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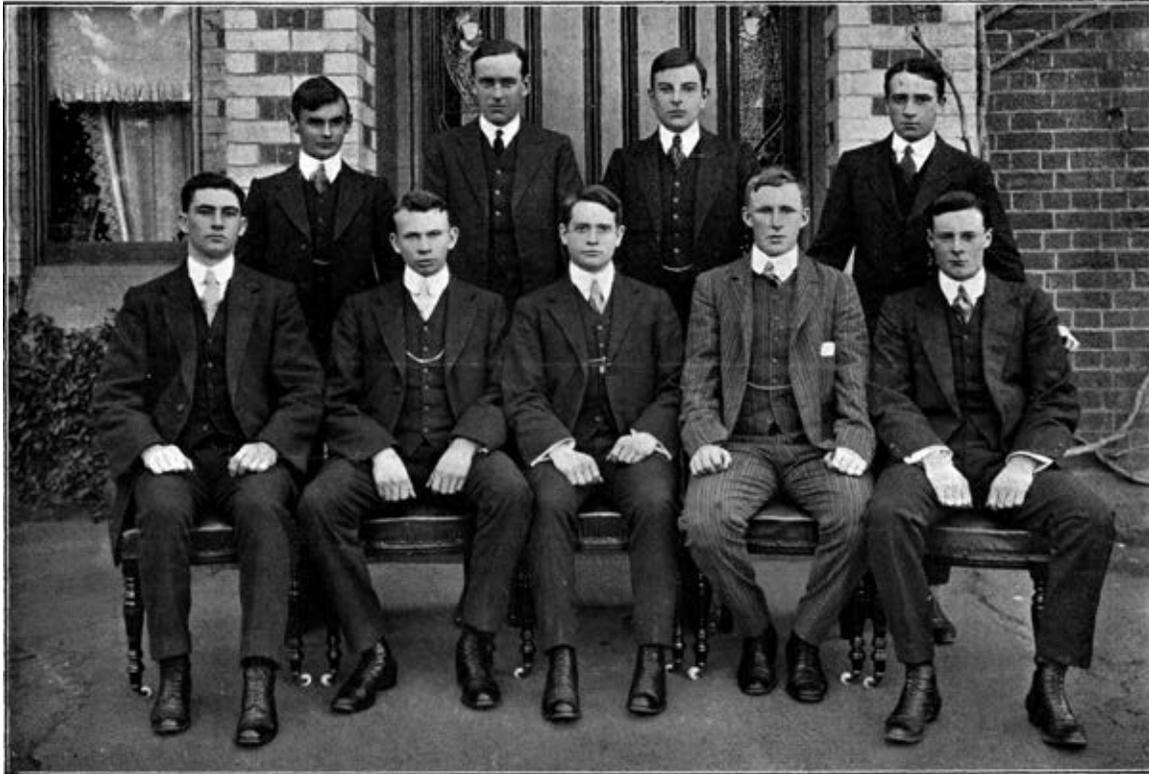
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School Items.

THE Fourth Term begins on Tuesday, October 3rd.

During the past term the chief object of interest has been the beginning of the work on the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall. Before the building itself could be started, it was necessary* that the trees surrounding the tennis court should be removed. This task was undertaken by the boys, and for two or three days the attention of students in Rooms A and B was distracted by the thud of axes and the crash of falling trees. The work was well organized, and so vigorously carried through that in a very short time the ground was ready for the laying of the foundations. Since then the building has grown steadily under the careful inspection and criticism of some two hundred boys, and at the time of writing the walls have reached the height of six or seven feet, and everything is ready for the unveiling of the memorial stone on October 6th. Great excitement was caused by the blasting of the tree-stumps which had been removed from the site of the Hall. They were taken to what was considered a safe distance—the middle of the football paddock,—and there six very pretty explosions took place. Five of these were harmless, but at the sixth (whether it was that the charge provided was too strong, or that this particular root was specially tough), a billet of wood sailed gaily through the air, and landed with a crash on the roof of Room I. The wood itself remained suspended over a jagged hole in the ceiling, but the plaster descended in wholesale fashion, thus disturbing the serenity of the atmosphere in more senses than one. Under the circumstances the class adjourned without formality of motion; but, fortunately, no one was hurt, although one youth's trousers were badly torn, possibly by a lump of falling plaster, but more probably through encountering a nail in the desk during his hurried exit.



THE PREFECTS, 1914.

Back Row—J. E. S. Birnie. G. N. I. Morrison. F. G. Herman. J. C. Betheras.
Front Row—E. W. Opie. J. R. Cochrane. F. M. Collocott. N. L. Campbell. L. N. Strachan.

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Our football team suffered considerably after midwinter by the loss of our captain, G. C. D. Reid. It is very seldom that we are fortunate enough to finish either a cricket or a football season with the same team as we began it, and this year is no exception to the rule. Reid's absence will be felt in other departments than that of football, as he was a useful cricketer, one of our best oarsmen, and the winner of last year's College Cup. His departure caused a number of vacancies in the various school committees. F. M. Collocott now becomes Rowing captain, with F. G. Herman as vice-captain. F. G. Herman also takes Reid's place on the Rowing Committee, K. A. McKenzie on the Football, and C. W. Dowling on the Cricket Committee.

The Jubilee Celebrations, which are now almost at hand, have caused a considerable alteration in the arrangements of the various school functions for the year. The chief of these is the change in the date of the Annual Sports, which take place this year on Saturday, October 7th. This day will naturally be the central and most important part of the festivities—at least from the present boys' point of view. When the Old Boys have finished their celebrations, however, the present boys are to have one more day of relaxation before settling down to work again, as the Head Master is giving a picnic to the school, at Barwon Heads, on Monday, October 9th. Then the ordinary routine of the Fourth Term will be entered upon, and there will be little to distract the minds of students from the all-important public examinations in December.

The College Regatta—which is usually held in the Third Term, between the cricket and football seasons—did not take place this year, owing to the change in the date of the Annual Sports. A meeting of the General Committee was held last week to consider the advisability of holding it at the end of the year, after the cricket matches were over. It was decided, after some

discussion, that a Regatta of some sort should be held on the last week of the school year; but it is probable that it will be confined to the junior school, and that the seniors will continue to practice cricket up to the end of the term.

The Association Plate will be presented this year by Mr. J. L. Currie, on behalf of the Old Collegians' Association.

Leonard Borwick's recital at Geelong was attended by a contingent of music pupils from the College. Though their education was not yet sufficiently far advanced to enable them to understand fully his interpretation of the masterpieces of Bach and Beethoven, they all could and did appreciate the great artist's astonishing manual dexterity.

The usual half-holiday was granted this term for the Geelong Show, and the majority of the boys took advantage of the opportunity to go there. Some few, however, considering that a half-holiday was too rare to be wasted on a Show, spent the afternoon with equal profit on the river.

The final League football match between Essendon and Carlton, on September 23rd, was preceded by a match between the Primary Schools of New South Wales and an "under sixteen" team from the Public Schools of Victoria. The game resulted in a hollow victory for Victoria by 17 goals to 1. Our representatives in the match were L. Richardson, J. Birnie, and N. Longden, who all acquitted themselves with credit. It has been decided that this match will not take place again next year.

At a recent meeting of delegates of the Public Schools Association it was decided that the minimum weight for coxswains in the Boat Race should be 8 st., and that dead weight might not be carried to make up a deficit. This rule has yet to be considered by the head masters, and may suffer considerable modification.

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The member's ticket presented yearly by the Melbourne Cricket Club has been awarded to F. M. Collocott.

