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The Norman Morrison Memorial Hall.

REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE PRINCIPAL.

By the President of the Old Collegians' Association.

I FIRST met Norman Morrison in 1881, when I went to school. He was two or three years older than I, and I looked upon him as quite a big boy. He was an extremely bright and cheery lad, capable at times of a fair amount of devilment. I cannot remember him dragging any other boys into his little escapades, and he was entirely free from practical jokes that so often are objectionable to the recipients. At that time Reggie Morrison and Jim Boyd were the dual heads of the School—Jim, captain of the cricket—Reggie, of the football. Reggie's wonderful prowess as an athlete somewhat dimmed the lustre of Norman's achievements. Unlike Reg., Norman was slow on the running track. He had a high action from the knee that militates against speed. Nevertheless, before he left school he was a magnificent football player, with splendid judgment, always playing the ball. He was a splendid mark, and not being a heavy boy received a good deal of rough handling, but, nothing daunted, he would throw back his head to shake the long hair off his forehead, and plunge into the ruck again.

He always was a magnificent swimmer. I think he learned more of that branch of sport at Queenscliff than at Geelong. Years afterwards, he practically applied this knowledge, for at Barwon Heads he saved more than one life, and frequently helped others out of serious difficulties.

I remember about the third or fourth day I was at school, Teddy Hope and Norman asked me to go down to the Western Baths for a dip. As they were big boys, I was afraid to refuse. Teddy looked after me for a while in the shallow water, and then,

wishing to join Norman in the deep water, told me to hang on to the rope that was stretched across the baths, till he came back. Soon after a very fat man sat on the middle of the rope, and sagged it down to such an extent that I was dragged under. For a long while I thought Teddy was never coming back, and after I had become more than filled with salt water, I came up somehow for some air, in time for Teddy to grasp me and carry me out and empty me of salt water.

In 1883-4, Norman played in the Geelong Football Team. Those were the palmy days of football, when it was played for the love of the game, and when balance sheets would please the heart of the Amateur Sportsman, and the Geelong Club were then "top dogs." He played a really sound game, generally on the wing, half back, and for a man who really had no pace to speak of, did yeoman service. I think Charlie Brownlow was captain then, and he had other College boys under him. I know of Andrew Simpson and Hughie McLean for certain. Hughie could kick goals all right, and I shall never forget Andrew's great run passing the grandstand, when an opponent chasing him was just able to catch the back of his well-worn football pants, which split laterally into two halves. He fell flat on the ground, and wished that the short-cropped grass would spring up into a forest. A laughing spectator's overcoat solved the difficulty.

The only sport in which Norman did not excel was in cricket. He had an extraordinary way of bringing the bat with a little flourish across the wicket from the off towards his legs, and if the ball did occasionally hit this crossing bat, a kind of leg glance between his legs was the usual result.

I never saw Norman "use his hands," He was of such a bright and cheerful disposition that quarrels had no attraction for him. He would never "rag" a fellow, or say a word to hurt any-

one's feelings, and he consequently was never asked to " put them up." He could use the " mittens " fairly well, as I learned later at Ormond College.

After passing Matric, I again came across Norman at Ormond in '87, and I asked him to coach me in three subjects which were compulsory for the Medical Course—Greek, Latin and Arithmetic. He succeeded in getting me through when all others had failed. If other teachers had been able to demonstrate the difficulties I had in these subjects as clearly as Norman had done, my father would not have been put to the extra expense of further examinations. In '85 he was " 2 " in the Ormond boat ; in '86 and '87 he was stroke. '87 was our first victory against Trinity on the river. Dr. McFarland, Master of Ormond, writing to me, says, " There was of course great enthusiasm, for the 'knowing ones ' before the race did not give us a hope. We got a bad start, but Norman kept his head splendidly, and gradually we wore down the Trinity boat, after the most exciting struggle I have seen on the river."

I remember the extraordinary enthusiasm in the College that night, and the tremendous ovation Norman modestly received at the Hall that evening. I can't remember rowing behind Norman. I don't think I rowed till the next year, when owing to a football injury to my knee I had to resign my seat, when we again won with Jack Mackey stroke.

What I could not understand was how he could find so much time for his sport and still continue doing a brilliant course, and a good deal of coaching as well, whereas I certainly found no time for work, in fact gave up looking for it, and yet I could not get all the time that I wanted to put into sport.

After '89 he had left the University, and later I was abroad, so I did not see so much of Norman. It was not till eight or nine

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years afterwards I again picked up the threads of intimate friendship.

In about '97, after I came back from England, I met his father, Dr. George Morrison, at the Grand Hotel. After breakfast, bareheaded, we strolled up and down in Spring Street, from Collins to Bourke Streets, yarning for over an hour.

The Doctor smoked a large cigar, and stated that I never knew that he smoked when I was at school. He chuckled for quite a while when I told him that we boys realised that it was fairy light we saw each evening amongst the pines in his garden, and the strong Habana aroma we could swear to as being fairy breath.

A new era for old collegians sprang up with the advent of Stanley Calvert—the enthusiastic, loyal, diplomatic, energetic and tactful Stan. Dear old chap! May he soon be restored to us with health and strength. In conjunction with Neil Campbell as joint secretaries, it was their organization and energy that made the Old Collegians' Association. Norman, Neil, and Stanley worked hard for it, and our first re-union assured the ultimate success of the Association. From then on I was brought closely in touch with Norman and his work. I soon saw the big side of the man. I marvelled at the great educationalist we had in our midst—I saw his perfect handling of boys—his charm with the parents—his unflagging energy for scholastic advancement.

I remember one day in Collins Street meeting Theodore Fink (also an Old Collegian). He had recently completed his gigantic work as Chairman of the University Commission of Enquiry, and so efficiently had he fulfilled his arduous task, that Parliament called him to the Bar of the House to thank him for his great work. I inadvertently (I was in a hurry) stopped him to congratulate him on this most unique compliment paid to a citizen by

Parliament. He told me practically the whole story of the Commission, and in a most interesting hour's chat he revealed to me the very high opinion Norman Morrison produced on the minds of the Commission by the evidence. They were so impressed, that later on he was again called before this body of experts for his invaluable advice and evidence for the betterment of education as a whole.

Year by year the school improved with breathless haste. The tone was uplifted; the school's position was assured. But what most impressed me was that subtle charm with which he won every Old Collegian's deep, earnest and sincere love. The younger "Old Collegians" knew him from the first as head-master, and loved him. The middle-aged "Old Boys" had grown up with him, and loved him; and the old bald-heads and grey-beards who had left school when he was a baby, had learned to love him also. In his cheery, tactful way he had "jiu-jitsued" all other feelings from our hearts till nothing was left but deep love for the dear old "Skipper."

More recently I was brought still closer in touch with him. He was negotiating with the Presbyterian Assembly to sell the school outright, and thus attain his dearest wish of establishing perpetuity as a Public School. Characteristically, he would do nothing without meeting the Committee of the Old Collegians' Association, and I was present at many conferences before negotiations were finally completed.

After I was appointed a member of the College Council, he always chaffingly referred to me as one of his "bosses."

The most important position that I had to fill during the early part of my year of Presidency of the Old Collegians' Association was in last June, when I presided at a meeting of Old Collegians at Scott's Hotel, to consider the best means to celebrate

the Jubilee of the College in 1911. Norman then informed us that a School Hall was absolutely essential for the proper equipment of a school. We were astounded to hear that the roll call and prayers at present were conducted outside in the open. He wished that all Old Collegians' re-unions and meetings should be held there, as well as all public functions in connection with the school. The walls would bear the honour boards of distinguished scholars or athletes. The cadets would store their arms in the basement, and the junior school could have their own lockers, dressing rooms and sports room. The approximate cost was stated to be £3500. At once a subscription list was opened, and the Hall was to be called the Jubilee Hall.

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I shall never forget the 16th November last year. The sequel of Norman's tragic end brought us all together at his graveside. Never will I again witness such a scene of grief. Strong men were shaking with suppressed emotion, and when finally the Rev. Jas. Forrest spoke to the boys with the finest touch of human sympathy I had ever heard, stripped of all heroics, the restraint was broken through and strong men and boys sobbed as if their hearts would break.

We were all too sick at heart to proceed immediately with our efforts to raise funds for the Jubilee Hall, and it was not till February of this year that the Old Boys met in Geelong and decided to earnestly push on with the subscription list, but in place of "Jubilee" to call it the "Norman Morrison Memorial Hall." No finer means of perpetuating a beloved name could be suggested. We don't want anything to remind us of him we cannot forget, but we want our sons and grandsons to see a great, lasting emblem of one we esteemed and loved. We feel that it is our privilege and right to build a lasting memorial of an illustrious name for the citizens of Geelong. I have the names of at thousand Old

Collegians before me, and I ask each one personally to help make this project a brilliant success. Give liberally, and give heartily. Remember that next year is the College Jubilee—that if our old-time rivals, like the Melbourne and Geelong Grammar Schools, could easily raise large sums of money when required, then so should we.

The Old Melbournians had no difficulty in raising £5000 when called upon. The Old Geelong Grammarians raised £4000 quite easily.

I suggest that every Old Collegian should tick off the names of those he knows well, and preferably personally interview them, or write asking them to subscribe. Every man must have some respect for his old school. The greater interest taken in a school by the Old Boys, the better for that school. There has been no call made upon Old Collegians since the building of the George Morrison Memorial Library, therefore I make a personal appeal to all Old Collegians not to hesitate a moment longer. We can all afford something—some much, some little—but we should all be in it.

It was Norman's dearest wish to see the Jubilee Hall built entirely by Old Collegians, and to my mind it is now almost a sacred duty for Old Collegians to see that wish is fulfilled. Fellow Old Collegians, let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and build a lasting memorial that we may feel proud of to such a man as the poet sings of in the following lines :—

" The skill to draw to light the hidden good,
 The art to sink the self, the scorn of gain ;
 Serenely trustful in the might of good.
 The baser rule of force he did disdain.
 Oft was the bad betrayed to better mood,
 Oft the despairing drawn to hope again."

