

Conference on Public School Sports.

IT has been felt for some time that our Public Schools' Competitions in Sport have been growing more and more exacting upon all concerned in them, and that there was a danger lest they should attain undue prominence in the school life. While competition is usually regarded as healthful and invigorating, there certainly is a danger lest mere success for its own sake becomes the goal toward which all energies are directed, rather than the game for the sake of the game, with victory—as such—ever regarded as a secondary consideration. Lest our games should become tainted with the unwholesome practices that are invariably developed when success is the only thing that counts, and 'win at any cost' the motto of contestants, it was thought that the time was ripe for those, who had the best interests of Public School Sport at heart, to meet and consider its present position in school life.

The happy idea of asking the Councils of the six Public Schools to send three delegates each to a conference to consider the whole question of the sports originated with Mr. W. Grey Smith, of the Melbourne Grammar School Council. This conference met on September 13th, as the guests of the Melbourne Grammar School, at which Dr. A. Norman McArthur, Mr. J. L. Currie, and the Head Master were present as our representatives.

The members, at the outset, decided to maintain an open mind on all questions submitted for consideration, and to speak, and to vote, as their own convictions directed, quite independent of any 'school policy.' At the same time they declined to commit their schools to any decision arrived at by the conference. The resolutions arrived at therefore cannot have the force of law, but will be of great service in guiding the deliberations of the Head Masters' Association and other bodies which frame the rules governing the schools' competitions,

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The agenda paper contained the following items for discussion :—the reduction of the age limit, the employment of professional coaches and trainers, the introduction of additional competitions, the discontinuance of the boat race, the playing of all football matches on Saturday with ' home and home ' matches, and the desirability of schoolboys playing for outside teams.

After considerable discussion the proposal to leave the age limit at 20 years, as at present, was lost. The proposal was approved that any boy who was not 19 years of age on March 1st in any year should be allowed to take part in any contest during that year. This means that any boy who is not 19 years of age when the Public Schools' Competitions commence can take part in them all through that year. A boy whose birthday happens to fall in January or February will naturally think that this arrangement bears hardly upon him, but any suggestion would probably make somebody feel that the date of his birth was no slight misfortune.

The employment of hirelings to prepare contestants, and to attend upon them in the contests was condemned with relentless severity. A resolution was unanimously passed that no professional or paid rubbers down or other attendants should be allowed in coaching or preparing teams for Public School Contests. The general feeling was that any assistance which contestants may get from the attentions of these persons, should be gladly afforded them by their schoolfellows. Those who are not skilful enough to be chosen competitors should make it their delight to serve their school by helping to prepare their more skilful fellows for the contest.

The employment of the professional coach was not so easily dealt with. The ' coach ' holds a time-honoured position in many departments of athletics. Whether his influence is beneficial or otherwise, in the best sense, depends wholly on his own personality. It was felt that discrimination is needed in the selection of coaches.

and the following suggestions were finally adopted : that no person, specially paid for his services, should be employed to coach or train a football or athletic sports' team, also that no one, except amateurs, as defined by the Victorian Rowing Associations' rules, should coach a crew.

The general feeling was that there are enough competitions already, and that, though there are many excellent games in which the Public Schools do not compete, no additions should be made to the present list of engagements. Inter-state championship contests were also strongly discouraged.

The suggestion was thrown out that the Boat Race might with advantage be discontinued, on the ground that it imposed too severe a strain upon those engaged in it. This view did not meet with general support, and the acknowledged excellence of rowing as a pastime for boys rendered those present loath to entertain any idea of abolishing what has become perhaps the most important engagement of the Public School year.

The proposal to hold all football matches on Saturday was favourably regarded by many, but difficulties, which seemed insuperable for the majority of the schools, were put forward, so the scheme was abandoned so far as all schools were concerned. It was hoped, however, that the plan might be tried where these difficulties were less likely to be met with. The abandonment of the scheme for Saturday matches involved giving up the idea of 'home and home' matches also.

This question led to a discussion on the amount of time actually given up to our Competitions. The members of the conference were greatly surprised to learn that the so-called 'loss of time' has been much exaggerated, and that our games do not encroach upon more serious work to anything like the extent that they are generally

supposed to do. The time given up is less than it formerly was, is not unreasonable, and is being jealously watched by Head Masters.

Strong disapproval was expressed of boys playing for outside senior teams. The general opinion was that, while a boy is at school, it is better both for himself and his school that he should confine all his efforts to his school games. In the service of his school there is ample field for his fullest energies.

The above resume by no means covers the whole range of the deliberations of the Conference. Many topics of minor interests were touched upon, and Head Masters were able to get indications of outside feeling upon many matters of interest in school life. All present were unanimous in thinking that nothing but good would result from their work, and their heartiest thanks were tendered to the Melbourne Grammar School Council for summoning the conference, and for entertaining the delegates so generously. Colonel McCay also laid the Conference under great obligation by the splendid manner in which he presided over their deliberations. Much of the success of the meeting was due to his tact and skill as chairman.

School Officers, 1910.

Senior Prefect:—J. C. Kininmonth.

Prefects:—J. D. Blair, N. L. Campbell, J. R. Cochrane, F. M. Collocott, H. L. Jacobs, G. C. D. Reid, 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, J. R. Porter, G. C. D. Reid, N. C. Stephen.

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

Rowing Committee:—Mr. L. St. G. P. Austin, J. D. Blair, J. C. Kininmonth, G. C. D. Reid, C. L. Young, F. M. Collocott.

Football Captain :—G. C. D. Reid. *Vice-Captain* :—W. C. Baud.

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

Sports Committee:—Mr. C. A. Cameron, W. C. Baud, J. C. Kininmonth, J. R. Porter, G. C. D. Reid, F. S. Young.

* *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, F. M. Collocott, H. L. Jacobs, J. D. Blair, J. H. Urbahns.

Colour Sergeant:—J. R. Cochrane.

Sergeants :—G. C. D. Reid, K. C. Purnell, A. K. Maclean, N. C. Stephen, N. L. Campbell.

Corporals:—C. L. Young, E. C. Webber, L. N. Strachan, W. C. Baud, E. W. Opie, C. H. Latta, G. Morrison, J. R. Porter.

Lance-Corporals:—R. B. Gadd, P. McCallum, F. Herman, N. E. S. Birnie, K. McKenzie.

Corporal-Drummer:—F. S. Young.

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

Debating Society:

President:—Mr. W. R. Bayly.

Vice-Presidents :—Mr. J. G. Worth, J. C. Kininmonth.

Committee:—W. C. Baud, J. D. Blair, J. R. Porter.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer :—N. C. Stephen.

The Games Committee, as at present constituted, consists of the Cricket, Football, Rowing, and Sports Committees, with delegates representing the Cadet Corps and Shooting Teams.

School Items.

THE Fourth Term begins on Tuesday, October 4th.

The Third Term is always more or less an uneventful one, and this year has furnished no exception to the rule. The only sporting events of importance were the two football matches, which were as usual played in the rain, and this time there was no flood on the Barwon to vary the monotony of existence. The general

work of the school has flowed peacefully on. Upper School boys are beginning to realize that the end of the year, with its accompaniment of public examinations, is drawing nigh, and one may occasionally encounter a group of ardent students busily engaged in the elucidation of some difficult passage of translation, or the solution of some problem in mathematics. For the younger boys there is no such spectre looming in the distance, but even among them the tale disclosed by one's "record" on Fridays is frequently an engrossing topic of conversation.

At the close of the football season, the usual meeting of the Games Committee was held to determine the dates for the various sports functions during the rest of the year. It was decided to fill up the gap, before the cricket season opened, by the usual Regatta, which duly took place on Sept. 22nd and 23rd, and passed off most successfully. The advisability of altering the date of the College Sports was again discussed, but after consideration it was resolved to hold that function at the usual time—the last Saturday of the school year. The vacancies caused on the various committees by the departure of Sewell, Hearne, and Douglass, were filled up as follows: Rowing Committee—C. L. Young, F. M. Collocott. Cricket—G. C. D. Reid. Football—F. S. Young.

The epidemic of mumps which was referred to in our last issue wrought considerable destruction in the boarding school, and prevented several of the boys from distinguishing themselves in the quarterly examinations as much as they might otherwise have done. Even after the holidays it was feared that there might be a recrudescence of the trouble, but fortunately the danger passed away, and now the only invalids on the premises are those suffering from colds, bruised fingers, and similar ailments from which the normal boy is rarely free.