F. G. Herman has been appointed a Prefect in place of G. C. D. Reid.

Valete.

V.C. Scott, F. E. S.
IV.M. Fowler, D.
IV.L. Sinclair, S. A.

Salvete.

IV.U. McDonald, A. J. F.
Snow, A. M.
IV.M. Mackintosh, A. E.
IV.L. Jones, A. G.
Scott, G.
III. Fernald, D. L.

Football.

THE First Eighteen has not been very successful in Public School matches this year. They won the first match—that against Xavier College—by a comparatively small margin, and lost to Geelong Grammar School by a similar one. Against the three other Melbourne Schools they made a poor show. E. Rankin has been most assiduous in his efforts to get them up to the mark, and they have also had the benefit of Mr. C. Cameron's experience, but unfortunately the material was not there. However, they battled out each game to the end, and were very earnest in their practice and training, which after all is the main thing.

The Seconds, Thirds, and Juniors were uniformly successful in their matches against the Grammar School. Can anyone explain why this should so often be the case without a corresponding superiority in the Firsts ?

G. C. D. Reid left at Midwinter. E. C. Webber was elected to the captaincy, and N. E. S. Birnie was promoted to fill Webber's position of vice-captain. K. A. McKenzie was chosen to fill the vacancy on the committee.

The Football season was protracted to allow the Forms' matches to be inaugurated. These matches were in the nature of an experiment, but they have proved so successful that there is little doubt that they will become a regular part of the Football season ; probably some changes in the time of holding them will be necessary.

FORMS' MATCHES.

For the Forms' matches the school was divided into two sections. The senior division consisted of the VI, V_A, and V_B Forms, who played for the honour of holding for the year the handsome shield presented by Messrs. F. B. and Norman Mathews.

The Committee decided that a system of handicapping should be tried for this year, but that there should be no obligation to have an exactly similar scheme next year. It was resolved that the Sixth, who were particularly strong, should play with fifteen men, the Fifth B with sixteen, and the Fifth A with eighteen. Even with this handicap the Sixth easily showed their superiority, and won all their matches. The Fifth B, by more accurate kicking, won the first match against the Fifth A, but the positions were reversed in the second one.

In the Junior Division, Vc were pitted against the three fourths. Two matches were played, and both were won somewhat easily by Vc, though some of the smaller boys in the Fourths fought gamely. The complete scores were :—

SENIOR DIVISION.

First Round.

Winners.	Losers,	For.	Against.
VI	v. V _A	9 goals 18 behinds	8 goals 4 behinds.
VI	v. V _B	16 „ 9 „	8 „ 14 „
V _B	v. V _A	10 „ 7 „	5 „ 15

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Second Round.

VI	v.	V _A	8	„	10	„	2	„	5
VI	v.	V _B	11	„	15	„	6	„	3
V _A	v.	V _B	6	„	7		1	„	7

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Winners.	Losers.	For,	Against.
Vc	v.	Fourth	9 goals 17 behinds 7 goals 2 behinds.
Vc	v.	Fourth	9 » 7 „ 5 » 4

COLLEGE V. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The match with the Melbourne Grammar School was played on the College Oval on June 23rd. A keen wind blew all the afternoon, and caused discomfort to the spectators in the pavilion. The Grammar School had first use of the wind, but the College attacked strongly, and Richardson quickly scored a goal with a kick off the ground. A few moments of exciting play resulted in a point to the Grammar School. There was a great deal of crowded play, and the ball was continually out of bounds on the pavilion wing. The strong wind spoiled the play, and the ruck men had a difficult task, but at last Watson had a clear run, and sent the ball right through the posts. Most of the Grammar shots went behind, but Hall kicked two clever goals in quick succession, and the quarter ended with the scores:—M.G.S., 3 goals 6 behinds; G.C., 1 goal.

In view of the strong wind the College had done well in keeping their opponents' score down to three goals, but their relative positions were unaltered at half-time as each side scored a goal and a behind in the second quarter. The hard struggle in the earlier part seemed to have affected the College team adversely. The play was most uninteresting, and the ball hugged the boundary for the greater part of the time. The half-time scores were:—M.G.S., 4 goals 7 behinds; College, 2 goals 1 behind. The College

did not score at all in the third quarter, but battled hard till the end. The Grammar School used their weight well, and passed with good judgment. Watson secured a goal with a splendid place-kick, Marks got another very lucky one, and Heron and Dean also scored. Watson had an awkward fall, dislocating his shoulder, and had to leave the ground. The scores at three-quarter time were :—M.G.S., 8 goals 10 behinds ; G.C., 2 goals 1 behind.

Though the wind had subsided slightly, it was hoped that the College would make up their leeway. This, however, was not to be, as the Grammar School, playing well together, had the advantage for the greater part of the quarter, and scored three goals. In the last few minutes the College made a spirited rally, and scored two goals, but the effort was too late. The final scores were :—M.G.S., 11 goals 14 behinds ; College, 4 goals two behinds. The goal-kickers were, for the Grammar School, Hall (3), McEvoy (2), Watson (2), Marks, Dean (2), Heron, and for the College, Betheras (2), Richardson, and Morris. The Grammar School team was a very even one, full of experience, and unlike the College team, carrying very few "passengers." For the College, Webber had a lot of work to do in the ruck, and did it well; G. Reid also played finely; of the others, the most conspicuous were McKenzie, N. Birnie, Opie, Moreton, and Maclean.

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

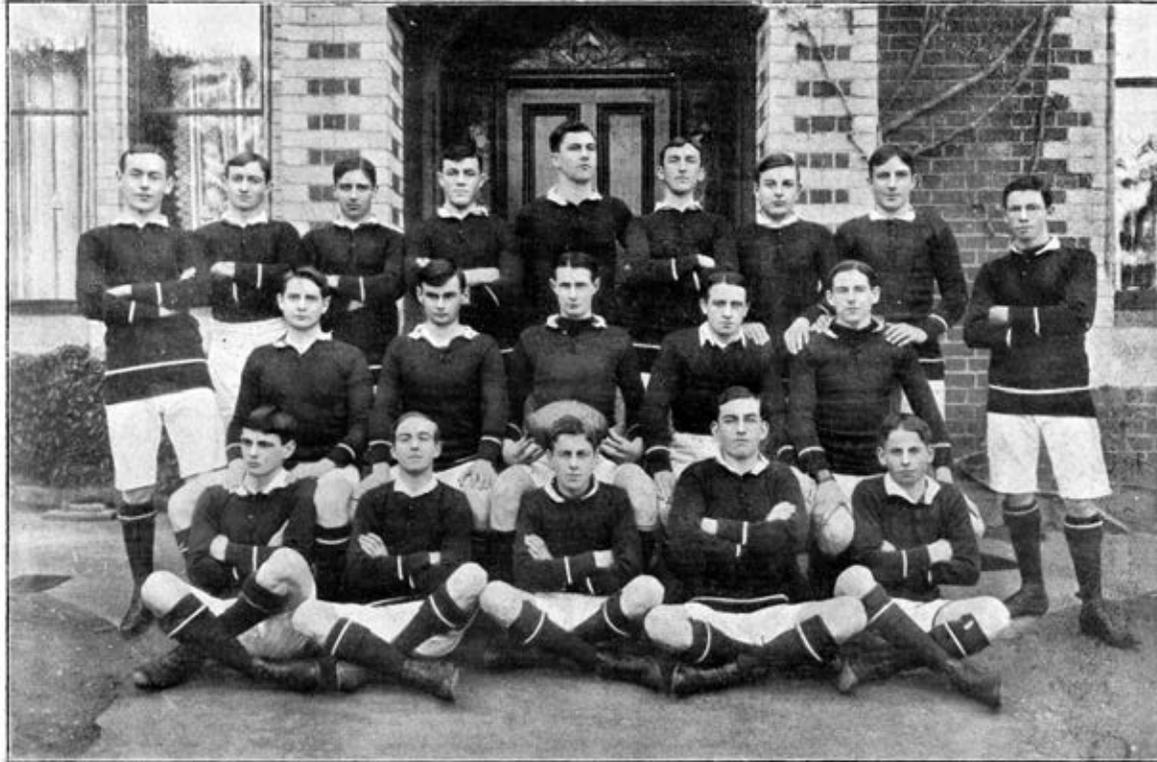
The match against Wesley College was played on the St. Kilda ground on August nth. Somewhat unexpectedly the College met with a crushing defeat, and allowed the Wesley team to score more goals than had been recorded previously in a Public School Match. In the first quarter there was not a great deal to choose between the teams, at any rate there w^Tas nothing to indicate that anything unusual was to happen, but from then onwards the Wesley boys took complete charge of the game. Very shortly after the game

