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

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- Vice-Presidents* .—Mr. J. G. Worth, N. C. Stephen.
- Committee*:—N. L. Campbell, L. N. Strachan, J. R. Cochrane, G. A. Mitchell.
- Hon. Sec. and Treas.*:—F. M. Collocott.

School Items.

THE Third Term begins on Tuesday, July 25th.

The second term has passed away uneventfully. During the first month the chief subject of interest was the Boat Race, and the progress of our crew in its training was eagerly watched, not only by the boys but also by the College supporters in the town. The usual Second Term Regatta did not take place this year, but several crews were picked, and thus those boys who were not in either the First or Second Eights managed to get in a little useful training. After the race attention was turned to football practice, and several trial games were played before the Public School matches began. The ordinary school work has gone on as usual. The system of daily marks is by this time firmly established, and boys now find it more profitable to work steadily throughout the quarter, than to concentrate all their energies on a final spurt at the end.

Football accidents are as a rule extremely rare in school matches. Apparently severe bumps are often received, and involuntary somersaults turned, but the sufferers are usually nothing the worse for their experience. In one of our practice matches this season, however, J. Sprigg had the misfortune to break his leg, owing to a simple collision with one of his own side. Fortunately, the fracture presented no complications, and he was able to resume his school work after a fortnight in bed.

A photograph of the late Mr. Norman Morrison has been enlarged and framed by the College Staff, and it now hangs in the dining hall, side by side with the portrait of Dr. George Morrison.

During the winter some of the boarders have been apt to find time hang rather heavily on their hands on Saturday nights. The seniors, of course, find ample occupation in the Boxing class, the

Debating Society, or the Gymnasium, but some of the juniors were occasionally inclined to shiver in corners, and long for bed-time. This year, however, a piano has been placed in the dining hall, and the boys have been admitted there, and given the opportunity to exercise their vocal talents and to indulge in games of various descriptions. This innovation has been much appreciated by the Junior School.

The Midwinter Concert, which had to be abandoned last year on account of an outbreak of mumps, will take place as usual on the last night of the term. At the time of going to press, the nature of the programme is to some extent "wrop in mystery," but, judging from the mournful sounds that are at times to be heard proceeding from the music room, it is believed that comic songs will form at least one feature of the evening's entertainment.

With regard to the Jubilee Celebrations to be held late in the year, arrangements are at length beginning to take definite shape. A meeting of the Committee of the Old Collegians' Association was held on Friday, June 16th, when several suggestions were brought forward. These suggestions will be placed before a meeting to be held on June 27th, when a final decision will be arrived at. It is considered probable that the celebration will take place some week-end in October, and that the chief feature will be the Annual Athletic Sports, which would thus take place much earlier in the year than usual. There may also be a Church Parade on the Sunday, and it is hoped that the arrangements with regard to the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall may be so far advanced, that the laying of the foundation-stone may form an important item in a social function to be held in the College grounds. Thus if these suggestions should be adopted, the celebrations would extend over three days—Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Valete.

V.B. Worrall, W. J.
 V.C. Holden, R. H.
 IV.M. Bayles, N. H.

Salvete.

IV.U. McGarvie, H. A.
 Oliver, D. H.
 IV.L. Fowler, D.

Football.

THE Football season was somewhat late in starting in real earnest. This was largely due to the special interest shown in the Head of the River races. Even ardent footballers felt it their duty to go down to the river to cheer on the College crew, this being a luxury which can be indulged in only once in five years. However, when the excitement incidental to the boat race had died down, football claimed full attention, and regular practice has since been engaged in by all the divisions. In deference to the wishes of some anxious mothers, the "Jo-Jos" have had their practice games shortened, so that they may have time to argue out all the events in their strenuous contests, and still be able to get home in time for tea.

On May 20th a mixed team of First and Second Eightheens from the Melbourne Grammar School came to Geelong to play a friendly game with the College team similarly constituted. A large proportion of players on both sides was evidently out of practice (some of the members of the boat crew making their first appearance in this match), but the whole thirty-six seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, in spite of some bothering rain showers. The score was a mere detail, but as a matter of fact it was :—College, 14 goals 15 behinds ; Melbourne Grammar School, 8 goals 4 behinds.

A large contingent of Old Boys came to cheer on the College team in the match against Xavier College. Their presence was much appreciated.

The First Eighteen played their annual match against the Ballarat School of Mines at Ballarat on May 29th. It was expected that this game would throw some light on the skill of the novices, and lighten the burden of the match committee in picking the team for the first Public School match. This expectation was baffled by the weather, as, on the muddy oval, good and bad players were pretty much on a level, and no special brilliancy was displayed, at any rate by the College. The result of the match was:—Ballarat School of Mines, 3 goals 8 behinds, College, 2 goals 8 behinds. The School of Mines' Students entertained our team at tea, and altogether took great pains to make the visit enjoyable.

A match was arranged between the College Juniors and Scotch College Juniors, several of whom had come to Geelong for the boat race. It was played on the College Oval on May 13th. In the first half the Scotch boys were much superior, but after the interval the College held its own. The final scores were :—Scotch College, 11 goals 15 behinds; College, 5 goals 1 behind. For the College, Watson scored some good goals, and in general play Sprigg, L. Richardson, Urbahns, Mackay, and McKindlay were most conspicuous.

COLLEGE V. XAVIER COLLEGE.

The First Eighteen played their first Public School match for the season in Melbourne on June 7th, their opponents being Xavier College. When the East Melbourne ground was reached, it was at once seen that conditions were unfavourable to a fast or scientific game, as the ground, except on the extreme wings, was thick with mud. Fortunately, although rain threatened, it did not actually fall to add to previous discomforts.

Reid won the toss, and took advantage of a slight breeze. At the outset the College team had several free kicks given against them before any Xavier player was penalised. Both sides soon

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discovered that it was difficult to hold the ball, and that to try to run was fatal. The first behind was scored by the College, and Webber, marking the kick-off, got the first goal. Another looked a certainty, as Mitchell marked right in goal, but only a behind came. It was not long, however, before Betheras scored the second goal. Xavier College then kept up a strong attack against the wind, but five of their shots went behind before Quinlan managed to get one through the posts. The College rallied, and Mitchell got a good goal, and shortly after Tremble obtained another from a clever overhead kick. Hardiman, with an equally clever kick,—a wonderful 'screw'—scored a goal for Xavier, and another came close on its heels, the score at quarter-time being :—College, 4 goals 2 behinds ; Xavier, 3 goals 6 behinds.

