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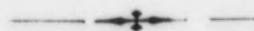
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Editorial.

THE issue of the present number has been much delayed from various causes; however, here it is at last, and, as we hope, "better late than never." Our thanks are due to H. F. Jensen for his most interesting account of his life on Mt. Kosciusko. Another old boy, who signs himself V.V.V., has very kindly sent us an article, entitled "In Quest of Gold," but this has been reserved for future numbers.

SYDNEY SENIOR, 1898.

WE sent up for this examination eight candidates, seven of whom passed. L. Salkeld passed best, getting the medals for Greek, German, and History of Europe, while Miss Stewart gained the medal for English, and Redmond that for Ancient History. Salkeld also got the 3rd Exhibition, and the Ormond College Scholarship.

ELECTIONS.

The Elections were held in February and resulted as follows:—

Cricket Captain: R. W. MOWBRAY.

Football Captain: M. M. CALLAN.

Committee: J. MORTIMER, J. F. URE, ROGER (later DENNIS).

LOWER SCHOOL.

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Old Boys' Association.

THE first annual reunion of the above Association in the form of a dinner took place at the Cafe Eschenhagen on Wednesday night, and proved a great success. About 40 members and guests sat down to an excellent repast. After the usual loyal toast Dr. Carvosso proposed "The Brisbane Grammar School," alluding to the great moral effects produced by the school under Mr. Roe, not only through the scholastic excellence attained, but also through the encouragement given to the physical development of the boys. In responding to this toast, Mr. Woolcock, as one of the trustees, expressed their sense of the loyalty and efficiency of the staff. Mr. Roe, whose rising was greeted with loud applause, dwelt upon the successes obtained by the school during the last twenty-three years, and regretted the lack of appreciation shown by the Queensland public of the work done. In illustration of this he stated that it was necessary to go to the Southern universities to hear a proper acknowledgment of the value of the training given at the Brisbane Grammar School. He was glad to notice the prominent part taken by "Old Boys" in the management of all descriptions of manly sports. The toast of "The Old Boys' Association" was proposed by Mr. J. Oxenham, who considered that the formation of the association on its present lines was a happy thought on the part of Mr. Roe. He congratulated the members on its successful start, and hoped that the association would flourish as it had begun. The toast was responded to, in a happy speech, by Mr. G. W. Power, who insisted on the desirability of a high ideal. Mr. Bousfield, in appropriate terms, proposed "Our Guests," to which Mr. Pring Roberts suitably responded. The last toast of the evening was that of "Our President," feelingly proposed by Dr. Francis. Mr. Roe, in responding, protested that too much credit was given to him, to the exclusion of his predecessor, Mr. Harlin, and of his own colleagues. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. J. M. Paul, H. M. Rutledge, P. J. O'Shea, T. P. Power, T. E. Jones, and Dr. Carvosso, and a pianoforte solo by Mr. B. J. Beirne. The proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne," which was most heartily sung.

Prize Day.

THROUGH limited space we can do little more than mention the matters dwelt upon in the Head Master's report. Mr. Roe described the work of the year as steady rather than brilliant, and dwelt on the importance of healthy outdoor life in promoting "self-sacrifice for the general good, generous rivalry, and keen enthusiasm."

Swimming sports were held in March. The Cadets sent a company of 50 to Lytton. More boys subscribed to the sports fund than in previous years. The cricket team was not very successful, but this, it was hoped, would be remedied now that the professional services of Mr. McGlinchy, the cricket coach, were secured. The school entertainment in October was crowded as usual, and its interest was increased by a performance with Indian clubs given by members of the Girls School. Mr. J. F. McDonald, an old boy, now at Melbourne University, presented to the school a valuable collection of microscopic slides, containing physiological specimens. Seven candidates entered for and passed the Sydney Senior Examination, the average of first classes being unusually high. J. M. Newman won the medal for Ancient History. Of the three Government Scholarships to Universities, Boyd won the first and Newman the third. In the Junior, twenty-five candidates passed and four matriculated, but no medals were obtained. The hope was expressed that a Queensland University would soon be established, and that it would institute a more suitable examination than the Sydney Junior. In the school examination, R. C. Roe won the Lilley Gold Medal; Parker, the Silver Medal, of the Upper School; and Jackson the Silver Medal of the Lower School. Suthers was top in the Civil Service examination. The average attendance throughout the year was 214.

"But probably the greatest achievement of the year has been the foundation of the Old Boys' Association, which now contains some 210 *members*, and gives promise of an active and permanent existence. Its object as definitely stated in its rules is "to effect a useful bond of union between the past pupils of the Brisbane Grammar School on lines which will promote a spirit of comradeship and true manliness, and a high moral and intellectual standard amongst the Members of the Association, and will further the welfare of the School in the community." It has been felt that the union would be more productive of good to its members, and more likely to excite their lasting attachment if it combined with the spirit of old comradeship the elevating sense of the common pursuit of a high ideal in life; and the interest displayed in its meetings hitherto has justified that presumption. My sincere thanks are due to the many old boys and Masters who have worked together heartily to mould the Association in a form so deserving of general support, and my heart has been gladdened by the receipt of

letters from many old boys all over the colony, giving their adherence and showing that distance and time have in no way impaired their affections for the School which trained them.