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began Purnell kicked first goal for the College from a good angle. Wesley were slow in starting, and the ball travelled up and down with no particular advantage to either side until Griffiths scored for Wesley College by a snapshot. Both sides were standing around too much, but Wesley were picking their men out better, and at last Hatch got away from his man, and scored a goal. The ball seemed a difficult one to manage, and the kicking was very erratic, but just as the bell rang Park obtained a third goal, and a lifeless quarter ended with the scores :—Wesley College, 3 goals 7 behinds ; College, 1 goal 1 behind. In the second quarter the College, on one of the few occasions when they got in front of their men, scored a goal through the agency of Reid, but that was their only success. For the most part they were content to stand in a heap, and see the Wesley team shooting for goals. These came with machine-like regularity, and in one hilarious burst just before half-time four were scored in four minutes. The score then was :—Wesley College, 14 goals 14 behinds; College, 2 goals 1 behind. The last half needs little description. Wesley College added eighteen goals and 11 behinds, while the College were modestly kicking two goals and two behinds, and the final result was:—Wesley College, 32 goals 25 behinds; College, 4 goals 3 behinds.

After the first quarter Wesley College played superbly. The greater part of the damage was done by Park, Kaighin, Kelly, and Willis, but all the forwards and most of the backs supported them splendidly. Park seemed ubiquitous, and his marking and accurate passing was excellent; Kelly took many lovely high marks; Kaighin's dashes from the centre line were irresistible, and Willis was always useful. Rowe in ruck did a tremendous amount of work, and of the others, Morris, Holmes, and Gullifer were most conspicuous. For the College, Webber shone out prominently, and played a strong, clever game. N. Birnie, Betheras, Maclean, J. Birnie, Collocott, and McKenzie gave their captain effective support. The



THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM, 1911.

Standing- L. Richardson, A. K. Maclean, G. A. Mitchell, F. E. Moreton, E. W. Opie, K. C. Purnell, F. Herman,
W. J. Reid, and N. L. Kennedy.

Middle Row—F. M. Collocott, N. E. Birnie, E. C. Webber, J. C. Betheras, K. A. McKenzie.

Front Row—J. I. Birnie, G. A. Doughton, P. S. Campbell, C. W. Dowling, A. Morris.

team as a whole would probably have done better with the incentive of their schoolfellows' cheering, but they met a team that on the day was in a winning vein, and able to give an unusually fine display of football. The goals for Wesley College were kicked by Park (6), Willis (7), Griffiths (3), Hatch (2), Holmes (4), Gullifer (2), Morris (6), Stafford (1), Kaighin (1). The College goal kickers were :—W. Reid (2), Purnell, J. Birnie.

COLLEGE V. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The last Public Schools Match was that against the Grammar School, played on the Corio Oval on August 18th. A good crowd had come in anticipation of a close struggle, and they were not disappointed. The weather conditions were perfect. Both teams were on the ground before any of the umpires appeared, and a late start was made. Webber won the toss, and took advantage of a very slight breeze. The umpire seemed to be stricter than usual, and both sides took a little while to settle down. The College scored the first point, P. Campbell kicking a behind from an angular shot. After a period of even play, the ball was transferred to the other end. Some muddling work in front of goal by the College backs resulted in Chomley getting a free kick, and a goal. The College then prevailed, and were attacking for the greater part of the quarter. Their kicking, however, was wretched. Purnell had three possible chances ; J. Birnie took a flying shot, when, with more deliberation a goal might have been scored, and Webber had the misfortune to hit the post. Ultimately, Betheras marked from a kick-off, and scored a good goal. The scores at the end of the quarter were :—College, 1 goal 9 behinds ; Grammar School, 1 goal. The second Grammar School goal was a curious one. The College backs had gone right out of goal, and a long kick by Forrest went over their heads through the posts. The light blues kept up the attack, and when Armytage had scored a behind, and Witteron a very neat goal, they were in great heart.

L. Campbell secured from a good pass by Betheras, and got a goal, and another was smartly obtained by P. Campbell. Spowers scored for the Grammar School with a lovely kick down the centre, (It was 'noticeable that with the wind the Grammar boys were wisely keeping the ball in the centre, whereas the College had wasted valuable time in playing on to the wings). Free kicks were being given freely at this stage to the Grammar School, and from one of them Spowers scored again. A vigorous rush by the Grammar School was well checked by Richardson. P. Campbell was interfered with in front of goal, and scored from a free kick, but this was nullified by Nicholson, who retaliated with one for the Grammar School. It was a fairly even quarter, but the College play was inconsistent. The scores at half-time were :—College, 4 goals 10 behinds ; Grammar School, 6 goals 1 behind. The third quarter was in many ways a replica of the first. The general play was all in our favour, but the forwards could not get goals. Maclean was prominent in repelling a hot charge, and Webber for hitting the post a second time. Betheras kicked a goal from the ruck, and after an exciting period Forrest scored the usual goal for our opponents, and Purnell the usual behind for us. McCaughey took a brilliant mark between four College players. At last Purnell got the ball through the posts, and after some strong play on both sides, P. Campbell passed to Opie well within range, but only a point was scored. The College should have established a good lead, but it was recognized that eight points was probably too small a margin with which to begin the last quarter. Scores at three-quarter time :—College, 6 goals 15 behinds; Grammar School, 7 goals 1 behind. The last quarter was almost wholly in favour of the School. McCaughey got their eighth goal from a fine dash, ending with a magnificent kick. Fetherstonhaugh kicked their ninth goal, and put them in the lead. The College boys, particularly the ruck men, seemed exhausted, and the Grammar School piled

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on several behinds. The final scores were:—Grammar School, 9 goals 9 behinds; College, 6 goals 16 behinds. Nicholson and McCaughey were very prominent for the winners. The former showed great dash and fine judgment, and the latter marked, and kicked superbly. Spowers also played splendidly, and other good performers were, Forrest, Jackson, Russell, and Stretch. The College team lacked weight and height; they took very few high marks, comparatively speaking, and altogether the play was below the usual standard on both sides. Betheras played excellently right through, Webber did well too, but needed support in the ruck. Of the others, N. Birnie, Morris, Maclean, Opie and Richardson were the most satisfactory. The goalkickers were:—for the Grammar School, Forrest (2), Spowers (2), McCaughey, Fetherstonhaugh, Witteron, Nicholson and Chomley; and for the College, P. Campbell (2), L. Campbell, Betheras (2), Purnell.