Only one goal was scored in the second quarter ; this was obtained by some smart work by Cooney for Xavier College. The College players were constantly having free kicks awarded to them, but even with this assistance could make little headway, and scored one solitary point during the quarter. They were too slow in getting to the ball. The game was very crowded, and of a scrambling character. At one stage not a man on either side was in his place, east of the goalposts. Xavier had the advantage in general play, but added only four more points, the score at half-time being :—Xavier, 4 goals 10 behinds, College, 4 goals 3 behinds.

In the third quarter the College started with a rush. Calvert took a good mark, and kicked a goal. Poor judgment in front of goal by Dowling gave Xavier a chance, which they availed themselves of. Two goals for the College were scored in quick time by Calvert and Betheras. Doughton, through over anxiety, scored a behind, which might have been a goal. The College were playing now with much improved system, and were showing the best play of the match. Webber marked well, but his place kick fell short.

After some give and take play, Webber secured a goal from a running shot. There was an exciting struggle in goal, but Cochrane relieved; the ball was transferred to the other end, and Reid kicked the ninth goal with a fine punt. The quarter had been all in favour of the College, and the scores were:—College, 9 goals 6 behinds; Xavier, 5 goals 14 behinds.

To try and maintain their lead, the College strengthened the back lines, but Xavier scored a goal, and an exciting finish seemed probable. The tension was relieved by Betheras receiving a free kick in front of goal and scoring our tenth goal. He had the misfortune later on to hit the post, but that was the last of our scoring. The play was up and down the ground, but Xavier lost any chance they had by crooked kicking, and the final scores were:—College, 10 goals 7 behinds (67 points); Xavier, 6 goals 21 behinds (57 points).

Xavier were weak forward, and should have scored more goals. Hardiman and Hayes played well for them, and Quinlan, Cooney, O'Brien, and Harrison also did good service. For the College, Webber played splendidly in ruck, and took some brilliant high marks. N. Birnie was very prominent on the forward wing, and of the others, Reid, Moreton, Opie, Purnell, Calvert, and (in the last half) Betheras were most noticeable.

COLLEGE V. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

The match against Scotch College was played on the Geelong Oval on June 16. Scotch won the toss, and kicked with a slight breeze towards the Southern goal. In the initial stages the College were helped by some free kicks, and came dangerously near to the Scotch goalposts, but the visitors soon rushed it to the other end, and kept up a spirited attack. Three behinds were scored before Trend was given a free kick, and scored the first goal for Scotch. A second soon followed through the agency of Stephens. Reid scored first

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point for the College, but Scotch again took possession, and Trend secured their third goal. Reid appealed earnestly for a vigorous push behind, and from a free kick got our first goal. Webber was taking some brilliant high marks, but did not meet with effective support. Kennedy for Scotch, marked well in front of goal, and scored fourth goal, while a long place-kick by Cross went behind. The Scotch boys were out-manoeuving the College, being quicker at getting to the ball, and smarter at passing to their own men. They had established a strong lead by quarter-time, scoring 4 goals 5 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind.

The College, on changing ends, had the better of the game for a considerable time, but made no use of their opportunities. They then became disorganized, and Scotch added half a dozen behinds, and a goal (kicked by Cross). Some very fine marks by McKenzie, Mitchell, Moreton, and Webber were bright spots in the otherwise dull outlook of the College, but on the whole little system was shown, and the scores at half-time were:—Scotch, 5 goals 11 behinds; College, 1 goal 2 behinds.

There was distinct improvement in the play of the College after the interval. As the result of three free kicks, they rushed the ball to the Scotch end, but only managed to hit the post. A splendid run by a Scotch player landed the ball well forward, and Brownhill got a clever goal; soon after an easy shot by the same player went behind. College rallied, and Tremble and J. Birnie had shots for goal, but only got a point. The seventh goal for Scotch was a somewhat lucky one, Schlapp, in a rush, getting his foot to the ball just on the line. Betheras had a possible chance of scoring with a running shot, but his angle was wrong. A sudden dash by Scotch was well relieved by Maclean, and some praiseworthy play on the wing gave Reid a chance of which he availed himself. The College had the advantage on general play in this quarter, but lost a little ground in the scores by weakness among

the forwards. The scores at three-quarter time were :—Scotch, 7 goals 14 behinds; College, 2 goals 6 behinds.

As the result of a series of smart passes Betheras scored a goal for the College a few seconds after the ball was bounced, but Trend for Scotch retaliated with another, and still another was kicked by Stephens. After some even play, up and down the ground, Reid marked from a chance kick of Cochrane's, and got our fourth goal. Stephens did a very fine run for Scotch, but lost his kick. After a game struggle on both sides J. Birnie passed to Reid, and he obtained a goal from a lovely running shot at a difficult angle. Both teams were getting tired, but Campbell scored again for Scotch, and Bee got their last goal as the bell rang. The final scores were:—Scotch College, 11 goals 21 behinds; College 5 goals 7 behinds.

The game was well umpired by Boyle, and the oval was in good order. Scotch owed their victory chiefly to extra speed, and smartness in picking out their own men. Trend, for Scotch College, played a dashing game, and was very noticeable all through; Stephens and Kennedy also did excellently, but rather over did running with the ball. Other good men were Cross, Neale, and Laing. For the College, Webber played probably as well as any on the ground: his high-marking and general ruck play were excellent; Reid, besides scoring four goals, kept his team well up to their work; McKenzie was a conspicuous success, and the best of the others were Maclean, Moreton, Collocott, Betheras, Mitchell, N. Birnie and Opie.

SECOND EIGHTEEN.

COLLEGE V. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

The Second Eighteen went to Melbourne to play Scotch on June 10th. They did not win, but they had the satisfaction of playing under such conditions as no College team has, in all

probability, experienced before. Steady rain fell throughout a great part of the match, and the ground was in several places inches deep with water, the result of the previous week's rain. Scotch College had the heavier and better team, and won comfortably by 7 goals 16 behinds to 1 goal 3 behinds.

As far as could be seen through the rain and mud, Hodges, J. Birnie, Kennedy, Morris and P. Campbell played the best game for the College, but Blair and R. Richardson must have beaten even their own record in the number of times they fell to mother earth.

Rowing.

A FEW weeks ago the thoughts of all interested supporters of the Public Schools were centred in the boat race. This annual contest is undoubtedly the most popular event in the Public Schools' Athletic Calendar, and as each succeeding year brings it before us, and as we look back on the performances of the past, we recognise that the now historic event has become an inseparable part of the history and tradition of these institutions.

