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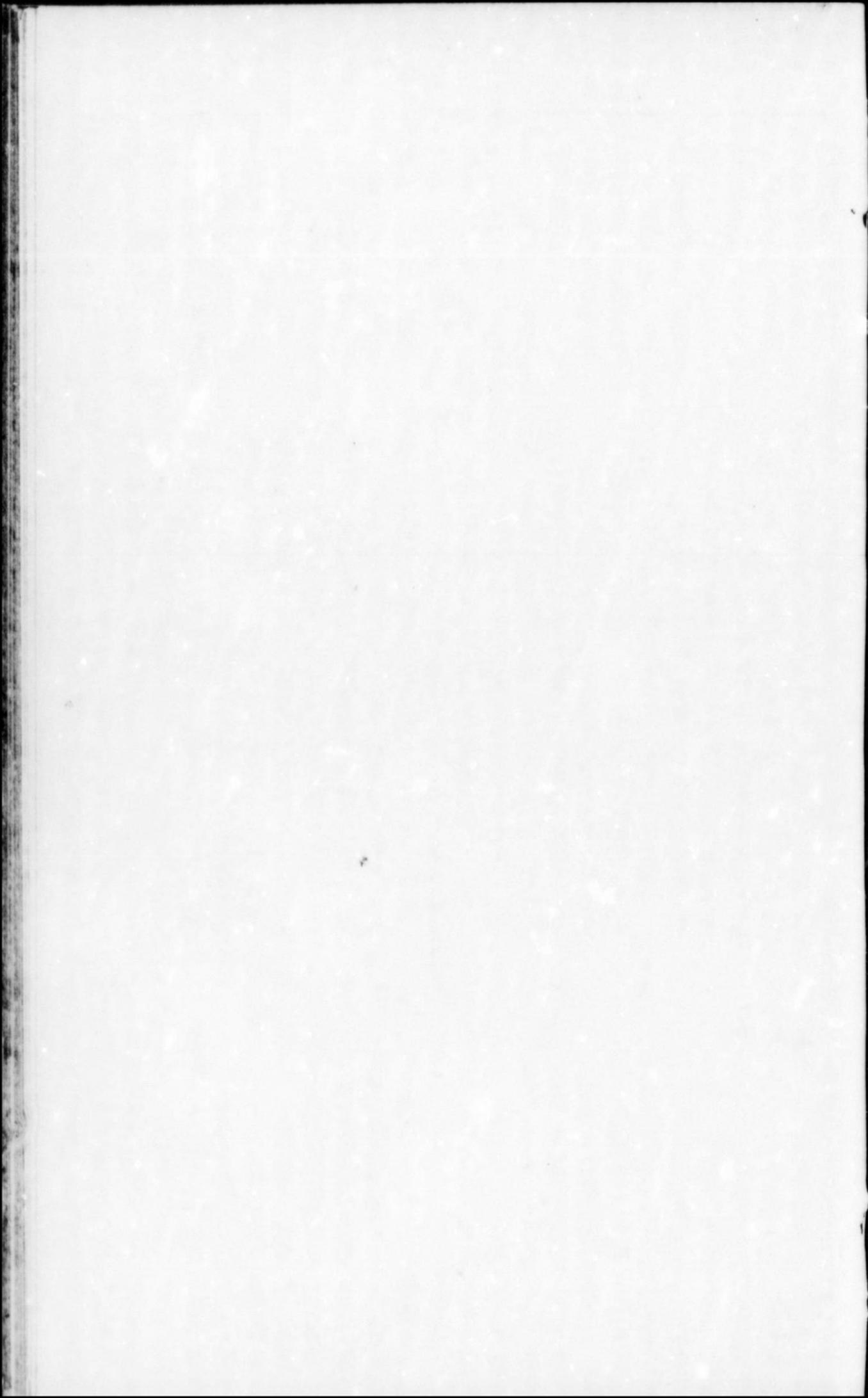
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Editorial.

WE publish in this issue an account of the Annual Sports, which took place on Friday, the 9th of October. It is pleasing to note that even greater interest than usual was taken in them, both by the scholars and the parents; for there was a record number of entries for the events, and an exceptionally large attendance of parents and friends. The cricket season is here once more, and we have two teams playing. The Firsts are playing B Grade Senior, and the Seconds Third Grade Junior.

