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## *Editorial.*

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THE issue of the present number has been somewhat delayed, owing to the difficulty of obtaining the articles of some of our contributors earlier, and to the fact that Mr. Carson, who acted as our Business Manager during the last four years, has left the school. We have done our best to maintain the high literary standard of this Magazine, and hope that our readers will find it as interesting and instructive as previous numbers.

During the last four months athletics have, as usual, been to the fore, and we have no reason to be ashamed of the prowess of our boys in connection with these popular games. We have had three teams playing football during the season. The Firsts have been playing C Grade Senior and have been fairly successful. Of five fixtures which have been played off they have won three and lost 2. They also succeeded in defeating the Maryborough and Ipswich Grammar Schools, but were beaten by Nudgee College. The Seconds have been playing Church Union. They have not been very successful so far, but this is owing to the fact that they have had to play against teams larger and stronger than themselves. The Thirds have been very successful indeed; they have won every match they have played, and so far have not had a single point scored against them. Our tennis team has been very successful during the present season.

With regard to school work, we find pleasure in stating that all the forms of the school have been paying great attention to their studies. When school recommenced after the Midwinter Holidays, Mr. Roe, in his customary address to the scholars, complimented them,

# SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUNIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION, 1903.

NAME.	Matriculat'n.	Eng. Hist.	Geography.	English.	French.	German.	Latin.	Greek.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Euclid.	Physiology.	A's	B's	C's	Total.
Allan, R. M. .. ..					C		C		A	C	C	A	2		4	6
Bennett, J. .. ..				C		C	B		B	B	C	B		4	3	7
Blocksidge, M. W. ..		C		C		C			B		C	B		2	4	6
Bourne, H. T. .. ..	M			B	C		C	C	B	B	B			4	3	7
Collings, J. S. D. ..		C	C	B			C		C					1	4	5
Craig, R. R. .. ..		B	C			C	C		B	A		A	2	2	3	7
Crosser, E. A. .. ..		C		C	C				C	C		A	1		5	6
Crellin, J. R. .. ..	M			C		B	B	C	A*	A	C		2	2	3	7
Eliot, G. N. .. ..				C	C				C			A	1		3	4
Fielding, A. S... ..		C	B	B	C		A	B	A				2	3	2	7
Gill, G. R. H. .. ..			B						B	C		A	1	2	1	4
Holmes a'Court, H. W.				C	C		C		C	C		A	1		5	6
Hunter, J. A. .. ..		A		C		C	C	B	C	B			1	2	4	7
.....				C			C		A	B	C		1	1	2	5

Lahey, R. W. ..	..				C	C		C		A	B			1	1	3	5
Leslie, W. A. ..	..				B	B		C		A	C	C	B	1	3	3	7
MacTaggart, W. S. ..	..			C						C		C	C			4	4
Markwell, N. W. ..	..		B	B	C					B	C	C			3	3	6
Martin, E. S. ..	..		B			C		C					B		2	2	4
M'Gibbon, J. M'C. ..	M				B	C		C		A	B	B	A	2	3	2	7
Nott, P. R. ..	..		B		B			C	A	A	B			2	3	1	6
Pitter, W. R. ..	..				C			C	C	B	C	C			1	5	6
Seddon, R. W. ..	..		C	C				C		A	B		A	2	1	3	6
Smart, J. ..	..				C	C		B		B	C		B		3	3	6
Snow, S. B. ..	..					A		C		C	C	C	B	1	1	4	6
Thompson, W. ..	M		C					C	C	A	B	A		2	1	3	6
Wilson, A. M. ..	..			B						B	C	B	A	1	3	1	5
Wilson, R. C. ..	M				B		C	B	B	B	B	C			5	2	7
Woodbine, B. ..	..			C		C					C	C				4	4
Wright, W. A. ..	..							C		B	B		A	1	2	1	4
Total Passes ..	..	5	11	9	19	13	6	22	8	28	24	16	17	27	55	91	173

\* Medal.

Average : -5.77.



and especially the Junior boys, on the way in which they had worked during the past half-year. In the Sydney Junior Examination, held in June last, 39 candidates entered, of whom 30 passed in an average of 5.7 subjects each. J. R. Crellin obtained the Silver Medal for Arithmetic. These results are very good, though not quite so good as last year's, when 33 sat for the examination and 27 passed. A detailed list of the passes will be found on another page of this issue. We are sending up 8 candidates for the Senior. For some time past there has not been a Law Class in the school; but one has lately been started and consists at present of four boys.

We are publishing a very interesting article entitled, "Two Trips to the North of Cheng-Tu," by an old boy, R. Lockhart Jack; but as the complete article is rather too long for insertion, we have selected the parts which we think likely to prove most interesting to our readers.

