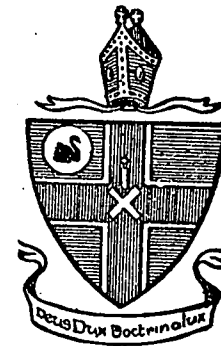


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THE HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

The first term of 1928 began on Tuesday, 14th February. On resuming school we found that sixteen boys had left, the majority to begin their work in the world, three to go to Muresk Agricultural College where there is a strong detachment of old Christ Church Boys, and three younger boys for personal reasons to go to other schools. To make up this loss twenty-three boys joined the school and two who had been away for the latter part of 1927 returned and school opened with one hundred and six boys on the roll of whom twenty-nine are boarders. Unfortunately owing to illness two boys have been away for more than half the term, so that our effective attendance has been about one hundred. Of the new boys, five are boarders and the change over of others from dayboys to boarders more than compensated for the boarders who left us at the end of 1927. I was personally very glad to see the increase in numbers and hope that it will continue.

Beyond the necessary renovations and repairs there were no great alterations made during the Christmas holidays. Some re-adjustment of the classroom accommodation was however made by moving the Science Room into one of the new classrooms and it is my intention as the school grows and new classrooms are built, to allot both the present new classrooms to the use of Science and thus give better accommodation.

During the term the chief fixtures have been the Swimming Sports which were successfully held at the Claremont Baths on 3rd March and the Old Boys' Day held on the same date with races for old Boys, the Cricket Match and Tea at the School and Parents' Day on 24th March with a match against the Fathers as the main feature of the day. All three functions were happy and successful. I was glad to feel that they were willing to stay on after Tea and amuse themselves by holding a Mock Trial. I hope to keep to the first Saturday of March for the Old Boys' Day Reunion at the School in the future as it seems to suit them and there is a better chance of good weather than there is in April. Parents' Day will be as near as possible to the 25th of March which is the Festival of the Council for Church of England Schools.

Easter as usual was marked by a general exodus as the break from the Thursday till the following Wednesday morning gave an opportunity for most boys to go home. Since Easter term has run to its end very quickly without incident except that there have been a few cases of mumps. As it is four years since we have had any infectious illness in the House, we may well claim that Claremont is very healthy and that the matron is very careful in her attention when ill-health has arisen.

It has been pleasing to notice the great increase in keenness on Cricket during the term both as regards practice and matches. Some credit for this is due to Mr. Beere and Mr. Marshall but without the loyal co-operation of Prefects and Boys their efforts would not have been so successful. Keenness on Cricket has meant less time for Tennis but the courts have been in good condition and have had quite as much use as they would stand. Football is now commencing and there are signs of increased enthusiasm, especially among the Seniors which augurs well for success next term. Arrangements have already been made for the use of the Claremont Oval on Wednesdays and Fridays. The size of the ground will give greater scope for freer play than over our comparatively small ground. I have also been making enquiries with a view to obtaining a good football coach and hope to have everything fixed up before we return to school on 29th May.

The Section Competitions are being keenly contested and there is every chance of the interest continuing right through to the end of the year as the Sections seem evenly matched.

The University Examination results did not come up to expectation. We obtained three certificates in the Junior Certificate and one boy passed in four subjects. In the Leaving Examination two out of the three boys entering obtained three subjects and will I hope, complete their certificate at the next examination.

It is our custom during Lent to practise self-denial and generosity by trying to give or collect the ten pounds which we promised for the support of Alan Gordno at the Forrest River Mission and of Reginald Guisé at the New Guinea Mission. In past years we have never quite reached this amount and it has had to be supplemented from other sources. This year however, we obtained £10-11-9 by nearly everyone making a serious effort. Allowing for the few non-participants, the average of each form varied from 1/5½ to 2/7½ per box. Form IIIa had the honour of having the highest average. Perhaps it would be kinder not to give the number of those who failed to take their part in this School Duty, as they were less than last year; but I hope there will be no failures next year.

We were glad to welcome back to the school staff at the beginning of the year, one who had been with us previously. Mr. Beere who had spent 1927 at the Grammar School at Guildford came back to be House Master again. The Rev. J. Bell who was our House Master during 1927 still remains on the staff of the school as Chaplain and is able to give us much assistance and help. He is attached to the Parish of Claremont for his main duties. He has been chosen as one of the delegates of the Claremont Group of Toc H and went to the Birthday Festival at Melbourne held at the beginning of May. The other delegate was Darrell Hick, an Old Boy; so we were well represented.

Certain additions have been made to the ordinary subjects taught in school by the introduction of Geology for those boys who take Latin and no other Science subject. This is taught by Mr. Wheeler. For Senior Boys who have proved their inaptitude for French, there have been classes started in Commercial Methods and Geometrical Drawing. The addition of these subjects is a very valuable one. In outdoor work, Major Saunders used the beginning of the term to teach Life Saving and I am especially pleased that so many were successful in obtaining their medals and certificates.

I intend to try the experiment next term of leaving Wednesday

afternoon free for Sports and would particularly ask that parents endeavour to support me in this and also if it is necessary for boys to have appointments of any kind in Perth or elsewhere during school hours they endeavour to make them for that afternoon. I am told that the boys think there must be a catch somewhere. The only catch is that the two hours schooling previously arranged for Wednesday afternoon will be obtained by having twenty-five minutes longer each morning and the hours of school will be from 8.55 a.m. to 12.40 p.m. and from 1.40 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. There will not be school on Saturday except for the Carpentry classes which are already held at that time. I hope that the new arrangement will make for greater efficiency in work and play and, after trial, prove a very welcome change.

Mrs. Parry asks me to say that she has been very sorry not to have seen more of the boys during the last term. But sickness made it impossible to issue the usual invitations to juniors and seniors.

SPEECH DAY.