It has been felt for some time that, in order not to be behind other schools, we ought to have a badge of some kind to be worn on the hat band, and it affords us pleasure to be able to announce that this desire has now been fulfilled. After some deliberation, it was decided that the badge should be of silver, and should represent the school shield and motto. The advantages of a badge of silver as compared with one stamped or worked in the ribbon are obvious, both as regards appearance and durability. The badge is intended to be worn on a hat-band of blue and white (the school colours). Hat-bands of the sort desired, however, are not at present obtainable in Queensland, and will have to be procured from England. Accordingly the badges are being worn at present on blue bands, but it is expected that the blue and white bands will be procurable at the beginning of next year. We are pleased to report that a large number of scholars have already invested in the badges, and we hope that before long every boy in the school will have one.

We are publishing three articles, all by Old Boys, viz., "From Gladstone to Eastern Boyne Goldfield," by E. Greenfield; "Cable Work at Southport," by P. Calow and C. Pennefather; and "First Impressions," a humorous article by a former editor of this Magazine.

Sir Samuel Griffith.

It affords us great pleasure to offer our congratulations to Sir S. W. Griffith, G.C.M.G., on the occasion of his having attained to the highest judicial position in the Commonwealth. Every loyal Queenslander must regard it as an honour to the whole State, but especially the masters and pupils of our own School, because of his long connection with the school as Chairman of the Trustees. During the thirty-two years he has been a trustee of the Brisbane Grammar School, he has always taken a keen interest in all the departments of school life. We are persuaded that Sir Samuel will discharge the duties of his high position with distinguished credit, and with that justice and honour for which he has always been renowned.

Annual Sports.

The annual athletic sports of the Boys' Grammar School were held on the 9th October, on the Exhibition Ground. There was a record number of entries, and the many fine contests were watched with interest by a large number of visitors, including many old Grammarians. All the events were carried out with the utmost promptitude, and Messrs. Cowan and Jones, with bell and pistol, saw that every minute was made good use of. Unfortunately, the ground was in a soft state, and the unlucky runners and jumpers found their records cut down by the yielding condition of the turf. A. S. Roe followed in the footsteps of his brothers by annexing the championship amongst other things, and in the longer races showed good finishing powers. A fairly strong wind blowing towards the grandstand somewhat helped the kickers of the football, and the throwers of the cricket ball, though Blanshard's efforts with the latter would have been meritorious even in a cyclone.

The sports officials were as follows:—Referee, Mr. R. H. Roe; judges, Messrs. F. S. N. Bousfield, J. Cowan, G. Gross, A. J. Mason, J. Montgomery, S. D. Tozer; starter, Mr. T. E. Jones; timekeepers, Messrs. I. A. Dakin, J. G. Cribb; committee, A. S. Roe (football captain), J. A. James (cricket captain), G. A. Cooke, W. S. Mactaggart, J. R. Trundle. The results of the different events were:—

KICKING THE FOOTBALL.—A. S. Roe, 193 yards, 1; Murray, 177 yards, 2.

UNDER 14, 100 yards scratch.—Hides, 1; Kemsley, 2; J. L. Saunders, 3. Time, 12 9/10 sec. Very close finish.

UNDER 16, 100 yards scratch.—R. Thompson, 1; Murray, 2; Clowes, 3. Time, 11 9/10 sec.

CHAMPIONSHIP, 100 yards.—A. S. Roe, 1; Wright, 2; Blanshard, 3. Time, 11sec. A fine race. Won with a splendid dash by Roe.

UNDER 16, HIGH JUMP.—Butler, 1; Drane, 2; N. Woodbine, 3. Butler succeeded in clearing 4 feet 5½ inches.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—H. Perry, 100 yards, 1; W. Mactaggart, scratch, 2; L. G. Brown, 55 yards, 3. The scratch man rode pluckily, and came right through his field to the front, but Perry watched his chance, and raced home an easy winner. Time, 2min. 33sec.

