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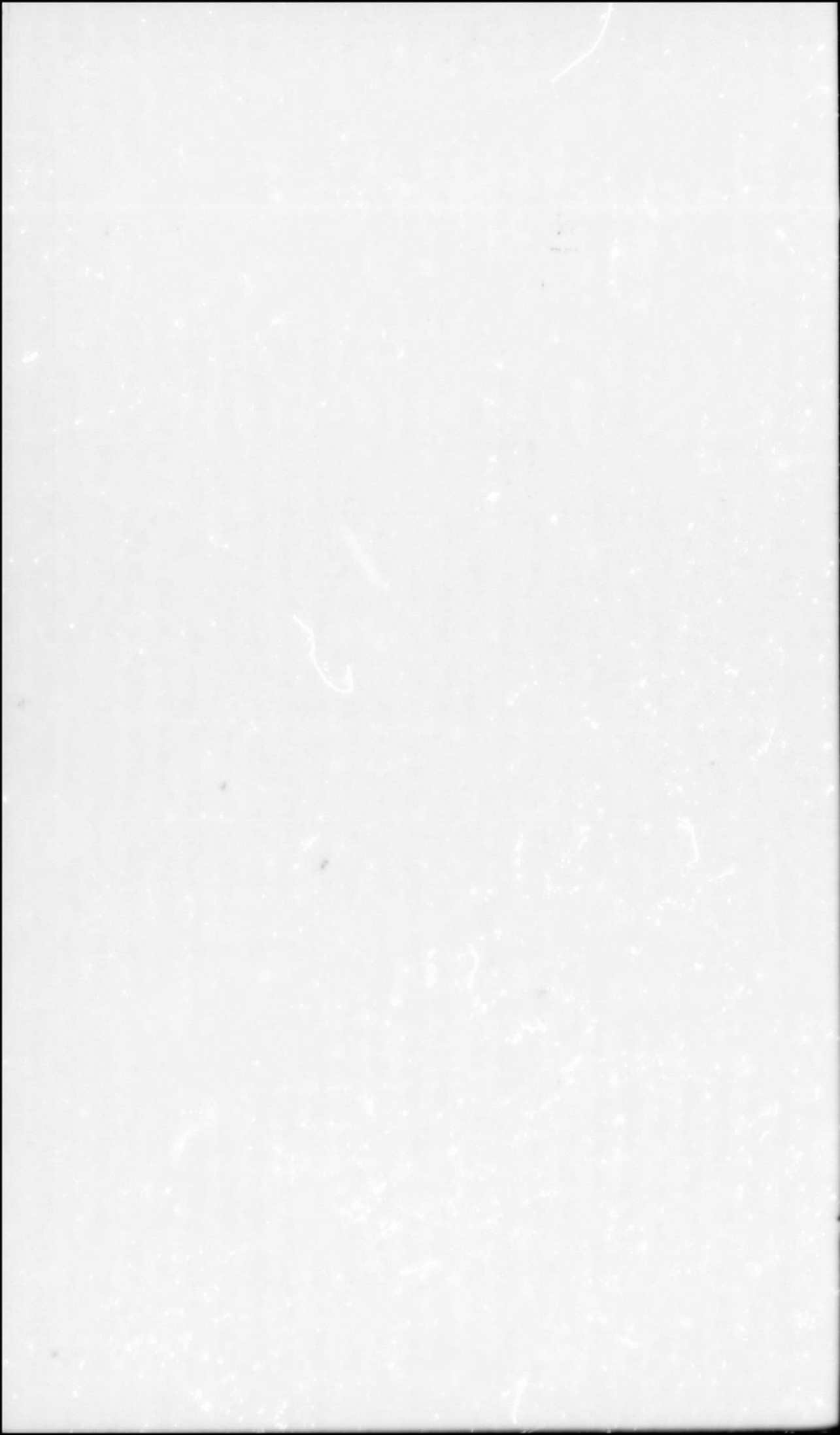
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## *Editorial.*

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THE present number of the Magazine contains an account of the Annual Sports, which were indulged in by a large number of boys. We did not, however, do much in the Hospital Sports; no particular enthusiasm was shown by our scholars. Yet sports of all kinds are gradually coming into greater favour among the boys. Our First Football Team was not very successful, but the Fourths won the cup in the Schools' Competition. We have good hopes for the cricketing season. The shield, which our Cadets won last half-year, now adorns the hall.

With regard to School work, we find pleasure in stating that the Sydney Junior Prize was earned by S. Castlehow, who also secured two medals. R. M. Wilson gained the Physiology Medal, while the other boys, on the whole, did good work. We are sending up five candidates for the Senior. All the forms of the School are paying attention to studies.

The usual notes are published. We have also received from an old boy a rather humorous article entitled "Beneath the Surface." The Coronation matter, taken from the letters of Mrs. Roe, Claude Roe, and C. A. Wish, will be found very interesting. R. L. Peterson sends us an article describing how the lads of Longreach tried to extinguish themselves on the football field. Unfortunately pressure of space compels us to hold it over till next issue.

Members of the School and old boys are again reminded that the pages of the Magazine are open to contributors.

## Report upon the Sydney Junior, 1902.

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Thirty-four candidates entered, of whom one fell ill at the beginning of the examination; of the remainder, 27 passed in an average of 5.9 subjects each of the following average, A's 1.2, B's 2.4, and C's 2.3, and the other 6 failed.

Castlehow gained the Junior University Prize for the best male candidate; and also won the Lilley Memorial Prize for the best Queens land candidate, thus beating the winner of the Fairfax Prize.

Silver medals were obtained in English History and Physiology. These results were better than usual.

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### *Jottings.*

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The football contests between one form and another have continued, and it seems likely that the cricket season will bring the same competition.

Handballers still persevere in their attempts to destroy the school walls.