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### *Mr. Carson.*

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**A**T Midwinter, Mr. K. Carson, who was on the teaching staff of this School during the last four years, left to take charge of Bowen House School in conjunction with Mr. R. Newman, who is, like Mr. Carson, an Old Boy. Mr. Carson was a general favourite among the boys, alike for his kindness and geniality in the class-room and for his prowess in the field of sports. On Friday, June 26th, he was made the recipient of a handsome present on behalf of the boys. Mr. Roe, in making the presentation, expressed his regret at Mr. Carson's departure, wished him success in his new sphere, and hoped that, under his management, the connection between the two schools would be even of a more intimate character than before. Mr. Carson was also Assistant Master in the Boarding House, and Business Manager of this Magazine. Mr. J. Montgomery has taken Mr. Carson's place on the Staff and in the Boarding House.

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### *Jottings.*

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W. R. Parker, I.D.S., having completed his studies in England, has returned to Brisbane, where he will practise his profession.

A Boyd has been awarded a Research Scholarship by the Commissioners of the Exhibition of 1851. He starts for England immediately, intending to study at Cambridge.

T. Darbyshire is now on the Literary Staff of the Melbourne "Age."

Mr. W. Marks, who has so successfully conducted Bowen House Preparatory School for the last 15 years, and who was formerly a master in the B.G.S., has returned to England, where he will in future reside.

Eight candidates are entering from this School for the Sydney Senior Exam., to take place in November next. They are Avery, Lavarack, N. Leslie, S. F. McDonald, Patterson, Rutherford, Sampson, and K. Smith. We wish them success.

At the recent Exhibition Leslie and Bertie Pickworth were awarded second prize in the 12-hand class for their pure-bred Welsh pony, "Dandy."

## Cricket.

SEASON 1902-1903.

Following are the Batting and Bowling Averages of the FIRST ELEVEN.

Those with ten innings and over—

	No. of Innings.	No. of Not-out.	Highest Score.	Agg.	Average.
Mr. A. W. Greenwood	13	...	80	241	18.53
C. Pennefather	15	2	64	239	18.46
J. James	21	1	91	272	13.6
H. Frew	19	...	63	205	10.75
J. D. MacLean	21	4	39	182	10.70
O. G. Oxley	16	...	32	161	10.06
N. Leslie	17	1	33	160	10.0
A. S. Roe	14	1	21	114	8.76
F. Sisley	14	2	21*	77	6.41

Those with nine innings and under—

E. Martin	5	1	45*	79	19.75
A. J. Campbell	6	1	36*	84	16.80
Mr. J. Cowan	8	1	27	96	13.71
A. Leeds	5	...	31	52	10.4
R. Gill	5	1	14	38	9.40
B. Woodbine	6	...	14	43	7.16
E. Bridgman	6	3	4	11	3.66
F. Lewis	9	1	20	28	3.5



Those who have taken ten wickets and over—

	Overs.	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
H. Frew ... ..	86 $\frac{1}{3}$	518	17	268	29	9.24
A. S. Roe ... ..	97 $\frac{1}{3}$	584	25	226	21	10.36
O. G. Oxley ... ..	224	1,344	31	485	41	11.34
J. James... ..	220 $\frac{2}{3}$	1,324	48	628	51	12.31
F. Lewis ... ..	42	252	6	152	12	12.66

Those who have taken nine wickets and under.

Mr. A. W. Greenwood	9	54	...	37	4	9.25
R. Gill ... ..	14	84	3	52	5	10.4
N. Leslie ... ..	24	144	4	94	3	31.33
E. Martin ... ..	24	144	4	75	2	37.5
G. Blanshard ... ..	3	18	...	10	...	...
E. Bridgman ... ..	3	18	...	11	...	...
J. D. MacLean... ..	3	18	...	17	...	...
C. Pennefather ... ..	11	60	1	52	...	...

## Football.

### FIRST FIFTEEN.

BY THE CAPTAIN.

**W**E made a very good start this year, mainly owing to the keenness which was shown by all the members of the team. Since the holidays, however, some of the team have developed a taste for cricket, which, to say the least of it, has not improved their football, and the first fifteen bids fair to go to pieces. I must say that if they show the same love of cricket during the cricket season, our cricket captain ought to turn out a very good eleven. We have still some important matches to play, such as Gatton and the Old Boys' match, which Mr. Tozer is trying to arrange, so I hope the Firsts will pull themselves together, and come down to practice more regularly. The position of the team at the beginning of the season was as follows:—

Full back: F. Casey. Three-quarters: Wright, S. Roe, Parkinson, Dixon. Halves: Riechelmann, Blanshard. Forwards: James, Allan, Rutherford, McGregor, Hyne, Murray, Phipps, Corrie. Emergencies: H. S. Smith and Mactaggart.

