid captain. At the recent sports meeting he proved himself champion athlete, and he is a fine boxer, being quick with both hands, very active, and has a good defence.

With it all he is a fine fellow, modest and unassuming, and extremely popular among the boys.

We wish Smith every success at the Modern School, which he will enter next year.

EASY ENOUGH.

Brown: "Did you hear the wonderful way a man recovered his sight the other day?"

Jones: "No, I didn't. What happened?"

Brown: "Why, he went into an ironmonger's shop and asked for a mallet—and saw!"

CLASS REPORTS

VIII.

Geo. Williamson is Dux of the School. We congratulate him on his achievement. The results of the examination for this prize were very satisfactory and we congratulate P. Moore and J. Weiss also for gaining second and third places respectively.

The results of the Leaving Certificate are not yet to hand, and we are anxiously awaiting them. We all hope to gain the coveted honour.

The close of School life for the majority of this class is at hand and is already in evidence. Some have obtained positions; others are awaiting opportunities; while six are preparing themselves for a civil servant's career by taking the first exam. We wish them one and all a prosperous career and with it hope that the Old School will not be forgotten.

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all.

VIIA. Ind.

In this final report it is natural that we should make a retrospect of the past year and "see wherein we have come short of" In our reflections we are affected differently. Some of us can sincerely pat ourselves on the back; others have small regrets that we have failed to fully accomplish the purpose which we set out with, at the commencement of the year. Yet, when as a class, we come to weigh our success against our defects we realise with pride that the balance is in favour of the former. The credit of this we give to those boys who have striven assiduously to make their class the best. Among these boys we may particularly name Curtis, Stubbs, Knight, Martin, Pierssene and others too numerous to mention. The examination for Dux of the Class is now completed, and we heartily congratulate Pierssene for his splendid results. Stubbs followed closely behind and is to be commended. A vote for the most popular boy was taken, and Dave Martin was unanimously selected. Many of us are leaving this year to launch out into the world, but we will not forget the associations we have formed with both boys and

teachers and will always consider them bright spots in our career. One and all we wish the School and the staff the heartiest compliments of the season.

VIIB. Industrial.

This being our final report for the year we shall endeavour to make it more retrospective than its predecessors.

At the commencement of our working year this class was far from being perfect. We do not claim that we are now a perfect seventh, but we do claim that the improvement we have made during the year has been more than satisfactory. We base this claim on Mr. Clubb's report, Mr. Chandler's spoken opinion, and our own private opinions.

Our foremost workers throughout the year have been H. Behrmann, E. Kent, W. Allen, H. Morrison, Don. Randell, R. Hall, C. Gardiner, E. Edwards, E. Keatch, and E. Smith; while we wish to compliment A. Ewers and C. Green on the fine improvement they have effected in the last three months.

Two of us, Charles Gardiner and Redvers Hall, have succeeded in gaining admission to the Modern School next year. We wish them all success, and hope that they will not allow their great opportunity to pass neglected.

The Dux of the class is H. Behrmann, who only attained his enviable position after a keen struggle with Kent and Morrison. He has earned the distinction, and we all join in congratulating him, and also the leaders in the other classes.

And now we make our adieu as VIIB. Industrial. When next we meet you we hope it will be as Standard VIII. boys, all ready to finish off our school careers with a fine year's work in the top standard.

VIIA. Com.

Now that the school year has practically ended, and we are all looking forward eagerly to the holidays, we have to congratulate George Carter for his splendid performance in winning for himself the proud position of "Dux" of VIIA. Commercial for 1913. While Carter is top, Little, Menagh, Ireland and Courthope pressed him very closely. These boys, however, are not the

only ones who deserve commendation for the work they have put in during the year, as we have proudly realised during the whole of the year that the shirker was, happily, not among us.

The coming of the holidays will, unfortunately, mean the snapping of many ties, as a number of boys are not coming back to us after the vacation, but are going out to face life and endeavour to make a name for themselves. To these boys we can only wish the best of success, and hope that, while engaged in the strenuous days which follow on school life, they will show that they are still interested in the place where during 1913 they worked hard, but still found time to enjoy themselves.