The annual Speech Day was held last year on Wednesday, December 14th. Owing to the machinations of Jupiter Pluvius, it had to be held in the Parish Hall, although preparations had been made for holding it on the School Tennis Courts. The programme was varied by school songs conducted by Mr. Donald, and by boxing and Swedish drill under Major Saunders. The prizes were presented by His Grace the Archbishop, who gave a short contrast between education as in our day and as in his. The Head-master, in his report, set out to give the progress of the school during the preceding twelve months, and aimed at combining brevity with interesting facts about the school. The school was gradually "growing up" and thus becoming better able to compete with other secondary schools. As housemaster, Rev. J. Bell, had done excellent work. The playing fields were greatly improved, thanks to Mr. Matthews' close care.

The first annual sports with Wesley, though the latter just won, proved very exciting and seemed already to have infused a new keenness in sports into the boys. Certainly cricket had reached a higher standard than at any time in the previous five years. Section competition had been very keen, Romsey just beating Queenslea for the Cup.

The Old Boys showed keen interest in the school and were doing well in life. Rupert Wright had been elected President of the Guild of Undergraduates at the University and Colin MacLagan gained 1st place for the State in the recent woolclassing examinations—the second O.B. to have this honour.

Friends of the school had been generous in their gifts of prizes for schoolwork, and sports and to them the boys were sincerely grateful.

The staff had worked loyally together, Mrs. Spratling in particular having shown wonderful skill in managing as well as teaching the important 1st Form. Mr. Beere was returning after a year at C.E.G.S.

In concluding the Headmaster expressed his confidence in the future progress of the school and thanked His Grace, the Archbishop for his presence that night and for his great interest at all times in the school.

His Grace then presented the prizes, which were as follows:—Form Prizes (Mrs. Mackay's) for English subjects—Vla and b, Evans i; Va, McGlêw; Vb, Bateman i, Jupp; IV, Young; IIIa, Giles ii; IIIb, Odium; II, Sanderson i; I, Bird.

Languages.—VI (Mr. E. Shaw's), Miller; Va, Noseda; Vb-IV (Mrs. Noseda's) Hennelly; IIIa, Giles ii; IIIb-II, Robertson iii.

Greek.—IIIa, Giles ii.

Mathematics (Mrs. Mackay's).—VI, not awarded; Va, Fitzgerald; Vb-IV, Nielsen; IIIa, Giles ii; IIIb-II, Robertson ii; J, Dickson ii.

Science.—VI-V, Hoseason; Vb-IV, Bateman i; IIIa, Clayton ii; IIIb-II, Sanderson i.

Divinity.—VI-V, Noseda; Vb, Hennelly; IV-IIIa, Giles ii; IIIb, Gill; II, Currie ii; I, Edwards.

Music Passes.—McGlew: Grade III Practical, Grade IV Theory; Credit (University Exams). Miley: Grade III Practical, Grade IV Theory; Credit (University Exams). Yeates: Grade IV Practical. Hennelly: Violin Grade IV; Credit Pass.

Victoria League Essay.—Special Prize: McGlew.

Special Prizes.

Captain of School (Headmaster's)—Miller. English Essay (Mrs. Parry's)—Miller. Attendance (5 years without missing)—Noseda. Writing—IV-IIIa, Hatton; IIIb-II (Mrs. Spratling's), Kau; I, McKay. Singing (Mr. Donald's)—IIIa, Eagleton, Bickford i; IIIb-II, Smith ii; I, not awarded. Music (Mr. Donald's)—Violin, Hennelly; Piano, McKenzic. Dancing (Miss Scott's)—Unbehaun. Elocution (Miss Durlacher's)—Elsegood, I. Tregoning. Carpentry (Mr. H. M. Carpenter's)—Seniors, Giles i; Juniors, McKay. Preparatory School (Mrs. Spratling's) Special Prizes—Ia, East (for Home Work); Ib, Sanderson ii (Maths.); Ic, Burnside (Maths.); Vance ii (General Work), Parry (Spelling). Mr. S. R. L. Elliott's Cricket Prizes—Bowling: Stillwell; Fielding, Miller. Old Boys' Prize (for Best Average)—Miller. Calthrop Cup (for Best All-round Boy)—Miller. The Beatty Cups—Section Cup: Romszy; Junior Cup (presented by T. Eyres Esq.): Bedells i; Highest Aggregate Individual Points: Lewis.

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CRICKET.

At the beginning of the term the standard was very low but many boys have been taking a keen interest in the game and a gratifying improvement has resulted. It will be most convenient to discuss in order the three branches of the game: fielding, bowling and batting.

Fielding is not good though it is much better than it was early in the term. Most boys think they can field well if they have learnt to catch, but more important than good catching are good picking up and above all good throwing in and backing up. A batting side becomes very cautious if the returns from the field are quick and accurate. In the First Eleven the fielding is not smart enough and too many runs have been lost through bad returns and the failure to back up the bowler and wicket-keeper. In the under age teams the same faults are more apparent though catching has been uniformly good. With as rapid an improvement in fielding as there has been since February there is no reason why the former high standard should not be attained.

The bowling in the First Eleven is fair only, though the bowlers have been very keen. In the under age teams the bowling has been very good. Boys should not try to acquire pace and breaks until they can strike and keep a faultless length. Pace and break are useless if the batsmen can see the ball after it has pitched and follow its course with his eye, and short pitched balls, especially if they are fast, are invitations to the batsmen to make boundary hits.

The batting is very poor for two reasons, want of confidence and want of aggressiveness. Most of our batsmen appear to be well satisfied with themselves if they "break their duck." We have not played

a match this season with the exception of the Old Boys' Match in which the opposing bowlers were as good as our own, but most of our batsmen who play confident and correct cricket at practice, face the bowlers of the other schools in the belief that they will be out in less than an over so they must attempt to hit a four or six off the first ball. They very rarely succeed.

Appended is a criticism of the members of the first eleven. A criticism of some members of junior teams will possibly be of some assistance to them next season. Barsden, Lovegrove ii, Angel and McGlashan: have all shown promise as bowlers, though Angel is not consistent. He and Lovegrove have done particularly well this term. Dickson i has bowled very well in section matches and with practice should become a really good bowler.