SCHOOL HANDICAP, 130 yards.—First heat: Blanshard, scratch, 1; Govett, 7 yards, 2. Time, 14 4/5 sec. Hill was in the lead when he fell, mainly through looking behind him. Second heat: A. S. Roe, scratch, 1; H. S. Smith, 8 yards, and Murray, 6 yards, 2. Time, 14 1/5 sec. Third heat: Blair, 8 yards 1; Wright, 3 yards, 2. Time 14sec. Fourth heat: C. Corrie, 8 yards, 1; Murphy, 10 yards, 2. Time, 14 1/5 sec. Final: Blair, 1; C. Corrie, 2; H. S. Smith, 3. Time, 14 1/5 sec.

HOP, STEP, AND JUMP.—H. S. Smith, 36 yards 3½ feet, 1; A. S. Roe, 35 yards 1 1/2 feet, 2; Blanshard, 35 yards 6½ feet, 3. Competitors were made to "take off" before touching the starting riband.

CADETS' HANDICAP, 220 yards.—First heat: Eglinton, 13 yards, 1; R. Thompson, 9 yards, 2. Time, 23 1/5 sec. Second heat: H. Perry, 14 yards, 1; O. P. Hill, 11 yards, 2. Time, 23 sec. Third heat: Murray, 9 yards, 1; Davies 2. Time, 23 sec. Final: Perry, 1; Clowes, Eglinton, and Murray, 2. Time, 23 1/5 sec.

THROWING CRICKET BALL.—Blanshard, 107 yards 1 foot 2 ins., 1; J. Paten, 103 yards, 2; Murray, 91 yards, 3. Blanshard's throw was a specially meritorious one, and the delivery was as graceful as the flight was long.

130 YARDS HURDLE RACE.—Govett, 7 yards, 1; Blanshard, scratch, 2; Hill, 7 yards, 3.

OPEN HIGH JUMP.—A. S. Roe and Govett level, 5ft. 3in. One of the best contests of the day. Woodbine, a little chap under 16 years, retired amidst well-earned applause at 4ft. 10in.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.—Wright, 16 yards, 1; A. S. Roe, scratch, 2; H. Perry, 31 yards, 3. A large field turned out, and the race was a clean, hard one from pistol crack to tape.

220 YARDS OBSTACLE RACE.—First heat: Parkinson, scratch, 1; E. S. James, 10 yards, 2. Second heat: N. Woodbine, 10 yards, 1; Bray, scratch, 2. Third heat: Cooke, 5 yards, 1; Donaldson, 10 yards, 2. Final: Parkinson, 1; N. Woodbine, 2; Donaldson, 3.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.—A. Corrie, 42 yards, 1; Rutherford, 10 yards, 2; E. S. James, 80 yards, 3. Time, 2min. 24sec. Corrie showed pace and endurance, and earned his victory. The popular runner, however, was little James, and the amount of endurance and pluck contained in his small legs was amazing.

OLD BOYS' 130 YARDS HANDICAP.—W. J. Brundritt, 8 yards, 1; H. Kables, 5 yards, 2; E. Graham, 2 yards, 3. Time, 14 sec. Brundritt's win was a sterling one.

220 YARDS HANDICAP, under 16.—First heat: C. Jones, 13 yards, 1; Butler, 10 yards, 2. Second heat: Bridgman, 13 yards, 1; Longland, 12 yards, 2. Third heat: Murphy, 13 yards, 1; Hatfield, 21 yards, 2. Final: Hatfield, 1; Butler, 2; Jones, 3. Time, 23 3/5 sec.

SIAMESE SCRATCH RACE.—Blanshard and F. Casey, 1; A. Corrie and Mactaggart, 2.

220 YARDS CONSOLATION RACE.—Curtis, 1; Lethbridge, 2. Time, 25 4/5 sec.

Jottings.

R. C. Roe has now completely recovered from his illness.

The Hon. J. T. Bell, Minister for Lands in the present Ministry, is an Old Boy and a member of the O.B.A.

Dr. E. E. Bourne has been appointed to the Brisbane Hospital.

H. R. Cowan has arrived in San Francisco on the barque "Norma."

W. E. Graham has passed his final examination for Barrister.

J. A. Armstrong came out first in A Grade in the competition at the Brisbane Gymnasium.

A. C. Macartney came first in B Grade in the same competition.

J. G. Avery, has won the Senior Anatomy Exhibition at the Melbourne University.

J. J. E. Knight is leaving school, and has generously given £1 to the Sports Fund. We hope his example will be followed by other members of the school. Donations to the Library are also appreciated by the librarians.