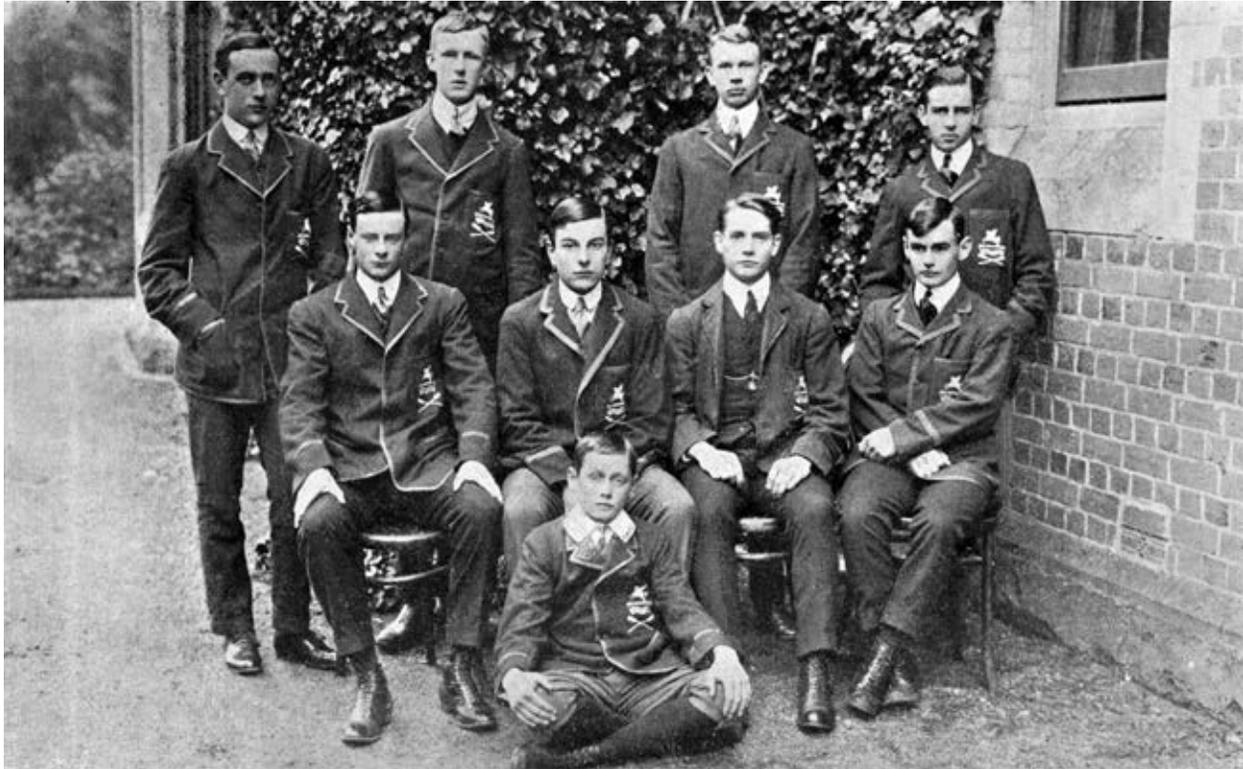
Following the usual system, the College crew began training as soon as school re-opened after the summer holidays. The responsibility of coaching was as usual in the capable hands of Mr. W. Pincott, who was assisted by Mr. W. R. Bayly. Within a month of the race two changes were made, N. L. Campbell taking P. MacCallum's place at *five*, and G. N. I. Morrison rowing instead of G. C. D. Reid, who had to retire owing to a severe attack of influenza. The crew therefore, at its final selection contained seven novices. They formed a neat, even combination, that was always improving, and on the day of the race put up

their best performance. It may have been said that they rowed too short. (The Belgian crews at Henley adopt the short stroke, and hold their own against the pick of English oarsmen). Thousands watch the event, and think it an easy matter to sit in a boat and row, and many offer comments—wise and otherwise, but it is only the initiated few who realise the difficulties to be met with in evolving a racing crew.

On both days (May 12 and 13) the weather conditions were perfect, the water being only slightly rippled by a light westerly breeze. The scene on the banks of the Barwon was wonderful. In point of numbers the assembled crowd was equal to anything recorded in the days when Barwon and Corio ranked in the forefront of the Clubs in Victoria. As a representative assemblage it was complete, and in enthusiasm it was unique. The variety of colour, the hundreds of vehicles of all descriptions, including those of the Old Stage Coach variety that were requisitioned as a last emergency, presented as animated a scene as has seldom been witnessed on the banks of the Barwon. On Friday, May 12th, the first heat was between Wesley College and Xavier College. At the stump, Wesley had obtained a good lead, which was increased to 1.25 lengths at the mills. The race was never in doubt, and Wesley, rowing well within themselves, passed the judge two lengths in front.

The second heat between Geelong Grammar School and Melbourne Scotch College proved to be the race of the day. Scotch College had a slight advantage at the first stroke, but Geelong immediately shot ahead. At Pakington St. they led by three quarters of a length. Gradually this was increased to a length when at the mills Scotch spurted and began to close up. At the bridge they had reduced the Grammar's lead to half a length, but the effort had come too late, and Geelong passed the winning post a quarter of a length ahead.

THE COLLEGE CREW.



2G. N. I. Morrison (3), N. L. Campbell (5), J. R. Cochrane (6), G. A. N. Mitchell (2),
L. N. Strachan (4), F. Cl. Herman (Stroke), P. M. Collocott (7), N. E. S. Birnie (Bow),
G. G. Carr (Cox).

In the third heat Geelong College met Melbourne Grammar School. Both crews started well, but the superior weight of the Melburnians soon began to tell, and at Pakington Street they led by about a length. The College crew, rowing in splendid form and with great pluck, hung on to their opponents, but were unable to decrease the lead, and were eventually beaten by 1.5 lengths. The difference in the weight and physique of the crews was remarkable, the Melbourne boys averaging 11st, 9.5lbs., and the Geelong College 10st 6lb. per boy.

On Saturday, May 13, the weather was dull, but perfect for rowing, and the three crews in the final heat were sent away by Major Speed to a splendid start. It was, therefore, unfortunate that a foul, early in the race, robbed both the Grammar Schools of their chance of winning, and at the same time removed a great deal of the excitement. Before the boats were clear again Wesley had gained fully two lengths, and Geelong never again recovered their swing. They spurted well at the bridge, but Wesley, rowing with their characteristic form, passed the winning post a length and a half ahead, while Melbourne Grammar were half a length behind Geelong.