Howe and Elsegood have shown the best form with the bat. Their footwork shows immense improvement, and if they will cultivate patience they should do well. Bickford i has not done as well as he should have done, chiefly through his failure to get across to balls on the off. McGlashan and Deans should both develop into batsmen when they gain confidence. Barsden, Lovegrove ii, Bickford ii and Angel have not shone, and will not until they learn to regard batting as a means of scoring rather than as an almost hopeless attempt to protect their wickets.

Howe has performed very well as a wicket-keeper though he has yet to learn to step in front of a ball to take it. Elsegood, McGlashan, Bickford i and Bickford ii have fielded creditably. Next season we hope to see some really good under age teams.

First Eleven.

Miley (Captain)—As captain should make a closer study of his bowlers' performances. Has shown promise as a batsman but should use his feet in executing strokes. A good field.

McGlew (Vice-captain).—Has shown improvement in batting but must not expect too rapid an improvement in his batting average. Fielding satisfactory.

Lewis.—A forceful bat who must prevent himself from degenerating into a slogger. Has kept wickets well though weak on the leg side.

Lovegrove.—Has batted very well at times. Has a weakness for being caught at point, or in slips which can easily be overcome by assiduous practice of driving slow and medium balls on the off. Fair field. Not a safe catch.

Boys.—A very keen player who will become a good fast bowler when he acquires more control over the ball. His batting has shown a very great improvement and his fielding is good.

Smith.—A safe catch, but slow in the field. A fair batsman but wanting in self-confidence.

Arnold.—A keen field and promising batsman. Shows signs of developing into a very fair bowler.

Jupp.—Has bowled well in some matches but is inconsistent. His style in batting is improving but will need to use his wrists before he can expect to make runs.

Noseda.—A good field. Batting weak, chiefly because practically all his strokes are purely defensive.

Bell.—Has done well with the bat. Has a very good eye and will make big scores when he acquires a few more strokes. Has not been a success with the ball as he sacrifices length in attempting to get too much pace into his bowling.

Bedells.—Has shown decided promise as a batsman and has fielded very well.

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.
1st XI	5	0	4	2
Under 15	1	0	1	0
Under 14	5	0	5	0
Under 13	4	3	0	1

1st XI. MATCHES.

Versus Scotch College 2nd XI, at C.C.S., 14/3/28.

Result.—Lost. Scores: S.C. 82 (No outstanding score). C.C.S. 19 and 42 (Lewis 18, Lovegrove 6 and 12). Bowling: S.C. (Doncan 12 for 11, Hobson 3 for 30); C.C.S. (Lovegrove 3 for 11, Lewis and Miley 1 for 6).

Versus Parents, at C.C.S., 24/3/28.

Result.—Lost (only discovered on a recount). Scores: Parents 121 (Mr. Stileman 47, Mr. T. Bell 27); C.C.S. 120 (Lovegrove 26; Lewis 22, Bedells 17, not out). Bowling: Parents (Mr. McGlew 4 for 6, Mr. Stileman 2 for 10, Mr. T. Bell 2 for 11); C.C.S. (Jupp 5 for 6, Boys 4 for 62).

Versus Wesley College, at C.C.S., 28/3/28.

Result.—Drawn (on 1st innings). Scores: C. S. 57 (Lewis 17, McGlew 16; Lovegrove 13); W.C. 57 (Crawford 24, Agg 21). Bowling: C.C.S. (Jupp 2 for 3, Lovegrove 3 for 12, Boys 2 for 20); W.C. (Craven 3 for 7, Bone 5 for 23).

Versus Wesley College, at Wesley, 31/3/28.

Result.—Lost. Scores: W.C. 72 (Dennis 46); C.C.S. 12. Bowling: W.C. (not available); C.C.S. (Boys 5 for 13, Jupp 3 for 25, Lovegrove 1 for 6).

Versus Scotch College, at Scotch, 14/4/28.

Result.—Drawn: Scores: S.C. 94 for 2 wks. (Allnutt 47 retired, Brown 23 retired); C.C.S. 42 for 8 wks. (Lovegrove 15, Lewis 10, Boys 8). Bowling: S.C. (Cook 6 wks., York 1 wkt.); C.C.S. (Jupp 1 for 22, Arnold 1 for 26).

An account of the match v. Old Boys will be found in the Old Boys' Notes.

UNDER AGE.

Under 15.

Versus Scotch College, April 11.—Lost: 88 for 2 wks. v. 32 (Bickford i 9).

Under 14.

Versus High School, March 17.—Lost (On 1st Innings): 72 v. 18 (Angel 4 for 18, Barsden 3 for 12, Lovegrove ii 3 for 28).

Versus W.B.C., March 21.—Lost (On 1st Innings): 51 v. 18 (Lovegrove ii 3 for 9, Barsden 3 for 15).

Versus W.B.C., March 28.—Lost: 68 v. 4 (Ellershaw 3 for 3, McGlashan 2 for 5).

Versus W.H.S., April 4.—Lost: 97 v. 44 (Bedells i, 11 and 3 for 15; Lovegrove ii, 1 for 1).

Versus W.H.S., April 18.—Lost: 102 v. 32 (Lovegrove i 3 for 15).

Under 13.

Versus W.B.C., March 7.—Won: 61 v. 19 (Bickford i 38, Angel 3 for 0, McGlashan 2 for 1, Elsegood 3 for 2, Lovegrove ii, 2 for 16).

Versus S.C., March 16.—Drawn: 70 v. 60 for 3 wks. (Bickford i 48 not out and 1 for 3).

Versus W.B.C., March 31.—Won (On 1st Innings): 27 v. 15 (Deana 8, Lovegrove ii 5 for 7, Angel 2 for 2).

Versus H.S., April 14.—Won: 46 and 36 v. 11 and 14 (Elsegood 18, McGlashan 15, Angel 10 for 13, Lovegrove ii 8 for 12).