SECOND EIGHTEEN.

COLLEGE V. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The first match between these teams was played on the Grammar School grounds on June 28th, and resulted in an easy win for the College, who scored 10 goals 19 behinds against 4 goals 2 behinds. Best form for the College was shown by Cathcart, Tremble, and Cochrane.

The return match was played on our grounds on August 21st. The College team again proved too strong, and won by 14 goals 17 behinds against 2 goals 7 behinds. Crisp played well on the forward line, and kicked 6 goals; the others were obtained by Calvert (2), Longden (2), Cathcart, Hodges, Malcolm, and Pillow.

THIRD EIGHTEEN.

The Third Eighteen met the Grammar School for the first time on June 28th on our grounds. The Grammar boys were

smaller than usual, and some of the College boys played unexpectedly well, with the result that the College scored 30 goals 30 behinds, but the Grammar were unable to get a single point. Our goals were kicked by Watson (8), Morgan (6), Rogers (6), J. Reid (2), Paine (2), Bennett (2), Halley, Cummings, Leggatt, and Fleming.

The return match with the Geelong Grammar School was played on their grounds on August 21st. The College team was not at any time hard pressed, and eventually won by 18 goals 13 behinds to 2 behinds. Our goals were kicked by Watson (5), Cummings (4), Urquhart (3), Morgan (2), Morrison, Shepherd, Fleming, and L. Kennedy. Good form was also shown by McArthur, Halley, Rogers, and Leggatt.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

The first match against the Grammar School took place on their grounds on June 19th. An even game was won by the College by a small margin. Scores :—College, 4 goals 13 behinds; Grammar School, 5 goals 3 behinds. Richardson, McKindlay, Mackay, and Urbahns showed good form for the College.

The return match was played on our grounds on August 16th. The first quarter was fairly even, but after that the College prevailed, and were never hard pressed. The final scores were:—College, 12 goals 19 behinds ; Grammar School, 2 goals 3 behinds. Our goals were obtained by T. Hawkes (3), Milne (2), Calder (2), Lock, McKindlay, George, Blake, and Urbahns.

Rowing.

THE unusually warm weather that came not altogether as an unmixed blessing towards the end of August, led us to believe that Spring was paying us a surprise visit, and our thoughts turned once more to the river and Saturday excursions. As foot-

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ball was practically over, the opportunity seemed too good to be lost, and one fine Saturday several crews made a beginning. However it is one thing to propose, and another to dispose, for the sudden descent of a heavy flood on Sunday, September 3rd, rudely upset any further arrangements. The flood on this occasion was a small edition of that of 1909. The water rose to about four feet in the sheds, and it was considered advisable to remove all the boats to the rising ground on the east of the Soap Works. On the following Tuesday the water had gone down enough to allow the boats to be taken back, and after this was done the sheds were thoroughly cleaned out. The ground near the staging and round the sheds was kept in a sticky condition by showery weather for some days later, and so opportunities for rowing were further postponed.

All members of the Boat Club are awaiting with interest the arrival of the two new boats that are being built by W. Jerram, who, by the way has made every boat in the sheds except the "pleasures." The new boats will be of the same design as that of the Sirdar and Khalifa, but will be made adjustable for either fixed or sliding seats. The advantage of this type is that they are not only just the sort for Saturday work, but will be of equal benefit in coaching the older boys on fixed seats. The Eric and Gordon will therefore be available for the smaller boys only, for whom they were originally intended. The new boats should also simplify arrangements at regattas by making it possible to row three boats in a heat in the Senior Fours. They have not yet been named, so anyone who feels inspired in this direction is asked to submit his suggestions to the Committee.

Those who are interested in rowing in other parts of the world may have noticed that the Grand Challenge at Henley Regatta was won by Magdalen College, Oxford. The Belgian crew, who had been successful so often before, failed on this occasion even

to win their heat. Their previous wins were, so critics say, due to their peculiar short stroke, but no reason is offered in the account to hand as to the cause of their defeat at the last regatta. It may be that the English crews had imitated the style of their rivals, and had thus been able to come to the front again.

Cadet Corps.

AUSTRALIA holds the unique distinction of adopting the first system of compulsory military training in the British Empire. The Australian type of defence differs from that of other countries, as it aims at the making of manly character as well as producing soldiers. The movement has had a most encouraging start, and except in a few trivial instances where parades have been interfered with by larrikins, the responsible officers have had their trainees well under control. The law itself is strong enough to silence and punish all those who incite the Cadets to rebellion, but it will seldom be necessary to resort to extreme measures, as every rational Australian is entirely in sympathy with the movement. The Cadets themselves will of course feel the pressure of the new system at first, as it means that their liberty will be restricted to a certain extent, but they will soon get used to the new order of things, as the Australian boy has a special knack of adapting himself to circumstances.

With regard to the College Corps certain changes have been unavoidable. The two original companies have been merged into one, under the command of Lieut. Lambie. At the first official parade Lieut. Talbot Woods, the Area officer, was present, and the Corps was re-organised on its new basis. A few of the Cadets were detailed for separate instruction, and some of these will be appointed as non-commissioned officers according to the results of

an examination which will be held shortly. Sergt-Major Miles, the area instructional N.C.O., has been present on most parades, and has usually been in charge of the Non-Coms. squad. Lieut. Collocott will be in command of one half company, and Col.-Sergt. Cochrane, who has applied for a commission, of the other.

The work of the Corps during the quarter has been in accordance with the syllabus laid down for universal training. It necessarily includes a good deal of squad drill, and this may appear tedious to those who have advanced farther. But it should be remembered that squad drill is the foundation of military knowledge, and requires more trouble to acquire in detail than any other part of the drill, and that therefore it cannot be too closely studied. Now that the shooting rifles have arrived, the practice at the ranges will add a desirable variety to the work, but it should be hardly necessary to remind Cadets that under the new training their advancement will depend entirely on merit, and that, therefore, it will be to the interest of all to become efficient as soon as possible.

No certain information has been received when the uniforms and the rest of the rifles are to be expected, but as some areas have already been supplied, it is anticipated that our share will come to hand very soon.

Writing from the Royal Military College, W. A. S. Dunlop gives a very favourable impression of the work there. He says the discipline is strict and the work hard, but that any slight inconveniences are compensated for by the excellent management of the officers' mess.

Another Old Collegian and Senior Cadet, A. D. Gunn, has also taken up military work, and has received a commission in the Field Artillery at Wagga..

It is satisfactory to know that the band will still form a part of the College Corps. Although the original members have to drill at present with the Corps, several of the Junior Cadets have been taken in hand every Thursday afternoon by Drum-Major Rashleigh. This arrangement has been decided upon in anticipation of the time when they become Senior Cadets, so that when required the band will be available.

The Junior Cadet training has made a good start under Mr. J. A. Arthur, and every morning they parade for 15 minutes' instruction. Their exercises consist at present of elementary physical drill, but later on, as the system develops, this will be supplemented by miniature rifle shooting.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

FIXTURES, 1911.

(First-named School has choice of Ground).

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COMBINED PUBLIC SPORTS.

Friday, 21st October.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Saturday, 25th November.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

History of the Geelong College.

The History of the Geelong College is now available for circulation. It has been splendidly prepared : the subject matter being most inclusive, and the facts as near as can possibly be obtained.

It is also well illustrated and very nicely bound.

Copies will be forwarded on application and payment of Six shillings (6/-) to the Acting Hon. Secretary.

Early application is requested.