The Q.R.U. fixtures played so far have been:—

**V. NUDGE.**—This match resulted in a win for us by 21 to nil. All of our team played well, especially Blanshard and Casey in the backs, while Phipps in the forwards distinguished himself by scoring twice.

v. TOOWONG.—Played on the School turf, and ended in a win for us by 45 to nil.

v. VALLEY.—Played at New Farm on a wet day. Their superior forward play secured a win for them by 16 to nil. Blanshard played a splendid game.

v. SOUTHS.—Played on the Turf, and won by the Souths by 14 to 3. Our fellows played well, but were disheartened by the decisions of the referee.

v. TOOWONG.—Played at Enoggera, and ended in a win for us by 19 to nil. The ground was awfully wet, and the ball was so slippery that passing was almost impossible.

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## *Inter-School Matches,*

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### BRISBANE v. MARYBOROUGH.

**O**N Tuesday, 23rd June, we received a visit from the Maryborough G.S. football team, and the annual match was played on the Union Ground in the afternoon. There was a fair attendance, particularly of pupils. The visitors had arrived the previous evening under the charge of Mr. J. Thomson, M.A., and were received by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Roe, of the Brisbane Boys' Grammar School, who did everything to make their stay comfortable and pleasant. Messrs. S. Roe and N. Gibson captained the respective teams. During the first half of the game the visitors were compelled to adopt a defensive attitude, owing to the persistency with which the local boys attacked their territory. Good play by Parkinson, Roe, and Dixon was instrumental in the latter scoring for Brisbane; the kick at goal was a failure. For Maryborough, Burn, Poeppel, and Foster strove manfully to equalise matters, but without avail. Phipps next showed out prominently, and being tackled, he passed to Allan, who dodged across the line, thus scoring second try for the home team. Roe again failed to convert. When half-time was called the position of affairs remained unchanged. The second half was more evenly contested, and some fine play was witnessed. A good bit of passing by Campbell, Warry, Gibson, and Burn enabled the latter to score for the visitors, the same player adding the additional points. Play now became very fast, and the oval was worked up and down the field at a rapid rate, every inch of vantage being stubbornly contested. Corrie put in a good run and kick, and following up quickly, prevented Burn from returning. He again secured the ball and dashed over the line. The kick was unsuccessful. The Brisbane lines were next to be attacked in consequence of a strong rush by Gibson, Warry, Poeppel, and P. Friend, but all their attempts to score were frustrated. Give and take play followed, and the ball was worked to Maryborough "25," where Blanshard obtained possession, and after

a dodgy run, he succeeded in scoring another try. James failed to add the additional points. No side was sounded shortly afterwards, Brisbane thus winning a well-contested game by 12 points to 5. Unfortunately, during the contest two of the visitors were hurt—one had his knee injured, and the other his wrist broken. Mr. R. McCowan refereed, and Messrs. G. Watson and K. Smith assisted on the lines. The visitors returned home the same evening.

#### BRISBANE v. NUDGEES COLLEGE.

This match was played at the Exhibition, and ended in a win for Nudgees by 9 to 4. Our forwards showed a want of vitality, while our backs were upset by the absence of Parkinson and Dixon, the latter having been forced to leave the field by a spained ankle.

#### BRISBANE v. IPSWICH.

For this match we travelled up to Ipswich by train, and played during the morning at the North Ipswich ground. The game resulted in our favour by 8 to nil. The first half we had the wind in our favour, and the ball was most of the time near their line, so that Rutherford scored from the ruck, and not long afterwards Blanshard did likewise, only one try being converted. In the second half the game was very even, the ball being in the centre most of the time, and neither side was able to score.

#### CRITICISMS OF THE TEAM.

By W. R. RUTHERFORD.

- Casey, F.—Very good kick and tackler. Uses his line to best advantage.
- Wright, W. A.—Fast and strong runner. One of the best tacklers in the team.
- Roe, A. S. (Captain)—Fast and dodgy runner, and kicks very well indeed. But most of the team consider that he would show to better advantage on the wing. As Captain he is entitled to the gratitude of the team and School, for he has certainly never spared himself in the performance of his duties, and thoroughly deserves the popularity he enjoys.
- Parkinson, E.—A very useful centre three-quarter. Good pace, and certain in his tackling. Finds his line, but scarcely uses it to best advantage.
- Corrie, A.—Very quick on his feet. A dodgy runner with fair pace. Dribbles very well.
- Rutherford, W. R.—Very good bustler, and does good work in the ruck and scrum. Rather weak in his defence.—(EDITOR.)
- Dixon, N. J.—A very safe man, and shaped well in his new position of five-eighth. Splendid tackler. It is very unfortunate he can no longer play, having hurt his ankle in the last Nudgees match.
- Blanshard, G.—An invaluable all-round player, and thorough master of his position. If he has a weak point it is his kicking.