HOUSE MATCHES.

One round of cricket matches has been played this term and each house has managed to win one of its two matches. The concluding round in the third term should prove very interesting.

TENNIS NOTES.

Members are grateful for the recent top dressing of the courts. Despite our rather small number of members the one court we have been using is a little "out-of-sorts." However, it will have a rest at the expense of the other soon. Three of our boys entered for the schools tournament and though beaten we hope they have profited by the experience. We have had some very pleasant games this term, and some of us boast either a 'Tilden' style or a 'Lacoste' style. In the former you hit the ball (if lucky) over the fence. Someone fetches it and you wait "till den" to continue. The second method is as follows: "advance threateningly (if possible) watch the ball, shut your eyes, hit, listen—if you hear 'ping' you've hit it; if you don't, its deuce. In the former case you wait for the crash, fetch the ball from the dormitory and pay 'la coste de la glasse.' Ask Rene." In conclusion we would thank the Head Master for the interest he has taken in the courts and in our play.

SWIMMING.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Claremont Baths on Saturday March 3, under ideal conditions and passed off without a hitch mainly owing to the excellent starting of Mr. Beere. A newcomer in Boys proved to be the School's champion swimmer, annexing 25 out of 126 points and so gaining Mr. McGlew's presentation cup. McGlew was runner-up. Perhaps the outstanding event was Lewis' long dive, an astonishingly fine performance. For the most part, keen finishes gave proof of the excellent handicapping. Lynn proved a good result steward and Mr. Wheeler and Rev. J. Bell officiated very efficiently (note that sixth form!) as judges.

This year we decided not to send out written appeals and so we are all the more grateful to parents and friends who assisted us with generous donations and thus enabled the boys to get suitable reminders of their achievements.

Results.

50 Breast Open Championship: McGlew 1, Hassell 2, Lewis 3; 50 Breast Under 16 Championship: McGlew 1, Boys 2, Gill 3; 50 Under 13 Championship: Partington 1, Parker ii 2, Lockwood 3; 50 Open Championship: Boys 1, McGlew 2, Douglas 3; 50 Under 16 Championship: Boys 1, Douglas 2, Young 3; 100 Open Championship: Boys 1, Lewis 2, Douglas 3. 50 Open Handicap: Young 1, Jupp 2, Parker ii 3. 50 Under 16 Handicap: Young 1, Jupp 2, Douglas. 50 Under 15: Hatton 1, Howe 2, Partington 3. 50 Under 14: Odium 1, Howe 2, Lockwood 3. 50 Under 13: Gill 1, Howe 2, Cresswell 3. 25 Under 12: Odium 1, Dickson ii 2, Stileman 3. 50 Breast Under 13: Cresswell 1, Elsegood 2, Stileman 3. Neat Dive, Open: Boys 1, Jupp 3, Lovegrove i 3. Neat Dive, Under 14: Partington 1, Parker ii 2, Lovegrove ii 3. High Dive

Open: Boys 1. Lewis 2, Lovegrove i 3. Long Dive Open: Lewis 1, Lovegrove i 2, Boys 3. Wading Race, Under 11: Jacoby 1 Bedells ii 2, Manning 3. Old Boys' Race: Giles 1, Eilershaw 2, McLagan 3. Relay Race: Old Boys 1, School 2. Section Points: Romsey 85, House 25, Queenslea 16.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

Owing to the energy and enthusiasm of Major Saunders, a large class was able to present itself for examination for certificates and medals in March last. As a result C. R. McGlew won the silver medal and obtained a teacher's certificate; fourteen boys gained their Proficiency Certificates and Bronze Medals: S. R. Arnold, J. H. Barsden, T. C. Bedells, H. V. Boys, K. J. Brown, A. M. Dickson, A. Y. Hassell, L. R. Jupp, N. M. Lewis, H. A. Lovegrove, T. W. Lynn, R. Soumess, T. C. O. Yeates, H. R. Young. Elementary and Proficiency Certificates were won by K. Currie, L. Dosssett, J. Elsegood, T. Gill, H. M. Howe, J. A. Lovegrove, M. Lockwood, P. Maclaren. We congratulate all these on the results of their work.

PREFECTS' NOTES.

The School congratulates the new prefects on their recent appointment, feeling sure that they will carry out their duties efficiently and help to uphold the School's best traditions.

We look forward to the holidays being worn out by our incessant work. Our Union will soon be forced to go on strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

Glewy is our versatile musician, filling the school rooms with beautiful melody, and causing everyone to kick the fleespecks' door.

Arny is our chief mechanic and knows all there is to be known about internal combustion and external lethargy.

Stan has just about mastered the art of being in time for call-over. It has been a great battle for him but success has come at last.

Hassell has all the luck in catching the mumps, but slightly mistimed them.

Reggy attempted to sing during Holy Week, but put everyone's teeth on edge and caught a frog in his throat.

Monty proves every Geometrical Theorem to be incorrect by his reliable way of measuring angles and lines with hand-spans and dusters.

—“Wily Wedge.”

SIXTH FORM NOTES.

So here we are at the end of our first term full of regrets for the last ill-spent three months and hoping to keep to our newly-formed resolution of getting down to it next term and doing something worth while. We proffer our sympathy on the inexplicable debacle at last year's exams, but “forth go the dauntless three, growing in beauty side by side,” (although we once “were seven”) resolved to do the impossible.

But we have one advantage over the septette, we get a great deal more solo work owing to our smaller numbers. One of us—a mere 1st year chap—You would think, to look at him, that he'd been in our select

club all his life and he can talk of those “beastly fifth formers” with the same enthusiastic disdain as we more hardened members.

Nosy is badly bitten by the Speedway craze and is icily observed by Glewy executing the most ludicrous gyrations (in English “silly circles”) on someone else's “mangle.”