The list of donations are as follows, and some smaller amounts—a complete list of which will be published later on ; also many promises of donations—the amounts not being specified :—

		£ s. d.	<i>Donations Promised :</i>		
				£ s. d.	
W. Boyd	..	105 0 0	W. MacMullen	..	5 5 0
W. A. Waugh	..	20 0 0	D. E. Stodart	..	50 0 0
A. F. Garrard	..	5 0 0	J Baker	..	5 0 0
C. H. Wheatland	..	15 15 0	A. J. Young	..	10 10 0
Jas. Robertson	..	12 10 0	J. Gatehouse	..	50 0 0
Stewart Robertson	..	12 10 0	W. A. McPherson	..	25 0 0
W. M. Robertson	..	12 10 0	C. Simson	..	21 0 0
D. G. Robertson	..	12 10 0	J. H. Boyd	..	100 0 0
L. A. Whyte	..	100 0 0	J. L. Currie	..	105 0 0
F. A. Campbell	..	5 0 0			
J. Waugh	..	20 0 0			
S. McArthur	..	52 10 0			
W. H. Reid	..	25 0 0			
A. N. McArthur	..	50 0 0			
E. Russell	..	50 0 0			
E. R. Sparrow	..	21 0 0			
B. Austin	..	5 0 0			
T. O. Guthrie	..	5 0 0			

School Officers, 1910.

Senior Prefect:—J. C. Kininmonth.

Prefects:—J. D. Blair, N. L. Campbell, J. R. Cochrane, F. M. Collocott, E. Hearne, H. E. Sewell, N. C. Stephen.

Cricket Captain :—F. M. Collocott. *Vice-Captain* :—J. R. Porter.

Cricket Committee :—Mr. A. H. MacRoberts, J. C. Betheras, F. M. Collocott, L. F. Douglass, J. R. Porter, N. C. Stephen.

Rowing Captain :—J. C. Kininmonth. *Vice-Captain* :—J. D. Blair.

Rowing Committee:—Mr. L. St. G. P. Austin, J. D. Blair, W. A. S. Dunlop, E. Hearne, J. C. Kininmonth, G. C. D. Reid.

Football Committee:—Mr. A. H. Harry, W. C. Baud, H. L. Jacobs, J. C. Kininmonth, G. C. D. Reid, H. E. Sewell.

" *The Pegasus* " :—Mr. A. H. MacRoberts, N. C. Stephen.

Librarians:—Mr. W. T. Price, J. C. Betheras, J. R. Porter, N. C. Stephen,

Cadet Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers :

Captains :—W. R. Bayly, L. St. G. P. Austin.

Lieutenants:—R. Lamble, J. C. Kininmonth.

Colour Sergeant:—F. M. Collocott.

Sergeants :—H. L. Jacobs, L. F. Douglass, E. Hearne.

Corporals:—J. H. Urbahns, J. D. Blair, J. R. Porter.

Lance-Corporals:—E. C. S. Webber, A. K. Maclean, L. N. Strachan, G. C. D. Reid, H. E. Sewell, N. L. Campbell.

Sergeant-Drummer :—W. A. S. Dunlop.

Corporal-Drummer:—F. S. Young.

Lance-Corporal-Bugler :—J. C. Betheras.

The General Games Committee, as at present constituted, consists of the members *qi* the Cricket, Football, Rowing, and Sports Committees, with delegates representing the Cadet Corps and Rifle Clubs.

School Items.

THE Second Term begins on Tuesday, April 19th.

The General Games' Committee decided this term that colours should be awarded to the members of the Running Team competing at the combined Public School Sports. This provision extended only to those who took part in the Open Events, and did not include the runners in the Flag Race.

Owing to Easter falling so early this year, there was a considerable interval between the end of the cricket, and the beginning of the football season. When the Committee met to consider the best way of filling the gap, a suggestion was made that the School should hold swimming sports in the Western Baths. The suggestion was readily taken up, and, as entries were not slow in coming in, it was finally decided to hold the Sports on Monday, April nth, on which date they duly took place, and passed off most success-

fully. The Championship was won by H. E. Sewell after a good race, L. Douglass being second, and P. Sewell third. Perhaps the most interesting event was the Forms' Race, which was won by VB. after a most exciting struggle with the VI. The results of the various events were as follows :—

100 yds. Championship	- i. H. Sewell.	2. L. Douglass.	3. P. Sewell
Day Boys' Handicap	- 1. A. H. Moreton	2. C. M. Storrer.	3. P. Sewell.
Boarders' Handicap	- 1. J. Dowling.	2. G. Doughton.	3. G. Atherton.
100 yds. „ (over 16)	- 1. J. Dowling.	2. H. Sewell.	3. G. Doughton.
100 yds. „ (under 16)	- 1. C. Wilkinson.	2. C. Storrer.	3. R. Richardson
Beginners' Race (40 yds.)	- 1. D. Walker.	2. K. Wilson.	3. A. M'Innis.
Long Diving	- 1. S. Mortimer.	2. N. Longden.	3. G. Atherton.
Balloon Race	- 1. N. Hamilton.	2. R. Brodie.	3.
50 yds. Handicap (un. 14)	- 1. T. E. S. Mackay.	2. L. Richardson	3. T. Hawkes.
Breast Stroke (50 yds.)	- 1. C. F. Newbury	2. S. Mortimer.	3. H. Jacobs.
Forms' Race	- 1. V. B.	2. VI.	

We have to thank the directors of the Western Baths for placing their Baths at our disposal, and also Mr. James D'Helin for officiating as starter.

The usual Regatta will be held towards the end of April, and will consist of races for Senior, Middle and Junior Fours. As the College Eight are now in active training for the Public Schools' Race on May 13th, none of the crew will be able to take part in the Regatta.

The Senior-Prefect for the year is J. C. Kininmonth. He is the only one left of last year's Prefects, and the vacancies have been filled by the appointment of J. D. Blair, F. M. Collocott, E. Hearne, and N. C. Stephen from the Boarders, and N. L. Campbell, J. R. Cochrane and H. E. Sewell from the Day Boys.

As is usual at the beginning of the year, we have to record the departure of many boys who have taken a prominent part in College life, and whose absence leaves gaps that will not be easily filled. Of those who left us last year, the two most missed are K.

M. Doig and P. G. Pullar. Pullar was Last year's Senior Prefect, College Champion, and winner of Dr. Baxter's prize for "manly influence." Doig was captain of both the Cricket and Football teams, the Dux of the School, and the winner of the College Exit Scholarship. They were both Public School boys of the best type, and during their residence here did a great deal for the College. Pullar is now fruit-growing in the Goulburn Valley, while Doig has gone into residence at Ormond College to enter upon his medical course.

A cricket match was arranged this year between the Melbourne Cricket Club and a combined team from the Public Schools. The school-boys, although beaten, put a good fight against their more experienced opponents, C. Willis, of Wesley College, playing a fine innings of 108. The only College representative in the team was J. C. Betheras, who scored 4 runs in the first innings, and 13 in the second. It is to be hoped that this match, if made an annual one, will help to attract the attention of cricketing authorities to the performances of the leading school players.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a miniature rifle range on the College grounds.

The College Debating Society, which has been in recess during the summer months, is about to be revived again, and a preliminary meeting was held on Saturday, August 16th, to elect the officers, and settle on the programme for the ensuing year.

In another column appear some verses entitled "Sic Itur ad Astra," by the late Mr. J. L. Cuthbertson. This poem derives a melancholy interest from the fact that it was probably the last one composed by its author, as it was forwarded to "The Pegasus" only a few days before Mr. Cuthbertson's death.

Salvete.

- V.B. Dean, A. W.
Davidson, J. H.
Guy, L. C.
Hooper, A. A. W.
Jullien, H. F.
Mitchell, S. ;
Nairn, C. W.
Paine, D. W.
White, M.
- V.C. Dowling, C. W.
McDonald, W. A.
Murray, W.
- Upper IV. Dowling, J. W.
Carrick, C. B.
Evans, E.
Fleming, G.
George, W. H.
Willis, T. M.
Hope, R. W.
Murray, J.
Morris, A.
McPherson, W. O.
Watson, G. J. M.
Worrall, W. J.
- Middle IV. McKindlay, J. L.
Sharland, J. L. W.
Webb, C. M.
- Lower IV. Carlyou, T. A.
Cummings, E. H. L.
King, J.
Mackay, E. E.
Macfaflane, C. B. H.
Philip, E.
vSpittle, J. M.
Shepherd, C. J.
- III. Cotton, Iv. M.
Cruickshank, L- C.
Spittle, A. A.
Wilson, K. A.
Waugh, A. J. C.
Waugh, J. H.

Valefce.

- VI. Andrew, E. S.
Birnie, R. K.
Cameron, R. E.
Doig, K. M.
Mayo, S. H.
McLennan, A. N.
Napper, A.
Pearce, W. B.
Tulloh, C. R.
Turner, Iy. F.
Whitehead, E. H.
- V.A. Deans, G. W.
Hedges, W. S.
Hip well, C. E.
Kaufmann, C. S.
Ley den, J. E.
Mathews, R. N.
Palmer, C. N. A.
Paul, J. C.
Stott, R.
Sword, R. S.
Pullar, P. G.
Rankin, J. M. C.
Vigar, C. F.
Worland, E. K.
Yalland, G. H.
Small, L. J. L.
- V.B. Cavanagh, B. H.
Cavanagh, E. R.
Darlot, O. H.
Johnstone, J. IST
Latta, G. F.
Nicholson, R.
McRae, J. K. F.
Scoles, F. G.
Thomson, N. A.
- V.C. Cutts, W. C.
Dennis, J. V.
Parrington, T. W.
Rankin, A. V. M.
Rhind, H. G.
Welch, A. A.

Salvete.

Preparatory Crowther, J. H.
Lawson, A. L.
Parnell, A. E.
Sharland, W. S.

Valete.

Upper IV. Davis, J. M.
Hodges, N. F.
Hicks, H. F.
Lane, J. M.
McDonald, W. S.
Myles, M. F.
Robertson, J. C.
Smith, L. S.
Middle IV. Evans, J. W.
Evans, S. W.
Lloyd, N. D.
Lower IV. Austin, R. A.
Herbert, J. C.

University of Melbourne Public Examinations.

RESULTS, 1909.

The following boys were successful in the last Junior Public Examination:—

E. S. Andrew	J. R. Cochrane	P. B. Sewell
W. C. Baud	J. C. Kininmonth	R. S. Sword
J. D. Blair	G. W. Deans	C. R. Tulloh
N. K. S. Biinie	J. E. Ley den	E. K. Worland
F. M. Collocott	R. X. Mathews	T. G. Wynne
R. H. Crisp	J. M. C. Rankin	G. H. Yalland

R. K. Birnie and N. L- Campbell passed the Senior Public Examination.

In Physics and Chemistry :

K. M. Doig obtained Second-class Honours.
J. R. Porter obtained Second-class Honours.

In English and History :

N. L. Campbell obtained First-class Honours
R. E. Cameron obtained Second-class Honours.
A. N. McLennan obtained Third-class Honours.

