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## School Items.

THE Fourth Term begins on Tuesday, October 8th.

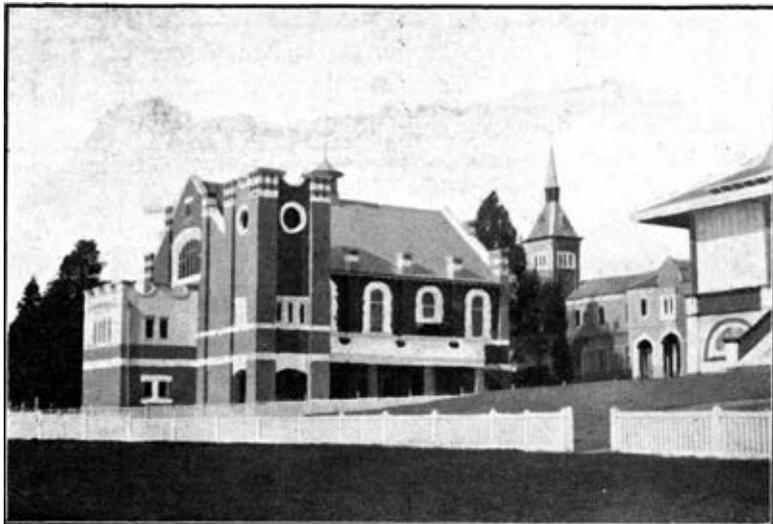
Early in the Third Term the Games Committee decided that the College Annual Sports should be held on Saturday, October 12th, and thus the change of date which was made last year for the purposes of the Jubilee Celebration, appears likely to become permanent. The alteration has, no doubt, many advantages. It is undoubtedly easier to get our best team for the Combined Sports, if our own Meeting has just taken place, and that was the final argument that carried the day in fixing the date for October. On the other side, it was argued that the risk of bad weather is much greater at the early date, that Old Boys can attend more easily in December, and that the sentimental associations connected with the Sports' Meeting as the " grand finale " of the school year ought not to be lightly thrown aside. However, the change has been made, and we have now only to hope that our own Meeting will be as successful as usual, and that our team in the Combined Sports will worthily uphold the traditions of the College.

The usual awkward gap between the football and cricket seasons was this year to some extent filled by the completion of the New Tennis Court, which was so kindly presented to us by Mrs. Hawkes. After the opening ceremony (an account of which appears in another column), the court was straightway rushed by embryo champions, and from then till the beginning of cricket practice, it has practically never been unoccupied outside of school hours.

The alterations and improvements to the College grounds are now almost completed. The Oval has been increased considerably in size, a shrubbery has been enclosed and planted between the Hall and the main building, and new trees have been put in

around the Hall to take the place of those so ruthlessly demolished last year. The Memorial Hall itself is not yet ready for use, and the more pessimistic among us are beginning to wonder whether it ever will be.

It is necessary to make some reference to the unfortunate developments in regard to what will be handed down to posterity as "The Cooney Case." After the first three football matches of the season had been played, it was discovered that one of the Scotch College team was over age. It further transpired that he had been over age last year also, when he was playing for Xavier College. A meeting of Head Masters was summoned to deal with the matter, and it was decided that there would be no football premiership this year, as, according to the rules, Scotch College



THE NORMAN MORRISON MEMORIAL HALL.

must forfeit the three matches they had won. It was also agreed that in future every boy, on entering any of the Public Schools, must produce his birth certificate. Great sympathy is felt for both Scotch and Xavier College, particularly the former, as for several years they have been runners-up for the football premiership, and this year, but for this unfortunate circumstance, must have succeeded in gaining the coveted honour.

The evil effect of the study of " Deadwood Dick " literature (or perhaps of attendance at moving-picture shows) was brought home in an unpleasant manner a few weeks ago to a crew of College boys who were down the river on a Saturday excursion. They were fired upon by a band of youthful desperadoes, and though they fortunately escaped uninjured, the boat suffered considerable damage. One of the attacking party, we hear, succeeded in shooting his own thumb, but under the circumstances it is difficult to summon up a great amount of sympathy for him. The offenders were dealt with at the Geelong Children's Court, and we trust that their opportunities for performing similar deeds of daring will be restricted for some time to come.

Mr. J. G. Worth has now reached England, and has taken up residence at Exeter College. When last heard from, he was enjoying himself in Paris, preparatory to settling down to work at Oxford. His place on the staff has been taken by Mr. G. W. Irving.

In connection with the establishment of the new tennis court, Mr. Howard Hitchcock has very kindly offered a trophy for competition. It has not yet been decided what form the competition will take.

**Salvete.**

- IV.M. Webb, R. C. S.  
       Crawford, W. J  
 III. Gray, A. A.  
       Field, I. R.

**Valete.**

- VI. Holden, F. C. T.  
       Sadler, N. H.  
 V.B. Jullien, E. L.  
 V.C. Cummings, E. H. L.  
 IV.Up. Mackintosh, A. E. •

**Football.**

LITTLE time was lost after the midwinter recess before regular football practice was commenced, and the month of August was indeed a busy one, and not altogether displeasing to those in charge of the football arrangements. Certainly, we were soundly beaten in our match against Wesley College, but our win against Geelong Grammar School was (save the awful tally of behinds scored) most gratifying.

Every boy who had even a remote chance of being selected was most assiduous in his training, and altogether an air of earnestness was imparted to this essential part of the game. This hard training, and that alone, stood our boys in good stead at the critical part of a hard game against the Grammar School, when at different times three of the Grammarians were affected by cramp.

On two occasions during the term we were visited by teams of Old Boys, kindly arranged by Mr. Stanley Calvert and Mr. J. H. Urbahns, and on each occasion an exciting match was played.

We trust that next year such visits may be even more frequent, for nothing is more serviceable than these actual matches, especially when the opposing team is of approximately even strength.

This year our team has undeniably been very weak, and our weakness was more pronounced in the ruck, and in the forward division, while the backs have played hard games in each of their matches.

Critically reviewing the team in a kindly manner, a word of praise is due to our captain, W. J. Reid, who handled a difficult side with consummate skill, and himself played a useful hard game as centre half back. In addition, his influence over his team was appreciable, and helped very largely in fostering the enthusiasm and good will which have prevailed.

Jack Birnie, our vice-captain, has likewise been a great help, but his games against the other Public Schools have been very disappointing, and to nobody more disappointing than Birnie himself. Against Wesley College, in the centre he was matched against a boy who was too fast and clever. During the following week an attack of influenza put him out of training, and he had scarcely recovered his strength for the match against Geelong Grammar School. Against the Grammar School he commenced in the centre, but was soon transferred to the forward lines, and there six kicks marred a very useful game. Had these six kicks registered six goals, we all would have been loud in our appreciation, but alas—six behinds—and the law of averages demands better than that. Commenting more generally on his play, Jack has to remember that possession of the ball is more than nine points of the law in the game of football, and if he aspires to be more than an average player he must drop his pernicious habit of knocking the ball on in front of him, and take possession with both hands.

E. W. Opie has been our most consistent player in the ruck, and at times has played very effectively. He does not follow on after the ball as persistently as is desirable, and must remember that the play of a good ruck player consists of a continuous succession of strenuous efforts, and not an interrupted series of spasmodic brilliant fragments. In a place his play has been very disappointing, and while he has a decided preference for ruck play (and in the College matches has there performed best), to my mind he has all the attributes of a good centre half forward, possessing



THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM, 1912.

*Back Row*—C. Carrick, F. Halley, N. A. Longden.

*Second Row*—H. Sprigg, D. Paine, H. Pillow, R. Pillow, T. P. Murray, G. I. Morrison.

*Third Row*—L. Richardson, P. S. C. Campbell, J. I. Birnie, W. J. Reid, E. W. Opie, G. A. N. Mitchell, C. M. Calvert.

