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School Items.

THE Third Term begins on Wednesday, September 20th.

As a rule, the Second Term is the most unhealthy of the three, and a year rarely passes without some mild epidemic, such as mumps or measles, interfering, to some extent, with the work of the school. This year, however, we have been exceptionally lucky, and have to report nothing worse than an occasional cold, and a few of those trifling accidents, such as bruised shins and sprained ankles, which seem to be the almost inseparable accompaniments of the football season.

The College Amateur Wireless Club started again this term, and is progressing favourably. The room used last year has been turned into a Museum, but the little room behind the Chemistry Lab. has been pressed into the service, and answers the purpose sufficiently well. The instruments are very simple, but fairly good results are obtained- The part that members enjoy most is listening to the Wireless 'Telephone, which comes through on Saturday afternoons, and occasionally on week nights. Gramophone music is heard as well as conversation, and the tunes are, as a rule, quite recognisable. Wireless telephone concerts are sent out from Melbourne every Monday night at 8 o'clock, but as yet we have not been able to get them. Some of the members of the Club have learned the code, but as yet no one can read any messages except the time signals sent out from Melbourne at 12 o'clock every day. We hope, however, to be able to read some of the slow messages before Christmas, for the main object of the Club is to teach members to read the code.

On Friday afternoon, August 4th, the new Preparatory School Oval was opened by a match between the two Houses, Bellerophon and Pegasus. A large number of parents, Old Boys and friends of the College were present. Mr. Holland called upon Mr. Stanley B. Calvert, the chairman of the College Council, to declare the new oval open. Mr. Calvert said that the boys should be proud to possess such a fine playing field, and told them that it was largely owing to the generosity of the late Mr. Charles Shannon, that the College had been able to purchase the necessary land. Pie then commenced the match by bouncing the ball- After the game, which was won by Bellerophon, the parents were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. and Mrs. Polland,

The study of "Wool-classing" is becoming more popular each year, and this term a class of ten goes down, each Saturday, to the Gordon College for instruction in the arts of "picking-up," "throwing," "skirting" and "rolling" fleeces. Everyone has had his share of "piece-picking" and wool grading. Opening fresh hales of wool has become more popular since the discovery that one particular bale contained not only wool, but also about a dozen eggs, which, on coming in contact with a brick wall, produced an explosion, and emitted a colourless gas which did not give the spark test, but had a distinct odour. Besides the Saturday classes, we have been allowed to attend two lectures on Wednesday nights. The first one was on "Dipping," in which the advantages of the process were thoroughly explained, and the second dealt with the subject of "Wool-classing," the lecturer, Mr. Swithenbank, showing very clearly the best ways of classing different grades of wool according to the size of the shed concerned.

At the conclusion of the football season, the usual match took place between the Combined Public Schools and a team from the University. The University team was not a strong one, and the Schools secured a victory, but the enjoyment of the game was somewhat marred by the muddy condition of the ground. Our representatives were E. Greeves, Piddle, and McCann, and all of these, particularly the first-named, rendered good accounts of themselves. Unfortunately McCann was injured during the match, and had to retire with a dislocated shoulder.

On Wednesday, August 16th, the well-known Australian aboriginal missionary, Mr. David Unaipon, gave us an exhibition of boomerang throwing on the oval. A few of the senior boys also tried their hands, but it is to be feared that their efforts were not crowned with any marked success.

The Tuesday lectures continue to be an interesting feature of the week's work. The series began with a historical lecture from Mr. Allen, on India, and he was followed by Mr. Davis, who explained the aim and objects of the Pocket Testament League, and distributed testaments among the boys. Mr. Fallaw came next with an interesting address on Journalism, and the following week Mr. Flynn described the work that the Church was doing to help the most distant and uncivilised parts of Australia. Miss Todd told us of the work done by herself and others

in the slums of Fitzroy, and Mr. Morton outlined the opportunities afforded by the profession of engineering. Mr. J. A. Reid gave us some reminiscences dealing with the customs and habits of the Australian blacks, and Mr. Gaunt spoke of the necessity of using- our own talents as a means of helping others. The last two lectures were given by Mr. Rolland, who dealt with the wonders of nature in great things and small, and by Ex-ehief Stoker Stephens, who gave us a stirring account of the work of the Australian Navy during the recent war.

Salvete.

- V.B.—
 - F. I. Routley
 - L. W. Schwennesen
- Middle V.—
 - T. Scott
- Lower V.—
 - A. C. Farrell
 - D. McLeod
- Upper IV.—
 - W. J. Pearson
- Preparatory School.—
 - J. K. McDonald
 - J. Mockridge
 - C. Purnell

Vaiete.

- VI.—
 - C. R. H. Lockwood—VIII., 1922.
 - V. E. Vibert
- Upper V.—
 - R. Mack—XL, 1920-1922. XVIII., 1920-1922. Running, 1921.
 - D. L. S. Neville
 - G. M. Robertson
- V.B.—
 - E. W. Heyward
- Preparatory School.—
 - W. Havelock
 - A. Robertson
 - W. Wishart

Football.

WE had as many as fifteen boys who had played in at least one match last year available for selection, but. owing to our heavy casualty list last year this is not as good as it sounds, However, we were hopeful with this material of putting into the field a team that would, at least, be up to the average of the last few years. And now, at the end of the season, we may safely say that this hope was more than realised. We were fortunate in having among the new boys two, who at once took their places as useful members of the team. As always, the competition for the last few places was very keen, several boys who played in matches last year being unable to maintain their positions. C. McArthur was elected Captain, and handled his team well, without allowing his re-

sponsibilities to affect his own play. E. Greeves was chosen as Vice-Captain.

After a bad beginning in the first match against Scotch College, a great improvement was shown against Melbourne Grammar School, while the match against Wesley College will remain long in the memories of those who saw it as the best game played by a College team for many years. The last two matches against Geelong Grammar School and Xavier College were more remarkable for their close finishes than for the standard of play; this being adversely affected, in the one case, by the over-keenness of both sides, and in the other by bad weather conditions.

The team has been remarkably fortunate in its freedom from sickness or accident, and we have been able to send out our strongest side for each match.

A most enjoyable interlude in the round of Public School matches was provided by a trip to Lismore to play a combined team from the Western Plains Association. An account of the trip will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Though Teddy Rankin has continued to take the greatest possible interest in the team, this is the first year that we have been without his active services as coach. We have been fortunate in finding Mr. Dolphin ready to help us, and the training of the 1st XVIII. has been carried out under his supervision. The school owes him a debt of gratitude for the time he has given to, and the trouble he has taken, over the work, as well as for the excellent results he has secured.

Practice among the rest of the school has been carried out with a fair degree of enthusiasm, but, until more playing grounds are available, there will always be a number of boys who get very little chance. Though several of their games had to be cancelled, both the Seconds and the Juniors have had a large programme of matches, the results of which are given below.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES.

COLLEGE v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

Our first Public School game of the season was on July 6th, when we met Scotch College on the M.C.C. ground. Our team was as follows:—C. McArthur (Captain), E. Greeves (Vice-Captain), McMillan,

Rusden, Rentoul, W- S. Reed, Kennedy, Robertson, Biddle, Fidge, C. Greeves, Routley, Bradshaw, Waugh, A. Lang, McCann, McKenzie, Bell.

As the two sides took the field it was immediately obvious that we were no match for them in height and weight, and as the game proceeded it became equally obvious that they also had the advantage as regards dash and certainty in handling the ball. During the first quarter Scotch were attacking most of the time; their concerted forward play was somewhat spoiled by bad shooting. Our one score was a goal that crowned a fine run by Biddle. The quarter ended with the scores:—Scotch, 5 goals 10 behinds; College, 1 goal.

The second quarter saw us with more of the play, but our attacks were seldom pressed home. Our forwards were too slow in getting rid of the ball; and it too often came down to them in the air; and in the air we were, with the notable exception of McCann, soundly beaten right through the game. Goals were scored by Robertson and Reid, and at half-time the scores were:—Scotch, 9 goals 14 behinds; College, 3 goals 3 behinds.

The third quarter was a repetition of the first, with Scotch's superiority in the air becoming more marked. Our attempts at short passes were continually going wrong, and what chances our forwards had were not turned to the best account. At the close of the quarter the scores were:—Scotch, 15 goals 20 behinds; College, 3 goals 6 behinds.

The last quarter was the most evenly contested, and we approached more nearly to the form shown in practice games. The play was largely in our forward lines, but we were not able to score more than two goals, McCann and Kennedy being responsible for one each. The final scores were:—•

Scotch College	—	17 goals 25 behinds.
Geelong College	—	5 goals 9 behinds.

In spite of the large score against us it was a good game to watch—fast, and with plenty of incident. We were badly beaten in the air, and our forwards especially lacked the speed and confidence of their opponents. E. Greeves in the centre, and Routley on the wing were very useful; C. McArthur had plenty to do as full-back, and made few mistakes—Mc-

Cairn was the one man on the side who could hold his own in the air ; Biddle and Waugh worked hard, and Rusden at times showed dash, goals were kicked by Biddle, Robertson, Kennedy, Reid, and McCann.

COLLEGE v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Our match against Melbourne Grammar School was played on the M.C.C. ground on July 13th. The team was the same as in the Scotch match. There was a fairly strong wind blowing across the ground, but otherwise it was a perfect football day, and the ground was in good condition. Perhaps because of the dark blue of the Grammar uniform, the difference in size between the two teams was not so marked as in the match against Scotch, but we were still obviously the lighter team.

As the wind was blowing almost directly across the ground the unusual experience of winning the toss did not bring us much advantage.

We were the first to move forward, but no score came, and the ball was quickly taken to the other end, and the first goal fell to Grammar. A goal by McKenzie almost immediately equalised matters, but from then till the end of the quarter Grammar had much the best of it. We were showing patches of good play, but neutralising them by costly mistakes. At the end of the quarter the scores were:—Melbourne Grammar School, 3 goals 7 behinds; Collee, 1 goal 1 behind.

In the second quarter we had more of the play, but our forwards were unable to keep the play open, and, as a result, all our shots were hurried snaps and gave us nothing but behinds. The most striking incident of the quarter was a long run by McCann, ending with a beautiful drop kick which hit the post. At half-time the scores were:—Melbourne Grammar School, 8 goals 9 behinds; Collee 1 goal 1 behind.

In the third quarter Grammar still further increased their lead. Our backs were playing well, Waugh and C. Greeves turning many attacks, while McArthur more than once saved a dangerous position. But our forwards were not making use of their opportunities, our only goal being scored by Biddle after a good run. The three-quarter time scores were:—Melbourne Grammar School, 12 goals 13 behinds; Collee, 2 goals 8 behinds.

Though we entered the last quarter with this score against us, this quarter was easily our best, and during it there is no doubt that we had slightly the better of the game for the first time during the match. It was not that we were playing so very much better, but we were not making the mistakes that had previously ruined our best efforts. McCann was prominent on the half-forward line, and scored one beautiful place-kick goal. Goals were also scored by Kennedy, Rentoul and E. Greeves, the last being kicked just as the bell rang. Austin, who had been playing well in the ruck for Grammar, was hurt just before the end of the game. Our score for the quarter was 4.4 to Cirammar 3.3, making the final score:—

Melbourne Grammar School	— 15 goals 16 bchinds.
Geelong College	— 6 goals 12 behinds.