S. Mortimer, who left the College before Midwinter, was presented at his departure with a gold mounted fountain pen by his colleagues of the First Eleven, in recognition of his services in the cricket field.

The miniature Rifle Range, which has lately been erected in Bartlett's paddock, is now in full working order, and is providing useful practice for the less experienced of our rifle shots.

A large contingent of College boys attended a lecture delivered in Geelong by Mr. Clement Wragge on "The Flight of a Soul." They were much impressed by the graphic style, and the vivid imagination displayed by the lecturer.

G. C. D. Reid and H. L. Jacobs have been appointed Prefects in place of E. Hearne and H. E. Sewell.

The usual Midwinter Concert did not take place this year.

At the time of writing, the Oval is beginning to assume its usual summer aspect, and it is probable that Cricket practice will be started very early in October.

At last some definite step has been taken with regard to the introduction of the new colours. Just before the football match against the Geelong Grammar School, an instalment of ribbon arrived, and it was at once distributed through the College in the form of ties, hatbands, &c. Nothing has as yet been decided, however, on the vexed question of the cap.

A useful and agreeable method of spending the time on Saturday evenings has been provided by the formation of a Boxing Class under a capable instructor.

Salvete.

- VI. Moreton, F. E.
- IV U. Wallis, A. C.
- IV M. Kennedy, N. L.
 Kennedy, L. E.
 Curtis, E. A.
- IV L. Blake, R. P.
 Briant, C. E.
- III. Sinclair, S. A.

Valete.

- VI. Gunn, A. D.
 Sewell, P. B.
- VA. Atherton, G. D.
 Dunlop, W. A. S.
 Freeman, A.
 Sewell, H. E.
- VB. Storrer, C. M.
 Hearne, E.
 Douglass, L. F.
 Barthold, T.
- VC. Koenig, W. L.
- IV U. Creed, R.
- IV M. Dobson, A.
- IV L. Hamilton, N. G.
 Knight, C. R.

Football,

THE outstanding feature of the Public School football season for 1910 has been the equality of the teams. In very few matches has one been able to predict the winner with any certainty, and there has always been the probability of an exciting contest. The matches resulted in Xavier College and Scotch College tying for the premiership. A deciding game was played, and was won by Xavier College, who are to be congratulated on winning their first football premiership.

The College lost their first match (that against Xavier College) by fifty-four points, but their remaining matches have all been close. They lost against Scotch College, Melbourne Grammar School, and Geelong Grammar School by twelve, ten, and two points respectively, and won from Wesley College by ten points.

The main weakness of the College team has been in the forward lines. With average reliability there, the Eighteen would

have converted at least two of the losses into comfortable wins, but the couple of necessary straight kicks were not forthcoming.

G. C. D. Reid has proved an able captain, and his own game has improved as the season advanced. Perhaps Baud has been the most consistently good player for the year. He has been a tower of strength on the half-back line. F. Collocott has improved immensely, and in the later matches played fine football full back. F. Young has roved with great success, and J. Urbahns has done much brilliant work. Most of the others have played very well in the different games, but their play has been more patchy.

The Second Eighteen have had an unusually fortunate season. They were successful in four of their five matches, but had to lower their colours to a cleverer team at Wesley College. They complain that they might have won even this, had not some of their number been forced into the service of the First Eighteen the day before. The football committee, while admitting the justice of their contention, and reprehending the voracity of the First Eighteen, are afraid that the custom will continue until some member of the Second Eighteen absolutely refuses to be promoted to the Firsts.

The Third Eighteen have gone through the season without a defeat. They have played two matches. The Juniors have had about an equal number of wins and losses, but such defeats as they have had have been severe.

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The match with the Melbourne Grammar School was played on the East Melbourne Cricket Ground on June 24th. A close game was anticipated, though after the promising form shown by the College against Scotch College our supporters were hopeful of a win. The dark blues, however, were victorious by the narrow margin of ten points.

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The first quarter proved calamitous to the College. The ground was heavy after the recent rains, and the players were slow in finding their feet after the train journey. Partly through this, and partly through inability to understand the decisions of the umpire, who was strictly enforcing the revised rules, the College team quite failed to do themselves justice. The Grammar School was much quicker on to the ball, and got their goals by some remarkably good kicks.

The quarter ended with the Grammar School leading by the overwhelming majority of thirty-four points. Scores :—Melbourne Grammar School, 5 goals 5 behinds; College, 1 behind. With the help of the wind we did much better, and kept the ball in the Grammar School territory the greater part of the time, but the forwards displayed their usual facility in kicking the ball behind the posts, instead of through them. There were fine flashes of play on either side, and at half-time matters looked much more interesting, the board showing Melbourne Grammar School, 6 goals 7 behinds ; College, 3 goals 8 behinds. The College played well against the wind in the third quarter, but out of five possible shots only one was a goal, while out of a similar number the Grammar School scored three, thus having the substantial lead of twenty-seven points at the final change, when the scores were :—Melbourne Grammar School, 9 goals 9 behinds ; College, 4 goals 12 behinds.

The play during the final quarter was, at any rate from our point of view, the most gratifying. The Grammar School started with a rush, and quickly obtained two behinds. Then with a leeway of twenty-nine points to make up, the College boys set their teeth, and, encouraged by seeing the ball go through (not behind) the posts twice in quick succession, they redoubled their efforts, and gradually overhauled the Grammar School score. The dark blues were equally determined, and, helped by a solitary goal just

when it was most needed, they won a hard fought match by 10 goals 12 behinds to 8 goals 14 behinds. The spectators had found it difficult to raise a cheer in the first part of the game, but at the end were roused to a pitch of intense excitement. Watson, for the Grammar School, played the best game on the ground. He was rarely beaten, played coolly, and took several superb marks. Gellien excelled in goal-kicking. Of the ten goals scored by the Grammar School he kicked five, four of them the result of magnificent drop kicks; Grut showed great dash on the back lines, and the best of the others were Johnstone, O'Hara Wood, and Newman. For the College, Baud showed his best form for the season. He was speedy, vigorous, and unusually certain. Reid set his men a good example by kicking four goals, and otherwise playing with spirit. Freeman was very effective on the wing, his only drawback being over-deliberateness in kicking. Sewell did some fine runs, but was rather ambitious in trying to beat too many opponents at once. Webber, Betheras, Kininmonth, Stephen, and Dunlop played serviceable games, indeed, every member of the team deserved praise for the way in which they fought out the game to the end. The College goals were kicked by Reid (4), Urbahns (2) Stephen and Webber.

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The match with Wesley College was played on the Geelong Oval on August 10th. The day was unfavourable for football, but the conditions improved as the afternoon wore on, and very little rain fell. The first quarter's play was fairly even. At the bounce of the ball Wesley College took charge, and soon had it among the College backs. A timely free-kick to Collocott saved the situation, and he relieved with a fine kick. Young was putting in some good work, but, as a rule, the Wesley boys were quicker on to the ball, and from a fine mark they got the first behind. Young secured from

the kick off, but made his common mistake of running too far, and losing his kick. However, McDonald was given a free kick, and forwarded the ball among the Wesley half-backs. Urbahns marked within range, but was too hurried in his kick, and nothing resulted; he repeated the error soon afterwards. The College had the better of matters for some time, and Webber was responsible for two goals, the second the result of a quick pick-up in front of the goal posts. Wesley then prevailed, but the ball was continually out of bounds. For a while the most noticeable feature of the game was the extraordinary amount of holding the umpire allowed. At last from a left foot kick Wesley scored a goal, and the quarter ended with the scores :—College, 2 goals 1 behind ; Wesley, 1 goal 1 behind. Cochrane withstood a spirited attack of the Wesley boys, but the College team was losing ground by repeatedly kicking the ball into the man instead of getting a clear kick. A clever snapshot gave Wesley their second goal, and they were not long in scoring again, the College players being temporarily at a standstill.