Cricket.

THIS season bears no promise whatever of being a successful one, as the three matches which we have played so far have all ended in more or less crushing defeats. We expected to be weak in bowling, and that expectation has been fully realized, but our batting has also fallen below the required standard, while even our fielding suffers by comparison with former years. Our failure has, however, been due chiefly to the youth and inexperience of the members of the team, and as we have several promising cricketers among the junior elevens, the outlook for future years is not so gloomy.

The attendance at practice, outside the First Eleven and the Juniors, has not been so good as it might have been. Considering that the College boys possess facilities for practice which are surpassed by no other school in the State, it is a great pity that they do not take full advantage of their opportunities in this respect. To try and arouse a little enthusiasm among the rank and file of cricketers, the Committee decided to institute a series of Form Matches, in which the members of the First Eleven would be debarred from taking part. These matches were duly held, and proved very successful, as some very even struggles resulted, and the completion of the first round showed three teams—VI., VA., and IV—all level for first place. The second round will be held in the Fourth Term, when some interesting cricket should result.

Of the members of the First Eleven, Betheras has done best work both with bat and ball. He has twice topped the half-century—against Geelong and Melbourne Grammar Schools, and has bowled consistently well, particularly in the last match against Melbourne Grammar School, where he obtained 7 wickets for 29 on a good wicket. Collocott has apparently been affected by his

responsibilities as Captain, and has not played up to expectations. He has handled the team well, however, and must make runs before the season closes. Of the others, Mortimer has at times bowled well, and Reid, Stephen and Dowling have shown promise as batsmen, but the team as a whole is decidedly the weakest that we have had for some years.

Rankin has kept the Oval in its usual splendid condition, and both match and practice wickets have been invariably good.

CRICKET AVERAGES TO DATE.

BATTING.

Batsman.	Innings.	Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
J. C. Betheras ...	5	1	67	153	33.2
F. M. Collocott ...	5	0	33	89	17.8
J. W. Bowling ...	6	2	28	59	14.7
G. C. B. Reid ...	5	0	41	67	13.4
K. C. Stephen ...	6	0	30	78	13.
L. F. Bouglass ...	6	0	24	^	12.8
vS. Mortimer ...	6	3	10*	30	10.
J. R. Porter ...	6 0		1 9	5 8	9.7

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
J. C. Betheras ...	290	20	14.5
S. Mortimer ...	299	16	18.7
J. R. Porter ...	117	3	39.
N. C. Stephen ...	82	2	41.
L. F. Douglass ...	171	3	57.
F. M. Collocott ...	124	1	124.

COLLEGE V. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match, the first of the season, was played on the Grammar School ground on March 4th and 5th. Our opponents won the toss, and soon they demonstrated that they had this year a strong batting side, while our bowling was of only moderate quality. After losing 1 wicket for 16, Fairbairn and Fetherstonhaugh made a fine stand, bringing the total to 123 before Fairbairn was bowled for an excellent innings of 80. Fetherstonhaugh was soon afterwards disposed of for 35, made by sound and

steady cricket, and at lunch-time the score was 4 for 210. On resuming, McIntosh helped the score along with a very good innings of 82; Drought hit well for 31, and several others lent useful assistance, until the innings closed for 331. Our bowling was, on the whole, very poor. Mortimer obtained a fair average with 5 wickets for 78, and Betheras kept the runs down well, but none of the others appeared to trouble the batsmen in the slightest, though Porter got in a couple of good balls, which disposed of Fairbairn and McIntosh.

Reid and Stephen opened for the College, and scored rapidly till 56 was on the board, when Stephen was bowled by Fairbairn for 30. He batted well and confidently, and showed good judgment between the wickets. Reid made 41—a very creditable effort for his first appearance in the team. Collocott, on whom the hopes of the College supporters chiefly rested, opened well, and appeared to be thoroughly set, when bowled off his legs for 32. Towards the end of the day Douglass enlivened proceedings by a succession of boundary hits, and when stumps were drawn, the score was 181 for 7 wickets, Betheras being not out for a very patient innings of 23.

Next day our score was raised to 246. Betheras brought his total to 67, the top score on the side, and with Mortimer, made a useful stand for the last wicket. Except for a few uppish strokes on the off, Betheras batted excellently, and seems now to have regained the form which he lost so unaccountably last year.

The Grammar School put up 287 in their second innings. This was almost entirely the work of two men—Fairbairn and Fetherstonhaugh—who brought the total from 16 to 197 for the second wicket. Fetherstonhaugh batted much more vigorously than in his first attempt, and his display deserves high praise.

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Fairbairn, however, was the hero of his side, and his double performance in this match places him in the front rank as a Public School batsman. Our bowling this innings was a little better, Mortimer and Betheras sharing the wickets with 6 for 73, and 4 for 53 respectively.

Our boys had only an hour to bat in their second innings, and in that time lost 5 wickets for 83. Douglass again hit well for 23, and Dowling shaped nicely for 15 not out. The result of this match seems to show that our batting should be fairly strong when the new men have overcome their nervousness, and settled down to their work, but that our bowling will always be weak, unless some unforeseen improvement takes place.

GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Manifold, b Betheras	7
Fetherstonhaugh, c Reid, b Mortimer	35
Fairbairn, b Porter	80
Mcintosh, b Porter	82
Russell, lbw, b Mortimer ...	6
Oodby, b Betheras	6
McCaughey, c Reid, b Mortimer	16
Drought, b Stephen	31
Newman, not out	21
Thome, st Webber, b Mortimer	17
Nicholson, b Mortimer	6
Sundries	24
Total	331

Second Innings,

lbw, b Mortimer	5
b Mortimer	90
c Betheras, b Mortimer ...	115
b Betheras	19
b Mortimer	2
b Mortimer	14
c Douglass, b Betheras ...	0
c Stephen, b Betheras ...	10
c Stephen, b Betheras ...	19
b Mortimer	2
not out	0
Sundries	11
Total	287

Bowling :—Mortimer, 5 for 78
Porter, 2 for 38
Betheras, 2 for 65
Stephen, 1 for 35
Collocott, 0 for 44
Doiglass, 0 for 46

Bowling :—Mortimer, 6 for 73
Betheras, 4 for 53
Porter, 0 for 33
Collocott, 0 for 33
Douglass, 0 for 51
Stephen, 0 for 13
Maclean, 0 for 17

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GEELONG COLLEGE.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
G. C. D. Reid, c Thorne, b Russell 41	
N. C. vSteplien, b Fairbairn... 30	b Fairbairn 18
F. M. Collocott, b Russell ... 32	
J. R. Porter, b Fairbairn ... 14	c Fairbairn, b Mcintosh ... 13
J. C. Betheras, c Newman, b Mcintosh 57	
A. K. Maclean, c Russell, b Fairbairn 9	not out 0
J. C. Kininmonth, b Fairbairn 1	b Russell 0
J. W. Dowling, lbw, b Russell 7	not out 15
Iv. F. Douglass, b Fairbairn... 24	e Russell, b Fairbairn ... 23
E C. Webber, c Godbv, b Russell o	
S. Mortimer, not out 10	b Fairbairn 7
Sundries 11	Sundries 7
Total 246	Total for 5 wickets... 83
Bowling :—Fairbairn, 5 for 103	Bowling :—Fairbairn, 3 for 36
Russell, 4 for 58	Mcintosh, 1 for 17
Mcintosh, 1 for 64	Russell, 1 for 13
McCaughy, o for 10	

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

This match, which took place on March nth, and was completed in one day, ended in a most disastrous defeat for the College team. After the recent rains, the ground was heavy, and the wicket a little soft, so when Collocott won the toss, he decided to send the other side in. When play began, however, the wicket proved fairly easy, as, though the bowlers were able to get in a good deal of work, the ball came too slowly off the pitch to be really dangerous. Under the circumstances the College supporters were well satisfied when Wesley were all dismissed for a total of 192. The chief contributor to the score was Willis, who played a fine innings for 77. He missed no opportunities of scoring, and at times drove with great effect. Doubleday also hit well for 48,

punishing the loose stuff with great vigour. Park batted quietly for 27, but none of the others succeeded in reaching double figures except Hatch, who, though very small, showed distinct promise as a batsman. Of our bowlers Mortimer got most wickets with 4 for 61, and Betheras sent down some good overs in obtaining 3 for 39. Our fielding was fair, but a little lacking in dash, though not many actual chances were dropped. Of the College batting the less said the better. Our first innings realized 54, and our second, 70 runs. With the exception of Collocott and Douglass, no one shaped with the slightest confidence at the bowling, while the lack of judgment shown in running between the wickets was astonishing. The bowling and fielding were certainly good, but not so good as to excuse the shocking display given by our batsmen. Glasscock and Willis bowled unchanged through both innings, the former securing 10 wickets for 60, and the latter 8 for 59.

WESLEY COLLEGE.

First Innings.

Park, c Reid, b Porter	27
Grieve, st Webber, b Mortimer	0
Daley, c & b Betheras	6
Willis, c Stephen, b Collocott	77
Griffith, c Betheras, b Mortimer	5
Donbleday, c Reid, b Stephen	48
Hatch, c Webber, b Mortimer...	13
Surgeon, c Dowling, b Betheras	2
Masciorini, not out	0
Glasscock, c Douglass, b Mortimer	1
Sundries	13
Total	192

Bowling —Mortimer, 4 for 61 ; Betheras, 3 for 39 ; Collocott, 1 for 16 ; Porter, 1 for 23 ; Stephen, 1 for 30 ; Douglass, 0 for 10,

GEELONG COLLEGE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
G. C. D. Reid, b Willis	9	b Glasscock	7
N. C. Stephen, b Glasscock	1	st Park, b Willis	0
J. R. Porter, st Park, b Willis	0	run out	1
J. C. Betheras, thrown out	2	b Glasscock	1
P. M. Collocott, c & b Willis	33	run out	15
A. K. Maclean, b Willis	2	b Glasscock	5
J. Fenton, c Masciorini, b Glasscock	4	c Masciorini, b Glasscock	0
J. W. Bowling, not out	0	b Glasscock	8
S. Mortimer, c Daley, b Willis	0	not out	5
L. F. Douglass, b Glasscock	1	st Park, b Glasscock	22
K. C. Webber, b Willis	1	c & b Willis	5
Sundries	1	Sundries	1
Total	54	Total	70
Bowling :—Willis, 6 for 38		Bowling :—Willis, 2 for 31.	
Glasscock, 4 for 22.		Glasscock, 6 for 38	

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This was the most interesting of the three public school matches, as it looked at one time as though the College had a distinct chance of winning. When the pinch came, however, we failed again, and are thus in the unenviable position of having finished the first part of the season with three defeats and no victories.