*Front Row*—L. Roberts, A. Morris, A. Urbahns.

the advantages of weight and height, a modicum of speed, and withal in practice he is an excellent high mark and place kick.

P. S. C. Campbell has been one of the most useful players in the team, and certainly our most scientific player. He has generally played forward with an occasional turn at roving, but in the match against Geelong Grammar School he played in the centre in place of J. Birnie, and was easily the best player for the match. He is an excellent kick, very clever whilst in possession of the ball, and, for a boy of his size, can do fine things in the air.

N. A. Longden has considerably improved during this season, and played his best games roving. He is a good mark and kick, but certainly runs with the ball far too much. Not content with passing one opponent, he vainly tries to pass several, and finishes up by losing the ball. A ruck player, as also a rover, must conserve his strength, and this can best be done by picking out a man and kicking the ball to him. In the earlier parts of the season his enthusiasm often carried him to the verge of roughness, but a word in season was duly appreciated, and his self-control since has indeed been commendable.

Erratic is the word which best sums up the play of A. Morris. Going for the ball one could not forecast with any certainty what was likely to happen. At times he would take a brilliant mark, and have a long kick, and almost immediately afterwards quite the reverse would happen. Against the Grammar School his game was very poor, and throughout his play has not been up to expectations, based on a fine game against the Grammar School last year.

D. W. Paine, who played full back, was easily the best kick in the team, and one mighty effort against Wesley carried the ball to the centre of the ground. His height often helped him to a mark above the heads of the opposing forwards. Coming out from goal his play was uncertain, and too often he made the mistake of stand-

ing aside for one of his own players coming at a more difficult angle, and twice at least the mistakes were costly. The player going straight away from goal has first claim on the ball, and only a thorough understanding on the part of the back players will allow of this being done.

The two players who have shown greatest improvement since midwinter are R. N. Pillow and G. A. N. Mitchell. Pillow on the wing has played finely, and against Wesley College gave us a splendid game. He has the ability to take awkward marks, and possesses a fair share of pace. Against the Grammar School we would have been better served had more of the play been directed towards his wing, for each time he got the ball he did something serviceable with it.

G. Mitchell is a player whose arrival has long been expected, but his play previous to midwinter was always disappointing. In a place he did not appear to recognise his game until he was beaten, and he would then charge in, but always too late. A change in the ruck after midwinter gave him his chance, and he fast developed into a good ruck player with plenty of dash and determination. Unfortunately, in the match against Wesley College, he sprained his ankle just before half time, and took no further part in the game. During this first half he gave us his best game in Public School matches, and his absence from the ruck during the second half was indeed a serious handicap against a superior side.

F. G. Halley and J. G. H. Sprigg, playing full back on the wings, have put in fine defensive work in the various matches. Both of these boys are very poor kicks, and should pay particular attention to this branch of their game. Sprigg has rare dash and is a good mark, but the most pleasing feature about the games of these two is the persistency with which they follow after the ball until their goal is cleared. Against Wesley College in particular they had plenty to do and did their share well.

L. Richardson played best in the ruck as companion to Opie, and there put in really effective work. In a place he was most disappointing, and tried to run too much with the ball, and all too frequently got in the way of one of his own players. He and Halley both have the fault mentioned in connection with Birnie, viz.:—that of tapping the ball ahead of them instead of securely taking possession of it.

C. B. Carrick, playing on the wing, was one of our most consistent players, and did best when opposed to a good player. In appearance he is anything but a wing player, but we are not able to pick and choose for positions, and there Carrick has played, and played well. Against Geelong Grammar School he was not quite so effective, and our boys gave him more work than was desirable by playing to his wing, whereas they would have been better served on the day by R. Pillow on the opposite wing.

H. Pillow was tried in each match since midwinter, and well deserved his place in the team. He, like Halley and Sprigg, was a hard battler, and did more than was expected of him when playing half back or in the ruck.

C. M. Calvert has been a general disappointment, and has not played anything near his practice form. The same can be said of T. P. Murray, only in more emphatic terms.

A. R. H. C. Urbahns played his first game against Wesley, and did very well for a beginner, and should make a fair player next year. Others who played in the matches since midwinter were G. N. I. Morrison, L. E. W. Roberts and S. A. McKenzie. Not a great deal was expected of these three, but each played as well, and even better than expectations, and all were very very hard triers.

Our team against Wesley College was as follows :—J. I. Birnie, C. M. Calvert, P. S. C. Campbell, C. B. Carrick, F. G.

Halley, N. A. Longden, G. H. N. Mitchell, A. Morris, E. W. Opie, H. Pillow, R. N. Pillow, D. W. Paine, T. P. Murray, W. J. Reid, L. Richardson, L. E. W. Roberts, J. G. H. Sprigg and A. R. H. G. Urbahns.

Against the Grammar School, S. A. McKenzie and G. N. I. Morrison replaced T. P. Murray and G. H. N. Mitchell.

COLLEGE V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

This match was played on the Geelong Oval on Friday, August 16th. It was preceded by a Junior game, which was easily won by our opponents, and gave a poor omen for the subsequent Senior match. A strong wind was blowing mainly across the ground, but in favour of the beach goal, and Reid winning the toss chose to kick towards that goal.

Within a few seconds from the bounce of the ball, the goal umpire was busy registering a goal to Wesley, and almost immediately came another before any one of our boys had had a kick. Three of them had touched the ball, but had badly fumbled it, and lost it, and thus for a start we were giving a handicap of two goals. From that on the College boys, aided by the breeze, put up a strenuous fight against a much superior team, and this first quarter was, save the opening few minutes, productive of much good football on the part of the College boys. Goals were secured for the College by Morris, Urbahns and Campbell, and at one stage of the game the College had a lead, while the scores at the end of the quarter were:—

Wesley College, 3 goals 6 behinds, 24 points.

College                    3 goals 0 behinds, 18    „

During the second quarter Wesley College were repeatedly attacking, and it was the fine defensive work on the part of our backs which kept the scoring down. Our centre line was out-classed, while the forwards had very few opportunities. Paine

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kicked off splendidly, and just before half time G. Mitchell, who had been playing a hard dashing game in the ruck sprained his ankle, and took no further part in the game. At half-time the scores were :—

Wesley College, 7.10. 52 points.

Geelong College, 3.0 18 ,,

The second half of the match was altogether in favour of Wesley College. The loss of Mitchell, apart from his own useful game, left Wesley with a free man, and to their clever active team this was decidedly a handicap, against which, we had no chance of prevailing. This extra player scouted between the centre and half back lines, and was indeed a host in himself. Campbell should have been brought down to watch him, but Reid was generally in the thick of the fray defending, and the oversight was therefore excusable. The scores at the end of the quarter were:—

Wesley College, 12.12. 84 points.

Geelong College, 3.3. 21 ,,

The final term found our backs tiring and the ruck beaten, and save for one brilliant effort on the part of the College boys, Wesley were repeatedly attacking. This effort easily marked the best fragment of football for the whole match, and the ball was carried from Paine at full back right along the wing by a chain of marks and dashes, and finally secured by Roberts, who utterly spoiled a splendid exhibition by kicking an easy chance out of bounds.

The final scores were :—

Wesley College, 18 goals 15 behinds. 123 points.

Geelong College, 3 goals 5 behinds. 23 ,,

The goalkickers were :—for Wesley, Hatch (7), Levin (4), Rubinowich (2), Rowe, Carter, Stubbe, Griffiths, Wood ; College, Campbell, Urbahns, Morris.

COLLEGE V. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on the Geelong Oval on Friday, August 23rd, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The day was ideal for a good game, and as usual great enthusiasm prevailed among the partisans of the two Schools. The standard of football displayed merely served to accentuate the weakness of both Schools in this department of school sport, but throughout the scores were even, and the game exciting. The Grammar School team included several very big boys, and all through these prevailed in the ruck, but in the open play the College boys were superior, and spoiled a good game by their inaccuracy in shooting for goal. Our boys on their play should have had the game well in hand by half-time, whereas five additional shots for goal gave them no advantage in points. Towards the end of the game want of condition was evidenced on the part of several of the Grammarians, who at various stages of the last quarter were affected by cramp.