The names and weights of the six crews were :—

Geelong College.		Melbourne Scotch College.	
	St. lb.		St. lb.
N. E. Birnie (bow)	.. 96	E. I. Littlejohn (bow)	.. 10 6
G. M. Mitchell (2)	.. 10 3	C. Candy (2)	.. 11 8
G. N. I. Morrison (3)	.. 10 3	G. O. Robertson (3)	.. 11 7
L. N. Strachan (4)	.. 10 4	N. M'Neil (4)	.. 11 5
N. L. Campbell (5)	.. 11 9	G. L. Hudson (5)	.. 12 2
J. R. Cochrane (6)	.. 11 0	H. C. Disher (6)	.. 11 2
F. M. Collocott (7)	.. 10 10	J. R. Morrison (7)	.. 12 5
F. G. Herman (stroke)	.. 10 2	H. W. Harper (stroke)	.. 11 2
G. G. Carr (cox)	.. 62	F. P. Smith (cox)	.. 70

Xavier College.

	st.	lb.
F. F. Drake (bow)	..	10 10
R. F. Byrne (2)		9 12
H. C. Schrader (3)	..	10 12
P. X. Cooney (4)	..	10 10
W. J. Flanagan (5)	..	10 13
R. D. Hayes (6)	..	10 2
J. A. Clareborough (7)	..	10 13
C. J. Quinlan (stroke)	..	12 0
G. N. Cussen (cox)	..	72

Melbourne Grammar School.

	st.	lb.
K. D. Watson (bow)	..	11 1
L. Grieve (2)	..	12 0
C. M. Johnston (3)	..	11 7
L. De Grut (4)	..	12 3
R. R. Hill (5)	..	11 1
L. R. Marks (6)	..	12 12
E. A. Winter (7)	..	11 3
C. R. Sheldon (stroke)	..	11 7
R. Norton (cox)	..	64

Geelong Grammar School.

	st.	lb.
W. L. Cooke (bow)	..	10 12
C O. Fairbairn (2)		10 13
C. F. Drought (3)	..	11 10
A. Davenport (4)	..	11 8
A. G. Bartlam (5)	..	12 3
C. N. Armytage (6)	...	11 10
W. R. Allen (7)	..	11 13
A. Spowers (stroke)	..	10 10
M. N. Sandford Jackson (cox)		6 0

Wesley College,

	st.	lb.
W. I. Hayes (bow)	..	10 2
C. S. Wood (2)	..	10 0
K. F. Abernethy (3)	..	10 7
W. H. Kaighin (4)	..	11 5
G. C. Rowe (5)		11 9
L. G. Holmes (6)	..	11 1
R. M'C. Abernethy (7)	..	11 0
H. S. Dickinson (stroke)	..	11 10
N.S. Edmondstone (cox) ..		6 0

Cadet Corps.

THE change of the Cadet parade from Monday morning to Thursday afternoon was primarily arranged to suit certain alterations in the School time table. It was not anticipated that the weather would fall into line so readily with the arrangement, but in spite of the quite unusually moist conditions of the past quarter not a single parade has been interrupted.

During the term the corps has been instructed into two separate units, while two squads of recruits have also paraded. Unfortunately, with no rifles to drill with, the instruction has been somewhat limited, but a good solid foundation has been laid in the elementary principles. When the new uniforms arrive, and it is expected that, together with the rifles, they will be issued shortly after School

re-assembles after mid winter, we have no doubt that the corps will once more assume its customary military smartness and appearance.

Under the new regulations the Public and Private Schools will of course have to complete the system of training as laid down, but the drills will be carried out at such times as may suit school requirements. This is a wise provision on the part of the Defence Authorities, and is one which will certainly meet with the approval of all concerned.

With regard to future considerations it may be taken for granted that no battalion parades will be held this year, as some months must elapse before the rank and file of the new force are sufficiently in touch with their work to extend it to anything outside company formations.

Camps may be considered as reminiscences only. Their future is as obscure as the shades of Erebus. Probably all boys who are at present Cadets will not have any camp training until they are transferred to the citizen forces.

Some doubt had been expressed as to whether the College bugle band would survive under the new regulations, but it is satisfactory to learn that this useful and attractive section of the corps will continue as usual, although all members in it will have to qualify for efficiency in drill and musketry.

Recent cable news reports that the Australian Cadets have arrived in London. No special reference is made to Bugler Rand, but we have no doubt that he is making the most of his opportunities, and that he will return primed with experience and interesting information. He may, perhaps, be persuaded to convey his impressions in an article in *The Pegasus*.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.
 FIXTURES, 1911.

(First-named School has choice of Ground).

CRICKET.

November 10, 11	{ G.G.S. v. M.G.S. S.C. v. G.C. W.C. v. X.C.	November 17, 18	{ W.C. v. G.G.S. GC v. X.C. M.G.S. v. S.C.
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FOOTBALL

2nd week in August	{ S.C. v. G.G.S. W.C. D. G.C. M.G.S. v. X.C.	3rd week in August	{ G.G.S. v. G.C. X.C. v. S.C. M.G.S.J. v. WC
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COMBINED PUBLIC SPORTS.

Friday, 21st October.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Saturday, 25th November.

Old Geelong Collegians' Association.

OFFICE BEARERS, 1911.

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Old Boys' Day.

As the Public Schools' Boat Race took place this year on the Barwon, it was decided to alter the usual arrangements for the celebration of Old Boys' Day. Thus the date was fixed a week earlier than usual, so as to coincide with the day of the race, and instead of the football match against the Present Boys, all Old Boys were invited to be present at the Boat Race, a number of drags being engaged for the exclusive use of the Old Collegians. A large muster attended, and were rewarded by seeing our boys put up a plucky fight against a heavier and more experienced crew. After the race an adjournment was made to the College Dining Hall, where afternoon tea was provided by the Headmaster. Then came the Annual Meeting of the Association, and the day was brought to a conclusion by the usual dinner in the Masonic Hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(Adapted from the "Geelong Advertiser.")

The Annual Meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association was held at the Town Hall. Dr. A. N. McArthur, the retiring president, occupied the chair.

From the annual report, which was signed on behalf of the committee by the Acting Hon. Secretary (Mr. Neil Campbell), the following extracts are taken :—