The Grammar School batted first, and put up the rather poor total of 96. Herring was top scorer with 35, and batted as usual, very patiently and well. The only other double figures were Garrett 11, and Lawrence 16. The chief cause of the collapse was the excellent bowling of Betheras, who secured the fine average of 7 for 29, and had the batsmen in trouble all the time. Douglass also did fairly well with the ball, keeping down the runs while Betheras got the wickets.

Our first innings realized 175. After the first two wickets had fallen for 18, Stephen and Betheras made a useful stand, bringing

the total to over 50. Porter, Dowling, and Fenton all shaped fairly well for their runs, but the top score on the side was "sundries" with 34. As usual, the running between the wickets was bad, two wickets being lost in this manner. Eight bowlers were tried by the Grammar School, but Watson did best with 5 wickets for 19.

The Grammar School were 79 runs in arrear, and at the close of the day's play had just wiped out the deficit for the loss of two wickets. Wood batted very well for 40, and Herring was not out for 31. On resuming, a good stand was made, and the innings was finally closed with 6 wickets down for 286. Herring played a splendid innings for 125 not out, while Campbell did a great deal to save the game by rattling up 52 in quick time. The College had now 3½ hours to bat, and 200 runs to get. The batsman seemed undecided whether to endeavour to play out time, or to go for runs, and the result was that they batted in a nerveless, half-hearted manner that brought about their immediate downfall. The bright exception was Betheras, who carried his bat right through the innings for 56. He showed a very solid defence, and made nice strokes on both sides of the wicket. Porter made 19 quickly, and towards the end of the innings Kininmonth aroused a faint gleam of interest by keeping up his wicket while 30 runs were added to the score, but the rest failed miserably, and the match ended in a well deserved victory for the Grammar School by 93 runs.

GEELONG COLLEGE.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
F. M. Collocott, lbw., b O'Hara Wood 6	c & b Watson 3
G. C. Reid, c Herring, b Lawrence, 8	b Campbell 0
N. C. Stephen, c Lawrence, b Watson 25	st Heron, b Campbell ... 4
J. C. Betheras, b Garrett ... 27	not out 56
J. R. Porter, c Heron, b Watson 11	b Lawrence 19
J. W. Bowling, c Campbell, b Watson 28	b Watson 1
C. F. Douglass, run out ... 6	run out 1
J. Fenton, run out 18	c Campbell, b Lawrence ... 5
S. Mortimer, not out 6	lbw, b Wood 2
J. C. Kininmonth, b Watson 6	b Sheldon 14
E. C. Webber, b Watson ... 0	run out 1
Sundries 34	Sundries 8
Total 175	Total 114
Bowling :—Watson, 5 for 19 Lawrence, 1 for 22 Garrett, 1 for 31 Wood, 1 for 35	Bowling :—Lawrence, 2 for 18 Watson, 2 for 19 Campbell, 2 for 42 Sheldon, 1 for 0 Wood, r for 27

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
Herring, run out 35	not out 125
Dean, b Betheras 1	b Betheras 3
O'Hara Wood, c Kininmonth, b Betheras 3	b Betheras 40
Garrett, st Webber, b Mortimer, 11	b Betheras 2
Body com!), b Betheras....0	e Fen ton, b Betheras ... 18
Watson, lbw, b Betheras ... 1	b Douglass 14
Campbell, b Betheras 0	c Stephen, b Douglass ... 52
Lawrence, b Douglass 16	not out 8
Heron, b Betheras 6	Sundries 24
vSheldon, not out 5	
Johnstone, e Webber, b Betheras, 7	Total for 6 wickets ... 286 (Innings closed).
Sundries 11	
Total 96	
Bowling :—Betheras, 7 for 29 Mortimer, 1 for 28 Douglass, 1 for 13 Collocott, 0 for 10	Bowling :—Betheras, 4 for 104 Douglass, 2 for 51 Collocott, 0 for 21 Stephen, 0 for 4 Porter, 0 for 23 Mortimer, 0 for 59

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES .

v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The team for this match was picked with some difficulty, as the game took place two or three days after school opened. We were beaten by 20 runs on the first innings, scoring 100 against 120 by our opponents. For us Reid was top scorer, making 50 by good cricket. Fenton lent useful assistance with 19, but none of the others reached double figures. For the Grammar School, St. Clair and Wharton did best with 38 and 19 respectively. Our bowling was not of a very high quality, Urbahns and Dunlop getting most of the wickets.

v. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Geelong Grammar School just beat us on time, after a most exciting struggle. Our first innings totalled 117, theirs 132. We then hit up 132 for 6 wickets, and declared closed. At call of time their two last men were at the wickets while 20 runs were still required to win. Our best batsmen were Crisp and G. Mitchell, who scored 28 and 23, and Kininmonth, who hit up 55 in the second innings by good cricket. For the Grammar School, Donaldson made 26, while Rowan showed good form in each innings for 25 and 39. Our best bowlers were Atherton, with 4 for 40, Urbahns, with 4 for 45, and Dunlop, with 6 for 66.

v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

Wesley beat us badly by 239 runs. We made 71, P. Campbell doing best with a good innings of 25. Wesley's total was 310, to which Smith contributed 107, and Williams 93. They both batted very solidly, and their partnership added over 200 runs to the score. In our second innings we lost 3 wickets for 78, J. Birnie carrying his bat for 30. Of our bowlers, Atherton and Urbahns got four wickets each.

THIRD ELEVEN.

v. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Third Eleven were beaten by the Grammar School by 43 runs on the first innings. Our opponents made 123, Cooke and Thomson scoring 39 and 38, while our side could only muster 80. Several of our boys got double figures, but Lister was top score with 17. The Grammar School did better in their second innings, scoring 176 for 7 wickets before time was called. Davenport hit well for 57, Cooke made 40, and Stretch, 23 not out.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The opening match of the season (resulted in a win for the College by an innings and 104 runs. Our total was 165, while opponents could only muster 26 and 35. Birnie and Longden scored 38 each for us, while Hodges was not out with 31. Of our bowlers, Birnie secured the rather remarkable average of 11 wickets for 16, while P. Campbell was a good second with 6 for 18. Steele was most prominent for the Grammar School, as he made 21 runs, and took 5 wickets for 26.

v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

The game against Scotch College was a more exciting one, resulting in a narrow victory for us by 17 runs. We were 20 runs behind on the first innings, scoring 74 against 94. We then put up 130 for 5 wickets, closed the innings, and got rid of our opponents for 91. The victory was mainly due to the efforts of P. Campbell, who made 68 runs, and took 8 wickets for 31 in the second innings. J. Campbell was also prominent with useful scores of 13 and 20, while J. Birnie in the first innings took 4 wickets for 14. For Scotch College, Patterson batted nicely for 54.

v. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Juniors continued their conquering career by defeating Geelong Grammar School by 169 runs. The scores were :— College, 115, and 6 for 111 (innings closed); Grammar School, 30 and 27. Birnie and P. Campbell were as usual the most prominent on our side. Birnie made 43 and 27, and secured 12 wickets for 24. Campbell scored 32 and 19 not out, and took 6 for 27.

v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The last match—against Wesley—resulted in still another victory by 57 runs. Our scores were 175 and 76, while Wesley made 118, and 48 for 2 wickets. For us, J. Birnie batted splendidly for 93 and 28, J. Campbell being next with a nice innings of 28. For Wesley, Hatch played excellently for 61, scoring very rapidly, but none of the others offered much resistance to the bowling of Birnie and P. Campbell, the former taking 4 for 52, and the latter 6 for 52. The Juniors thus finish the season with an unbeaten record. This result is almost entirely due to the efforts of J. Birnie and P. Campbell. Birnie has taken 34 wickets at an average of 4.1, and Campbell 32 for a little less than 6 runs each. Their batting averages for 6 completed innings are—Birnie 41.5, Campbell, 26.

FORM MATCHES.

VI. v VB. (played on the Oval). VI. won by 10 runs. Scores— VI., 88 and 71 (Crisp, 17 and 31); VB., 52 and 90. For VI. Purnell took 8 wickets for 22.

IV. v. VA, (on the matting). IV. won by 50 runs. Scores— IV., 130 (J. Birnie, 41, Dowling, 25, P. Campbell, 24); VA., 80 (Sinclair, 23). Bowling—IV., J. Birnie, 5 for 31, P. Campbell, 5 for 37.

- VB. v. IV. (on the Oval). Upper IV. won by an innings and 55. Scores—IV., 5 for 224 (J. Birnie, 101, P. Campbell, 30); V.B., 84 and 85 (Davidson, 30, Doughton, 28, C. Dowling, 25). For IV., P. Campbell took 8 for 33, and Rand 5 for 16.
- VI. v. VA. (on the matting). VA. won by 1 run. Scores—VA., 64, and 7 for 70 (Urbahns, 20, Atherton, 20, Morrison, 20). VI., 63, and 7 for 75 (Baud, 34 not out, N. Birnie, 28). Bowling—VI. (Purnell, 5 for 36). VA. (Atherton, 6 for 27).
- VA. v. VB. (on the Oval). VA. won by 68 runs. Scores—VA., 130 and 71 for 5 wickets (R. Reid, 30 not out, Freeman, 26, Atherton, 22); VB., 66 and 62 (Hearne, 34 not out, C. Dowling, 24). Bowling—VA. (Urbahns, 5 for 26).
- VI. v. IV. (on the matting). VI. won by 14 runs. Scores—VI., 72 and 143 (Crisp, 14 and 66); IV., 58 (J. Birnie, 25). Bowling—VI., Purnell, 6 for 23. IV., J. Birnie, 5 for 3r, P. Campbell, 5 for 31.

Rowing.