Robertson, of the Grammar School, opened the scoring account by cleverly snapping a good goal soon after the game commenced. Soon afterwards, P. Campbell, who was playing forward, neatly passed to H. Pillow, and greatly to our surprise and gratification he kicked a splendid goal. In quick succession came a behind to Urbahns, and a goal to Campbell. At this stage of the game Birnie playing in the centre was being repeatedly beaten by his opponent, and he was transferred forward, and changed with Campbell. From then on the aspect of the centre tussle was completely changed, for Campbell played splendidly, and was our most conspicuous player for the match. This change might reasonably have been doubly advantageous, because Birnie forward repeatedly took fine marks, got into good scoring position, while his kicking for goal was excellent in respect to distance and elevation, but alas, for direction. The scores at the end of the first quarter were:—

College, 2 goals 4 behinds. 16 points.

Grammar School, 1 goal. 6 „

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During the second quarter the ball was all over the ground, and what was lacking in skill was partly made up for by the earnestness displayed.

During this quarter each side had three scoring shots, but while the College could do no better than three behinds, the Grammar School scored 2 goals 1 behind, leaving the scores at half-time even.

College, 2 goals 7 behinds. 19 points.  
Grammar School, 3 goals 1 behind. 19 ,,

During the third quarter the football was merely a repetition of the second, but the College boys forged ahead by scoring 1 goal 3 behinds to 3 behinds. The goal resulted from a fine place kick by Opie. The scores at three-quarter time were :—

College, 3 goals 10 behinds. 28 points.  
Grammar School, 3 goals 4 behinds. 22 ,,

At this stage of the game everybody was on the tip toe of excitement, but in the final term the College boys stayed the better, and should have won comfortably had their kicking been even of moderate excellence. During this term behinds only were scored, and it seemed an interminable time before the scores gave the College an advantage of two clear goals. Behinds were scored by Birnie, Opie (2), Roberts, Richardson, Longden, and again Birnie, who finished up his long sequence of shots by hitting the post.

The final scores were :—

College 3 goals 17 behinds. 35 points.  
Grammar School, 3 goals 4 behinds. 22 ,,

Great enthusiasm prevailed among the College supporters as the boys returned from the ground, and the win was indeed welcome after our reverses of the last few years.

OTHER MATCHES.

On Saturday, August 24th, a team, mainly composed of boys under the age of seventeen, proceeded to Ballarat to play a game against Ballarat College. Longden was chosen captain, and they scored an easy victory, the scores being College, 9 goals 9 behinds ; Ballarat College, 2 goals 4 behinds.

Monday, August 26th, brought our football season to a close with a series of matches against the Seconds, Thirds, and Juniors of the Grammar School. The Seconds and Junior games were played on the Grammar Oval, whilst the Thirds played on the College Oval. At the Grammar ground a strong cross wind greatly hampered the players, and the games were much congested. For the Seconds, H. McKenzie played a very good game on the wing, and was ably seconded by Rogers, Watson, Leggatt, and J. Campbell. The scores were :—

College	5 goals 5 behinds.	35 points.
Grammar School,	3 goals 5 behinds.	23 points.

Our Thirds were far too strong for the Grammar School, and won very easily, scoring 20 goals 14 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind. Snow was easily our best player, and scored 8 goals, whilst Blake secured 5 goals. The Grammar boys scored their only goal a few minutes before the end of the game.

The Junior match was very even throughout, with the College boys always a few points in the lead. Just before the finish we had a lead of 5 points, when a Grammarian marked just before the bell sounded, and kicking a goal gave his team a victory by one point. The final scores being :—

Grammar School,	5 goals 5 behinds.
College	5 goals 4 behinds.

This Junior match against the Grammar School was the only match lost this season in our Annual contests,

The competition for the premiership in Forms' Football was carried to completion during the term, and the VA Form gained The Shield with an unbroken record. So proud were they of their strength and victory, that a challenge was issued to the rest of the school, each side to play 18 boys. After a very keen game the VA were victorious by a point, which was secured a few moments before the final bell.

## Rowing.

THE proposals for carrying out the Forms' Races which have been suggested at various times, were put into definite form at a recent meeting of the Committee. The chief difficulty was to determine how to mark the dividing line between the senior and junior crews, and it was at length decided to fix upon an age instead of a weight limit.

The following resolutions passed at the meeting will be of interest:—

- (a) That the First Eight be excluded.
- (b) That there be two divisions—Senior and Junior.
- (c) That members of junior crews must not be over 15 on 10th December in each year.
- (d) That a form may enter a crew for either division, and that they may also enter two crews for each division if they wish.
- (e) That four coxswains be chosen on the day of the race by the Committee—two for seniors and two for juniors.
- (f) That practice boats be allotted by the Committee.
- (g) That no boy can row both in a senior and in a junior crew.
- (h) That the races be held at the end of the year at the close of the cricket season.

These regulations are not to be looked upon as final. The conditions in rowing are difficult to provide for, and alterations in the rules may be necessary as these events take place.

Australian oarsmen have reason to congratulate themselves on the splendid performance of their representative crew at Henley-on-Thames this year. This historic rowing carnival is looked upon as the most important function of its kind in the world, and the Grand Challenge is the rowing man's "Blue Ribbon." Whatever may have been the reason why this success was not repeated at Stockholm, there can be no doubt that the Australian style made a great impression on the Englishmen, and the fact that Leander shortened their oars in imitation of the Australians' so-called "baby" oars, is convincing enough. The victory of our crew was exceedingly popular in England, but the winning of the double would have shaken the conservative oarsman's faith in the classic style, which is declared to have been completely vindicated by Leander's success at the Olympic Sports.

## **Cadet Corps,**

DURING the quarter the work of the corps has proceeded in an entirely satisfactory manner, and there has been a marked improvement in the efficiency of all ranks. The drummers have advanced another stage, and in order to give them confidence, they have been allowed occasionally to try their effect on the marching of the corps. In the first attempts the corps set the time for the drummers, but the latter are rapidly settling down to the swing of the quick-step, and will soon get control of it. The echo of the drums in the parade-ground recalls the old times when that most excellent of drummers, F. C. Chisholm, and his band with their faultless roll and rattle, used to stir the pulses of the

cadets, making marching a pleasure and missing the step an impossibility.

Lieutenant R. Lamble has just recently passed the examination for the rank of Captain, and we take this opportunity of congratulating him upon his distinction. His promotion will be thoroughly valued by every member of the corps, not only on account of its influence on the status of the corps itself, but as an appreciation of his untiring interest and enthusiasm. We are also very pleased to record the promotion to the rank of second lieutenant of Sergeants O. B. Bennett and W. J. Reid. These are the first two members of the College Corps who have as collegians received commissions under the New Defence Act. The examination was a thorough test of efficiency in Regulations, Company and Section drill, the two candidates being placed in the order named above.

On 28th August the Canadian Cadets came to Geelong, and every effort was taken by the local authorities to make the visit a pleasant one. The College Corps had the distinction of forming part of a guard of honor at the Railway Station to welcome the visitors. The physique and smartness of the Canadians created a most favourable impression, while the work of their drummers and trumpeters was a revelation to the average performer on these instruments. In the afternoon the visitors, accompanied by a selection from each Geelong Company of Senior Cadets, drove round the town and suburbs, and in the evening were the guests of the Geelong boys at a very successful social.

A change has been made in the musketry arrangements. The former method of taking the complete company down to the ranges was not found at all satisfactory, so it was decided to work one section at a time. The new system is giving much better results.

