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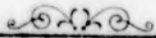
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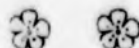
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Editorial.

THIS half-year was started by the usual Headmaster's address in the Hall. Mr. Roe chose as his subject "Chivalry," and advised the boys to imitate the knights of old in their courtesy, bravery, and generosity.

We have much pleasure in recording the success of Stanley Roe, who has won the first Rhodes Scholarship from Queensland. To celebrate this event, the School received a half-holiday.

A detailed list of the passes obtained by our twenty-five successful candidates at the Sydney Junior University Examination appears in this issue.

Our athletic teams have been working satisfactorily, and although our First Football Team was defeated by Maryborough, it has done very well against Ipswich, Gatton College, Nudgee, and the grade competitions. The Seconds have not been very successful, but the Thirds have done rather well.

A boat race will probably be rowed against Maryborough this year, and we hope to see many footballers take to rowing when the football season closes.

The Toowoomba team has beaten our Cadets in shooting, but as we go to press we have received news of several prizes won by our representatives in the Q.R.A. Competitions.

C. Corrie, who is well known as an enthusiastic gymnast, has organised a Club Swinging Squad, which Mr. Gross has kindly consented to instruct.

Our illustrations comprise photographs of A. S. Roe, Queensland's first Rhodes Scholar; G. Sampson, winner of the Senior Gold Medal last December; and the First Football Team.

An interesting article on "Rowing" by "Thole-Pin," and one on "Oxford" by N. Osborn, are included in this number.

University Intelligence.

OXFORD.

Claude Roe has obtained 1st Class Honours in Mathematics at the final examination for the B.A. Degree.

J. E. N. Osborn has obtained his B.A.

EDINBURGH.

J. A. Campbell, 1st year Medicine, 1st Class Honours in Botany.

SYDNEY JUNIOR. 1904.

NAME.		History.	Geography.	English.	French.	German.	Latin.	Greek.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Physiology.
Bodlington, F. E.	..		B						B	C	C	C
Brown, J. M.	..	B		C		C	B		A	C		
Brown, L. G.	..			C		C	C		A	C		
Brünnich, K. F.	..			C		C					C	A
Carrick, D. A.	..		C				C		B	C	C	B
Creswell, R. W.	..	C		C	B		C		C	C	C	
Dinning, H. W.	..	B	C	A					C	C	B	A
Dixon, W. S.	..		C		C		C		C		C	
Dunlop, R. A.	..	C	B	B					C	C	C	C
Grant, A.	..	B		C		B			C		C	A
Heron, A. R.	..			C					C		C	C
Jones, J. H.	..	B		B			C	C	A	C	B	
Kiernan, W. E.	..		C	B	B		A		A	C		
Kirk, D. F.	..	C							B	C	C	B
Morrison, W.	..			B	C		B		C	C	B	C
Macartney, A. C.	..				C		C		A	C		
McLean, M. C...	..		B	C	B		C		B			C
O'Sullivan, F. N.	..	C		C	C		C					
Parkinson, C. E.	..	C		C		C			B		C	B
Sachs, W.	..	B		C		A	B		C		B	A
Smith, S.	..	B				C	B		C			A
Smith, H. S.	..		C						C	C	C	
Unmack, E. M.	..								C	C	C	C
Walsh, H. S.	..	B		B	C		B	C	B	B		
Wood, C. T.	..	C	A			C	B	B	A		B	

The "Rhodes Scholarships."

PROBABLY there are few of our readers whose attention has not been called during the last few months to the announcements of the election of "Rhodes' Scholars" in various parts of the world, or who have not some idea of what these scholarships are; but now that the first "Rhodes' Scholar" for Queensland has been nominated, and the choice of the selectors has fallen upon one of our own Old Boys, it will not be out of place for us to say a few words about them.

The Hon. Cecil Rhodes was for many years the most prominent figure in British South Africa, and one of the most prominent figures in the British Empire. By his will he directed his executors and trustees—among whom are Lord Rosebery, Lord Milner, and Dr. Jameson—to establish a large number of scholarships, to be assigned not only to the various parts of the British Empire, but also to the United States and Germany. Twenty scholarships are to be given annually within the Empire, nearly twice as many within the United States, and five in Germany. Each scholarship is tenable for three years at the University of Oxford. The Colonial and American Scholarships are of the annual value of £300, and the German of £250. Thus, at the beginning of the October Term, 1906, there will be in residence at Oxford a body of nearly 200 "Rhodes' Scholars," receiving in all a sum of more than £50,000. Few men, if any, have left a nobler memorial of themselves, whether we consider the magnitude of the gift, or the objects at which it aims.