VIIB. Commercial.

During the past few months we have been forced to say farewell to many of our classmates, and now we are all parting, some for a long, others for a short, period, but most of us hope to reassemble here again in 1914. To our classmates who will not reassemble we wish the best of success in their future spheres of life.

During the last week we have completed the very interesting examination for positions in class, with the following results:

Dalton Fox, Dux, average, $84\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Keith Douglas, second, average, $81\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

Sam Quong, third, average, 79 per cent.

Kevin Downey, fourth, average, $75\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

We wish to congratulate Fox on his double success in being dux of the class and also for obtaining entrance scholarship to the Modern School. In 1914 there will be an examination for dux of school, and we are asking ourselves these questions: How many of us will compete in that examination? Will one of us be successful in gaining that distinction?

In conclusion we wish all to thoroughly enjoy the coming holidays and convey one another the season's greetings.

VIIC.

The School work for the year is almost finished and we are looking

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honour of captaining the "B" Grade premier football team. Every boy in the class is proud of his school, proud to have done a little for it during the year, and hopeful of being able to do more next.

Before we break-up we wish all our fellows of the Old School a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VIC.

Let us make a short review of the year just concluded: Class VIC. was formed at Easter of those boys in the "Sixths" who were at scholarship age. The work at the time, speaking generally, was in a weak condition, but hard work and enthusiasm soon made a big difference in the right direction, and presently a good working spirit was founded. From that time on improvement was noted and some splendid work was done, especially in Composition, vide previous magazines. Early in November the examination of the year, "The Qualifying," was held, and we figured thus: Presented for examination, 50; obtained passes, 45. The result was undoubtedly a splendid one, but we can justly say that it was not undeserved; it served to mark a fitting finish to a hard, though pleasant, uphill battle.

THE DUX: "Who will face the camera on behalf of VIC?" was the question which had been troubling the majority of the boys in this room for the past few weeks. On Monday, the 8th inst. the question was solved: the "Marks Competition" completed then read as follows:

Dux, F. Ward, 475 marks.
 Second, G. Cockburn, 455 marks.
 Third, A. Moebius, 439 marks.
 Fourth, A. McLernon, 428 marks.
 Fifth, A. Hayward, 420 marks.
 Sixth, K. Bruce, 417 marks.
 Seventh, H. Fryer, 411 marks.
 Eighth, H. Jowett, 408 marks.
 Ninth, A. Williamson, 400 marks.
 Congratulations to Ward!

VA.

The time has arrived when our class will be speedily disbanded. Some of us, the majority we are happy to state, will be together in a higher standard next year, but others are leaving us, two or three to commence work in the outside

world, and several for other schools.

The final results of our year of work and effort are now attained, and leading the "Tenth Legion" of the class by the very narrow margin of six marks is Arnold Cross. Standing but a little in rear are McDowall (406), Brown (385), Thompson (384), Walker (381), Skipper (371) Smith (367), Lappin (364), Taylor (363) and Harring (359). These are the chaps who are the best all round lads. The fellows who consistently obtained high marks in one subject, but failed to score in others, although standing no chance of being near the top deserve special mention are: In Composition, Arrand, Dean, Barron, Wedderburn and Pollett never failed to hand in excellent papers, while Saunders, Webster, Keily, Morgan and Dye, in Spelling and Dictation, seldom, if ever, failed to appear near the head of the class lists. Then there are the solid fellows, the chaps who steadily worked in the middle of the class, too numerous to mention by name, but mainly to them is due our class report, for they formed the yeomanry and backbone of VA. It has been a great fight, and we all join in heartily congratulating Cross on his victory.

In conclusion, we may say without boasting that we have had a successful year, the secret of our good time being the manner in which every member of our class has done his best to assist in, and make a success of, the various clubs and phases of work of the school itself. And further, though we have always been loyal to our class, we have never forgotten that our class is but a part of our School.

VB.

The past four weeks has been a period of hard work and anxiety. There were two reasons for this. Firstly, the distinction of being Dux of the class had to be decided, and secondly, the coveted honour of gaining a place in the next year's Qualifying Certificate Class was of practically paramount importance.