Cricket.

Another cricket season has commenced, and the game has been taken up with a good deal of vigour in the school. The personnel of the team is much changed owing to the older boys leaving. So far the form shown has been very promising, and we hope to give our Ipswich and Maryborough opponents a good game. We are without the services of Mr. Greenwood this season, as he is playing A Grade with South Brisbane; but he is still acting as coach to the team.

The following is the team with which we start the season:—
J. A. James (Captain), N. Leslie, S. Roe, G. Blanshard, O. Bridgeman, N. J. Dixon, G. Govett, A. Barnes, R. Gill, B. Woodbine, H. S. Smith, A. Fielding, and Marshal.

Our first match was against South Brisbane B., and was played on the Turf. The following are the scores:—First innings: South Brisbane, 131 (Bridgeman, 3 wickets for 27); B.G.S., 56 (N. J. Dixon, 14). Second innings: South Brisbane, 123 (Bridgeman, 5 wickets for 22); B.G.S., 93 (S. Roe, 19; J. James, 18; Bridgeman, 11 not out; Gill, 11).

The next match was against Valley B., on the Exhibition Ground. The scores were:—First innings: B.G.S., 126 (J. James, 52; N. Leslie, 34; A. Barnes, 12). Valley, 204 (Bridgeman bowled best). Second innings: B.G.S., 131 (Bridgeman, 48; J. James, 21; Barnes, 14). Valley, 2 wickets for 52.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The Seconds have played two matches. In the first, against 2nd Etons, they were defeated very easily. In this match Hardgrave played the best. The second match against Sussex, played on the School Turf, resulted in a draw. In this match W. S. Dixon bowled best, securing 11 wickets for 41 runs, and E. S. James did best in batting.

Football.

THE THIRDS.

In the first match against Nudgee, which was for the premiership, as both teams were equal in points, we were beaten by 8 points to nil. Both teams had scored no points till a quarter of an hour before time. In the next 15 minutes, however, Nudgee scored 8 points. In this match we had the misfortune to lose the services of Scott, as he was "laid out," and had to leave the field.

As two of the Nudgee boys were found to be over age, viz., 15 years, the match was ordered to be replayed, and it was this time played at Junction Park, the umpire being Mr. Beattie. In this match we were no more fortunate than in the first match, as we were defeated by 10 to nil. The medal presented by Messrs. Swift and Grice for the best all-round player, was won by Elliott. The next in the voting was W. Grant, who was beaten by Elliott by only two votes.

The Cadets.

The cadets now number 125, which is a very fair strength for our corps. Their shooting lately has been exceptionally good. Colour-Sergeants Mactaggart and James, Corporals Lilley, Cooke and Markwell, and Privates Dixon, N. J., Barnes, Wassel and Plant practised steadily for the Empire Shooting Competition, and their shooting certainly does them credit. We are proud of them, and the whole school congratulates them, Corporal Lilley especially. Captain Gross has spared no pains in coaching them, and has without doubt turned out an excellent team.

There was a very creditable muster of cadets for the King's Birthday parade, and they acquitted themselves very well, notwithstanding the fact that the sida retusa unfortunately hid part of the manoeuvres of B Company.

The Naval and Military Sports took place on the 21st November, and the cadets from our school came second in the march past competition. For some time before the event the boys had denied themselves part of their lunch hour in order to practice for the competition, and they certainly deserved to meet with success. Captain Gross led the twenty boys who represented the school on this occasion.

We have just received intelligence from Melbourne that the B.G.S. team has beaten all the schools of Great Britain and Australia in the Empire Shooting Competition, making 501 out of a possible 560; the highest English score, by Tonbridge school, being 500. Fuller particulars will be given in next issue.

Rowing.

During the quarter the interest in rowing has been anything but conspicuous by its absence, no fewer than 13 boys being now members of the Brisbane club. So far the "Four" picked to represent the school against Maryborough is as follows:—G. G. Wilson (bow), E. Parkinsen (2), S. Roe (3), K. Smith (stroke).

In order to encourage the new members, Messrs. Roe and Bousfield organised some "sub." races. Five pairs entered for these races, and so two afternoons had to be devoted to the racing. The first heat was run off on Thursday, 12th November, between Elliott (stroke) and Murray, and Bourne (stroke) and McDonald. This race resulted in a win for Elliott by about two lengths.