" Your committee desire to offer congratulations to the members of the Association for their loyalty to their old school at a time when loyalty was imperative if the school was to go on as you would wish, and we also congratulate them on another successful year. The receipts have been satisfactory, and your Hon. Treasurer's balance sheet shows a credit of £27 15s. 4d. Many members have already paid their subscriptions for the new year in

advance, and four have become life members. These latter amounts have been placed to the credit of an account at the Geelong Savings Bank in the names of Mr. E. R. Sparrow and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Neil Campbell, and now total £112 17s. id. So far this account has not been drawn upon for current expenses of the Association, though each life member reduces your annual income for current association purposes. On the other hand, it strengthens your financial position as an association. Mr. Bayly, your Head Master, expresses himself as quite satisfied with the working of the school during the past year, and has every confidence in its future—in this feeling those of your members, who have been most closely associated with the College, heartily agree. The day boys' entrance scholarship, valued at £11 12s., which has been presented to the school by the Association, met with keen competition. The examination was conducted by the Principal on your behalf, and the scholarship awarded to J. R. Hobbs. The University Entrance Scholarship has been awarded to J. R. Porter. The Dr. Gus. Kearney Memorial Prize, founded on similar lines to the Rhodes Scholarship, was awarded to J. R. Porter. The Special Dux Prize of the Association—consisting of finely bound volumes, embossed with the College crest, was presented by Dr. A. Norman McArthur on behalf of the Association to the Dux of the College for the year, and was won by J. R. Porter. The Association Plate, established by your members, was presented on behalf of the Association by Mr. A. Greenwood, and was competed for on the last sports programme, and won by D. S. Walker. Extensive additions have been made to the dining-hall and main building by the council. These are much appreciated by Mr. Bayly and those responsible for the working of the School. Further additions and improvements are considered necessary, and are receiving the earnest consideration of the School Council. Congratulations are offered for the very prominent position taken

by the College in the Junior and Senior Public Examinations during the past year. It is most gratifying to your Committee that our valued old schoolmate and friend, Dr. R. H. Morrison, has consented to be one of your nominees on the Council of the School. Your Committee are pleased to report that they have definitely decided to start with the erection of the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall. A site has been chosen, and designs have been prepared by architects. Those who have not already subscribed to this memorial have now their last chance of doing so."

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year, including a balance of £18 3s. id. brought forward, totalled £182 8s. yd., and the expenditure £154 13s. 3d.

Without discussion the Report and Balance-sheet were adopted

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that 26th April was the last date for receiving designs from the three architects invited to compete for the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall. One firm withdrew, a second failed to send in a design, but Messrs. Tombs and Durran had complied with the request. As soon as the plans had been considered, a sight for the Hall would be definitely fixed. It was likely that before very long tenders would be "called. They had secured £2500 in subscriptions and promises—most of the promises had been fulfilled. It was thought by many that it would be inadvisable to have a ceremony of laying the foundation stone until after July—the month in which the jubilee of the College would be reached. So long as it took place this year some time it would be satisfactory.

Mr. W. R. Bayly, the Headmaster, also said that it would be inadvisable and difficult to have this function in July, and the meeting then decided to refer the matter to the incoming committee.

Election of Officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Stewart Mac Arthur ; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Percy C. Dowling

and W. MacMullen ; Committee, Messrs. J. Baker, A. S. Bell, Dr. J. M. Baxter, J. L. Currie, F. A. Campbell, Dr. C. E. Dennis, J. Gatehouse, Dr. H. Elvins, G. R. Hope, R. B. Keays, S. Leon, Dr. A. N. MacArthur, W. H. Reid, S. R. Roebuck, D. E. Stodart, E. R. Sparrow, J. F. S. Shannon, W. A. Waugh, C. H. Wheatland, R. J. Young, Principal of College (ex-officio) ; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Neil Campbell; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. B. Calvert; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. H. F. Richardson and T. G. Cole.

A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Committee, special mention being made of the efforts of the President (Dr. Norman MacArthur) was carried, on the motion of Mr. J. D'Helin.

THE DINNER.

A large number of Old Boys attended the Annual Dinner of the Association, which was held in the Masonic Hall. Around the walls were hung numerous pennants won by College Students in former years. Dr. A. N. MacArthur occupied the chair till the arrival of the new President, Mr. Stewart MacArthur. An excellent repast was provided.

The toast of " The King " having been loyally honored, Dr. MacArthur proposed " Kindred Associations." He said the good feeling between the various schools was growing stronger every year. It was gratifying, too, to know that representatives of the Geelong College were always received so well. He took the opportunity to congratulate the Geelong Grammar School on the success achieved on the river that day ; if good wishes were of any avail, then the Geelong Grammar School would hold the title of " Head of the River." It was only a fair thing that Geelong should have the benefit of these school rowing contests once in three years, instead of every five years, and he hoped the other Public Schools would help them in bringing about that arrangement. They could not get a finer course or see better rowing than on the Barwon River.

Mr. Gray responded on behalf of the Scotch College (Melbourne), and Prince Alfred College (Adelaide); Mr. E. Currie, on behalf of Old Melburnians; Dr. Gault, on behalf of Old Wesley Collegians; and Mr. J. P. M'Cabe Doyle, on behalf of the Old Xavierians. Each of the speakers referred to the splendid feeling prevailing between the various schools, and congratulated the Geelong College on its great prosperity. In the course of his speech Mr. Doyle remarked on the great work achieved by the Public Schools of Victoria; they should present a bold front against any proposal on the part of the State to usurp their functions. Mr. F. R. Pincott (representing Geelong Grammar School) arrived late in the evening.

Mr. Stewart MacArthur proposed "The Geelong College." He thanked the members heartily for the honor conferred in electing him President, and said he would do all in his power to further their interests. The Geelong College at present was particularly successful. It had been through trying times, but they had in Mr. Bayly a Head Master who would face difficulties as they should be faced. He had shown great tact and discernment, and he had kept at all times in close touch with the Old Collegians' Association—an institution which felt a very live interest in the present progress of the School. Whether it was successful so far as examinations, athletes and numbers were concerned or not, he was certain that the College would always maintain a high standard. He asked them to drink enthusiastically to its future prosperity.

Rev. Jas. A. Forrest, a member of the College Council, responded to the toast. He felt, he said, that the Geelong College was very near and dear to him. As members of the council they were neither figureheads nor deadheads; they manifest a real interest in their College. He would like the members of the Old Collegians' Association to realise that they were not simply backing up a single institution; they were doing their part in the interests of the whole Commonwealth. On behalf of the Council he thanked

them for what they had done. They were not afraid about the Geelong College being a success ; neither were they afraid of State interference, for they knew that there would always be a place for the Public Schools of Victoria.

Mr. W. R. Bayly, the head master, followed with a stirring speech, during which he thanked the old boys for all they had done. He congratulated Mr. Stewart MacArthur on the distinction conferred upon him. This organised sentiment that was derived from old boys'associations had the reactive effect of giving to former pupils a new lease of life, another youth, which could not but have good results. The public schoolboy had a part to play now which he never before had. He hoped they were all true to their responsibility in developing the school and maintaining it on the high standards which had marked it in the past. On the athletic field they had met with reverses, but there was the gratifying fact noticeable at all times that they went on to the field with heads up, and came off with heads up. He again thanked the council and the old boys for their great assistance in keeping the school to the fore.

Mr. W. T. Price (senior member of the staff) supplemented the remarks of the head master, and referred to the good services of the prefects at the College.

" Our Association " was proposed by Mr. J. L. Currie, who said he had been a member of the association from its inception, and had not missed any of their reunions. He spoke of the traditions of the Geelong College, and urged on those present to continue to display a keen interest in the welfare of the institution. It was a school of which they might all be proud.

