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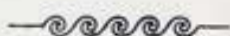
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EDITORIAL.

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

With the first term of the New Year the fourth copy of the Lucernian goes to print. Perhaps the first Editor had the hardest task in having to collect material for a new paper, but what could be more formidable to her successors than the fact that not only must each succeeding issue of the magazine equal its predecessor but must try to exceed it in quality.

The value of a magazine in any school is inestimable. Old scholars, who years before have left their schooldays and the ranks of girlhood far behind look upon their magazine as a link with those past happy days when they themselves worked for their own particular House or Form, that it might "come out on top." How eagerly an old girl follows the fortunes of

her House through every match and game and what joy it brings to see that the coveted Cup has been secured, if only for one year.

Another, and not the least important value of a school magazine is that it brings forth literary and other talents of the girls in the school. Each girl is asked to offer some contribution, small though it be, to the magazine, and it is often in these pages that the first indication of any talent, be it in prose, poetry or sketching, is detected.

Not only are the individual talents of the girls brought forth, but the magazine helps the various Sports Teams in their work of bringing honours to the school of which they form part. The kindly criticisms, and the hints given to the teams, together with the reports of matches, serve to stimulate interest and rouse the enthusiasm of all the girls in the school.

SPORT.

While mentioning the assistance a magazine gives to Sport one may discuss the value of Sport as part of school life. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is an old maxim, but it has a meaning and displays a truth which keep it ever new. Although this is one reason why we urge the introduction of Sport in every school the more important reason is its effect on character.

While watching any game in which a team participates it is instinctively felt that in the knowledge of the rules of the game, and in the game itself, there is some lesson which cannot be derived from

sitting in a desk and poring over a book; and these lessons learnt from experience may prove in after-life to be more valuable than those learnt from books. Wherein does this greatness then lie?

The girls of the team are trained to work in conjunction with other members of the team, so that no undue share of work falls on any one person. Again,

feelings of consideration are instilled in the mind, and courage and endurance form a large part of the value of Sport. Later in her life the girl who has once played in some team will find it easier to work in concert with other people, and will realize the value of the Sport which helped in the moulding of her character.

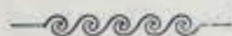
EDITOR.



FORM NOTES.

FORM VI.

The sixth form is a form of fame
 In Sport and Work as well;
 Always you may be sure their name
 A tale of mirth will tell.
 In quantity we don't excel;
 We number only four;
 But quality will surely tell
 When this year's work is o'er.
 All work for us would not be good
 We love a little sport.
 It really helps digest our food
 Out on the tennis court.
 Our tennis to improve we strive
 In practice put some vim,
 For soon we hope to meet Form V.
 And try the match to win.
 Just now no more we have to tell,
 Our year has just begun,
 But still we hope in work and sport
 To earn the praise, "Well done."



FORM V.

Again we are called upon for form notes, but there is little to tell, as we have only commenced our year's work, and are already working hard for the examinations at the end of the year. Ours

is a busy form, consisting of fifteen members, three of whom are new girls, who were warmly welcomed into our form. As well as a busy form, we are a very important one, having amongst our number one prefect, two probationers, three House Vice-captains and three of the Sports Committee. "Per Aspera ad Astra" is our motto, and our form mistress, Miss Gilbert, keeps us working to live up to it. The form flag has been changed and now is dark green and gold.

We are all proud of Queenie for distinguishing herself in the Swimming Sports, held on March 14th, by winning the School Championship, and swimming well in other races.

Last year a system of marking the class rooms for tidiness was introduced, and at the end of the year a picture was to have been given to the form receiving the highest marks. This year however it was decided to give a shield instead of a picture. Miss Pratt presented the shield to the form captain of last year's Fifth, who handed it over to the present Fifth to keep for the rest of the year. We are trying hard to gain it this year and are also working hard both for House and Form honors.

FORM SUB-INTERMEDIATE.

Our form is one of the new ones and it consists of twenty of the quietest(?) girls in the school. We are all very happy with our Form Mistress, Miss Dunoon, as she is always ready to help us in our difficulties.

We are mostly old VB. girls, but four of the old VA girls worked so hard last year that they were able to miss a form and join our happy throng. At the beginning of the term we were glad to welcome one new girl to our form.

We are very proud of the fact that we have three members of the first school tennis four in our form, and are relying on them to win honour for us in the form tennis matches. Several of our girls were very successful in the Swimming Sports we are glad to say.

To encourage tidiness in the school, Miss Pratt has given a shield which will be held for a year by the form which gains the least number of untidy marks during the previous year.

As this is only the first term there is not much news to tell you, but by the end of the year we hope to be able to report that we are considered to be the best form in the school.



FORM VB.

Please don't think we are strangers! We greeted you as VA. twice last year, so we are quite old friends by now.

When we returned at the beginning of the year, we found some of our form-mates of last year gone, but others had come to take their places and make our number up to sixteen. We have exchanged our old flag for a pale blue and gold banner with "I serve" in gold letters across it.

One great joy is that we have been allowed to remain in our old room, which

is the best and coolest in the school. Miss Pratt gave us our choice—"New desks or the old room" and we yelled, "Old room" as one man.

Eileen has unfortunately been away for three weeks, but we have to thank Ena and Helen for so capably carrying out the duties of Form Captain in her absence. We are also glad to welcome Jean Peel back after her long stay in the hospital.