On Friday afternoon the races were concluded. The second heat, between Elliott and Murray, and Wilson, G. G. (stroke), and Casey, F., resulted in a win for Wilson by two lengths.

The third heat was between Mactaggart (stroke) and Longland, and Taylor (stroke), and McNab. This heat was won by Mactaggart by about half a length.

The final heat, between Wilson and Casey, and Mactaggart and Longland, resulted in a win for Wilson and Casey by about two lengths. This was the only race that was run without some small accidents, such as "crabs" and jumping seats, happening to the losing crew. In this race it was the winning crew that had the accident, but they were too far ahead. The course for the races was from the Commercial Pontoon to the Brisbane Pontoon, about quarter of a mile. Mr. H. Brooks kindly officiated as starter.

Boxing.

Many of our boys have been taking lessons in boxing from Mr. N. Condon during the last quarter. Mr. Condon visits the school every day, and the enthusiastic pupils of the noble art of self-defence may be seen ducking, countering, leading, feinting (if not fainting) under Mr. Condon's supervision. Some interesting exhibitions of fisticuffs have already taken place, and shortly we hope to include in our numbers a large contingent of efficient boxers.

The Library.

The librarians acknowledge with thanks the donation of £1 by Hugh Moore, Esq., for the School Library. The books that have been purchased are as follows:—"Sartor Resartus," "Heroes and Hero Worship," "Past and Present" (Carlyle), "With Bat and Ball" (G. Giffen), "Letters from a Self-made Merchant to His Son" (Lorimer), "English Literature" (Edmund Gosse), "Richard Carvel" (Winston Churchill), and "The History of Henry Esmond" (Thackeray), all of which have been in circulation already. "The Children of the New Forest" has been returned since our last issue.

G. F. DAVIDSON,
G. H. BLANSHARD,

Librarians.

Old Boys' Association.

The increased interest shown by the members this year, as evidenced by the success of the annual dinner, still continues to attend the progress of the Association. The roll has been strengthened by the inclusion of the following new members:—Hon. J. T. ~~Held~~, J. Montgomery, A. Boyd, H. Frew, C. P. Sapsford, C. J. Weedon, M. Hertzberg, E. E. Fewings, L. M. Williams, H. E. Bridgeman, N. E. Parry-Okeeden, C. G. Thomas, J. K. Pace, J. A. Costin, and C. G. N. Miles; and it is anticipated that the circulars that have just been sent out to all the boys who left school in 1902 will have the effect of still further swelling our ranks. The first ordinary meeting of the current year was held in the rooms on Wednesday, the 9th September. The chief item of business transacted that evening was a pleasant surprise for our honoured President, who received a cheque for £25, specially subscribed by 100 of the members in repayment of a sum generously lent by him to help us in meeting the heavy expenditure we had to incur when entering our present club rooms.

The Whist Club still continues to meet on Thursdays, although some of the members are not quite so regular in their attendance as their club mates would like. It is hoped also by these disciples of Foster that they will soon have the pleasure of welcoming into their ranks a few more members of the Association.

The attendant at the rooms has resigned his position, having secured a better appointment. We heartily wish him good luck, and hope that his successor will prove as satisfactory as he was.

The first billiard table, after a long period of active service, has been re-covered, and is now "as good as new." A tournament has been started, entries for which close towards the end of this month.

The prize for the winner of the championship at the school Athletic Sports was presented, as usual, by the Association. Members will be pleased to note that it was won by A. S. Roe, the Captain of the Football Team. He has followed the example of his elder brother, C. W. Roe, in annexing both the swimming and the running championships of the school.

The "Courier" has been added to the stock of newspapers in the rooms, the difficulty with regard to its delivery having been at last overcome. It is intended to compile a telephone list of town members to be hung in the rooms, and the secretaries will be obliged if members will assist them by forwarding their numbers at their early convenience.