Though we were badly beaten, yet the last quarter and its plucky finish sent us away far from downhearted. Our ruck deserve praise for their good fight against superior height and weight. Almost everybody on the side did well at times, but the most consistent were McCann, McArthur, E. Greeves, Routley, Waugh, C. Greeves, Rusden, McMillan, and Riddle. Goals were kicked by McKenzie, Biddle, McCann, Kennedy, Rentoul and E. Greeves.

COLLEGE v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

Our first match in Geelong was played against Wesley College, on July 21st. Our team consisted of:—McArthur (Captain), E. Greeves (Vice-Captain), McMillan, Rentoul, Rusden, McCann, McKenzie, Waugh, Biddle, Bell, Fidge, Bradshaw, A. Lang, C. Greeves, j. Robertson, Routley, Kennedy, and A. G- Baird. For the first time in our Public School matches we used the Kardinia Oval. It was a perfect day for football, and the ground, though a little soft and with some greasy patches, was on the whole in good condition. The game attracted a fair crowd of spectators, and they were treated to a great exhibition of football in a game that did not hold a dull moment. It was a match in which all the best points of the game were to be seen—open play, good marking and kicking, pace and dash, and concerted team work—and in all these our team held its own throughout the match, with the exception of the third quarter when Wesley added 8 goals in rapid succession, and we

seemed to be standing still. The size of the ground was no doubt partly responsible for the heavy scoring, but the ball travelled from one end of the ground to the other with remarkable rapidity, and Wesley's accuracy forward was phenomenal. Their final score of 21 goals 9 behinds is, at least, unusual in its proportion of goals to behinds.

As the teams took the field the disparity in size between them was, as usual, at once evident. Wesley won the toss, but the wind was a negligible factor throughout the game. Wesley were the first to move forward and the first to score, but throughout the quarter we more than held our own, except in that most important of all points—the being able to score goals. We had probably more of the play than our opponents, but were able to score no more than 3 goals, while almost every time the ball passed our half-back line Wesley scored a goal. At the end of the quarter the scores were:—Wesley, 4 goals 1 behind; College, 3 goals 4 behinds.

In the second quarter we started well, and McCann, who was playing a fine game half-forward, scored 2 goals. Wesley soon replied to these, but then came a remarkable ten minutes, when, playing with irresistible dash and making no mistakes, we scored 3 goals, and found ourselves, for the first time in our matches this season, in the lead. Wesley, who at this stage seemed a trifle rattled, pulled themselves together, and largely through the instrumentality of Lang, their centre-forward, who was a thorn in our side throughout the match, added 3 goals, the last just as the bell rang, and at half-time were 3 points ahead, the scores being:—Wesley, 9 goals 2 behinds; College 8 goals 5 behinds.

In the third quarter, for the first time we found ourselves outclassed. By some remarkable football Wesley, in a series of dashes, added 8 goals, and the ball was hardly ever in our hands. In an endeavour to quieten Lang, we had put an extra man on to him, and left one of the other forwards loose, and they were quick to take advantage of this fact. But apart from ail tactics, they were, at this time, playing football to which we had no reply. We stuck to our task however, and Wesley's run once stopped, added 3 goals before the quarter closed, making the scores at three-quarter time:—Wesley, 17 goals 4 behinds; College, 11 goals 7 behinds,

The pace, which had been tremendous, was slower in the last quarter, as both sides were obviously tiring. It was an evenly contested quarter, with Wesley slightly in the ascendancy, scoring 4 goals 5 behinds to our 3 goals 2 behinds, thus winning a memorable match by 21 goals 9 behinds to 14 goals 9 behinds

It was a match that will be long remembered by College supporters at least. It was easily the best game our team has played for many years. To hold for three quarters a team of the calibre of Wesley's team this year was a fine achievement. Wesley's success was mainly due to their forwards, and especially to Lang, who, himself, kicked 10 goals, and was responsible for several others.

McMillan, Rusden, McKcnzie and Rentoul fought stoutly in the ruck with the weight against them, and did many fine things, both there and half-back. McCann was marking brilliantly on the half-forward line, while E. Greeves was, as usual, a most efficient centre. Our backs were up against a tough proposition, but in addition to those already mentioned McArthur and Waugh did well. McArthur's work in the last quarter, when his judgment was almost uncanny, was especially fine, and Waugh's dash saved many awkward situations.

Our goals were kicked by Baird (3), McCann (2), McKenzie (2), Rentoul (2), Rusden, Riddle, Kennedy, Greeves, Bell.

COLLEGE v. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Our match against Geelong Grammar School—always in our estimation the match of the season—was played on the Geelong Oval, on July 28th, before a crowd of 3,000. We were represented by the same team as against Wesley, except that J. Griffiths replaced Robertson. After a week of fine weather the ground was in splendid condition, but over-keenness on both sides, and a strong wind, helped to keep the play rather crowded. But if the game, as an exhibition of football, fell short of the Wesley match, from the point of view of excitement it left nothing to be desired. With the scores level at three-quarter time, and a hard struggle in the last quarter the strain was not lifted till the final bell.

Winning the toss, we had the first use of the wind, but the Grammar backs were playing strongly, and kept us off more than once, saving-right on the goal line, For ten minutes neither side scored, and then,

from a long kick, the first point went to Grammar. Biddle passed to Kennedy, and we opened our scoring account with a goal, and Rusden, taking the ball from the throw-in, soon got another with a quick snap. The quarter ended with scores:—Geelong Grammar, 4 behinds; College, 2 goals 1 behind.

Again during the second quarter there were ten minutes in which neither side could score, McMillan doing some great work for us in defence. At last Grammar broke through, and scored two goals, putting them three points in the lead. The rest of the quarter was very evenly contested, goal answering goal, and at half-time the scores were:—Geelong Grammar, 3 goals 5 behinds; College, 4 goals 2 behinds.

During the third quarter we had slightly the better of the play. E. Greeves, in the centre, kept the ball well up to our forwards, but they were unable to keep the game sufficiently open, and we could only increase our score by single points. About ten minutes from the end of the quarter, Grammar got their 4th goal, making the scores 4 goals 7 behinds all, and there they remained till three-quarter time.

The excitement was intense when the last quarter opened, and both sides were playing even harder than before. Two behinds put us in front, and then Lang, with a magnificent kick, scored a very useful goal. But it was soon replied to by Grammar, and our lead was down to two points again. Then came a great College rally, in which our pace showed to advantage, and goals were added by Fidge and McCann. Grammar made a plucky effort at the end, but could only reduce their deficit to seven points, and the bell rang with the scores:—

Geelong Grammar School	—	6 goals 11 behinds.
Geelong College	—	7 goals 12 behinds.

It was a strenuous game—no quarter was asked or given—in which the Grammar weight was matched against our pace. Both sides marked well, but in the ground play we were rather smarter. Our most useful man was E. Greeves, whose play in the centre was magnificent. Rusden, McMillan, McKenzie, did great work in the ruck and at half-back, Rusden kicking three of our first four goals. McArthur was very sure at centre-back; Biddle, roving and half-forward, put in some great dashes; Fidge did very well half-forward, and Routley, on the wing,

was neat and clever. Our goals were kicked by Rusden (3), Kennedy, Lang, Fidge and McCann.

COLLEGE v. XAVIER COLLEGE.

Our last match was against Xavier College, and was played on the Geelong Oval, on August 11th. Our team was the same as played against Geelong Grammar. The two sides were fairly evenly matched in weight, and an interesting match was expected. Unfortunately, rain fell in the second quarter, and thereafter at intervals throughout the game, so that although the finish was exciting the football was disappointing.

With some assistance from the wind we were the first to attack but not to score- Then came a period of Xavier superiority, during which they scored two goals, mainly as a result of their ruck work. Our first goal came from a spectacular dash by McCann, who got the ball about the centre, and from there ran to within easy kicking distance and scored. The Xavier reply was prompt, and then goals by E. Greeves and Mc Kenzie put us in the lead. Xavier, whose marking at the time was very line, added two goals before the quarter closed with the score:—Xavier, 5 goals 4 behinds; College, 3 goals.

The second quarter was opened in drizzling rain, and the ball, which all the time had been tricky, became still more difficult to handle. A good pass by E. Greeves enabled Kennedy to score our 4th goal, and then Biddle added 2 more. Xavier were attacking strongly, but our backs were playing well, and they were able to score only one goal. The scores at half-time were:—Xavier, 6 goals 8 behinds; College, 6 goals 1 behind.

The third quarter brought more rain, but we were playing well, and half-way through the quarter were 12 points in the lead. Then Xavier recovered, and, helped by some bad mistakes in front of our goal, added 3 goals, and at three-quarter time led by 9 goals 13 behinds to 9 goals 5 behinds.

During the last quarter we did not at first seem to be able to do anything right. We were slow to the ball, misjudging its flight, and fumbling badly. Xavier added 2 goals, and apparently had the match safe. But

with a sudden reversal of form, and largely aided by the play of E. Greeves, who was now roving, we commenced a series of attacks, and goals from Kennedy and Greeves left us only 6 points behind. The excitement was intense when Bell from a very awkward angle had a chance to equalise the scores. Only a point resulted, and Xavier scored another behind, and the bell rang with the ball going up to our forwards.

Xavier College — 11 goals 15 behinds.

Geelong College — 11 goals 9 behinds.

It was a game in which both sides had unaccountable periods of depression. It was our first match on a wet day, and we seemed rather slow to adapt ourselves to the conditions. E. Greeves played a wonderful game, especially in the last quarter; and the best of the others were McKenzie, McMillan, Biddle, McArthur, McCann, Rusden and Bradshaw. Goals were kicked by Biddle (3), E. Greeves (2), McKenzie (2), Kennedy (2), McCann, and McMillan.

2nd XVIII. MATCHES.

The Second Eighteen played six matches, of which they won two. The following were the scores:—

Ballarat College—8 goals 9 behinds.

Geelong College—4 goals 16 behinds.

Geelong Grammar School—5 goals 12 behinds.

Geelong College—4 goals 2 behinds.

Geelong College—5 goals 12 behinds.

Ballarat College—4 goals 7 behinds.

Geelong College—11 goals 10 behinds.

Ballarat Grammar School—10 goals 9 behinds.

Geelong Grammar School—14 goals 13 behinds.

Geelong College—1 goal 3 behinds.

Melbourne Grammar School—7 goals 15 behinds.

Geelong College—3 goals 8 behinds.

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HOUSE MATCHES.

The House matches were played at the end of the term, so as not to interfere with the training of the 1st XVIII. The games were well contested, and some exciting finishes were seen. The position of the Houses was:—

- 1.—Shannon.
- 2.—Warrinn.
- 3.—Morrison.
- 4.—Barwon.

WARRINN V. BARWON.

Warrinn—11 goals 21 behinds.
 Barwon—5 goals 3 behinds.

SHANNON V. MORRISON.

Shannon—10 goals 9 behinds.
 Morrison—10 goals % behinds-

MORRISON V. BARWON.