Enfield shooting has been commenced in preparation for the Schools' Rifle Matches, which are to be held this year in Geelong

## The New Tennis Court.

### OPENING CEREMONY.

*(Adapted from the "Geelong Times.")*

SINCE the erection of the Norman Morrison Memorial Hall we have been without that exhilarating form of pastime, tennis, owing to the lack of a tennis court. The old court was situated on the site where the Hall now stands, and was pulled up to make way for the Memorial Hall. The need of a new court was recognised by the members of the College Council, and they had the matter under consideration. Mrs. T. S. Hawkes, however, came to their rescue, and made the generous offer to lay down a court for the use of the boys. Needless to say, it was gladly accepted, and by none was it more appreciated than the boys. This is by no means the first occasion on which Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have shown their interest in the College, especially in its sports department, and each year the name of Mrs. Hawkes appears on the list of donors of prizes. Not only have Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes been interested in the College sports, but the Geelong Lawn Tennis "Association has found in them practical supporters. It was to some extent due to their instrumentality that the Association was launched, and they have been prominent factors in making the Easter lawn tennis tournaments successful. Therefore, it was quite in keeping with her patronage of tennis in the past that Mrs. Hawkes should have thus come to the aid of the College, and it is safe to say that while the court exists, and even afterwards, the name of the donor will remain in the grateful memory of the boys.

The situation of the court is admirable. Being on the elevated block abutting on Noble Street, and adjoining All Saints' Church, the light should be perfect. It is a full double court, and Messrs. Conway and Evans are to be complimented on the way it has been put down. The asphalt surface is as level as a billiard table, and

all of the conveniences have been erected to prevent the necessity of chasing flying balls rallied in by vigorous players. The court is well away from the School buildings, and many enjoyable afternoons will no doubt be spent by the boys there.

The formal handing over of the court took place on Tuesday, September 3rd, in the presence of the boys, and a few ladies and gentlemen interested in the College. Among those present were the Revs. J. A. Forrest and A. Wheeler.

Mr. Bayly introduced Mrs. Hawkes to the boys, and this was the signal for ringing cheers, which resounded through the grounds. He related the circumstances under which the offer of the court was made, and said that the only desire of the donor was that the court would be used for the glory and the honour of the School. They all appreciated the lady's good service to the School.



SENIOR PREFECT RECEIVING THE TENNIS COURT FROM MRS HAWKES.

Mrs. Hawkes, in handing over the court, said that she wanted the boys to get ever so much pleasure out of the game, and always play it fairly and squarely. To her there was a good deal of sentiment in tennis when applied to the College. In the first Geelong team which won the pennant in 1891, three Old Collegians took part, and the four who were now representing Geelong were doing well, and if they did not win the pennant, they would at least be second. Three of them were Old Collegians, the fourth being a representative of our sister School, and the boys should look on them with pride. They should take the late Gus. Kearney as their standard, and they would do well. At the same time they should not allow tennis to take the place of or in any way interfere with football, cricket, or rowing, which were essentially schoolboys' sports. They were good, clean sports, and would be useful in the years following their departure from school life. In the past she had always given assistance in the providing of sports prizes. Her prizes in future would be two racquets—one for the Senior, and one for the Junior. If the receiving of the court gave as much pleasure to the boys as it did to her to make the gift, that was sufficient recompense. (Loud applause).

G. N. Morrison, senior prefect, and captain of the School, then formally accepted the court for the boys, and expressed the thanks that present and past Collegians felt at Mrs. Hawkes's fitting present. Rousing cheers were again given for Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes, and the opening game then took place.

A. L. Baird and R. B. Keays were matched against the Rev. E. M. Baird and S. Roebuck. The first set was most interesting, and was in doubt until the end. The players showed good form, and some fine volleys were witnessed, and duly applauded by the boys. The game ended in favor of Baird and Keays, the points being 5—6, 6—2, 6—1.

Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Bayly, and a most pleasant **time was spent.**

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 FIXTURES, 1912.

(First-named School has choice of Ground).

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Last Friday in October.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

4th Saturday in November, at Geelong.

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THE PEGASUS.

## Old Boys' Column.

EXTRACTS from Association Rules :—

No. II. The chief objects of the Association shall be :—  
a. " To hold an Annual Social Reunion of past Collegians, *b.* To unite and foster good fellowship among the Old Boys. *c.* To promote the welfare of the Geelong College."

No. III. " All Old Boys of the College may become Members on the payment of five shillings annual subscription, or Life Members on payment of five guineas. The financial year ends 30th April in each year. Each Member shall be entitled to receive a copy of each issue of *The Pegasus*, the journal of the Geelong College."

The following Annual Reports and Sports Programmes of the College are required. If any Old Boys can assist in procuring these, the Hon. Secretary of the Association will be grateful, and will acknowledge same :—

Annual Report.	Year 1861.
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do.	do. 1867.
do.	do. 1870.

Sports Programmes from 1862 to 1867, 1869, 1870, 1872 to 1875, 1891, 1897, 1900 AND 1901 would also be much appreciated. Thanks are due to Messrs. Chas. Wheatland, F. Wheatland, and J. S. Disher for copies already received.

A tablet in memory of the late Dr. Harry R. Salmon was unveiled at Trinity College during August. The Memorial was provided by his fellow students, and the unveiling ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Pritchard, of Broken Hill, who was a Trinity College mate of the late Doctor Salmon,

Dr. Salmon played in both cricket and football teams at the College, and matriculated in 1878 before passing on to Trinity.

The Old Public School Boys resident in the district of Kyneton gave a most interesting and enjoyable ball in the local Mechanics' Institute on August 8th last. About 120 guests attended, and our Old Boys' Association was represented by Mr. A. B. Sutherland.

Old Boys who have not yet secured a copy of the "College History" may do so by sending six shillings to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, James Street, Geelong.

Badges at 2/6 each may also be obtained.

Dr. George Ernest Morrison has accepted the position of political adviser to the President of China for a term of five years. For many years he has acted as Peking correspondent of the London Times. We wish him good luck in his new high office.

R. R. Grigg, J. Watt, J. H. Slater, G. V. Heinz, E. Webber, and N. M. Freeman have played with the Geelong League Football Team during the past successful year.

E. A. E. Gregory (1900) has been chosen from Victoria by the Defence Authorities to visit India as one of six officers of the citizens' forces—one from each State of the Commonwealth. The officers undergo a course of training with the Imperial forces during the annual manoeuvres.

Congratulations to the President of our Old Boys' Association, Mr. Stewart McArthur, who has accepted the appointment of King's Counsel. Every Old Boy will recognise that the distinction has been well and thoroughly earned, and we wish him long life and prosperity.

#### BIRTHS.

BAILEY. On the 28th March at Inglewood, the wife of Guy Bailey—a son,

BUCHAN. On the 29th June at Rutherglen, the wife of Alan C. Buchan—a son.

STRONG. On the 17th August at Geelong, the wife of C. O. Strong—twins.

DEATHS.

ARKINS. On the 2nd August at "Kyarra," Fellows Street, Kew, Thomas M. Arkins, aged 50.

TULLOH. On the 25th September at Colac, Cuthbert R. Tulloh, aged 21.

## **A few Reminiscences of Dr. George Ernest Morrison,**

*Recently "Times" Correspondent at Peking.*

BY POTTS.

I AM so often writing to *Pegasus* that I think it is quite time that I—like the ostrich of the desert who buries his head in the sand to avoid his pursuers—should hide my identity by some such *nom de plume* as above. My subject for this issue has been suggested, because Ernest Morrison for the last few months has been so much in the Public eye, in that he has been appointed official adviser to the Chinese Government. His strength and force is obvious, when all the other powers are so strongly opposing his appointment. A weak man, and the other powers-would be quite happy. Little may be said in this article about his great position, and the great political and social influence that he has in the East. More will be said of the lighter side of his nature, with which I mostly came in contact. I do not pretend to write with any historical accuracy, or with notes before me—I am relying entirely on a memory that I never did think very much of.