Our musical members make most mystic melodies on such fearful inventions as guitars and saxophones. The latter—my hand shakes to disclose the secret to those who crave his blood—belongs to Glewy and sometimes as we lie awake on still nights and hear him from the school, we wonder when shall justice reign on the earth. We add, in answer to inquiries, that the rumour that the name is derived from the Scotch saxepece is untrue and exaggerated.

But enough! We must off and pack up our books in readiness for—er, next term.

—“Sirrah”.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

The end of term is approaching, and we are now getting used to the change of some of the small fry, from the junior to the senior dormitory. We are glad to say that the number of boarders has increased this term, and that both dormitories are practically full.

An epidemic of mumps has made necessary the removal of most of the juniors into the senior dormitory, those afflicted being isolated in the junior dormitory, and a small surplus is quartered in the sanatorium. “Mick,” “Rastus,” “Mugs-eye” and “Cheese” senr., are among those afflicted, and all day long we hear “Rastus” shouting his joy to the whole world, and we are quite sure that the whole world can hear him.

We notice that “Gongs” has ceased to trust the prefects, and now keeps his apples locked up in the kitchen—wily bird!

Buster is getting thin!—Soon he will be able to find a machine that will weigh him.

“Kag” has made his debut on the speedway, and is now quite familiar with the taste of sand.

The Robbo Bros, after several trials have decided to become boarders at last. They will be very welcome to House in the running season.

Leslie has had a bath—the roomers that new pipes and a new bath are to be installed, are groundless. Leslie's conversion to water is phenomenal, and the sight of soap sends him pale.

The dimensions of Dicky's masticating aperture have not increased. It is to be hoped that in time, he may develop a normal face.

“Mashford” has “mashed” every girl in Claremont. When Monty is older he will perceive the faithlessness of women, and become a permanent bachelor, with us.

Porky still carries on his nocturnal concerts; some night, some person, or persons, will steal upon him and do him grievous bodily harm—with an axe.

Mc“Crash”an has developed a style of bowling that makes the very wickets bend in mirth. Notwithstanding the fact that his arm twice encircles his neck (or apparently so), there is still some left to perform weird evolutions in mid-air before sending the ball hurtling upon the hapless batsman.

House has every hope of carrying off the section prize this year; our cricket and football teams are fair, and it is hoped that the running team will prove invincible.—“Sirrah.”

SCHOOL NOTES.

Condolences. The School takes this opportunity of extending to Mrs. Spratling and to Mr. De Laeter its deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Staff. Last year Mr. Guise and Mr. Matthews left us "for pastures new"—there are sheep for masters to watch in every school—and we wish them every success in their new work. Mr. Beere has rejoined after a "holiday"? at Guildford and Mr. De Laeter is visiting for science.

Library. We now have the benefit of a reflector and the clock from the masters' room in the library. It is nice to have so many different times at the same time, sometimes. We are grateful for several donations of books from parents and boys and expect to buy some new books for the winter. If there breathes the man whose money in his pocket burns come and look at our library table.

Improvements. These include the removal of a piece of fence from the tennis court—always a cause of offence; the erection of a bicycle stand and olunge around the front lawn; the removal of the scientists to take most distant part of the school and the temporary removal of Rastus and his mum(p)bles.

Fire. A mild diversion was created early in the term by a sudden misquotation of the Psalmist "Fire upon thee! Fire upon thee." All hands duly responded and "a fine save was effected." It has been proved since that the masters' canes were not burnt. Ask,—er, anyone!

Congratulations to Miley on his election as Captain of the School; Arnold, as Senior House Prefect; McGlew, Stanley, Hossell, Lewis, as School and House Prefects; Miley and McGlew as Captain and Vice-captain of cricket; Boys, on the award of his Swimming Colours; Evans i, Boulder, Giles i, Lewis on gaining the Cricket Colours last year; Arnold, Miller, Evans i, Lewis, McGlew, Boulden, Smith i, Robertson on the award of their Running Colours; McGlew, Unbehaun and Partington on their swimming performances; Lovegrove i on his election as Vice-captain of Football.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler on the birth of a daughter.

We are assured that—

Guy's hospital was built to commemorate the Gunpowder Plot. One of the chief uses of water is to save people from drowning in. The plural of forget-me-not is forget-us-not. Oceania is the continent which contains no land.—"Glu."

SPEEDWAY NOTES.

We have been inundated with Speedway notes and regret we can only insert excerpts (not an oxynorsa, thank you critics) from these we gather that, according to Dickyseat and Glagloopalloop:—The first official

meeting was held on Saturday, April 21st. The initial opening was on the 23rd—a Monday. The track was very fast—it met the riders very quickly at times. That unscenly argument between Mouscy, Arny and Clashy took place over a wheel—wheels enter into the matter a lot—they enter a long way when you're run over. Rastus got it in the end. That "Konk" Arny was matched to "Throttle" Nosey. That great excitement was exhibited at Elbow Gate until "Konk" drew ahead at Fooze Folly and made a track record of 13 secs. That the usual unhappy incident marred the proceedings. "Broadside Bikebars" was thrown through speed wobble. That despite "Konk's" performance he was allowed to compete in the Novices Handicrashhelmet. That, on konking, Rastus suggested his back wheel was missing. That he meant whizzing, but that Arny said that he started off with it there. That the Big 8 race featured Mouscy, Arny, Manty, Barsy, Robby, Gongy and Bucky. That Monty parked in the middle of the track and the rest had to too; (past Scouthouse Bend). That Rastus was expelled for rebuking the language. That the directors announce a further meeting this week.

SCOUT NOTES.

The troop has again settled down to regular routine. Meetings on the whole have been well attended, and much interest taken. We are a select number of about twenty, which could well be increased, but what we lack in numbers we make up in quality.

During the mid-term a camp was held at Mundaring in which about twelve scouts took part. The weather was fine and all enjoyed themselves immensely. There was a great gathering at the opening of the new scout headquarters by his Excellency the Governor. This building will be a great stimulus to the movement, and it is to be hoped that many other meetings will be held there.

