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The Editor will welcome contributions or correspondence from present or past members of the School.

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## Editorial.

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THE issue of the present number has been somewhat delayed owing to the difficulty of obtaining the articles of some of our contributors who have been unable to send them in earlier on account of great pressure of work of different kinds. However, this issue contains a fairly complete account of all departments of the school life since the first number, and will, we hope, gain the approval of our readers.

The most important event, both to our School and to Queensland, as a whole, has been the untimely end of our brilliant alumnus, the late Premier. This has been dealt with in a special article by his old rival in the class-room, Mr. J. G. Cribb.

An article of special interest to the past members of the School is that on the newly founded Old Boys' Association, by the secretary, Mr. T. E. Jones. This body is evidently a very flourishing one, and shows that Past Grammars retain their love of the School when they leave it for the battle of life. They will also be glad to learn that

we have at length succeeded in getting the services of a professional cricket coach—Mr. McGlinchy—under whose care great improvement in the school cricket is anticipated.

The third number of the Magazine will be published soon after the beginning of next year. Before then we shall have said good-bye to many of our present members, but we are sure they will not forget us when they pass into the ranks of the Past Grammarians. We wish them all every success for the future, and in parting with regret from those who have filled responsible positions in the School, we look to those who will take their places to show the same zeal in upholding the honour and dignity of the Brisbane Grammar School.

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## In Memoriam.

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T. J. BYRNES.

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IN our last number, with pleasure and pride, we congratulated one of our old boys—T. J. Byrnes—on his appointment to the Premiership of the Colony. Now, with a sense of sadness and disappointment, we record his death. A chill, consequent upon an attack of measles, resulted in pneumonia, and, after a brief struggle, the heart suddenly failed, and Byrnes breathed his last at midnight on Tuesday, September 27th.

On the morning of the funeral the head master assembled the school and delivered an address appreciative of the character and ability of his old pupil. The school was then formally closed (at the request of the trustees), and the cadets and masters formed part of the funeral procession.

In addition to the article in our last issue, and the full accounts of the newspapers, it was thought that some additional reminiscences by a former classmate might not be unacceptable to our readers. Byrnes' career is a brilliant example of what can be done under our educational system. Winning a series of scholarships he passed from the State school to a University degree by his own exertions. At school he speedily attracted the attention of his masters. Both Mr. Roe, the present head master, and Mr. Crompton (or "Crummie," to use a nickname bestowed by himself, and one by which he is better known to old pupils), the then second master,

took additional pains to encourage and develop his unmistakable powers. The latter, when presenting Byrnes with a watch and chain, as a reward for passing the Melbourne matriculation examination with a W in four subjects, said: "Now, Tommy, when you're Attorney-General, see that you get me a good billet." The class laughed, none more heartily than Byrnes himself, but "Crummie" insisted that he was not joking, and in a few years the prophecy was fulfilled. This incident, revived by a former schoolfellow when Byrnes became Premier, provoked reminiscences and remarks which showed that he had a very warm corner in his heart for the school and masters of his boyhood. Of the quality of his work at school, his masters are the best judges. Mr. Roe speaks of his wonderful memory, facility in learning, graphic powers of description, easy flow of English, and maturity of thought. His history-master, an enthusiast in his subject, and possessed of a remarkable power of dramatic and vivid presentation, not infrequently found it necessary to reconsider some of his details at the suggestion of Tommy Byrnes.

He identified himself with the school games, though he did not take a prominent part in them, and was an authority on the cricket and football achievements of Australia. At the old school, near the Roma street Railway Station, he might occasionally be seen batting and bowling on the cricket pitch, but more often entering heartily into a game of tennis at the close of afternoon school, his merry ringing laugh marking some wild stroke or humorous catastrophe. On all questions discussed on the playground Byrnes fearlessly took up a strong moral position. He was distinctly of a religious turn of mind, and was not afraid to say so. On one occasion, when sharing religious sentiments with a school chum (who was a most pronounced Protestant), he remarked that he would rather not be a great scientist because of the temptations to scepticism. The same fearless avowal of religious conviction honoured his manhood.