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I was only a kiddy at school when Ernest was an old collegian—a medical student at the Melbourne University who did mighty little work. His mind was always on some exploring expedition, and while a student—during a vacation, I think—he walked along the coastal margin from Queenscliff to Adelaide. Most of us know fragments of that coast, and can readily realise what a task it was. I think he walked across country from Adelaide on the return journey.

Again, he paddled a canoe down the Murray from Albury to the mouth of the river. Sold his canoe, and returned again to Geelong, walking across country.

It was on one of these return journeys that he passed through my father's station, and, looking a typical "Weary Willie" tramp, came up the garden to the house and rang the front door bell. The shrewd little parlor-maid opened the door, looked at him in astonishment, and told him to go back to the men's hut at once, and asked how he dared come up to the House. He said he had already been to the hut, and the cook would give him no "doss" or tucker unless he chopped wood for two hours, so he thought he would rather come up and dine with the boss. She slammed the door in his face. However, my mother, who was in the garden regarding the tramp closely—and being a great admirer of the Morrison boys—recognised the Morrison features and walk, and rescued him at once.

Next morning, my father was driving into the village, nine miles away, and as it was in the direction in which Ernest wished to go, asked him to drive with him. He refused, as he said he was doing the walking tour, and must do it fairly. Father passed him on the road later, and again asked if he might give him a lift, and still met with the same stolid refusal.

I believe on one occasion he was persuaded to drive a few miles of the journey, and, on getting out of the trap, he started on the backward journey, and walked that portion over again.

These strolls were mere preliminaries to the big one he undertook when still a student. By this time he had become careless about choosing to do his walks during vacation. He did not care if vacation overstepped many months into the term, so long as he was exploring.

The big walk was from Gulf of Carpentaria to Melbourne.—across the great Australian Continent from north to south, *via* Cooper's Creek, I believe. He was absolutely alone—no equipment beyond what he stood in—carrying an extra pair of boots, a tomahawk and big knife, and small rifle. He had nothing to guide him except his excellent headpiece, no food beyond what his hands and eyes could bring him, no water but what he could find. His way led through trackless desert, drought-stricken, fly-pestered, God-forsaken country, and for three months he was never heard of, but he came through it unscathed, and in a country where death through famine, hunger and thirst had gained a big toll of intrepid explorers with well and costly-equipped retinue.

It was a record performance, as no one had ever previously got across the continent, and certainly no one had tried it alone.

Previously, his writings in *The Age* of his minor walks were in a lighter vein, but now, as news was sent along, and *The Age* printed intermittently, articles pulsating to the manliness, determination, and grit, and withal, modesty. The reading Public then began to recognise the pen of a master, and *The Age* realised his value. The proprietors sent him to investigate the kidnapping of Kanakas, which was going on very openly in the islands north of Australia. "Black-berrying" was the descriptive name applied to it. He would see nothing or hear nothing if his identity were

known, so he signed on as an A.B. on a schooner that had the worst reputation for "black-berrying." I believe the skipper was a most violent man, and his manner and language were worthy of a buccaneer chief. Ernest readily learned some of his best phrases from this man. I suppose the work he did on this expedition was as fine a piece of journalistic ferreting as has ever been done in Australasian journalism. His sturdy articles, straightforwardly told of kidnapping—almost amounting to slave-dealing—roused the Public and Governmental mind to such an extent that black-berrying was almost expunged. In *The Age* a series of articles appeared, revealing the whole ghastly system, and no one dared refute his statements. He filled his part so well as an able-bodied seaman that even his cerulean-lingued and much-experienced captain was unable to detect his amateurism.

After this expedition *The Age* started a bigger one still—an Exploration of New Guinea—a country that was very little known then, but has been much explored since.

Ernest's daring and stamina was undoubted, but his experience of managing such a formidable expedition at the age of 22 was a negative quantity. He had had no previous knowledge of marching through a country, surrounded by hostile natives, and was early in the expedition ambushed, and the greater number of his party destroyed. He escaped—badly wounded—through the grit and pluck of his lieutenant, the only other white man of the party who brought him back after some days to a place of safety. The expedition proved to be a total failure, and cost *The Age* a large sum of money, and Dr. George Morrison—Ernest's father—did some hard thinking. He thought the rolling stone was gathering no moss. The "stone" must be sent to Edinburgh, far from the attractions of exploration: must be imbedded in old-world wisdom and gather a dense moss of instruction in the medical world.

He tells his story very well of his failure at the Melbourne University, and herewith I quote his own words.

" In the Examination for the Second Year of Medicine, hoping the more to impress the Professors, I entered my name for honors, and they rejected me in the Preliminary Pass. It seems that in the Examination in *Materia Medica*, I had, among other trifling lapses, prescribed a dose of Croton oil of one and a half to two drachms, "*carefully increased*" I confess that I had never heard of the wretched stuff. The question was taken from far on in the text-book, and, unfortunately, my reading had not extended quite so far.

When a deputation from my family awaited upon the examiner to ascertain the cause of my misadventure, the only satisfaction he got was the obliging assurance 'that you might as well allow a mad dog loose in Collins Street, as allow me to become a doctor,' and then the examiners produced my prescription. But I thought I saw a faint chance of escape. I pointed a nervous finger to the two words, 'carefully increased,' and pleaded that that indication of caution ought to save me. 'Save you it might!' he shouted, with unnecessary vehemence, 'but—God bless my soul, man—it would not save your patient!' The examiner was a man intemperate of speech, so I left the University. It was a severe blow to the University,—but the University survived it! "

His sojourn in Edinburgh was an important phase in Ernest's life. He met many great men in the medical and literary world. Professor Cheyne removed a broken spear-head from his thigh, which had been thrust there, nine months previously, by a savage in New Guinea.

In due course he qualified, and received congratulations from his father. He soon got an appointment, and for three years was

principal medical officer at the Sierra Nevada tin mines in Spain. He did excellent work for the Company, and became thoroughly proficient in Spanish.

He returned to Melbourne, and was appointed House Surgeon to the Ballarat Hospital, where to this day his histories of cases are kept as joyous relics. Most of his spare time was spent in baiting the Members of Committee, and for a very long while there was a furious newspaper controversy between the Bishop of Ballarat and himself. It started in all seriousness, but later it appealed to his sense of humor, and if he saw any evidence of flagging interest in the controversy, he would write stirring letters himself, signed by some mythical names, supporting strongly the good Bishop; then would come a sheaf of letters to the Press, in reply, supporting Dr. Morrison's case, written by himself again with mythical signatures, and so on, he would keep the ball a-rolling.

The Bishop prided himself on knowing all Ballarat people, yet he never seemed to know or meet really in the flesh those good men and true who so strongly supported his case in the newspapers, and, strangely enough, no one seemed to have met those who supported Dr. Morrison. I don't think the joke really was known until after Ernest left the hospital.

## **Impressions of Hong Kong.**

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEGASUS," AND PRESENT BOYS OF THE  
 GEELONG COLLEGE.

My Dear Sir and Boys,

The following impressions of Hong Kong may interest you, so I shall briefly touch on the various features as they presented themselves to me during my recent visit. British since 1841, Hong



STREET SCENE, HONG KONG.



STREET SCENE, CANTON.

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Kong is now governed by a Governor, and small executive body, including the Commander of the Troops. The city lies along the face of the hills, and is situated on an island at the mouth of the Canton River, and go miles from the city of that name. The harbour of Hong Kong when once seen can never be forgotten. It lies apparently land-locked between the lofty mountains on the mainland, with the rugged hills of the island in the background, and along the face of these hills the houses, mostly handsome structures, rise in tiers to the height of four or five hundred feet. It is hard to imagine this place overrun with pirates some seventy years ago. The island is eleven miles long, and four wide, and Hong Kong, I was told by one of the leading authorities, is about the healthiest city in the far East. This colony has about 420,000 inhabitants, of which under 13,000 are non-Chinese.