We all extend our hearty congratulations to our old comrade McLarty on his promotion to A.C.M.

Since Chillie-Bom-Bom has come into possession of a .22 Gussie and Oss. have grown much thinner, and flee from the vindictive Bom-Bom with clamour and shouts of terror. The birds and the inhabitants of Darlington have already started a general move, and Chillie will be left a hermit; free to blaze and pop away at everything he sees.

Week-end Camp at Mundaring Weir.

We set out on the Friday of the first Boarders' Week-end and went to the station where Mr. Wheeler and Eagleton were waiting. Here we caught the train for Perth and dashed into the Mundaring train. With nothing more exciting than the salutation of a cheery old gent on the station at Glen Forrest, we arrived at Mundaring just as the sun set and hiked to just out of the town and camped there for the night. While we were getting tea ready a gentleman, living near, brought in some fruit and told us to come and get water. After tea we settled down to what was supposed to be sleep, but was really a mixture of showers of bark, ghost stories, and clearing rugs of bark. In the morning we soon set off for the Weir, which we reached in about an hour's time. I say we, although one member of the party was glad it was only five miles and not ten. During the afternoon we bathed in the pool at the bottom of the Weir and went up to wait for Geoff and Peter Connor, who brought with them Rowan and some other scouts who were to do some forestry work. After tea we had a game in the bush, a camp-fire and then went to bed. In the morning of the next day we spent the time, mostly, in swimming and playing games. About half-past four in that afternoon we set off again for Mundaring, as there was no train from the Weir on Sunday. We had walked about half-way when we were kindly

picked up by Captain Chilvers in his car, who drove us in to Mundaring. From here we caught the train back to Perth, thus ending a very enjoyable week-end camp.—"A.B."

A CATASTROPHE IN ONE ACT.

Act 1, Scene 1: Bike Shed.

Enter Rastus, Stan, Bucky and others.

Rastus: Hey boys! A speedway has started.

Chorus: Oh! go on. Who's tellin' yer?

Rastus: I only thought you didn't know!

Stan: Well, don't think next time. You know what thought did

Bucky: Who the !!!!! has got my spanner.

Rastus: What spanner?

Bucky: That cone spanner I left here a minute ago.

Chorus: Oh, shut up moaning!

Bucky: Gosh! A bloke can't leave anything in this school without somebody pinchin' it.

(Voice from doorway): Stop the language. Here comes Mr. Beere.

Scene 2: Verandah.

(Mr. Beere passes.)

Gongs: Who — — — took my valve. I bet it was one of those stinkin' prefects; they think they can do anything.

Michael (aggrieved): Oh, shut up Gongs! Your always moaning. (Wimpering and mutterings from Gongs as his lower lip drops.)

Enter Rastus singing "Oh, I've never, never, never seen a straight banana."

Bang!

Who threw that?

Roy (alias Stan): I did, what about it?

Alistair chips in saying something about what happened last week.

Stan (alias Ray): Dickson! Haven't you got any manners. You interrupt me every time I speak.

Dickson (derisively): Go on, tell us all about it.

Stan (sarcastically): Start an argument about something. I love them. Is he talking to you Monty?

Monty (trying to be neutral): I can't say.

There the matter rests.

Scene 3. Same as Scene 1.

Enter Clayton, forcibly propelled from the rear by Rastus and others. Rastus ringleader without question.

Rastus and Others: What'll we do with 'im?

Chorus of Kids (fixing bikes): Get to ——— out of this or somebody'll get hurt.

Rastus: I thought you wanted him.

Chorus: By Jove Rastus, if we get hold of your we'll screw yer neck.

Much mumbling of voices in the corner. (Mick just going to brain Mashford with a block spanner.) Mashford objects and nothing happens.

Enter Ray: Hey you two. Coming down to post the letters?

Both together: Do yer own dirty work.

Stan (alias Ray): All right dears, I was only going over to see the bride.

Mashford (quickly): I'm coming.

Michael (also quickly): Me too!

They leave the scene of disorder to Gongs etc., and set off.

—"Monty."

EXAM. RESULTS, 1927.

Junior Certificate.—Ellershaw: Eng., Maths., History, Geog.; Giles: Eng., Maths., History, Physics; 4 Subjects.—McGlew: Eng., History, Geog., Drawing. 3 Subjects (competing).—Noseda: Latin, Maths.

Leaving Certificate.—3 Subjects: Evans, Eng., Latin, French. Gibson: Eng., French, History.

C.C.S. HOWLERS.

The Scholar: Genera Nalog.—General knowledge.

The Cynic: The opposite of modest is modern.

The Sport: The opposite of final is semi-final (a footy fan!)

The Misogynist: The Medusa was a woman who killed you with one look.

The Shrewd: Most harmful.—natu noxious.

This obviously by a Mac: In the Battle of Flodden the Scots were defeated by the English and James of Scotland was killed and only one man lived to tell the tale and he was a Scotchman.

The Traveller: The Star Chamber was a place where everybody who didn't obey the rules was put, and it was very small and not much air and the people fought for the window and a lot were trodden on but that did not matter.

It is rumoured that Freddy's tonsils adenoid him, very much so he had them omitted. We take it for granted that this contribution was meant for the "howlers."

VALETE.

Form VI.

T. C. Miller*: Passed Junior 1925. Captain of School, Captain of Cricket and Tennis. Cricket, Football and Running Colours, Calthrop Cup.

J. T. Evans: Passed Junior 1925. Prefect, Vice-captain of Cricket and Football. Cricket, Football and Running Colours.

G. Gibson: Passed Junior 1925. Prefect.

Form VIIb.

P. Fitzgerald* Passed Junior 1926. Prefect.

V. Clayton*

Form V.

C. E. Ellershaw: Passed Junior 1927. Running Colours.

E. C. B. Giles: Passed Junior 1927. Cricket Colours

K. Hoseason: Football Colours.

K. Boulden: Cricket and Running Colours.

A. S. Stillwell: Cricket Colours.

N. Unbehaun: Swimming Colours.

E. E. Cresswell and M. J. Parker.

Form IV.