The other day we had a scrubbing match in our room. It is advertised that Dutch Cleanser chases dirt, but the other day it was a case of "VB. chases ink." One can see that we mean to get the highest marks for the tidiest room in the school.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Coverlid as form mistress at the beginning of the year. One of the things for which we thank her very much is for reading to us during Hobby Hour.

The first of the year is not very eventful, so we have not much news to tell you. That being the case, we will say

Au Revoir.



FORM REMOVE.

We are a merry troop of twenty who manage to get a good deal of enjoyment out of life, although we do work very hard and are rewarded by good marks.

We have a bright and sunny class room overlooking the Basket Ball fields and the lawn. Our form mistress is Miss Anderson, and our form captain, Betty Cozens. We were very glad to welcome the new girls to our form this year and tried to make them feel, during the first few days, as happy as possible.

We are at present in the middle of exams, which are not at all nice things, but they will soon be over. Some of our girls did well in the Swimming Sports held on March 14th.

Miss Anderson is helping us with our Hobby, and some of the girls are making

pretty little articles. On sewing days Miss Anderson reads, "School Girls' Chums" to us, and we all enjoy it.

Mary and Jean have quite a good crop of wheat, which thrives and looks very promising—when they don't forget to water it.

We have a Mark Chart on which all the marks lost for untidiness are put down. At the end of the year the form which loses the least number of marks gets the shield for the next year.

Well this is all the news for the "Lucernian" this time, so we will bring our notes to a close.

FORM IV.

The Fourth Form is a very pleasant form. It occupies the same room it had last year, when it was the Third Form, but it is filled more bountifully than it was last year. There are twenty-six of us in the room, but this is when we count the present Third Form, who are in our room also.

Our form flag is navy blue and red. On it is a shield of red, and under the shield is our motto, "Play the game."

On March 14th we held our Swimming Sports at the Gentlemen's Baths, and we are glad to say that our form did well.

Our form mistress is Miss Bottoms, and we like her very much. Nancy Price is our form captain, and she keeps us in order very well. We have Miss Pratt for Scripture, English Literature and French, and Miss Anderson for History, Writing and Drawing, and we are sure every girl in the school likes these six subjects.

Miss Morgan, our Drill Mistress is teaching us a pretty dance, called the Minuet, also some very nice exercises. We have a Tennis Court on our playgrounds on which the Junior Girls play. On Mondays and Thursdays we play Baseball on our playground with the Third Form.

We hope that everyone will enjoy reading our notes.

FORM III.

The Third Form is a very happy family of nine girls. Our room is very nice. We put fresh flowers in it every day and all help to keep it tidy and clean.

The colors in our form flag are green and white. Our motto is "Ever ready."

We are learning French and enjoy our lessons very much. Our Form Mistress is Miss Bottoms. One day a dragon-fly paid us a visit and we all got a fright when it came near us.

On Monday and Thursday we have Baseball and think it great fun. Miss Pratt takes us for History and we have fun acting the stories. We are all working hard and hope to win many prizes at the end of the year.



KINDERGARTEN I. & II.

Thirteen new children came to our room at the beginning of this year—The result was that we overflowed, and the Upper Seconds had to join the Third Class next door, but as they still come to us for Singing and Scripture we did not have to say goodbye to them altogether. We did have to say "goodbye" to Vautin, Ian, Lloyd and Peter at the end of last year. They are all at the College now, and have our very best wishes for success in their new school life.

We are working hard at our garden and hope to have some flowers later on. Our new sand tray is very nice. We are going to travel to other lands on it soon.

Our newest visitor is an Emperor Gum Caterpillar—he is a big green fellow, but wears all the House Colors, pale blue, red and gold.

Lesbia won a point for "Red" at the Sports last month. We congratulate her on having gained her Junior Swimming Certificate, and hope that more of our members will follow her example.

HOUSE NOTES.

(As it has been found impossible to ascertain the correct order of House notes, they are placed in the same order as last year—Ed.)

ROSLYN HOUSE.

House Colours—Pale Blue.

On returning from our holidays we found that a number of old Roslynites had left us, and that new girls had filled their places. We give a hearty welcome to the newcomers, and we are sure that each girl will do her best to keep flying the Roslyn flag.

Last year Roslyn House won the Cup presented by Mrs. Lewis Hirst for the best House at work and sport.

The Tennis Cup was won by Harris House although Roslyn were even until the last House match when Harris gained the victory. We take this opportunity of congratulating the Harris girls on their success.

At the Swimming Sports, which were held on March 14th at the Eastern Baths, Roslyn gained the highest number of points, only beating Harris by one point.

As it is only the beginning of the year very few House matches have been played, so Roslyn have not had the chance to show what they are capable of doing.

Captain E. B.

HARRIS HOUSE.

House Colours—Red.

At the beginning of the year we were very pleased to welcome several new girls to our house, and we hope they will have the same loyal spirit for which Harris House is noted.

At the Swimming Sports we put up a very good fight against Roslyn and Ardens, but we were glad that it was by only one point that we were defeated by Roslyn. We congratulate them on their well deserved success.

Last year we had a hard struggle against Roslyn for the Tennis Cup, but finally we secured the position of Champion House in tennis, and hope we will be able to keep up the honor for Harris again this year.

As regards inter-House matches this year we have been very successful so far. We played a Tennis Match against Ardens and defeated them 61 to 28 games. We also had a Baseball Match against them and were once more victorious. The result being 18 to 10 runs. We have not yet met Roslyn in House Matches, but we hope to very shortly.