The ping-pong rage at the school has abated considerably since our last issue.

During dinner-time there is always a good attendance of cricketers at the hill wicket.

In September last Major R. H. Roe received a medal for long service, having been an officer of the B.G.S. Cadets since 1878.

School work has been steadily progressing. The Junior boys are to be congratulated for their good number of passes. We wish success to the five scholars who are sitting for the Senior in November. They are, J. A. Campbell, J. S. Jackson, C. G. N. Miles, O. G. Oxley, and C. J. Weedon.

The Old Boys' Association has kindly notified Mr. Roe that boys of the Sixth and Fifth Forms are welcome at the O.B.A. Rooms on Saturday mornings.

E. W. H. Fowles, E. R. Crouch, and G. S. Crouch, all old boys, were members of the Queensland team this year in the inter-State contest with New South Wales.

"Bob" Lord has written from Eurimbla (N.S.W.), offering to describe the first item of interest that might chance to break the monotony of the drought-stricken land of "way back."

We have accounts of the Coronation from two old boys, C. A. Whish and Claude Roe, appearing in this issue.

R. G. Ferguson this year won the championship prize at the annual rifle matches of West Australia, the win being decided on the last shot.



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUNIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION, 1902.

NAMES.	Matriculat'n.	Eng. Hist.	Geography.	English.	French.	German.	Latin.	Greek.	Arithmet.	Algebra.	Euclid.	Geology.	Physiology.	A's	B's	C's	Total.
Blanshard, G. H. ..		B	B	B					A	C			B	1	4	1	6
Bridgman, H. E. ..		B		C			C				B		A	1	2	2	5
Castlehow, S. ..		A*		A		A	A	A	A	A				7			7
Cleminson, S. H. ..	M		B	A		B	B		A	A	C			3	3	1	7
Davidson, G. F. ..	M			C	C		C		A	B	A		B	2	2	3	7
England, J. E. ..		B	B	B					B				B		5		5
Gibson, G. J. ..			B						B		C		B		3	1	4
Giles, W. ..			A	C			B	B	B	C				1	3	2	6
Hall, W. M. ..		B	A	B			B	C	B	A				2	4	1	7
Hertzberg, M. ..		B				C	C	B	B	A	C			1	3	3	7
Highlett, F. ..			B	C			C	C	A	B	C			1	2	4	7
Hill, L. E. ..			B	C			C		C						1	3	4
Jefferies, R. ..		C	B						C		C	C			1	4	5
Lewis, F. G. ..			B	C			C	C	A	B	C			1	2	4	7
McCalium, A. ..	M			B		C	C		A	B	B		A	2	3	2	7
MacGregor, D. N. ..		C		A		C	A		B	B			A	3	2	2	7
Murray, C. F. ..		C	B						A	B	B		C	1	3	2	6
Oxley, A. G. ..					C		C	C		C						4	4
Ross, L. O. M. ..		C		C					A	C				1		3	4
Sisley, F. A. ..	M	C			C		B	B	B	B	B				5	2	7
Snellman, J. J. ..				B		C	B		B	B			A	1	4	1	6
Snow, S. B. ..				B	B		C		C	C	C				2	4	6
Suess, G. T. G. ..		C		C		B			B	C	C				2	4	6
Thatcher, T. ..	M	C		A			A	B	B	B	C			2	3	2	7
Thorn, C. C. ..		C	C						B	C					1	3	4
Trundle, J. R. ..							B	C	B	C	B		B		4	2	6
Wilson, R. M. ..				B			C		A	B	C		A*	2	2	2	6
Total Passes ..	5	14	12	19	4	7	19	10	25	22	16	1	10	32	66	62	160

\* Medal.

Average, 5·9.





He writes congratulating the B.G.S. Cadet team for their recent success in the contest for the shield.

J. E. N. Osborn has passed Divinity in "Mods" at Oxford. He is in residence at Keble College.

It is intended to carry out a series of interform matches at water polo.

An old boy, B. C. Hume, recently won the championship (swimming) of the River Plate. The Argentine paper in its report of the swimming sports speaks of the race as follows:—"Hume, swimming in excellent style, soon forged ahead, and retained his lead to the end. The winner has a beautiful long stroke, and an idea of the pace with which he travelled through the water may be gauged when we state that without being very seriously pushed he covered the 120 yards in 1min. 38secs."

Mrs. Roe is to leave England in time to arrive in Brisbane before Christmas. She will be accompanied by Mr. C. A. Whish. Miss Roe will spend a few additional months in England.

An old boy, Dr. Tom Price, has returned to Brisbane after an absence of 18 months, during which time he has been making a special study of the "Public Health" side of medical work. Dr. Price has now secured D.P.H. (Edin.), and has passed in the clinical part of his M.D. examination.

The Old Boys' race, at the Bowen House School Sports, for which there were 24 entrants, resulted in a win for C. Pennefather, with A. S. Roe second, and C. Stodart third. It was a popular event on the programme.

We had good entries for the Hospital Sports this year, but did not succeed in scoring sufficient points to obtain possession of the Challenge Shield. C. Pennefather came first in the 440 yards (over 16), and G. Blanshard came first in the Obstacle Race (under 16 years). A. S. Roe secured third place (after winning his heat) in the 100 yards (over 16 years). R. S. G. Macdonald in the same race came second in his heat, but was unplaced in the final. G. Govett was second in the 880 yards (over 16 years), and N. Murray was second in the Obstacle Race (under 16 years). G. Blanshard won his heat in the 220 yards (under 16 years), and came third in the final heat. M. Hertzberg won his heat in the 100 yards (under 16 years), but was unplaced in the final. F. G. Lewis secured third place in the High Jump (over 16 years), with a jump of 5ft. C. J. Weedon was third in the Hurdle Race (over 16 years).