In his will Mr. Rhodes stated his object in founding the Colonial Scholarships to be to provide a means for giving breadth to the views of young colonists, for their instruction in life and manners, and for instilling into their minds the advantage to the Colonies as well as to the United Kingdom of the retention of the unity of the Empire. In founding these for America, he hoped to assist in bringing about an union of the English-speaking peoples throughout the world, and to foster in the American scholars attachment to the country from which they had sprung; while the German scholarships were established because the founder believed that a good understanding between England, Germany, and the United States would secure the peace of the world, and that "educational relations form the strongest tie." Mr. Rhodes also gave explicit directions as to the qualifications to be required of a Rhodes' Scholar. In awarding the scholarships regard is to be had (i) to "literary and academic distinction; (ii) to proficiency in manly games; (iii) to moral qualities, "manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for the protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness, and fellowship"; and, finally (iv), to "moral force of character and instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates." He added also suggestions as to the

relative value to be assigned to each of these qualifications; the first and third were to carry the greater weight, in the proportion of 3 to 2.

It seems clear that in thinking of his future scholars, Mr. Rhodes had in view rather an ideal boy fresh from school than a graduate of another university; it is also plain that he was concerned not so much with assisting a needy student to tide over the years between his school life and his attainment of a professional status, as with enlarging the mental equipment and deepening the experience of some of those whose character and ability marked them as likely to play no insignificant part in life. Though he would not have expected to find under the gown of every Rhodes scholar a Cromer or a Milner, his hopes would surely be frustrated should there not appear among them not unfrequently "a Man and Leader of Men."

How far the aspirations of Mr. Rhodes will be fulfilled time alone can show. We may be pardoned for a kindly smile at the thought of Stanley Ree, over a training breakfast, securing the peace of the world by friendly discussion with Downy V. Green, from America, and Rudolph von Hoherburg, from Germany. It will be a thousand pities if the appointment to Rhodes' Scholarship should ever become an occasion for the exercise of personal influence, "interest," or intrigue; it would be a thousand pities, too, if they should tend to destroy in any way the spontaneous, disinterested joy in the exercise of bodily skill or strength, which is one of the chief charms of school games. It would be a sorry spectacle if our prominent cricketers or footballers should ever make a big score or a brilliant rush, watching the gallery, so to speak, "out of the tail of their eye," to see what effect they were producing upon the possible arbiters of their destiny. But, meanwhile, so long as "Rhodes' Scholarships" are really awarded, as far as may be, to those who best fulfil the conditions laid down in his will, to have been a Rhodes Scholar will be a distinction that a man will value all his life. And, surely the statesman deserved well of his country, who conceived the thought, upon so grand a scale, of distinguishing, and thus inciting to further effort, those of the young men in each generation, who, in addition to a sound mind and a vigorous body, should display above their fellows the attributes which, in his own words, "will be likely in after life to guide them to esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim."

First Queensland Rhodes' Scholar.

ARTHUR Stanley Roe, the first Queensland Rhodes' Scholar, is now 19 years of age. He was chosen as the candidate of his school by a committee consisting of all the masters with the exception of Mr. Roe. His scholastic career has been most successful. For five years he was a pupil at the Brisbane Grammar School, and passed the junior examination in 1901 in seven subjects. Last year he passed the senior public examination in history of Europe, English, French, Latin, Greek, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and mechanics, and having obtained the higher matriculation for medicine at Sydney University, entered on the first year of his medical course in Sydney in March last. As an athlete also, A. S. Roe has a successful record. It began at Bowen House School, where he was captain of the football team and winner of several athletic events. Later he won the 100-yards running championship of the Grammar School, kicking the football with a record for the School of 193 feet, the high jump for boys under 16, and the open high jump in 1903. He also held the swimming championship of the School in 1902 and 1903, and the all schools' championship of Queensland in 1902. In rowing he was No. 2 in the School four against Maryborough in 1902, and No. 3 in the School crew which defeated Maryborough in the following year. He was the best rifle shot of his School in 1902, and he won the Queensland National Rifle Association's open match, for all cadets, in the same year. He also shot for the School team in 1901 and 1902, in both of which years the team won the cadet shield. He also won the junior handicap of the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association in 1900 and 1901, and he was captain of the School football team in 1903. In the year previous he won Mr. James's prize for the best bowling average for the season 1902-3.