It was with feelings of pride that, in the middle of the year, we witnessed the elevation to the Premiership of one who, in his earlier days, over twenty years ago, had carried off the Lilley Medal, as head of this School, for three years in succession. It is possible that with his remarkable abilities the Hon. T. J. Byrnes would have won his way to the front under any system of education, but it is beyond all question that the steps of the ascent were made sure and certain for him by the graduated succession of scholarships and exhibitions which led him from the Primary School to the close of his University career. The *carrière ouverte* has been for the last twenty years an accomplished fact for young Queenslanders, and any one who has the brains and the character can climb to the highest positions in the State, and arrive at the summit with a mind stored with knowledge and refined with culture as befits the leader of a civilised people. Of the school days of T. J. Byrnes his old masters and schoolfellows will ever retain vivid and happy recollections; his brilliant work was such as to render his future eminence a matter of confidence to all of us; but besides brilliancy he showed, even as a boy, an attitude of trustful affection towards his masters, a cheerful spirit of comradeship towards his schoolfellows, and a courage in standing on the side of honour and right which may well be taken as an example for all future leaders of the school to follow. The outburst of sorrow from the whole people upon his untimely death fitly expressed their sense of the national loss; but to us who had watched the growth of his powers from boyhood, who also had confidence that he would repay many fold the debt he owed to higher education by his services in its cause, there is an element of personal grief to which I shall not now attempt to give fuller expression. The name of T. J. Byrnes should stand prominent on the walls of this school, and it is my hope that honour boards, on which will be recorded the names of all boys who have won distinction for us, will be erected in this Hall by his schoolfellows as a fitting memorial of him."

Lord Lamington, after expressing his regret at the absence of Sir S. W. Griffith, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, through ill-health, proceeded as follows:—"I now go on to say it is satisfactory to read in this report of the success which the Old Boys' Association has met with. The advantages of the Association have been carefully outlined in this report. I think we may take it that one great advantage will be to infuse a spirit of pride in those who are at present attending this Grammar School, and to promote an anxiety in those who have pupils here that they shall live to maintain the reputation, and show what they have learned, not only educationally, but in physical training, while *they* attended this school." His Excellency then referred to the loss of Mr. Byrnes, Sir A. H. Palmer, and Mr. John Scott, mentioned in Mr. Roe's report, and suggested that the Old Boys' Association might assist in filling such gaps.

The Cadets.

SINCE the issue of the last number of this magazine many alterations have had to be made, for all the officers and most of the non-commissioned officers left at the end of the old year. A large number of boys have just joined the corps. We have now two large companies, numbering in all 85. The cost of the uniform has been reduced from £1 to 10s., and this in all probability will result in the corps becoming still larger. McConnel, E. C., Roe, R. C., Osborne, J. E. N., and Mortimer, D. J., were appointed officers at the beginning of the year. Twelve more were promoted from the ranks for non-commissioned officers, and their seniority was determined by an examination held on March 15th. The results were as follows:—

Colour-Sergeants, 1, Weldon; 2, Rutledge. Sergeants, 1, Swan; 2, Forrest; 3, Callan, M. M.; 4, Roe, C. W. Corporals, 1, Bale; 2, Bray; 3, O'Hagan; 4, Bedford. Lance-Corporals, Hassall and Davies.



❖ CRICKET. ❖



FIRST ELEVEN.

THIS season, like the last, the Grammar School joined the Queensland Cricket Association, and played with the B Grade clubs.

After the first two matches the School experienced a succession of defeats. This, however, can not be wondered at. At the beginning of the season the team was more than half composed of colts, and they could hardly be expected to defeat the experienced teams of B Grade. But owing to the zealous work of our former captain, Mr. A. G. Oxley, and the coaching of Mr. McGlinchey, a steady improvement took place. We were, however, at the end of last year unable to cope with the superior batting and bowling talents of Maryborough Grammar School.

At present Mr. McGlinchey is coaching the team on Fridays; and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mr. Cowan, one of the masters, and an experienced cricketer, superintends the practice.

Matches played in B Grade:—

November 10th and 26th, against Woolloongabba, at Brisbane Cricket Ground.
—Lost by an innings and 34 runs; Woolloongabba made 164 (Holland 67 runs); School made 31 (Mowbray 16, Ure 10), and 79 (Mortimer 35, Ure 13, Roger 11).

December 3rd and 11th, against the Valley, on the School turf.—Lost by 8 wickets; School made 114 (Roger 19, Noel 19, Forrest 18, Oxley 16), and 27 (Roger 16); Valleys made 82, and 64 for two wickets.

Matches against Nundah and Valley were forfeited owing to holidays.

February 4th and 11th, against Nundah, on the School turf.—Won by 51 runs on the 1st innings; School made 94 (Dennis 27, Roger 22), and 109 (Mortimer 44, Roger 17, Ure 11); Nundah made 43 runs

February 18th and 25th, against Woolloongabba, on School turf.—Lost by 77 runs on the 1st innings; Woolloongabba made 219 (Jordan 57); School made 143 (Roger 75, Sapsford 15, Irving, not out, 14, Mortimer 11).

Nundah forfeited their last match to the School; and the School forfeited their last match to Woolloongabba on account of the Ipswich match.

MATCH v. OLD BOYS.

The annual cricket match with the Old Boys took place as usual on Foundation Day, at the Brisbane Cricket Ground. The Old Boys had a very powerful eleven on the field, including some of Brisbane's most prominent players, and proved themselves too strong for the School Eighteen. R. W. Mowbray, the captain of the Presents, won the toss from Mr. Doran, and decided to bat. The Eighteen occupied the creases all the morning, and were not disposed of till half-past three, but the innings only realised 120 runs. Although the play was generally very steady, occasional hitting was indulged in, especially when Parker and Ure were together. Ure, Mortimer, Parker, Dennis, and Irving batted nicely for their runs. The fielding of the Old Boys was excellent. The Old Boys then commenced to bat, and by forcing play knocked up 261 runs before the last wicket fell, E. R. Crouch making top score with 51.