The following old boys played in the 1st and 2nd fifteens (Q.) against the New South Wales team, in August:—L. Dixon, A. Dennis, L. Evans, J. J. Walsh, C. W. Roe, A. Scott, F. Nicholson.

C. C. Stodart, A. S. Roe, C. J. Weedon, J. Trundle, and A. Leeds are in active training for the four-oared race against Maryborough, to be rowed before the Christmas holidays.

## Trip to "Royal Arthur."

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By the invitation of Captain Creswell, the teachers and boys of the school were afforded an opportunity of inspecting the "Royal Arthur" during that vessel's recent visit to Moreton Bay. Accordingly a pleasant trip down the river in the "Otter" brought us alongside His Majesty's ship, which was then exchanging signals with the Pile Light. We then went on board the "Royal Arthur" and were conducted over it in parties. Of course, the different guns were carefully examined and their modes of working investigated. The consequence was that several boys began to amuse themselves by using these instruments of warfare as merry-go-rounds.

The engine-room was another source of interest to those who desired information. Some of the more enterprising scholars found their way on deck again, after much scrambling, by a very dark passage. More than one boy subsequently complained of giddiness. Then there were the other equipments, concerning which officers and men were always ready to impart their knowledge to any inquirers. After crossing again into the "Otter," the boys showed their appreciation of the day's instruction by three hearty cheers for the officers and crew of the "Royal Arthur." Then the "Otter" steamed away, all having spent a most enjoyable time.

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## *Annual Athletic Sports.*

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OUR Annual Sports were held in the Exhibition Ground, on Friday, 19th September. The attendance was fair, and the day's enjoyment was greatly increased by afternoon tea and the presence of a band. Although cool weather favoured the competitors, a strong wind caused considerable inconvenience. In most of the events there was an excellent number of entries. Pennefather won the championship, while Blanshard made himself conspicuous by carrying off five first prizes and one second.

The following kindly acted as officials:—Referee, R. H. Roe, Esq. Judges, F. S. N. Bousfield, Esq.; Major Sellheim, C.B. (O.B.A.); G. Gross, Esq.; A. J. Mason, Esq. Starter, T. E. Jones, Esq. Time-keepers, I. A. Deakin, Esq.; B. Porter, Esq. Clerks of the Course, J. Cowan, Esq.; K. Carson, Esq. Committee, C. J. Weedon (Football Captain), A. E. H. Frew (Cricket Captain), J. A. Campbell, O. G. Oxley, C. Pennefather.

KICKING THE FOOTBALL.—S. Roe (179ft.). 1; Weedon (163ft.). 2.

UNDER 14 (100 Yards Scratch).—Macartney 1, Gunn 2, Creswell 3. Won easily in 12 2/5sec.

UNDER 16 (100 Yards Scratch).—Blanshard 1, Hertzberg 2, W. Mactaggart and Murray 3. Time, 11  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec. A close finish.

CHAMPIONSHIP, 100 Yards.—Pennefather 1, S. Roe 2, Weedon 3. Time, 10  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. Seven started.

HIGH JUMP (Under 16).—Blanshard (4ft. 10in.) 1, Hill 2.

1 MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—W. Mactaggart (60 yards) 1, Jefferies (58 yards) 2. Time, 3min. 27  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. There were 25 entries, but only 7 started.

SCHOOL HANDICAP, 130 Yards.—Blanshard (6 yards) 1, Macdonald (5 yards) 2, Leeds (8 yards) and Miles (5 yards) 3. Time, 14  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. Twenty-four competitors took the field.

LONG JUMP.—Patterson (16ft. 2in.) 1, Weedon 2.

CADETS' HANDICAP, 220 Yards.—Pennefather (scratch) 1, Sisley (12 yards) 2, Stodart (12 yards) 3. Time, 26  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. There were 25 starters.

THROWING CRICKET BALL.—Blanshard (96 yards 5 inches) 1, Lewis 2.

130 YARDS HURDIE RACE.—Blanshard (4 yards) 1, Weedon (scratch) 2, Paterson (6 yards) 3. Time, 21  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec. Nine started.

OPEN HIGH JUMP.—Miles (5ft. 11in.) 1, Lewis 2, Roe 3.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.—S. Roe (6 yards) 1, Weedon (12 yards) 2. Time, 60sec. The race brought 12 competitors.

HALF-MILE WALKING RACE.—Govett (10 yards) came in first followed by Martin (scratch). The judges, however, did not consider the performance fair walking.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.—Rutherford (27 yards) 1, Blanshard (17 yards) 2, Lewis (27 yards) 3. Time, 2min. 34sec. Thirteen starters. Won by a fine sprint.

OLD BOYS 130 YARDS HANDICAP.—C. B. Davies (9 yards) 1, T. K. Mackenzie (8 yards) 2, T. J. Brundrit (9 yards) 3. Four other old boys appeared.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 16).—W. Mactaggart (9 yds.) and N. J. Dixon (7 yards) 1, Kiernan (17 yards) 2. Eighteen boys started.

SIAMESE SCRATCH RACE.—F. Casey and Macdonald 1, Lewis and Sisley 2.

220 YARDS CONSOLATION.—Russell 1, Stodart 2. Time, 28  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

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## Library.

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The Library receives a moderate amount of patronage, but not so much as its contents and general utility warrant. As is natural, fiction receives most attention, and Henty, Ellis, and Ballantyne will always be popular. But at the same time, there are now books in the Library, which, in addition to being entertaining reading, are also very instructive. We refer particularly to the lives of England's statesmen of last century.

Our apologies are due to W. Forrest, Esq., for stating, in the previous issue of this Magazine, that two or three new books had been presented by him. We now take this opportunity of sincerely thanking Mr. Forrest for his generous donation of three guineas towards the Library.