The pride of first place fell to Abraham Cass, whose success was both meritorious and popular, whilst the majority of the class acquitted itself sufficiently well to justify promotion to one of the Qualifying Certificate Classes.

A very gratifying spirit was exhibited by this class being placed at the top of the "Ticket-selling Barometer." This shows that the boys were not only interested in their class, but also in their school, of which VB. forms a unit.

At the time of writing, the Quairading Benefit Display Tickets are out for sale and reports have it that VB. are trying to score a double win by being at the top of the "Barometer" again.

The results of the various tests given during the last month reveal the following out of 1100 marks: A. Cass, 935 marks, Dux; K. George 933 marks, second; D. Yews, 870 marks, third; W. Bateman, 807 marks, fourth.

In conclusion, VB. wish the Headmaster, the staff, and all the boys a pleasant holiday and the compliments of the coming festive season.

IV.

In this our final report for 1913 we have to give the results of the marks competition for Dux. The honour of being top boy falls to Walter Scott, whose photo appears in this issue. His marks are 159, and he was run very close by Louis McGuckin with 157, Dan Luton 154, Edward Sanger 148, William Finkelstein 146 and Felix Caleo 144. All of these boys have done excellently and deserve to be congratulated. That they have put in solid work may be seen by comparison with the July marks list, their position in that examination being placed first: Scott, absent, 1st; McGuckin, 11th, 2nd; Luton, 10th, 3rd; Sanger, 6th, 4th; Finkelstein, 1st, 5th; Caleo, 8th, 6th. It is interesting to note that the secret of these boys' successes has been their home work. Each one of the above boys has put in good work at the little homework which has been set from time to time. Standard IV. please take notice of this for next year. In closing this report we should like to say what a pleasure it has been teaching a class where all have been triers, and we hope to meet all again next year as Standard V.

Jimson: "I do spring-cleaning at all seasons of the year."

Jackson: "How's that?"

Jimson: "I'm a watchmaker."

CAMERA CLUB NOTES

The school album has been brought up to date. A selection of the best photographs taken during the year have been entered in it. Quong takes the place of honour not only because he is represented on the front cover of the album by his excellent photo of the school, but for the reason that he has the greatest number of prints on the pages. The following are also represented: Whittle (9), Haydon (7), Kendall (7), Rose (6), M'Pherson (2), Page, Sainsbury, and M'Mahon (1 each).

Whittle and Rumbold are actively engaged in making lantern slides, several of which have been tested in the school lantern, and found to be very good.

Rossiter has been taking many photographs of late, and the dark room and he are very much together. He has left off taking photos on the backs of plates.

RESEARCH ESSAYS

After much consideration the judges decided to divide the prize for the essay on "Trades Unionism" between Arthur Knight and D'Arcy Ivey, both of whom sent in really excellent essays. Other boys who were well to the front and who, though beaten, are by no means disgraced, are: Bible, Pierssene, Kent, Behrmann and Tulloch.

RADIO CLUB

We had an accident with the portable mast and aerial the other day. As one boy surveyed the tangle of wires and ropes, he said: "Please, sir, where does the 'wireless' come in."

The new tuning coils are an improvement. As showing what can be done with cheap equipment, we have recently got better results with a telephone for which we paid sixpence than we get with our proper headgear, which cost some pounds!

We had our first test in the field lately, and picked up Applecross very easily on the portable aerial.

The W.A. Radio Club is now in being, and we have already to thank two members—Messrs. Dean and Sibley—for their interest in the junior club. Some of the boys were kindly allowed to inspect Mr. Dean's apparatus, and spent an interesting

evening with him. We hope to be permitted to make some further visits when these members place their stations in commission again. It has been necessary for them to dismantle them pending a settlement of the license question.

EXTRACT FROM P.B.S. 1913

The sun of 1913 school year is now sinking into oblivion never to return. The lower school rejoice at the sunset of the year, but many of the upper school regret it, for it marks the last of their school life, whence they pass through the happy gates of boyhood into the more serious stage of manhood The old boy in years to come, standing upon the Horseshoe Bridge, will think of the old school to which he owes so much. He will remember his school fellows; those who worked hard for the School and those who thought of themselves alone; and he will walk away thinking of the glorious times he once had at school when he was looking forward to pleasanter times—that never came.