THE Public Schools' Boat Race is just now the all important subject among rowing members of the College. Training for this event has been carried on with great enthusiasm, and Mr. W. Pincott has again given us his energetic and valuable assistance. The formation of a crew has been simplified by the fact that five of last year's members are back again this year, but there has been considerable competition for the remaining seats in the boat. The fortunate three at present are L. F. Douglass, C. L. Young, and A. D. Gunn, and it seems probable that this selection will be final. The crew is physically all that could be desired, and the average weight will probably be over eleven stone. With much practice and industry a good fast crew should be the result, but this forecast

is as far as our experience of last year should allow us to venture. At present the arrangement of the crew is as follows:—

J. C. Kininmonth	(stroke).
A. D. Gunn	7.
J. D. Blair	6.
E. Hearne	5.
C. L. Young	4.
G. C. D. Reid	3.
L. F. Douglass	2.
W. A. S. Dunlop	(bow).

F. M. Collocott and J. W. Dowling are useful emergencies. The latter came to the College at the beginning of the year with considerable rowing experience to back him up, but his light weight has handicapped him severely. Mr. Bayly, who is an experienced oarsman, has taken a keen and practical interest in the work of the crew, and has on several occasions given his assistance on the river. In addition to the first crew about a dozen boys have been practising regularly, and from these any emergencies that may be required will be chosen.

During the last week in April a regatta will be held in which all members of the Boat Club except those who are in the crew will take part.

Cadet Corps.

THE first parade of the year was held on Monday, 14th February, when the Corps was organized into two companies under Captain Austin and Lieut. R. Lambie. The usual Monday morning parades have been well attended, and the work has been chiefly confined to squad and company drill, and the rifle exercises. Later on, when the Corps has made sufficient progress in close order formations, a considerable amount of time will be given to practice in attack and defence.

In order to make the Corps thoroughly self-reliant, the acting company and half company officers and N.C.O.'s will be given plenty of opportunity in handling their commands independently, so that

the drill of the Corps can be efficiently carried on without depending too much on the more responsible officers.

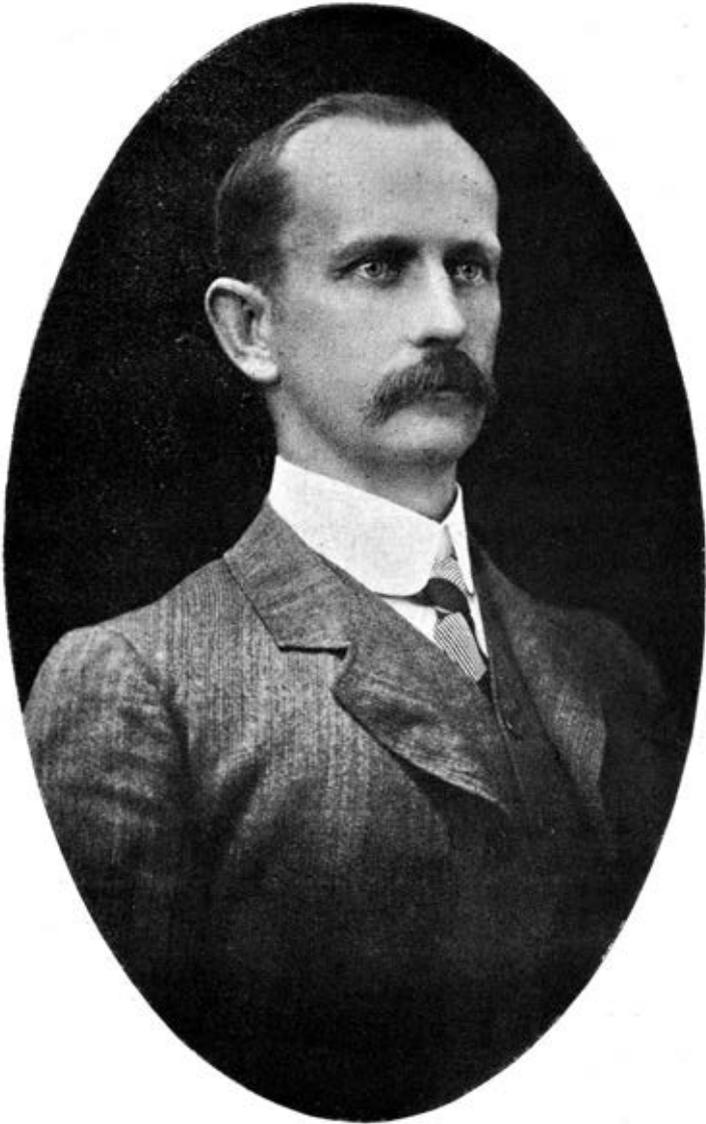
A Non-Commissioned Officers' Squad for instructional purposes has been parading every Monday morning at 8.30. A theoretical and practical examination will be held during May, and the vacancies in the Corps caused by those officers and N.C.O.'s who left last year will be filled accordingly to the results of this examination.

Captain W. R. Bayly, who has for many years taken an active part in Cadet organisation, has undertaken the work of instructing one of the recruit squads that have been formed, and two others have been drilled every Monday by Lieut. Kininmonth and Drum-Major Rashleigh. Instruction has also been given to all recruits on Wednesdays and Fridays for half an hour on each day.

A Brigade Order has been received from Lieut.-Col. A. F. Garrard that the existing organisation of the Public Schools' Battalion of Senior Cadets has been altered. The new arrangements divides the original No. 3 Battalion into two, namely, Nos. 3 and 6. The College Cadet Corps has been attached to No. 3 Battalion, and when parading with the other Schools will supply B and C Companies. The first half-battalion parade under the new organisation will take place early in May.

Sergt.-Drummer W. Dunlop is in charge of the band, and several recruits have been doing good work under his direction. The number of recruits in the bugler's section has been added to, and the efficiency of the band should therefore be considerably increased. Bugler J. C. Betheras has been promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal Bugler.

A Miniature rifle range of an improved design will shortly be erected in the College grounds, and it is expected that the new range will considerably simplify the Musketry instruction of beginners,



Mr. W. R. BAYLY, B.A., B.Sg.

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Reception to New Head Master.

(From the *Geelong Times*.)

A RECEPTION, arranged by the Old Collegians' Association, was held at the College grounds, on Friday, February 5th, in order to afford Mr. W. R. Bayly, B.A., the new head master, an opportunity of meeting the Old Boys and friends of the school. A large number of invitations had been issued to Old Boys all over the Commonwealth, and whilst there were numerous acceptances, there was a much larger number of apologies for unavoidable absence, but all breathing the best wishes for the continued prosperity of the old school. The visitors were received under a marquee erected on the lawn in front of the College, where Dr. A. N. McArthur, president of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association, and Mrs. McArthur introduced the guests to Mr. and Mrs. Bayly. The visitors passed on to the College Oval, where St Augustine's Band was stationed, discoursing the latest music. The wind was rather keen, and a sharp shower or two drove the ladies to the shelter of the grand-stand, whilst others, fearing that the showers would continue, left for home. Punctually at 4 o'clock the guests assembled in a large marquee on the oval, where afternoon tea was provided.

Dr. A. N. McArthur extended a formal welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bayly. He said that no one could stand there and speak upon such a subject without a flood of memories rushing over them. They had the old school before them, which step by step under its founder, the late Dr. George Morrison, and later, under the influence of the late revered Norman Morrison, by leaps and bounds had progressed until it had reached the proud position of being one of the foremost great Public Schools in the Commonwealth. The whole atmosphere breathed of the Morrisons, who for 49 years had controlled the destinies of the College. The father at first built steadily and slowly; the son, more rapidly, and until it had

expanded into what it was to-day. They had good reason to look upon their Old School with pride. For 40 odd years the late Norman Morrison had grown up with many of them, and had had the opportunity of growing into their hearts to be loved and revered to the very utmost by all who knew him. The rupture came, and with blank dismay they looked upon the future. But they knew that the dearest wish of their late beloved Principal was that the school should be carried on as it was, and in the manner in which he for years had striven. It was left to the council of the school to select a head master. They sought throughout Australia and New Zealand for the best man to carry on the traditions of the school, and when Mr. Bayly came before them and went through a trying ordeal they felt that he was the man who would pull them out of the fire, and carry on the work which the late Norman Morrison had so well founded. They knew then that there was no need to go outside of Australia for a successor to him. It was a trying position for a man to fill, to follow in the footsteps of one who was worshipped by the Old Collegians, and loved by the younger school. It was therefore one of the greatest compliments that could be paid to a gentleman, that he should be considered worthy to follow such a man. The council was satisfied that Mr. Bayly was the right man in the right place. He had that great faculty with boys which was so necessary in a head master, and which had so endeared the late Norman Morrison to all his pupils. With the Old Boys of his old school Mr. Bayly had been very popular, and there was that indefinable personality about him that indicated the right kind of spirit and tone for a public school. He asked the Old Boys to put their shoulders to the wheel and help the council at the present juncture in the history of the School. There was a period of anxiety before them, but he felt that the worst had been passed, and they but wanted the Old Boys to stick loyally to the new head master, and everything would come out all right,

That was the last wish of dear old Norman Morrison before he went away. He always said that he hoped the Old Boys would be loyal to his successor, although it was never thought that he would have a successor so soon. He trusted that the Old Boys would extend the hand of sincere friendship to the new head master, and felt certain that if they stood by him loyally they would never have cause to regret it.

Mr. Bayly, who was received with applause, thanked the company and Dr. McArthur for the flattering reception that had been extended to himself and his wife. The kindly words uttered by the president of the Old Collegians' Association would be an inspiration to him as he sought to work out the aims and high ideals of the one they mourned so deeply. One Old Collegian had said to him that day, " Ah ! if you had only been a Morrison ! " Whilst he could not be that, he would try to be the concrete representative of what the Morrisons had been in the past. He was greatly impressed with the surroundings of the College, which were ideal for the purposes of a great public school. He thanked them heartily for the touching references to the late Norman Morrison, whom he succeeded. It had been his good fortune to meet that gentleman on an equal footing, and he took to him very kindly. He was greatly impressed with him and his ideals, and would choose no higher reward than to follow in the footsteps, and in carrying out the life's work of such a man as the late Norman Morrison. He would strive to be worthy of the high trust reposed in him, and to uphold the best traditions of the school. Their late revered master was called " The Skipper," and he (Mr. Bayly) could wish for nothing better. He would take the helm, and would look to the Old Boys for assistance in working the ship, and in carrying on all that the late Norman Morrison would have done. These institutions were the glory of the Anglo-Saxon race. They heard much of the French, German, American, Japanese, and

other systems, but none of them had fostered and produced the alumni that the great Public Schools of Britain had. He had no hesitation in saying that the noblest characters had been developed on the playing grounds, in the work rooms, and the forms of the great Public Schools. In conclusion, he said he would try to deserve all that had been said of him, and asked for their unswerving support.