Mr. Stewart MacArthur made a suitable response,

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The health of " Present Boys " was honored at the instance of Mr. S. Leon, who spoke of the earnestness and the manliness of the boys now at the College. The head prefect (Frank Collocott) responded to the toast with an excellent speech.

The toast of " The Press " was honored at the instance of Dr. J. M. Baxter.

In proposing the health of the acting hon. secretary (Mr. Neil Campbell) coupled with the name of Mr. J. O. D'Helin, the chairman referred in eulogistic terms to the efforts of these gentlemen, who made suitable responses.

Mr. E. R. Sparrow, in a happy speech, proposed the health of the chairman. In responding, the latter made special reference to the speech made by the head prefect (Frank Collocott). It was an admirable effort; he hoped he would live to see the day when the present head prefect would be president of the Old Boys' Association.

The gathering broke up with " Auld Lang Syne."

During the evening Mr. Greenwood referred to an interesting event in the family life of the retiring president (Dr. A. N. MacArthur) and on behalf of his associates, he presented him with a silver cradle.

At intervals popular selections were rendered by Graves' orchestral party. Mr. Percy Jones was enthusiastically encored for his rendering of " Mary " on the cornet ; his second number was equally good—" Mary of Argyle." Mr. Bert. Johnston sang with his customary ability; a humorous song was given by Mr. Les. Lake; and Mr. J. P. McCabe Doyle recited. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss Graves.



THE COLLEGE CREW ON THE BARWON.

Old Boys' Column.

ABOUT the time that this issue appears in print, Old Collegians will be receiving a circular giving them definite information as to the date and the nature of the Jubilee Celebrations. At the time of writing no definite decision has been arrived at, but the question is under discussion, and several proposals have been put forward, which are mentioned in detail in another column. It is confidently expected that all Old Boys who can possibly do so will make it their business to be present, and will use every effort to make the function a success.

In connection with the Jubilee, Dr. A. N. McArthur has taken in hand the production and publication of a record of the history of the College since its inception. The volume will include biographies of the three Head Masters, and will provide a great deal of very interesting information. It is hoped that it will be on sale about the time of the Jubilee, and there is no doubt that it will be eagerly sought after by all Old Collegians.

We regret to record the death of John Fynney, one of the most respected members of the Association. He left the College in 1876, and from that time he always kept in touch with the School and the Association. He had for some time occupied a position in the Lands Office in Gippsland. He died at Sale on June 13th.

The Ormond Letter.

TIME has gone on in its usual relentless way, and here we are with Second Term already three weeks old. Since I last wrote, two more Inter-Collegiate fixtures have taken place, but Ormond have not yet secured their first win. The boat-race came off just before Easter, and after a splendid race, was won by Queens, only 6

inches separating them from Trinity. Queens also won the Inter-Collegiate Sports held amidst the rain on the last day of First Term. Their success was largely due to the fine performances of D. P. Greenham, who won the Hurdles and the Long Jump, came equal first in the High Jump, and second in one or two other events, Second Term includes the Football, Shooting and Tennis matches, and Ormond are looking forward hopefully to at least two of these events.

Once more Melbourne has won handsomely the Inter-'Varsity Sports held just recently in Adelaide, and the 'Varsity Eight is over there now, training for the boat-race to be held in a day or two, when they hope to have their revenge for last year's defeat. The University Boat Club Annual Regatta held during First Term was won by a crew containing 3 Ormond men, and stroked by J. T. Tait.

So much for Athletics. College life in other respects has flowed tranquilly on with nothing of particular note to chronicle. Our Easter Vacation was longer than usual this year, as the University Rifles went into camp at Kilmore with the rest of the Victorian forces, and the holidays were extended for their benefit. From all accounts they seem to have had a pretty strenuous time of it.

Freshmen are settling down or have already done so, and are finding out what a delightful place Ormond is. Some indeed, on the Medical side, have been troubled with terminal examinations, but such things pass and are soon forgotten, and the end of the year seems a long way off yet. The Tennis and Billiard tournaments are progressing in their usual placid fashion, and successfully resist any attempts to hasten them towards conclusion.

Looking back, one event perhaps is worthy of notice. During First Term the present Students were the guests of the newly formed Old Ormond Collegians' Association, at a smoke-night

concert in the dining hall. A most enjoyable evening was spent; and amongst those present could be seen Dr. A. N. Mac Arthur, president of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association, and many others who are Old Boys both of Geelong College and of Ormond.

Then of course there was the 'Varsity theatre night, and 'Varsity night at the Exhibition, both of which were done full justice to by Ormond men.

We were glad to see you won your first football match the other day. Let us hope it will be the first of a long series. We are all looking forward eagerly to the Jubilee Celebrations later on in the year, and hope they will prove a huge success.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE Annual Business Meeting of the Society was held in room A on Saturday, 29th April. The Report and Balance Sheet for 1910 was read and adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Mr. W. R. Bayly was re-elected President, and Mr. J. G. Worth, Vice-President. It was decided to leave the selection of a second Vice-President to the new Committee, who subsequently chose Mr. N. C. Stephen, who was the means of originating the Society two years ago. The Committee elected consists of N. L. Campbell, L. N. Strachan, J. R. Cochrane, and G. Mitchell. F. M. Collocott was elected Secretary and Treasurer. It was decided to continue the Parliamentary System, and N. L. Campbell was elected Premier, and L. N. Strachan Leader of the Opposition.

The Committee has arranged a very attractive Syllabus, which has been printed, and is now in the hands of the members. The first debate was held on 20th May, the subject being the time honoured one of "White Australia." There was a good attendance,

and the discussion was animated. Those of last year's members who were present soon found their feet, and gave the lead to the new members, several of whom acquitted themselves very creditably and gave promise of future powers in this direction. Blair showed evidence of following in his brother's footsteps, and developing into a good debater. Watson, too, spoke with the confidence that a thorough knowledge of the subject brings of the condition of work in Northern Queensland. Cochrane, Birnie and Collocott contributed most to the arguments for and against the question. On a vote of the members being taken, the motion was lost by two votes.

On 10th June the House resolved itself into a Committee for Impromptu Debates. The subjects were chosen beforehand by the Committee, and were of a varied character. Some of the older members were absent owing to the football match and other reasons, but there was a number of new members who were eager for action. The comparative merits of Wellington and Nelson were discussed in favour of Nelson; Professionalism in Football was negatived, as was also the motion that the State should take over Secondary Schools. It was also decided that the Public Schools should have paid coaches in sport. Collocott, Bennett, Betheras and Strachan made the best speeches, while Lee, Cathcart and Davey made a good beginning.