These things, together with his monopoly of the lion's share of all prizes, might have been expected to bring him some unpopularity, but he was invariably so generous and good-tempered that no one had a word to say against him. Good temper is often most severely tested by trivial and sudden occurrences, but Byrnes was not easily caught napping. At practical chemistry one afternoon, while indulging in a friendly scuffle (he was never very fond of "smells" as he was accustomed to term this science), he received an inky pen in the fleshy part of his hand. The sudden smart might have excused a few unpremeditated remarks. For a moment his face did wear an expression of serious and reproachful expostulation, but instantly recognising the purely accidental nature of the occurrence, he passed it off with a laugh. The writer never saw him lose his temper.



The imposing pageant of the public funeral—a pageant in truth it was, none greater was ever seen in Brisbane, but the element of display was lost sight of in the deep feeling of which it was manifestly the mere outward expression—testified alike to the popularity of the man and the sympathy evoked by the sudden and premature termination of his life. There was this also—he was one of us, a colonial born and bred.

His popularity was not won by a “please-everyone-at-any-price” policy in public life. On the contrary, he supported measures which he deemed needful and right, but which were calculated to make him many enemies. Perhaps, it is not too much to say, that it was this manly, straightforward fearlessness, more than anything else, which gained for him such widespread esteem, and even affection.

Especial mention must be made of his efforts to establish a Queensland University. With sturdy determination he took up the work so nearly carried to completion by Sir Samuel Griffith and the late Sir Charles Lilley before the financial crisis of 1893. In this he showed his gratitude for, and appreciation of, the advantages derived from his own University career, and, at the same time, his desire of making these advantages more accessible to those whose parents could not afford to maintain their sons at distant Universities.

Musing upon the life before us, one is apt to exclaim, “What a waste!” Years of strenuous preparation ended just when the opportunity to use them was won! But such an example cannot fail to render important service to the State in the stimulus it supplies to others. What has been done is possible, and may be done again. The original ability is not given to all to climb as high, but all may imitate the kindly good nature, the lofty aim, the patient industry, the manly strength, the moral integrity. If the boys of the Brisbane Grammar School will cultivate these qualities they will pay the highest possible tribute to the memory of their illustrious schoolfellow and do much to lessen the incompleteness of his broken life.

We feel sure that the wish so widely entertained by the public of Queensland, to erect some lasting memorial of the late Premier is shared by the old boys and friends of the School. No doubt the matter will shortly be taken up and result in some erection at the School which shall serve the double purpose of honouring the memory of the departed and inciting future generations of school boys to emulate his example.

J. G. CRIBB.

# FOOTBALL.

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THE Football Season opened this year in April. Our first fifteen joined the Junior Grades, but being by far the smallest team therein they did not distinguish themselves much. A few unimportant matches were played at the commencement of the season, but the first important match was that against Ipswich on May 28th. The team that the school sent to Ipswich to uphold their honour was,

*Full Back:*

CALLAN.

*Threequarters:*

LETHBRIDGE, H. (Captain), LETHBRIDGE, R., McDOWALL.

*Halves:*

ROBERTSON, ROGER, ROE, W.

*Forwards:*

HILL, STIRRAT, McCONNEL, R. C. ROE, HOLMES A'COURT,  
HYDE, SMITH, AND SALKELD.

The Ipswich boys welcomed us with a strong team, and the match throughout was even, hard, and fast. During the first half three tries were obtained by H. Lethbridge (2) and R. Lethbridge (1). Of these two were converted by a'Court and Roger; R. C. Roe also added 4 to the score by a beautiful kick from the field. Just before the whistle sounded for half-time the red and whites, by a vigorous rush, carried the ball over our line, bringing the score, at half-time to—Brisbane 17, Ipswich 3. During the second half the play was much more even, McDowall by a try and Roger by a goal increased the Brisbane score to 22. The Ipswich boys also scored again, and MacNamee by three grand field kicks brought up the score to 17. No further additions were made in either score, so on the sound of the whistle we were victors by 22 to 17. After the match the teams repaired to the school where Mr. Cameron and the boys kindly supplied us with a dinner, at which the usual speeches were made and toasts drunk. I regret to mention that young MacNamee, who so well distinguished himself on this occasion, shortly afterwards died at Ipswich.