SOLICITORS' PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

W. Wright, J. Bennett, and R. Gill have passed the Legal Preliminary Examination, and have obtained very creditable marks. Wright distinguished himself by obtaining 100 per cent. for algebra.

AGRICULTURAL BURSARY EXAMINATION.

W. Rendle was one of the successful candidates in this examination.



ARTHUR STANLEY ROE,
Queensland's First Rhodes Scholar.

Athletic Performances of Old Boys.

THE "Frisco Chronicle" of June 24th speaks in terms of the highest praise of Frank Gailey's splendid swimming at the contest he'd at San Francisco on June 23rd.

At this meeting, Gailey won the 220-yards race, the 100-yards race, and the quarter-mile, establishing American records for the 220-yards and the quarter-mile. The "Chronicle" states that Gailey was the hero of the evening, and moreover, that he is one of the best swimmers in the world.

C. W. Roe did well in the Sydney University Sports in June, when he won the half-mile, beating last year's winner. Consequently, he had to go to Melbourne to represent Sydney in half-mile and the quarter-mile in the Inter-University Sports, instead of coming up to Brisbane for the Midwinter Vacation. The Victorians were too fast for him, and he only secured third place, but he was first of the Sydney men in each of these events. He is now captain of the University II. football team.

Football.

FIRST TEAM

THIS year the team has met with a certain amount of success, which is mainly due to the keen interest taken by the players.

We have lost a couple of our men, Wright and Elliott, both of whom we shall miss greatly, but we hope to see the interest and the good spirit continued till the end of the season, as there are yet several important matches to be played. The team at the beginning of the season was as follows:—James, Wright, Parkinson, A. Corrie Murray, Forbe, Kiernan, M'Gregor, Allan, Smith, Elliott, L. G. Brown, Leeds, G. Wilson, D. Corrie.

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

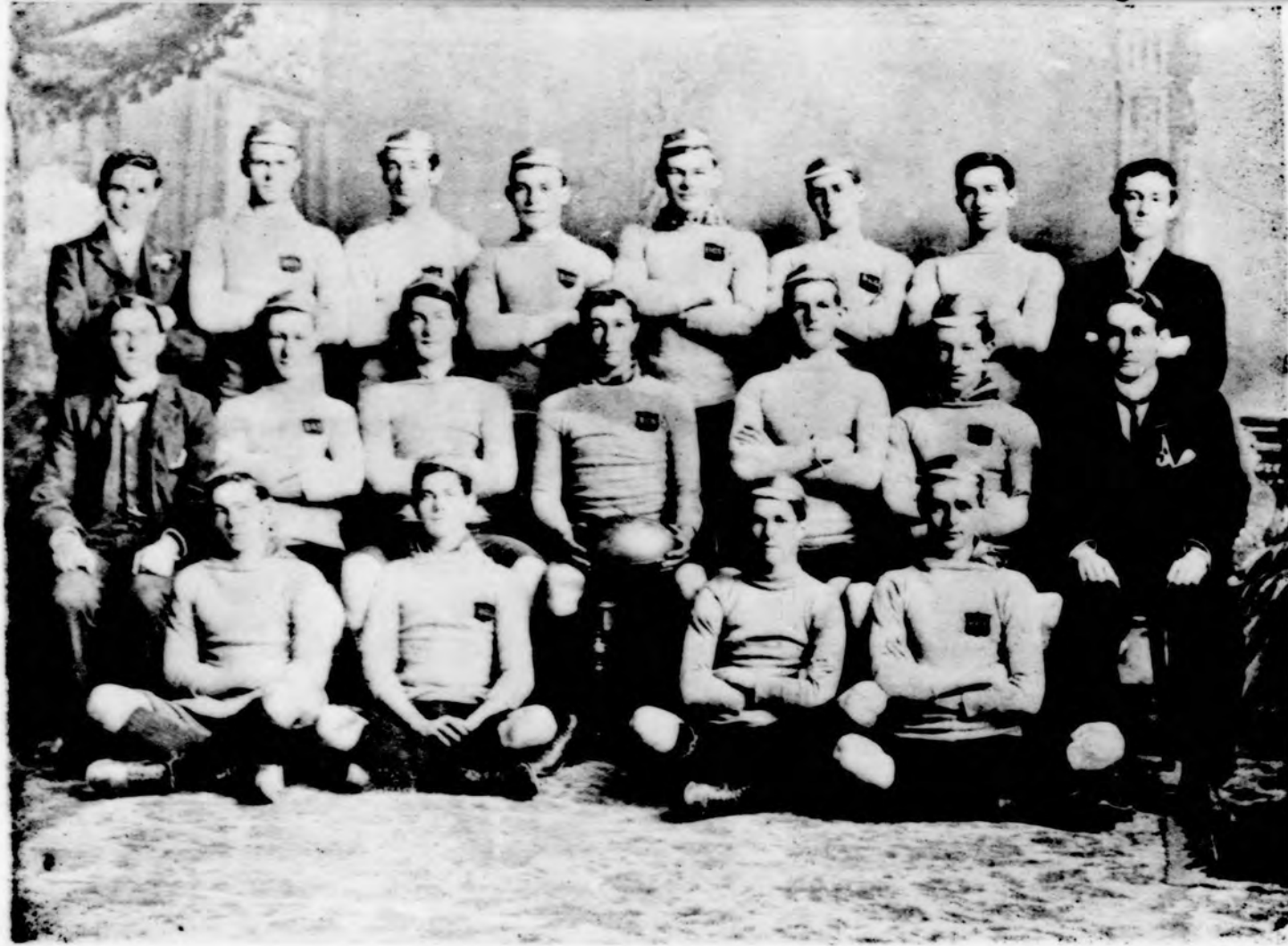
v. VALLEY at Kedron Park, when Valley won—8—0. Their forwards proved superior in the wet. Kiernan in this match gained his position in the team.