Riechelmann played a most plucky game, and was thoroughly worthy of his position.

Allan, M.—Centre forward. Good man in the scrum. Follows up well. Should try to tackle better.

MacGregor, D. N.—Most useful man in the line-out. Plays hard. His weight is very advantageous in the scrum.

Hyne.—Plays a very good game indeed, when he plays his best. Good tackler and hustler.

James, J.—Very hard-working, and a grand tackler. It is a great pity that he has injured his leg, for his services as forward are most useful.

Murray.—Fast and hard-working. Kicks well, and plays a good losing game.

Smith, H. S.—Good hustler, and follows up well. Should learn to tackle better.

Phipps, V.—Fair pace and is suited for a wing forward's position, but should learn to kick and hustle more.

MacTaggart.—Hustles very well, but should keep his head up when he runs.

## SECOND FIFTEEN.

Owing to a decrease in the School Union teams this year, the Seconds were obliged to play in the Church Union. Although the C.U. teams were very large, our own went on the field with great pluck. On looking at the result of the fixtures only, one might be tempted to think the team a discredit to the School, but this is not the case by any means. The boys had to play bigger and stronger teams than their own, and personally I think they showed great zeal and pluck in toiling on to the end. Brannelly is Captain of the Seconds this season.

The fixtures which have been played are:—

SECOND GRAMMARS V. KENNEDY TERRACE.—We secured a forfeit.

V. VALLEY PRESBYTERIANS.—This match ended in a win for the Valley Presbyterians by 64 to nil.

V. ST. PAUL'S.—In this match our team should have won, but as luck would have it, they lost by 6 points to nil.

V. ST. MARY'S.—A win for St. Mary's by 6 to 3.

V. ST. JOHN'S.—This match ended in favour of St. Johns by 14 to 3.

V. HOLY TRINITY.—Won by Holy Trinity by 3 points to nil.

The players who distinguished themselves most in these matches were Benbow, Reddan, and Webster.



## MATCHES PLAYED BY THIRD FOOTBALL TEAM.

Toowong ..	...	...	...	won by	56 — 0
Gregory Terrace	...	...	...	" "	6 — 0
Eagle Junction	...	...	...	" "	25 — 0
Bulimba ...	...	...	...	" "	a forfeit
East Brisbane	...	...	...	" "	"
Centrals ...	...	...	...	" "	29 — 0
South Brisbane	...	...	...	" "	8 — 0
Valley ...	...	...	...	" "	17 — 0
Total points for				...	141
" " against				...	0

Dixon scored most tries in the team, Macartney and Jones next. The best players in the team are Casey, Elliott, Dixon, Grant, Jones, Macartney, and Thompson.

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## *Tennis.*

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**W**E entered only one team this year to compete for the B Grade of the Q.L.T.A. The season has been a very successful one so far, only one match out of ten having been lost, viz., versus Toowong I.

At the beginning of the season the team consisted of J. Trundle (Captain), N. Leslie, W. Hall and J. MacLean. J. MacLean left school at midwinter, and his place was filled by W. Leslie. A challenge was sent to Maryborough, but they were unable to accept it. Any tennis players in the School are advised to practise, to be prepared for next season, as there will be several vacancies in the team.

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## *The Cadets.*

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**T**HE strength of the corps is at present about 150. The Cadets' Shield was again won by a team from the School, which, if it did not make quite such a brilliant score as the previous one, at all events acquitted itself very well. Judging by a notice on the door of the Sixth Form room, the team will have a chance to compete against teams of cadets from the whole Empire. If they shoot as well as they have done hitherto, they ought to take a good place. In the late Association meeting, eighteen out of twenty-six prizes were won by the School. Among our other prize-winners M. Lilley (who is also a member of the A.N.A. Rifle Club) achieved special success, winning prizes in the following matches:—The Beginners Nos. 1 and 2, the Roe Match, the Halstead Match, the Rockhampton Match,

and Colonel Plomer's Aggregate, the last not being one that many beginners reached. The prize-winners among the Cadets were:—

ROE MATCH (200 yards).—Lilley, 33 out of 35; Markwell, 30; Phillips, James, Dixon, Plant, E. H. Roe, Wassell, 28; Barnes, 27.

HALSTEAD MATCH (300 yards).—Dixon, Lilley, 31; Thompson, 30; Plant, 29; James, Mactaggart, 28; Cooke, 27; Chapman, Markwell, 26.