Captain Y. A. B.

**ARDENS HOUSE.**

House Colours—Gold.

With our return to school at the beginning of the term, we found that many of those whom we may call "pioneer girls" of Ardens House had left us, but our ranks are now filled with newcomers, who, we hope, will endeavour not only to uphold, but to uplift the standard of work and play in Ardens.

As yet we have not been able to test the strength of any of our teams, other than Baseball, against those of Harris and Roslyn, but on the result of the Swimming Sports we congratulate Roslyn on gaining first place, and Harris on coming so close behind them.

To attempt to maintain our record of last year in the Terminal Flag Races our Running Team has been chosen, and the girls have commenced practising every morning.

In conclusion, we want to thank our old girls for their messages of "Good Luck" and success to the House throughout the year, and to assure them that we will strive to fulfil their desires.

Captain H. R. V.

SENIOR BOARDERS' NOTES.

Boarders' Notes again. Why we have scarcely finished reading the last "Lucernian!" Yes, that is just how everyone feels, for a boarder's time flies swiftly and leaves no time for idleness.

Some girls said last year that none of the noisy boarders were coming back, but we wish that they could sometimes be behind the door or on the roof, and we would soon prove to them that they made a slight mistake. One time when everyone is quiet however, is when Miss Pratt reads to us on Sunday nights. We do not make any noise then as we like so much to hear, "The Secret Garden" and we would like to say, "Thank you" to Miss Pratt for the happy hour we spend on Sunday evenings.

Soon after we came back we had a Tennis Tournament, and the pair who won were that day known as "the long and the short of it" (you would guess why if you saw them together.) As a result of their good play they received a pair of silver vases, one of which has since graced the Prefects' Room, and the other has held a position in Junior House.

One Saturday we went to Torquay. This was not an all day picnic as we did not leave Geelong until two o'clock (in the afternoon, of course.) When we arrived at Torquay we went for a "dip in the sea" and were quite ready for tea when it was ready for us. That time we didn't get home until nine o'clock, and though we were tired, one and all were happy and eager for our next picnic to Torquay.

Another happy event for which we must thank Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre of Freshwater Creek was our visit to their home, "Ghazeepore." We enjoyed every minute of our time there, but what many

of us liked best of all was our rides on the horses. We will tell you a secret about this, but you must not tell anyone else as the teachers might not like anyone to know that some of them were frightened when they saw us having races up and down the paddock.

**JUNIOR BOARDERS' NOTES.**

We are a happy family of eight as we are one less in number this year. At the beginning of the year we were very pleased to welcome Bertha as a Junior House Boarder, but we were sorry to lose Clare and Nan, as Clare became a day girl once more, and Nan went up to Senior House.

We don't think Junior House half as noisy as it was last year, but we think that is because the Seniors may have taken one of our noisy members.

Our flower garden is progressing famously, but we are not going to bother with the strawberries this year because we have decided to grow water-melons and rock melons instead. We will be satisfied if they are as big a success as the strawberries, but we would like them to be better.

We have been troubled greatly with mosquitoes, and so every time we kill one we have a feeling that it is one less to the great multitude of mosquitoes.

We have had new steps placed at the back of Junior House, as one of our number managed to break one of the others. Before the new steps were made we were allowed to go out the front door, so we beat the Seniors as they haven't any steps, and can't go out the front door.

SPORT.



THANKS.

We have been very fortunate in securing the use of "Como" Tennis Court, and we are very grateful to Mr. N. Belcher for this courtesy extended to us.

We are also indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hirst, who have generously given us the use of their private Court on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We very much appreciate their generosity.

At last we feel that our tennis, which has been handicapped for so long owing to the shortage of courts will go ahead by leaps and bounds.

Sports Captain E. B.



TENNIS.

We are very sorry to have lost three members of the old tennis four of 1922, but we feel sure that those who are filling their places will do their best to keep up the old standard.

At the end of last year we had a very enjoyable game of tennis against the Milverton Girls on our own courts and we secured a victory, the results being 39 to 16 games.

Some little time ago we were glad to welcome the tennis four of the Ballarat Church of England Girls' Grammar School, against whom we played our first tennis match for the year. The games proved very exciting, as they were comparatively even, but finally they rallied, and they defeated us—50 to 39 games. We hope that when we meet them on the 21st April, at Ballarat, the games will be even more exciting, and that we may defeat them this time.

Just recently we have had two practise matches with four of the Geelong College boys, and though we were defeated both times, we thoroughly enjoyed the games and very much appreciated the solid practice.

Acting Captain Y. A. B.

A short Criticism of the Tennis Team.

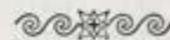
Yvonne Batson:—Is fairly reliable, net play much improved, but must learn not to poach.

Jean Rentoul:—Shows improvement and promise. Needs more confidence in back-hand play. Drives well.

Mary McLennan:—Has some good strokes, but needs to be more alert.

Dulcie Brownlee:—Has improved, but needs to pay attention to service and drive.

MISS MORGAN, Sports' Mistress.



BASKET BALL.

Away with the temporary tennis court! Down with the lines, for the basket ball commences next term!

Although we have lost our rock-like centre, our defence and one wing, we feel sure that the girls who take their places will do good work for the team.