The function shortly afterwards terminated.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

FIXTURES, 1910.

(First-named School has choice of Ground).

CRICKET.

		{M.G.S. v. G.G.S.
2nd Friday in Nov.	{G.C. v. S.C.	
	{X.C. v. W.C.	
	G.G.S. v. W.C.	
3rd Friday in November	X.C. v. G.C.	
	S.C. v. M.G.S.	

ROWING.

2nd Friday and Saturday in May : Public Schools' 8-oared Boat Race

FOOTBALL.

	(W.C. v. G.G.S.	{X.C.	v. G.G.S.
2nd week in June	{G.C. v. X.C.	4th week in June	{M.G.S.ti.GC
	{M.G.S. v. S.C.	{S.C.	v. W.C.
	{G.G.S. v. M.G.S.	{G.G.S.	v. S.C.
3rd week in June	{S.C. v. G.C.	2nd week in August	{G.C. v. W.C.
	{W.C. v. X.C.	{X.C.	v. M.G.S.
	{G.C. v. G.G.S.		
3rd week in August	{S.C. v. X.C.		
	{W.C. v. M.G.S.		

COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

Last Friday in October.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

4th Saturday in November,

April, 1910

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An Old Boy's Experience in the South African War.

(BY CAPTAIN H. G. CARSTAIRS).

II.

KOSTER RIVER FIGHT.

OUR work at Magato's Nek was varied by patrol work, and some of our patrols got in touch with the enemy. However, our real baptism of fire was yet to come.

On the evening of the 21st July, 1900, orders came that our Squadron was to parade at 10 p.m., bringing with us only men whose horses were fitted to stand some hard travelling, and we all felt that something serious was in the air.

We officers at once busied ourselves inspecting the horses and picking out the fit ones. One man whose horse had just almost recovered from a sore back was among those detailed to stay behind, but he begged me so hard to be taken that I asked the Captain to allow him to come, and after again examining his horse, we decided he could come. Poor chap ! he was killed next day. Before the appointed hour we were ready and found besides ourselves, two Squadrons of New South Wales Bushmen, one of Queenslanders, and one of Western Australians, in all about three hundred men. Our orders were to proceed to Elands River to escort a big convoy of supplies which had been accumulating there through to Rustenburg.

We moved out punctually, carrying one day's rations for man and beast on the saddle, and the only vehicle taken was a small ambulance or " tonga."

All went well for about two hours, when suddenly about a dozen rifle shots rang out immediately to our front, and then we heard the galloping of horses returning in front—we had run into a

Boer outpost or "brandwacht." One horse had been killed, but no other damage done.

No further advance was made that night, and our whole force was formed into a chain of cossack posts round the horses in case of an attack. It was a bitterly cold frosty night, and everyone was glad when morning came, as sleep had been out of the question. The day turned out to be one of those perfect Transvaal winter days, with a cloudless sky and bright warm sun.

Our road lay through a valley with hills on either side, mostly covered with small bushes, and an advance was made in extended order. At first it appeared as if we were going to make a flanking movement to the north, and to avoid the hills, but Colonel Airey, who was in command, changed his direction, and we moved back into the road, forming into column of fours.

We passed several farm houses occupied by surrendered Boers, and purchased several loaves of bread at one house. At this stage the road was flanked on the south by a low range of hills from three to six hundred yards distant, and on the north by the Koster River and some irrigation channels, and cultivated fields with barbed wire fences.

We were all feeling very sleepy after our night's vigil, and pretty hungry too, as our last meal had been at five o'clock the previous evening. Suddenly our flanking patrol galloped in, calling out that the hills on the south were occupied by the enemy, and almost at once the first shots were fired. Then came the order "Fours left. For dismounted duty—Dismount." We were soon off, and lying down returning the fire though we could not see a sign of the enemy, who was comfortably screened behind bushes and rocks.

The firing increased every minute till the noise became deafening, and the bullets were kicking up the dust all around, and whistling above our heads.

For the first hour none of my men were hit, but how the rest of the force was faring it was impossible to find out, but we could hear very heavy firing on the right of our line, and we were in hope that Colonel Airey with the New South Wales men were turning the enemy's flank. A vain hope indeed, for as it turned out Col. Airey was himself outflanked. Then orders came for us to advance fifteen yards to a small ditch to get better cover, and we made a rush for it. That fifteen yards advance proved disastrous, for some one had blundered ; the ditch was behind us, and not ahead. One of our Sergeants was shot as we advanced, just a heavy thud as the bullet struck him, and Sergeant Pruden became the first Victorian Bushman killed in action. Then I got word that two of my men were badly hit.

In the meantime the horses were having a bad time. When we dismounted they had been retired about one hundred yards behind the firing line, and put into a shallow river bed, which was poor cover only, and to make matters worse, a fresh commando came up from the north, and attacked the horses and men in charge. Their bullets too, were coming across, so we were under fire from the front and rear. A horse can be trained to stand still while a salvo of artillery is being fired off near him, but no amount of training can accustom them to the swishing sound of the bullets. Then many got wounded, so that frightened with the noise, and maddened with pain, the poor brutes stampeded. One of the Sergeants, who had been left in charge with a small party of the horseholders drove a small mob off, and escaped to Elands River, running the gauntlet of the heavy fire that was directed on them as they rode away.

The remainder of our horses were either killed or wounded or galloped away, and were secured by the enemy.

We were now in a hopeless position, the enemy on three sides of us, and no horses left, so our chances of getting out seemed very

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remote. Occasionally the Boers seemed to get tired of firing, and would give us a spell for a few minutes, and then blaze away as hard as ever. A Boer told me after the war that he had been in the fight, and had thought we had all been killed. Six long hours of the same sort of thing, and our leaders decided that prolonged resistance would only result in unnecessary loss of life, and that as ammunition was getting scarce in some parts, a surrender was the only course open.

Some of us were in favour of holding out till dark, and trying to retire to Magato's Nek under cover of night. However, we were to be spared the ignominy of surrender, and of becoming prisoners of war, for relief was at hand.

The heavy firing had been heard by the observation posts we had left on top of the Magaliesberg, and one or two of the wounded horses had gone back to Magato's Nek to bear mute evidence of the plight their masters were in.

General Baden-Powell at once despatched the Rhodesian Regiment to our aid, and soon, when our spirits were at the lowest ebb at the thought of surrender, heavy firing was heard to the east of the Boer position. At first we thought the Boers had again been reinforced, but the firing in front soon ceased, and the welcome news came that we had been relieved. The Boers on both sides of us retired, leaving us to the sad task of collecting the dead and attending to the wounded.

A more pitiable sight can hardly be seen than after a heavy engagement. Ours was only a small affair, but some of the guides who were with us said that nothing so hot had occurred during the siege of Mafeking. Nearly two hundred dead and wounded horses, and about fifty of our comrades was our casualty list. The ambulance was useless, both mules lying dead in the irrigation

channel and the tonga itself upset. The river and channel and field were strewn with the bodies of men and horses.

My troop had suffered very severely—my sergeant killed outright, a lance-corporal and two troopers mortally wounded—they died soon after—and two men wounded severely—only one horse left and he was wounded. The remaining three troops fared better, having two killed and five wounded. All their horses were killed. The wounded men were placed in an old hut that was minus such conveniences as doors and windows, and made as comfortable as possible for the night. The only doctor had a bullet through the wrist, and could only sit up and direct what to do for the wounded. Then orders came that we were to return to Magato's Nek on foot—a 14 mile march. It was sundown before we started, and midnight before we got to camp—over 40 hours on duty with not much to eat for 24 hours. Those were the longest miles I ever walked, and beat the old Saturday bird-nesting trips we used to have at school when we used to think Fyansford Hill pretty bad coming home, but try the Elands River Road after being awake all night and on a small piece bread and some "bully" beef, after having been constantly in the saddle for four months, and you will vote for Fyansford Hill every time. The remainder of the night I slept pretty soundly. Next morning the ambulance went out with doctors, and our dead and wounded were brought into Rustenburg.

Subsequently we learnt that the Boers lost 13 killed and 22 wounded. Roll call after a fight is always sad, and when our squadron paraded for morning roll call there were many who did not answer their names, and many were reported as missing.

It was not till some days after that we heard what I have written about the horse-holders who galloped away and turned up at Elands River. They were reported missing at first, and the best we could hope for was to hear that they had been taken

prisoners. However, only three were taken, and spent some months with the Boers at Nooitgedacht. The men who got to Elands River fell out of the frying pan into the fire, for the siege of Elands commenced a few days after, and lasted seventeen days.—Such was my first and hottest fight.

Cairo and the Nile River.

(Continued.)

There is so much persuasive eloquence in Egypt it is hard to tell which class is most persistent. All about the tombs and temples are dozens of vendors anxious to sell glassy scarabs, mummy heads, mummy cats, lotus flower necklaces, bits of mummy cases, in fact everything that Upper Egypt has learned to manufacture in imitation of articles found in the ancient tombs. It's as good as hearing a woman bid against herself at auction to hear these Arabs bargaining with themselves when the tourist turns a deaf ear and uncompromising back. They hesitate not to ask £5 for an article you eventually find thrust into your hand or pocket for equivalent to 2½d., just as you start to ride or drive off.

After a hard row perhaps across the river your boatmen chorus " Ip-ip-'ooray, ip-ip-'ooray, vera nice, vera good, thank you,' then you find the grimy cap under your nose for " Backshish. The donkey boys are very amusing, running alongside for miles and miles, and their persuasive eloquence is of a high order. The conversation generally opens thus : " Good-donkey, yes vera good, name Rameses, Telephone, Telegraph, Chamberlain, Milner, Mr. Roosevelt (if he suspects you are an American), or Bismarck and Napoleon (if German or French), and he seems seldom wrong.

On the return trip this fellow turns very confidential, and explains how good he has been to his widowed mother with at

least seven little ones, all too small to work, and appeals to the tenderness of your heart in a cute way, until perhaps the next boy following, intent on booming a friend's business, and in ignorance of your already gained confidence assures you of the donkey's good qualities, and remarks that he is your boy's brother ! However, they are tough in the hide, and these trifles are quite forgotten when at the time for settlement he again assures you that all he stated was true.