Our next school match was played against the Maryborough Grammar School at Maryborough on June 23rd. We arrived at Maryborough on Monday. On Tuesday morning the local team took the visitors on a tour of inspection through the town, to Fairleigh Bros.' Sawmills, and from there to Walkers Ltd. The match was played on Tuesday afternoon and resulted in a decisive win for the Maryborough boys by 26 to 3. The team we had in the field was a very poor one. Not only was it weakened by the absence of McDowall, Smith and Scott, but was further weakened by the fact that McConnel, Roger and Robinson were practically cripples before the match began. However we can only acknowledge the superiority of the team we met. They played an excellent passing game throughout and their whole team showed excellent combination. For Maryborough tries were obtained by O'Kelly (2), Bartholomew (2), Moreton, Gibson, Dunn and O'Brien. For the Brisbane team H. Lethbridge scored, but Callan was unsuccessful in his attempt to convert. The most conspicuous among the Maryborough boys were R. Gibson, W. O'Brien and O'Kelly. For the Grammars H. Lethbridge, R. Roe, W. Roe, Mortimer and Jones played hardest. In the evening our kind host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, entertained the visiting team at a social gathering. Between the dances some of the local talent of the town was displayed in the way of songs, &c. The visitors left on Wednesday grieved at their defeat yet bearing it in a manly spirit.

The only other school match we played this year was against Nudgee. This was played at the Union Grounds on September 17th, and resulted in a win for the B.G.S. by 30 to nil. Our opponents were heavier than ourselves but lacked combination and training. We were very glad to beat Nudgee, for they have only once succeeded in defeating us at football and that was last year. For the Grammars tries were obtained by H. Lethbridge (5), Dennis (2), Noel (1). Goals were kicked by Noel (2) and Callan (1).

The Grammars throughout played a fast and vigorous game and well deserved their decisive victory.

## The Cadets.

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THE cadets attended the Camp at Lytton in June last. Only fifty, however, attended out of eighty-three on the rolls. This was to a certain extent, no doubt, due to the parents thinking that June was too cold for camping.

The corps was quartered in its old position on the side of the hill facing the river, with the Maryborough Cadets alongside. The health during the camp was, on the whole, good; but the Maryborough cadets brought the influenza down with them and gave it to some of the Brisbane boys to enjoy the holidays with. In spite of this we were very glad to see them down, and hope to be under arms together at many future camps.

At midwinter Lieutenant Foxton left, and Colour-sergeant J. D. Stirrat was promoted to the vacancy and Sergeant R. C. Roe made Colour-sergeant.

Some of the cadets competed for the Cadets' Prize in the National Association's Meeting last month. Eighteen entries were received as against fifteen last year. Colour-sergeant McConnel won first prize with 39 points out of a possible 50, and Sergeant R. C. Roe second with 35 points. Seven others won smaller prizes.

The Commandant's annual inspection of the Corps will probably take place this month.

Mr. H. P. Abbott, on leaving Brisbane, kindly gave a donation of two guineas (£2 2s.) to the prize fund of the Cadets, which will be shot for before the end of the year.

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## Annual Sports Meeting.

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THE annual athletic Sports of the Brisbane Grammar School were held on the Exhibition Ground, September 23rd.

During the morning the weather conditions were not at all favourable, but fortunately, shortly after noon a cool breeze sprang up and robbed the atmosphere of much of its oppressiveness. A very fair number of the parents and friends of the scholars assembled to witness the fighting out of the various events. Lord Lamington was present during a portion of the afternoon, and among those watching the contests from the grand stand enclosure were a number of leading citizens. The programme was a varied

## 880 YARDS HANDICAP.

Callan (11 yards) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
M'Connel (13 yards) ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
R. Scott (10 yards) ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Time, 2min. 7½sec.						

## 220 YARDS HANDICAP, UNDER 16.

Hellicar (1 yard) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
W. Roe (7 yards) ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Brundrit (10 yards) ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Time, 25sec.						

## SIAMESE SCRATCH RACE.

H. Lethbridge and C. Roe ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roger and Mowbray ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Time, 15 1/5sec.						