NEIL CAMPBELL,

Acting Hon. Secretary,

Eyrie Street, Geelong.

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Old Geelong Collegians' Association.

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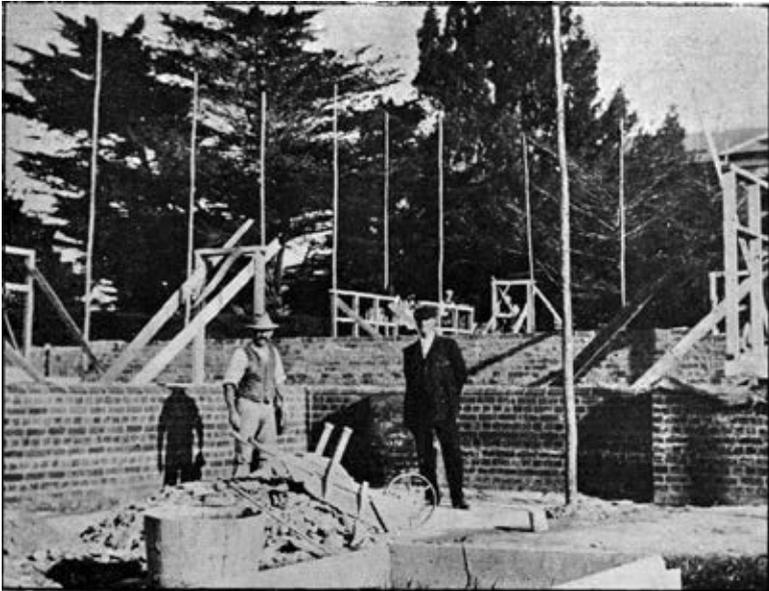
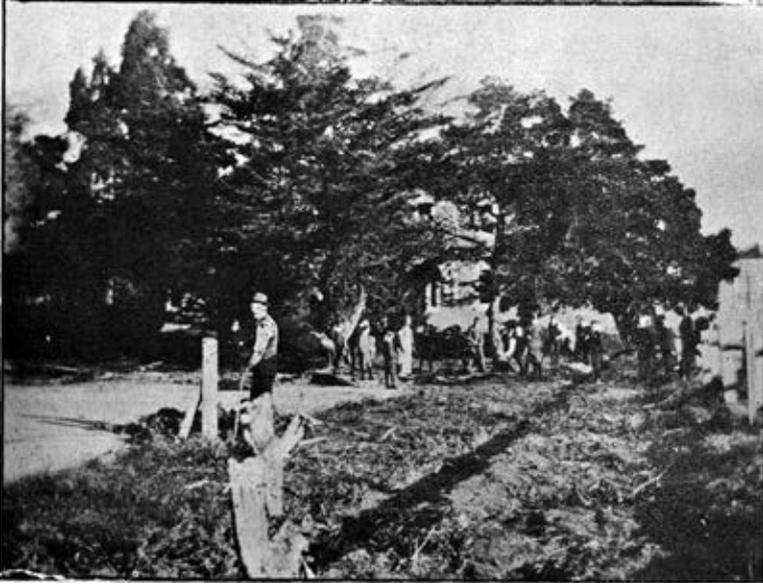
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PHOTOGRAPHS BY THE COLLEGE CAMERA CLUB.

1. Clearing the Site for Memorial Hall.
2. The Hall as it is.

Old Boys' Column.

THE Day of Jubilee is now at hand, and from all indications it bids fair to be a most successful one. The Hall is well advanced in construction, the College Oval bids fair to be in perfect condition, all the arrangements for the various functions are progressing smoothly, and the only thing necessary for complete success is a record muster of Old Boys. The official programme is as follows:—

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th.

MORNING, Old Boys travelling by train will be met at the Geelong Railway Station by Members of the Committee.

AFTERNOON. At 2 o'clock sharp, Old Boys are requested to meet at St. George's Church at the corner of Latrobe Terrace and Ryrie Street, for the purpose of receiving Jubilee Badges.

A Procession will then be formed with Senior Old Boys in the lead, and will move in a body to the City Hall, where a Civic welcome will be extended by His Worship the Mayor, Aid. E. Philpott.

At 3.30 o'clock p.m., Geelong College Grounds. Reception by Mr. C. Shannon, Chairman of the College Council, and Miss Shannon; Mr. Stewart McArthur, President of the Old Geelong Collegians, and Mrs. McArthur, and Mr. W. R. Bayly, Principal of the Geelong College, and Mrs. Bayly.

At 4 o'clock, Laying of the Foundation Stone to the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall.

Introductory Remarks by Mr. Stewart McArthur, President. The Foundation Stone to be laid by Dr. A. N. McArthur, ex-President,

Afternoon Tea, provided by Mr. C. Shannon, Chairman of the College Council. Inspection of Grounds and School

At 8.30 p.m., Old Collegians' Ball at the New Orderly Rooms, Myers St., Geelong.

SATURDAY, OCT 7th.

At 1 o'clock p.m., at College Oval, College Sports. Old Boys will have the opportunity of competing for the Veterans' Plate, Old Geelong Collegians' Cup, and 440 Yards Handicap.

At 8 o'clock p.m., Old Collegians' Smoke Social at the New Masonic Hall, Little Ryrie Street, Geelong. Chairman—the President. Tickets will be obtainable from Members of the Committee. Old Boys wishing to take part in the Musical Programme are requested to forward items to the Acting Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8th.

Afternoon at 3 o'clock. Church Parade at St. George's Church, corner of Ryrie Street and Latrobe Terrace.

Old Boys are requested to assemble at the Geelong College at 2.15 p.m. sharp, and march to Church.

The Service will be conducted entirely by Old Boys.

The School and Grounds will be open for inspection during Jubilee, and the Principal will be pleased to meet Old Boys.

L. Strickland writes a very interesting letter in which he raises the question of the possibility of forming a Branch association in South Africa. He thinks that there must be a fair number of Old Collegians in that country, and if names and addresses were forwarded to some one with a permanent address (he considers that his own is not sufficiently stationary), it should be possible to arrange for occasional gatherings. He also asks if snapshots of various interesting events would be of any use to the College Magazine. To this we can only reply that since the inception of the *Pegasus* we have been constantly appealing to Old Boys for contributions, but so far with very little success. We can assure him that we shall heartily welcome anything that he likes to send us, and we hope that other Old Collegians in different parts of the world may be inspired to follow his example.

A. S. McKenzie has returned from Edinburgh, where he has completed his medical course. He proposes to settle in this State, and is looking about for a suitable practice.

E. Hearne visited the College the other day. He also has just returned from a trip to England and the Continent, and intends shortly to settle on the land.

Arthur Owen has passed his final Examination in Pharmacy.

The marriage of J. F. S. Shannon and Miss N. Rutledge took place at Geelong on Friday, September 22nd. A number of Old Collegians were present at the ceremony.

We regret to record the death of J. H. Y. Nish, an Old Collegian, and one of the best known and most popular journalists in Melbourne. He entered the College in 1877, and passed thence to the University. After this he joined the staff of the "Argus," and soon rose to the position of sub-editor. Failing health caused his resignation in 1910, but recovering, he took up work again as

news-editor of the Herald. Soon, however, his illness returned, and he died last July.

Another Old Collegian, who has recently passed away, is Dr. Henry George Waugh, who was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the College. Still another is L. M. Calvert, who was one of the very oldest of Old Collegians, as he entered the College in 1861.

The Mid-Winter Concert.