Life's Mystery.

THE dull-eyed weaver tires in heart and hand,
 Yet not so tires, but that he still has power
 To draw from out the loom each single hour
 Perfect designs a master mind has planned;
 (And at his labour fails to understand
 The pattern woven there,—some dainty flower
 Or gloomy seascape wherein stormclouds lower,
 And waves tumultuous leap upon the strand).

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So in our lives, when all is cold and grey,
 We from time's headland gazing out alone
 Foreseeing troubled years, at whiles may say,
 " What means this strange confusion, is there none
 Can solve this undetermined riddle ? Nay,
 'Twill be revealed in the Great Unknown."

H.

Hints to Young Chemists.

CHEMISTRY is that branch of science which teaches us how to make coloured penhandles. It also teaches us several other things, chief among them being how to make smells, how to blow ourselves up, and how to poison anybody.

The best way to blow yourself up is to say goodbye to your friends, manufacture an explosive, sit on it, and make it explode, but unless you are tired of life, it is best to leave explosives alone, as, strange to say, they are liable to go off, and then you might get hurt.

Of course you need a place in which to make these things, and the place generally used is called a Chem. Lab. This is a building consisting of four walls and a roof, and inside there are a number of benches and cupboards. It is famous for the curious noises and aromas which issue from it at frequent intervals.

The chief article of interest in the cupboards is a substance called glucose or sugar-cane, noted for its sweet taste. This article is in great demand by chemists. A common or garden lead pencil is a handy thing to liave in your pockets, as it is a convenient article for the extraction of the above mentioned glucose from the tins.

If you learn chemistry you sometimes have experiments to do, and in some cases boys have been known to carry them out successfully, but this is a very rare occurrence. If you have any experiments which are liable to have disastrous results, or to produce new eating aromas, the best place in which to carry them out is your mother's drawing room when she has visitors. This will delight your mother as well as her visitors, as it shows you take a very great interest in your work.

The instruments required for the attempted carrying out of these experiments are a frying-pan, a box of matches, a steam hammer to break up the compounds made in the frying-pan, and last, but not least, a life insurance policy.

With these few hints, and about £2,000 to pay for a Chem. Lab., and the materials wasted, an energetic young fellow ought soon to become a bright and shining star in the firmament of the scientific world.

A Never-to-be-Forgotten Row.

AFTER returning from the Easter holidays eight stalwart youths were seen making their way to the "*Barwonio delicatissimus amnium*" attired in scanty raiment. It need only be mentioned that they had received the news from their coach that they were to make their debut in the Old Collegian. They took her down from her snug quarters on the top rack, and after adjusting her outriggers they launched her amidst the applause of the admiring multitude, which was conspicuous by its absence (likewise the coach from coxswain's seat). Taking their seats very gingerly, they gently pushed her clear of the staging. At the well-known sound "Half forward, all!" every man sat up to his work like a veteran, and the crew from the bank appeared invincible. Different was the impression immediately afterwards, when at the executive command

they started off -with a series of rolls, and at length arrived with battered shins and bruised fingers opposite the smiling coach.

After successfully turning her, (not over) coach sent them off again with the sound advice " to take the bit between their teeth, and break something." They attempted to carry out these instructions, but their ardour was soon damped (weep here) by continuous shower baths. Assuming that they could all swim, coach sent them on an extra long row to rid the novelty of its pleasantness (?).

Towards the end, the boat being nearly full of water, it was a question of debate whether the crew would row or swim home. Fortune favoured the brave, who arrived back at the staging without having experienced the expected swim. After housing the barque for the night, they hobbled home to warm clothes and better spirits. Whatever their deficiencies may have been on the river, it made no difference to their consuming properties at the tea table.

The Moving Pictures.

DURING the last week-end break, Mr. Bayly gave us permission to see some Moving Pictures which were advertised to be shown in the " Mechanics." What attracted our attention was the fact that the star picture of the evening, advertised in glaring headlines on the bills, was to be the " Merchant of Venice." Being very fond of shows which displayed such good taste in literature, two or three of us decided to go. We arrived at the " Mechanics " early so as to avoid the crush, but no crowd came, and we felt had. The first picture was entitled " The Rapid Powder." This powder, the effect of which is to quicken the use of the limbs, is taken like snuff. The effect was tried on a pair of boxers, and immediately hits came and went like lightning flashes, and in about half-a-minute both were lying outstretched on the boards.

The man with the powder then stole something from a shop, and with the aid of the "Rapid Powder" managed to elude the furious shopkeeper. The shopkeeper at last managed to get two portly policemen, who by their slow methodical movements, appeared to be Parisians. These started, after considering and collecting their thoughts, in pursuit of the now distant thief. They seemed to be going on the principle of the "Hare and the Tortoise," until the thief in jumping over a six-foot-fence, dropped the powder. The policemen, when they had taken a dose, soon managed to overhaul the thief, and bring him to justice. After some more equally instructive pictures, in one of which there was a very life-like representation of some fleas hopping about on a scale, the "Merchant of Venice" appeared. Here at last we thought, "We will not be disappointed." The first picture showed Lorenzo in green knickerbockers. He looked very romantic. The next showed Bassanio begging a loan from Antonio. They go to the Jew's house, and he lends them the money, and then the three go arm-in-arm to dinner. "*Quid tibi alia ego narrem?*" The rest of the play was a succession of short serio-comic scenes until the "Trial Scene" was shown. We tried to console ourselves with the thought that surely this scene would make up for the rest of the play. The scene opened with the court all assembled. The Jew was sitting at the Duke's feet, sharpening a great butcher's knife. Antonio and Bassanio were in front of the rather frail dais on which the Duke was sitting. The Duke looked rather stout and ponderous, and gazed about him with rather a sleepy look. The magnificoes, which are generally supposed to give the court a gaudy appearance, were packed away out of sight, unless the few ragged specimens at the back of the room were they. When Portia had given judgment the Jew fell down in a faint, and the rest of the court filed out.

This was the limit, and we came away lamenting, that a person should have such a little regard for our great poet, as to mangle his plays in such a way.



SPECTATORS AT SCHOOLS BOAT RACE.

To the Summit of Vesuvius.

THERE is no denying that Vesuvius is the attraction *par excellence* of that city of manifold attractions, Naples. A dip into the tourists' guide and Baedekar showed us that the ascent of Vesuvius was easy and eminently desirable. Therefore, under the guidance of the all pervading cook, I started from Naples in high spirits and a four-wheeler drawn by a horse of many points, and driven by a coachman who grinned and expectorated picturesquely through a layer of grime. The sun shone in a fashion monopolised by the Mediterranean, and the Bay was looking as only the Bay can. Vesuvius and the islands quivered in the haze, the latter of a blue rivalled only by the sea that bathed them, and the former of an exquisite reddish-brown. The cab rattled over fearful cobbles through one continuous street, crowded with Neapolitans at their domestic duties.