## CONSOLATION RACE.

Noel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hyde ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
M'Diarmid ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

# ❖ CRICKET. ❖

THE First Eleven has joined the Q.C.A., and is playing in B grade electoral. The lower teams have entered for various competitions of the N.C.U., the second, third, and fourth all being engaged in the National Union fixtures.

The School has been very fortunate in having been allotted a large share of the services of Mr. McGlinchy, the professional coach of the National Cricket Union, who comes up to the turf during three dinner hours a week and on Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. Under his skilful coaching the cricket of the School should greatly improve this season. There is hardly any need to urge all players to practise assiduously with the splendid opportunity now afforded them.

The following are the results of the matches played so far:—

B.G.S. (1st Eleven) v. WOOLLOONGABBA—Won by default.

.. .. v. NUNDAH—Played at Nundah on October 22nd and 29th : won by 7 wickets. In 1st innings Oxley made 23 ; and in 2nd, Mowbray 48, not out.

.. .. v. VALLEYS, at Teneriffe, Nov. 5th and 12. Lost on 1st innings. Valleys, 142, and School, 132 (Oxley 74, not out, and Ure 20). School closed 2nd innings with 3 wickets down for 108 (Mowbray 35), and when stumps were drawn had 3 of their opponents out for about 70.

2ND GRAMMARS *v.* ASHLEY C.C., on October 8th, at Wellington Road, Kangaroo Point. Win for Grammars by 7 wickets and 3 runs. Highest scores for Grammars were Corrie, 28; Osborne, W. H., 24; O. G. Oxley, 10, not out.

" *v.* RIVER RANGERS C.C., at "Turf," on 22nd and 29th October. Win for Grammars by 4 wickets and 4 runs. Highest scores for Grammars, Dennis, A., 22; Middleton, H., 11; Campbell, J. A., 8.

" *v.* 1ST BOWEN HOUSE, at "Turf," November 9th. Win for Grammars by 89 runs. Highest scores, B. Cowan, 22; Corrie, 16; Campbell, J. A., 11.

3RD GRAMMARS *v.* 1ST BOWEN HOUSE, at Toowong, October 15th. Win for Bowen House by 20 runs.

" *v.* CLAYFIELD, at Toowong. Grammars won.

4TH GRAMMARS *v.* 2ND BOWEN HOUSE, at Toowong, November 5th. Win for Bowen House.

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## ❖ TENNIS. ❖

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**T**ENNIS has received an additional impulse from the purchase of four new racquets, and from the Junior Handicap Competition, held at the Tennis Tournament, the finals of which were played on September 3rd. There were eight competitors, six of whom were from the School. The two first places fell to members of the School, R. C. Roe (owe 15) winning the event, and C. W. Roe (receive 15) coming second.

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## Jottings by the Way.

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OUR readers will be interested to hear that it was the intention of the Queensland Rugby Union selector to include our popular captain—Lethbridge—in the second Queensland eleven that played New South Wales, but unfortunately he was omitted through some inadvertence.

NOEL DRURY is rowing in the eight which will meet Victoria on November 19th.

WE hope that boys—especially those about to leave—will take to heart the remarks of the head master in connection with bequeathing books to the School library. This is an easy way of showing their appreciation of the library and of gaining the gratitude of future generations.

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THE following Old Boys played for Queensland against New South Wales :—Scarr, McCowan, and Oxenham.

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WE have to tender our hearty thanks to the Past Grammar School Football Club for their donation of one guinea to the funds of the Magazine.

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OUR readers will be glad to hear that the late editor of the Magazine—Suthers—came top of the Civil Service candidates in the June exam. We understand that he was offered a Government appointment at Bowen, but declined it. Of the other Civil Service candidates, Martin is in the Lands Department and Jones in the Telegraph Department.

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SINCE our last issue the following boys have left the boarding-house :—Davies, Plant, Stirrat (who intends taking up a selection near Gladstone). New boarders are : Cowlshaw, Molony, F., and Clarke.

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUNIOR.—The following twenty-five candidates were successful in June :—Bailey, Bourne, Bowden, Broadbent, Dyason, Gale, Hugall, Killikelly, Lethem, McDonald, McDowall, Macrossan, Morton, Osborn, Parker, Robinson, Sapsford, Scott, R., Smith, P. P., Stewart, G. P. A., Stirrat, Trivett, Trundle, Weeks, Wilson, S. The total number of passes was 144, of which 27 were A's, 38 B's, and 79 C's.