The Debating Society,

The Literary and Debating Society in connection with the Old Boys' Association has continued its useful career since our last number was issued. The attendance has been satisfactory, there being generally from fifteen to twenty members present. Interesting debates arose on the subjects of old age pensions, the recent naval agreement made by the Commonwealth, and compulsory military service in Australia. It is satisfactory to note that these important subjects have been settled by the society. The programme of debates was pleasantly varied by the reading of papers on the great American, Alexander Hamilton, and another and better-known American, "Bret Harte!" The former paper was read by Mr. C. W. Costin, the latter by Mr. P. P. Fewing. Both papers were extremely interesting and instructive, and it is expected that next year more of a similar character will be supplied by the members of the society.

The year's work was brought to a close on the 10th of this month with a vote of thanks to the President, Mr. Bousfield, whose interest in the society has been greatly appreciated. The improvement amongst members through the year, both in expression and reasoning, has been noticeable, and the society confidently looks forward to continued success in the future.

CRICKET.

(The O'd Boys at School again).

The members of the Old Boys Association turned out in good numbers on Saturday, the 26th September, at the School Turf to witness a cricket match, Married v. Single, which had been set down as the first of the Association's outdoor fixtures for the current year. Much enthusiasm had been shown by the Old Boys, and the committee who had the management of the game in hand found great difficulty in limiting those who desired to renew their acquaintance with the scene of their former prowess. Punctually at 2.30 the coin was spun, and the Bachelors, headed by E. R. Crouch as captain, took the field. Messrs. C. W. Costin and J. H. Henzel were the first batsmen for the Benedictines, but their stay at the wickets was of but short duration, nor yet did Val. Macdonald, who went in first wicket, trouble the bowlers much, the score being but four when the third wicket fell. At this period Dick Jones and Charlie Graham became partners, and by free and lusty batting took the score to 74 before being separated. Jones, who was the first to go, having made 46. His batting was delightfully crisp and clean, and even his opponents were sorry to see him seek the pavilion. Graham continued playing well, and was the last man out, having batted for 75 minutes for 38. The Association's President (R. H. Roe) was seen to some advantage at the close of the innings, and carried his bat. His contribution, out of a total of 101, was 6, but his figures do not by any means fully represent the

value he was to his side. No less than five bowlers were tried by the single men—A. B. Stanley, F. Connor, A. H. Pace, C. S. Abercrombie, and G. S. Crouch, but in none of them was "an interstate" discovered, although Pace wheeled up some beauties.

An adjournment was now made for tea, which was supplied by Mrs. Roe and numerous assistants in a most sumptuous manner. Full justice was done to the hospitality so kindly extended, and, refreshed thereby, the Bachelors took the creases. Their initial efforts were no more crowned with success than had their opponents been, the first three wickets falling for 6, T. E. Jones being the destroying agent. G. S. Crouch was the first to stay the rot, and with S. D. Tozer put on a round dozen or so. On the compulsory retirement of the latter through omitting to stop a snorter from the redoubtable Jones, Crouch was joined by his brother, and in a very short while the score was increased by 50 odd, the partnership being dissolved at 87. The remaining two wickets added sufficient with the aid of Mr. Sundries to carry the total past that of the "Married," the innings not closing till 109 was on the board. At a critical time A. R. Webb played well for 8 runs, and showed himself extremely cool when as last man in the score was still some 6 runs short of the required number. G. S. Crouch's score of 36 was the best on his side, but the support of Mr. Sundries was not to be despised; his contribution of 24 not out was largely due to the kindness of the wicketkeeper. The bowling in this innings was in the capable hands of T. E. Jones, F. Holland, V. Macdonald, A. H. Jones, and C. S. Graham.

If the same players have by then recovered from the stiffness resulting from their exertions, a return match is to be played next year.

Cable Work at Southport.

BY C. PENNEFATHER AND P. CALOW (OLD BOYS).

Considering that of the twelve or fourteen probationers now qualifying at Southport for service with the Pacific Cable Board, about a third are old "Grammar" boys, it may be interesting to the rising generation at the school to have an idea of their life and work down here—more especially as cable operating is a profession quite unknown to many people.

In all probability very few people would choose Southport as a permanent place of residence, however pleasant the little town may be for a holiday; but of the outside life it is unnecessary to speak, since almost everyone knows Southport pretty well. But it is as well to mention that the seven-hour day duty detracts a great deal from the pleasure which some seem to think must follow from the mere fact of living there. For one often hears it said: "Oh! How lucky you are to live and work at the seaside, and especially at

Southport!" But the speaker forgets that the worker passes his time indoors and has generally but a few hours in morning or evening, when other things than pleasure sometimes claim him. All the same, there are some spare hours during the day, especially for the men on night duty, when one can enjoy all the fishing and boating to be had.