PORTAL ENTRANCE , TEMPLE OF KHONS , AT KARNAK ,

I had a very amusing experience returning from the temple of Hathon by donkey to rejoin our boat. A beautiful field of colored poppies tempted me to send my boy for a handful; at first he said he was afraid, but "backshish" did the trick. The miserable little wretch had just pulled the first head when from the centre of the field there sprang the most awful old hag imaginable, who had been on the watch; fleet as a deer she overtook my unfortunate weakling and would, but for the promise of many coins, have left her marks both on his back and my own head, which was in great danger for several moments of receiving the full power from a junky piece of sugar cane, wielded in a most reckless manner.

The water buffalo is the champion beast for ungainliness in the Nile Valley. A great hulking body with a sort of hump, short legs bent outwards from the knees, the horns bearing the appearance of having been put on upside down, and lop ears are all warrant for the legend that God made the cow, and when the devil saw her he laughed immoderately and said he could do better, provided he had the materials. They were given him, and this beast was the botched result. These brutes I learned must lie in the water practically all day to make the milk of any use. They are to be seen in water pools or in the river, with just the heads and a little of the back out of water, making a sound not unlike giant bull frogs. They refuse to do any work.

For all the odd ideas the lower classes have, much they have in their religion that is admirable. The Mohammedan drops to his knees for his prayers wherever he may be, and oblivious of his surroundings devoutly goes through the long ritual, and makes his bowings facing Mecca. His fasts are kept with a strictness we could not imitate. For the 30 days of Ramadan no food nor drink nor smoke may pass the believer's lips between sunrise and sunset. Resignation to the will of Allah is an essential feature of

living. I don't agree with the practice of not brushing the abominable flies out of the face, but there are others we might note.

Great grumbling one day at Thebes when our glass showed 102° in the shade. Finally our dragoman, Mohamed exclaimed, "O the heat, the heat! But God sends the heat, and we must not complain. He has made the weather like this to-day. To-morrow He sends a beautiful morning."

The funerals are curious. I saw two. The wailing all night that comes from a village would lead one to believe that the annual dog show was being held. While the Arabs are all Mohammedans, that can hardly be called the religion of Egypt. The Arabs have mixed with Nubians, Sudanese, and any tribes in fact, and are of all imaginable shades and grades of features. The descendants of the real Egyptians are unmixed, are called Copts, and are Christians. Coptic Churches and Monasteries are to be seen everywhere, and they tell me the services are much the same as the Romanish. The Copt is small—ancient Egyptians were not over 5ft. 6in. for all their Pyramids—they are very light brown, with curly black hair, and large eyes level with brow and cheek, and not in the least sunk back. These people study eagerly, and I am told are good accountants and apt linguists.

Colour is the dominant trait of Cairo, even more insistent than the noise. To greet the ocean liner's arrival, feluccas painted white and turquoise blue speed out from shore under white sails. In them sit men with the universal bright red tarbouches on their heads, and garments of blue and other colours. The porters wear long full blue bags sewn across the lower edges that serve for trousers, and tight light red jerseys with turbaned heads.

On arrival in Cairo the blue trousered, red-sweatered sons of Egypt descend in hordes and seize every vestige of luggage however small, and from there one is rattled away to the hotel.

Beautiful blue sky is a daily luxury, and the coloring of many gardens is very fine, Bougainvillea, hibiscus, roses, carnations, petunias, phlox, poppies, all alike flourish. The libbers, a sort of acacia that line in stately file all the drives, have fine straight bodies and mighty branches that arch beautifully over the roadways. In Cairo one sees Victorias of red and blue, and blue collars with red-bearing rein and martingale for white horses.



CHILDREN OF THE NILE.

Bright chestnuts are often adorned with yellow collars and white trappings. The humble mule often has his many necklaces of beads and many bells; even camels at times have ornamented bridles and such like.

Good sport may at times be had in various parts around Cairo and the Pyramids. I one day spent a busy four hours shooting quail, when a fair bag was captured. No dogs are employed, all beating being done by boys, who walk in line uttering the most dismal buzzing noise with the lips. A stout pair of boots is essential for this. The roughness of the rich soil of the Nile Valley when ploughed after flooding I can vouch for, having tackled it in a light pair of walking boots. Several visitors who had arrived earlier in the season had obtained capital bags of snipe. At Luxor our party fell in with H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Arthur, returning from lower Egypt, where they had captured a very considerable bag of large game and sundries. The latter, who crossed on the same boat to Marseilles as myself, making himself very sociable and agreeable on board, had two beautiful elephants' tusks forming part of his "bag." My account would not be complete without reference to a most enjoyable visit to Assouan, the terminus for these excursion pleasure boats, and fortunately, through carrying a letter of introduction, my stay was made doubly interesting.

Mr. A. McCorquodale, a Scotchman, the senior engineer who controls the Great Nile Dam, one day very kindly sent his motor launch down stream, conveying us to his comfortable bungalow to lunch. We afterwards, under his guidance, were shown all over this gigantic work, which is the largest structure of the kind in the world, as well as going through the Temple of Philae, which will unfortunately be almost wholly submerged when the raising of the Dam has been completed. This work I saw in course of progress, and when completed Mr. McCorquodale told me that the carrying

capacity of the Dam will be increased from 980 million to 2,300 million tons of water. The Dam is 2,150 yards across, is built of granite blocks, and rises 130 feet above the foundation, 98 feet thick at the bottom and 23 feet on top, but these measurements will all be greatly increased when the present additions are completed. By 180 sluice gates the water is released when the Nile commences to rise early in July. After November these gates are gradually closed one by one, and ere the end of January the Dam is once again full. By this magnificent work some extra five hundred thousand acres of cultivable land is added to the Nile Valley. For the benefit of my readers who may meditate taking this trip I would suggest January ; by leaving it until March as I did, one comes in for too much heat in the Thebes and Assouan districts.

STANLEY B. CALVERT.

Old Boys' Column.

OLD Boys' Day has "been fixed for Friday, May 20th, when it is hoped that there will be a record muster of Old Collegians. The programme will be practically the same as last year, consisting of the usual football match and cadet parade on the Oval, followed by afternoon tea with Mr. Bayly in the Dining Hall. It is suggested in addition, that, as the new miniature rifle range will by that time have been erected in the grounds, a rifle match between the Old and Present Boys might prove an interesting feature in the afternoon's entertainment.

The cricket match between the Old and Present Boys was an enjoyable function, the Old Boys proving their superiority by winning on the first innings by 31 runs. J. Baker captained the veterans, and his team consisted of T. Doughton, K. M. Doig, A.

J. Collocott, A. B. Collocott, J. Baker, junr., R. Lamble, R. K. Birnie, R. B. Keays, A. L. Baird, and Dr. Elvins. The Old Boys batted first, and made 207, to which Baird contributed 48, J. Baker, senr., 46, and Doig, 40. The Present Boys replied with 176, F. Collocott being top score with 60. A. B. Collocott bowled best for the Old Boys, securing 5 wickets for 34.

E. K. Russell, who put up a Victorian Record for the College in the High Jump at the last Combined Public Schools' Sports Meeting, has gone a step further, and has now an Australian record to his credit. In the Championship Sports recently held in Hobart, he cleared six feet, beating the previous record by half an inch. He left for England last month, where Old Collegians will watch his prowess with great interest, as he intends to compete in several Championships there.

Dr. A. H. Maxwell has gained the degree of F.R.C.S., Edinburgh.

R. Nicholson, who left the College last year, was selected as one of the troop of Mounted Cadets, which is to leave in a few weeks on a trip to England and the Continent.

A perusal of the " Ormond Letter " in another column shows that the College boys are at present fully holding their own at the University, both on the playing field and in the examination room.

An Old Collegian, who is collecting the booklets which used to be issued by the College at the conclusion of each year, now finds his collection complete with the exception of the issue for 1901. He would be greatly obliged, therefore, if any other Old Boy who possesses a copy of that issue, and has no special use for it himself, would forward it to the Editor of " The Pegasus."

The Ormond Letter.

THE Old Geelong Collegians present in Ormond College send their congratulations to Mr. Bayly on his appointment as Principal of Geelong College, and wish him every success in his new position.

Since writing my last letter, the complete honour list for 1909 has been posted at the University, and there is much to add to our list of successes. Alan Tait in particular did exceedingly well. He won the Exhibition in Deductive Logic, the Exhibition in Latin, and tied for the Exhibition in Greek, securing first-class honours in the first two, and second-class honours in the other. In future he will write the Ormond Letter, as he is just starting his course, and so will be able to correspond with you for several years.

Another fine performance is credited to Sydney Appleford, who won the Exhibition in Chemistry, Part I., and tied for the Exhibition in Natural Philosophy, Part I. The merit of winning this double Exhibition is hard for any one not connected with the University to realise. It is worthy of note that the Exhibition in Chemistry, Part I. has been won three times in the last *five* years by Old Geelong Collegians. In 1906 it was won by F. W. Grutzner, and in 1905 by J. T. Tait, who this year secured a first-class honour in Anatomy.

I regret to say that J. W. Rock was very ill after his examinations, but he is now improving, and I have reason to believe that his recovery will be speedy and complete. Nevertheless he will have to lose this year. He is the only Old Boy not back this year, while our ranks have been swollen by the appearance of six Old Geelong Collegians among the Freshmen.

Keith Doig, Eric MacLeod, and Norman Matthews have come up to do Medicine; W. B. Pearce and Ewan Cameron to do Law; while Alan MacLennan is doing Arts. Pearce has been chosen to

row bow in the Ormond crew, and the critics are well pleased with the form he is showing. J. W. Young is rowing 2, and J. T. Tait, 3 in the crew, so you will see that the bow end of the boat is composed of Old Boys. The crew is composed of these three, three Old Scotch Collegians, one Old Wesley, and one Old Geelong Grammarian, S. J. Campbell, who is stroke. The cox is an Old Xaverian, and so you see the community of interest among the boys from the Public Schools. It is five years since we have had an Old Melburnian in any of the Ormond teams.

Interest in rowing among Ormond crews has been greatly fostered by your late Principal, who founded an Annual Regatta, and donated the trophies for it. You will be pleased to hear that the Ormond Students' Club has decided to continue that regatta, under the name of the Norman Morrison Memorial Regatta.