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## *Football.*

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After mid-winter the 1st team only played three matches, in all of which they were beaten. The inter-form matches were continued, when the VIth secured their revenge by beating the Vth 19-3. Unfortunately no record was kept of these matches, and as the editor himself was playing, his recollections of the match are much too one-sided for insertion in the Magazine.

The 2nd team practically disbanded, as they were quite outweighed by the players in the grade in which they were entered.

### THIRD FIFTEEN.

#### SECOND ROUND OF FIXTURES.

3rd Grammars v. Normals : played on the turf ; it was a very even match, and resulted in a win for the Grammars by 6 to 5. Pattison and Brannelly scored.

3rd Grammars v. Christian Brothers' College ; played on the School turf. We made a better stand than on the former occasion, but were beaten by 13 to nil.

3rd Grammars v. 2nd Nudgee ; played on the Bowen Bridge Ground ; it was a very unequal contest, and resulted in a win for the Nudgee team by 26 to nil.

The 4th's, urged on by their success in the B grade competitions, had the presumption to challenge the 3rds, but were soundly defeated by 17 to nil. Brannelly, W. S. Dixon, A. W. Leeds, Reddan, and Pattison showed best form for the 3rds throughout the season.

The 4ths won the premiership of the B grade in the Schools' Competition. The most conspicuous players of this team during the season were Eglinton, Walsh, Benbow, Scott, and W. Grant. The matches resulted as follows :—

#### FIRST ROUND.

- B.G.S. v. Eagle Junction ; won by 17—0.
- v. New Farm ; won by 25—0.
- v. Christian Brothers ; draw, 0—0.
- v. Normals ; the Normals forfeited.
- v. South Brisbane ; won by 6—3.
- v. Toowong ; won by 17—3.



SECOND ROUND.

- B.G.S. v. Eagle Junction ; won by 14—0.  
v. Leichhardt ; the Leichhardts forfeited.  
v. Valley ; won by 17—0.  
v. Christian Brothers ; won by 5—0.  
v. Woolloongabba ; draw, 5—5.
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## *Tennis.*

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Our two teams have just completed a very successful season. Both teams played B grade in the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association matches. The 1st team won 11 matches and lost 4, coming 2nd in the list of 16 teams, bracketed with another club. The 2nd team won 7 matches, lost 7, and drew 1. The School tournament was played off during August and September. The winners of the events were O. G. Oxley, championship ; H. Frew, single handicap ; and W. Hall and E. Martin double handicap. Besides playing our own tournament many boys from the School took part in the events of the annual tournament of the Association, at the Woolloongabba courts. In this tournament N. Leslie won the junior championship, H. Frew the gentlemen's single handicap, and H. Exton the B. grade handicap, after very good play.

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## *Cricket.*

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The cricket season, 1902-3, was opened by a match v. Fortitude Valley, in which the School, strengthened by the addition of Mr. J. Cowan, rendered a good account of themselves, and by all appearances would have won the match but for a heavy storm intervening and stopping the game, at which time the School with 3 wickets to fall had only 12 runs to get.

The members of the 1st eleven are :—H. Frew (captain), J. Cowan, O. G. Oxley, J. A. Campbell, C. Pennefather, J. James, N. Leslie, F. Sisley, J. MacLean, A. S. Roe, F. Lewis, E. Bridgman.

Taken as a whole, the team is fairly strong in batting, being strengthened by the addition of Mr. J. Cowan and having had the advantages of the services of Mr. W. A. Greenwood as coach.

The bowling might be better. In the fielding there is room for improvement, although on occasions it is fairly good. The great want in the School team is a sure and quick wicketkeeper. To obtain success in this department of the game means constant practice, and success in this direction ensures a place in the team at all times.

## **The Cadets.**

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The annual rifle matches were held at Toowong last August, in which several prizes were won by our cadets, with Colour-Sergeant A. S. Roe at their head as our best shot for this year. The other prize-winners were Cadets E. M. Lilley, H. K. Irving, G. H. Cook, Riechelmänn, and Bugler Dimmock.

The Q.R.A.'s Challenge Shield, which we won last year, is now hanging up in our hall, where we hope to keep it always.

On Sunday, September 28th, we attended the Military Thanksgiving Services for Peace, which were held in the various churches in town.

We have lately been practising the new drill, which ought to be a great improvement on the old, though we find it rather awkward at first.

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## ***The Coronation.***

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### **Extracts.**

**From the Letters of Mrs. R. H. Roe.**

**T**HE papers will give you the real description of the great Coronation procession, and I will try to give you my impressions, though they were little more than a series of gasps at the wonderful sight; it really had to be seen to be understood. We left about 7.30 a.m., rather before, in a four-wheeler, and drove through the park, down a grand array of mounted soldiers of all kinds, and we enjoyed that. We had very few stoppages. We drove down the decorated streets. St. James' Street was beautiful, white pillars on either side, with festoons of red, green, and white between them, real flowers at the base of the pillars about 6 feet up from the ground, and many of the buildings were hung with blue, dark and pale; the effect was very good. Our stand was in Parliament Street, near Whitehall, and just round the corner from the Abbey. Big Ben struck eight just as we got there. We had splendid seats on the third row.