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SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS—We are glad to note that the number of subscriptions to the Sports Fund is on the increase. This is doubtless due to the half-holiday for sports given every month to those who have paid up. The School was almost empty on the last half.

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# The Brisbane Grammar School Old Boys' Association.

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*President:* R. H. ROE.

*Vice-President:* J. L. WOOLCOCK.

*Hon. Secretary:* T. E. JONES.

*Hon. Treasurer:* J. OXENHAM.

*Council:*

C. A. BALL, F. S. N. BOUSFIELD, DR. FRANCIS, G. W. POWER,  
A. G. STUART.

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IN April of this year Mr. Roe convened a meeting of Old Boys in the School Hall for May 5th, to consider the formation of an Old Boys' Union, and the fundamental principles on which he proposed that it should be established. About sixty responded to the invitation, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. Mr. Roe opened the proceedings by explaining fully and clearly his reason for proposing to establish an Association on the lines indicated in the circular, and a very animated discussion followed, which lasted till nearly eleven o'clock, after which it was formally agreed that an Old Boys' Association should be formed, and a committee was appointed to prepare a draft of the Constitution and Rules, to be submitted to a second meeting of Old Boys in the Hall on June 1st. The attendance on this occasion showed that there was anything but an abatement of interest in the movement, and, after Mr. Roe had, for the benefit of those not present at the first meeting, given a summary of his previous speech, the meeting proceeded to consider the draft constitution. As before, the discussion was so animated that it was impossible to do more than barely decide on the vital part of the constitution, and elect the officers. The remaining rules were referred to the newly-appointed Council to revise and report to the members at the first ordinary meeting on July 27th. On that date a most successful gathering was held at Eschenhagen's café; the remaining rules as revised by the Council were adopted, and an enjoyable smoke concert was then held. The striking feature of this meeting was the evident delight of members at having the opportunity to meet their old schoolfellows socially and renew old memories and associations. The rules being finally settled, the Council decided to have circulars printed containing a



complete copy of rules, list of officers, and calendar of fixtures arranged for the present year, to the end of June, 1899; and to send a circular to every 'Old Boy' whose address could be found. This was done by the President and the Secretary, who despatched nearly 1,200 circulars, omitting no 'Old Boy' whose address could be found, either from the School Record Book or the "Post Office Directory." The present result of the movement is "The Brisbane Grammar School Old Boys' Association," with a membership of 200. It has already shown its active interest in the School affairs by presenting a gold medal to the winner of the championship at this year's athletic sports, and by the large attendance of its members at the recent school entertainment. There is no doubt that this Association has come to stay, and that as long as the Brisbane Grammar School lives, so long will the O.B.A. live, and do its utmost for the honour and welfare of the dear old school.

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### **Past Grammar School Football Club.**

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THE 1898 season of the Past Grammar School Football Club is certainly the most successful one the club has had since its inception in 1891. Not only have the results of the matches been most successful, but the causes that led to these results—the training—have been most encouraging to those who had the management of the club in their hands. Four practice matches have been played—three of which were won and one drawn. In these matches the club scored 83 points as against 31. Six premiership matches have been played, *all* of which were won, or, in other words, the Club succeeded in defeating each of their opponents (Citys, Boomerangs and Milduras) twice. In these matches the scores were 113 points for and 20 against. This performance won for the Club its premiership for 1898. This honour was first attained in 1892 and ever since then the Past Grammars have been "Runners up." In the trip to Sydney three matches were played—the first one against the Public Schools was won by the Grammars, 16—0; the second one against the University Football Club was won by the University, 11—6; the third one against Wallaroo Football Club was a draw 8—8. In the Harris cup competition three matches were played; the first two were won (Boomerang 6—0; Mildura 29—3). The third match against the Citys, which resulted in Citys scoring 13 and Past Grammars 12, was played by the Grammars under protest, which protest the Queensland Rugby Union has so far refused to hear, but the Past Grammars are still pressing the Union to hear the protest and they claim that the matter has not yet reached its finality.