The duty hours are interesting only in this, that some men are called upon to work for seven days a week; while anyone's duty may embrace any part of the twenty-four hours. The half-holiday on Saturday afternoon is very much coveted, but is not always obtained; moreover, sometimes one has a few hours' duty on Sunday, which rather breaks into that day. On the whole the duties are not at all irksome, but rather pleasant at times.

The actual work of a probationer is to do light clerk's duties, and—to get on as fast as he can. To assist him in this he is provided with what is called the "practice room," fitted up with instruments not so finely made as those actually in use in the office. The practice room—the name is suggestive—is in charge of a clerk, who trains the boys under his care to use their hands aright on the different instruments. He teaches them to transmit or "send" accurately and fast, and to read the signals on both Morse and "Recorder" instruments, occasionally testing their progress by an examination. Besides these duties, which occupy a great part of the probationers' time, they have to assist the seniors in the instrument room, making themselves generally useful; while at least two are on night duty and appear for not more than an hour or two during the day. In most cases twelve months is sufficient to qualify a young fellow for Morse and "Recorder" work, as well as for the automatic transmitting work.

In the Instrument Room, as might be supposed, the operators carry on the actual instrumental work. The Morse circuit communicates with Brisbane and Sydney, and the Cable circuit with Norfolk Island. Work received on one circuit is sent on on the other. On the Cable circuit the delicate "Syphon Recorder" is used, and the messages are read from the tape, which runs always, day and night. Lord Kelvin invented this instrument, which has quite superseded the old "mirror," which flashed a beam of light from side to side, leaving no permanent record. Lord Kelvin's instrument is simple in principle, but exceedingly delicate in its mechanism.

In the office the work naturally follows the habits of the business public. That is to say, the day is much busier than the night, while Sundays and holidays have not so much traffic as ordinary weekdays. Christmas Eve is the busiest day of the year.

Telegraphic work in excess causes some slight nervous strain, but one soon overcomes this with growing experience. It is a rather doubtful pleasure to think that one may at any time be sent away to places more remarkable for loneliness than for anything else—although in our service there is only one dreaded station, which is Fanning

Island. Even this place is probably not so bad as it has been painted.

It is very interesting to hear an old cable man speaking of his different stations, perhaps describing South American "fever towns," where men get a thousand pounds "climatic allowance" to induce them to go there at all.

At our own station we have not yet our billiard table or gymnasium, but they will probably come shortly. For the present we have a tennis court to amuse ourselves upon—and for the rest, Southport!

Gladstone to Eastern Boyne Goldfield.

BY E. E. GREENFIELD (AN OLD BOY).

Starting at daylight from Gladstone with a coach and four-in-hand, we thundered along the Rockhampton Road, reaching Calliope at breakfast time. Calliope is listed as one of the oldest gold-fields, in Queensland, and was proclaimed one in 1863. About 1861 gold was first accidentally found here by Mrs. Brennen in a long, low, grassy gully now known as Breanna's Flat; this soon caused prospecting, which resulted in a rush shortly after. Dog Leg Gully was the first place of interest, which gave good returns to the gold-seekers; then Ralligan's Gully and Blaggard Gully were brought under public notice.

While these claims were being worked with success, a notable find was made in New Zealand Gully, which lies between the present town (known locally as New Calliope) and the Boyne River. This find was the most brilliant and richest of all, its output of gold in ounces running well into four figures. Calliope owed its existence mainly to this gully, for it had to support many hundreds of people. Not many big slugs (miner's parlance for nuggets) were found here, still the gold was regular, constant, and rich; one old miner said, "That although a few small slugs between 30 and 60 ounces were found, still I think 85 ounces was the daddy of the lot."

With the good news from so many excellent finds, a party consisting of tea men was organised and started from Gladstone, being duly rewarded for their labour by discovering a rich gully known as "Tea Men's Gully." The junction of this gully into another creek, I may mention, is being worked by many happy miners who are still making a living by working the alluvial. This gully was the second richest find; near here the old town was built. Year after year new gullies were found and worked by men possessed with the gold fever. Taylor's Gully, Kelly's Gully (named after the finders), and Nugget Gully were found in this order. Upon the latter field

the present township is built, and in its centre may be seen the remains of an old battery, poppet-head, and overhead tramway.