Lester and McDonald were prominent for good play, but their efforts only resulted in a behind. At the other end a Wesley man should have scored a goal, as he had a clear run to the posts, but his kick went behind. Baud was playing finely, and was following the ball well through. Wilkinson had a struggle with his opponent, but could not get a clear kick, and nothing was gained. The College forwards should have scored more than once, but there was a fair amount of scrambling in front of the posts. At last Young, with a characteristic dash, sent the ball through. At half-time the board showed:—College, 3 goals 5 behinds; Wesley, 3 goals 3 behinds. The third quarter was both encouraging and tantalising, the former, because the College undoubtedly had the advantage in play; the latter, because they could not turn their opportunities to good account. Out of a dozen possible shots the College scored three

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goals; Wesley scored a similar number out of four tries. As a matter of fact, the ball probably did not pass the centre line more than that number of times, but our backs seemed powerless to prevent their opponents from scoring. At three-quarter time the result was:—College, 6 goals 14 behinds; Wesley, 6 goals 4 behinds. After the last change, eight points were added to our total, and then came the final effort of the purple and gold. Making the game open, and playing with some of their championship system, they kept our back men constantly busy, but though they came within four points of our score they could not reach it, and a goal kicked by Urbahns two minutes before time put the result beyond doubt, and the College finally won by 8 goals 16 behinds, against 8 goals 6 behinds. It was an interesting game, and for once the College team experienced the pleasure of winning instead of losing by a small margin of points. At times the play was over-strenuous, but that could be accounted for by the somewhat inconsistent umpiring. For Wesley College, Park roved excellently, but he was sadly missed from the forward lines. Kelly played well in the centre, and showed a fine turn of speed; French on the wing did some brilliant runs, and Cameron, Willis, and Kerr were conspicuous among the rest. For the College, Baud played with magnificent dash, and had more success than usual with his lightning rushes; Young was prominent all through, but his kicking was somewhat weak; Urbahns, particularly in the last half, was clever and consistent; Reid put in some fine work, and kept a watchful eye on his team; Collocott was very successful full back; and N. Birnie delighted everyone with his plucky game on the wing. Though nearly all the team were worth mentioning, of the others, Kininmonth, Gadd, Webber, Betheras, and McDonald were the most prominent. The goalkickers were:—for Wesley College, Stafford (2), Willis (2), Gullifer (2), Park, and Daley; for Geelong College, Reid (3), Urbahns (2), Webber (2), Young (1).

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COLLEGE V. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Special interest attached to the match between the College and Geelong Grammar School, as both teams had shown such fine form in their games of the previous week. There was a good attendance of supporters of both schools, and doubtless it would have been increased considerably but for the wretched weather conditions. A driving rain and stiff breeze prevailed throughout the first half, and a clean, open game was quite out of the question, but with an improvement in the weather later on, the game became correspondingly brighter. A heavy shower was falling as the ball was bounced. The Grammar School at once attacked, but were repulsed by Betheras, and two free kicks to the College forwards resulted in the ball going out of bounds near the Grammar School goalposts. The rain fell with increased vigour, and it was difficult to distinguish the various players, but Fenton was conspicuous for some bright play on the wing. The chief feature for some time was the extraordinary number of free kicks awarded. Obviously, it was difficult for the players to keep their feet, and apparently they were forced to clutch at their opponents for support. The ball hugged the eastern boundary for several minutes, but at length it fell to Reid's lot to obtain one of the numerous free kicks, and with a telling kick he sent the ball well on. A kick out of the ruck gave the College their first behind. Good combined play by Johnson, McIntosh, and Rowan brought the ball forward, but Collocott and Baud were equal to the emergency, and nothing was scored. Gadd was playing pluckily, and after another series of free kicks, Maclean saved a rush by a brilliant mark in front of goal. The Grammar kept up a vigorous attack, and from a free kick Johnson scored their first point. Two violent pushes by Armytage directed against Webber caught the umpire's eye, but these free kicks, and one to Young for a similar reason, had no appreciable result. There was some give and take play on both wings, and the quarter

ended with a single point to each side. For a time neither side could break through their opponents' defence, but Opie, Urbahns, and Maclean each put in some sparkling play, and McDonald won hearty applause for kicking first goal for the College with a well-judged punt. Some judicious kicking along the ground gave the advantage to the College, but they did not follow it up. Gadd beat two men on the wing, but Armytage did even better in scoring first goal for the light blues by a kick off the ground. The Grammar School kept the College backs on the defensive. Maclean relieved temporarily, but Nicholson was awarded a free kick in front of goal, and sent the ball through the posts; Johnston was not long in following suit, but this time the ball was touched on its way through. Urbahns, Fenton, and Webber rushed the ball down the ground, but Bell sent it back. Porter, Betheras, and Webber were responsible for the next behind, which might well have been a goal, and another was scored by McDonald from a free kick. Webber took a fine mark, and Lester secured, but, alas, his shot hit the post. Thorne, at the other end, was more successful, and from a free kick scored another goal for the Grammar School just as the bell rang. The scores at half-time were :—Grammar School, 3 goals 5 behinds; College, 2 goals 5 behinds. The rain had now practically ceased, and both sides came out with determination "writ large" on their countenances. After the ball was bounced, a free kick to Young, and a quick rush up by Urbahns took it out of bounds, and immediately after a behind was scored. Splendid combined play was shown by Newman, McCaughley, and Johnson, and a point was scored by the Grammar School. The College retaliated, and Young, Betheras, and Birnie sent the ball well forward. Lester secured it, and succeeded in getting a goal. The Grammar School quickly got another behind, and at Collocott's kick-off, the ball was bounced by the umpire, but fortunately, without any disastrous result. At three-quarter time the Grammar

School had scored 3 goals 5 behinds, and the College 2 goals 5 behinds. A quick goal by Lester made the scores level. R. Bell for the Grammar School beat three College men, and relieved the tension. The Grammar School made dash after dash, but Baud's defence was impregnable. The game was now on the poise, and when Reid was given a free kick within reasonable distance, the College supporters were jubilant. He made a good attempt, but the ball hit the post for the second time, and from then onwards the balance swung in favour of the School. Their players seemed to judge the bounce of the ball more accurately, and they made full use of their extra height and weight. A final rally was made by the College; Lester, from a free kick, forwarded, but his kick went to a Grammar boy, and after a brilliant run by Nicholson, and a point scored by Fetherstonhaugh, the bell rang, leaving the Grammar School victorious by two points. The final scores were:—Grammar School, 3 goals 8 behinds; College, 3 goals 6 behinds. For the School, Fairbairn, Johnson, Nicholson, Bell, and Fetherstonhaugh played splendidly. Rowan, McCaughey, Armytage and Drought were also prominent. Their goal-kickers were:—Armytage, Nicholson, and Thorne. For the College, Baud gave an excellent display of dashing football on the half-back line. Collocott, full-back, hardly made a mistake; Webber came in for most of the knocks in the ruck, and was very useful as a place man; Young and Urbahns were conspicuous for good play, but were hampered by the heavy ground; of the others, Lester (2 goals), McDonald (1 goal), Reid, Betheras, Gadd, were the most consistently good, though every one took his part well in a hard fought game. James was a very capable umpire; he was unusually strict, but it was a game where strictness was indispensable.

COLLEGE V. ST. PETER'S COLLEGE.

A team from St. Peter's College, Adelaide, spent their Michaelmas vacation in Victoria. On September 2nd they came

down from Melbourne to play a match against the College Eighteen. It was a beautiful Spring day, rather too warm perhaps for the players, but most enjoyable from the spectators' point of view. The visitors showed fine form, playing with plenty of vigour, and using excellent system especially in the use of hand-ball when in difficulties. The College started in fine style, and soon had a couple of goals on the board, but the St. Peter's then attacked and prevailed for the rest of the quarter, ending it with a point in the lead. In the second quarter the visitors were at the top of their form. They seemed invariably to be first on to the ball, and used their hand-passes with telling effect. Their back men, too, did some splendid long kicks. They established a strong lead of four goals by half-time. The third quarter was more even. The College infused some dash into their play, and scored two goals in quick succession, but the Adelaide boys were not to be denied, and got two meritorious goals. Their lead was increased by a couple of behinds at the last change. The College more than held their own in the general play in the last quarter, but their forwards were not dependable, and the blues forged further ahead by the aid of some clever snapshots. The final result was :—St. Peter's College, 10 goals 14 behinds ; Geelong College, 6 goals 4 behinds. The visitors had the advantage in height and weight, and some of their taller men excelled in high marking. J. Murray played splendidly on the half-back line, Badger was very fast on the wing, and others who were conspicuous in a consistently good side were Daw (4 goals), Twopeny (1), and Gliddon (1). The other goals were kicked by Atwell, Dean, Badger, and Miller. For the College, Collocott had plenty to do full back, and did it excellently; Reid battled hard all through, and Baud, Gadd, Urbahns, Fenton, Webber and Lester played well. The goal-kickers were Lester, Wilkinson, Reid, Betheras, Webber, and McDonald.

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COLLEGE V. WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE.

