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EDITORS' NOTES.

To old girls visiting us the M.L.C. seems quite unfamiliar, with all the old faces missing. We are still a large family, however.

Last year our girls who sat for the West Australian University examinations lived up to the reputation of the College. Three of the A-ites are now full-fledged teachers, and one of them is attending the University. We must also congratulate the five who sat for the Junior and who now swell our large (?) numbers in A.

There was no COLLEGIAN in the fourth term of last year, owing to the rush of work the public examinations entailed. We hope to make up for it this year, but so far it has not been decided whether there is to be an issue every term, or every second term. It depends mainly on the cash box and its capacities (or rather emptiness).

Most of the new girls have settled down by now and have made themselves quite at home, though they think life here is very uneventful, as there have been no tennis or hockey matches as yet.

Miss Thompson left us last term to be married, and we now have Miss Bullock in her place. As a consequence of the increase in numbers in Forms B and Minus B, the two classes had to be separated for English and History, which subjects they formerly had together. Miss Fairweather now teaches these subjects in Minus B. Miss Carey also left us last term, her place as senior music mistress being taken by Miss Smith, A.R.A.M.

FORM A NOTES.

Once again "we are seven," and next term our number will be augmented by at least one. The class is much happier this year, owing to the non-pugilistic tendencies of the new girls and the absence of "The Terrible Three," who terrorized it last year. But we must not be too harsh on our old mates, one of whom, Merle Jones, secured for us a Leaving Certificate and is now attending the University, while both the others passed in some subjects. Our new members also seem very learned, all having sat for the Junior last year; but it remains to be seen whether they are really such know-alls as they pretend to be.

For English this year we are studying the set which includes "Marmion." One girl is so visibly affected by Scott's poetic diction that she never resents a joke, but "ill can brook such jest."

History is another of our most popular subjects. We learn it in the minutest detail. There is not a girl in the form who does not know that Charles II played tennis at five o'clock in the morning, or that Charles I was executed outside the Banqueting Hall at Whitehall at four minutes past two in the afternoon of January 30th, 1649.

The senior members of the form consider it quite an indignity to translate French fairy tales, after having been honored last year with "Le Cid" and such-like works.

Latin seems to possess horrors for the poor girls who learn it, and in a minor degree for those who do not. It is quite a common occurrence for a scholar, who is doing private study during the lesson, to be rudely interrupted by a voice murmuring something which sounds very like "we kissed (h)im," but which is in reality only some poor creature saying irregular verbs beginning with an awkward consonant. What seems to be another favorite verb is *vovo, vovi, votum, vovere*, which sounds to unfamiliar ears like an angry driver trying to check his horses.

Everybody went into ecstasies when it was announced at the beginning of the term that the College had invested in a microscope. We shall now be able to indulge in practical biology with ease and hope soon to become quite proficient in the use of the instrument.

Mathematics are becoming more trying than of yore. It is still hard for us to understand why, in trigonometry, a line should, when named from one direction, be positive, and when from another, negative.

Only three girls are taking Leaving Maths., but they are much more interesting in a small than in a large class.

Everyone is beginning to work hard, for the terminal exams begin the week we come back, and no one wants to study in the holidays. We wish everybody success, and hope they will be rewarded each according to her several abilities.

M. J. G.

OLD GIRLS' COLUMN.
Secretary, Mary E. Lappin.
Treasurer, Dora Hudson.

The third re-union of the Old Girls' Association was held at the College on the afternoon of October 8th.

There was a record attendance of old scholars, many of whom took full advantage of the beautiful afternoon to play tennis and explore the cliff. The older and less energetic members of the party gathered around the piano, to listen to the musical items rendered by Misses Bray, Sedgman, Phillips, Carlisle, Wright, and Fry.

Afternoon tea, daintily served from tables decorated with green and gold, brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

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A meeting of the committee of the O.G.A. was held on Wednesday, March 10th. The following motions were proposed and carried:—

(a) That the membership fee for 1915 should be 3s.

(b) That girls desiring to become subscribers to the *Collegian* should forward an extra fee of 4s. 4d. to the Treasurer.

(c) That henceforth only girls who have paid their subscriptions will be eligible to receive notices of and to attend re-unions.

(d) That the next re-union shall take place at the College on the evening of April 17th.

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The committee desires that members should make a special effort to be present at the April meeting, to take part in the re-election of officers.

Miss Walton has kindly promised that the evening's programme will be provided by present girls, so that an opportunity may be afforded those who will be leaving this year to become acquainted with the present members of the Association.

M.L.C. UNDERGRADUATES, W.A.
 UNIVERSITY.

University Results for 1914.

English (alphabetical order).—Passed with distinction: Muriel Beauchamp, Myra Hurman, Mary Stevens.

History, Part I.—Passed with distinction: Muriel Beauchamp. Passed: Myra Hurman.

Latin, Part I.—Passed: Myra Hurman.

French, Part I.—Passed: Muriel Beauchamp.

Mathematics, Part I.—Passed: Myra Hurman, Mary Stevens.

Logic, Part I.—Passed: Muriel Beauchamp.

The names of Edna Sedgman, Merle Jones, and Marjorie Skrine have been added to the list of niversity Undergraduates this year. We wish them every success.

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The following engagements have recently been announced:—

Olive, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunstan, to Mr. Charles Lund, of Beria Consols Gold Mine, Beria. The wedding will take place within the next few months.

Trixie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ockerby, of Cottesloe, to Mr. Norman Appleton, of Kellerberrin, formerly of Melbourne.

Rosa, youngest daughter of Mr. F. U. Schildt, of Perth, to Rev. Joseph Green, of Northampton.

Gladys, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chipper, to Mr. Gordon Johnston, of the W.A. Law Book Co., Perth.

Rita, only daughter of Rev. A. S. J. and Mrs. Fry, to Mr. F. G. Medcalf, of the First Australian Expeditionary Force.

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The marriage is to take place on Saturday, April 3rd, at Christ Church, Claremont, of Miss Irene Danks, of Claremont, and Mr. Frank Morris, of Cottesloe.

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The wedding took place at Cairo, Egypt, on February 21st, of Gertrude, third daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Bryant, of Leederville, and Lieutenant A. Selby, of the First Australian Contingent. Mrs. Selby is now in England.

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Doris Shaw returned recently from a very pleasant holiday spent at Manly, New South Wales. We shall be glad to welcome Doris back again.

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We have now to add the name of Aimée Barclay to the long list of old girls who have taken up nursing as their life work. She entered the Children's Hospital on March 27th.

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Dorothy Howard has been spending the summer months at Albany as the guest of Mrs. Reg. Hird.

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Lucy Hall writes to say that she expects to arrive in Australia in May.

RITA S. FRY.