v. TOOMBUL, on the turf, and resulted in a win for the School by 18—14. M'Gregor (2), Kiernan, Corrie. James kicked a goal and converted one.

v. NUDGE COLLEGE, was played on the School turf, and resulted in a win for the School by 13—0. All played very well and deserved to win. Leslie, Wright and Parkinson scored. James converted two.

v. TOOWONG, at St. Lucia, and resulted in a win for the School by 6—0. M'Gregor and Smith scored, but neither were converted.

B.G.S. 1st FOOTBALL TEAM, 1904.



BACK ROW.—W. H. Parnel, G. G. Wilson, H. S. Smith, L. G. Brown, D. McGregor, D. Corrie, R. M. Allan, A. Barnes
2ND ROW.—N. Leslie, J. James, A. Leeds, C. E. Parkinson (Captain), G. Elliott, N. Murray, A. G. Corrie.
FRONT ROW.—A. D. Forbes, W. E. Kiernan, C. H. Clatworthy, W. Wright.

owing to the absence of a Union umpire. However, the match was not counted.

v. NORTH BRISBANE, on the turf, and resulted in a win for the School by 17—3. Murray (3), Parkinson, D. Corrie scored. Brown converted one.

v. SOUTH BRISBANE, at the Union Ground, and resulted in a win for South Brisbane by 10—0. This match was played on the same afternoon as the Ipswich, and we could only hold them till half-time. In the second half, however, they scored twice, and converted both.

v. NORTH BRISBANE, on the School turf, and resulted in a win for the School by 14—4. Corrie (2), Smith, and Clatworthy obtained tries, and Parkinson converted one.

INTER-SCHOOL MATCHES.

B.G.S. v. IPSWICH G.S.—This year the Ipswich boys came down by the morning train under the charge of Mr. Flint, and the play commenced at 10.15. Mr. Carson acted as referee. Tries were obtained by Smith (2), Parkinson (2), Kiernan. Elliott converted one. Brisbane won, 17—0.

B.G.S. v. MARYBOROUGH G.S.—This year we journeyed to Maryborough, and were kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson; and in the evening prior to the match were entertained with cards and other amusements. The play was disappointing, and resulted in a win for Maryborough by 3—0. Our forwards showed a lack of vitality, and did not give the backs a chance to score.

B.G.S. v. GATTON COLLEGE.—Gatton this year sent us a challenge, which we promptly accepted, and after a good even game, in which Mr. Carson acted as referee, we won by 4—3; James kicking a goal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

v. TOOMBUL, when we lost, 12—10.

v. OLD BOYS, when we won, 17—0.

THE SECONDS.

This year the second football team played in B grade Church Union. Butler (captain), Bray, Bennett, Bridgeman, Heron, Pegler, Walsh, Dixon, Murphy, Beddington, Brannelly, O. P. Hill, Bourne, Spence, R. G. Scott, and Alley constitute the team.

We played only two matches; the first against the "Church Mission," we lost by 22 to 3.

In the second match against the "Holy Trinitys," we lost by 21 to nil. This was a good game, but the heavier team won again.

THE THIRDS.