Morrison—10 goals 15 behinds.
 Barwon—8 goals 8 behinds.

WARRINN V. SHANNON.

Shannon—6 goals 17 behinds.
 Warrinn—5 goals 5 behinds.

Cadet Notes.

AS a result of the reduction in the Defence Estimates, there has been a considerable change in the composition of the Corps. Our strength has been reduced by about half—that is to 55—and the only boys who drill now are the 1905 and 1906 Quotas. That is to say, a boy does not begin to drill until the year in which he becomes 16.

Whether the reorganisation of the Battalion that became necessary owing to the change has at last reached finality, it would be rash to say—but at the present moment the Battalion consists of one Company,

and the College Corps represents one Platoon of that Company; so that our official description is 4 Platoon, A Coy., 23rd Senior Cadet Battalion.

One result of the reduction in the number of Cadets training, is that the training can be made more thorough; and it is pleasant to know that attention is to be focussed on the more interesting and more obviously useful subjects, such as Musketry, Signalling, and Lewis Gun.

A miniature-range shooting competition is to be held between the four Platoons of the Battalion, each Platoon being represented by a team of 20. This competition is to be fired before the end of November; and in order to choose our team we are to hold a competition between the four sections of our Platoon. The result of this competition will decide the ownership for the year of the Cup that was presented for competition between the Houses. As the boys in the Corps happen to be rather unequally divided among the four Houses, it has been found impracticable to make the four sections correspond with the four Houses. So what has previously been a House Cup will now become a Section Cup, and its holders for this year will be the Section that wins the Shooting Competition.

The results of the N.C.O.s' examination that was held last November have at last been made available, but some of our successful candidates have now passed into the Citizen Forces. The following boys passed:— for Sergeants: R. Ronaldson, A. J. Gray, P. I. Bradshaw, C. D. Campbell and W. V. Maguire; for Corporal: J. A. Boyd, H. L. Taylor, D. M. McKenzie and V. E. Vibert.

More Sidelights on Journalism.

BY TOM PARRINGTON.

ARTICLE IV.

I mentioned in a previous article that there are many aspects of journalism that do not in the least concern the majority of newspaper readers. For instance, how many subscribers give a thought to the reporter who has obtained an interview with a celebrity from abroad against his (the

visitor's) will. Yet this is done every day. Not always does the reporter draw from the visitor the information the public demands; but in ninety-nine case out of a hundred he gets something. Half a core is better than no apple.

The newspaper records the fact that Mr. Pacificissehski, President of the Society in Russia for the Protection of Human Beings, was met at a certain railway station. Then words start to flow from the tourist's lips like a waterfall. Social systems are attacked, new scientific theories are expounded, educational schemes are discussed, and so on. How has this been accomplished?

Into the speculative picture, I suppose, come whisky and cigars, shorthand notes, and plenty of push. The practical business is quite another thing. Push without tact is useless, or next to useless, unless the person interviewed has a few fish of his own to fry. Many men are positively scared when they see a notebook. General Birdwood was one. Granted, some people are easy to interview, even on railway stations. For example, theatrical managers with a little illustrative matter tucked under their arms, and politicians with a "bombshell" that never bursts. I am satisfied that many of the best interviews are obtained without recourse to shorthand. Circumstances alter cases, of course. Very great care has to be exercised when quoting figures.

Frequently the reporter will get a note from the Chief-of-Staff in these terse terms: "Mr.——when you have done——please meet Mr. Blank at the Spencer St. railway station at 1 p.m." What is he like? Nobody seems to know. But the reporter has got to know. What would you do under the circumstances? Ring up one of the Consular offices wouldn't be a bad plan, would it?

The world-famous humanitarian may have wire-whiskers or a patriarchal beard, and a Roman nose, or he may have a peasoup moustache, a swivel eye, and a Flebrew "promontory" without the "accent." A birth mark, provided it is in the "limelight" is an excellent aid to identification. A tremendous amount of trouble has to be gone to very often, before an adequate description of the visitor is obtained so that he can be picked out instantly in a large crowd.

Sometimes the wrong fellow is approached, but a mistake of this sort does not trouble the reporter much. Usually there are three exits from the Spencer St. station, and here lies the main difficulty.

I wonder how many times Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has escaped from the clutches of the reporter. Recently, on his return from Sydney, the Press of Melbourne were anxious to ask him some decidedly awkward questions. In press circles "Billy" is known as the Scarlet Pimpernel. The task of interviewing him was assigned to me. In golf parlance, he beat me "all up and none to play" on that particular round. When he saw me coming he bolted for his car and was half way down Collins St. before I realised that the train had arrived. Several other scribes were left gaping also. I'm glad the Archbishop was not a passenger by that train, because if he had, I'm sure we would all have been rubbed out for life.

There is a feeling of camaraderie among pressmen that one seldom finds among other professional men. But that does not prevent the pursuit from starting afresh. The party will suddenly break up without a word being said about future movements. An hour or so later the same men will probably clash outside the Depot's door at Parliament House, while the Despot himself is enjoying tea and biscuits at Sassafras. Patience, oh Patience !

At times the work is more disheartening than you can possibly imagine. A big miss always raises a hurricane in the editorial sanctum. More often than not a "scoop" is taken as a matter of course. The consistent "scooper" must reap his reward in the material sense, of course. In some newspaper offices there is a bonus system, all exclusive matter being paid for at special rates, irrespective of salaries. This is a good system, but very few proprietors have adopted it.

Those of you who have set your minds on journalism as a profession would do well to practice precis writing. A reporter who cannot condense will never make his mark in the profession. He is not expected to turn out literature. Many "cub" reporters make the mistake of believing that their reports will become immortal. Usually their work endures for a whole day. The very first thing needful in the building of sentences is clearness. Short, crisp sentences are preferable to long ones. Fre-

quently a reporter is required to epitomise into a few words several columns of matter. On occasions space is so "tight" that he is compelled to eliminate important statements, and it is then that his discretionary powers are brought into full play.

I am sorry to say that many of our public men both speak and write in a brutally diffuse fashion. Curiously enough, one of the justices of the High Court of Australia is the worst offender in this connection. Some of his awards are a revelation. Many of his sentences embrace from 150 to 200 words—about our space limit, very often. And his grammar is appalling. I would like to quote a few samples, but that , would be hardly fair.

The condensation of law reports is most trying. Quite recently an important test case in which a number of bookmakers figured as defendants came before the Practice Court. Counsel for the plaintiff quoted section 111 of the Instruments Act, 1915. If you want something to practice precis writing on, I would strongly advise you to turn it up. It was most essential that the salient points of the section should be published. I made several futile attempts to boil it into a "bone," and in the end passed it into the Sub-Editor practically as it appeared. When he saw its length, the ferocious Sub. nearly jumped out of his chair, and got into communication with me at once. I told him the position, and after an angry snarl, he promised to apply the shears himself. "Mere child's play" ! he exclaimed. Twenty minutes later the matter was still intact, and eventually it went to the printer intact. Now we both chuckle over it.

English, as "she is wrote" in the newspapers, is sometimes fearful and wonderful, as you have probably observed yourself.

Referring to the subject the other day, Mr. Walter Greig, who has had a lengthy experience in all branches of journalism said: "It resembles the earth before it was made; it is without form or void. Its writers are like the folk of Scripture who did that which was right in their own eyes. Thus we get the stereotyped phrases that come trippingly off the pen of the ready writer. There is nothing like them in Shakespeare."

Here is a sentence which is a model of how sentences ought not to be built:—"Big, and rather heavy in build, Sir George Fuller looks the

part of the honest strong politician which this State has for many years been looking for."

This opinion on Sir George Fuller was recently passed into the sub-editorial department. It could have been better expressed this way:—"Sir George Fuller is a lug man of heavy build. He looks the part of the honest, strong politician. New South Wales has been waiting many years for this kind of man."

A much higher literary standard should be attained in a morning newspaper. The evening paper man is fighting the hands of the clock practically the whole time, and I doubt whether readers are generous in assessing the merits of a report on this basis. Few can claim that they are immune from grammatical blunders. If one looks hard enough, one can pick holes in the grammar of the best writers—past and present. But we try to reduce such errors to a minimum. One encounters some "howlers" in the provincial journals.

Spelling is just as important as grammar.

Courses in journalism are now being given in the Universities of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Columbia (New York), Texas and Missouri.

In Australia a journalist can obtain a diploma by passing the arts course at one of the Universities, but he must be able to show that he has had four years practical experience in a newspaper office. The candidate has to come before a board representative of the University and the Australian Journalists' Association. When the student begins the study of Journalism in America after completing the academic course, he is given lectures in the history and principles of journalism, and the ethics of newspaper work. Then he is given a course in comparative journalism, in which the various types of journalism in various parts of the world are considered.

(To be continued).

Debating Society.

THE usual meeting of those interested in the College Debating Society was held in Room B, on June 13th, for the purpose of electing office-bearers for the forthcoming year. A list of those elected will be found on page 2 of "Pegasus."

The membership this year has shown a considerable increase on that of last year, the number of members now being 86. A great interest has been taken in the Society this year, and on several occasions, owing to lack of time, some of the members who wished to speak have been unable to do so. One of the chief features of the debates has been the number of junior boys who have come forward to give their opinions on the different subjects.

The first debate was held on July 1st, the subject being:—"That Professionalism is detrimental to true sport" H. Macmillan was chosen Premier, and C. E. McArthur Leader of the Opposition. The evening resulted in a win for the Opposition by 3 points, the totals being—Affirmative 27, Negative 30. H. Macmillan's opening speech and summing-up were exceptionally good, but the greater number of speakers on the side of the Opposition told in the end.

The next meeting was held on July 15th, the subject being:—"Prepared Speeches." A lot of new speakers came forward, the best of whom was T. Seott, who rendered a very fine speech on "Idle Present Position of Ireland." R. Ronaldson succeeded in convincing his audience "That the Influence of the Cinema is good," by giving some well thought out reasons in a very eloquent manner. The best speech of the evening was that of J- Cray, who spoke on "What my future profession is going to be, and why I have chosen it."

On July 22nd a debate was held to see if "The Supremacy of the White Race is declining." Owing to the absence of the usual leaders, J. Gray was appointed Premier, and H. Anderson Leader of the Opposition. The "Prepared Speeches" of the preceding Saturday had given many new members the confidence they required in themselves, and so the number of speakers on each side showed a marked increase on those of the opening night. The Opposition again had the advantage of a greater

number of speakers, and the decision was given in their favour by 49 to 39 points. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Calvert at this meeting", and he and Mr. Harry acted as adjudicators.

The "Impromptu Speeches" were held on August 5th. The winner of each debate was decided by the vote of the majority of the members, and several rather unexpected decisions were given. W. Maguire, with some telling arguments, showed to his audience "That electric light should be established in the pavilion." J. Gray and R. Boyd had an argument upon the subject:—"That boys should be allowed to carry their players off the ground after a match. J. Gray failed to give good reasons why this should be done, and R. Boyd won by a few votes. The toast of "The Football Coach" was proposed by P. Reilly and responded to by L. Schwennesen. The closest debate of the evening" was between R. Ronaldson and H. Anderson upon the subject:—"That silver is a more useful metal than gold." As most of the members were thinking of which they would rather have in their pockets, they gave their decision in favour of H. Anderson, who spoke on behalf of gold. D. Dickson succeeded in defeating T. Scott upon the subject:—"That all Public School matches should be played in Kardinia Park."