The first procession was to start at 10.10, and until then we were kept well amused and interested by the streams of cabs going to the Abbey. We got glimpses of low-necked dresses, jewels, veils, and coronets, and robes, men in long wigs, knee breeches, black or white stockings, some in cloaks, some without; occasionally some "swell" would walk by and draw forth a round of applause. The Lord Mayor's coach was a great sight, just like the pictures in fairy-tale books; three gorgeously clad footmen walked in front, and grooms were by the horses' heads, but they were driven by a hugely fat coachman, who was quite comic in his size. They say he has to be lifted to his seat by a



pulley! The driving seats of all the State coaches are so funny. They look like a huge ottoman with a soft hole in the middle, and when a stout coachman in a cocked hat sits in the centre the effect is ludicrous, at least, it looks more like a fairy tale than real life. Following the Lord Mayor came many other mayors and aldermen with their maces, all in fur-trimmed robes. At last the first procession of the Royal Princes and Princesses came, eight State carriages, driven by a gold-laced coachman, two gold-laced footmen standing up behind, all in wigs and silk stockings, four horses gaily decked with great loops and knots of red and gold cords on their necks, drawing them. The eighth held the King's daughters, and was drawn by six magnificent black horses. There was an escort of Life and Horse Guards at the beginning and end of each procession, beginning with the band of the 1st Life Guards. Oh, the glory of them! Their coats were little else than gold braid. The drummer rode first, and amused us by the way he flourished the sticks. They all rode black horses, and the effect was very fine. The Prince and Princess of Wales drove by in a very swell coach, and were heartily cheered. Their little sons drove by earlier, and every one was charmed with the little chaps. They stood up, with their hands at the salute, looking one way and the other, so prettily. The King's procession was magnificent. The English soldiers are lovely. The fine black horses show up the men's uniforms, trappings, the steel cuirasses, red and white plumes and gold braid, and it was hard to say which made the better show, they or the Indians. They were lovely too. Such an effective lot of colours, their lances in their hands, and their dark immovable faces under the bright turbans. They sat their horses so beautifully, and their officers, who were acting A.D.C.'s to the King, Prince of Wales, and "Bobs," were like fairy princes in the richness of their dress. Sir Pertab Singh wore a very pretty shade of blue (the only blue uniform), and he looked so well among the others; he was covered with gold. He was a picture! Kitchener was most warmly received, and looked very imperturbable. We had a good view of him. He has a very dogged face, with rather a short (dog's) nose. He does not ride well, in fact, very few English officers do. Little "Bobs" looks so well on horseback; he does ride well. He was well cheered by our stand. When the King and Queen came in the great glass and gold coach (which the old Queen would never use) one really could hardly believe one was looking at real people. It was too much like a fairy story. One could hardly credit how sensible people could drive about in such a thing! The well-known eight Flemish creams (milk white palfreys one paper called them) are ugly animals in their colouring, I think, but fine horses, and they held themselves well. Their trappings were gorgeous; the large rosettes you see on them in the pictures are dark blue; the rest is mostly gold. The postillions were in red and gold; gorgeous is the only word one can apply! The men who walked by the horses were in red and gold too. We saw the King well. I believe he is much aged by illness, but he looked well, and coming back he was smiling happily, while the Queen looked very white. She is such a young woman to look at, and

was very grave, though she bowed all the time. They wore their crowns when they came back from the Abbey. The Colonials in the King's escort were heartily cheered all along the line, so were the Indians, and the King and Queen were cheered to the echo. "God Save the King" was sung several times during the day, and when the guns told us he was crowned, every one stood up and sang. The effect was rather funny, because one standful sang at a different tune to the next one, but it was hearty. The State coaches of the various noblemen were very magnificent. They were in different colours. A very handsome one was in dark blue and red and gold. Another was yellow and white; another blue and yellow. One was dark red and yellow; two footmen in gold-laced hats, wigs, silk stockings, and gorgeous liveries hanging on behind, and an equally gorgeous coachman, enthroned on a heavily gold-fringed seat. It was a marvellous sight. We were much amused to see Peers and Peeresses, decked out in ermine and coronets and purple, or crimson velvet robes, devouring sandwiches as they drove away from the Abbey—poor things, many were there by 8, and it was after 5, I believe, before some of them got away. We left at about 3.30, found our cab on the embankment—much to our surprise—and got home easily. The dear old Beefeaters, or the Yeomen of the Guard, the Barge Master and men were all delightful in their way. The Beefeaters wear the same costume as they did in Henry VIII.'s days. They looked so quaint with the row of red and white roses round their black velvet hats, rosettes on their shoes. Nice old faces they had, too. An extraordinary figure passed along that turned out to be a real Red Indian Chief. He was clad in dressed deer skins, not made into any particular shaped clothes, beyond the trousers. They just hung on him, with the edges untrimmed, and he had a long eagle's feather hanging down from the back of his head—such a queer, wild-looking creature in the midst of that richly-dressed assemblage.

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**[From the Letters of C. A. Whish.]**

Saturday, 9th, Coronation Day.—A beautiful day broke, which soon afterwards became overcast, and we never saw the sun all the rest of the day. We started for our stand in Parliament Street; the route we took was that of the procession, so we saw all the decorations. The Canadian Arch was fine, and much had been spent over it. Of course, by that time the streets from Hyde Park Gate were lined three and four deep, and all the stands filling up. We sat down by 8 o'clock, and from that on we were kept amused by carriages and State coaches going to the Abbey. Some of them were magnificent. The Lord Mayor's carriage was a show in itself, and the sort of thing one reads about in fairy tales. Then the little Princes passed and got a cheer. The first of the procession were eight carriages and escort of Horse Guards. They got a good reception, of course; then Kitchener, as stern as ever, the head of his staff, and "Bobs"; they both got a good cheering; more escort of Colonial and Indian, and then the King and Queen in a fairy carriage drawn by the world-famed eight creamies (at