The School has bred rifle shots in the past, for Lieutenant P. J. Thorn, winner of the King's Aggregate, is an Old Boy.

The Cadets were inspected in May by Major V. C. M. Selheim, C.B., D.A.A. and Q.M.G.—another Old Boy. His report was, on the whole, very satisfactory. In the first week of August they attended the Review in the Domain, and were inspected by the G.O.C., General Sir Edward Hutton, who expressed himself as being greatly pleased with them.

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## ***G. R. A. Medals***

FOR 1902-1903.

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### QUARTERLY CADET COMPETITION.

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#### BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEAM.

		Oct., 1902.	Nov., 1902.	March, 1903.	June, 1903.	
Possible total	...	105	105	105	105	420
1. Lilley	... ..	86	100	103	99	388
2. Cooke	... ..	79	88	96	91	354
3. James	... ..	79	85	98	86	348
4. Reichelman	... ..	73	79	96	90	338
5. Roe	... ..	72	85	90	...	247
6. Sheldon	... ..	53	80	91	...	224
7. Cleminson	... ..	98	89	...	...	187
8. Markwell, N.	... ..	...	...	90	84	174

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## ***Rowing.***

**A** CHALLENGE has been sent to the Maryborough G.S., and has been accepted by them. Four will be picked from S. Roe, J.

Trundle, K. Smith, S. McDonald, Bourne, MacNab, and Parkinson. Of these, McDonald, Bourne, Parkinson, and MacNab are only beginners, but all are making very satisfactory progress.



## *Hockey.*

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**L**ATELY a casual observer might have seen that sticking-plaster, stamp paper, damaged garments, and pleonastic swellings are rather abundant at present. Also, if the casual observer had quietly watched the animated scenes which daily occur on the "Turf" (from a safe standpoint), he might possibly have perceived the reason for the influx of the aforesaid articles.

He first of all notices several human beings whose personal apparel is in various stages of entirety. The human beings, which are young, and generally called "boys," are armed with cudgels of fearful and weird appearance, such as Nature supplies in her primeval forests. The game is in progress. One human being pulls himself together and makes a fearful hit at something. What the something is the observer does not know, as it is invisible. He sees nothing of the "something," but in the distance one particular boy suddenly becomes more animated than the rest, and his shin seems to require inspection. This inspection over, however, the sufferer seems to recover, braces himself, and "swipes." Then appears someone else in an inanimate condition, who is dragged off. When the boy recovers, the observer learns that the battle of clubs in progress is called "Hockey," and that the death-dealing "something" may be anything from a block of wood to a jam tin.

This noble game of hockey is also called "shinty," from that part of the anatomy which is apparently most concerned in it.

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## *Handball.*

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**L**AST half the new boys, as well as the previous year's players, took up handball very enthusiastically. All the walls were engaged, and players were ready to begin another game as soon as one was finished. Such cries as "Too short," "Too much," "In his box," could be heard on all sides. There are now five or six walls on which the game may be played. Numerous entries were received for the tournament promoted by J. D. McLean. The Double Handicap was won by G. Blanshard and E. Benbow (owe 5 in 21), the brothers J. D. and N. C. McLean (owe 5) being runners-up. The Single Handicap was won by E. Benbow (owe 10), with N. C. McLean (owe 8), second.

Most of the new players endeavour to hit the ball as high as they can. They should give up this style of play and hit "hard and low."

Since the holidays the game has not been so popular, "hockey" and "fly" claiming chief attention. The ground at the foot of the big wall is at present very stony and uneven. This detracts a great deal from the pleasure—to say nothing of the science—of the game.

## BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS FUND.—First half-year 1903.

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## SWIMMING SPORTS.

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## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Entries (School) .. .. .	5	11	0
.. (Old Boys' Race) .. .. .	1	0	0
.. Sale of Tickets .. .. .	7	12	0
.. Programmes .. .. .	1	11	6
.. Donations—Mr. Roe .. .. .	2	2	0
.. Mr. Bousfield .. .. .	1	1	0
.. Messrs. Carson, Cribb, Cowan, Dakin, Gross, Jones, Mason and Porter (each 10 6) .. .. .	4	4	0
.. Discounts .. .. .	0	9	7
.. Debit to Sports Fund .. .. .	0	5	11
	<u>£23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
March 7th, 1903—			
By Advertisements .. .. .	0	14	6
.. Hire of Baths .. .. .	2	2	0
.. Printing .. .. .	2	0	6
.. Prizes (School) .. .. .	18	0	0
.. (Old Boys' Race) .. .. .	1	0	0
	<u>£23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>

## First half-year 1903.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1902 .. .. .	0	5	0
Fees first Quarter .. .. .	25	0	0
Fees second Quarter .. .. .	23	2	6
	<u>£48</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