V. Eagleton.

Form IIIa.

P. Kerr.

Form I.

V. East.

*Denotes Boarder.

SALVETE.

Form V: H. V. Boys, K. J. Brown.

Form IAIIa: L. Angel, G. E. Horne, W. H. C. Hyde, S. J. Simmonds.

Form AIIb: *C. R. Kimber, *F. H. Knapp.

Form II: *F. S. Doddmeade, G. V. Parker ii, M. W. Wylie, H. H. Wylie, L. L. Wylie.

Form I: *R. Adams ii, W. P. Bird ii, N. J. Corke, J. O. Davies, D. Forrest, P. Harper, W. J. H. Kerr, J. A. Scott, N. G. Smith iii, *R. R. Walker, F. Burt and A. Messer (returned).

*Boarder.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

As this is the first issue of the New Year, the usual office-bearers will not be published until the end of the term. The reason for this is that there was not a quorum at the A.G.M. and this necessitated another meeting to ratify any business transacted at the informal A.G.M. Consequently the Ballot Papers were a little late in being forwarded and the Poll will not be declared in time for this issue.

Neither the Secretary's Report nor that of the Treasurer can be published owing to lack of space.

THE ANNUAL RIVER TRIP was a great success this year. We nearly cleared expenses, and had the weather been a little more reasonable we should have shown a handsome profit. Mrs. Boys and her helpers worked wonders in the supper department, and greatly assisted to make the evening more enjoyable.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT was dropped off the programme this year, owing to postponement of date in the first place to avoid clashing with Inter-School Sports and secondly through inability to secure suitable courts later. The incoming committee have been asked to give this function their special attention this year.

FINANCE. The finances of the Association for the past year were of a very satisfactory nature, a larger quantity of badges than originally estimated were purchased out of current funds. This was helped to a very great extent by the large increase in financial members this year. We must break the 100 in 1928. The sub. now includes the "Mitre," and should any member not be receiving his copy regularly, kindly inform the Secretary. Owing to our requirements of copies of the magazine increasing, we now have more space at our disposal, and always hope to fill it providing we have enough news. Here's a chance for some of you to let the secretary have a small article on some old school happenings, or perhaps another type of interest to all.

OLD BOYS' DAY was held on March 3rd, this year, thereby enabling all who were fortunate enough to have the morning off to attend the School Swimming Sports. Luncheon was served at the School and in the afternoon the School were engaged at cricket, while the remainder of the O.B.A. played tennis. A detailed account of the Cricket Match and the Mock Court held after dinner appear elsewhere.

In the evening some thirty Old Boys sat down to a sumptuous meal generously provided by the Matron and Mr. Parry to whom we were one and all exceedingly grateful.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the New Year are now due and the Treasurer, W. H. Evans, is always ready to receive them.

BLAZERS may be had by all financial members by obtaining an order on Bon Marche from the Secretary.

Personal Pars.

Congratulations to Rupert Wright in securing a seat in the University Crew which leaves for Adelaide shortly to defend its right to hold the Oxford and Cambridge Cup. While on this subject our sympathies go to Geoff Connor who trained strenuously with them but was not selected. Not quite enough avoirdupois, Geoff. I think. Try some Roboline! He has since secured a place in the Shooting Team—you can't keep him out.

I am very much afraid that Max Bosworth has contracted the Wanderlust or some similar disease, as he has again paid Perth a short visit.

Box Drummond after a lengthy stay at Tammin, has now returned to Capel and is assisting his father on their property.

"Earthquake" was the title appropriately hurled at Scotty Maclagan on Old Boys' Day. There is no doubt that he is much more suited for the Quarter-Deck than the Cricket Pitch.

Eddy Lovegrove is at last at home again after having successfully defalcated the books of the Woop Woop Farmers' Co-Operative Company.

The Bush claimed Chas. May for a short while but he is now back in town. Rumour hath it that he may join a private enquiry agency.

What is this I hear! Rex Hamilton is joining the Police Force. Oh well, a friend in court is worth two in the bush.

His brother Ted, judging by his performances of late, has been training with the Whippets. What about a place in the next Olympic Games Team?

David Price came to light on Old Boys' Day and swam brilliantly for us in the relay race against the school.

Dick Todd is up in town and located at the Bank of New South Wales.

Criminal Court Notes.

In Chambers, 3rd March, 1928 at 8 p.m. before Justice Jyles.

Edward Septimus Ling pleaded "Both" to the query "Guilty or Not Guilty" on a charge of Breach of Promise for exceeding the

speed limit. The Crown Prosecutor, Mr. R. G. Lynn, who was charmingly attired in a beautiful gown of black crape-de-chenue, gathered in tucks about the waist, and hand-scolloped with green lace insertions around the hem, remarked that the gathering of blackguards in the jury box was excellent. Mr. Lynn ably handled his case, and his facts were as jumbled, incoherent and long-winded as some of the best solicitors in the District. No less a light as Mr. Flint-Off in whose incapable hands Ling left his case, and I am sure should he ever recover he will never be so foolish again.

Upon His Honour entering the Court, the jury were sworn in and immediately fined for abusive language. The accused entered mounted on a push bike of the latest pattern carrying numerous novels for reading during the case, as well as a Meccano Set should things ease at all. After having successfully circumnavigated the room, the accused was forcibly placed in the dock and held there by his counsel.

The case for the Crown was briefly outlined by Mr. Lynn who was later supported by several witnesses. The first was the young brother who testified to the fact that the sofa was a kind or species of double bed. The second Witness was one, Albert Charles Cleary Weekes May, who gave evidence to the extent that he observed the couple in question steal a tram from a boatshed on the Esplanade and dash madly away. The tram was later found stranded on Cottesloe Beach. The last witness was Susannah Honeysuckle herself, the plaintiff, who complicated the evidence by stating that they went to Applecross in the "Duchess." The case for the Crown being finished, the witnesses were cross-examined by the Counsel for the defence and objection made by the Crown Prosecutor on the grounds of heckling the witnesses was overruled by his Worship who had called for extensive references on the subject.