least six of them are). Their coach was a wonderful looking conveyance—might have been a fairy coach—the trappings on the horses were magnificent, the livery on the postillions red and gold; but it is useless to try and describe everything. The papers will do that much better than I can. By 11 o'clock all had passed to the Abbey, and then we opened out our "snacks" which we had brought. From our stand, which was full, we could see Parliament House and the Commons' stand, in fact, we saw a sea of people every direction, on the tops of "skyscrapers," even in perilous positions, and down to the street gutter—people everywhere. After a wait of about two hours the guns told us that the King was crowned, so we stood up and sang "God Save the King," and cheered lustily. Shortly after the guns were heard the little Princes drove back, and got a second cheering, and then the nurses, who also got cheers. A lull, and then the King and Queen, crowned, and he looking much happier, though, of course, white, and she, deadly white, and talking hard all the time she was acknowledging the cheering. Then Kitchener, and later "Bobs," who got their separate ovations. Then the Prince and Princess of Wales, who both looked happy, she talking hard the while; then we saw the coaches again returning in all their magnificent splendour, Horse Guards, Indians, etc. Indeed, it was a gorgeous show, and showed signs of such wealth as we in the colonies know not of—the horses, coaches, liveries, uniforms, all combined in making such a show as we only see, perhaps, once in a lifetime, and I enjoyed it. Towards the last of the carriages that returned from the Abbey came one single-horse brougham, in which the horse resented the noise made by the band and people, and bolted. As they passed us the coachman and footman were hanging on to the reins for all they were worth, but as there was no brake they could not check the horse, who kept gathering way, and was only stopped by an unfortunate company of Indians who were just forming across the street. Six of them were carried away on stretchers, one of the crowd, and two policemen. The inmates were unhurt, as the carriage did not upset. It was a sad wind-up to the show, but fortunately no lives were lost as far as we can learn. By 3.30 we left the stand and made for the Embankment, where we found our cab at once, and then drove back. We drove back by a different route, in order to get out of the crowd, but we drove through crowd enough for me to be pointed out by a father to his little girl as "Bobs!" much to the amusement of the said crowd. We lounged till 7, then we started out to see the illuminations. We took the bus, and then caught the 2nd Tube, and went to the Mansion House; then we got out and could hardly get up into the street owing to the crowd. The show here was good, and consequently the crowd dense. However, we got through into Old Broad Street, followed it up to Liverpool Street Station, across to Bishopsgate Road, Lombard Street, and back to "The Bank"; we found the crowd thicker than ever, so was the air. I was very glad I had not any ladies with me. We made way then by Poultny, Cheapside, then down to the back of the Post Office, Holborn Viaduct, Holborn to the Holborn Restaurant, where we arrived at 10 p.m., quite ready



for a grill. After a spell here, we left by way of Drury Lane, reached Strand, which we found pretty full, along into Charing Cross, down Whitehall to Westminster Bridge, where we stood a few minutes; then by way of old George Street to Birdcage Walk, round Buckingham Palace to Knightsbridge, where we caught 'bus, and reached home by 12.30. We had five hours' walking, and felt pretty fagged at the end of it. There was a big crowd out; every street was a seething mass. There was a deal of singing and dancing indulged in by the larrikins, but all was quite orderly. Coronation roses were going for a penny, also crowns (paper), and caps, red, white, and blue. It was indeed a great day, and we were fortunate enough in having very good seats.

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**[From the Letters of R. C. Roe.]**

It was most interesting watching the crowd that passed in front of our stand. Peers and Peeresses of all sorts, some of them with pretty little pages, and most with coronets; military men of all sorts with gorgeous uniforms, some of the German ones being especially handsome; lots of Judges going by with great wigs on; bishops in their robes; mayors and aldermen; barristers with white lappets, etc. It is impossible to name them all. Then frequently there would pass by a gorgeous carriage, the horses' manes done up with ribbons, and the carriage itself painted with bright colours. The coachman generally had a powdered wig, beautifully curled, and he and the footmen standing up behind the carriage were, of course, in swell uniforms, and all had stockings of a hideous pink. The Lord Mayor's coach was a most wonderful affair, with gilded figures at each corner, and highly decorated with gilt and paint all over. It was really quite dazzling to look at; one almost wanted dark-coloured spectacles. But there was more to come. Soon after 10 the little Princes drove past in a closed carriage with a small escort of the Household Cavalry. They looked jolly little chaps; both were dressed in sailor suits, and sat up, one at each window, with a fixed salute the whole way. Then came another wait, after which the Royal Family procession drove past, with a large escort at both ends of the Household Cavalry. It is a fine regiment—to look at on show days—big men with steel cuirasses and shining helmets with a plume of horsehair on top. The Royal Family did not afford us much excitement, chiefly because one doesn't recognise more than a couple of them. The chief ones we made out were the old Duke of Cambridge and the Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother. Next there passed the Prince and Princess of Wales, who had a good reception. They were accompanied by some of the Royal Horse. The King and Queen came very soon afterwards. It was a long procession, but I will just mention what specially interested us. First, an escort of Royal Horse Guards, then the King's Bargemaster and twelve watermen on foot, funny old chaps in long red coats. Then some carriages, followed by a lot of officers from whom it was impossible to pick out Pilcher and Plumer and others, though we knew they were there. Next came the Headquarters Staff of the Army, among whom one had no eyes or

lings for anyone but Kitchener, and shortly afterwards "Bobs." Mention must also be made of the honorary Indian officers, who really looked very well. Their uniforms were very handsome, and they sat their horses so much better than the English officers. The next items of interest were the old Beefeaters, Yeomen of the Guard, and after them escorts of Colonial and Indian Cavalry, the former being received with loud coo-ees from the Colonial stand. Next came the Royal coach, a most wonderful affair drawn by the famous eight Flemish creams, in gorgeous trappings; but these were nothing to the gorgeous coach—simply a mass of gilded decorative work. The King and Queen, of course, had a tremendous reception; but people never seem to yell here quite as they ought. The King was on our side going to the Abbey, so we saw him very well. He seemed very white, and I thought his beard was greyer than when I saw him last; but that may be imagination. Soon they were past, and after a few more officers and an escort of Life Guards the Royal progress to the Abbey was at an end. Shortly before one o'clock we heard the guns from the Tower and Hyde Park announced the actual crowning of King Edward VII. The return journey was very similar, the chief omissions being some of the Royal Family carriages. This time, of course, the King and Queen drove past with their crowns on. It was quite funny to see how cheerful the King looked; poor man, it must have been a great relief to him to get the ceremony over all right. We got a good look at the Queen this time. She was very beautiful, but a bit white. She is a perfect picture, although she is a grandmother. We waited a bit longer on the stand, to see some of the guests in the Abbey drive back, and left as soon as the soldiers, who had been lining the streets, were marched off.