## Annual Entertainment.

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OUR annual entertainment took place at the school last Friday night after a lapse of two years. Notwithstanding the warmth of the evening, the audience completely filled the large hall, and that they enjoyed the performance was evident from the applause which they showered upon the actors. No hitch in the arrangements and no misbehaviour at the rear of the hall occurred to mar their pleasure.

Punctually at eight the performance was commenced by a school song, "Sunbeams Dancing." Three other songs, "Dame Durden," "The Fisherman's Invitation," and "In the Mossy Dingle" were also given at intervals by the boys, who were under the direction of the masters, Messrs. J. Cowan and J. E. Jones. These were all sung with spirit and met with due approval. As usual, the items which attracted most attention were the French, German, and English Plays. The choice and conduct of the first-mentioned play, were in the hands of our French Master, Mr. B. Porter. He selected a scene from Molière's comedy "Le Médecin Malgré lui." The characters in this were sustained as follows:—Sgarnarelle (a wood-cutter) V. McDowall; Martine (his wife), H. E. Coughlin; Valère, E. Culpin; Lucas, R. W. Mowbray. The costumes of the performers were well-chosen and becoming, and the pronunciation was as good as could be expected. The acting of V. McDowall is perhaps most worthy of mention, his bewilderment at the proposals and actions of Lucas and Valère causing considerable amusement. H. E. Coughlin as Martine had a rather difficult task to perform, but he acquitted himself well. The other parts were also played with spirit. The German Play was chosen from Schiller's "Die Jungfrau von Orleans." This was a much more ambitious attempt than the preceding play, and the manner in which it was conducted can but reflect credit upon the performers themselves and on their Master, Mr. G. Gross. The dramatis personæ were as follows:—Joan of Arc (patriotic French maiden), J. E. Broadbent; Raimond (her companion in misfortune) G. P. A. Stewart; Lionel (the English General), R. C. Roe; Fastolf (an English Officer), B. W. Nead; Duke of Burgundy, G. Chadwick; Charles (Dauphin of France), E. C. McConnel; Isabeau (Queen of France), R. J. Martin; Soldier, Hooper; Charcoal-burner, A. E. Trundle; his wife, J. Runcorn; and his son, E. Trivett. J. E. Broadbent as Joan of Arc showed an ability which gives promise of future dramatic power. Hooper, Martin, G. P. A. Stewart, and R. C. Roe also acquitted themselves well. In fact the acting of all deserves great praise.

A police court scene in the olden days, taken from Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing," constituted the English Play. That it was under the direction of F. S. N. Bousfield is sufficient to say that it is well carried out. The parts were thus sustained:—Dogberry and Verges (two foolish officers) J. F. Ure and S. G. Bowden; Borachio and Conrade, G. C. Bailey and P. P. Smith; Sexton, W. Weeks; 1st Watchman, E. C. McConnel; 2nd Watchman, F. R. Swan; 3rd Watchman, E. H. Dinning. Jack Ure's rendering of Dogberry could hardly be improved upon. He kept the audience in roars of laughter almost all the time he was on the stage. S. Bowden and W. Weeks also performed the parts allotted to them in a commendable manner. In fact each actor deserves to be highly praised.

Another noticeable event was the club swinging by a squad from the Girls' School. Clad in their becoming gymnastic costume, they performed their task gracefully, maintaining excellent time throughout. We hope that next year we will again see the Girls' School represented in this entertainment.

Among the earlier items was an exhibition of sword drill given by six cadets under Lieutenant H. O. Lethbridge; they were all boarders, and all youths of whom the school may justly feel proud. There was no need to praise their display; they were Grammar School Cadets. About twenty of the best gymnasts of the School, under the direction of Mr. G. Gross, exhibited their skill on the horizontal and parallel bars, and at rope-climbing. The most striking performances were those of V. McDowall, H. O. Lethbridge, J. G. Avery, E. C. McConnel, and J. F. Ure, who especially displayed neatness and agility in their actions. The tableaux and pyramids formed by these were rather pretty and attractive, the collapse of the pyramid forming a fitting opportunity to lower the curtain for the last time.