A team from the Working Men's College, Melbourne, paid a visit to Geelong on August 5th, and played the College Eighteen on our Oval. Several of their team found themselves unable, at the last moment, to make the trip, and their substitutes were not too strong, so the match resulted in a hollow victory for the College. Scores:—College, 18 goals 27 behinds ; Working Men's College, 2 goals 5 behinds.

For the College, Reid, Young, and Kininmonth were especially prominent. For the visitors, our old friend N. O. Mack was in fine form, and Claridge and Sutton also played well.

SECOND EIGHTEEN.

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A very pleasant game was played by these teams on the Melbourne Grammar School grounds on June 25th. The two Eighteens were fairly evenly matched, but the College showed rather better system, and ultimately won by 4 goals 4 behinds against 2 goals 5 behinds. Our best players were N. Birnie, Jacobs, Maclean, J. Dowling, and the goal-kickers, J. Birnie (3) and Gunn. The members of the Second Eighteen were very pleased with themselves at having won all their matches played during the half-year.

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The return match with the Melbourne Grammar School Second Eighteen was played on the College Oval on August 6th. The visitors had the advantage of a breeze in the first quarter, and established a lead of fourteen points, but for the remainder of the game the College team prevailed, and ultimately won by fifty-one points. Scores: —College, 11 goals 6 behinds; Melbourne Grammar School, 3 goals 3 behinds. For Melbourne Grammar School,

McEvoy, Anderson, and Hill were conspicuous; for the College the best players were Lester, Jacobs, K. Purnell, L. Campbell, and W. Reid.

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The Second Eighteen which had hitherto been unbeaten met its Waterloo at Wesley College on August 13th, when it was defeated by the Wesley College Seconds by 16 goals 22 behinds against 6 goals 9 behinds. The College team seemed puzzled by the bounce of the ball on the strange ground; this uncertainty, combined with a tendency on the part of the back men to wander from the opposing forwards, gave the Wesley team a lead of five goals in the first quarter. For the rest of the game the play was more even, but Wesley was always in the ascendant. Best form for the College was shown by Porter, Hall, W. Reid, and Campbell.

THIRD EIGHTEEN.

The Third Eighteen played only one match against Geelong Grammar School. This resulted in a victory for the College by the narrow margin of 6 points, the scores being:—College, 4 goals 7 behinds; Grammar School, 4 goals 1 behind.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Juniors had a very pleasant game with a junior team from Melbourne Grammar School on August 6th. It was played on the Middles' Ground, and up till three-quarter time there was very little to choose between the teams. In the last quarter the College managed to forge ahead, and finally won by 10 goals 14 behinds against 8 goals 8 behinds. For the visitors, Steele and Blair played well, and the most prominent for the College were:—J. Birnie, Rand, McKay, J. Campbell, and Mountjoy.

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE JUNIORS.

Prior to the match between the First Eighteen on the Geelong Oval, the College Juniors tried conclusions with the Wesley College Juniors. The latter played together well, and showing a commendable amount of dash, they monopolised the scoring. The final result was 9 goals 12 behinds against 1 behind in favour of Wesley College. For Geelong College, Carrick played with plenty of heart, and got most support from Rand, McKay, Birnie, and Longden. On the whole, however, the College team was disappointingly listless, and with more spirit and determination would have made a better show against their heavier rivals.

COLLEGE V. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Juniors ended their season with a match against the Grammar School on the College Oval on August 22nd. The College team showed to greater advantage than in their match against Wesley College, and led from the start. The game was earnestly contested, the majority of the players developing an inclination to play in ruck, probably against their captain's orders. Finally the College won very easily by 15 goals 23 behinds against 4 goals 1 behind. Our goals were kicked by Watson (5), J. Birnie (2), A. Urbahns (3), Carrick (2), Richardson, Longden, and Paine. These all played well, and of the others Rand and Hope were most successful.

Rowing.

To those who follow up rowing from a scientific point of view, it is frequently a source of irritation to hear that such and such a crew owed the success of its efforts to some original method in style. It may therefore be interesting to note that, according to a witness of the Oxford and Cambridge boat race held this year, the style in vogue at the present day exhibits the same principles which pro-

duced good crews fifteen or twenty years ago. These principles have long been established at the two English Universities, and have been adopted by all countries interested in rowing, so that any so-called new style may be considered to exist only in the imagination of its author. The position may be briefly stated in the words of a well known authority on rowing, that it is not in regard to principles that men differ, but rather in the relative importance to be assigned to them, and in the manner of their application.

The deduction from the foregoing statement would seem to imply that it is impossible to lay down a system of rules that can be applied to every crew, for the simple reason that no combination of eight oarsmen is ever the same in physique (or it may be added, in temperament). The main result to be aimed at, therefore, in coaching a crew is a standard to which all its members can conform, remembering that success depends not on individual excellence but on the uniformity of the whole crew.

As an athletic exercise in schools, rowing is second to none, and it should be the aim of every member of the College boat club to develop his capabilities to their utmost. There is no doubt that since it took its place among the Public Schools, the Geelong College has progressed in this sport more than in any other, and although a College eight has not yet reached the position of Head of the River, those who have done their best to that end are not without their reward, for they are helping to foster that spirit of tradition which plays such an important part in this, as in every department of school life.

The weather during the quarter has been responsible for a certain amount of inactivity in the boat club, for with a succession of wet Saturdays the camping excursions have not presented their usual attractiveness. However, with the advent of finer weather,

there is little doubt that all the members will take full advantage of their opportunities. The boats, which were thoroughly overhauled last Christmas holidays, are in excellent order, owing to the indefatigable supervision of the vice-captain, J. D. Blair. All concerned in the general efficiency of the boats will materially assist the committee if they will at once report any damage to a boat, or the loss of any part of its equipment. A word may also be addressed to the more inexperienced boys, that a boat requires careful handling under all circumstances, and that they will be studying their own convenience by paying strict attention to the rules of the club.

THE REGATTA.

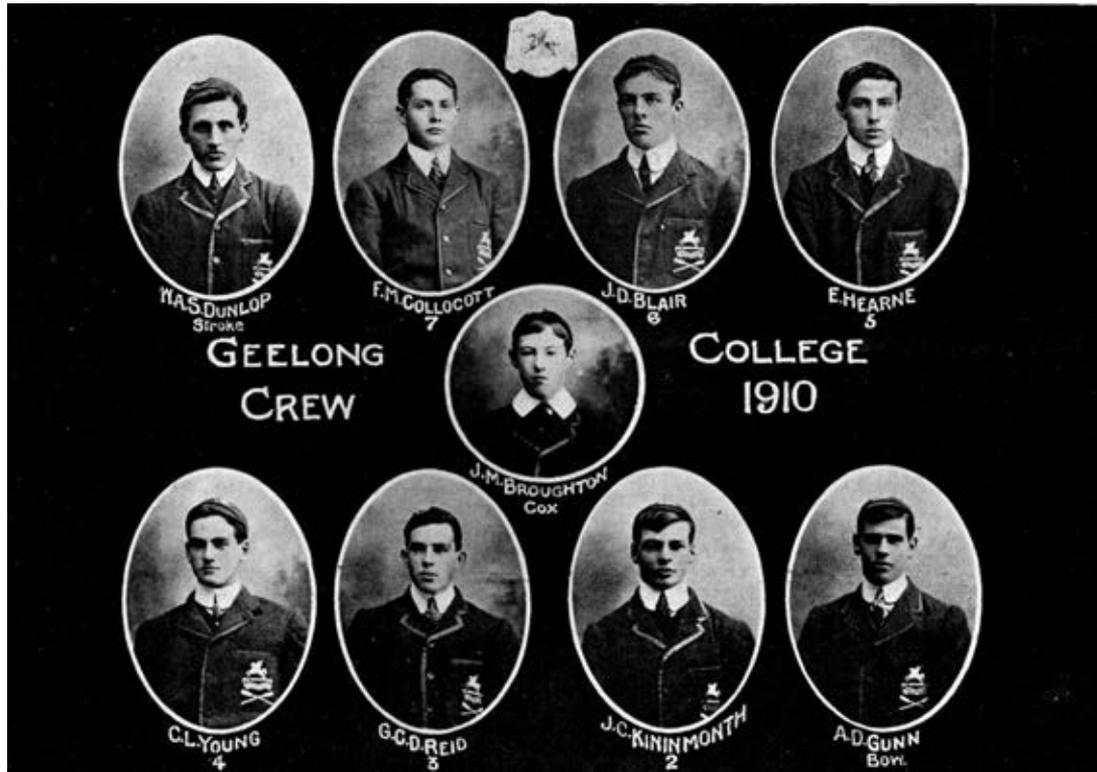
Under perfect weather conditions the second Regatta of this year was held on Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd of September. The training of the various crews had been actively carried on for the previous three or four weeks, and although rifle shooting had unavoidably to be conducted during the same period, a considerable amount of useful work was carried out. Mr. Bayly took an active interest in the progress of the crews, and his assistance was much appreciated by all concerned. On both days the racing provided some close finishes, and as usual, the event between the two eights attracted considerable interest, and was watched by several visitors. The responsibility of judging was in the hands of N. C. Stephen, while Mr. L. Austin officiated at the starting point, and had no difficulty in getting the crews away punctually. The racing resulted as follows :—

JUNIOR FOURS.