The thirds have not done so well this year as they have previously. This is partly owing to the age limit being reduced from fifteen to fourteen years. As we could not form a team under fourteen, the Rugby Union gave "permits," so we were able to join the school competition. Up to the present we have played five matches, four Union matches and one scratch match. Of the Union matches we have won one, drawn one, and lost two. In the second matches we had a stroke of bad luck; our captain, Hatfield, breaking his wrist.

The Cadets.

The number of cadets on the roll at present is 141; to this total A Company contributes 58 B Company 69, and the band 14; so that we are pretty well up to full strength.

There was no Easter Encampment this year on account of the rain, which was rather a pity, as the camp is one of the most interesting parts of the work, and is useful in many respects.

Last year's Class-firing was finished very late in the year, and was carried out under the new regulations, A Company firing in the recruits' course, and B Company in the junior cadet's course. The results of the shooting were on the whole, very good. In A Company the highest score, 278 out of a possible 315, was made by Lance-Corporal E. C. Plant, followed closely by that of Sergeant N. Markwell 277; the next in order were Stevens with 256 and Corporal Wassell with 254.

In B Company Gordon, Hides, Brooks, and Chalinor shot well.

This year the Cadet Competition comes off on the 17th August, and the number of entries from the school is 27. Judging by the class-firing, our representatives should obtain a fair number of the prizes, and uphold the reputation of the Corps.

Our rifle team was again defeated by Toowoomba in the competition for the Cadets' Shield. We shall have to be careful if we wish this shield to return to the School next year, for it will take splendid shooting to defeat the Toowoomba team; besides this there is this year's "Empire Match" to think about.

The Commandant's inspection takes place very soon, and Sergeant-Major Freeman is doing his best to get us ready for it. A little more interest is taken in the drill than of yore, and the Wednesday afternoon parade now goes on with more swing than usual.

Shooting.

The following are the scores made and prizes won by the B.G.S. Cadets at the annual competition of the Q.R.A., August, 1904 :—

200 Yards.	Max. 35.	Value of Prize.
Lieut. J. James	31 ..	30/-
Lance Corp. E. Plant	31 ..	20/-
Sergt. E. M. Lilley	30 ..	20/-
Corp. C. Wassell	29 ..	10/-
Sergt. N. Markwell	27 ..	10/-
Col-Sergt. Macartney	26 ..	10/-

300 Yards.	Max. 35.	Prize.
Lieut. J. James	27 ..	10/-
Lance Corp. E. Plant	28 ..	10/-
Sergt. E. M. Lilley	27 ..	10/-
Corp. C. Wassell	30 ..	30/-
Col-Sergt. Macartney	27 ..	10/-
Pte. Philpott	26 ..	10/-

Tennis.

This year tennis has been entered into very enthusiastically by the school, and there has been considerable rivalry as to who should be selected in the team. Owing to the fact that the members of the team were beginners, the team was entered in C grade this year, and not in B grade as formerly. The courts are kept going regularly, and there are some budding players. One of the team, Rendle, has gone to Gatten College this year, so it will be necessary to obtain a substitute. This ought not to be a hard matter, for there are several who have improved wonderfully during the past few months. Last half, a tournament was held for the boarders, which A. W. Leeds won after a well-contested game with Bennett. As an all-round healthy and manly game, I think tennis comes second to none, for not only does it sharpen the faculties, but it also strengthens and develops the whole of the system. There is an enormous amount of science in the game, and it requires judgment, precision, coolness, and nerve, to be able to acquire any great degree of skill at it.

The Library.

This institution has not been extensively patronised during the three months just passed. Perhaps this is because the boys have taken more to lessons; but we can't be quite certain about this.

Boys seem to observe the rules rather more carefully than usual, although we don't know how many books are taken out without the readers entering their names.

We have some good books in the library, although no new books have come in since last issue of the magazine.

The librarians and the school in general will be grateful to all donors of books.

Club Swinging and Gymnastics.

Club swinging has lately commenced in the gymnasium. There is a fairly good squad of boys, and a box has been provided large enough to hold the clubs.

Mr. Gross has kindly consented to instruct this squad.

Thanks are due to Mr. Jones for acting as treasurer in the purchase of the clubs. Gymnastics as a whole are progressing favourably, but might still be improved, with more determined practice.

The gymnasts hope to give a good exhibition at our annual concert this year.

The following are the results of last Xmas Examinations in Gymnastics:—

BEST GENERAL GYMNASTS.

Seniors—Brown, L. G.

Juniors—Corrie, C. C.

Upper School:

Set A — Smith, K.