After this the chairs and forms were quickly removed. Mr. Roe then called upon Mrs. W. F. Taylor to present the prizes won at the recent athletic sports. This she kindly consented to do. When this ceremony was completed, dancing was immediately begun, and was carried on till shortly after midnight.

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## Old Grammar School Boys in Central Africa.

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WE are indebted to Bray for permission to make the following extracts from a letter recently received from his brother:—

“CHUTCKAS, June 27, 1898.

“After a week's stay in Johannesburg we went to Durban, which we left on April 7th, per “Matabele,” a very small boat, and a real terror to roll. We called in at Delagoa Bay, Inhambane, Beira, Quilumane, and then into Chinde—all these places are Portuguese. The tram line at Beira is a little wooden affair, with two seats opposite to one another, enough to carry two people in each seat, and two or three niggers run this along. We saw the railway, a little tiny engine about one-quarter as big as the engines in Brisbane, and you could run and keep up with it, and the gauge must have been only eighteen inches. We landed at Chinde, where the steamer anchored in the middle of the river. All the stores are kept by coolies, and they are worse than Jews to buy from. We went up the river the next day in the “Centipede” for £5 a-piece, along with three Americans. The Zambesi is fearfully shallow; the steamer only drew 23 inches, and yet she got stuck two or three times, and it was high water, too, after the rainy season. We landed at a chief's village called McQueras. We thought we could get boys from him, but we waited there four days and he never brought them. St. Hill, our manager, was coming along in his boat, so we called out to him that we were all going up to his territory; so we all put our stuff in his boat and walked on to Katungas. There we got niggers to carry all our stuff on to Blantyre. From there we went on to Matope, Impembe, Liwondi. We stayed at Liwondi for a week, partly because we could not get boys, and partly because we all got the fever one after the other. Leaving there we went on to Deya, about 78 miles. We had a machila with us, and it was kept going nearly all the time. A machila is a hammock slung on a pole and carried by niggers; so, when you feel weak and can't walk, you just get into this. There was one man at Beya—Captain Chichester. My word, I did buck into his afternoon tea. He had jam and butter on the table, and tea, and lime-juice, and lemon squash. When we left him we had no sugar or milk of any sort. One day we were in a hurry, and we only had hard biscuits and bacon not cooked. We met Captain Brake who had just come down from here. He had two or three hundred head of cattle, about 100 native soldiers, and fifty Sikhs, and he also had two six-pounders with him. We had terrible trouble with boys along this road. They would take us a day and then clear out. We stopped at one village; it was almost completely deserted like most of the others (no wonder after Brake had been through with his army—the soldiers took goats, fowls, and anything they wanted). We had



to wait here while one of the Americans went on to Loangweni to get boys. There was a bees' nest in a tree—it must have been pretty hard to get or the niggers would have had it long ago; well, Teddie and I started to get it. We had the tommy up, and we had a rope slung over a higher bough so that we could put loops in to put our feet in. We had grass and matches. Teddie had made his loop, and I was just making mine, when the bees came out. I tried to hurry up, but they covered my hands and face. Then I tried to light some grass, but they started to sting me and I went down the rope. Teddie had some slack up there, and the rope ran over his bare feet and took all the skin off them. I only had a shirt on, and it was open, and the bees simply filled it. I rushed about the huts, but they followed me, and I rushed out into a plain where I was left in peace. By-and-bye Teddie came along with half-a-dozen bees chasing him, but we managed to kill them. Teddie got a chill and then the fever, but he had to stay there all the time as the camp was alive with bees. We brought him down four blankets and some rum, but couldn't get him to bed before dark. That night the two Americans and I had our revenge on the bees. We had a big bundle of grass and set alight to a hole on the top, and the old wood caught fire. I was round at the other side and the bees came out and swarmed on the tree, and I just burnt them; but when we got the honey it was all burnt ashes—anyway, the comb was full of young bees.

"From there we went to Loangweni, the headquarters, where we left the Americans. Then we came out here, 150 miles, in twelve days. This is a sort of headquarters, with a store—but there is only tinned stuff in it, and we get fresh milk, etc. We have stayed here three days, and then we are going south. We are now about 300 miles west of Lake Nyassa."