The last debate "That all awards for work and play at school should be dispensed with," was held on August 12th. Contrary to expectations, a number of arguments were found on both sides of the question. H-Anderson was Premier, and H. Macmillan Reader of the Opposition. The meeting, though rather poorly attended, was a good one from the debating point of view, as 17 members came forward, and several were prevented from doing so owing to lack of time. The decision of the judges, Mr. A. H. Harry and Mr. S. B. Calvert, was given in favour of the affirmative by 71 to 45 points.

We are all looking forward to the Banquet to be a very fitting close to a most successful year.

A word or two of thanks is due to Mr. Harry, who has been chairman at all the meetings, and to Mr. Calvert for again offering his prize for the best debater.

The late Dr. Alex. B. Timms.

BY S. B. C.

FROM London comes the sad news of the death on Friday, 5th May, of Dr. Alec Boswell Timms, of "Earlsridge," Woodlands Road, Redhill, Surrey, where he resided with his wife and family.

Timms was probably the greatest athlete who ever graduated from the Geelong College. Third son of the late William Timms, of Mount Hesse Station, near Winchelsea, Victoria, he entered the College in 1882, when only 10 years of age, where he was greatly beloved and known to all as "Shacko."

During recent years he had not enjoyed good health, and, despite all that medical skill could do, he passed away in London as stated.

For ten years Alec had resided in Surrey, since leaving his practice in Cardiff. Greatly beloved for his charming personality among his brethren of the medical profession, he was looked upon with the highest esteem and regard. To his widow and family, who mourn his loss, our hearts go out in tender sympathy.

Alec graduated at the Edinburgh University in 1893, gaining degrees M.B., Ch.M. (Edin.), and held a large practice for many years at Cardiff in Wales. The funeral took place at Colders Green. The memorial service was conducted at St. John's Church, Redhill, by the Vicar the Rev. B. B. Slater, who, in the course of his address, paid a high tribute to the unremitting sacrifice and kindness he had shewn to all within the parish. In spite of ill-health, he had, with great courage, thrown himself bravely into his work up to the last.

From the "Surrey Mirror and Country Post" it is pleasing to learn that a fund has been opened under the direction of Mr. William Legg, of Mayor's Parlour, Reigate, to raise the necessary funds to defray the cost of a Memorial Stained Glass Window to his memory at the Church of St. John's. Should any of Alec's old contemporaries feel disposed to join in this movement, they should communicate, without delay, with the Old Collegians' Association Hon. Secretary, James St., Geelong.

Every Old Boy of the Geelong College will read with interest the following record of Alec's performances, both during his life at the College and since. The English records have been taken from the "Field," of 13th May, 1922.

College Record.

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| <p>1887—
 1st Hurdle Race, 200 Yards.
 1st Steeplechase, 440 Yards.
 3rd Mile Run.</p> <p>1888—
 2nd College Cup (Three Events—100,
 150, 200 Yards).</p> <p>1889—
 1st 150 Yards open. (Masters' Plate).</p> <p>1890—
 1st Open High Jump—5ft. 5ins.
 1st Hurdle Race.
 1st 200 Yards Championship.</p> <p>1891—
 1st Putting the Weight—36ft. ½in.
 1st Open 100 Yards—10½ sees.
 1st Vaulting with Pole—9ft. 5m.
 1st High Jump—5ft. 3½ in.
 1st Hurdle Race, 120 Yards—10¾ sees.
 1st Ladies' Plate, 440 Yds. (from scr.).
 2nd Open 440 Yards,
 and won the College Cup.</p> | <p>1892—
 1st Putting the Weight—33ft. 1½in.
 1st Throwing Cricket Ball—107 yards
 1 ft.
 1st 100 Yards Open.
 1st Hurdle Race, 120 Yards.
 1st Vaulting with Pole—10ft. 3½in.
 1st High Jump—5ft. 3½in.
 2nd 120 Yards Hurdle Race.
 3rd Quarter-Mile Flat.
 2nd 440 Yards Steeplechase,
 and won the College Cup.</p> <p>Captain College Football Team, 1892.
 Played in teams—1887-88-89 (Champ-
 ions)-90-91-92.</p> <p>Captain College Cricket XL, 1891-1892.
 Played in teams—1888-90-91-92.
 Played for several years with Geelong
 First Team in Premiership Com-
 petition</p> |
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English Record 'Extract from "The Field").

"Alec Boswell Timms, who died in London last week, was unquestionably one of the finest centre three quarters who ever played for Scotland. Australian born, but of Scottish extraction, he knew little of the Rugby game when he matriculated at the Edinburgh University in 1893. Tried at back for the fifteen in 1894, he received such cavalier treatment that he straightway joined the Edinburgh Wanderers, for which club he played as wing three quarter from 1895 to 1898, and as centre in the following season. He at once made his presence felt, gifted as he was with more than average speed and a glorious physique, but it came as a big surprise when he was given his cap as wing three quarter against Wales in 1896. Not yet ripe for honors, his play against the skilful Welsh three quarters left much to be desired, but he lived to see the day on which they had perforce to admit that in him they had met a master of the game. A member of the British team which toured Australia in 1898, his game improved so amazingly with F. Gwynn Nicholls as his mentor, that he was at once reinstated in the good graces of the Scottish Union, for whom he rendered yeoman service until his retirement from the field in 1905. During these years he played against Wales in 1901-2-3, against Ireland in 1900-1-4-5, and against England in 1901-2-3-4-5. He had much to do with the success of the invincible Scottish side in 1901, but perhaps his best display was against Wales at Inverleith in 1903, when, with a heavy and sodden ball, he dropped a penalty goal from near to the touch line at a range of fully forty yards, and in the teeth of the wind. On that occasion the "Field" wrote of him that of the Scottish outsiders 'Timms must be awarded the palm; to his inimitable soiling the beaten side frankly attributed their defeat.' His highest honors were won as a member of the Edinburgh University fifteen, for which he played from 1899 to 1903 but his best two football seasons, 1903-5, found him assisting Cardiff. He was also an all-round athlete of more than average ability, an ex-champion of Edinburgh University A.C., and winner of the Scottish hurdles championship in 1896-97. In these two years he ran as first string for Scotland against Ireland, being runner-up in the hurdles at Dublin in the one year, and winner at Edinburgh the other."

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THE PEGASUS.

Old Boys' Day.

(From the "Geelong Advertiser.")

There was standing room only in the Morrison Hall, Geelong College, on the occasion of the unveiling of the College Honor Board by His Excellency, Colonel the Right Honorable the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G. C.B.

The Honor Board, which contains 522 names, is a handsome massive brass tablet. It has been erected on the wall of the Morrison Hall. Amongst those seated on the platform at the unveiling ceremony were the Governor and his aide de camp, the Principal of the College, Rev. F. W. Holland, the chairman, Mr. Stanley Calvert; Hon. J. F. Richardson, M.L.C., Mr. W. Brownbill, M.L.A., Alderman Hitchcock, C.M.G., Mayor of Geelong, Major Coxon, of Geelong West, and a number of other representative citizens.

After the arrival of the Governor, the ceremony opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a prayer by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, the Right Rev. F. L. H. Paton, M.A., B.D. Mr. Robert K. Gillespie then read the beautiful words from Revelations, 7th chapter, 14th verse: "These are they that came out of great tribulation."

Immediately after the Governor's arrival, he was presented with a souvenir book of views of the College by Master Norman Morrison and in a few words His Excellency graciously acknowledged the gift.

On the conclusion of the scripture reading and the singing of Rossini's "Moses in Egypt," by the choir of the Old Collegians' Association the Principal, Rev. F. V. Rolland, said that they had amongst them a member of the College staff, Mr. A. H. MacRoberts, M.A., who after many years of service in the College, went out and fought alongside the boys he had taught, lighting in the ranks, and it seemed fitting that he should be given the solemn honor of reading the names of those who had died for us. Mr. MacRoberts then read the names of 87

old boys of the College who have paid the great price of Empire and Freedom, the Principal concluding the reading by reciting Kipling's epitaph:—

They shall not grow old as we that
 are left grow old,

Age shall not wither them, nor the
 years condemn,

At the going down of the sun, and
 in the morning,

We shall remember them.

The Last Post was then sounded, and as its thrilling notes died away His Excellency removed the Union Jack which veiled the memorial, saying: "I unveil this Honor Boards which has been erected to the honor, of all those whose names have been inscribed on it, and especially those 87 boys who fell during the war."

Addressing the gathering His Excellency said that he felt privileged at being asked to unveil the Honor Board, and he would like to remind them that although this was a very beautiful memorial, one such as they liked to see erected, a large sum had also been subscribed to perpetuate the memory of the Old Boys, the greater part of which had been devoted to the erection of a ward in the hospital, and also to the establishment of a bursary which in time to come would aid the sons of Old Collegians, those who required financial assistance to enable them to attend the College. He had been informed that in this scheme special preference would be given to the sons of those who fell in the war. The Honor Board, which was indeed a long one, and one of which they must all feel proud, contained the name of one of their masters, and although their head master was not an Old Collegian, they all knew that he went to the war in the early days of 1915, and remained there until the armistice. That was a splendid example by the masters, and one which he was sure would always remain in their memories. This list of 522 names was indeed one to be proud of, and with deep regret they had to remember that no less than 87

gave their lives. These ceremonies naturally raised sad thoughts to many there that day. It was very pleasing to see so many Old Boys joining with the boys of the College in rendering honor to those who went to the war. Their sympathy went out whole heartedly to those who remembered to-day with sorrow those whom they had lost, their sons and brothers who fell.

This school, like so many schools throughout the Empire, did its duty gallantly. More than once had been noticed the splendid work the public schools had done throughout the Empire. The boys remembered the lessons they had learned at their schools, and practised the public school spirit, which they all thought was such a good one to cultivate and which did so much good for the country at large. In 1914 they were indeed unprepared for the great war which overtook them, and unfortunately in consequence there was a very great loss of life, which would have been avoided if their preparations were better. They lost in those early days of the war some of the finest young lads who would have now been amongst the leaders of men in public life and industry. As was always the case, the most high-spirited and the bravest rushed off to the front at once. We missed them very much. Perhaps in a greater proportion in England, where the losses were so heavy, but all over the world the flower of manhood was, in a great many cases, wiped out. That left a very heavy burden on the shoulders of those who were left to do what they would have done if they had been spared to carry out their duties.

It was a surprise to the world that we managed to carry through the war as we did. When it broke out, Germany was organised to the last button. We had nothing like that, but we had something of more value, we had the spirit and pluck and determination to carry it through. The response came from all parts of the Empire. There was no necessity to tell our men where to go or to mobilise, they came without being asked, because they wished to do their duty and to support their Empire. Many

people predicted that we did not value the Empire or what it meant. The war showed that throughout the Empire its men and women had been thinking of it and were ready to support it. We were all proud of the Union Jack because we knew that where the Union Jack flies, liberty and freedom will be for all people under it.