During the lunch adjournment the members of the Old Boys' Association entertained the Present Boys at lunch, at which several toasts were drunk. After the usual loyal toast, Mr. Doran proposed the health of the Present team. R. W. Mowbray responded, and proposed the health of the Old Boys, which was heartily drunk. Dr. Carvosso then proposed the health of Mr. Roe. Mr. Roe, in replying, referred to the success which the formation of the Old Boys' Association had met with. He hoped that all boys now at the School would join it when they became old enough. The following are the scores:—

PRESENT EIGHTEEN.

Roger, J. M., c Jones b MacDonald	5	Middleton, c Foster b Jones	3
Mortimer, D. J., c E. Crouch b MacDonald	19	McCormick, b MacDonald	4
Callan, M., c Tully b MacDonald	0	Oxley, A. G., c Jordan b Jones	0
Dennis, A., b Jordan	11	Roe, R. C., b MacDonald	0
Lightoller, S., lbw b MacDonald	8	Horn, b A. Jones	1
Sapsford, P., run out	3	Cowlshaw, c Tully b Jones	0
Irving, lbw b D. Graham	10	McConnel, E., c Doran b Jones	2
Mowbray, R., c Jordan b Crouch	1	Drane, W., not out	0
Parker, M., c Foster b Jones	16	Sundries	17
Ure, J. F., b Jones	30	Total	120

PAST ELEVEN.

Foster, retired	40	Crouch, C., c Dennis b Mortimer..	0
Tully, E., b Roger	8	MacDonald, Dr. V., c Roger b Cal-	
Graham, D., b Lightoller	21	lan.....	40
Crouch, E. R., c Lightoller b Morti-		Jordan, C., c Lightoller b Callan ..	1
mer	51	Jones, A., run out	40
Jordan, E. D., c Lightoller b Morti-		Doran, R., not out	5
mer	40	Sundries	14
Graham, C., c Lightoller b Morti-			
mer	1	Total	261

Bowling for Old Boys:—Dr. V. MacDonald secured six wickets for 32, Jones seven for 23, D. Graham one for 18, E. R. Crouch one for 5, C. Jordan one for 4. For Presents—Mortimer secured four wickets for 93, Callan two for 17, Lightoller one for 24, Ryan one for 40.

SECOND ELEVEN.

2ND GRAMMARS *v.* ASHLEYS.—This match resulted in a win for the Seconds by 8 wickets and 3 runs.

„ *v.* River Rangers; a win for the Grammars by 5 wickets and one run.

„ *v.* Pirates; a win for the Pirates by 24 runs. Corrie bowled well getting 12 wickets for 28 runs.

„ *v.* Milduras; a win for the Milduras by an innings and 79 runs.

„ *v.* Ipswich 2nd Eleven.—Played at Ipswich, and resulted in a win for the I.G.S. by 20 runs.

„ *v.* Melbournes; a win for the Melbournes by 34 runs. In the 1st innings the Seconds total was 2, one of which was a bye, the other run being made by Irving.

„ *v.* Balmorals; a win for the Balmorals by 6 runs.

„ *v.* Glenrosa Team; a win for the Glenrosa by 37 runs.

„ *v.* Bowens; drawn much in favour of the Bowens.

4TH ELEVEN. — This team, captained by Webster, has played 7 matches winning 5 and losing 2. In these matches Tait has established a good bowling average—61 wickets for 98 runs.



The Maryborough Visit.

On November 28th, the representatives of Maryborough Grammar School, accompanied by Mr. Thompson, arrived to try conclusions with the B.G.S. in cricket, shooting, and tennis. Most of the visitors stayed at the house. The cricket match took place on the 29th, when most of the school were groaning under exams. The Maryborough boys were captained by R. Gibson, the Brisbane boys by A. G. Oxley. The latter won the toss, and decided to bat, but the innings only

realised 44 runs. Mortimer seemed the only batsman capable of making any stand against the bowling of the visitors. His score of 22 was the outcome of neat and steady play. Ashley, who is a left-hander, secured seven wickets for 16 runs. The Maryborough team then commenced to bat, and better cricket was shown. A. Gibson and R. Gibson made a splendid stand, the former scoring 22, the latter 16. The Hart brothers also gave a good display, and six bowlers were tried before they were dismissed. The innings closed for 195. The fielding of the Brisbane team was on the whole good. In the second innings the home team was even more unsuccessful than in the first. Rogers, who made 12, was the only man to reach double figures. In this innings O'Brien secured six wickets for 10. With their usual kindness Mr. and Mrs. Roe entertained the teams at dinner during the adjournment. After a hearty meal several toasts were drunk. Mr. Roe proposed the health of "The Visitors," Mr R. Gibson responded. The health of the "Brisbane Grammar School Team" was the second toast, to which Mr. A. G. Oxley neatly responded. A dance was held at the School in the evening. The following are the scores:

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
Mortimer, D. J., b O'Brien.....	22	b. O'Brien	2
Roger, J. M., b Ashley	0	c Friend, b O'Brien.....	12
Mowbray, R. W., b Ashley.....	0	b O'Brien	0
Oxley, A. G., c Hart b Ashley.....	6	c Moreton b Ashley	4
Fleming, G., lbw b Ashley.....	5	c Hart b O'Brien.....	0
Ure, J. F., b Ashley	0	b Ashley	1
Lethbridge, H., b O'Brien	3	b Hart	3
Callan, M., c Friend b Ashley	4	c Gibson b O'Brien.....	0
Gray, J. G., b Ashley	1	b O'Brien	2
Holmes A'Court, R., c Moreton b			
O'Brien	0	run out	0
Lethbridge, R., not out	1	not out	1
Sundries	2	Sundries	1
Total		Total	
44		20	

MARYBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Moreton, A., c Oxley b Roger	4	Bowling for Maryborough Grammar School: 1st Innings—S. Ashley secured seven wickets for 16, A. O'Brien three for 18.
Gibson, A., b Fleming	22	
Gibson, R., c Fleming b Mortimer..	46	2nd Innings—A. O'Brien six for 10. S. Ashley two for 13, J. Hart one for 2.
O'Brien, c Callan b Mortimer	17	
Morton, G. H. S., run out	9	Bowling for Brisbane Grammar School—J. Roger secured four wickets for 44, J. G. Gray two for 18, D. J. Mortimer two for 35, G. Fleming one for 30.
Hart, H., c Oxley b Gray	30	
Hart, J., b Roger	50	
Dunn, J., c Oxley b Gray	0	
Dunn, H., b Roger	1	
Ashley, S., b Roger	0	
Friend, H., not out.....	2	
Sundries	14	
Total		
195		

Next morning the rifle teams of the respective schools were driven out to the Toowong Rifle Range. The following constituted the teams:—Maryborough, Moreton, Gibson, A., Hart, Friend and Gray, Brisbane, McConnel, Lethbridge, Roe, R.C., Molony and Bray. The issue was not long left in doubt. From the very first the Brisbane boys got the lead, and stayed there throughout the match. The final scores were—Brisbane 404, Maryborough 279, the ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, and seven shots were fired at each range, thus making a possible total of 105. McConnel (93), Molony (86), and Lethbridge (84), shot very well for the Brisbane team, while Moreton (81) was decidedly the best of the visitors.

Mr. H. P. Abbott, on leaving Queensland, very kindly left £2 2s. to be given as prizes for shooting, and this was divided into two prizes of a guinea each, which were awarded to McConnel and Molony, for their very creditable scores in this match.

In the afternoon the tennis match took place. A second time the Brisbane boys proved the victors. The final scores were:—Brisbane 49 games, Maryborough 25. For Brisbane, Oxley and Molony played best, winning all their sets. Roe, R. C., and Lethbridge won two sets and lost two, but they came out with a lead as regards games. For Maryborough, Morton and Gibson, R., were far the best. The Maryborough boys left by the evening train. We hope to see them down again soon to play us football, and we shall endeavour to give a good account of ourselves.



Annual Swimming Sports.

THE eventful Friday, on which the sports took place, turned out to be one of those close, muggy days that make the minds of all aquatically-inclined boys turn, with relief, to the prospect of a swim. The entries, though not as numerous as in the preceding year, were large, and gave promise of a very good afternoon's sport: a promise which was amply fulfilled. Those boys who "came up to scratch," had an added incentive to exertion in the presence of quite a number of the fair sex, who transformed the usually bare-looking gallery into a scene of beauty. As usual, Mr. Jones acted as starter, while Mr. Mason watched the flying hours go by—*i.e.*, acted as timekeeper. The judges, Messrs. Roe, Gross, Bousfield, Porter, and Colclough, a prominent member of the Old Boys' Association, performed their duties with the customary diligence. The attendance at the baths was good,

and long before the races started, the water was filled with the busy swimmers. Punctually at 3.45 p.m. these were sent out, and the first race took place.

MAIDEN RACE (Two lengths):—The five starters in this swam well, and made the race an exciting one. In the first length Newsham spurted and gained a slight lead, but in the race for home Todd gradually drew ahead and won, Newsham and Dennis being close behind. Newsham, however, was disqualified for not touching at the end of the first length, and the winners proved to be Todd and Dennis.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:—This was, without exception, the finest race of the afternoon. Several promising swimmers competed, and there was much speculation as to the winner. He eventually turned up in the person of Mortimer, with McConnel a close second. The finish was a splendid one, and well merited the applause it evoked.

LONG DIVE:—In this event Callan came an easy first, covering 121 feet. Bray (90 feet) secured the second place, and Bedford (78) came third out of 8 starters.

UNDER SIXTEEN (Two lengths):—There were several starters in each of the two heats, and these, as well as the final, were really good races. In the first heat, M'Diarmid and Williams secured first and second places, respectively. In the next, Todd came in first with C. W. Roe close behind. In the final Todd and Roe came in winners in the order named.

SWIMMING ON BACK (One length):—The six boys in for this swam well, and the six pairs of arms churned up the water in fine style. Out of this foamy chaos first emerged McConnel with Kingsbury second.

SWIMMING FEET FOREMOST (One width):—This rather short race was won by M'Dowall with M'Connel a good second. Scotland for ever!

HIGH DIVE:—The diving took place from the springboard, and was throughout clean and graceful. The contest for first place was very keen, and the task of the judges proved no easy one. The winning divers proved to be Bray, Horn and M'Connel. Each competitor was loudly cheered.