THE mid-winter Concert this year was the most successful we have had during the last few years. Contributions were numerous and varied. The star performers were Mr. Wheeler and Roberts, and the Concert Committee are much indebted to the former for entertaining us. They also wish to thank Miss Cotton, Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Heinz, and also Mr. Worth, who very kindly played the accompaniments. Mr. Wheeler rendered "Songs at the Piano," and brought down the house. The magic of Roberts was greatly appreciated, and we predict great things for this young artist in the future. Miss Cotton sang and played, and established herself as a firm favourite. On the comic side George Doughton was excellent. His first song was a parody on "Yip-i-addy-i-ay," and he was attired in a top hat and frock coat, and walking-stick. For his second song he donned a lady's evening dress (this appealed to the male part of the audience), and sang a song about a sorrowing damsel mourning the loss of her lover. Vocal items were admirably rendered by Malcolm and Morrison, and Mr. Harry gave us a chorus song of his own composition, which proved a great success. The committee wishes to thank F. E. S. Scott, who kindly lent his gramophone for the occasion. At the close of the concert Mrs. Bayly entertained the boarders and visitors at supper in the dining-hall.

D. D.

The Ormond Letter.

HERE we are already some way on in Third Term, and another Ormond letter due. The call for the term's letter to the *Pegasus* always serves as an additional reminder, if such were needed, of the way time passes. It seems no time since the last letter. When I last wrote, the Cricket, the Running, and the Rowing had been decided. Second Term has seen the Football, the Shooting, and the Tennis, of which Ormond won the Football. This was our one win this year, and while we were about it we did it handsomely. We met Queen's first, and defeated them by 16—18 to 4—5. For the first quarter the game was fairly even, but after that we had it all our own way. This score constitutes a record for inter-collegiate matches, the previous best being 13—13 to 1—5. The following week we met Trinity, with our team weakened by the absence of its captain. Keith Doig, however, who was vice-captain against Queen's, ably fulfilled the duties of captain in this match. The game was a repetition of that against Queen's, and we were hoping to break the record we had put up against them. It was not to be, however, as Trinity came with 3 goals in rapid succession during the last quarter ; the final scores being 16—18 to 6—4.

The Shooting this year provided some excitement, the match being extremely close in all its stages. At 300 yards Trinity were leading Ormond by 3 points, but at 600 Ormond drew ahead, and were then 6 points in front of Trinity, with Queen's 3 points behind them ; at 900, however, Queen's, shooting splendidly, secured first place, while Ormond dropped to third, the totals being—Queen's, 399 ; Trinity, 398 ; Ormond, 397. In the shooting at disappearing heads and shoulders, where each hit counts two points, Queen's and Trinity each scored 28 hits, while Ormond got 26. Thus, finally, Queen's won from Trinity by 1 point, with

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Ormond 5 points away third. Trinity have been peculiarly unfortunate this year, losing the boat race by 6 inches and the shooting by 1 point.

The Tennis, as was expected, went to the strong Trinity team, which included three inter-state players in the two O'Hara Woods and Herring. They had no difficulty in disposing first of Queen's and then of Ormond.

These results give the rubber for 1911 to Queen's, who have won the Running, the Rowing, and the Shooting.

Our Sports Dinner was held the night after the second football match, and was one of the most successful we have had.

The Norman Morrison Memorial Regatta took place during second term, and the winning crew fitly included an Old Collegian in J. R. Porter.

There was a great inter-Varsity Carnival over here at the beginning of third term, teams coming from both Sydney and Adelaide. There were Women's Hockey teams, a Rugby team, a Lacrosse team, and a Football team. Sydney won the Rugby and the Women's Hockey, Adelaide the Lacrosse, and Melbourne the Football.

During the second vacation the University Football Team had a trip to Hamilton, where they had a right royal time. Though they haven't finished particularly high on the League list this year, they are going to stick to it, and hope their luck will improve.

College is a remarkably quiet place just now ; but whether it is because the theologs. have gone down, or because the exams, are within an uncomfortably close distance, is a vexed question. Anyhow, there is the exam, feeling in the air, and people are beginning to wear that worried look.

In spite of exams., however, the University crews are training for Henley, where they hope to give a good account of themselves, and to repeat last year's performance, when they won the Senior Eights from Albert Park.

Ormond has just had an honour bestowed upon her in the fact that one of our Ormond men, Frank Stillwell, has been chosen by Dr. Mawson to accompany him as geologist on his Antarctic Expedition.

I suppose you are just about starting cricket practice now. The oval up here is being top-dressed at present. We are all looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations, which are close at hand now. Almost everyone you ask seems to be going down, so they ought to be a great success.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE first debate in the second half of the Syllabus was held on Saturday, 5th August. The subject, "That State Parliaments should be abolished/" was originally set down for a previous meeting, but had to be postponed, owing to the small number present. The Literary evening set down for the 5th was postponed, and finally abandoned. N. L. Campbell, as leader of the opposition, spoke strongly in favour of the abolition of State Parliaments, and was supported by J. R. Cochrane, W. Leggatt, and F. M. Collocott. The Premier, L. N. Strachan, assisted by K. Pearson, O. Bennett, and A. W. Gunn endeavoured to rally his party, but the result was a victory for the opposition by a majority of one vote. J. Edmonds was heartily welcomed on his first appearance in the Society.

On the 19th August N. L. Campbell moved, "That the House favours the Government Defence Scheme." The subject, owing to recent local developments, proved difficult to attack without

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prejudice. The speakers were keen in discussing such views of the question as were brought forward, but showed little accurate knowledge of the aims and possibilities of the Defence Scheme." After a dozen speeches had been made, the motion was lost by seven votes against eighteen.

Impromptu Debates, with their perilous enticement, occupied the attention of a well filled House on the 2nd August. The subject had been chosen beforehand by the Committee, and after the first few speeches had been made the members warmed to their work, and attacked and defended themselves with much vigour. The Boy Scout movement, and the abolition of the House of Lords roused most excitement. N. Cathcart made a good defence of the former. A. K. Maclean, citing experiences from the misty past when he first came to the College, argued that schoolboys are not as hardy as they used to be. Needless to say, clamorous attempts were made to show that if boys don't row down to the Heads now in as great numbers as they used to do, it's not because they can't. The meeting was very enjoyable, and as usual, the interest was keen throughout.

On Saturday, 16th September, the last debate for the season was held. Mr. Bayly took the chair, and the subject was "That a Scientific Education is more beneficial than a Literary one." L. N. Strachan introduced the motion, and was supported by Cochrane, Collocott, A. Gunn, Crisp, Blair, and Purnell. As the subject was so closely related to the every day life of the speakers, party feeling ran high. Many and varied were the arguments on both sides, and much new light was thrown on certain vexed questions in Educational matters. The Champions of Literature were L. Campbell, McCallum, Pearson, Leggatt, Collins, Bennett, and Doughton; and after an exciting struggle they succeeded in defeating the motion by sixteen votes to thirteen.

Natural History Notes,

BY the courtesy of the Committee of the Presbyterian Guild, the members of the VA Geography Class were able to join in two Nature Study Excursions conducted by Mr. J. A. Leach, M.Sc, in connection with a series of lectures he was conducting in Geelong. The first trip was made to the Western Beach, near the Baths and along the foreshore for some distance. Here could be seen in miniature all the formations which on a large scale make the characteristic scenery of our coast lines. The action of the sea in wearing back the cliffs was very noticeable ; but so, also, was the barrier of sand which was deposited at their base, and by means of which the denuding influence of the waves is lessened to a great extent. The damming back of a stream by wave-borne sand was also noticed—an action which is responsible for the peculiar deflection along the coast that so many of the southern rivers of Victoria have just near their mouths, and which also accounts for the formation of the Gippsland Lakes. In passing, attention was drawn to the peculiarities of shell-fish and other forms of life found at the tide mark. A blackfellows' kitchen-midden was recognised by the beds of edible shell-fish remains, mixed with charcoal and fire-coloured earth, and situated a few yards above high-water mark. The impression one had, after a short time on the beach listening to Mr. Leach, was that there was a very great deal to interest if one only had eyes to see all the wonders.