A man led a cow along, stopping before the doorways, whence appeared dark and handsome girls, each carrying vessels into which the cow was milked, and then passed on to the next customer. On flat roofs adjacent was macaroni in the making—long white strips set out to dry, with unclean, barefooted men treading it down. It was interesting and revolting, but at least one foreigner could not touch macaroni again during his stay in Italy. Some dozen miles out we arrived at the station of the electric tram, and descended. We entered with a number of nasal and pleasant Americans. Soon appeared mighty flows of lava, which were, however, bounded by luxurious vegetation. At the foot of the street we changed to a cog wheel track, and ascended swiftly to the top of the Observatory hill, which commands an exquisite view of Naples and the bay. Here stands the Observatory, whose occupant stuck to his post and duties throughout the

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awful eruption of Vesuvius, though molten lava was pouring down each side of the hill and threatening the hill itself.

From here rises Cook's funicular railway, which replaces the former one, utterly destroyed by the last eruption. The new railway had been ready for months, but Italian methods are anything but hustling, so the necessary Government permission was not forthcoming. Again we started on the level track, and travelled over the bare lava field to the foot of the cone itself, whence it was necessary to continue on foot. In company with guides (which are obligatory) and a little Americanne, we started on foot over the ashes. Soon we were entering the semicircular valley between Vesuvius proper and the ancient crater of Monte Sanna. Here was a scene of desolation beyond words. Huge lava blocks of fantastic shapes lay around, the Mont Sama on one side, and the steeply inclined cone of the volcano on the other. The ascending path was a zig-zag over ashes which afforded little foothold. Every hundred yards or so a stop was necessary, and the path increased in difficulty as we mounted. A man working on the path threw away his tools and begged alms cringingly. The fatiguing ascent had tried our tempers, and he got nothing, though we got muttered curses. The rolling lava ashes hindered progress terribly, and the last hundred yards led straight up the top instead of zig-zagging. Every step we disappeared up to the knees in ashes, and most of the tourists had a man pulling in front, and a man pushing behind, an undignified but necessary method of progressing. However, all our labour was amply repaid when we reached the summit. A narrow path of a couple of feet wide was all the standing room on the lip of the crater. Precipitous walls streaked with sulphur plunged down into the crater, and looking cautiously over we could see rocks hurled up and hear mighty growlings deep down in the monster's heart. Steam rose from the walls, and a sulphurous smell pervaded everything. The lava underneath our

feet was so hot that it burnt the soles of our boots. At one spot the path descended a few feet down inside the crater, and a venturesome guide went down and brought up hot stones. It was unpleasant to think of his fate if he should happen to slip. But now the view claimed our attention. There, bathed in the rays of the sun, lay one of the most beautiful spots in God's creation. Naples, a jewel set in green verdure and blue waters, lay entrancing before us. The Ischia, Capri and Sorrento rose in the distance. Inland was the plain dotted with towns, and backed by the lofty ranges of the Appenines. Towards Rome was the level green land, bounded on one side by the sea, and on the sea and on the other by the hills. Close beneath were Pompeii and the towns on the shore of the bay. Such a view, seen as I saw it under the best conditions, is a memory that remains imperishably with one. We remained on the summit for an hour, bought sundry curiosities such as coins sunk in cooled lava, and prepared for the descent. But now it was not necessary to follow the path, and instead we plunged straight down the slope with prodigious strides. It was wildly exciting, and we soon reached the tramway, having taken only twenty minutes to descend, where it had taken an hour and a half to ascend. At the Observatory we ate a hearty meal, our appetites being quickened by our climb, and finally we reached Naples at sunrise.

Of all the excursions I have made I unhesitatingly give the palm to that of Vesuvius.

_____ L. F. T.

Random Notes.

DURING a lesson of the VI. Physics Class last week, the Master asked the meaning of $O P^2$, whereupon one witty youth remarked to his neighbour that $O P^2$ meant a win for Wesley. So let us $O P$ will not b^2 .

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Five honour scientists used the libraree,
 Two took to tilting back their chairs—
 And now there are three.

The boarders had a fire in the dressing-room one morning recently. They piled wet football togs and towels around it, and went to breakfast, after which they found another course awaiting them in the shape of a large quantity of nicely roasted towels, togs and flooring-boards—many in fact being done to a cinder.

Ah ! then and there was hurrying to and fro,
 And furious grabs, and wails of sad distress
 At jersies browned, that but an hour ago
 Shone radiant in bright-green loveliness,
 And other ruined articles of dress.
 Best boots dissolving in a pungent scent,
 Towels charred, and trousers seatless, 'mid the mess
 Of ashes brown, B—th—s doth lament—
 Nought but the stifling smoke much cursing did prevent.

On a certain Sabbath in May the strange spectacle was witnessed of *all* the prefects (dayboys included) attending church. Now, was this due to an outburst of interest in the Book of Zechariah or simply to the fact that the special prefect's hat-bands had been issued on the Friday before ?

One of our esteemed contributors has achieved greatness. In our Easter number we published a stirring and graphic article from his pen describing the perils and hardships of those that go down to the Barwon river in practice eights. Instantly, the daily press " lifted " the article—and now we have on agitation proceeding, members of the Trust being interviewed, and meetings held by representatives of public bodies as to widening that river, and making it navigable. If ever it became possible to reach Barwon

Heads by moonlight without being hung up on barbed wire fences, W——L——should have a colossal statue there—one foot on the sandspit, and the other near the door of the hotel.

How interesting it was to watch the facial expression of those individuals who had the misfortune to sit near the crew at table when they were training. When the choice viands were placed before the hard-worked ones, and they politely asked the others if they would not like to be partaking in the repast, the sneer of cold contempt that passed across their faces was indeed a masterpiece. Yet in spite of all, it was remarkable with what avidity they accepted, and ate the selected nourishments of one of the crew, if that member did not require it.

Exchanges.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:—
 The Scotch Collegian, The Melburnian, The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly, The Wesley College Chronicle, The Prince Alfred College Chronicle, Cooe, The Brisbane Grammar School Magazine, Patchwork, The Reporter, The Scotian, The Newtonian, Aurora Australis, The Sydneian, The King's School Magazine, The Students' Magazine, The Armidalian, The Launcestonian, The Torchbearer, St. Peter's School Magazine, The Brighton Grammarian, The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal, The Kyrian, The Scindian, The Bluebell, The Southportonian, The College Quarterly, The Record, M. A. G., The Waitakian.