We must not, continued His Excellency, be content with that. We must all take our share and do our duty to support the Empire. We could not leave it to statesmen or Governments to carry on the work. Each one of us must take our proportion of the burden, feeling proud of our membership of the Empire and proud to do something to preserve for it the honor and respect with which it is held throughout the world. During the war there was no question of that, and now the British Empire was working valiantly for peace and to maintain peace. The Empire imposed the duty of leadership, and we must lead forward the cause of freedom and liberty, supporting and maintaining peace throughout the world. This duty we must individually carry out, and by doing so we shall help to perpetuate the memory not only of those gallant men but also that noble spirit which caused them to take the action they did and make them willing to sacrifice themselves for the cause of freedom throughout the world.

In conclusion, His Excellency said that it gave him great pleasure to be with them as the representative of His Majesty to perform the unveiling ceremony. He hoped that the boys at the College in the years to come when they read the names on the Board would try to act up to the traditions that these men had given them.

His Excellency's stirring speech was received with loud and prolonged applause. Mr. Stanley Calvert, on behalf of the school, thanked His Excellency for his presence with them. When they stood and looked at the beautiful Honor Board, which meant so much to those near and dear to them, they were proud to be Collegians, proud that they were Australians, and prouder still that they were loyal to their sove-

reign and the British Throne. (Loud applause.) He had much pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency, and in thanking him for his inspiring address, which they would long remember. Three hearty cheers were given for His Excellency, who suitably responded, and the function closed with the National Anthem and the Benediction.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Old Collegians' annual meeting was held at 4 p.m., when the following office-bearers were appointed for 1922-23:—President, Dr. W. W. Hope; vice-presidents, Dr. I. G. Glassford, Mr. R. J. Young; committee, Dr. A. L. Baird, J. I. Birnie, J. A. Cochrane, A. S. Chirnside, P. C. Dowling, Dr. C. E. Dennis, Jas. D'Helin, H. I. Gibb, J. H. Hewison, H. E. Hurst, R. W. Hope, T. Kerr, J. C. Kininmonth, H. A. Maclean, W. H. Philip, J. A. Reid, J. D. Rogers, J. F. S. (Shannon), Dr. It. R. Wettenhall, W. A. Waugh; hon. secretary, S. B. Calvert; hon. treasurer, A. W. Gray; hon. auditors, T. G. Cole; J. MacMullen.

The annual report, which was signed by Mr. S. B. Calvert, on behalf of the committee, stated:—

"Your committee has pleasure in placing before you the annual report for the year which has just closed. During the year your Association held the annual re-union of Old Boys at Geelong on the 13th, 14th and 15th May, when the Geelong College celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. On that occasion the Head of the River boat race was held at Geelong, the Preparatory College and new Isolation Hospital were officially opened, a bronze tablet erected to the memory of the late Dr. George Ernest Morrison was unveiled, a ball given by the Old Collegians attended by upwards of 600 persons, a smoke social held at the Norman Morrison hall, a church parade and service held at St. George's church on Sunday afternoon, conducted entirely by Old Boys with an Old Boys' choir, were all well attended.

"On the 25th April a racing eight-oared boat presented by Mrs. M'Farland, of Thelagerin, Hay, named the

'Noiman Morrison,' was christened and launched at the College sheds. We express our best thanks to Mrs. M'Farland and her sons for this very handsome gift. Other gifts through the Association include silver inter-house cups from Messrs. W. M. Robertson and S. B. Calvert, a Cadet Cup from Mrs. Rickerby of New Zealand, and the providing of a cricket coach by Mr. Andrew S. Chirnside.

"The treasurer's balance-sheet shows a deficiency for the year of £80/12/6, of which amount the greater part was incurred during the years of the war and by the Diamond Jubilee.

"Eighteen new life members have been enrolled for the year. This account shows a credit balance of £714, which has been invested in War Bonds and the State Savings Bank.

The War Memorial Endowment Fund shows a credit balance of £3267/2/6, which has been invested in War Bonds. The trustees for this fund have allotted for the current year one boarders' scholarship, and five bursaries to sons of Old Boys who were killed in the Avar, and sons of Old Collegians.

"The Diamond Jubilee Endowment Appeal brought in in cash and promises the sum of £3800. This fund, which is still open, may one day, it is impeded, be the means of paying off the greater part of the debt, which would enable the school to grant more scholarships, and still further advance the best interests of the College. The Jubilee ball showed a credit balance of £47/5/6, which amount has been paid to the Kitchener Memorial Hospital Fund.

The Gus Kearney Memorial Trust, founded on similar lines to the Rhodes Scholarship, was awarded to J. R. T. Macmillan. The special dux prize of the Association was presented by Mr. W. A. Macpherson to the dux of the college and awarded to A. J. Roffey. The Association Plate, established by Mrs. M. S. Calvert, was presented on behalf of your Association by Mr. J. L. Currie, and was competed for at the last sports programme and won by J. P. Wilson.

The Association has lost by death many of its valued members during the past year, among these Walter Currie, J. F. H. Mitchell, Arthur R.

Morrison, Dr. H. O'Hara, Rev. Hume Robertson and a valued honorary life member, Mr. Charles Shannon who so ably noted as chairman of the College Council for 14 years. A sympathetic, trusted and generous leader, beloved by all who knew him. To the members of their families we extend heartfelt and deepest sympathy.

"The present College Council; comprising ten of your members, have devoted much time in the interests of the College, and have confidence in its future. The Association offers congratulations to Air. S. B. Calvert upon his election as chairman of Council.

"Warmest wishes and congratulations are extended to the Principal, Rev. F. W. Holland, M.A., M.C., upon the excellent tone of the school, with its increased attendance—the largest in its history. We congratulate Air. A. H. Barry, the vice-Principal, and the whole teaching staff who have so loyally supported him.

"The committee, on behalf of the members, congratulate their old school upon having successfully passed its Diamond Jubilee, the largely increased attendance, which has necessitated the building of increased accommodation for both boarders and day scholars, the number of University students, and upon examination results.

"We congratulate Dr. James Sykes Battye, who recently received the degree of Doctor of Literature at the Melbourne University, and Jack Hawkes upon having represented the Commonwealth in the last Davis Cup matches played in America in 1921.

"The committee offers thanks to the members and friends who have so liberally contributed to the various funds, and especially thank the members of the association for their loyal support during the year."

SMOKE SOCIAL.

Enthusiastic scenes accompanied the smoke social held in the evening, when Dr. Hope (Rirregurra) presided. All the public schools were represented, with the exception of Wesley College, whose representative, Dr. Marwood, found it impossible to attend at the last moment. During the evening the Old Collegians' Choir gave a number

of items, which were a distinctive feature of the proceedings.

The toast of "The College," proposed by Dr. Hope and seconded by Mr. M'Arthur, was honored enthusiastically.

A feeling response was made by the Principal (Rev. F. W. Rolland), who dwelt rather considerably on the modest attitude adopted by Old Collegians as regards the position the College held at present in the realms of sport. He eulogised the work of the Old Collegians, and his remarks generally were of such a nature that, when he sat down, he was accorded an ovation by those present, who gave three rousing cheers in his honor.

Many matters of public school interest were referred to in the response made to the toast of "Kindred Associations."

Responding on behalf of the Old Scotch Collegians, Mr. H. I. Cohen, K.C., congratulated the Old Geelong Collegians on the fine work they were doing and the school upon its scholastic and sporting achievements. More than 500 former Collegians had served during the war, and as the College was the smallest of the public schools, this constituted a great record. He did not see the need for the modesty mentioned by the Principal, for, looking at the school records, one saw the names of men who had attained the highest rank in sport. In the days when the school was a private institution the College footballers were invincible, and nothing would delight the other public schools more than to see the Geelong College win prominence again.

Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot, representing the Old Melbourne Grammarians, agreed with Mr. Cohen's remarks that the College had no need to be modest. He said the Collegians should boast of their school, for they had only to recall such names as Kearney and Hawkes, in the tennis world, Greeves the athlete, and Rankin and Sharland the footballers, to see that the College had been at the top of the tree. The less prominent position it occupied now was nothing to be ashamed of. Wesley was once the chopping block for the other schools, but later it commanded respect by forcing its way to the fore

again. He was certain that Geelong College would again work to the top, and that the old boys would help that position to be attained. He endorsed Mr. Cohen's statement that the College was very popular in public school circles. Naturally, he liked to see Melbourne Grammar first, but he preferred to see the Geelong College running second. If Grammar were put down, his feelings would be with the Geelong Collegians, mainly on account of their sportsmanlike qualities and the fine training they received in always "being up against it." The Collegians suffered defeat, but had always taken it smilingly, being ready to play again. Mr. Wilmot supported Mr. Cohen, and said that the Melbourne public schools had grown to such an extent that they were tending to become unwieldy, and many scholars did not get to know each other. At the Geelong College, however, there was a closer feeling between masters and pupils and between the boys themselves. Tins was of great advantage from an educational point of view. Mr Wilmot said that the old boys should resent any attempt by the State authorities to interfere with the high standard of the public schools. It was probable that former Melbourne Scotch Collegians, who were members of Parliament, would lead them to Parliament House to protest against any encroachment in education as at present carried out in the public schools.

Mr. E. A. Austin responded for the Old Geelong Grammarians' Association.

Mr. J. P. M'Cabe Doyle, speaking for the Old Xaverians' Association, was pleased to say that when he came to Geelong about 25 years ago, among those who welcomed him were old Geelong Collegians. Though his sympathies were with Xavier, he felt quite cosmopolitan because he had served as master at the Scotch College, Melbourne, under the late Dr Morrison, for a period of six years. He considered Dr. Morrison to have been his guiding star inasmuch as to him he owed, in a large measure, the position he occupied to-day. Mr. Doyle endorsed Mr. Wilmot's remarks, and said that all public schools should be determined to oppose interference with their education system. There was a tendency to drop Latin and Greek, but he thought it would be a sign of great weakness on the part of the public schools if they allowed such subjects as these to be jettisoned. He had had considerable experience of College matters, and he spoke proudly of the fine teaching, principles and manly spirit engendered in the boys by the Principal and the other masters. His own son, who was now at the University, had learnt to read at the College, and had received the whole of his education there. Another son was at present attending the College, and would remain there until he was prepared to go to the University.

Old Boys' Column.

Dr. J. T. Tait has sailed for England to further pursue studies in science. He had recently been demonstrating at the Melbourne University, lecturing in Ormond College, and assisting as out-patients' physician at the Melbourne Hospital.

Dr. E. E. Mackay is now at the Women's Hospital, Melbourne.

Dr. A. E. Eee will sail this month to study in England.

Dr. F. M. Burnet is now resident at Melbourne Hospital.

Dr. N. A. Longden has acquired a practice in Ballarat. We wish our Medicos good luck.

Willie Macmillan attained further distinction by winning the Inter-Varsity Sports' Mile at Adelaide, in May, in record time, 4 min. 30 4-5 secs., beating his own record, made in Sydney, 1920, by 7 seconds.