FIRST HEAT.

P. S. C. Campbell	str.	v.	R. C. E. Brodie	str.
J. Murray	3		G. Watson	3
C. M. Webb	2		C. Briant	2
C. B. H. MacFarlane	bow		J. L. Young	bow

P. S. C. Campbell's crew got away with a long-swinging stroke, but R. C. E. Brodie's crew lacked uniformity, and were soon in



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difficulties, allowing their opponents to establish a convincing lead. Won by P. S. C. Campbell's crew by six lengths.

SECOND HEAT.

A. R. Urquhart	str.	v.	L. E. Reid	str.
A. W. Dean	3		A. Spittle	3
A. F. Campbell	2		J. Peacock	2
A. R. H. C. Urbahns	bow		E. A. J. Stoker	bow

Both crews started well together, and were evenly matched throughout, ending in a win for L. E. Reid's crew by half a length.

JUNIOR FOURS.

THIRD HEAT.

E. S. Mackay	str.	v.	A. Waugh	str.
H. Pearl	"3		J. L. McKindlay	3
W. K. Peacock	2		D. G. Carlyon	2
I. Campbell	bow	..	R. N. Campbell	bow

A. Waugh's crew rowing in better form soon established a lead, and won easily by three lengths.

SEMI-FINAL HEAT.

L. E. Reid's crew v. A. Waugh's crew.

A. Waugh's crew led at the start, but L. E. Reid spurred, and after a hard struggle, won by half a length.

JUNIOR FOURS.

FINAL HEAT.

L. E. Reid's crew v. P. S. C. Campbell's crew, a bye.

P. S. C. Campbell's crew obtained a better start, and kept their lead. L. E. Reid made a plucky, but unsuccessful attempt to pull up, but was beaten by three lengths.

MIDDLE FOURS.

FIRST HEAT.

L. C. Tulloh	str.	v.	G. J. Doughton	str.
T. Humble	3		A. C. Wallis	3
A. W. Hooper	2		C. W. Nairn	2
W. A. McPherson	bow		J. Spittle	bow

L. C. Tulloh's crew rowing a faster stroke, drew away at the start. Doughton's crew diminished the lead, but were eventually beaten by two lengths.

THE PEGASUS.

SECOND HEAT.

R. H. Malcolm	str.	v.	J. M. Broughton	str.
C. W. Pearson	3		E. H. L. Cummings	3
G. H. Poynder	2		R. W. Hope	2
E. Collins	bow		C. W. Nairn	bow

A close race throughout, ending in a win for J. M. Broughton's crew by half a length.

MIDDLE FOURS.

THIRD HEAT.

T. E. Rand	v.	S. K. Mitchell
W. W. Leggatt		R. K. Campbell
E. Collins		G. H. Poynder
C. W. Pearson		R. Mitchell

T. E. Rand's crew soon established a considerable lead, and won fairly easily by 2.5 lengths.

SEMI-FINAL HEAT.

J. M. Broughton's crew	v.	T. E. Rand's crew.
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T. E. Rand's crew again led at the start, and then their opponents began to creep up. Rand's crew, however, spurted, and won by one foot.

FINAL HEAT.

L. C. Tulloh's crew, a bye	v.	T. E. Rand's crew.
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T. E. Rand's crew led throughout, and won comfortably by ii lengths.

SENIOR FOURS.

FIRST HEAT.

J. R. Porter	str.	v.	N. L. Campbell	str.
W. A. MacDonald	3		C. M. Calvert	3
W. A. Ferguson	2		C. W. Dowling	2
D. P. S. Dunlop	bow		T. G. Wynne	bow

Won by N. L. Campbell's crew by two lengths.

SECOND HEAT.

W. J. Reid	str.	v.	P. MacCallum	str.
A. K. Maclean	3		N. L. Johnson	3
L. F. Young	2		C. S. E. Watson	2
O. B. Bennett	bow		N. A. Longden	bow

P. MacCallum's crew rowing with greater power, made up for the faster stroke of their opponents. A close race followed, ending in a win for P. MacCallum's crew by f length,

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SENIOR FOURS

THIRD HEAT

J. W. Fenton	str.	v.	J. H. Urbahns	str.
N. E. Birnie	3		G. J. Douglass	3
M. A. Ford	2		H. R. Lester	2
T. P. Murray	bow		C. H. Latta	bow

Resulted in a dead heat.

In the row-off, J. W. Fenton's crew had a slight advantage at the start, but J. H. Urbahn's crew drew level, and then took the lead, winning by one length.

SENIOR FOURS.

SEMI-FINAL HEAT.

N. L. Campbell's crew v. P. MacCallum's crew.

N. L. Campbell missed a stroke at the start, thus giving the others a slight advantage. Campbell, however, soon passed ahead, and won rather easily by three lengths.

FINAL HEAT.

J. H. Urbahn's crew, a bye v. N. L. Campbell's crew.

N. L. Campbell's crew again proved superior, winning by three lengths.

EIGHTS.

J. C. Kininmonth	str.	v.	F. M. Collocott	str.
J. D. Blair	7		J. W. Dowling	7
"E. W. Opie	6		C. L. Young	6
G. C. D. Reid	5		J. R. Cochrane	5
G. N. I. Morrison	4		L. N. Strachan	4
G. A. M. Mitchell	3		W. C. Baud	3
F. G. Herman	2		J. C. Betheras	2
H. L. Jacobs	bow		R. B. Gadd	bow
J. H. Waugh	cox		J. M. Broughton	Cox

Starting from opposite Pakington Street, Collocott's crew had the advantage, but Kininmonth spurred, and drew nearly level. Passing the stump, Collocott rowing a slightly faster stroke was half a length a head. Kininmonth again made a fine effort, but could not reduce his opponents' lead, and was beaten by half a length.

The Coxswains in the Junior, Middle, and Senior events were:—J. L. Young, H. Pearl, G. G. Carr, C. B. H. Macfarlane, L. E. Reid,

Cadet Corps.

THE principal work of the quarter has been confined to movements in Company column. These movements are of the utmost importance in the interior formations of a battalion, and on the rapidity with which they are executed depends the success of a battalion when advancing to the attack.

On Monday, August 22nd, the Corps was visited by Major Carroll, and after a brief inspection the senior Company was put through several test movements, including skirmishing and guard mounting.

Half-battalion parades of No. 3 Senior Cadet Battalion have also been held during the quarter. The Metropolitan Companies, consisting of the Scotch College and the Melbourne Continuation School Corps, paraded on Thursday afternoon, 8th September, at the Prince's Oval, Carlton, and were in charge of Capt. W. R. McNichol, with Lieut. R. H. Weddell as adjutant. The Geelong portion of the battalion, consisting of two companies each from the Geelong Grammar School and the Geelong College, paraded on Tuesday, 13th September, in the Kardinia Park, the parade state showing a muster of over 90%. The afternoon was exceptionally fine, and the movements were watched with interest by a considerable number of people. A variety of movements were successfully carried out, including battalion drill in close order, formations in lines of company columns, skirmishing and brigade drill. Major Carroll, who was present for the purpose of examining Captain Austin and Lieut. G. H. Webb for promotion, expressed satisfaction at the large percentage of the muster, and at the smartness and soldierly bearing of all ranks. At the close of the parade he addressed the subalterns who were recently appointed on probation,

and pointed out the wide sphere of usefulness that was before them as officers of the citizen forces of Australia.