Passing from the shore-line, a few hundred yards inland, a very good example of the effect of running water on the land was noticed. The local drainage from a paddock of only a few acres has carved out all kinds of shapes and has removed many thousand

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cubic feet of soil, spreading it out on the level ground to form the exact counterpart of the alluvial plains along a river. It was interesting to compare the work done by the sea with that done by the small stream, and to note how much more extensive the latter was, allowance being made for the small amount of water in the stream.

The next Excursion was held at the Dog Rocks—most of those present going out in drags, although many of the boys cycled there. Several showers of rain made it necessary for us to keep to the shelter of the scrub, and so the lecturer dealt chiefly with plants and birds. An explanation of the geological formation of the Dog Rocks was, however, given ; and reference was made to the greenstone from which the natives used to chip their axes, and which is fairly abundant in the vicinity.

It is to be hoped that it may be possible to arrange for excursions on future occasions, for the Geelong district is well known as one of the most interesting geological regions in Australia.

A pallid cuckoo in the trees about the school grounds has lately been most persistent in continuing its call far into the night. It commences long before daylight, and I have heard it just before midnight on several occasions—not only on clear nights, but also when the sky was quite clouded over.

There have been several paragraphs in the papers lately referring to the presence of swans in unusual places this winter. I saw a couple on the river near the Princes' Bridge the day before the flood came down, this being (as far as I can remember) the only time I have seen a swan on the river between the Falls and the Lakes,

Jubilee Day (A Forecast.)

- THE PUBLIC. From the south and the north they are faring
forth to answer the old school's call,
From the east and west at her behest they
are rallying one and all,
Up from the station and down from the farm,
coming because they love her,
And their eyes grow bright and their blood
runs warm at the sight of the flag above
her.
- THE OLD BOYS. Hands all round while on common ground we
tell of the deeds we have done ;
How in this place we met disgrace, in that
fresh laurels won,
Here we were vanquished, to rise again,
facing the foe undaunted,
Grasping with clutch of determined men
chances a kind fate granted.
- THE SCHOOL To you who here from far and near have
gathered to mark this day,
To you who send from the wide world's end
the message you cannot say,
Greeting I give,—let pride in our past nerve
us to future endeavour :
On dull days and bright days alike stand
fast, loyal and true for ever.
- H.

The Strasburg Clock.

FOR some time there has been on view in Geelong a model of the famous clock in the cathedral at Strasburg. On Friday afternoon Mr. Bayly took the boarders down to see it. A special lecture was to be given for us, and at five o'clock there was more danger of the

pavement outside the Hibernian Hall in Ryrie Street being blocked for pedestrian traffic. At last, however, the doors were opened to us, and Mr. Sandford and Collocott were given the herculean task of counting us as we filed past in an orderly (?) manner. Once in, there was a general scramble for seats, and then attention was directed towards the model, which stood in a roped enclosure at one end of the room. While waiting to see the Apostolic procession and other movements of this wonderful piece of mechanism, our attention was directed to the various dials and figures to be seen in the front of the clock. The model is one fifth that of the original, and is constructed of wood, ornamented with pictures, and gilded carvings. It is twelve feet in height, by six feet in width at the base, and weighs two tons. Besides the timepiece, there are two astronomical dials, which tell the years, months, weeks, and days, with tables for finding Easter, and other moveable feasts, eclipses, the movements of the planets, and other scientific calculations. Projecting from the front is a small globe, which revolves once in twenty-four hours. By looking at a circle which surrounds it at the equator, the time at any portion of the globe may be ascertained. Higher up, the days of the week are shown, represented by ancient deities, and above that again, the phases of the moon are shown. Above the horological dial is a representation of Death, before whom pass every hour figures showing the four ages of man, namely childhood, youth, manhood, and old age. Above this is the platform on which the Apostolic procession takes place. On one side of it stands the angel of life, and on the other the angel of death. On the sides of the clock are paintings of angels, and of the three Fates.

While all this was being pointed out, and explained to us, the time for the Apostolic procession was drawing near. This occurs once every twenty-four hours at noon in the cathedral at Strasburg, but in the model it takes place every quarter of an hour, and may

be repeated immediately afterwards. At a quarter past five the figure representing childhood, which had up till then been in front of Death, moved away, and "youth" took its place. Music sounded, Christ came out on to the platform, the right door of the chapel opened, and the Apostolic procession began. The leader, St. Andrew, bowed reverently to Our Lord, who returned the salutation. As St. Peter approached, Satan appeared on the balcony, and tempted the disciple to deny Christ, which he did by turning his back on Him. The procession then continued, and finally, Judas entered carrying money-bags. In his hypocrisy he bowed lower than the rest, and Satan not feeling quite sure of him, followed him step by step along the balcony. As Judas re-entered the chapel, Christ retired through the middle door, and after a final look round, Satan also withdrew.

We listened for a few minutes to the harrowing tale of the maker of the model, who died in England insane, and in poverty-stricken conditions, and then we wended our way homewards quite satisfied with our inspection of the Strasburg Clock.

E. G. C.

A Musical Treat.

THERE is no doubt that this year's Midwinter Concert was a great success. The audience was a large and distinguished one, and the programme was of the highest order. Some member of the audience, after the performance was over, even went so far as to say that Harry Rickards was out of the running altogether. One of the greatest successes of the evening was attained by a gentleman in a belltopper, and a frock, who sang a parody on Yip-i-addy-i-ay, which literally brought the house down (N.B.—Readers must not omit the word literally, otherwise the phrase might be read in

its wrong sense.) Rumour had it, that this performer was especially engaged for the night from Melbourne at a large expense. The audience was held spell-bound, while a gentleman, minus his coat, and with his sleeves rolled up to his elbows, did some real "eye openers" in the conjuring line, which would have made Chung Ling Soo drop dead on the spot. The sum of money paid by the management for the engagement of this artist was, it is said, very considerable.

After the interval, a great disturbance was created among the male members of the audience by the appearance on the boards of a "lady" in evening dress, and carrying a fan. Several minutes elapsed before silence was restored. But hush! stop! look! listen! she has commenced to warble, and the onlookers are held rooted to their seats by the charm of her voice, and thus they remain till their thunderous applause announces the end of her turn. She bows, and leaves the stage. Encores are demanded. But no, the charming songstress has disappeared, never to be seen again. Please take note. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this second Tetrassini would oblige by communicating with the writer. The musical members of the audience were well catered for. Item No. 4 announced that Herr———would oblige with a pianoforte solo. When No. 4's turn came, a gentleman took his place at the piano, and without any preliminary flourishes, proceeded to play some soothing ditty, which "wafted the listeners into realms unknown." When he was finished, there were various surmises as to who this performer was. But up to the present his name has not been disclosed. And now, dear readers, space does not allow for further comment. But those who were not present must not run away with the idea that these were the only items on the programme, for there were other minor items, which along with those already mentioned helped to make the Concert the success that it was.

Manners and Customs of Natives in the New Hebrides.