The Inter-Collegiate cricket has just been decided. Ormond had to play Queen's, and Trinity were to play the winners. We in Ormond thought we had the strongest team, and were hopeful of victory. Nevertheless the fates were against us. E. M. Baird, one of your former captains, was elected captain of the Ormond team for the fifth year in succession. K. M. Doig and J. E. Piper were the other Old Geelong Collegians in the team. H. G. Jones, who a few years ago was a Master at your College, was also in the team.

Queen's won the toss, and went in on a splendid wicket. They made 225, which score might have been much lower had our fielding been better. Ormond replied with 230, which was not creditable to us. E. M. Baird, who made 63, was unfortunate in that a ball which he played rolled slowly into his wicket with just sufficient force to dislodge a bail, while H. Bowden, who is also a very fine bat, was given out l.b.w. Queen's in their second innings made 226, of which their captain made 104 not out. Ormond were

left with 221 to make to win, and were confident of doing so, but it rained that night, and when the match was resumed next morning the wicket was very bad. The result was that the Queen's men, who throughout the match played with great keenness and determination, dismissed us for 126 runs. Keith Doig made 47 in our first innings, and throughout the match fielded in a manner that won great applause.

J. E. PIPER.

Natural History Notes.

WHEN some of us were up the Moorabool one day towards the end of March we noticed immense numbers of swallows flying about in flocks and settling on various trees, while far above we could distinguish a few swifts circling. Most probably the swallows were collecting together prior to migrating, but a few notes on the swift may be of interest.

This bird, the spine-tailed swift, passes over Australia during February and March on its way to its breeding haunts in Japan. There are few authentic records of one having been seen to settle in Australia. When engaged in catching flies, the birds circle round very slowly, working northwards all the time, but when travelling before a storm, they fly at a terrific speed, passing over Victoria in a few minutes. It is thought that this swift, after the breeding season is over flies south from Japan and China and other northern countries to Australia, and then slowly makes its way back in time for the next nesting season. Authorities on birds consider that the continued track of the bird takes the form of a huge ellipse. As before mentioned these birds have seldom been seen to settle, but of course they must settle sometimes ; but when and where ? This swift is perhaps the most wonderful bird that visits Victoria.

During last year there were hatched many larvae of the emperor gum moth on the small pepper trees which border the tennis court. When they grew and ultimately spun, I collected some of the cocoons, and kept them until the moths came out. They appeared in the early part of March, and I was surprised to see the difference between them and some Tasmanian specimens I had collected, as I had supposed that the specimens here and there were identical. These moths were of a light brown colour, and of course, with the usual markings, while the Tasmanian specimens were much larger, and also of a darker colour,

C. H. LATTA.

¹¹ Sic itur ad astra."

We follow our leader true honour who brings,
 The horse that is girt with aerial wings,
 We climb from the valley enshrouded in mist
 And make for the heights that the sunlight has kissed,
 We heed not the labour, we reck not of scars,
 Sic itur ad astra—the path to the stars.

In lesson or leisure, on river, on field,
 Still shoulder to shoulder to none will we yield.
 So long as old Pegasus flutters above
 We'll fight to the end for the flag that we love,
 And nothing the link of our fellowship mars,
 Sic itur ad astra—the path to the stars.

The way may be weary, the peril be great,
 But he shall aye conquer who fears not his fate,
 It matters not life and it matters not death
 So long as in honour we render our breath,
 Life's prison is empty and broken her bars,
 Sic itur ad astra—the path to the stars.

In the Otway Ranges.

ALL the country in the vicinity of Lome is beautiful, but perhaps the finest scenery in the whole district is to be found near the headwaters of the Cumberland Creek. To the man who loves nature in her wilder and more lonely aspects, few places could appeal more strongly.

Its magnificent hills and gullies are objects of never-ending admiration. I stood in the heart of the ranges one bright summer afternoon on the top of a ridge some fifteen hundred feet above the sea. This ridge was once clothed (as most of its neighbours still are) with huge eucalyptus trees and dense undergrowth, but a selector had built his hut there, ringed the larger trees, cleared the smaller ones off, and then deserted it, so that it looked when I saw it. like a slowly-healing wound in the forest. Standing on one of the up-rooted trees, I looked down into the gully hundreds of feet below, seeing nothing but tree-tops, with their countless shades of green. Across the gully the next ridge stood out boldly, and further on lay another, its shape and colour softened by the distance ; and beyond that another, and yet another, till they merged and became blue and indistinguishable. Lome lay about ten miles away, and beyond it I could see Split Point, Point Road-knight, Barwon Heads, Point Lonsdale, and lastly, Cape Schanck, some fifty or sixty miles distant.

The creeks have a charm of their own, and the upper reaches of most of them are to some extent veiled in mystery. Especially did this apply until recently to the Cumberland Creek, which rises within about half a mile of one branch of the Barwon. In July, 1879, three men set out to explore the Cumberland, and to ascertain what waterfalls it boasted. They were away in the hills for nearly three days with nothing to eat, and, when hurrying back



POOL IN OTWAY FOREST.



THE ZARA FALL.

towards the coast, they passed three large waterfalls, which they named the Mountjoy, Creswick, and Brunswick. As far as is generally known, these three falls were never seen again until early in 1909, when some Old Geelong Collegians re-found and photographed them. There are thirteen good waterfalls on this creek alone, the highest being the Cumberland Fall (seventy feet). One of the prettiest and most unique is the "Zara," which was first found in 1909. I will try to describe it as I last saw it. I was wading waist-deep down the rocky bed of the creek, trees and ferns shutting out most of the light, when, passing under a dark overhanging musk tree, I suddenly emerged into the broad sunshine. There, before me, was a flat open stretch of rock some twenty yards wide, down which the water danced merrily for sixty yards, till it came to a ledge (the Zara Fall), over which it tumbled some sixteen feet into a still, deep, black pool.

These pools, found at intervals all along the rocky bed of the creek, though consisting of pure, clear water, appear jet black, and the way in which they reflect the scenery is very beautiful. English trout have been put into the creek near its mouth, but none are found above the first fall—a small one, two or three miles up the creek. Very few native trout are to be seen in the lower reaches, but in the head-waters, about a thousand feet above the sea, they are very numerous.

There are three saw-mills working in this district. The timber from two of them is taken to the railway at Forrest. The third one, cutting in the St. George gullies, sends its timber down to the pier at Lome, where it is stacked till the little coasting steamer Manawatu calls for it. Some of the trees growing in the gullies are magnificent, many being, I should think, between two and three hundred feet high, with over one hundred feet of smooth round white trunk between the first limb and the ground. I know of nothing better calculated to make one realise one's insignificance

than, when camped among them, to hear one of these forest giants fall. Imagine yourself at the bottom of one of these gullies rolled up in a blanket. Your camp-fire is reduced to a heap of glowing coals, and you are contentedly watching the glow-worms shining in the inky darkness, like so many miniature electric lights. The silence, broken occasionally by the far-off double note of an owl, or the harsh screech of a flying-squirrel in the tree-tops above you, is intense. Suddenly there is a dull roaring sound as some huge tree topples over, then a crash as it breaks through the smaller trees, then, as it strikes the earth, a terrific bang, echoing and re-echoing among the angry hills. If you are new to the bush, you look round and begin to figure things out. You get up and kick the fire together till it blazes, and lights up the nearer tree-trunks. Beyond that ring of light everything is black. The scrub is so thick, and the darkness so impenetrable, that you would be lucky to crawl ten yards without coming to grief, and you know that you would have to travel ten miles to get away from the trees; so you stay where you are. Perhaps you go next day and view the wreck—see the giant that has stood the storms of possibly a hundred years lying split and broken, and all the smaller trees he has touched, splintered into matchwood. You shudder at the thought that your camp might easily have been there, and you realise what a small thing man is.

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Random Notes.

THIS cricket season, as far as the seniors have been concerned, has been one of the most consistent on record, so consistent indeed that not only have all records been broken, but also the hearts of many supporters.

The forms' matches, however, have kept cricket alive to a certain extent, and in certain cases chaps have even given up

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boating to participate in the ancient game. As in all other branches of sport we have not been without our critics. These have both excited our interest and provided a no small quantum of amusement. One attractive little incident occurred at our first match, when a youth of tender years and of very minute proportions was heard to exclaim amid a deadly silence, " My word, did you see that." Our curator, the only one who still keeps faith in us, was found the other day carrying a small bag of glass spheres, and on being questioned, showed that there were 11 of them. No doubt the reason is obvious.

Form feeling, as usual, is running high, in fact, higher than ever before, and all sorts of challenges have been issued. One of the forms is very cocky about its cricket, and threatened completely to annihilate all comers. Another form issues a challenge to row the world on the Barwon. While on the subject of forms' sport, the question is being asked, " Are the Sixth ever to get the Shield that they have twice so nobly won."

As is usually the case at the beginning of the year, there has been a fair amount of recruit drill, and some of the Junior company, seized with a martial spirit, took to drilling under an experienced commander. Armed with wickets, boughs, and other prehistoric weapons, they paraded at odd times, much to the amusement of the spectators and their own self-satisfaction. At last they came under the notice of the powers that be, and they are still parading at odd times, which they find now to be rather a bore.

This year the Chemistry Class contains an unusually large number of aspiring chemists, and everything goes as swimmingly as ever, small quantities of liquids still being in a minority. Owing

to the increased price of rubber, it has been observed that less has been devoured than formerly, but this may arise from the fact that it is now stored away from our reach.

Duo Qui SCIUNT.

Down the River.

Full-stretched I lie beneath the willow trees
 That fringe the Barwon stream,
 And hear faint-echoed by the passing breeze
 A lonely bittern scream.
 The rhythmic splash of oars beyond the sedge,
 The glint on sun-flecked arms,
 The coxswain's cry, that from the water's edge
 The startled thrush alarms :
 These, all-familiar and yet ever new,
 Lap me in sweet content.
 I'll dally here until the sun's adieu,
 Of time improvident.

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Exchanges.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges :—
 The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal, The Reporter,
 The Waitakian, The Xaverian, The Geelong Grammar School
 Quarterly, The Wesley College Chronicle, St. Peter's School
 Magazine, Prince Alfred College Chronicle, The Armidalian, The
 Launcestonian, The Torchbearer, The Scotch Collegian, The
 Newingtonian, Cooee, Patchwork, Aurora Australis, The Students'
 Magazine, The Hamiltonian, The Brighton Grammarians.