Our victory over Milverton has given us fresh courage, and we are hoping soon to repeat the event, this time in Melbourne. We are looking forward to this trip, as our last one was so enjoyable, the Milverton girls being excellent hostesses.

We should like the Form Captains to work up a form team as we anticipate interform matches.

SPORTS CAPTAIN E. B.



BASEBALL.

We are pleased to note that much interest is being shown in Baseball this year, and the players are steadily improving. We feel sure that it is even worth while treading the dusty roads for what awaits us at the fields at Kardinia.

During the last half of our Baseball season we expect to play off a round of House Matches, so House Captains "round up your teams."

SPORTS CAPTAIN E. B.



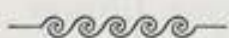
TENNIS.

P.G.C. v. C.E.G.G.S. Ballarat, victory C.E.G.G.S. Ballarat, 50—39 games.

C.E.G.G.S. Ballarat v. P.G.C., victory C.E.G.G.S. Ballarat, 44—21 games.

Harris v. Ardens, victory Harris, 61—28 games.

Roslyn v. Harris, victory Harris, 49—29 games.



BASEBALL.

Harris v. Ardens, victory Harris, 18—10.

Ardens v. Roslyn, victory Roslyn, 26—17.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

The swimming sports which were held at the Eastern Baths on March 14th were most successfully carried out. The favourable conditions of the weather added to the enjoyment of all present. The Sports were attended by a large number of parents and friends who appeared to be very much interested in all events. The enthusiasm of the girls was shown by the number of entries for each race, while much interest was shown in the House contests, Roslyn winning by one point.

The results were as follows.—

School Championship.—Q. Hill (R) 1, L. French (H) 2, J. McGuinness (H) 3.

Open Handicap (under 12).—G. Madden (A) 1, L. Madden (H) 2, C. Strong (A) 3.

Open Race (under 14).—G. Seal (R) 1, L. French (H) 2, G. Purnell (A) 3.

Open Race (over 14).—Q. Hill (R) 1, L. Pardey (R) 2, J. Rentoul (H) 3.

Old Girls' Race.—J. Eddie 1, V. Walter 2.

Breast Stroke (senior).—J. Rentoul (H) 1, L. Pardey (R) 2, E. Miller (A) 3.

Breast Stroke (junior).—C. Lancaster (R) 1, J. McGuinness (H) 2, G. Purnell (A) 3.

Egg and Spoon Race (junior).—G. Seal (R) 1, G. Purnell (A) 2, M. Calvert (A) 3.

Egg and Spoon Race (senior).—L. Pardey (R) 1, J. Walter (R) 2, R. Hall (H) 3.

Backstroke (junior).—J. McGuinness (H) 1, L. French (H) 2, G. Madden (A) 3.

Backstroke (senior).—E. Buckhurst (H) 1, R. Hall (H) 2, H. Venters (A) 3.

Diving for Distance.—J. McGuinness (H) 1, R. Hall (H) 2, C. Lancaster (R) 3.

Tandem (senior).—J. Rentoul and S. Hartwick (H) 1, E. Buckhurst and J. Walter (R) 2, M. Oddie and H. Venters (A) 3.

Novelty Obstacle Race.—J. McGuinness (H) 1, L. French (H) 2, E. Hirst (R) 3.

Diving for Objects.—J. McGuinness (H) 1, G. Madden (A) 2, C. Lancaster (R) 3.

Life Saving.—C. Strong and G. Madden (A) 1, G. Morgan and L. French (H) 2, E. Hirst and M. Parish (R) 3.

Beginners Race.—J. McLennan (R) 1, H. Macmillan (A) 2, E. McIntyre (R) 3.

Race in Clothes.—Q. Hill (R) 1, L. French (H) 2, G. Purnell (A) 3.

Non Swimmers Race.—L. Mathews (A) 1, E. Hicks (R) 2, C. Lawry (A) 3.

House Relay Race.—Roslyn 1, Harris 2, Ardens 3.

Senior Boarders v. Daygirls.—Daygirls 1, Boarders 2.

Junior Boarders v. Daygirls.—Daygirls 1, Boarders 2.

House Results.—Roslyn 1, 45 points; Harris 2, 44 points; Ardens 3, 26 points.

SPORTS CAPTAIN E. B.

REPORTS.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

On Friday, March 2nd, the first meeting of the Christian Union for 1923 was held in the Assembly Room. It was attended by all the girls from Form VB. upwards. Miss Pratt addressed the meeting, explaining the reasons for the existence of a Christian Union in the school. Miss Dunoon then explained the aims, activities, and conditions of membership of the Christian Union and Bible Study Circles.

Our next meeting was held on March 6th, the business being the election of office-bearers. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Miss Pratt; Vice-President, Miss Dunoon; Corresponding Secretary, Mary McLennan; Recording Secretary, Mavis Pettitt; and Treasurer, Sylvia Hartwick. Arrangements were then made for taking the names of new members, and of those girls who wished to become members of the Bible Study Circles.

Eighteen girls have enrolled as members of Bible Study Circles. Three circles have been formed under the leadership of Miss Pratt, Miss Dunoon and Miss Coverlid.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of monthly meetings of the Union. It is hoped that the girls will take a keen interest in the Christian Union.

CHOIR NOTES.