PERTH CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL

We have been asked to notify boys that a bazaar will be held in February next in aid of the Children's Hospital. One stall will be devoted entirely to boys, and each child is asked to contribute one toy so that the whole of the proceeds of their sale will go towards the funds. This is a very good idea, and we should be glad if everybody could manage to save a toy from his Christmas stock for the benefit of his less fortunate brothers in the hospital.

Just before going to press, we were informed that Swimming Carnivals will be held at Nedlands on Boxing Day and New Year's Day in aid of the Hospital, and that there will be a number of competitions for boys.

Old Lady: "Can you tell me how long the next train to Leederville will be?"

Rude Boy: "Can't say exactly, mum. About as long as the last, I think."

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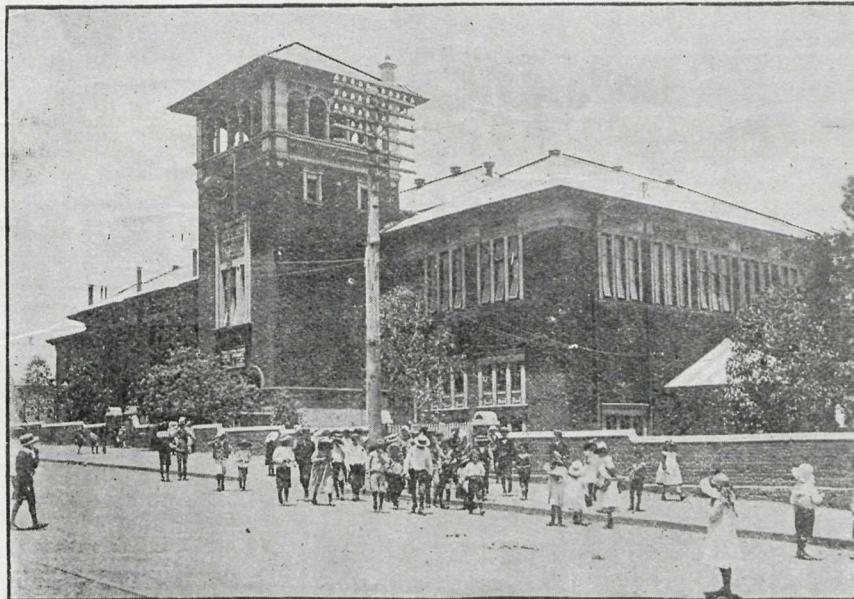
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1913

When we think of 1913 and the chaps
 who've done their best
 To keep our lamp a-burning, flag a
 top,
 Many scores of names come to us,
 but we'll have to leave the rest,
 And mention just a few before we
 stop ;
 But if any anxious reader wants the
 left out to be seen,
 We'll refer him to back numbers of
 the Perth Boys' Magazine.
 We've had examinations right from
 Eighth to Standard Four ;
 We've football'd, gym'd, and kodak'd

With upstart, circle, swing, hand
 over hand.
 And when Feakes calls Jacoby per
 wireless re debate,
 He'll mention Wilson, Courthope,
 Bark, and another six or eight.
 There's Williamson and Pierssene,
 there's Little, Edwards, Ward,
 And others who are worthy of a line,
 And Ryan, Martin, Thompson, Scott,
 whose names will get abroad,
 Besides the boys whose rames won't
 make a rhyme.
 While the very best at lessons of
 every class and age
 You'll find them in a photograph
 upon another page.

sions are expanded by his merciless
 persecution of the case against An-
 tonio. His heart is steeled against
 mercy, but when the tide of the
 case is turned by the superior cun-
 ning of Portia, he himself cries for
 mercy. When the sentence is passed
 on him he breaks down, and for all
 his misdoings I do not think that
 Shylock deserved the terrible pun-
 ishment meted out to him by the
 woman who had tried to instil mercy
 in his heart. If she preached mercy,
 why did not Portia practise mercy,
 and I think that Shylock was there-
 fore cruelly wronged by the intro-
 duction of an obsolete law.,