W. N. Ricketts occupied No. 2 seat in Melbourne University Eight which rowed at Adelaide in May. Beaten only by 2 lengths by Brisbane.

A beautifully enlarged photograph of the late Chairman of Council, Mr- Charles Shannon, has been presented to the College by Richard Skewes and Mrs.McFarland and her sons—Bob, Harold, Frank and Eric. The portrait is hung in the Entrance Hall.

Bob Officer is manager at Hunthawang Station, Hillston, New South Wales. When attending a Picnic Race Meeting recently he met George Howatson and Barney Williamson. Jack Mack, he reports, being only 18 miles away, having taken up a resumption block on Roto.

G. J. Watson played for New South Wales against Victoria on the 8th July, when the combined football team visited Sydney from this State. He also secured first prize in a competitive goal kicking tournament, getting 4 goals out of 6 shots from 45 yards.

We extend hearty congratulations from School and Old Collegians to Mr. Justice Leon upon his appointment as Deputy County Court Judge of Victoria.

One of the first boys to enter Geelong College under the late Dr. George Morrison in 1861, our learned friend, so greatly beloved by his contemporaries for his genial and warm-hearted disposition, was known to all as "Sam." He matriculated at the College in 1863, Exhibitioner in Classics, Exhibitioner in Mathematics, Dux of the School in 1864; afterwards taking the University Degree of LL.M.

No Old Boy of the School has shown greater loyalty, having rarely ever missed any Re-Union or important gathering held since the foundation of the Association, of which he was elected second President in 1906, following the long term of office held by Professor Kernot

That His Honour may enjoy very many years of health and happiness to carry through his new duties is the earnest wish of every Collegian, past and present.

Jubilee Greeting to Ex-President John L. Currie. 1872 records him—1st Prize, Sixth Latin Form; 2nd Prize, Fourth Greek Form; 2nd Prize, Third Gymnastic Form; and passed the University Matriculation Examination.

Bob McArthur, though in the backblocks of Queensland, keeps in close touch with the College. We frequently receive telegrams from him before and after our football matches. We are sorry to hear that he has just developed a mild attack of typhoid fever, and wish him a speedy return to health.

Dave Morrison is progressing very well at Sandhurst. He has been doing quite a lot of rowing, and has gained his "blue" for tennis,

This year we have established what must be a record for the Public Schools in the football world. Geordie Haines was elected captain of the two first Victorian Inter-state teams, while Bert Rankin captained one of the second teams. Geordie and Bert are both Old Geelong Collegians.

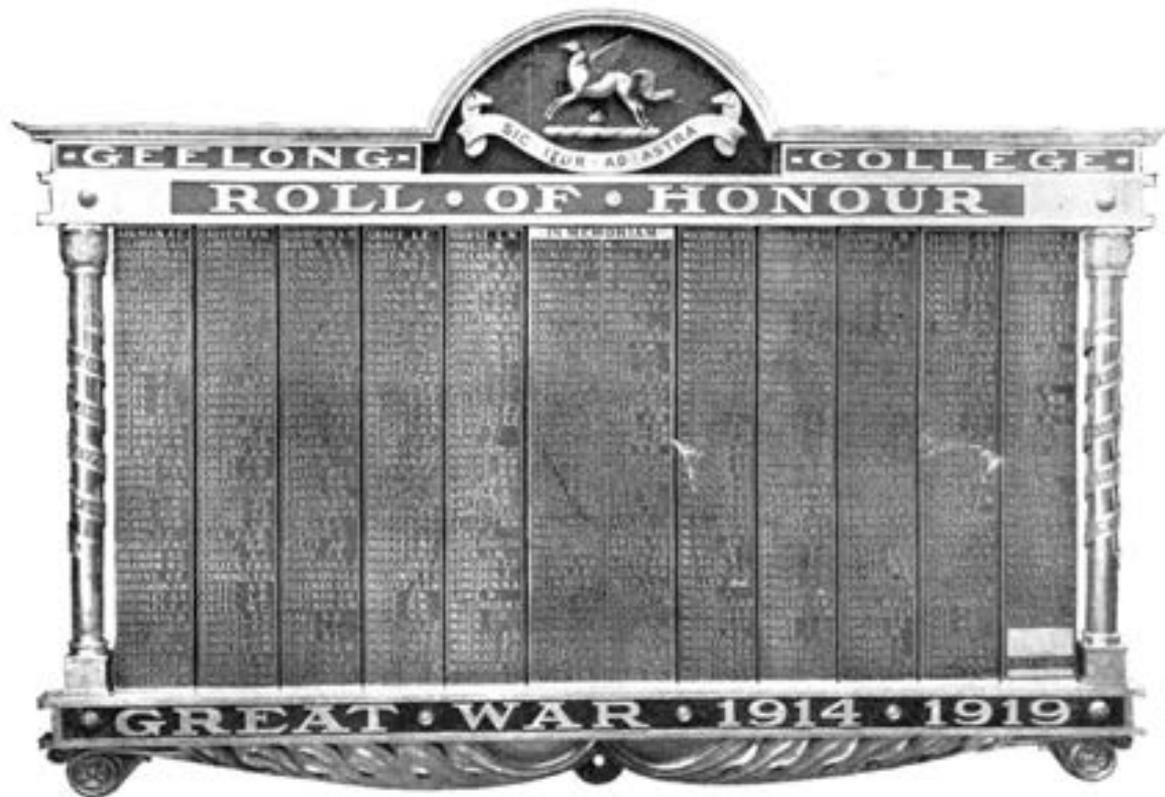
P. G. Pull'ar has been elected President of the Tatura Agricultural Society.

G. G. Carr is now at Eureka Station, S- & W. Railway, Mitchell District, Queensland. His son, G. G. Carr, Junr., is still at Chah Saigh Station, Moulamein, New South Wales.

After long silence we are pleased to hear from Harry O. Timmis, at Telyarup, Gnowangerup, West Australia—(brother of the late Alec Timms). Harry sends the sad news of the death of his mother, in England, on July 23rd. Charlie, his younger brother who gained his Military Cross with two gold bars in the great war, has sailed for Uganda, where he will practice medicine.

Colin Bell left for England in the "Ceramic" on August 22nd. He purposes to join the staff of a firm in London for a time; after which he will go to Bradford to gain experience in the wool trade.

We are all very pleased to know that Walter Macpherson continues to make steady progress towards recovery following his severe illness in June last. We earnestly hope that he will, ere long, be completely restored to good health,



War Memorial Endowment Fund.

THE following donations have been received since our last issue:—

	£	s.	d.
G. E. M. Gibb (3rd Instalment)	1	1	0
H. I. Gibb (3rd Instalment)	1	0	0
George Howatson (2nd and 3rd Instalments)	.10	10	0
A. H. Owen (3rd Instalment)	5	5	0

The Secretary will be pleased to receive promised subscriptions now due.

Memories of 25 Years Ago— *continued.*

BY "S."

AT the time of which I write, the School year was not divided, as at present, into 3 Terms, but into 4 Quarters. The principal holidays consisted of a few days at Easter, 4 weeks at Midwinter, and 8 weeks at Christmas.

Cricket was played during the 1st and 4th Quarters, and football during the 2nd and 3rd. The College Regatta was held in April, the Tennis Tournament in November, and the Athletic Sports Meeting on the Corio Oval in December, after the "Matric" examinations. Those highly interesting events of the present day, viz., the Head of the River Race for 8-oared boats, and the Combined Sports Meeting had not then been inaugurated.

The College Regatta of 1897 would not appeal to present Collegians as a very exciting affair. The boat-sheds were situated near Prince's Bridge, and were much smaller than at present. Spectators were few in number, the rowing was the reverse of skilful, particularly in the junior events (in which the shouting and the splashing were amazing), and the races consisted entirely of 4-oared events. Schools in those days did not possess 8-oared boats, and there was no competition against other schools to quicken our interest in rowing.

The races were rowed from "Pak." (Pakington St.) or thereabouts, upstream to the sheds.

Notwithstanding all drawbacks, however, the Regatta was a joyful event. The "crab-catching"—frequent and fantastic,—the shrill yelling and wild steering of the coxswains (who, blind with excitement and much splashing, found collisions and bank-running easily accomplished), the ever-present glorious possibility of a capsize, and the very occasional close finish,—these were the attractions that drew the whole school irresistibly to the river bank on College Regatta Day in April of each year.

Mention of a capsize brings to mind the fact that it was compulsory for every boy, before joining the boat club, to pass a swimming test at the Western Baths, which were under the supervision of "Pro" Searle.

A. C. Whiting ("Carpet Bag"), big, good-natured and capable, was Captain of the Boats in 1897, and the principal regatta event of that year—Senior Fours—was won by S. Ross, J. I. Chirnside, P. H. Toose and A- B. Dixon, a fairly heavy combination.

It is interesting to note that J. K. S. Shannon, now a member of the College Council and Old Boys' Association Committee, was a cox. in this regatta. There can therefore be little doubt that at least one straight course was steered on that occasion.

Ford Shannon was then at the commencement of his College career, and became a tower of strength to the cricket and football teams of later years. No old boy of 1903 can ever forget the many remarkable cricket matches of that year. In these games Ford Shannon's bowling played no small part, his figures on one occasion being 7 wickets for no runs, and the opposing team's total score reaching only 2 runs !

In dealing with the teams of 1897, it must be remembered that the College was not then a Public School, but was a member of the Schools' Association of Victoria; other schools in the Association being Brighton Grammar School, Cumloden, Carlton College, Caulfield Grammar School, University High School and Haileybury College. Matches were also arranged with Ballarat School of Mines, Scotch College, and Geelong Grammar School, and the games against the last-named were, to us, the events of the year.

The cricket and football teams of 1897 were fairly good. There have been many better College teams and many worse, both before and since that time.

The cricket team possessed a champion batsman in its captain, E. M. Baird (now the Rev. E. M. Baird, and a member of the College Council), who was possibly the finest cricketer that the College has possessed, although the brilliant performances of Gordon Melville (1904) and one or two others must not be overlooked. E. M. Baird's batting average for all matches in 1897 was 45.2, and in the following year 87—splendid figures obtained by most consistent play.

W. M. Robertson (average 14), H. Young (13.9), A. B. Dixon (10.6) and T. De Gruchy (10.4) were also useful batsmen. E. G. Greevcs was a skilful wicket keeper, and W. M. Robertson (7.5) and A. B. Dixon (8.8) secured the bowling honours.

The cricket team of **1897** was only moderately successful, playing 7 matches, winning 4, and securing second place in the Association, Cumloden (then a fine school in Alma Road, St. Kilda) being first. Games were lost against Cumloden (44 to 81), Scotch College (36 to 174), and Geelong Grammar School in the first match (innings and 18 runs). The return match against our old rivals was, however, won by 85 runs, thanks to a magnificent innings of 144 **not out** by E. M. Baird.

The football team was certainly a "big" team, but, like the cricket team, was only fairly successful. It was remarkable that the football results were identical with those of cricket. Again matches were lost against Cumloden (4.4 to 8.12), Scotch College (2.4 to 5.12), and Geelong Grammar School in the first game (1.1. to 13.13), and again the return match was won against the last-named school (3.4 to 2.6) after a most exciting contest. Further, as in cricket, 4 matches were won out of 7, and 2nd place secured in the Association.