On Saturday, 17th September, examinations were held for the appointment and promotion of non-commissioned officers in the College Corps. The examinations were conducted in accordance with the Regulations and Standing Orders for Senior Cadets, and consisted of theoretical and practical tests. In the practical portions nearly all the candidates showed a creditable knowledge of the work, and in the oral examination on the care of rifles, some excellent results were obtained. In the theoretical paper for the rank of sergeant, there was much to be desired, many of the candidates showing only a somewhat superficial acquaintance with the subject. In accordance with the results of these examinations, the following promotions have been made :—

<i>To be Lieutenants</i>	-	Col.-Sergt. J. D. Blair. Sergt. J. H. Urbahns.
<i>To be Colour Sergeant-</i>		Corporal J. R. Cochrane.
<i>To be Sergeants</i>	-	Corporal K. C. Purnell. A. K. Maclean. N. C. Stephen. N. L. Campbell.
<i>To be Corporals</i>	-	Lance-Corporal W. C. Baud. E. W. Opie. C. H. Latta. G. N.I. Morrison. Private J. R. Porter.
<i>To be Lance-Corporals -</i>		Private P. McCallum. ,, F. G. Herman. N. E. Birnie. K. Mackenzie.

As the four last-named have qualified for the rank of Corporal, they will be promoted as soon as vacancies occur.

There is now only one recruit squad to be passed into the ranks. It is probable that when the enrolment is complete, the establishment of the Corps will be equal to the number enrolled last year.

Corporal-drummer F. S. Young has evidently got the band well in hand, for the improvement in this part of the Corps is very decided, and it is hoped that the advance already made will encourage its members to still further and better efforts.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Just about midwinter the Defence Department erected an open Miniature Range on the school grounds for the use of the Juniors with Francotte Rifles, or the Seniors, with a lightly loaded .303 cartridge. So far, for various reasons, it has not been possible to make very frequent use of the range, but next year it should prove very useful in the early part of the year to give recruits their first training in how to use a rifle.

As soon as the Football season ended a start was made with the Musketry Course, and already a fair percentage of the Seniors have fired the prescribed number of shots at the Fixed Targets. That a large number have missed the target altogether does not matter—they have, or will shortly have fired "the prescribed course." Those who have in previous years learned to shoot at all have done fairly well, but for absolute beginners the shots are almost all wasted, in spite of the fact that rests are allowed. There is a prospect of a much more varied programme than usual at the Annual Cadet Rifle Matches this year, and if so, they should be a great deal more attractive than hitherto. Several matches are proposed in which the conditions will approach more nearly to Service conditions, and the snap-shooter will have his chance to distinguish himself as well as the cool, calculating marksman who may take anything up to two minutes to fire.

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 FIXTURES, 1910.

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 { G.C. v. S.C.
 { X.C. v. WC-

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 (S.C. v. M.G.S.)

COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.
 October 28th.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

4th Saturday in November.

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ON THE BARWON.



THE BLUFF, AT THE HEADS.

Old Boys' Column.

WITH regard to the Norman Morrison Memorial Fund, the President of the Old Collegians' Association (Dr. A. Norman McArthur) writes as follows :—

" Owing to the extremely disappointing response by Old Boys to the appeal made for the Norman Morrison Hall, I organized a meeting of Old Boys resident in Melbourne to suggest methods of further stimulating a greater interest in the project. It was decided that another circular should be sent out, informing Old Boys accurately of what has been achieved to date. It is hoped that every Old Collegian will read that circular most carefully. Therein he will learn that only about 185 out of over 1000 Old Boys whose addresses are known, have responded to the call made for subscriptions. The Geelong College Council have promised £500, while at our last May re-union the senior prefect, on behalf of the School, begged that the present boys should be allowed to subscribe. The members of the teaching staff have also made a unanimous request to be allowed to contribute, and yet we have difficulty in rousing more than about 185 Old Boys to a distinct sense of their duty. We want £3500 to build the hall properly, and we have in hand and in promises only about £2200. Not a moment should be lost. All who have not already subscribed should do so at once, and those who have may induce others. There should be no need for an urgent appeal for such an object as this—the response should be immediate and spontaneous. All Old Collegians are asked to help the Committee by making every endeavour to raise the sum required."

Notices have from time to time been published in this journal asking Old Boys to forward to the Editor any information as to their whereabouts and doings which might be of interest to others,

The response to these requests has, however, been meagre in the extreme, and, as a result, we are not able to make this column as interesting as we had hoped to do. We would again assure Old Boys that their fellow-students of the past will always be glad to hear of their welfare, and we may add that information of this nature printed from time to time may be the means of renewing old friendships which have been suffered to lapse in the passage of years.

All Old Collegians will be delighted to hear that Stanley Calvert is on his way home again, very much improved in health. He left England on Friday, September 9th, and hopes to reach Geelong for the opening of the wool season. His improvement in health may be judged from the fact that he proposes to start work immediately upon arrival.

C. H. Lyon visited the College at Midwinter. He has been learning experience in Queensland for the last four years, and is now going to settle in this State.

F. Chisholm has been appointed to the charge of the Presbyterian Church at Wangaratta.

J. Calhoun paid a flying visit to Geelong some time ago. He had then disposed of his medical practice in the back-blocks, and proposed to pitch his camp in some other quarter nearer the metropolis.

The Ormond Letter.

IN my last letter I expressed the hope that when I next wrote I would have a little more satisfactory news to send you of our athletic performances. That hope has been fulfilled, and though we cannot say we have won the rubber for 1910, we *can* say that we didn't let anybody else win it, which, I suppose, is the next

best thing. Since I last wrote, the Football, Shooting and Tennis have been decided. Ormond were successful in the Football and Tennis, while Trinity carried off the Shooting. This leaves matters in a rather unsatisfactory position, each College having won two events (Queen's, the Rowing and Running; Trinity, the Cricket and Shooting; Ormond, the Football and Tennis), the rubber thus being undecided.

In the Football we met Queen's, who had previously defeated Trinity, and, after a good game, scored a fairly decisive victory. The Ormond team included 5 Old Collegians:—J. E. Piper, J. W. Young, J. V. Pearce, K. M. Doig, and A. T. Tait. We had to be content with third place in the Shooting, though we were leading after the range-shooting, and only failed in the field-firing. Two Old Collegians, K. M. Doig and A. N. Maclennan, secured places in the Ormond team. In the Tennis we first defeated Trinity by 14 games, and the following week beat Queen's by 12 games. E. M. Baird captained our team, which included another Old Collegian in A. T. Tait.

Our Annual Sports Dinner was held on the night of the Football match, and as usual was a great success. The usual toasts were honoured, the task of proposing the principal one, the College and the Master, being entrusted to Mr. H. G. Jones, whom some of you will remember, and remembering will not need to be told that he did it in a most masterly way.

During last vacation the University Football Team paid a most enjoyable visit to Adelaide, and crowned their enjoyment by beating Adelaide University by 14.10 to 8.11. Several Old Collegians accompanied the team, among them being K. M. Doig, who by playing in this match gained his Football Blue.

The Morrison Memorial Regatta was held towards the end of the 2nd term. W. B. Pearce stroked the winning crew, and he

has followed up that by being included in the Arts and Law crew (the winners of the John Grace Shield for 1910).

Turning to the more serious subject of work. The 4th year Medicals are now in the happy position of having another year's exams, behind them. Ormond men as usual were successful, among them being J. T. Tait and Ivan Connor. The Theologs., too, have completed their year, and have departed from our midst. E. M. Baird has finished his course this year, and we will have to reconcile ourselves to the loss of his valuable services, services of which Ormond has had the benefit now for 6 years. Others who are not so lucky as 4th year Meds. or Theologs. are astounded at the way time has flown while work has stood still, and their paths are darkened by the shadows of the encumbrances which at this time of year becomes particularly dark and threatening. For the benefit of those who remained in College during last vacation, a little excitement was provided in the shape of a fire, which broke out about 3 o'clock one morning. Upon the discovery valiant efforts were made upon it with fire extinguishers and water buckets, pending the arrival of the brigade, who quickly subdued the flames before much damage had been done.

A few of the Old Collegians in Ormond attended a meeting called by Dr. McArthur to hear a report on the progress made in the matter of the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall. We in Ormond received a very unpleasant surprise, when we heard how very few Old Collegians had embraced the privilege of becoming subscribers to the hall.

We were glad to hear of your win against Wesley, and the Grammar match seems to have been well up to the usual standard. Football, doubtless, is a thing of the past, and you are looking forward to the Combined Sports. We wish you all success in them, and in the Exams, later on,

A. T. TAIT.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE First Meeting in the term, held on August 13th, found two offices to be filled, owing to the fact that H. K. Paul had left Geelong for Melbourne. J. C. Kininmonth was elected to fill the position of Vice-President, and J. D. Blair that of Leader of the Opposition. After the business, Character Sketches of Great Men were contributed by various members, and were both interesting and instructive.