THE year in the New Hebrides is divided into three parts, the feasting season, the planting season, and the fighting season. The feasting season starts after the crops of yams, taro, cocoanuts, and bananas have been gathered in. These are ground down, mixed up, and placed on banana leaves. (These banana leaves are about 6 feet long, and 2 or 3 feet wide). The mixture or pudding is wrapped up in different parcels, and tied with thongs of cocoanut leaves. The natives then dig a deep hole in the ground, and cover the bottom with smooth stones. A fire is lighted on these stones, and then cleared away when the stones are red hot. The packages are laid on them, and other hot stones placed over them. The holes are then filled up, and the puddings are left to cook for 24 hours. Then the feasting begins, and lasts for many days, the natives gorging themselves to the utmost all the time. It is a curious fact that, although the natives can eat continuously for a week or so, they can also go without food for a very long space of time.

In the planting season, although each man has a garden of his own, everyone in the tribe helps him to plant it, and he repays them by holding a feast after the planting is finished. These gardens are very picturesque, and nothing surprises one more than, after cutting one's way through the dense bush, to come upon a fenced-in clearing, and to see magnificent palms and banana trees, and the exquisite green of the yam-creepers blending with the brown of the mounds where the yams are planted.

During the fighting season the natives paint themselves, and go through all their war-dances, and then many go off to attack a tribe which may have done them an injury some time ago, but one which has lain dormant all through the planting and feasting

seasons. After a battle all their enemies' bodies are gathered together and cooked, and a great feast is held. The natives declare that they much prefer black men's flesh to white men's, but that is not to say that they would not eat a white man, if only to vary their diet.

The natives are very superstitious. Their worship is a worship of the spirits of their ancestors, but they also think that there are evil spirits, which they have to appease, in every inanimate thing, as in trees, stones, rocks, &c. Nearly every tribe has a medicine man, and these medicine men have great power over the natives—even a power of life and death. A medicine-man may be seen one day burning a piece of banana skin or a small portion of clothing (it would need to be small as the whole wardrobe of a native is exceedingly small.) The news will then go round, and if a native in another village has a pain, through perhaps, having eaten a white man instead of a black, he will at once attribute it to the witchcraft of the medicine-man, and will do nothing to save himself. He will neither eat nor drink, and will at last die through starvation, and sheer fright.

Women in the New Hebrides are treated like slaves. When a girl is born no notice is taken of the fact, but if a boy is born all the drums are set going, and great excitement ensues. When a girl is about 12 or 13 years of age she is sold as a wife to someone who may be 40 years of age, and may have five or six other wives. The prosperity of a man is shown by the number of wives he has, as he has to buy each one for so many tusked pigs. The girl generally runs away, but she is brought back, and beaten, and if she repeats the performance, red-hot stones are riveted to her legs, and she is crippled for life. When an important man dies, his wives are buried alive with him. Sometimes they are willing, more often they make a fuss, but buried they must be if only to show their loyalty to their husband- The women have to do all the work,

while their husbands sit and smoke, and sometimes condescend to beat them for not hurrying.

Their houses, or rather their habitations consist of a few poles thatched with cocoanut leaves. They are about 8 or 9 feet square, and have but one opening about 3 feet square, which serves for door, chimney and window all combined. As you crawl through the door of one of these huts you sink up to your elbows in ashes, and as soon as your eyes get accustomed to the light you see a piece of cocoanut matting with a stone at one end. This is the native's bed. In the thatch is stuck a bow, a knife, and if he be a rich man, the much prized musket. This is all the furniture of the dwelling, so a native's life is not the ideal one pictured by so many people.

W. L.

Random Notes.

THOUGH the ground was sometimes hard enough to take the place of the tennis court we hope to get some day, the First Forms' Football matches went off well. VA, striking a run of beatings, had to fall back on putting it on to the umpires. Their noisiest representative was floored, however, by one such official, who, in reply to the very audible remark that "VI were playing a man too many," looked right through the interjector and answered, "and V A a man short."

Attend all ye who list to hear about the Geelong Show ;
It is a most amazing place, where things are never slow ;
For what's the first thing that we see as we the grounds approach ?
Two aides-de-camp arriving there inside—a mourning coach.

Beyond this, we do not feel equal to any comment on the live stock. Our Agricultural editor disposed of 5/5 in one afternoon at the good old game of "ringing'em," and returned with a cracked mirror and—a prayer book !

"Mankind," according to Dr. Johnson, "have a great aversion to intellectual labour." But the Geelong College branch of the human family has none for physical, as was demonstrated early this term. Six pines, one cypress, and a whole row of peppers all downed and removed in three days! This surprising rapidity was only equalled by the wonderful absence of bloodshed, considering the inexperience of the enthusiastic axemen. But, if corpses were not common, blisters were,

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Are we downhearted at the results of the Football season ?
 No ! We have got our name attached to another public school
 record, where it looks like stopping for some time.

DISCOVERIES (IN VI ENGLISH) :

George Primrose is " a character in Goldsmith's famous novel,
 The Village Blacksmith " ; and Christian is " one of the pilgrims
 in the Canterbury Tales."

A Canto is a sort of religious song (such as the Book of Isaiah
 which was written by King Solomon).

Paradise lost is interesting because it shows the heathen side
 of Puritanism.

Q. What happened when the Whig ministry of 1694 took
 office ?

A. Er—er—Queen Mary died.

On the expression of Shakespeare—" a wolf....hanged for
 human slaughter.

Q. Why should the wolf be hanged?

A. So as to make him tender for eating.

We got some excitement out of the stump-blasting. The
 six charges duly went off, and at the first of them everybody who
 possibly could bolted to see the fun. They saw little save a
 " sulphurous canopy " of smoke, for the " fun " was reserved for
 VC, who were compelled to evacuate room I by a stray lump of pine
 wood. Might it not sing in triumph, after the man'ner of the
 "Cloud"?

I make for the sun like a shot from a gun,
 And leap from the earth to the sky,
 And then I turn back on my meteor track
 To land on the roof of room I,
 Through tin and through lath I cleave a fierce path,
 With a bang that would wake the dead ;
 But, caught just at the last by two sticks that hold fast,
 I hang over R - s—n's head.
 I rain plaster in lumps all around, and he jumps
 As his trousers are torn to the knee ;
 The class raise their books to protect their good looks,
 Look once—and then hasten to flee,
 As down slumps more plaster they flee all the faster,
 Each striving to get out ahead,
 So that ere on the floor I alight, through the door,
 Both master and pupils are sped !

For Young Australians.

THIS country is our garden, and
It's full of goodly fruit
Which plunderers on every hand
Would dearly love to loot.
Yet there are plunderers—not a few—
Their watch for ever keeping ;
And they will speedily break through
If once they find us sleeping.

Untiring, watchful, from afar
Observantly they mark us ;
Eager as greedy vultures are
To pounce upon a carcase.
Wherefore we must be wide awake,
Since prowlers are afoot,
And there are those who simply ache
To steal our choicest fruit.

Then let our fence be in repair,
Our guns in order too;
For there are spoilers everywhere
All eager to break through.
And if they once achieve success,
It's sovereigns to a farden
They'll never be content with less
Than all the blooming garden.

All round about are scouts and spies,—
They come we know not whence—
Who ever cast unlawful eyes
Upon our garden fence.
Of course we needn't get too scared,
They *may* not mean to steal;
But,—it's as well to be prepared,
And that's the way we feel.

REFRAIN. SO keep the fences in repair,
And whoso tries to smash'em
Had better try that game elsewhere,
For soundly we will thrash'em.

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