It was at the beginning of 1897 that important changes were made in the rules governing Australian football. Among these were the reduction of the number of players in a team from 20 to 18, the adoption of the 10 yards minimum for a mark, and the system of scoring by points. The first two of these alterations improved the game immensely, and by the adoption of scoring by points (previously goals only were counted), such an absurdity as a game being won by 1 goal 0 behinds to 20 behinds (this actually occurred!) became no longer possible. A straight-kicking forward was a treasure 26 years ago!

Football "togs" also were very different from those now worn. It is unnecessary to detail alterations that have been made, as present boys are presumably familiar with the photographs of past teams in the Sports' Pavilion. It will suffice to say that the College colour was navy blue (the present colours being adopted after the College became a Public School in 1908), the cap, navy blue with white stripe from front to rear, and the blazer striped blue and white. I fancy any boy in the school was permitted to wear this blazer if he wished, although few outside the cricket and tennis teams did so.

E. G. Greeves was captain of the football team of 1897, and here again the College possessed a champion, for it is probable that "Teddy" Greeves, L. Strickland (1900) and G. C. McNeilage (1908) were the finest footballers the College has produced during the past 25 years. This is saying much, for other names rush to one's mind—nevertheless, the statement may stand.

E. G. Greeves was amazingly fast on the football ground, and excepting only F. L. Stodart (1904), was the fastest short-distance runner who has ever attended the College.

It is delightful to note that his sons are now at the College upholding their father's reputation in no uncertain manner.

Other fine footballers in the 1897 team were F. B. Somervaii ("Binny"), H. J. Young, W. M. Robertson, Struan Nasmith (a clever rover), and J. D. Mack.

The moderate performances of the College teams of 1897 almost embolden me to venture to draw comparisons between teams of long ago and those of more recent date, and to discuss briefly that old, old subject, "Were there giants in those days?" Such comparisons and discussion would, however, be quite futile; neither old boys nor present boys would be in the slightest degree shaken in their loyalty to their respective champions, and who would have it otherwise?

There have undoubtedly been some remarkable College football teams in the past—those of the late "eighties" and early "nineties,"—1901, 1903, 1913, and 1914 are examples. Also there have been some wretchedly poor football teams; and with the exception of that of 1903, College cricket teams of past days have not been renowned for their prowess, and I would therefore ask present boys not to feel discouraged

at their apparent lack of success against other schools. The opposition that College teams have now to face is much more formidable than that of 25 years ago, and old boys are strongly of the opinion that recent and present teams have done, and are doing, exceedingly well against great odds.

Our cricket and football training in 1897 consisted of "compulsory" practice on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, although on Mondays, those who preferred "detention" were permitted to engage in that delightful pastime. How wonderful that so many "preferred" detention, particularly as Mr. Kerr's sternness on such occasions was almost terrifying!

Another great drawback to detention on Monday afternoon was Mr. Morrison's habit of strolling through the class-rooms a little after 4 o'clock, armed with a long and flexible cane, which was wielded with great skill and vigour on those unfortunates who were required to complete a side for cricket or football practice.

Much preparatory rubbing of hands greeted "Normie's" appearance on such occasions, for all well knew what was in store. Just as

"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever,"

so I fancy I can hear the "swish" and the shouts now, and my hands still tingle, my scanty locks still stand on end, as my memory recalls those fearsome scenes of anguish of "the good old days" of long ago.

After football practice it was the custom to run (in "togs") round "little square" (Claremont Avenue), "big square" (West Melbourne Road), or in extreme cases, "Aberdeen St. Square." Are these runs still taken? Aberdeen St. Square was popular with some, as the way home led past "Loh's" tuck-shop in Skene St.

Mention of "Loh's" brings to mind the fact that a few years later E. Syer established his famous tuck-shop on Prospect Road hill—which I fancy still stands—and later built the present shop in Aphrasia Street, nearer the College grounds,

The Ormond Letter.

THE MacFarland Library and new wing were officially opened at the end of last term by the Earl of Stradbroke, and the function was well attended by a large gathering of past and present Ormond men.

The Inter-Collegiate Athletics, which were held towards the end of last term, resulted in a win for Ormond by 13½ points, after a close and exciting contest. Dick Lee represented us in the Long Jump, and Willie Macmillan won both the Mile and 880. A few weeks ago he lowered his own Inter-Varsity record for the Mile by seven seconds.

In the football we were not very successful, being beaten by Trinity in the first round. This is the first time for 21 years that we have been beaten by Trinity in football, so we do not grudge them their well-earned victory.

Dick Lee, Willie Macmillan and Fred Gilmour were members of our team.

The final was won by Newman, who had previously defeated Queen's. This is Newman's first victory in Inter-Collegiate football.

On June 22nd the medical students met in Alan Waterhouse's study to bid farewell to Dr. J. T. Tait, who has since departed for England, where he hopes to obtain some wider experience.

He is an old Collegian, and an old Ormond man, and for some time has been College tutor in Pathology and Anatomy. Jim Sharland, on behalf of those present presented him with a suitably inscribed pipe.

The Sports Dinner was held on 12th July, and was a very successful function.

Early this term the Ormond College Dramatic Society presented "The Title" in the Melba Hall. The play was well staged and acted before a good house on both nights.

The 3rd and 4th Year Meds. are hard at work, and putting in a final sprint for the August examinations.

Bert Gibb and Willie Macmillan are going over the top, and we wish them the best of luck.

In conclusion, all join in congratulating the College on their victory in the Grammar match,

A, G, S,

University Notes.

BEFORE the war these notes were published regularly in the "Pegasus." Some of us have thought that it would be an excellent idea to start them again, in order to let present boys know that such a place as the "Shop" exists, and also to chronicle the doings of Old Boys up here.

We may make a good start by offering our warmest congratulations to Willie Macmillan on his Mile in the Inter-Varsity Sports in Adelaide last May. He broke his own record, made in Sydney in 1920, by 7 seconds, putting up the remarkably good time of 4 mins. 30 4-5 secs- He also ran second in the 880 yards.

Melbourne won these sports easily with 18 points from Sydney 6, Adelaide 5, and Brisbane 1. Each University has two representatives in each event, 2 points being scored for 1st, and 1 for 2nd.

The Inter-Varsity Tennis and Rowing were also held in Adelaide about the same time. In the former Melbourne lost to Sydney for the first, time since the war, being defeated by 11 rubbers to 8 (2 being unplayed). In the boat race Melbourne came second to Brisbane, with Adelaide 3rd, and Sydney 4th. This is only the third time that Brisbane has competed, and their win by 2 lengths was most meritorious. We offer our congratulations to Wally Ricketts on securing No. 2 seat in the Eight.

This year, for the first time for many years, the Athletic Club entered a team in the junior 5 Mile Cross-Country Run at Caul field Racecourse. They had a good win; amongst the Shop runners were "Bod Sloan and Willie Macmillan, who finished 20th and 25th respectively.

Inter-Varsity Eootball will be played in Adelaide during the August vacation. The "Shop" have two teams playing every Saturday in the Metropolitan Amateur Association. They both lie second in their respective divisions, each having been defeated twice. Hockey and Lacrosse teams also compete weekly in their competitions.

The new Art and Education Block of buildings is Hearing completion, as also is the new Anatomy School.

All the 3rd and 4th Year Meds- are very busy at present preparing for the Annual "Hop-over" due on August 7th,

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At present we have about twenty Old Boys up here doing various courses.

The Victorian Rhodes Scholar for 1922, L. T. Ride, an Old Scotch Boy, leaves for England at the end of August.

We always regret that more of us cannot get down to Old Boys' Day, and suggest that it be held earlier in the year, preferably in the first term.

We were all delighted to hear that College beat Grammar again. Very many heartiest congratulations to the Old College and to the team, and good luck in the remaining match.

H. I. G.

Preparatory Notes.

UPON returning from our holidays we were pleased to welcome two new boys, Colin Purnell and John Mockridge. They form part of our "Tiny Brigade," and are in Miss Trumble's lower division. Jack Baird, who was in the Prep, last year, has returned from the Big School, as he had been away for some time through illness- We are very sorry to have lost Alec. Robertson, who will, however, return to the College next year. Gregor McIntyre has been away on account of two operations, but we hope to see him back with us next term.

The House Competition has been exceptionally interesting this term. Both in work and sport Bellcrophon House has made excellent progress. The term's result in work will not be available until the examinations are over, and each House will need to do its best to gain the honour of first place. The House football matches have been keenly contested, and have aroused a great deal of excitement. Pegasus won the first two matches comfortably, and were feeling very confident, but Bellerophon turned the tables in the next game, and won easily. The fourth match was played on the new Prep, oval, and an exciting game resulted in a second win for Bellcrophon, by the narrow margin of one goal. On the fifth and last game rests the football premiership for the year. This match w^ras to have been decided on August 1G, but rain prevented play.

Scores:—•

- 1st Match—Pegasus, 9.9. Doyle 4, Macpherson 3, Ince 2.
 Bellerophon, 4.9- Hancock 1, Wright 2, M. Cochrane 1.
- 2nd Match—Pegasus, 4.7. Macpherson 2, Hirst 1, Hcndy 1.
 Bellerophon, 2.3. Baird 1, Pizer 1.
- 3rd Match—Bellerophon, 7.3. Pizer 1, Wright 2, Richardson 1, A.
 Lang 1, Baird 1, McDonald 1.
 Pegasus, 2.2. Macpherson 2-
- 4th Match—Bellerophon, 4.6. A. Lang 2, Wright 1, Richardson 1.
 Pegasus, 3.6. Ince 3.

A match was played against the Big School under 13, in which we suffered defeat. Scores :—

- Big School, 6.12. Williams, F. 3, Hooper 2, Morrison 1.
 Prep., 1.4. Macpherson 1.

On Friday, August 18th, we will play a match against the Prep. "Old Boys."

This term we have visited Humble's Foundry and the Enamel Works, and on August 23rd Mr. Hirst has invited us to see the Excelsior Woolen Mills. We also hope to go over several other places next term, including the Cement Works, the Salt Works, and the Paper Mills. Apart from the enjoyment of these visits, we are gaining an excellent idea of the industries of our town. We welcome this opportunity of thanking the managers of these places for their kindness in allowing such a crowd of boys to invade them.

On Saturday, August 12th, we held our usual term picnic. We decided to visit Moorabool. Friday had been showery, and it was with a fair amount of anxiety that we looked out of our windows the next morning. However, one glance was sufficient to show that we had every promise of a beautiful day. Catching the morning train to Ballarat, we arrived at Moorabool about nine o'clock, and selected the railway viaduct as our camping ground. The bridge immediately attracted our attention, but having explored it we separated and wandered along the creek, a large number thoroughly enjoying the opportunity the district provided for playing "Bushrangers" and "Robbers and Police."

About midday we had dinner, and there is no doubt that our mothers had guessed the effects that the country air would have on our appetites. And then the sun which had shone so brightly all the morning, deserted us, and very soon rain forced us to take shelter beneath the bridge—After the first shower, Mr. Buchter, father of Charlie Buchter in the Big School, provided us with a surprise, in the form of a case of apples from his orchard near by. Before he returned with the empty case, we thanked him, and gave three cheers.