	£	s.	d.
Balance Swimming Sports .. .. .	0	5	11
Cricket Material .. .. .	15	13	8
Tennis and Handball Material .. .. .	3	12	3
Football Material .. .. .	2	16	6
Cricket Coach .. .. .	5	5	0
Walker .. .. .	8	3	0
Delegate Fees Q.L.T.A., Q.R.U., and Church R.U. .. .. .	2	9	6
Expenses Intercolonial Matches .. .. .	0	13	0
Loss on Cricket Fees for Cricket Season .. .. .	0	13	0
Cheque Book, Bank Charge, and Receipt Books .. .. .	0	12	0
Balance to second half-year .. .. .	8	3	8
	<u>£48</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

30th June, 1903.

T. E. JONES, Hon. Treasurer,

## *The Library.*

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**T**HE Librarians regret that they cannot announce any more additions to the School Library. The Rules of the Library are posted on the glass door of the book-case.

The intellectual side of the School must have wonderfully improved in the last few months, for one book on biography, viz., "The Life of the Marquis of Salisbury," has been taken out, but whether it was read or not the Librarians are unable to say.

Dickens has a fairly good circulation, but the other books patronised are chiefly adventures.

G. F. DAVIDSON.

F. THATCHER.

Librarians.

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## *Brisbane Grammar School Old Boys' Association.*

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Officers 1903-1904: President, R. H. Roe, M.A.; Vice-President, F. J. Heussler; Joint Hon. Secs., T. E. Jones, B.A., B.G.S., G. H. Bourne, Bank of New South Wales; Hon. Treasurer, A. R. Webb (Arcade), Edward Street; Auditors, J. A. Austin, F. Reimers. Council: F. S. N. Bousfield, M.A. (Ed. S.C.), C. W. Costin (Am. S.C.), E. R. Crouch (Sp. S.C.), A. J. Fay, G. W. Power, M.A., L.L.M., Major Sellheim, C.B. Sub-Committees: House—G. S. Crouch, C. S. Graham, B.C.E., P.P. Fewings, H. C. Reeve, G. L. Webster. Education—J. A. Austin, T. J. K. Carson, B.A., F. Reimers. Amusement—R. Armour, R. Gailey, E. G. Oxley. Sports—G. S. Crouch, S. D. Tozer, B.A., L.L.B., J. J. Walsh, B.A.

Fixtures, 1903-1904: Annual Dinner—Tuesday, 11th August. First Ordinary Meeting—Wednesday, 9th September. School Athletic Sports—Friday, 18th September. Members' Cricket Match—Saturday, 26th September. Second Ordinary Meeting—Wednesday, 18th November. School Prize Day—Friday, 11th December. Annual Cricket Match (O.B.A. v. B.G.S.)—Monday, 29th February. School Swimming Sports—Friday, 4th March. Third Ordinary Meeting—Wednesday, 23rd March. Head Master's Tennis Afternoon—Saturday, 23rd April. Annual Dance—Wednesday, 1st June. Annual General Meeting—Wednesday, 27th July.

The Whist Club meets in the rooms every Thursday evening.

The Debating Society meets in the rooms every Second Tuesday evening, except during the summer months.

The House Committee will arrange billiard tournaments periodically.

Members would greatly assist the aims of the Association by forwarding to the Editor of the School Magazine any items of news about Old Boys.

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## ***Literary and Debating Society.***

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**T**HIS, the latest society formed in connection with the Old Boys' Association, an account of which readers will remember having been published in our Magazine last year, has been progressing most favourably. At the annual meeting of the Society, held in March, Mr. Bousfield was re-elected Chairman, while Mr. E. R. Crouch and Mr. Walsh were chosen respectively as Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary. At this meeting also it was decided to continue the meetings of the Society on the same lines as previously, to have set debates alternating with meeting devoted to literary and other subjects. The Society now includes about twenty-five regular attendants, while several other names are on the membership list. Generally, there are from fifteen to twenty members present. For debate nights two speakers are appointed to open and reply on the subject chosen at the preceding meeting, and on the conclusion of their speeches, members present have the liberty of speaking on either side of the question. The duration of each speech is, of course, limited.

Very successful debates have been held, the most interesting being, perhaps, those on "The Prevention of Pacific Island Immigration," "Compulsory Arbitration and Conciliation," "The Monroe Doctrine," and a rather novel subject, "May the times of our great grandfathers be correctly described as the 'Good Old Days?'"

The alternate meetings have been taken up with, amongst other things, "A Mock Election for the House of Representatives," and a mock banquet, in which members proposed and responded to toasts; while two nights have been devoted to Impromptu Speeches, with a view to cultivating this faculty amongst the members of the Society.