The city extends for four miles along the face of the hill, and private residences extend up the hill towards Victoria Peak, from where my photo was taken, about 1800 feet above sea level. At the top of this lofty peak stands the summer residences of the Governor, and many of the more wealthy inhabitants. This is reached by a wire rope tramway, also to be seen in photograph, or, if preferred, one may be carried in a chair by two coolies, whose calves would rouse the envy of not only the senior prefect, but the weightiest of your crew or football team.

One is fortunate to stay at the house of an influential citizen, and enjoy an insight into the Eastern Home Life, where labour is plentiful and cheap, and comforts many.

The sporting ground at Happy Valley, where polo is played, and keenly contested on small ponies, is well worth visiting by rikisha, and whatever happens, do not miss the view in the evening at sunset from the Peak, where a delightful breeze puts new life into one after a long day in the great heat of the city.

When anchoring in the harbour for the first time, do not fail to be on deck, as the sight that welcomes one will never be forgotten—dozens of junks and small crafts of every design will fairly rush towards your steamer like arrows from a bow, carrying touts or agents, who stream on board in droves. Each man has a long bamboo pole with a hook at the end, which he rapidly fastens over the side of the steamer, then nimbly runs up this like a monkey, and is canvassing for business in less time than it takes me to write you this description.

Long before your anchor has touched bottom the steamer is surrounded with these chattering, jabbering vendors, who will sell anything, from a gold watch (probably stolen), to a Birmingham made collar stud. Some of the embroidery and needle work is good and cheap if one has persistency enough to spend hours or days beating down the smiling salesman, who will never lose sight of you once he knows the article you fancy. In fact, whilst shaving at the port hole next morning the odds are a hundred to one on that the article which you admired yesterday will be pushed before your face by invisible hands from without, and you hear " Gentleman! buy! werry cheap! werry good! "

The trip to Canton by boat takes eight hours up the Pearl River, where the scene changes from European lines to pure Oriental. This city is walled in, and is the official residence of the Viceroy of two large Provinces. The streets are very narrow—too narrow for vehicles, as may be seen from the photograph. The temples are famous for their size and beauty, and the shops full of beautifully manufactured stuffs. Public executions are quite every day events in Canton, and thought little of by the residents.

Owing to the unsettled state of affairs during the past twelve months many visitors to the East have been prevented from seeing this notable city. The market is an interesting depot where one



HONG KONG, FROM THE PEAK.



A CHINESE WELCOME.

can buy, amongst other delicacies, horse beef, good dogs, cats, owls, hawks, and edible birds' nests—birds' nest soup being a very favourite dish in China.

The walls round the city are twenty feet thick, and from twenty-five to thirty-five feet high.

Yours very faithfully,

STANLEY B. CALVERT.

## The Midwinter Concert.

THE Midwinter Concerts are always enjoyable little functions, and the one this year was no exception to the rule. The dining hall was converted into a cosy little concert hall, which was comfortably filled, although the majority of day-boys, for reasons of their own, were absent. In many ways we regret to say that this will be the last entertainment of its kind, for next year the concert will be held in the Norman Morrison Hall, when the general public, who, owing to lack of accommodation, have not been hitherto invited, will be able to see and hear some of the school talent. The concert this year was acknowledged on all sides as a great success, and we are proud to say that the programme consisted of more items from the boys themselves than there have been for several years. For the past few years the usual farce has been omitted, owing partly to lack of talent and energy, and partly from want of time, but now that we have the new hall, with its larger auditorium, a first-class programme, including a play, will have to be given, and no time and trouble must be spared in getting it up.

Mr. Geo. Heinz, an old boy, opened the programme with a violin solo, and judging by the applause of the audience, it was a popular contribution. We are greatly indebted to him for taking part, as

he had to fulfil another engagement in the orchestra of a local production immediately afterwards. Owing to the performance of "The French Maid," we were unable to obtain the services of Mr. Harry Newton, but we hope he will oblige us at our future concerts. The next item was a series of recitations by Mr. Lupton, the school elocution master, who gave us a great treat. This is the first opportunity he has had of reciting to us, but we sincerely hope it will not be the last. Miss Cotton, who is always ready to help us, gave us some of Margaret Cooper's "Songs at the Piano," which appealed so much to the audience that five had to be given. Mr. Harry's topical ditty, "Down, Down," also met with an enthusiastic reception, and additional verses were demanded. Then three of the boarders, viz., Morrison, Bennett, and Gossip, who all give promise of developing good voices, rendered individual items, which were all encored. For the second half of the programme we had the good fortune to have Mr. Wheeler, who "brought down the house" with his songs, one of which was written especially for this concert, and was greatly appreciated. For the encores, some old favourites were given, viz., "The Lady Student," and "The Cork Leg."

Some of Mr. Worth's Junior Singing Class rendered a song, and we feel some remorse from the fact that there is not a school choir; for these boys, considering the small amount of training they had, sang exceptionally well, and this gives proof that there is material in the school, which could, with some trouble, be turned to better advantage. Then a number of Lower IV. boys recited a piece from Horatius, and we owe the success of this item to Mr. Bayly, who very kindly coached them. And last but by no means least, we had Roberts, the Chung-Ling-Soo of the College, who completely bewildered us with his illusions. We regret to say that he is leaving us this year, but we hope to hear great things of him in the future, and that he will come and entertain us again.

At the close of the concert the senior prefect, on behalf of the school, took the opportunity of saying good-bye to Mr. Worth, who has since left us for Europe. Mr. Worth, who has done a lot for the school, not only in rowing and in the debating society, but also in helping us to get up our concerts, will be greatly missed. But there are rumours that his successor, Mr. Irving, is musical, so, as far as our concerts are concerned, the gap is filled.

Mrs. Bayly then entertained the visitors, masters, and boys at supper, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

### **The Ormond Letter.**

As the year goes on work begins to fill up a larger and larger portion of our time, while sport sinks slowly into the background. All the Intercollegiate contests are now over, and Henley alone remains of the big outside events.

The Intercollege football matches were fought out at the end of second term. Ormond met Trinity, who, for the first half, played above expectations. But Ormond had a lead at half-time, and afterwards they steadily increased it. It was a strenuous, and at times, rather a rough game, but after the interval there was never any doubt of the result. The final scores were :—

Ormond, 13 goals 17 behinds.

Trinity, 6 goals 6 behinds.

Next week Ormond met Queen's. This time we at once jumped away with the lead, and held it throughout, our men playing a great game. The scores were :—

Ormond, 13 goals 10 behinds.

Queen's, 4 goals 4 behinds.

The Ormond team this year is a fine one. If they had steady continuous practice together it would need nothing less than a

League Eighteen to defeat them. The Old Collegians' Day, Young and the Pearces all acquitted themselves well.

This victory gave Ormond the rubber, and the Sports Dinner that night was an occasion of great rejoicing. K. M. Doig was presented with a bat for his century against Queen's, while the members of the eight received their oars.

In tennis, as was expected, the Trinity Four, including three Interstate men, were easily victorious. Unless the new College court sends us up a few champions, it looks as though Trinity will go on being successful for as long as Melbourne Grammar are allowed to have a monopoly of Public School Tennis.

We have now one more Old Collegian than last term, F. T. Beamish having come into College.

On the river Old Collegians have acquitted themselves with credit. At the University Eights Regatta J. D. Blair stroked the winning crew, which also included N. R. Mathews and J. R. Cochrane. Blair is also to be congratulated on gaining his blue in the Inter-'varsity contest in Sydney. He is the first Old Collegian to win the rowing blue since we entered the Public Schools rowing in 1908.

In the Interschool Eights Blair was again in the winning crew—the Medicals. G. Askew rowed for the Engineers, and P. McCallum and N. L. Campbell for Arts and Law. N. L. Campbell was in the winning crew in the Morrison (Fours) Regatta.

No fewer than five University crews are beginning to train for Henley, and quite a number of Old Collegians are included. As Henley is on the day after the combined sports, Collegians will have an opportunity of witnessing it.