The rain commenced again, but not before we had hurried through the races. Beneath the shelter of the bridge we then held a concert until tea. About four o'clock the rain stopped, and we made our way through the mud to the station, caught the train, and arrived in Geelong about five o'clock.

In spite of the rain we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and returned home somewhat dirty and tired, but very happy.

A Trip to Lismore.

ON Saturday, August 5th, the football team journeyed further afield than usual in search of laurels. Mainly through the enthusiasm of Mr. Ted. Greeves, father of Cargi Greeves, a match had been arranged between the Lismore Association and Geelong College. It proved a grand opportunity for our fellows to get a change of atmosphere, a luxury which boys of bygone years had not enjoyed. The morning showed promise of a glorious sunny day, and we left Geelong by the early Maroona line train. At Inverleigh we saw two dejected looking individuals on the platform—these turned out to be two of our companions who thought that there were better ways of getting to Lismore than by train. On arriving at Cressy we raided the refreshment rooms, and left nothing behind us. We took care to tell the astonished people in charge that we should be hungrier than ever on the return journey. We arrived at Lismore at noon, and were driven in cars to the town. We spent a short time "sight-seeing," and then were given an excellent lunch at the Lismore Hotel by the District Association officials. Mr. A. S. Liston, the Association President, proposed a toast to the visitors, and responses were made by Mr. Tait and C. McArthur. After lunch we wandered down to the football ground, and found that we had an excellent ground to play on.

Play commenced at a quarter to three. In the first half the Association were somewhat hampered by having been told not to indulge in any unnecessary rough play, and consequently they were hanging out a little. In the third quarter the Association, inspired perhaps by the ardent barracking of one who followed the play from end to end crying, "Come omn-n-n Western Plains !" rallied, and the quarter provided a hue display of give and take play. The last quarter was a good even one, better football being played on both sides, and although we won by a fair margin, the game was an excellent practice for both teams.

We were given afternoon tea by the ladies of Lismore after the match, and then the district residents, with motor cars, very kindly took us down to the station again. Mr. Jack Currie was overjoyed to see the team from his old school paying a visit to his district, and he called for three cheers for the College as the train steamed out from the platform. A good tea awaited us at Cressy, where the train waited for twenty minutes, and we arrived at Geelong about half-past eight. We wish to thank Mr. Greeves, the Lismore District Football officials, and those who conveyed us to and from the Lismore station in their cars, for the success of the day.—

O England!

O England, round whose craggy heights
 The sea in thunder roars,
 Where great grey ships on greyer morns
 Creep in through fog-bound shores;
 Into whose sovereign capital
 The wealth of empire pours.

O place of lawns and hedges trim,
 Of lanes, and flowery meads,
 Of hoary lichened churches, meet
 For immemorial creeds,
 Where every foot is sacred ground
 And rich with storied deeds.

Ours is a land of spaces vast,
 And we untrammelled roam
 For league on league nor ever see
 Cathedral spire or dome;
 Yet spite our wide disparity
 We love to call thee "Home."

O England, land of linnets' songs,
 And home of brown trout streams;
 Where in and out the meadow grass
 The yellow primrose gleams;
 Thy beauties,—countless, precious, rare,—
 We only see in dreams.

A Glimpse of Central New South Wales.

THOSE who have never had the good fortune to leave for a time the coastal areas of Australia, and visit central New South Wales, invariably picture that unknown land a monotonous plain, upon which wool is produced. It is, however, a far more interesting country than we at first imagine.

It is not all a plain, for the landscape is varied by gently rising ridges, and occasionally by a range of fairly high hills. The ground is almost invariably a flesh-red colour, much of it being stony. The hills and ridges are frequently rich in minerals, and before the war, many mines were worked in this district, from some of which gold, silver and copper were taken. Idle centre of New South Wales is said to be a hill on the Nymagee-Condobolin road, and it is to that district that these remarks refer.

Although the average rainfall for Nymagxe is only 16 inches a year, the country is traversed by numerous sandy creek beds, which, although seldom running, frequently provide water in springs, as the sand, a few inches below the surface in some places, is wet all through the summer.

The vegetation of this district is very interesting, it being impossible to travel many miles without encountering some new type of timber. The commonest trees are the pine and grey box, but there are areas miles in extent on which nothing but malice and box scrub will grow. In these scrubs many interesting plants may be seen, such as spinifex grass, lignum, and "deadfinish." Other common trees are wilga, belar, bull-oak, dogwood, rosewood, wild orange, yarren, ironwood, budda, creek gums, malice box, and kurrajongs. A rather remarkable plant is the native vine. It is common in many localities, and covers the trunks of dead trees with its entanglement of yellow-green foliage, sometimes to a height of fifty feet. The main stock feed is corkscrew grass, which is frequently aided by wire-grass or cottonbush.

It may interest a few to learn what life on a central New South Wales station is like. The run described is approximately sixty miles long, with several out-stations, the total area being half a million acres, and carries one hundred thousand merino sheep. Needless to say the majority of the paddocks are immense. The main homestead is nothing less than a village with store, blacksmith's forge, and butcher's

shop. There are then the boss's home, the overseer's and jackeroos' quarters, and the station hands' huts. The outlying parts of the station are supervised by boundary riders, who live in cottages connected with the homestead by telephone.

Whenever sheep have to be yarded or moved from any paddock, the musterers saddle their horses and make an early start from the homestead. Then, under the direction of the "head musterer," they take up positions along one of the fences of the paddock to be mustered, each man being anything up to a mile from his neighbour. When all are ready the man in charge cracks a stockwhip, and the men set out across the paddock, continually cooeing to one another. The scrub is sometimes so dense that one man may not see his neighbour until he has reached the far fence, usually a distance of four or five miles. The men, by means of the sun and the sound of their mates on either side, are able to keep a straight line. The sheep, on hearing the shouts, run together, and each man collects all he finds, and brings them to the dam where it has been arranged to have lunch. Every man carries his own lunch in a saddle-bag, and a quart pot in which to make his tea. It is the usual custom to muster one half of the paddock before lunch, and the other half in the afternoon.

Whenever a big job has to be done a cart is loaded with supplies and one or two tents in case of emergency, and the musterers form a camp. Occasionally a mob of sheep has to be taken to or from an out-station, and then the men have to make a fresh camp every night, and sometimes a yard of pines to "hold" the sheep in.

The life on one of these stations is a lonely but happy one. There are occasional cricket matches against local teams, but otherwise there are very few social activities. Perhaps the pleasure of the life on a sheep station is mostly derived from the variety of work a mail has to do. Perhaps, one day, he may be taking out a load of salt in a motor lorry, while the next morning he is told to "ride the fence" of an eighteen-thousand acre paddock. This frequent change of work has produced, on the stations of the interior, a type of workman perhaps unequalled by any country in the world. These men are able to turn their hands to almost anything, and do it well. We, as Australians, should be proud of our stations, and should look with sorrow at any advance of the belief in "one man, one job," which is threatening to stamp this versatility out of our national character-

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Victoria's Oldest Town.

IN 1834 Edward Henty, in the ship "Rebecca," entered Portland Harbor, and realising the value of the country and the fate of the settlement at Swan River, Western Australia, founded the first settlement in Victoria. He was followed next year by his brothers, who brought with them the implements and provisions necessary for the founding of a new colony. Henty was not, however, the first settler, as Captain Button had made this his base for many whaling expeditions in previous years. As Major Mitchell finished his march of exploration through the rich country of the Western District which he termed Australia Felix, he came upon the settlement at Portland, and there spent a well-earned rest. The brothers, on hearing of the rich land, started out and obtained the pick of the Western District at Merino, and there settled. By the time that the news of the settlement reached Sydney, the colony had grown to such a size that the New South Wales government had to recognize it.

As time necessitated, public buildings were erected, and these early buildings are points of interest to the tourist. From a row of huts has developed a town which is ever increasing in size and beauty. One of the first necessities was a breakwater, which was built of stone brought from the cliffs nearby. Most of the early buildings, including Henty's first home, and the Church of England, and the Gaol, were made of the same stone. The streets, as they were laid out, were planted with fine avenues of pines, which now add to their beauty. The small jetty was built as a landing stage, and it is now used for coastal vessels which run regularly between Melbourne and Portland. The growing trade made place for a larger pier, and the New Pier, 3,000 yards long, was constructed, and has been recently added to. This pier can be used by vessels of all tonnage, and serves a dual purpose. It affords a fine playground for deep-sea anglers who do not agree with the sea, and also forms a very nice promenade for tourists on a warm night.

Portland is fast becoming a very important pleasure resort, and in the summer, people from all parts of Victoria visit there. Besides the attraction of the places of historical interest, it possesses a very fine bathing beach. Sport is well catered for, and the tourist is able to exercise himself in any of its branches. Along the sea front are very fine golf links, whilst in the Gardens are tennis courts and croquet lawns. There is also a bowling green for those interested. A fleet of very fine fishing yachts are always available for the fisherman, whilst at night the

tourist may end a perfect day at the theatre. The places of historical interest which attract so many tourists are the old Gaol, a courtyard of whale bones, whaling-pots that were used by Captain Dutton, and last, but, perhaps of more importance to the younger tourists, is the Fort on the top of Battery Hill, with its ancient guns overlooking the bay. Also at the Fort are the foundations of the first lighthouse. In the Gardens is a life-boat, which has done, in previous years, great work at wrecks.

Every day sees tourists being conveyed to the beauty spots of the district, and they are really worth visiting. Perhaps the most remarkable are the "Blow Holes" at Cape Bridge water. There the ocean beats upon the rocky cliff, and water is projected through a hole to a height varying from 50 feet, according to the condition of the sea—Shelly Beach provides the spot for another very nice picnic. Here one descends precipitous cliffs, and finds oneself in a little beach packed with shells of all descriptions, large and small. The shells are not only confined to the surface, but are found in solid masses 2 or 3 feet below the surface. A pleasant afternoon can be spent in driving along the Narrowong Beach, which extends about 3 or 4 miles. It was on this beach that Major Mitchell first met the Hentys, and the hut where they met is still preserved. Other places where enjoyable picnics can be held are:—Cape Nelson near the lighthouse, which is the first part of Victoria a person sees when coming by boat from South Australia; Black Nose Point, where good fishing may be obtained; Lady Bay, Cape Grant, and the mouth of the Glenelg River.

Portland has a great future before it. It is connected by rail with the Malice, and the south east of South Australia. Most of the wheat from those areas was shipped from Portland last year, and this year the citizens of Portland are looking forward to beat last year's totals. About 3 miles out of Portland are breezing works, where, before the war, a large amount of meat was frozen before being sent to England, and it is to be hoped that this trade is revived. It should be the port of the Western District, and several companies, realising this, have sent shipments of goods there to be distributed. Last year a great deal of condensed milk from Warrnambool was shipped from Portland to Europe. Portland has a future before it that many other towns would like to possess.

In closing, I am sure that if one wishes to see a city in the making, and to spend at the same time an enjoyable holiday, one must go to Portland, the port of the Western District— "Wanderer."