The most ambitious efforts of the Society so far have been an inter-society debate with the Toowong Parliamentary Debating Society, and a mock trial of a breach of promise action.

The former event took place in the School of Arts Hall on 20th July, in the presence of some seventy or eighty persons. The Old Boys were represented by Messrs. Bousfield, J. A. Austin, Tozer, and Walsh. Although they were defeated on the award of the judges

(Messrs. R. H. Roe and E. H. Macartney), they performed very creditably against their older and more experienced opponents. More of these inter-society debates will probably be arranged in the future. On the occasion mentioned, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Mr. A. Morgan), presided.

The Mock Trial took place in the Club Rooms on 28th July, and proved exceedingly successful, so much so that representation has been made for a repetition. It is not likely, however, that this will occur. A large number of visitors, totalling about sixty in all, were present, and appeared in turn amused and interested in the proceedings, which were somewhat of the nature of a burlesque on an actual Supreme Court trial. Mr. G. H. Bourne, in appropriate make-up, was the fair plaintiff, and her sobbing and lamentations at the perfidy of the defendant, Mr. S. D. Tozer, were pathetic in the extreme. Mr. A. B. Stanley and Mr. Bousfield were counsel for the defendant and plaintiff, and the latter in particular delivered a most soul-stirring address, which was not without its effect on the mixed jury of four—two of either sex. The verdict was somewhat perplexing, as although the jury found for the defendant on the general issue, still on account of his wealth, they awarded the plaintiff a sum of £5,000 as a comfort for her wounded feelings.

Already a marked improvement is discernible in the capacity of members to express their ideas clearly while on their feet, and of the usefulness of the Society there can be no doubt. The only requirement now is more members, to prevent in any way what is frequently the characteristic of debating societies—the danger of members' opinions and modes of expression becoming too well known to one another to hold the interest of the listeners. Mr. Fewings and Mr. Costin have both promised papers on interesting subjects, and these will be read at an early date. The founders of the Society, and especially its Chairman and Mr. E. W. H. Fowles, may congratulate themselves on the success which has attended their efforts, and it only needs the active co-operation of Old Boys for it to achieve a still greater measure of success in the future. Apart from the interesting nature of its meetings, the educational value of such a Literary and Debating Society should commend it to all members of the Old Boys' Association, and success in a branch society of the Association must inevitably conduce to the success of the Association and the furtherance of its main object—to bring together former members of the School, to the advantage both of their old School and themselves.



## *Old Boys' Association.*

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**T**HE annual re-union of the Old Boys' Association, in the form of a dinner, took place at the Cafe Eschenhagen on Tuesday night, August 11th, and was, as usual, a very successful function. About fifty members and guests sat down to an excellent repast. The following toasts were proposed:—"The King," "The Old Boys' Association," proposed by Mr. G. W. Power and responded to by Mr. R. H. Roe; "The Brisbane Grammar School," proposed by Mr. J. L. Woolcock, and responded to by Mr. F. S. N. Bousfield; "Our Professional Boys," proposed by Mr. G. Warry and responded to by Dr. W. Love; "Our Commercial Boys," proposed by Mr. J. J. Walsh and responded to by Mr. F. Reimers; and "Our Defence Boys," proposed by Mr. C. W. Costin and responded to by Mr. G. Gross. In addition to these the company also drank the health of "George," and of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association (Mr. T. E. Jones and Mr. Webb). During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. H. Rutledge, T. P. Power, P. J. O'Shea, Montgomery, and R. Armour; while Mr. G. Warry created roars of laughter by his amusing reminiscences of his school life. The proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne," which was sung most heartily; and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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## *Two Trips to the North of Cheng-Tu.*

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BY R. LOCKHART JACK.

**I**N March, 1900, Dr. Jack, accompanied by J. F. Morris and myself, reached Cheng-tu by way of Shanghai and Chungking, to inquire into the mineral resources of Szechuan on behalf of an English company. From Cheng-tu as a centre we made three trips before we were compelled by the Boxer troubles to leave the country, and I propose to give a short account and route traverse of those portions of the two northern trips that do not appear to have been previously mapped, though some of the country has been already visited and no doubt described by missionaries. The first was to the north-north-west from Cheng-tu, through Pen-hsien to the monastery of Tung-ling-tse, while the second was a deviation from the round trip by Sungpan, mapped by Captain Gill in 1877.

Wheel traffic in Szechuan is non-existent: as far as I could learn, except in this city and the surrounding plain, where wheel-barrow and crude rickshaws are to be found; both of these are used by the poorer classes as aids to locomotion, but the gentry invariably travel in Sedan chairs, often accompanied by a retinue, bearing banners and



gongs, that does not lend dignity in a Westerner's eyes, as it is made up by impressing the loafers and beggars who congregate at the door of every yamen.