This year our choir has thirteen members, and as we have only lately made a fresh start, we cannot say how far the choir assists in Assembly. We hope, however, by continual practice, which we have on Tuesdays and Fridays, greatly to improve the singing.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Last year an endeavour was made to obtain the books which should form the beginnings of our library. Efforts were made by the girls to raise funds to provide books, and as a result of these efforts, together with donations by friends, we are now able to boast of a library, which includes a fair number of both fiction and reference books. These have been neatly covered and made ready for distribution.

to subscribers. The girls are taking a keen interest in the library, a good many having become subscribers.

We hope that a great many more will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them. We wish to thank all who have donated books and helped the library in any way.

M. P.



OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION.

So far this year the Association has been very quiet, but now that the Christmas and Easter holidays are over we are looking forward to some good meetings during the year.

A social evening has been arranged for April 26th. As this will be the first for the year we hope for a good attendance.

We are very sorry to have to accept the resignation of Miss K. Roebuck as Secretary of the Old Girls. Miss Roebuck has done excellent work, and it is mainly owing to her energy and ability that the Association is in its present flourishing condition. The position has been filled by Miss Jean McLennan.

We regret that Miss May Hindell has resigned from the Committee, but hope she will continue her interest in the doings of the Association.

We invited the girls who completed their studies last year, and any others who so far have not joined, to become members of the Old Collegians' Association.

We shall be pleased to receive news of the movements of any of the old girls.

M. J. McLENNAN, Hon. Sec.
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PERSONALIA.

We are trying to keep in touch with our old girls and we would be pleased to hear of old girls who can tell us anything for this column, so please don't forget to write.

Jean McIlroy, the first Head Prefect of the school, is at present doing a course of kindergarten training in Melbourne.

Jean Pettitt, Kathleen Perry and Mollie Rich are still enjoying all the thrills of novelty of their first term at the University. They seem to have had very frequent trips to Geelong since the term began; they are still smiling, but tales of formidable essays foretell a hard year's work. Best of luck to you all!

At the University Conservatorium, Eathorne Walter has passed her first year. Congratulations Eathorne!

In Geelong, Edith Beach, May Pownall and Jean Walker are helping in the Free Kindergarten at Geelong West.

Doris Thompson, who is nursing at the Ballarat Hospital, is in her second year of training as a nurse. By the end of the year Inga Dowsett, another of our old girls, hopes to have commenced her career of nursing.

One of our former Sports' Captains, Joyce Eddie, has been distinguishing herself in tennis. She and her partner won the Easter Tournament at Winchelsea. It was Joyce who won the Old Girls' Race in our Swimming Sports, and Vida Walter another of our former Sports' Captains, who came second.

Since the last issue of the "Lucernian," we have received news of Dorothy Woodhouse's marriage to Mr. S. Hume. We extend to Dorothy our best wishes for her new life.

SPEECH DAY, 1922.

On Monday, 18th December, excitement prevailed throughout the school, for in the evening, our Speech Day was to be held in the Mechanics' Hall. A few minutes before eight o'clock the girls marched into their seats which were reserved for them in the body of the Hall.

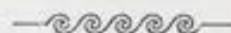
Among those present on the platform were our Headmistress, Miss Pratt, the Right Reverend, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and Mrs. Paton, Miss Harris, the Rev. C. Neville, Chaplain of the School, and the Chairman and members of the Council. Mr. Pettitt presided as chairman, and the function commenced with the singing of the hymn of which we are justly proud, as Mr. Dawson, the conductor of our Singing Classes composed the music for it. A prayer was offered by the Rev. C. Neville followed by the Chairman's address.

Miss Pratt in her report spoke of the success of the school in its various departments during the closing year, and of the results of the University Examinations of the previous December. In sport, the school had made headway. Our Basketball Team had defeated a Melbourne school and we had gained our first Tennis victory on the same day. After a violin solo, played by Mr. Dawson, the Moderator delivered an inspiring address, speaking first to the parents and friends of the school and then to the girls themselves. He told a story of a chief in the New Hebrides who said that he had never known a white man to do any mean or unkind action, and that is what the badge "Sint Lucernae Ardentes" should stand for—for only the noblest and best of all things.

The school prizes were distributed by the Moderator; Mrs. Paton presented the prizes gained in Sport. During the course of the programme both Senior and Junior

Singing Classes under the able conduct- orship of Mr. Dawson gave selections of songs.

The following is the Dux list of 1922:—
Form VI. Jean Pettitt (Dux of the school.)
Form V. Helen Venters; Form VB. Sylvia Baird; Form VA. Jean Rentoul; Form IV. Gwen Morgan; Form Upper III. Gwen Madden; Form Lower III. Evelyn Baird; Form IIB. Lorna Gill.

**OPENING DAY, 1923.**

How quickly eight weeks can pass—so all thought when the time came to return after the vacation, but for the most part beyond vague regrets at the thought of "harness" once more all seemed pleased to be back at the first assembly. With Miss Pratt on the dais were the Rev. C. Neville, the school Chaplain, and Mr. Pettitt, Chairman of the Council. Mr. Neville conducted the devotional exercises, after which he welcomed us all back. Mr. Pettitt added also his words of greeting, urging us to pull our own weights like the "Nugget" of his story, and not like the lazy horse to be a drag on the community.

Once again to classrooms, and the year's work had been begun.

**SCHOOL NEWS.**

We warmly welcome Miss Coverlid, who comes to fill the vacancy in the staff, caused by the departure of Miss Ballans at the end of last year.

The inter-Form Shield for Order, presented by Miss Pratt has been handed to Form V. to be held for the year 1923.