HURDLE RACE:—This item gave universal satisfaction, especially to the non-swimmers, for it relieved the slight tedium that the spectators of swimming races sometimes feel. When the race was fairly started, all that the onlookers could see was the gasping swimmers between the hurdles. R. C. Roe (2 sec.) and Kingsbury (1 sec.) gained first and second places.

UNDER SIXTEEN (Four lengths):—The four starters in this kept well together, and finished in close order, Ahern (2 sec.) beating Shaw (scratch) for first place.

OLD BOYS' RACE (Four lengths):—Next to the School Championship this was the most popular event of the day; the presence of the Old Boys helping to strengthen the links in the chain of sympathy

between the Old School and the New. The swimmers started off at a great speed, and kept it up for two lengths. Then the weakest swimmers dropped out, and the rate slackened slightly. Finally Hinch raced home first with Beard and Gailey not far behind.

VI. AND V. FORMS (Two lengths):—Only two boys started, Mowbray and Lightoller, and neither went very quickly. Mowbray carried off the prize.

IV. FORM AND UPPER MODERN (Two lengths):—This turned out to be another dual race, but a more animated one than its predecessor. The order at the finish stood—Hassall (1), Burston (2).

LOWER SCHOOL AND UNDER 14:—After a good race between the five starters, King secured first place, Williams second.



My Stay on Mt. Kosciusko.

BY H. J. JENSEN.

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I consent to the request of the Editor of this magazine to contribute an article on my stay at Mt. Kosciusko. If an account of my adventures and experiences on the summit of that lofty height can be of interest or give pleasure to any of the boys, past or present, of the "good old school," they are welcome to it. Having made arrangements with C. L. Wragge, Esq., the founder of the Kosciusko Observatory (established December, 1897), to go thither and stay for the winter, as third observer, I left Brisbane on the evening of April 24th, 1898, travelling by way of Sydney, Cooma, and Jindabyne, and reached the summit of Kosciusko on May 4th. At Jindabyne I had to wait several days for Jack Adams, a genial bullock-driver, who was booked to take a load of goods to Australia's Topmost Story, an exceedingly bold and philanthropic undertaking, considering how far advanced the autumn already was. On Monday, May 2nd, the team started from Jindabyne, and on the nights of May 2nd and May 3rd Adams and I slept under the dray, in an opossum skin rug. The first of these two nights we had our camp in a swampy plain, the second on top of a snow-patched mountain. Both nights were exceedingly cold, the tea left in our billy, as well as the water in the creeks and ponds freezing. On the summit of Kosciusko the temperature had one of those nights been as low as 9 degs. F. by the dry bulb thermometer. We arrived at our destina-

tion on May 4th about noon, and we were welcomed thither by Mr. Ingleby, the first observer. After dinner, Adams took his departure with his team, and I made myself at home in my new quarters. The same afternoon the temperature fell from 40 degs. to freezing point, and a cloud ocean, which hid from view the vales to the westward, now rose, causing a dense fog at the Observatory. During the night snow fell, and Adams had much difficulty in preventing his bullocks from being snowed up, we heard afterwards.

Now, I must proceed to describe the hut and our duties there. The hut, which consisted of two small rooms filled from floor to roof with provisions, was not what I had expected as regards durability and warmth. It had a double weatherboard wall, but the space between the two walls was empty; the chimney was full of holes, which let in both wind and snow. But having a natural liking for roughing it, I was not disappointed at this, and easily adapted myself to the little inconveniences of the place. The supply of instruments was not equal to my expectation either, consisting of one Stevenson screen, a verified barometer, barograph, and thermograph, and some thermometers of different sorts. Readings were taken once every four hours day and night, and also every half hour between 8 a.m. and noon. We took them day about; the one who took the readings for the day also made the food and tidied up the house. Both the hut, the screen, and an Arctic tent stood on the summit of the mountain. We slept in Arctic sleeping bags made of sheep skin with the wool turned inside.

From May 4th to May 25th, with two short breaks, we had a dense fog, severe cold, storm, snow and sleet every day. On May 6th the mean temperature was 21 degs, May 9th 19 degs., and on May 24th 14 degs. On this last day the temperature in the hut, at 4 p.m., was 12 degs. in the dining-room, and 17 degs. in the sleeping-room, and both Mr. Ingleby and I very sensibly stayed in our bags all day, except just when we had to go out to take readings. On May 24th the weather was fine, but cold, and continued so till the end of the month. Now, for the first time, I had a good look at my surroundings. The view was magnificent. On all sides one sees mountains, ravines, gorges, precipices, and river beds, and far away to the westward lies a snow-clad range of mountains, the Victorian Boogongs. All the Kosciusko plateau was now snow-decked, and Lake Cootapatamba, the drinking pond of the eagles, was frozen over. Far away from the frosty bareness of the Alps, to the north-west lies an extensive and well-wooded valley, which marks the bed of the Murray River. Oft on a fine day could we see from our frigid abode the cattle grazing in the plain, and the iron roof of the homestead. But between them and ourselves were deep and impassable gorges and precipices, and mountain torrents.

From May 25th onwards we had daily snowshoe practice, and in the beginning we afforded some amusing pictures as we tried to balance ourselves on our restless snowshoes.