On April 3rd we set out for Tung-ling-tse, after engaging carriers through a "coolie hong," an association that contracts for all carriage, and is, through its overseers, responsible for the safety of property under their charge. I may say that, after warning our personal "boys" that they would be held responsible for any discrepancies between the stores issued and used, we did not, in several months' travel, lose a single article, although most of our things were carried in unlocked baskets. As each man carries about 80 lbs., for light travelling, and the etiquette of China ordains that a foreigner must travel in or with an eight-bearer chair, such as is used by officialdom, if he wishes to be in touch with the officials of the country, the cavalcade was an imposing one. Further dignity was given to it by the presence of a Waiyuan, or magistrate, red umbrella and all, whom the Viceroy ordered to accompany us, and by a proclamation from the Viceroy, Mining Commissioner and Tartar General, which enjoined the populace to be respectful to "the strangers from afar," and which was posted on the official notice-boards ahead of us.

Our first day's march of 29 miles by road brought us to the walled city of Pen-hsien, which, as we were informed by its magistrate, boasts an intramural population of 60,000, and a like number outside the walls. We were fortunate in securing a large and cleanly hotel, poetically known as the "Propitious Star," with a handsome garden at the back of the official room. It may be mentioned that there is an inn in almost every village, or, failing that, a temple, where every traveller, down to the humblest coolie, repairs nightly, and for a fraction of a penny obtains a wadded quilt from the hotel office, and the right to a straw pallet, a bunk, and hot water. Food is also obtainable at reasonable rates, and in too many of them dirt and other plagues are also to be had gratis.

Arriving at Tung-ling-tse monastery (3,900 ft.), we made it our headquarters while we looked at various mining shows in the neighbourhood. We were obliged, for want of accommodation, to camp in tents, as our men filled the temple. Tents, though a very great improvement upon the general run of hotels, unfortunately cannot be used much in the densely populated districts, where the sub-aqueous cultivation of rice leaves no room for them; but in the hills, where the only accommodation is poor and needed by the men, they are a very great comfort and convenience. From this camp as a centre we made several excursions, short in mileage, but long in difficulty. The first was up the mountain-side about 2,000 feet, and our magistrate afforded us an opportunity of seeing a Chinese official mountaineering. He did it on a coolie's back—2,000 feet up a mountain path frequently cut into steps to give a foothold. Subsequently we inveigled him into an ascent of 2,500 feet on his own legs, but the effort nearly killed him, and he had to be carried down. Afterwards he plaintively remarked "that Chinese gentlemen are never taught to walk." On

this trip a large number of apes about the size of collie dogs were seen.

One of the most conspicuous traits of the Chinese of the plain is their aversion to cold drinks. Every mile or two, and on main roads every few hundred yards, tea-houses are to be found, where the thirsty wayfarer, on payment of about a quarter of a farthing, can obtain a basin with a few tea-leaves in it, and as much boiling water as he cares to drink. Sometimes the tea is absent, but no matter—you drink the boiling water. This custom is universal; I do not think I ever saw one of them drink cold water, and they have even tried to dissuade me from drinking of a mountain torrent far above all habitation. Certainly upon the plain, where the land is heavily manured, and all the water has been used for irrigation somewhere or other, it would be simply suicidal to touch unboiled water, and no doubt the natives have learned the lesson from experience. As an example, I have even seen the village water-supply taken out of one end of a rice-field while the village sewage was being emptied into the other.

In conclusion, I can only say that the district described is one of the greatest interest to the traveller, not only for the fine scenery of the surrounding hills and the beauty of the plain, but—and chiefly, to my mind—as an example of what can be done with a systematic and complete system of irrigation, and the most intense cultivation probably in the world, to carry a teeming population scrupulously careful to return to the soil everything that can be given it, and the reward is six crops a year according to Chinese information. The prevalent crops we saw were: March 17, rape in flower and pod; April 25, poppy; May 31, tobacco; June 20, rice being planted out. I can quite believe the statement that another crop of rice and a sixth crop is raised. These appeared to be the main crops, but wheat, barley, buckwheat, saffron, beans, cabbage, egg-plant, and others of lesser importance were also to be seen. Unfortunately, as we did not see the same fields carrying these crops in succession, proof is lacking, but each trip was through one main crop. Most of the main crops are raised in seed-beds, and immediately the residue of the last crop is ploughed in, the seedlings are planted out. For example, the rice is about a foot high when planted out stalk by stalk into the paddy-fields. The labour, of course, is enormous, but the result is that 4,000,000 people live on a plain of perhaps 3,000 square miles.