The inter-House Cup for Tennis was last year won by Harris House, while Roslyn holds the Cup presented by Mrs. L. Hirst, for Work and Sport.

During the term we had a visit from Mr. Tait from New Zealand, who successfully demonstrated the powers of concentration displayed in balancing and juggling.

On April 27th Miss Avery came to the school, and gave a Story Concert on Mozart. The concert was mainly for the smaller children, but all who were present were keenly interested in the story of Mozart's life, and in his wonderful music.

Again Mr. Lane has shown a series of Educational Pictures in Geelong. These pictures, though different from last year were equally interesting and instructive, and all those who attended them came away with a clearer conception of many of the industries and possibilities of Australia.

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ANZAC DAY.

"Their name liveth forever." So Mr. Neville commenced his address to us on Anzac Day. Eight years ago, on the 25th April, 1915, the Australian soldiers landed at Gallipoli, and that day marks the beginning of a new epoch in Australian History. What those soldiers did helped to lift Australia high in honour among the nations of the world, and it was the first time they were enabled to see what Australia really was in her heart. The celebration of this day should not take the form of a holiday, but should be a day for serious thought and recognition of the life, the careers and the years of usefulness that these men sacrificed to make their land a land for heroes. Are we trying to make ourselves worthy of this sacrifice?

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Leaving Honours:—

- Kathleen Perry: Honours in both English and French.
- Jean Pettitt: Pass in English and French.

Mollie Rich: Pass in English and French.

Doris Zimmer: Honours in both English and French.

Leaving Pass:—

- Jean Pettitt: Algebra.
- Marjorie Robertson: French.
- Mollie Rich: Drawing.
- Gladys Syer: English, History, Geometry.

Intermediate:—

- Greta Mathison: Geography, Physiology.
- Mavis Pettitt: English, French, Geography, History and Civics, Physiology, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.
- Helen Venters: English, French, History and Civics, Physiology, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.
- Gladys Wynn: English, French, History, Geography, Physiology.
- Fanny Ralston: Geography.
- May Robert: History and Civics.

The last two have now completed requirements for Intermediate Certificate.

NEW PUPILS

The following pupils have been enrolled since the beginning of the term:—

- VI.**—G. Matheson.
- V.**—D. Adams, M. Gordon, E. Scott.
- Sub-Intermediate**—P. White.
- VB.**—J. Elsom, I. Hayes, I. Lang, O. Menzel, J. Peel, T. Pettitt, M. Ritchie, S. Stonehouse.
- Remove**—E. Hirst, B. Levey, A. McCurdy, D. Robertson, B. Jones.
- IV.**—M. Higgins, E. Hicks, W. Hendy, P. Marchant, R. Price, J. Madden.
- III.**—B. Franklin, R. Hancock, U. Cotton, G. Walter.
- Kindergarten, I. & II.**—N. Bechervaise, I. Cochrane, J. Craddock, M. Franklin, N. Gosbell, E. Orbell-Jones, G. Orbell-Jones, G. Parish, C. Tonkin, B. Walters, J. Matheson.

ODDS and ENDS.

Our P.G.C. literary critics still flourish and they are ever finding "fresh fields and pastures new." Last year the amazing fact was revealed that Shakespeare wrote Gray's Elegy. Of course Gray's reputation as a poet hung in the balance for some little time, but we understand he is to be given the authorship of the elegy, but of course the doubt having once crept in who can tell! A new line of thought has recently been opened up and one aspirant to fame has finally given us the benefit of her research work—doubtless after much close study. She shows decided imaginative powers in reading between the lines and has confidentially unburdened some interesting information regarding Keat's Ode to a Nightingale. We now advise you not to believe all they tell you about this little poem, because in spite of all they say, you know, that "Keats doesn't really like listening to the nightingale's song because he gets drowsy and he feels as though he had drunk hem-nock!"

Poor Keats! So annoying to be caught napping. The wretched bird! Hem-nock too! Ugh, horrible! Doubtless one of those cheap soda fountain potions and the last straw absolutely!

One young lady of our acquaintance wishes to know how many miles an hour she can swim in a minute.

Those girls with an aptitude for cooking will gladly welcome a new kind of cocoanut. When asked for a sentence containing the word "domesticated" one girl spoke of a "domesticated cocoanut."

Yes, we had beautiful weather for our Swimming Sports. No fear of anyone catching cold or ammonia or anything like that.

While two new boarders were discussing their first picnic to Torquay the following remarks were overheard, "How did you

like the picnic?" "Oh, it was lovely." "Yes, it was delirious." We may add that we think the newcomer was slightly confused by the descriptive adjectives used by her more learned(???) companions.

A day girl in the far away regions of last year misquoted Kipling's "Glory of the Garden" by stating the words "killing slugs on boarders." Perhaps this year she will display more care with her spelling as she now belongs to the ranks of those boarders to whom she so slightly referred.

We take this opportunity of teaching the girls in the Forms below the VI. a little French History. We will however, be kind to them and write in English. "After signing the Peace of Veivins Henri IV. of France spent the remainder of his life (which was about twelve years—Ed.) in being killed by a monk."

If the milkman runs like that he will turn the milk into butter.

We have been asked the following question. Perhaps you can answer it. "Did the Bank of New South Wales get its name because all the people from New South Wales sent their money to it?"

Why do you not get several pairs of shoes on furlough and then choose which pair you will have?