In the recent examinations for Third Year Medicine, K. M. Doig passed with honours in Physiology ; J. W. Young passed in

Forensic Medicine (fifth year), and J. V. Pearce in Applied Anatomy and Hygiene. Third Year Medicals are thus delivered from worry for some time to come, but for the rest of us the crisis is still ahead, and getting nearer every day.

As the Grammar match has witnessed a turn in the tide of ill fortune, we hope to see the College to the fore in the combined sports. May the well-earned win against Grammar be the first of a long series. And there is no reason why the luck should'nt turn at cricket, too, in the matches still to come.

## The Debating Society.

SINCE the last edition of *The Pegasus* appeared the Society has sustained a great loss in the person of Mr. Worth. Mr. Worth was one of the prime movers in the formation of the Society, and ever since its inauguration in 1908, he took a keen interest in its welfare. Before leaving Mr. Worth was presented with a travelling case by the members as a token of appreciation of his work in the interests of the Society. Owing to the departure of Mr. Worth it was necessary to have an election to fill the vacancy caused by his departure, and so, before the debate on August 17th, it was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Stanley Calvert to accept the position, which he did, at the same time thanking the Society for its kindness in appointing him Vice-President. The first meeting after the holidays was held on July 29th. The syllabus item was "Readings from favourite authors." Ten members read selections from various authors.

On August the 17th the second meeting was held, and the syllabus item was "That there should be Universal Arbitration." Mr. Pearson brought in the motion, which was opposed by Mr. Leggatt. The following also spoke well. For :—Morrison, Gossip

and Longden, and against :—Hooper, Roberts, Jewell. There were many heated arguments, and the arbitrator, amid great excitement, gave his decision in favour of the motion. On August 31st another meeting of the Society was held, which consisted of impromptu debates. Altogether there were 9 debates, which were productive of some very good speeches. The last debate of the year was held on Sept. 14th. A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Collocott, who kindly consented to take the chair for the evening. The syllabus item was "that the Young Australian is too fond of sport." Mr. Pearson again brought in the motion, which was opposed by Mr. Leggatt. The meeting was a most spirited one, and the decision of the arbitrator in favour of the Premier's side seemed to be not altogether approved of by some members of the opposing side. September the 28th was the "evening of evenings," for the annual banquet was held on this date. For several weeks preceding the eventful day the Hon. Sec. had been busy at work collecting the call of 6d. levied upon each member of the Society. Over 50 members sat down, which is easily a record. Many toasts were honoured, and an excellent programme of recitations and songs was given. It was a source of great pleasure to all present to have the company of Mr. Stewart McArthur, who kindly responded to the toast of the Old Boys, and the Society will be only too glad to have the company of as many Old Boys as can find it convenient to come to the meetings. A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Irving, who kindly gave three recitations, which were very much appreciated by all present. Mr. Harry, Morrison, and Bennett also added to the evening's entertainment by rendering some songs. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone. Before closing, it would be as well to state that the Committee decided to appoint an arbitrator for each debate. He has to give his verdict to that side, which in his opinion, has made the best speeches, and brought forward the

strongest arguments. There is only one more meeting for the year, and that is Mr. Cameron's lecture on Bridge Building, which is being eagerly looked forward to by all.

## Library Notes.

DURING the past term the Library has been thoroughly overhauled, and the missing books traced as far as possible, for, although the books are in circulation only amongst the boarders, still they go astray.

Now that the Hall is completed, a room in it is to be set aside for "Fiction." In consequence, this will leave plenty of empty shelves for Reference works. But there will also be room for more Fiction works.

Books of any description are always acceptable, because, since no library fee is charged, great difficulty is experienced in restocking the shelves, and we are obliged to rely to a great extent on the generosity of our well-wishers.

In future, books will be given out only on Wednesdays and Sundays, as it has been found unnecessary to open the library three times a week.

During the past year the *Argus* has been left out in the morning, and this has been welcomed by everyone, because, when the papers are kept until the evening, not everyone has an opportunity of seeing them.

We have to acknowledge the gifts of books from the following :—Mrs. W. R. Bayly, Messrs, Charles Shannon, D. P. S. Dunlop, R. C. E. Brodie, A. W. Hooper.

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## Random Notes.

### DISCOVERIES.

Class VI. Hyperion is one of Charles Kingsley's most important novels.

*Q.* What are the physical properties of sodium ?

*A.* Its velocity is proportionate to the square of its chemical density.

V.A. Apollo is a leading character in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

*Q.* What is the meaning of hyperbole ?

*A.* Something to do with a graph.

V.B. Dr. Primrose was one of the ancient Greek Fates.

III. If you took 6d. to the shop and bought a tin of jam at 5d., how much change would you get ?

*A.* A tin of jam.

It is stated that the average size of the school is decreasing. A praiseworthy (?) effort is being made by some to remedy this defect by donning "longs," "hot socks," and tan boots as early as possible.

The boat is speeding along the smooth surface of the river, propelled by four lusty oarsmen. But look ! what is that in the grass near the river ? A gun barrel gleams—bang—the rowers cease and turn pale. A bullet zips and hits the water near the bows. The boat is rushed ashore, and help sought. Presently they return boldly (?) without help, and discover the attacking party have ceased operations. One of the blood-thirsty marauders has shot his thumb, and their murderous tendencies have vanished suddenly. A truce is arranged, and the enemy retreat with their artillery. The boats-crew follow them, carrying their oars, as the

boat is punctured by bullets and hobnailed boots. A salvage party have to forego Church to rescue the remains of the "Khalifa."

The I.C. V.A. are initials that soon will startle the world and rival the sign of the Black Hand. It signifies the Inner Council of V.A., a society founded by a well-known promoter of these mysterious assemblies. When a "buzzing" sound arises from Room A, all in earshot turn pale and flee, for a meeting of the I.C. is in progress.

Later Reports :—This Society strikes boldly and revengefully. Some miscreant stole their war materials (small squares of cardboard, with which they hold mock combats when they ought to be otherwise employed). They traced the material, thrashed the thief, and proceeded to run riot.

Latest Reports :—The above Society is at present dormant, as sane residents of the College have formed a Vigilance Committee.

One V.A. Councillor determined to vary the ordinary routine of late study by studying the peculiarities of a punching ball. He did make one startling discovery—"a punching ball will break gas-fittings if hurled hard enough."

One Sunday night a youth was startled by what he thought was a "burgular" in the garden, but when an investigating party was formed, it was found to be a harmless old cow.

A youth was slowly strolling  
 About the ghostly hour,  
 When he saw the bushes moving,  
 And a sight that made him cower.

"What's this I see before me,"  
 The startled youth exclaimed ;  
 You see he'd been to a lecture,  
 And this is what remained-

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The shadow made no answer,  
As only shadows can ;  
" Hence! hence! horrible spectre.  
Prithee, are you a man ?

Approach me, like the Russian bear,  
The youth kept spouting on,  
Or meet me in the morning  
At the pit of Acheron.

If, trembling, I inhabit then,"  
The rump-fed ronyon cries,  
" Though you untie the winds,  
I'll tell pale fear it lies."

In the middle of his shouting  
A voice comes answering now,  
" What! a soldier and afeard,  
When you look but on a cow."

One fine rainy afternoon (fine for the country) the school was startled by the cry, " The river in flood ! " A party of picked men was at once dispatched to the boat-sheds to pick up any stray oars or " pieces of eight." After doing the mile in a little under 5 minutes they found the water lapping gently against the staging. After waiting for about 3 hours for the expected " wall of water," the noble crew of would-be rescuers wended their way sadly homewards without the expected Royal Humane Society medals.

A ferocious old magpie holds a reign of terror round about the hall. Whenever anyone has cause to go that way, you see him anxiously survey the landscape in all directions before making a desperate dash. One youth was kept under the protection of the hall for some time, keeping a weather eye on the magpie, who, like Prometheus's eagle, sat aloft on guard.