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### *Notes from the Old Boys' Association.*

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**T**HERE was nothing like a good annual meeting to deepen the interest in the Association. The members who attended have rallied round the rooms, committees are doing good work, the treasurer reports that subscriptions are coming in with fair promptitude (please send along early, those who have forgotten so far!), and although the coming summer tells against ping-pong, some devotees still make the racquets ring in the lunch hour. The Council meetings have been well attended. Their by-law to admit present scholars of the B.G.S. to the rooms on Saturday mornings is well appreciated, and the Association is glad to welcome the visitors. Another new rule has been passed:—"Any old boy of a secondary school in Australasia visiting Brisbane may, on the nomination of a member, be made an honorary member of the Association for a period of one month." Several "old boys" from the South have already been introduced. The sporting side is well maintained, despite hot weather.

A very enjoyable match was played on the School turf, on Saturday, September 27th, between teams chosen respectively by the President and Vice-President of the O.B.A. The Vice-President's team secured a substantial win by 72 runs.

#### PRESIDENT'S TEAM.

Holland, c. Graham, b. Henchman	14
King, st. Graham, b. Carson	35
Jordan, h.o.w., b. Henchman	15
Hiron, b. Henchman	0
Pace, b. Carson	0
Roe, b. Carson	0
Frew, l.b.w., b. Carson	4
Stanley, b. Henchman	2
Gailey, c. Webb, b. Carson	2
Costin, b. Carson	0
Power, not out	1
Sundries	1
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Total	74

#### VICE-PRESIDENT'S TEAM.

Graham, c. Jordan, b. Hiron	43
Newton, b. Jordan	4
Henchman, retired	30
Cowan, l.b.w., b. King	22
Donnan, l.b.w., b. Pace	2
Webb, b. Pace	6
Carson, retired	11
Edwards, st. Holland, b. Frew	3
Henzell, b. Jordan	5
Webster, c. and b. Jordan	3
Sellheim, not out	3
Sundries	14
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Total	146

Both ping-pong tables are going merrily as ever. In the Wednesday matches more fun than success was scored by the club. The Whist Club maintains its interest and vigour on Thursdays.

The ordinary meeting, on September 17th, proved a gratifying success. Full provision had been made by a thoughtful House Committee for an excellent programme, in which the following took part:—Messrs. Armour, Collier, Holland, and Trower.

Refreshments, billiards, and ping-pong match were also included, the latter being perhaps a trifle disconcerting under the circumstances. Quite a number of the old boys were present at the School Sports, on September 19th, to renew their acquaintance with the old ground, old faces, and old events. It is a pleasure to record the success that is



attending the newly-formed Debating Society. With a membership of over 20 active supporters, the two first debates have proved most entertaining. On October 4th, Messrs. Fowles, M.A., and Fewings opened on the "Secession Movement," and several excellent speeches followed. Mr. Walsh, B.A., was chairman, and the meeting decided by a large majority to stand by Federation. On October 21st, the subject was the Income Tax proposals of the present Government. Mr. F. Reimers, in a first-rate speech, supported the bill, and Mr. Walsh led the forces of opposition. A vigorous and well-informed discussion followed, and under the presidency of Mr. Bousfield, M.A., the debate was steered splendidly. Voting, eight to five for the measure. Membership of the Debating Society (fee one shilling) is open to all old boys, and already the awakened interest is proof that the Society is meeting a need for the Association.

The Secretary would be glad to hear items of news from any old boy, and past scholars of the B.G.S. would receive a hearty welcome if they would any time when visiting Brisbane drop in for an hour or so at the Rooms.

A full report of the President and Mrs. Power's "At Home," on the "Lucinda" (Q.G.S.), will appear in our next issue.

G. S. Crouch reached the semi-finals in the Open Singles in the Sydney Tennis Tournament this year. This event was open to all-comers, except such as were engaged in the inter-State match, either Victorians or New South Welshmen.

M. B. Synan, of the Customs Department, has been moved to the Melbourne office.

R. Stodart (officer in charge of the Queensland unit), P. Deshon, and L. A. Donkin went to England with the Queensland Coronation contingent.

Captain C. A. Woodcock, of the Defence Force, has been moved from Brisbane to Melbourne.

Letters have arrived from Walter Coe and Eric Cowlshaw announcing their safe arrival in America, and their admission to the Dental School of the University of Philadelphia.

W. E. Graham has taken over the Downs School, Toowoomba, from the late principal, Mr. J. A. Baxendell. We wish him every success in his venture.

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## Marriages.

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### TULLY—LEVIEN.

On the 2nd September, Mr. E. K. Tully, son of Mr. W. A. Tully, B.A., Chairman of the late Civil Service Board, was married to Miss Queenie Levien, daughter of Mr. R. H. Levien, M.L.A., Sydney. The honeymoon was spent at Katoomba. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Tully are at present residing at Kangaroo Point.

**PALMER—BARRON.**

On the 27th August, Mr. Cecil H. Palmer, son of the late Sir Arthur Palmer, was married to Miss Lorna Barron, daughter of Mrs. Barron. The wedding took place from the residence of Mrs. Innes-Noad, South Brisbane. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have returned from their honeymoon, which was spent on the Blue Mountains, and are now residing at New Farm.