The case for the defence was a general denial of guilt on all charges. An alibi was attempted by Doctor Jellachich of the Applecross Asylum who stated that the accused went there as he was only returning to the sanitarium. Mr. Ding Dong's evidence seemed to point to the fact that both a tram and a boat were used by the couple in absconding to Cottesloe by way of Applecross. The accused at this stage became unruly and had to be deprived of his Meccano amidst cries of "Shame" from the body of the Court. The case for the defence then closed and His Honour summed up.

He pointed out that the case before the Court was of a very heartless nature and contained all the usual sloppy details of Breach of Promise. There were the Sunday afternoon River Trips ending up with afternoon tea and perhaps later, tea; stolen visits to picture palaces with the usual disentangling of arms and legs when ever the attendant went by with an electric torch; the usual sheaf of love letters written on the spur of the moment and regretted afterwards were also present, while the lovesick rot spoken in the dark was retailed by the blackmailing young brother from under the sofa. Just imagine his client's joy, after having collected the usual two of everything, and having told everybody she was engaged, and remarking to herself at the same time in an undertone that at last she was off only to be told by this snake in the grass that all was off. But his client being a woman of spirit (sob) was not having any, and utterly refused to go back to the barrow like a damaged tomato. There is one cure and that a universal

one, for a broken heart and that is money. In assessing the plaintiff's damages at £500 the counsel for the prosecution was prompted by one motive and one motive only, and that is that it was all the defendant had got.

His Honour having finished his summing up, asked the jury to retire and find a verdict. Upon their return a verdict of "Guilty in the 15th degree" was given amidst an hysterical outburst from the accused and loud laughter from the jury who were only silenced by the Court Usher with a liberal application of cold water which did more harm to the Clerk of Court than anyone else. A plea for leniency was entered by the counsel for the defence but was refused by His Honour on the grounds that he had already made up his verdict and sentence. The accused was sentenced to be hung by his ears for the term of his natural life. Upon the entry of Mrs. Ling, the accused's wife, the Court adjourned in an uproar.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH v. SCHOOL.

This fixture was held on Old Boys' Day this year, 3rd March. The O.B.A. team comprised, J. R. Giles (Capt.), R. G. Lynn, A. M. Brown, H. N. Giles, C. MacLagan, K. Sudlow, W. Sudlow, G. M. Connor, C. Armstrong, H. N. Boys, E. B. Giles.

On winning the toss the O.B.A. batted first, opening with Lynn and H. N. Giles. The latter made a very bad start for the team being caught at point off the first ball. (1-0-0). J. R. Giles followed and immediately began to lay about him with great vigour, and when Lynn was bowled for 3 by Jupp the score stood at 2-3-26. With Brown at the crease the score mounted steadily until 3-63-89 when Giles retired. His score included nine fours and two sixes, one of which landed on the boarding house roof, the other in the Girls' High School. MacLagan compiled 8 before Jupp put the necessary straight one down. (4-8-113). Ken Sudlow followed and in the next over Brown retired with a very soundly compiled 30 to his credit. (5-30-126). Brother Bill joined Ken and once again the score started to forge ahead until Bill was stumped. (6-16-144). The vacant crease was occupied by Connor who did not last long being bowled by Bell for 2. (7-2-173). Meanwhile Ken Sudlow had done well and retired at 8-30-173. Armstrong was run out. (9-1-175). and Boys was caught before the last man had scored. (10-4-177).

The School opened with Jupp and Lewis to the bowling of Sudlow and Giles. Jupp was caught in Giles' first over. (1-0-2). Boys followed and was run out at 2-1-3. McGlew followed and was bowled by Giles. (3-0-3). Lovegrove then joined Lewis and the score began to mount slowly until Lewis was caught by Boys off Giles 4-13-21. Nosedo followed and fell another victim to Giles. (5-1-24). Brown relieved Sudlow and secured Bedells' wicket in his first over. (6-4-38). Lynn changed vice Giles and with a neatly set outfield began to take toll of the remaining batsmen. Lovegrove continued to bat well and his score reached 43 before he fell a victim to Lynn. The innings closed at 10-43-83.

In the little time left the O.B.A. commenced another innings. Things went disastrously and it closed at 6 for 34. Armstrong

making 18 and Maclagan 8 (not out).

OLD BOYS—First Innings : Lynn b Jupp 3, Giles, H. c Lewis b Jupp 0, Giles, J. R. retired 63, Brown retired 30, Maclagan b Jupp 8, Sudlow, K. retired 30, Sudlow, W. std Lewis b Lovegrove 16, Connor b Bell 2, Armstrong run out 1, Boys c Brown b Boys 4, Giles, E. C. not out 0, Sundries 12. Total 177. Bowling : Jupp 3-57, Bell 1-13, Lewis 0-35, Boys 1-56, Lovegrove 1-14. Second Innings : Giles, H. c Brown b Boys 0, Giles, E. C. c Jupp b Boys 3, Lynn b Boys 2, Connor b Lewis 1, Armstrong c McGlew b Boys 18, Boys c Bell b Boys 1, Maclagan not out 8, Sundry 1. Total 6 wickets for 34. Bowling : Boys 5-23, Lewis 1-11.

SCHOOL—First Innings : Jupp c Lynn b Giles 0, Lewis c Boys b Giles 13, Boys run out 1, McGlew b Giles 0, Lovegrove c Sudlow b Lynn 43, Nosedale c Lynn b Giles 1, Bedells c Sudlow b Brown 4, Bell c Giles b Lynn 8, Arnold c Brown b Lynn 7, Hassell c Giles b Lynn 1, Brown not out 0, Sundries 5. Total 83. Bowling : Sudlow 0-18, Giles 4-20, Brown 1-20, Lynn 4-21, Sudlow 0-4.