JAMES STREET STATE SCHOOL.

all the year ;
 We've bursaried and cricketed, had
 essays in galore,
 As Eric Smith and Coombs have
 made quite clear,
 And when we think of research work
 on which our students thrive,
 There's Miller, Knight, and Jones and
 Dodd, Dale, Kent, and Darcey
 Ives.
 There's Kendall in the Camera Club
 and Haydon, too, and Quong ;
 There's Midge, Cohen, Walters in
 the band ;
 While Moebins, Thomas Ockenden
 have sent the gym along

“ SHYLOCK ”

(By E. J. Farmer.)

Shylock, the Jewish moneylender
 of the Venetian Realto, was a man
 with many traits in his character.
 On the Realto he was subject to the
 curses and derision of Antonio, but
 a longing for vengeance smouldered
 under his suave exterior. Shylock's
 chance came when Antonio condes-
 cended to borrow 8,000 ducats from
 his enemy, and as he tricked An-
 tonio into binding himself, I can
 quite imagine the oily chuckle that
 followed the signing of the docu-
 ment. In the Trial Scene his pas-

An American was boasting to an
 Irishman about the speed of Ameri-
 can trains.

“ Why, Pat,” said the American,
 “ we run our trains so fast in Ameri-
 ca that the telegraph poles look like
 a picket fence.”

“ Do they, now ?” said Pat. “ Well,
 sir, I was wan day in a train in Ire-
 land, and as we passed first a field
 of turnips, then wan of carrots, and
 then a large pool of water, we were
 goin' that fast that I thought it was
 broth.”

1st Savage: “ What makes our
 King so full of laughter ?”

2nd Savage: “ He must have swal-
 lowed the missionary's funny bone.”

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Next year we hope to see the effect of the trouble taken by several members of the staff in advising boys how to play the great game properly. Already a big improvement is noticeable, but we want a much larger one yet. Practise what the coaches tell you, and you'll improve your game out of all knowledge.

Eric Smith is the acknowledged "all-round" champion of the school—a good right hand bowler, and a splendid batsman, with a grand variety of strokes. He should make his mark in the "cricket world" of the State.

Edgar Kent is another really good "all-rounder." His batting is very watchful, and he has the ability to punish any loose bowling. His weakness is on the off. Practise that cut, Edgar, and you'll score as fast again.

Colin Wilson plays a good bat, but is much more effective as a bowler, being a left-hander. For a boy his break is tremendous, but it is rather too evident. Try to disguise it, Wilson.

In the slips J. Gosnells is very quick, no matter which side the ball is travelling, to gather in those "slick" chances.

B. Fisher fields very well, and is a careful bat, who should improve when he learns to hit properly.

H. Miller, H. Purnell, D. Randell, E. Allen, and J. Weiss are all useful members of their respective elevens.

R. Randell at practice is a different player to the Randell we see performing in matches. What is the trouble? I think you should wait for the right ball to hit, Randell, and content yourself with watchful play when the good ones come along. Your ability is much greater than the score book shows. Also a word of advice re bowling: On turf the

fast one isn't nearly so hard as it is on concrete. A good length is the essential.

To all of you I say fielding is just as important as batting, to some of you more so. A poor field may give 20 or 30 runs away in an innings, and he can't make them up when he bats, can he? Don't wait for the ball to come to you. Go after it. Always throw in on the full or first bounce. Don't let your bowler have to rush round picking up balls you could get; he wants all his energies for his bowling.

I want to congratulate both teams on their sportsmanlike conduct on the field. We have no "talkers" now, and we are much better for it. I am very glad to know that you can both win and lose in the same spirit, and that being so, after all is said, the batting and other play are not so important.

E. Kent's averages for the year are worthy of inclusion here:—Batting—Five completed innings, total runs 206, highest score 88 not out, average 41.2. Bowling: Fifty wickets for 140 runs; average, 2.8.

On averages Kent is the leading player of the school, but he is not quite the artist with a bat that E. Smith undoubtedly is.

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