An extract from an essay—"My flying companion had already donned his fir coat."

From a recent examination paper:—Question—In what mood is the poem written? Answer—Indicative mood.

Who was Bede? Bede was a general. He lived at the same time as Synod of Whitby. He was the man who used Synod of Whitby.

Augustine was a soldier and a king. He was the head of an army.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

FAIRY TALES.

Why is it that, if you ask a child what kind of a story you will tell him, the answer in nine out of ten cases will be "A fairy tale!"?

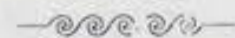
Why is it that a child never grows tired of hearing about "Cinderella," or the "Seven Dwarfs"? Even "grown-ups" can occasionally enjoy an hour spent reading fairy tales.

There is something undeniably satisfying in hearing the adventures of a beautiful princess, or a prince who has been changed to stone by a cruel witch. Perhaps it is because we, who listen to the story, know that it will all come right in the end. The beautiful princess will marry an equally desirable prince, the prince will regain his proper form again, and as for the witch—well she will either poison herself when she hears the prince has escaped, or fall into her cauldron by accident.

It all seems so impossible—yet, somehow or other, in reading a fairy story, we think that a fairy may perhaps be lurking behind this page, and fancy we catch a glimmer of soft, fragile wings, and hear the soft, happy laughter of one of that magic tribe—"It cannot be true" you say.—"Well, who knows?"

We are growing older now. We have never seen a whole fairy, but in a book of fairy tales we see enchanting glimpses of them—somewhere between the "Once upon a time" and "they lived happy ever after."

D. A.



WISTERIA.

The rich and cloying breath of lazy spring
Steals o'er the garden and creeps on to
where

The bees with busy wings do softly sing,
And work and play among the flowers.

The air,

So laden with the scent elusive, rare,
Fills my all, and in my heart I cry,

As through my soul there sweeps a mad
despair
Confusing all my mind. And then a
high
Desire and longing grew. Oh, will it live
or die?



THE BITERS BIT.

I crave your pardon, gentle Muse
But I've a tale to tell abroad
Can'st thou me thine aid refuse?
To my rescue! Thine help afford!
My song relates the blighted hopes
Of nine young damsels of fame wide-
spread.

On a Sunday morn not long ago
They planned out bravely some wildcat
schemes

Which should have worked to keep that
row

At home from Church to read, it seems.
One sounded well: to breakfast they hop
And nine weak voices make nine appeals
To our wise Matron for excuse from chop.
Their eyes grow dreamy and each one
feels

That this wise plan is the best of all,
Has visions too of rug and book.

So when the "croc" begins to crawl
Each face assumes a superior look
But ah! how quickly the mouths do droop,
When word comes out in accents stern
"Bring in your books, put rugs away
The Common Room's your Church this
morn

And thus you'll spend the week's first
day."

The sun was warm, the day was cool,
The Common Room dull, dark and drear.
Put so they suffer who break a rule!
Malingerers too, will likewise fare!

One more secret and then I'm through
Their threepences e'en they didn't score
The box passed round, I'm sure its true
And swallowed nine for Korea's poor.

SAWTHRUITUS.

"PREP."

Sixteen desks all spread abroad,
 Thirty two girls all working hard
 With a watchful eye on a teacher there
 Who sits in front with a watchful air.

"How I wish the bell would go—
 This half-hour is awfully slow."
 "Here, be quiet! Not a sound!
 Order marks will be flying round!"

"Crash! My books have fallen down
 You knocked them too, you little clown
 Ow, stop digging pens in me"
 "Girl who spoke stand immediately!"

"I did, please" (in a quavering voice)
 "Take an order mark!" Oh joys!
 "Hurrah the bell is going to ring
 I'm so happy I could sing."

"There it goes, Hip, Hip Hurrah!
 Come on children do not stay"
 No indeed! We rush instead
 To eat our supper and go to bed.

A. H. V.

THE DEPARTED SPIRIT.

The door stood ajar. As I peeped through the aperture I saw a most creepy scene. In the dim light of the moon there stood a monk praying before the altar of the little chapel belonging to St. Cuthbert's monastery. His form cast a pale death-like shadow on the bare, brick floor, and behind, the vacant pews made the picture more solitary and secluded. Mary, standing at my elbow, shuddered violently, whispering, "I saw Margaret, isn't it a weird spectacle? We had better get home before the other fellows come." By "fellows" I'm inclined to think Mary meant the other monks, but to get on with the story. "No we won't go home yet, silly. I want to see what he'll do next; he has been kneeling there long enough," said I. The monk did not have time to do anything, for, as I spoke, a white apparition appeared from

the vestry. "It's a ghost!" said Mary, clutching convulsively at my sleeve, and not finding it, fell in a limp heap on the ground.

She had fainted away! What was I to do? After some minutes she came round and smiled, but as she saw the ghost approach the monk (who did not notice it,) Mary screamed. Before the good man could see his danger, the apparition gripped him by the shoulder, but seeing the man in a trance, he let him go and uttering these words, "The Departed Spirit," he turned and fled. Quick as he was we saw slung across his back an empty whisky bottle, and inscribed beneath, on white paper were the words he had used when speaking to the monk. That night when we were in bed we heard muffled giggling and then in a subdued whisper, "The Departed Spirit was a good idea!" These words were spoken in the voice of our brother Jack.

M. E. P.

ACTIVITY—THE LAW OF LIFE.

Activity's the law of life!