June 1st was a fete day on Mt. Kosciusko, as we were under the impression that the Federation plebiscite was to take place on that day. After our breakfast, which consisted of porridge, bacon, damper, with butter and jam, and coffee, we had several short toboggan races. At noon we had lunch, consisting of Mulligatawny soup, cold plum pudding, tinned peaches, chocolate, strawberry jam and lime juice, and then we raced on our toboggans full speed down the precipitous eastern side of the mountain. The speed was terrific, and we quite lost our heads when about half down, and urged our toboggans on with shouts and kicks. Finally Mr. Ingleby's toboggan capsized in a ravine, and whilst he was lying there sprawling in the soft snow, mine shot ahead, and coming to a large patch of glaciated snow, flew at a fearful rate into the Snowy River, where I landed head first in a large heap of snow. Then we gave three cheers for Federation, three cheers for Barton, and three hoots for Jack Want, and satisfied with ourselves we began to retrace our steps. And the very same distance which had only taken a little over a minute to toboggan down took us over an hour of arduous climbing in returning. On June 3rd the second observer arrived, together with Guide Collins.

As I have neither time nor space to enter into all the amusing and often tragic details which characterized each day of my stay on Mt. Kosciusko, I shall briefly describe how we spent the winter. When it was fine we made excursions to the neighbouring lakes, rivers, mountains, and snowcaves; we trained Zoroaster, Mr. Ingleby's St. Bernard dog, to pull a sledge, and had snowshoe races; and we also had to chop wood and bake when it was fine, for in bad weather it was usually impossible to get at the woodheap, or to keep a fire burning, for the snow came in through the smallest crevices in the chimney and put out the fire. In such weather we had to stay indoors, and I may mention that two days out of every three were foggy. When it was very cold we stayed in our sleeping bags most of the day, and there did our reading and writing. We had a kerosene stove standing on the floor between our bunks, and used it alternately to warm our fingers by. The temperature within the rooms was seldom up to freezing point. Of course, we rubbed our hands and feet in oil, and beat them with heated sticks, and used many other remedies against the cold which were more tragic than funny. In Mr. Ingleby, whose constant companion I was during the seven months I was at the Observatory, I had a most charming and agreeable comrade. A thorough gentleman, well educated, musical, lively, unconventional and a splendid conversationalist. When we were confined to the house, and were tired of reading, we conversed on all imaginable topics, politics, theology, theosophy, philosophy, literature and history being discussed in their various phases. Sometimes Mr. Ingleby would read a poem composed by himself, and a discussion on it would immediately follow. When we were weary of talking we took to singing and music, and to the accompaniment of the autoharp we would sing the various European national songs, the woes of sweet Erin, and various popular songs of the day, as well as choruses and sailor shandies. Quite unlike

Mr. Ingleby, and a dreary mate was the second observer, so we were not at all sorry that he preferred the comfort of Jindabyne and his Candelo home to the dangerous yet happy life which we led at the mountain, and only favoured us with his presence there about two months of the whole time I spent there. Already, in May, were we snowed up, and in July the level of the snow on the summit had reached the roof of the hut, and till the beginning of October we lived under the snow entirely. We got in and out of the house by means of a shaft and a tunnel, and another tunnel communicated with the woodheap. Often when it snowed hard, and the storm raged at night the lamp of the one who took the readings blew out, and he had to crawl back and fumble for the shaft into which he would finally fall in a very undignified way. The storm was often so fierce that it was impossible to stand upright in it without being lifted off one's feet and blown away; and, in foggy weather, the darkness was so intense that it was impossible to see a distance of six inches at night. A single wrong step caused by the confusion of the wind might lead one astray and over the brink of precipice—half an hour in that intense cold would mean death. It was often extremely difficult to find the shaft by which we entered the hut, but when it was found the descent was, like that to Avernus, easy. After the reading had been taken, if it snowed heavily, I often found it necessary to shovel snow out of the shaft and tunnel to prevent them filling up and cutting off our exit. It was far from pleasant to stand in the bitter cold and sharp sleet at midnight or four o'clock in the morning and shovel out snow, but it had to be done. From May to October the precipitation consisted entirely of snow and sleet, except on two days, one in June and one in September, when our hearts were gladdened by the sight of rain. From June onwards we seldom had more than two meals a day, breakfast generally consisting of porridge and coffee, and supper consisting as a rule of meat, damper with butter and jam and tea or cocoa. We seldom had any luxuries, nor did we feel inclined for them, in fact they were given to Zoroaster, who liked both dates and biscuits, and who was kind enough to steal most of our fresh meat, which was jacked down in a box under the snow. In the beginning of October the snow began to melt and vanish, and by the end of that month the summit of the mountain was free, and once more huge boulders of granite supplied the place of that vast field of snow, which had covered the summit and the plateau-land of the Australian Alps. On October 24th the ice on Lake Coota, at the foot of Kosciusko, began to break up, and thousands of flies, moths, larks, crows and hawks filled the air and marked the return of spring. During the whole winter animal (bird and insect) life was entirely wanting in our elevated region. Not a fly even was seen for over five months. The only bird we ever saw was a large hawk. But in October not only did the birds return, but a host of rats invaded the hut, and the two St. Bernard dogs, Zoroaster and Buddha, who were used to consider all strange animals some new pets of their masters, sat quietly on the floor wagging their tails and watched the rats consuming our bread, ship-biscuits and flour, co-

the best of their ability. Not content with eating our tucker, the rats had the sublime audacity to invade our sleeping bags at night when the fire was out and it was cold. One night I shot the same rat out of my bed three times, but it kept coming back until I placed Buddha on top of my sleeping bag to keep away the pest. In September and October we had terrific thunder and lightning several times, and sometimes a cloud fog would be so saturated with electricity that small tongues of flame were emitted from one's clothes, hat, and from the meteorological instruments. Quite a grand sight is it on a dark night when, as often happened, the lightning fires up the clouds beneath our elevation, and above all is clear, calm and beautiful.