Later Reports :—The magpie's reign has come to an abrupt conclusion. Finding the situation was desperate, two noble heroes scaled the tree where reposed the "procreant cradle" of the magpie, and scattered it to the four winds.

If any aspiring student wishes to learn the language of ancient Greece, he's first advised to have some knowledge of the once popular game of Blind Man's Buff. Greek "were bare without it."

If it's the language of the Greek  
 That the student wants to speak,  
 All he wants is just enough  
 Of a game called Blind Man's Buff.

If it's only sentences that you  
 Wish immediately to do,  
 Don't at once get in a huff,  
 Remember the game of Blind Man's Buff.

Ena dinah, dinah, doh ;  
 That's the method, yes just so,  
 When you call it horrid stuff,  
 Remember the game of Blind Man's Buff.

If in other things you stumble  
 And make things all in a jumble,  
 And masters call it horrid stuff,  
 Remember the game of Blind Man's Buff.

#### DAY BOYS' NOTES.

We have always thought that the "Pegasus" would be a bit more complete and a bit more interesting if it contained a few paragraphs devoted solely to day boys and their affairs in general. After waiting for a long while for others to start an article, we found that the only way to make sure of getting one was to tackle

it ourselves, hoping, by so doing, to gain for ourselves the honour of being the creators of a great literary movement.

We find great cause for exulting in the fact that our Vice-Principal has become a day boy, or rather a day master, and we hope that he will never have cause to regret his conversion.

We must congratulate Webber and Rankin in obtaining a place in Geelong's Eighteen, and soon we hope to see them representing Victoria. Davidson is back again, just too late for football, but we are expecting great things of him at cricket and at the combined sports. He was present at our concert, but at that time his head was still rather bare, and he was unable to say " Hair Here " to any of the speeches.

We are sorry to lose Jack Birnie and K. Spalding from our ranks, but we know that their influence for work and general good will permeate the boarding-house.

Reminiscences of former years were recalled by the Day Boys' Celebration at the midwinter break up. The celebration took the form of a splendid banquet, followed by a vocal and instrumental concert. It was timed for 8 p.m., but at 7.30 all the participants rolled up in force, and were ushered into the banqueting room. They gazed wonder-eyed as the victuals they espied, and they swelled with honest pride to make room for the feast inside.

When able justice had been done to the wherewithals, the concert was opened with a classical overture on the mouth organ by E. Calder, in the chorus of which all joined lustily, each making his harmonious voice blend with the organ obligato. This was followed by some really fine exhibitions of local talent, and thus the evening passed very pleasantly.

Time, 9.30. A sharp rap at the door above all the uproar. A big policeman on his beat, had come to hear the strains so sweet, but when he saw that it was the Day Boys' treat, he said " a la

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bonheur," and beat a hasty retreat. As the guardian soon after reported that other upholders of the peace were imminent, it was thought necessary to close the proceedings, although many of the gayer spirits clung to the old motto, adapted to the occasion, " It is never too late to end."

THE " PAVILION DWELLERS."

## **A Visit to H.M.A.S. " Encounter."**

WHILE the " Encounter " was staying in Geelong, three of us were given an opportunity of having a look over her, so we went out in the motor launch. When we arrived on board a Quartermaster took charge of us, and showed us round. The first place he took us to was the Conning Tower, which is a steel walled tower on the forecastle. It is about eight feet in diameter, and about six feet high, and the walls are of solid five inch steel. From this place the ship is controlled when fighting, and every part of the ship is connected with it by telephones, bells, and speaking tubes.

We were then showed one of the six inch guns. These guns are the largest on board, and they hurl a three hundred pound shell about eight miles. The sights on these guns are very good, and allowance for everything that can affect the range of the gun is made. There are scales for the amount of powder in the charge, the weight of shell, the speed of ship, and the object aimed at; also there is the windage and elevation.

We were also shown a Maxim gun. These wonderful guns fire '303 rifle bullets at the rate of four hundred a minute. At this rate of fire they get very hot, so a brass water jacket is fitted round the barrel to cool it, and the heat is still so great as to boil the water after one minute's continual firing.

There was another object of interest which we found on the quarter-deck. It was a goat. This animal joined the ship at Crete. It has been on several battle-ships in England, and has been renowned for its ability to eat cigarettes, and to butt anyone who annoys it. It is said that on one battle-ship—the "Swiftsure" I think, it butted a sailor so hard that he was laid up for a month or more. When we were taken to the engine room we were surprised to find everything as clean as could be, and we were told later that there was a competition taking place between the deck hands and the engine room staff, to see who could keep their quarters the cleanest.

After the engine room we went down a steel ladder to the torpedo room, where the torpedoes are stored. They were arranged on steel racks, so they could be run to the torpedo tube without any trouble at all. Of course these weapons are extremely dangerous, and we were not allowed to touch anything in the room at all. During action the men are locked down in the room by means of steel hatches.

We had seen everything by this time, and we thought we had better be going, so we thanked the Quartermaster, and went off in the launch.

### **The Bachelors on Holiday.**

THE Midwinter Exams., and the preparation necessary for them had involved so much brain-fag, that we unanimously decided that a trip to the well-known sea-side resort was needed to recuperate our lost energy, especially as one of us had a house at that place.

A meeting was held both for considering the wants of the inner man and also to decide the date of departure. When, however, the day arrived, the rain somewhat damped our ardour,

but nevertheless Barwon Heads saw us that night, perhaps a little wet and muddy, but certainly not discouraged.

As a small argument in the shape of a "Pillow" arose about the choice of beds, and as this pillow was not as soft as the usual one, we decided to cut these petty irregularities short by electing as "Captain" the owner of the house.

After our long journey we all slept soundly, but were rudely awakened by the Captain's sonorous voice from beneath the blankets, saying "Milko," and ordering one poor unfortunate to get up and get it.

(How some people abuse their privileges).

At first we all tried the expedient of pretending not to hear the Captain's voice, but we soon learnt that he was not to be trifled with, as he had a harsh way of enforcing his words.

Breakfast of course was the next thing, but although everyone wanted to do the cooking, no one volunteered to light the fire, but the Captain's boot was heard against the door, and the table was laid by magic. Breakfast over, even the Captain's authority was disputed in such a degrading occupation as washing dishes, so they were left to "dew."

Boating was the next item, and as our boat was leaking we borrowed another, had a somewhat rough passage, and lost the anchor. We searched for it diligently, pulling up almost every bit of seaweed on the river's bottom, but in vain. Fifteen shillings and sixpence sunk in one fell swoop.

As boating was rather an expensive sport, we took on tennis in a "borrowed" court, and had some splendid "love" games with the owners.

Thus the holiday passed away, each day bringing its own excitements, one being specially important, as we found a way of

decreasing our expenses. On awaking one morning the Captain's brow was stern, when he noticed several pickets knocked off the front gate, but there was a twinkle in his eye when he noticed one of his crew was milking a stray cow, while the rest of his noble fellows were endeavouring to hold the animal by all its available points.

Another time the only meat the cook could find consisted of a few scraps that were good once. As there were a few more pickets off the gate that morning, a plentiful supply of milk was on hand, and so the cook made, by an "ingenious" method of his own, "FLIPPERS" that were to become famous. The crew had to eat something, so they made way into the flippers, not pausing to wonder why the captain and the cook were content with bread and butter.

Many little episodes like this took place, but time and space will not permit us to relate of how we caught one fish, and how the captain ate it. How also we got on the right side of some "flappers," who mysteriously came in while we were out and washed up our dishes.

To show that our behaviour was contrary to report, we were all asked to two of the most respectable citizens' places to tea. At their request we went to church the next Sunday, and when we found that one of our host's took up the collection, of course a silver coin had to be substituted for the copper one held in readiness.

The holidays however were not elastic, so after spending a couple of days in separating the sand from the house and our muddled belongings, we departed for Geelong, with firm resolves to study hard and long.

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