**WALSH—LATHAM.**

On the 3rd September, Mr. A. D. Walsh, son of late Hon. W. H. Walsh, M.L.C., was married to Miss Ethel Latham, daughter of Mrs. O'Rourke, of Milton Terrace. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have taken a house on Bowen Terrace.

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**Birth.**

**GRAHAM.**—On the 9th August, at Ipswich Road, South Brisbane, the wife of C. S. Graham, B.C.E., of the Railway Engineer's Office, of a son.

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**Exchanges.**

"The Sydneian," "Geelong Grammar School Quarterly," "Nelsonian," "Torch-Bearer," "Melburnian," "Townsville Grammar School Magazine," "The King's School Magazine," "The Coorwell Magazine," "The Newingtonian," "The Rockhampton Grammar School Chronicle," "The Armidalian."

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**Subscribers.**

Mrs. Jardine Parkes, Mrs. R. H. Roe, Miss Whish, Messrs. N. S. Adsett, H. Appleton, L. Ayscough, L. A. Bernays, C.M.G., C. L. Bernays, F. Butler, E. R. Crouch, S. Cameron, E. Culpin, M. M. Edwards, E. Gross, C. E. Graham, A. H. Jordan, R. P. Lord, R. C. Lethbridge, C. K. Lea, E. O. Marks, W. Forrest, A. Mackie, C. M. Martin, C. MacGregor, R. McCowan, A. W. Nicholls, R. Peterson, T. P. Power, Dr. W. E. Roth, W. J. Scott, A. Somerset, R. Sampson, J. D. Stirrat, E. K. Tully, F. E. Walsh, W. F. Wilson, L. Williams, W. Young, J. G. Cribb, T. E. Jones, A. J. Mason, B. Porter, G. W. Power, F. S. N. Bousfield, J. Cowan, I. A. Dakin, Major V. C. M. Sellheim, C.B., Dr. Wilton Love, Messrs. F. Heussler, E. W. H. Fowles, J. Burgess, A. Hartley, A. H. Jones, R. King, C. Markwell, H. A. Webb, C. F. Murray, J. D. Macanish, J. O'Sullivan.

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## *Beneath the Surface.*

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**I**T is possible that some of even the more advanced military authorities in the ranks of the Cadets are unacquainted with the branch of coast defence, known as submarine mining, and for that reason it may interest you to hear of the work of engineers "Beneath the Surface."

The history of submarine mining began many years ago, at the time that the Duke of Alva was giving the phlegmatic and amphibious Hollanders such a vexatious time; but these antique efforts led to little practical result, in the right direction at least, the inventor generally being unable to describe his infernal machine after the first trial, which was always carried out under his immediate supervision.

In the American Civil War, of 1861-66, great use was made of submarine mines and torpedoes, especially by the Southern States Confederacy, and much damage was done to hostile vessels in the Delaware and other rivers.

Again, in the Franco-Prussian War, so great was the dread of the invisible mine or torpedo that even "dummy" (*i.e.*, unloaded) mines kept vessels at a respectful distance.

On the Danube, in 1877, the Turks destroyed several Russian men of war by the most improvised means in this direction.

To even shortly describe the submarine mine of to-day would fill the pages of a number of this Magazine; but I will do my best to tell you something of it.

**EXPLOSIVE.**—The explosive in general use is tri-nitro-cellulose, more commonly called guncotton, that being perfectly safe under ordinary conditions, not affected by damp, and powerful in explosion. For its chemical formula I refer you to some of the habitues of the laboratory.

**MEANS OF FIRING.**—Electricity is universally used for firing mines, that being safe, sure, and under control. By means of a current of electricity passed through a detonator containing fulminate of mercury—one of the highest known explosives—the guncotton is detonated at the proper time.

**MINE CASES.**—For what are known as "service mines," steel cases, either spherical or pear-shaped, are used. These are either:—

- (a) Buoyant, or
- (b) Ground mines.

Buoyant mines are only partially filled, the remaining air space being sufficient to float the mine at a depth below the surface such that the keel of a passing vessel strikes it, and "up she goes."

Ground mines lie on the "floor of the river," as I have heard it called. But in case of necessity, improvised mines are made up in canvas or india-rubber bags.

CABLES.—In order to conduct the current of electricity to the mine, a copper cable with steel wire armour is led to the detonators in the mine, and connected to the firing battery of Le Clanche cells. (Ask the chemistry students again, please.)

In laying out the mines into their positions in the channel, a steam launch is used, and I daresay many of you when at Lytton have noticed the launch "Miner," with large black mines slung alongside, moving about the channel. When in position, which is determined by sextant angles, the word is given to "Let go," and the mine and sinker, weighing together about a ton and a-half, are dropped. The end of the cable is, of course, retained, and ultimately connected to the firing battery. When mines have to be raised after laying, the real hard work of the subminer comes in.

The mine and sinker and the cables are covered with ooze and mud, and in some harbours, Sydney for instance, barnacles grow on the cables, and it is a case of "Look out for your hands" when a "shelly" cable is coming in-board.

Of course, all hands, officers as well as men, wear their oldest clothes, and this is advantageous when, as often happens, some one overbalances and makes a large wet hole in the water.

Personally, I have only been in the water once, down in Sydney, when, on a bitterly cold day in '99, the waters of the beautiful Harbour closed o'er my fair young head, and I had to strip and dry before the engine-room fires.

One day when raising a cable at a Queensland port, we got fast on to the iron keel of a ship—it was about 40 feet long and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches square in section, and had several ribs still fixed to it.

The explosion of a mine produces a huge column of water, usually mushroom shaped, and sometimes quantities of fish are to be found stunned after it. As a mine contains from 50 to 500lb of G.C., it may be understood what a splash it makes.—C. H. F. (B.G.S., 1889-90.)

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