Impromptu Debates occupied the attention of the House on August 27th. The speeches showed more confidence than on previous occasions, and were fairly successful on the whole. Blair got an almost unanimous vote in opposing the motion " That the pioneer spirit is becoming extinct." N. L. Campbell won the honours from Baud by a majority of one vote in support of Napoleon *versus* Caesar.

The publication of Foster Fraser's book on Australia furnished ample material for discussion on September 10th. J. C. Kininmonth, in a forceful speech, moved " That Foster Fraser's criticism of Australia is an accurate one." He was opposed by J. D. Blair with his usual array of arguments. Stephen, Strachan and Campbell followed with some points for and against the question, and after further discussion the debate resulted in the motion being negatived by a fairly large majority.

The attendance at the Society's meetings has been large, and the interest very well sustained. The quality of the speeches has greatly improved since the beginning of the year. After the bashfulness of the maiden speech has been overcome, we soon find our feet, and on some subjects the evening is all too short to display all the wealth of reason and rhetoric which is hurled with varying force and aim at the devoted heads of honourable members. The

last formal meeting will be a lecture by Mr. C. Cameron on "Turbines," which is being looked forward to with interest. It has practically been decided to follow last year's precedent, and conclude the Session with a Mock Banquet. The speeches on such an occasion afford room for a brilliance which cannot be displayed in formal debates, and it seems only fitting that the Party Leaders should conclude their strenuous term of office intoxicated with success and lemonade. We welcome those old boys who have joined us, and extend the invitation to any others who wish to come and take part.

Natural History Notes.

AT this time of the year, all over the paddocks are to be noticed patches of loose soil turned up as if by some small burrowing animal. They are formed by a small, brown, horned beetle that is frequently found a little later in the year, flying about the rooms when the gas is lighted. The beetle apparently lays its eggs underground, and its method of preparing the chamber is rather interesting to watch. It first burrows a long tunnel right against a patch of fresh cow-manure, then, with its trowel-shaped forelegs, cuts off small pieces of the same, and then using its head as a shovel, rapidly pushes the pieces down the burrow, descending at intervals to pack them closely at the bottom. Whether the decaying matter generates the heat to hatch the eggs I cannot tell, but two of us opened up several tunnels and found they were all filled in the same way.

I do not think it is usual to credit cranes with the knowledge that safety may be found in imitating their surroundings, but a

short while ago I saw some that apparently had this knowledge. After firing several shots with a rifle into the top of a tall dead gum tree, I accidentally brought down a crane which was not noticeable beforehand. On looking more closely, I saw there were five others in the tree, but they were sitting motionless with their necks up-stretched, and looking for all the world exactly like dead sticks. The bullets must have passed right between them, and, being taken by surprise, they must have relied for safety on their similarity to the dead sticks, as ordinarily they fly at the first report of a firearm.

In answer to the question, "What is an insect ? " most people would say, " Any small creeping thing," or words to that effect. This is a mistake, however, for, strictly speaking, insects have certain essential qualities. First of all, they have three distinct bodily segments, viz. : head, thorax, and abdomen ; second, they breathe by means of tracheae, which open along the sides of the body in little tubes called spiracles ; third, they have three pairs of legs, and fourth, they have one pair of antennae. The creatures that are most commonly mistaken for insects are, perhaps, spiders, but they are in reality not in the least like them, as they have only two bodily segments (the head and thorax being in one) and eight legs, while they breathe by means of lungs, of which there are sometimes two, and sometimes four.

In the Holidays.

" WHAT did you do in the holidays?" This question is often asked, and there are many different opinions as to the best way of spending the vacation. I spent mine at a small station in the Western District, and the last holidays seemed to me to be rather

full of incident. On my first day I watched the men cutting wood and chaff, and grinding axes, knives, and other cutlery by steam, and noticed how quickly the circular saws go through the wood. In the afternoon we went out after rabbits with ferrets and nets. During my stay I saw several other ways of destroying rabbits. They are hunted by dogs, poisoned with wheat or pollard, and sometimes they are suffocated with sulphur fumes.

What we thought the greatest fun was blasting with gelignite. The detonators for the charges are very powerful. We tried one in a large jam tin, and it blew the tin to bits. Another time we put about sixteen charges by fours and fives under an old mud building. They only loosened it till it fell, yet one charge would mutilate a man beyond recognition.

At the lamb-marking some one told us that lambs' tails roasted in the ashes were good to eat, so we tried some in the fire-pot for the searing irons. While we were waiting for them to roast, however, someone called out, " The black horse is down ! " and we had to go and help to keep him quiet until he was cut loose. This task was finished in a few minutes, but by that time it was time to go home, so we packed the cart with the tools we had used, and two sick lambs, and started off, one of the party riding on ahead to open a gate. When we reached the gate, we saw that it was broken down ; our friend was standing beside it, and the horse was galloping away in the distance. The unfortunate horseman explained that while he was opening the gate from the saddle, the horse had started forward, broken the gate, and then begun to buck violently. Under these circumstances the rider thought it would be nicer on the ground, and acted accordingly. We reached home without further accident, and thus ended a most enjoyable day.

A Country Football Match.

WHILST on a visit to a country town I chanced to arrive on the weekly half-holiday, and taking a casual glance at the local "rag" I noticed that there was to be "a great struggle for supremacy" between two unbeaten teams. After dinner I made my way to the ground, and arrived punctually at the specified time of starting—3 o'clock. I had been there for 10 or 15 minutes when the spectators began to arrive in straggling groups, and 20 minutes later most of the players had put in an appearance. Patience is one of my strong points, and so I did not mind a further delay of 10 minutes.

The business part of the programme then commenced, and the teams lined up hand in hand, and numbered off under the supervision of their respective captains. The captain of the home team found that he was two men short, and ran round excitedly looking for substitutes. The services of two of the local supporters were requisitioned, and hastily discarding coats and hats they took the field in shirt sleeves, long trousers tucked inside their socks, and boots devoid of sprigs, amidst the ironical cheers of the supporters of the opposing side.

The umpire vigorously blew his whistle, the players scattered to their places, and the game began three quarters of an hour late.

As the game progressed the players gradually gravitated towards the ball, and very soon they were putting forth their best efforts in an endeavour to pull their opponents' heads off. These strenuous measures worked up the feelings of the supporters, who began to cheer on their champions lustily. The deep bass of the male barrackers, and the shrill shrieks of the fairer sex, of whom there was no small number present, mingled in harmonious discord with the ear-piercing yells of the youngsters, who swarmed over

the ground. As the game was very close, feeling ran high on both sides, and the umpire, who, though none too strict, was quite impartial, came in for much unmerited abuse. In the midst of several heated arguments among both players and barrackers, the final bell rang, and then each side lined up to give the other three hearty British cheers. The trials and troubles of the visiting team however were not over, for the small fry hovered round them, eering and passing uncomplimentary remarks.

On the whole I considered the afternoon well spent, and I went back to my hotel in a happy frame of mind, and with an appetite that would have been a credit to any son of the soil.

W.B.

Moving Pictures.

ONE dreary wet Saturday, hearing that there was something extra special on at the theatre, four of us decided to honour it with our patronage. The tram had just passed before we reached the gate, so we had to walk all the way in the rain. On arriving at the theatre, we had great difficulty in getting to our places, as there were no lights in the place, and we could not see a foot in front of us. Consequently we trod on everybody's toes, and though we managed to fall into good seats in the circle, we found, when we were settled, that we were all in different rows. At last, after a great deal of "bell" and a lot of flickering, the first film appeared. It gave a very life-like representation of a man shooting his son, and then cutting him up into small pieces. This warmed us up nicely for a start, and our nerves were kept at high tension by the next picture. In this a man was taken up about 2,000 feet in a balloon, and let fall on to an iron roofed house. The impetus of his fall cut a way through the roof, and he left by the front door without

a scratch. This picture ended up with a chase,—a most unusual incident in moving pictures. Such items assured us of the calibre of the entertainment, and, seeing the box unoccupied, we promptly occupied it. The next turn was juggling, which, as the management took great pains to explain, was "amateur." This explanation was, however, quite unnecessary, as three tries were nearly always sufficient for the successful performance of the trick. We cheered the artist heartily, as he looked rather out of countenance when he failed, so we thought we could help him by cheering, whether he succeeded or not. The next item was Jiu Jitsu wrestling. The performer played tricks with two muscular young men who had stepped from the box. He impressed on all that he had never hurt anyone, but on our way home we were informed that one of the young gentlemen, who had been cruelly mauled about, had remarked that he wasn't sure whether he hadn't had one of his eyes poked out. On close examination, however, it was found that both his eyes were intact. We then returned home, and one of our number, inspired by the success of the amateurs, has been trying tricks and Jiu Jitsu ever since.