Now I will mention a few of the phenomena which we had opportunity to witness, and which are only seen in mountain regions. First and foremost is the beautiful *Anthelia*, or glories of light; one sees his own image (cast on a cloud in a valley below) surrounded by a coloured ring. At sunset we frequently saw the mighty shadow of the earth rise in the east, and mirages of different sorts along the horizon. Several times we saw what appeared to be a huge mountain in the east, which had no existence, except in the realms of fancy. Many a time the sun's disc would be distorted into the most amusing shapes as that luminary descended below the sensible horizon. Sometimes he took the shape of a jug with a handle, sometimes of a teapot, sometimes he would be oblong, sometimes square, and once he divided into two balls, which appeared continually to strike against one another and rebound. Amongst the other peculiar optical phenomena were lunar rainbows, fogbows, beautiful halos and coronæ; and on July 4th, at 4 a.m., I watched an eclipse of the moon.

I shall now make a few extracts at random from my diary illustrating our adventures:—

"On June 19th, Ingleby and I ascended Mount Townsend (erroneously called Mueller's Peak). This was the first winter ascent of that mountain ever made. We crossed the plateau on top, and went to the brink of the precipice on the northern side. This precipice is estimated at 1,000 yards. Below winds a river on which there is a fall, the roar of which can be heard a long way off. From Townsend the homesteads in the Murray Valley are visible. All the sides of Townsend are very steep, and on the southern side is a smaller precipice. On our way to Mount Townsend we had to pass a steep patch of glaciated snow on the north side of Kosciusko, and resolving to slide down I seated myself, but slipping before I was ready, I went full speed down, feet first luckily, miraculously avoiding the sharp rocks, on which one could easily kill himself. Returning, the only way to climb this spot was to cut steps in the ice, which we accordingly did, but it took us one hour to climb about ten yards."

"August 25th, 4 p.m.—Fogs on Twynam and Townsend. Snowshoeing excellent. We went to Lake Coota for a run, and whilst we were down there a fog came on, and it began to snow and thunder. We immediately hurried back, following our tracks, which were rapidly being obliterated. We had neither hats nor coats nor shirts on at Coota as the weather has been very warm to-day (about 32 degs., and no wind). The snow is melting on the surface. Beautiful lunar corona."

From September 29th to October 12th inclusive I was quite alone on Mt. Kosciusko, the Second Observer being away on a holiday, and Mr. Ingleby going to Jindabyne on business. The latter promised to

return within a week, but on his way back he got bushed, then attempting to cross a torrent he fell in and got soaked in ice-cold water, and as evening was nigh he made a fire and lay down by it. It snowed heavily during the night, and Mr. Ingleby's clothes caught fire whilst he was asleep and burnt. He then returned to Jindabyne (by a streak of luck finding the right track) with no coat, half a shirt, and half a pair of trousers, and luckily escaped being seen by the police, who might have taken him up for indecent behaviour. In the meantime I had been weathering alone one of the roughest storms that I have ever seen. I make the following extract from my diary:—

"October 7th.—It was a magnificent, wild night; a curtain of dense dark clouds veiled most of the sky, leaving, however, here and there a small opening as though with intent to contrast the blue and starry heavens with the gloominess of the clouds. Bush fires raged on the mountains and in the valleys, both to the northward and southward, and the flames which shot up from them appeared in the hazy atmosphere of a dark, ruby red colour. Like 'The Harbour Lights of Hades' they flamed up with each gust of wind. The wind was furious, so fierce that it was impossible to stand upright in it, and extremely gusty. Now and then it would be quite calm for a few minutes, and then the storm would again roar like a thousand pieces of artillery. Luckily it was moonlight and 'Diana's duplicate horn' gave me great aid at 4 a.m. by lighting up my way to and from the screen A fog has now settled down At 8 p.m. the hurricane lamp was extinguished by the wind four times, and I was blown off my feet once."

"All day it has been raining, snowing and sleeting; several heavy showers of rain fell; the lightning flashed and the thunder roared almost continually between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The wind was gusty and furious, reaching at times 140 miles per hour. About 3 p.m. I thought that the roof was going; the noise was deafening. In case of the roof giving way I intended to take a blanket, my clothes, books, official documents and the pup into the ice cave, which is formed where we have removed wood from the heap, and camp there."

Whenever the weather was fine I went for snowshoe excursions to the interesting caves on the western side of the Kosciusko Plateau, country which I had never visited before. On October 12th, when Mr. Ingleby returned, I confess that I felt both tired and sleepy after having taken both day and night readings for a whole fortnight with very little sleep.