All the rich claims were worked out in about six years, and the roving men left to seek their fortune in new fields. Companies were formed to work the exhausting reefs, but owing to want of capital or good management the goldfield failed, and is now at a standstill. Many reefs were opened, and as usual were christened with peculiar names, such as for instance: "Just in Time," "John Bull," "Home-ward Bound," "Gongo Loko," etc.

After breakfast we started on our way for the Eastern Boyne, passing many of the abovementioned claims. Soon we came upon a mass of limestone called the "Marble Bar." Between it and the river is a small township (its name originating from the surrounding country) called "Limestone." While riding along we were attracted by a huge chain of castle-like mountains. These are the "Castle Towers," a portion of the Many Peak Ranges. East of the range lies the Annandale Goldfield, where the first goldmining battery was erected in Queensland.

Soon we crossed Boyne River and then left a branch of the Glassford Creek Road, to journey past "Wild Horse Creek," where a rich find of heavy gold was discovered. Passing "Grodie's Leader," which is working at the present time, and also the "Black Prince" and "Brilliant" Mines, we drew rein at the humpy which was to be my abode while operations continued near the "Golden Spur" Gully. Here we found the miners very rough and uncouth, but nevertheless very friendly, affable and good-hearted. Our nights usually ended in a concert, consisting of the music of a tin whistle, concertina, Jew's harp, three stringed violin, and also a chiming of voices which resembled the clash of many cowbells in a milkyard.

First Impressions.

BY PALUTE (A FORMER EDITOR).

The first impression of the Brisbane Grammar School was undoubtedly one of utter disappointment. One had pictured unto oneself a stately vision filled with solemn masters, bewigged and berobed,

Whose saintly visage was too bright
To hit the sense of human sight,
And therefore to our weaker view,
O'erlaid with black, staid Wisdom's hue.

But there entered the Hall on that memorable first day a small batch of ordinary gentlemen, one of whom destroyed my dream-cloud with a hearty peal of laughter. Yes! he actually laughed in that awe-inspiring hall, whose star-spangled roof seemed to betoken

the revival of the tyrants' star-chamber, in that very hall where the unstained trio of immortal poets gazed sadly from the stained windows above. If I felt disappointed then, what were my feelings when later in the week we were seated under the eyes of our first great singer, Chaucer, joining our voices in what was really a con—; no, dear reader, I can no further; I was one of those singers myse'f.

But, thought I, the ancient traditions which every great school prizes more than aught else will buoy me up against despair. I shall feel that sense of exhilaration which every Etonian experiences when he first learns that John of Gaunt was forced to run the gauntlet in the quadrangle, or that Prince Rufus and the Black Prince once had a highly-coloured dispute in the schoolroom over a problem in the ethics of ping-pong. But what was my astonishment to discover that the only hoary tradition encrusting the stately pile was that a certain fight had lasted³ in the gymnasium for over two hours! I have never quite recovered from that shock; and, as a well-wisher to the school, would sincerely advise the trustees to purchase, steal or invent a few traditions, to add an air of grandeur to the scene. I felt so downcast that when next morning I saw huge columns of smoke issuing from the direction of the school, I rejoiced that the traditionless buliding was at last being burnt to the ground. The dense columns eddied and whirled to a stupendous height, filling me with unmistakable joy. I gloated. Pleasant thoughts surged through my brain, then I reached a height from which I could survey the scene. A huge pile of rubbish was burning furiously in Victoria Park; and that was all.

After this there was nothing for me but to stagnate; my scholastic creed, being transplanted into present terms, would substantially be as follows:—

I do not believe the Kanaka should be deported and the sugar industry ruined, but oh! I do believe in abolishing the cane.

I believe that Shakespeare in the original is unbearable; but I adore him dished up as Lamb's Tales and Bacon.

In fact, I believe that though our civic fathers are doing good work in mastering the plague, I am doing better in plaguing the masters. This is my creed, my only creed.

These first impressions were but as the darker shadows in a sunlit path. Perhaps we shall return to the charge in a future number and treat of those brighter aspects which make one love the old school and feel loath to leave it.

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