C. BETHERAS.

Memoriae Catenae.

THEY tell that one, who in the heat
 Of passion flung his foe within
 A deep clear stream, with judgment meet
 Did expiate his sin.
 Above the ghastly, staring corse
 Was moored a solitary boat,
 Wherein the murderer perforce
 Was doomed for aye to float.

Though waves unnumbered rolled between,
 The body still was clear to view,
 Save that or broad or long 'twas seen
 As past the eddies drew.
 So we to our dead deeds are bound,
 And, though we'd give our all to keep
 Some haunting recollection drowned
 In Lethe's waters deep,
 Below the ever-shifting waves
 Of thought the hideous memory lies :
 Our acts may perish in their graves—
 Remembrance never dies.

H.

A Bush Fire.

DURING the hot summer months the two great anxieties of the squatter are lack of water, and fear of bush fires. The former he is powerless against, unless he lives in an artesian country. He is almost as powerless against the latter, but let us see what attempts he makes to defend himself against it.

It is about 11 o'clock at night, and the mercury is standing at about 108° F., when one of the hands approaches the "boss," and points out what looks like a small cloud on the horizon. It is no bigger than the proverbial one, the size of a hand, but the boss at once recognises the smoke of a bush-fire, and starts to make the necessary preparations to meet it. The first is to despatch a man to find out its exact position, for it is very difficult to judge the distance the smoke is away. Next, a good meal is ordered, as there may be solid work ahead. While the meal is partaken of, the men who were away from the homestead, and the surrounding selectors—or "cockies," arrive post haste at the homestead.

Dinner over, each man fills his water bag, and the water-cart is brought out. Then the party leaves the station at a fast gallop, and, as soon as they learn the whereabouts of the fire, make a bee-line for the scene of activity.

When the scene of the fire is reached, the men are divided into bands of six, and at once start on the fire, while the boss rides off to find the owner of the land, if he is not already there. The first five men in the gang beat away steadily towards the part already burnt, and the sixth man just stamps out burning ashes, etc. When the leader is tired, he drops to the rear, and does all the easy work. In this manner, a gang can work for eight or ten hours at a stretch. At a very big fire the gangs are divided into two shifts, so that the men work for four hours each, and then get four hours rest. If a very strong wind is blowing, it is almost impossible to combat the fire during the day, and the work must then be confined to the sides of the fires, and the harder work done in the cool of the night;

When a house is in the line of fire, a wide break is at once burnt round it, and, unless a very fierce wind springs up, this affords protection from the fire.

Bush-fires have been known to cross the Murray river, which *is* wide in places, and they sometimes burn for a fortnight or more.

There are many causes of bush-fires. One of the principal causes is the leaving of camp-fires half extinguished. Some swagman will boil his billy on a small fire in the centre of a bare piece of ground, and, as it looks safe, he doesn't trouble to make sure that it is quite out. Another cause is the ignition of phosphorus, which has been left on the land as rabbit-poison, and a third is the deliberate setting on fire of his crop by a man who has it over-insured. By so doing, he may gain a few pounds, while his neighbours lose thousands.

CHARLES L. YOUNG.

Random Notes.

THE Chemical Laboratory still continues to supply its martyrs in the cause of science. An overwhelming desire to investigate the inner workings of a chemical action recently nearly brought about the undoing of one promising Oswald. Having mixed no small quantities of sulphuric acid and potassium chlorate in a test tube and applied a "gentle" heat, he proceeded to place his eye in close proximity to the "sphere of action."

Whilst sympathising with him in his misfortune, and commending his keenness, we would suggest just a little moderation.

Of course there is another side to the question, and the lab. is still as popular as ever. This is due no doubt to the opportunities afforded for the production of panto, effects.

Whilst on this subject, we would ask why some of the members approach the cupboard containing the glucose, and return vigorously sucking the end of a pen.

If Foster Fraser had spent a longer time in Geelong, he might have had occasion to remark how easy it is to beguile the Australian youth. This statement is prompted by a practical joke played upon one of the Sixth Form. Arriving at school a little late, and finding the ordinary room occupied by another class, he enquired as to the whereabouts of his own. He was told that they had gone to the Public Library to look up certain references, and all unsuspecting off he went, doing the mile, he declares, in 2 min. 1 & 7 10ths secs.—on his bicycle. After spending a quarter of an hour looking up references, he returned to find his class eagerly awaiting his return.

Shortly after the holidays, the boarders went *en masse* to hear a lecture by Mr. Clement Wragge. The lecture had the fantastic title of "The Flight of a Soul," and in it was described the journey of a *soul* through the *solar* system.

According to his theory, the inhabitants of the other worlds thrive on electrical emanations, &c. As a consequence, a rush set in on the electrical machines, and search parties set out prospecting for pitchblende. These have, however, failed to take the place of the more substantial bun, now forbidden for ever.

At last we have "broken our duck" in the athletic world by actually winning 1 football match. This has revived our fallen spirits, and we are determined 'to make the most of our remaining

opportunities. If now a little more of the keenness mentioned in our last issue is forthcoming, we might possibly raise our score to 2.

The advent of the possible camp is, as usual, received with mixed feelings. The younger and less experienced soldiers are thinking of it with some fear and trepidation, while the veteran campaigners are busily calculating the possibilities of being on patrol or fatigue duty.

The introduction of the new colours was an event of no small importance. Straw hats suddenly came into prominence, even on rainy days, when they were made to serve the purpose of umbrellas. Some again, not wishing to lose their hats, but nevertheless determined to wear their colours, wore them as belts, sashes, or even through their buttonholes. The ribbon has also been put to a variety of purposes, and has been much admired by all who have seen it.

The Philosophy of Moongabill.

TO-DAY is thine, friend ! wherefore speculate
 On that which may to-morrow be thy fate?
 Yesterday is a field that thou hast crossed
 And closed behind thee evermore the gate.

Fret not for yesterday, for it is flown ;
 And neither tears nor penance may condone
 Thy bygone sins : a formidable list,
 Which year by year has ever longer grown.

Let not to-morrow on thy spirits weigh.
 Be satisfied that thou art here to-day,
 To-day is thine ! to-morrow thou mayst be
 Resolved into a lump of senseless clay.

Seest thou on whom the gods delight to shower
 Their choicest favours—riches, station, power ?
 Envy him not, for all that thou canst tell
 He may be food for worms ere sunset hour.

Although just now he holds his head so high,
 Death waits for him. nor will it pass him by ;
 He is no whit superior to thee,
 For thou and he alike in earth must lie.

Let not sour envy in thy mind be bred,
 For of a truth 'tis as the sage hath said—
¹ The meanest cur that still retains its life
 Is better than the lion that lies dead."

THE PEGASUS.

Be satisfied whatever fate may bring.
 Be not annoyed by every trivial thing.
 Lo ! he goes down to-morrow to the grave
 Who was but yesterday a reigning king.

Take that thou hast, and therewith be content ;
 'Tis sound advice, for man was never meant
 To waste his life in crying for the moon :
 Review thy past, and if thou wilt, repent.

Wealth, power and earthly greatness, what are they ?
 Vain shadows all, that swiftly pass away,
 And like the fruit new-fallen from the tree,
 Mingle with earth, and moulder to decay.
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Why do I never work ! What dost thou mean ?
 It never was my wont to work between
 The hours for meals ; work is for fools alone :
 Thou must remember I am black, not " green."

I could no more toil as the white men do,
 Than could the Moongyre or the Wallaroo ;
 'Tis the white fool who at hard labour sweats,
 But the wise black man knows a thing or two

I have my gins, my gunyah warm and snug,
 My " bacca," and my cosy 'possum rug,
 With these I am content, while there remains
 Good store of liquor in my old tin mug.

Which of you boasts a finer house than I ?
 Its floor the earth, its roof the boundless sky ;—
 Why should I like a patient bullock toil,
 While stream and forest all my needs supply ?

ALLAN F. WILSON.

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