On October 17th I went to look for some books which Mr. Ingleby had lost when he returned from Jindabyne, and my diary gives the following account of my trip:—

"October 17th.—To-day the Arctic Tent is entirely out of the snowline, and we discovered in it two bags of rotten potatoes and one of onions, so now we are feasting and living high. In the afternoon (c. 4 p.m.) I went off towards Friday Flat with Zorry. Half the distance there is now no snow. I left my snowshoes on an eminence, which I name Mt. Blavatsky. A little way down on the Friday Flat Hill the snow ceased entirely, and the descent was extremely easy, the slope being very steep. I looked for the pack all the way down, but could not find it. I saw lots of hares, but as I could not keep Zoroaster near me they all escaped us. On coming to the flat I started to search for the blanket which Mr. Ingleby had left in a tree down there. I looked till it was dark, but could not find it, and had not even time to get wood for a good fire, only getting enough for making tea, trees being very scarce. So I had to camp in the open without fire, blanket, or anything but my fine-weather clothes. I got a group of mountain ash trees with sitting room in the middle, but finding that position too cold I made a bed on the east side of the trees between them and my fireplaces. I made a wall of bushes around me as a breakwind, and used grass which I gathered to lie on. The wind

changed continually, and cold air flowed down the mountain slopes, but my camp had been selected scientifically on a little eminence with creeks on both sides to carry off the cold air. About 8 p.m. I saw that the moon was surrounded by fine regular cirro-cumulus cloud, but later the whole sky became overcast. I slept only about an hour, dozing the rest of the time, the cold, the noise of the waterfalls, and the howling of the dingoes around me preventing me from having any proper sleep. Zorry was good for nothing, and would allow himself to be used neither as pillow nor as blanket. About daylight it began to rain. I awoke and renewed my search, but having no luck I started to go back uphill, although I saw the fog clouds hanging over the plateau above. But I either had to reach the Observatory or go to Jindabyne without food in the pouring rain, a long day's walk. I choose the former alternative. After an exhausting climb, first through the undergrowth, then over the soft watery snow, I got to the snowshoes. Kosciusko and the other eminences were enshrouded in fog, and it was raining hard. The wind was fierce and dead against me. The snowshoes were useless in the wet snow. About half way to Ram's Head (spur of K.) it started to sleet and hail frightfully. After a most fatiguing walk I got to the summit of Mt. Echo, my face and hands badly cut by the sleet, and thoroughly knocked up I rested a quarter of an hour behind a granite boulder. Having now entirely lost my old tracks, I had to find my way to Kosciusko by guesswork, but succeeded in doing so, and arrived there quite exhausted, with my legs quite stiff with cold, my boots full of water and ice, my clothes frozen hard as a board, and in every way as miserable as I possibly could be. Zoroaster, who had run away from me early in the morning, was sitting at the top howling piteously."

On October 26th I went to Jindabyne with despatches, and although I had only been down by the Friday Flat route once before I found my way down without difficulty. This route, which runs over a mountain range and several plains enclosed by the mountains is hard to find, but shorter than any other. The other observers who had gone that way with guides many a time were frequently bushed there, but my bushmanship, the result of much knocking about in our Queensland bush, saved me from any such mishap. Both on my way down and up I was swept off my feet by the torrent of the River Therdbor, which had to be crossed, and my clothes were soaked every stitch in the ice-cold water. But such misfortunes were not infrequent, and I was glad that I succeeded in saving the letters. That I did by putting them in a boot and throwing it across the stream.

Of course nearly every day some event or other worth narrating happened, but it would take too long to enter into details or recount the adventures of each day. Far rougher than the expedition of the "Fram," and nearly as severe as Nansen's sledge expedition, our experiences were, nevertheless, interesting, sometimes very amusing, and our life on Kosciusko was, from its very novelty, a happy one. Monotonous, 'tis true, in foggy weather, but then the glorious phenomena and scenery in fine weather made up for past hardships. Often our entire hut was filled with snow by the opening of a door or window, the cold was generally as intense within as without, minus the hurricanes which usually blew nightly without. Now, as time and space bid me write no more, I shall conclude by giving the mean temperatures of the months during which I was on Mt. Kosciusko:—May, 27.2 degs. F.; June, 26.4; July, 23.7; August, 26.2; September, 27.7; October, 34.1; November, 40; and I hope that this brief narrative will give pleasure to the readers of the "School Magazine."

February 20th, 1899.

Sports Fund Account.

Dr.	FOURTH QUARTER, 1898				Cr.		
	£	s.	d.		£ s. d.		
To Balance from 3rd Quarter	10	5	9	By Cricket Material	11	10	0
„ Bal. from Athletic Sports	0	15	6	„ Fees paid to N.C.U. for			
„ Subscriptions—				Coach	4	7	6
Roger	6	10	0	„ Tennis Material	1	5	6
Mortimer	3	15	0	„ Labour	1	13	6
Lethbridge	1	15	0	„ Delegate's fee to Q.C.A.	1	1	0
Oxley	1	15	0	„ Part Expenses, School En-			
Gray	1	10	0	tainment	0	17	6
„ Ground Fees	1	10	6	„ Part Expenses, Match			
				Maryborough G.S.	0	16	0
				„ Cheque Book and Stamps	0	7	6
				„ Balance to 1899	5	17	0
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Balance Sheet of Athletic Sports, 1898.

Dr.	Cr.
To Donations from—	By Prizes—
Parents 15 7 9	School 26 5 0
Masters 8 7 6	Old Boys' Bicycle Race 2 10 0
Boys 0 15 0	Old Boys' Foot Race .. 1 0 0
Cadet Fund .. . 2 0 0	„ Band 3 19 0
Old Boys' Association .. 1 10 0	„ Hire of Ground .. . 2 2 0
„ Entries—	„ Printing 2 6 0
School 8 12 0	„ Advertising 1 4 0
Old Boys' Bicycle Race 2 0 0	„ Cartage 0 12 0
Old Boys' Foot Race .. 0 17 6	„ Stamps and Sundries .. 0 16 0
„ Sale of Programmes .. 1 19 0	„ Balance to Sports Fund .. 0 15 0
„ Discounts .. . 0 2 3	
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