It is! I have no doubt.

For have I not repeatedly

Tried it and found it out.

One day I stood before a fire.

A little spark went—pop!

Oh yes! It is the law of life

For one must learn to hop.

Another day upon a field,

I saw a bull. Just one.

But then I knew the law of life

For Oh! I had to run.

And yet again, another day

I pinched my brother's tie.

Oh then I knew the law of life

He knew it more than I.

Activity's the law of life!

It is! I have no doubt.

Oh yes, it is the law of life

For I have found it out.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The sound of trotting horses is heard in Ryrie Street, and presently two handsome carriages, drawn by sleek, brown horses, dash round the corner. The carriages are full to the brim with girls, talking and laughing. Many banners—pale blue, red and golden—flutter in the breeze. The people who are shopping stop for a moment to gaze at this unusual sight. It is the day of the P.G.C. Annual Swimming Sports.

Let us follow this magnificent pageant to its destination. Past Ryrie Street, past Malop Street the horses trot, and at last draw up with a flourish, before the Swimming Baths. Girls scramble down helter-skelter from the drags (for such are the handsome carriages) and one by one banners and ribbons disappear through the open door.

Ten minutes later. There is silence in the Baths and all eyes are fixed on the starting point. "Go." Pandemonium reigns. "Buck up Roslyn!" "Go it Harris!" "Keep it up!" "Ardens! Ardens!" Then silence for a minute, and louder shouts than before, "Good on you, Queenie!"—Roslyn wins! First race to Roslyn.

The programme continues. Egg and spoon race, long dive, race in clothes, breast stroke, back stroke, diving for obstacles, we cheer them all. Sometimes Harris wins, sometimes Roslyn, sometimes Ardens.

For one race—boarders v. daygirls—we drop our House cries and shout instead, "Come on boarders!" "Come on daygirls!" Then, "Good on you!" "We win!"—Daygirls win!

Towards the end of the day I don't think any of us knew exactly who was in the lead; some said Harris, some Roslyn; all of us cheered and shouted and hoped with all our heart that our House would win. And in the end we

were all asking the same question, "Who wins?" And the answer was, "Roslyn, by a point."

Swimming Sports are over now. We have all put our ribbons away and rolled up our banners. I don't think many of us want to stay up late to-night. Bed is a very comfortable place after Swimming Sports. D. A.

**EARLY RISING.**

At half past six in the morning,
The alarm rings steadily on,
And Betty and Bertha lie yawning
Forgetting to hurry along.

And next come Helen, and Jean, too
To go through the freezing shower,
Then follow Mary and Edith
Who waste quite half an hour.

The sound of Miss X's footsteps
Makes silence reign supreme,
Then Mary turns on the shower
And gives a little scream.

Take order marks now Mary!
For making such a noise
Think of the other teachers
You act like rowdy boys.

Jean and Bonnie get up now;
It is seven o'clock and past,
And mind you'll have to hurry
For you are the very last.

E. M. L.

**"BREAK UP"**

On break-up day at the end of the year
Oh! 'Tis a sorry sight!
We are all awake at early dawn
With the first pale streak of light.

We do no work in school that day,
Who would expect us to,
We talk and laugh and jump and play,
I think it's fun! Don't you?

We troop into the Assembly Room
 And laugh! We cannot stop.
 And Oh! The noise we make in there
 Would make a monkey hop.
 And then the teachers enter in,
 And then we sing a hymn;
 We lift the sky; the noise you hear
 Would make your ears grow dim.
 Then our form places are read out;
 Some groan and look so sad,
 While others (all the brainy ones)
 They cheer and yell like mad.
 But soon we all forget our woes
 When known it is we've won a prize.
 And we raise the roof for some time still
 With our triumphant cries. A. H. V.



THE MEDITATIONS OF A HARD- WORKED SCHOOL GIRL.

The Inchcape Rock (adapted version.)

Not a stir from the desks
 Not a stir from the table
 For the girls are all working
 As fast as they're able.
 The Algebra paper (just look at the clock)
 Is proving to many an "Inchcape Rock."

What's the good of Algebra?
 I want to know!
 I'm sure it's made to plague us all—
 Isn't that so?
 French and Trig. and Geometry
 You think they're useful, I don't agree.
 I wonder what use could the wretched
 things be—
 I want to know. D. A.



A TRUE STORY.

One day my bruthes fond a little posem
 and we put it up a tree and in the morn-
 ing it was gon. But necst night we hordy
 a thump, thump, thump. It was the
 little posem on our roof.

D. A.

Once upon a time their lived a bee, and
 one day he was out wacking and he met
 a bird, and the bird asked the bee would
 he come to tea. The bee was very glad to
 go. The bird was a huneyeater so they
 both had huney for tea. The next day
 the bee asked the bird to tea, and he
 came to the bee's house and the bee found
 he had nothing to eat so he said wi will
 go out and get something for ourselves
 and so they did. But the bee stung the
 bird so the bird went home so they were
 never friends again.

E. S.

The cat and the kittens got in the nest.
 Wen we went to get the eggs the cat
 wood jump up, and scrash us. Wen he
 went to get his food the boys got the
 kittens and playd wif them, and put them
 to bed.

L. M.

Once we had a possum, and we found
 it in our garden and we put it in a box
 and we let him go. After we let him go,
 he got into the mans bed and we had to
 get it out, and then we gave him to the
 milkman.

M. F.



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