Set B — James, J.

Set C1—Brown, L. G.

Set C2 — Sachs, W.

Lower School:

Set A1 — Corrie, C.C.

Set A2—Wheatley

Set B — Clark, C.

The school has lost a promising gymnast in Walter Sachs, who has just left to take up engineering. Within the last year he has improved considerably. Some exercises, such as "frogs," "flys," etc., which are practised by some of the boys, are rather dangerous, and should be avoided. Some boys complain of not getting any stronger with a'l their practice. If they were to go in more for steady work instead of such foolish things as aerial flights, etc., their muscles would develop more rapidly.

Old Boys' Association.

Some of the old boys who left school last year are possibly wondering why they have not received the circular of invitation to join the Association. The reason is simply that the unsettled question of Club Rooms made it impossible to issue the circular, because the terms of subscription were practically certain to be affected by the decision of the question. However, now that it is settled, the circular will be issued promptly, and we hope it will receive numerous responses.

The Head Master's Tennis afternoon was held on the School Courts, on April 23rd. Unfortunately, owing to a variety of causes, the number of members present was rather small, but those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A double handicap tournament was held, and the fortunate winners of the handsome prizes presented by Mr. and Mrs. Roe were:—First, T. E. Jones and A. B. Carvosso; Second, W. F. Wilson and A. C. Trundle. Our old friend Mr. "George" Rylatt and his band very kindly supplied a generous programme of music, which was very highly appreciated by all the guests.

The annual dance was held in the Gymnasium Hall on June 22nd, and was attended by about 140, who all appeared to enjoy the evening thoroughly. The Council and members are deeply grateful to the ladies who so kindly helped the Ball Committee, and to whose valuable assistance the success of the dance is chiefly due.

The annual meeting was held in the rooms on July 27th, a printed copy of the Annual Report having been previously sent to every member. After the adoption of the Report and Balance-sheet, the meeting considered the Club Room question, and the discussion was quite as vigorous as it had been at the Third Ordinary Meeting. It was eventually decided to give up the present rooms at the end of this month, after which the meeting was, on account of the lateness of the hour, adjourned for three weeks. At the adjourned meeting it was unanimously agreed to change the Club Rooms to a room on the first floor of the same. It is a great relief to all the members to find that we shall still be able to maintain our Club footing.

The election of officers for the new year, 1904-5, resulted as follows:—President, F. J. Heussler; Vice-President, C. W. Costin; Hon. Secretaries, M. M. Edwards and H. A. Webb; Hon. Treasurer, W. R. Parker; Council: J. A. Austin, R. Gailey, A. H. Pace, F. Reimers, R. H. Roe, S. D. Tozer; House Committee, G. S. Crouch, J. Hiron, F. Holland, W. M. Hall, W. R. Scott, E. B. Wilkins; Education Committee, F. S. N. Bousfield, K. Carson, J. J. Walsh; Sports Committee, E. R. Croul, T. E. Jones, Major Sellheim; Amusement Committee, E. G. Oxley, A. L. Stewart, G. L. Webster.

The annual dinner was held on August 9th (Judging Day), at Webster's Cafe. The President (Mr. Roe), was in the chair, and about 30 members and guests were present, including the Rhodes Scholar, Mr. A. S. Roe. Doubtless the attendance would have been as good as on former occasions, but for the M. Paderevski's recital, which, unfortunately for us, was given on the same evening. After full justice had been done to the excellent fare, and the King's health had been duly honoured, the following toast list was given:—"The Old Boys' Association," proposed by Mr. F. J. Heusser, responded to by Mr. Roe; "The School," proposed by Mr. G. W. Power, responded to by Mr. J. G. Cribb; "Our Learned Professions," proposed by Mr. G. H. Bourne, responded to by Mr. J. J. Walsh; "Our Pastoral and Farming Interests," proposed by Mr. W. F. Wilson, responded to by Messrs. J. Love and Edgar McConnell; "Our Commerce and Trade," proposed by Mr. F. Reimers, responded to by Mr. G. S. Crouch. The proceedings were pleasantly varied by songs and recitations, and the very enjoyable reunion was terminated about 11.15 p.m. with "Auld Lang Syne."

The following new members have been enrolled:—C. R. Gregory, C. T. May, A. S. Roe, and A. J. White.

O. B. A. Debating Society.

The Debating Society in connection with the Old Boys' Association held their first meeting of the 1904 session on the 29th March last, and have met regularly every alternate Tuesday night since.

The membership at the beginning of the session was about 25, and about 8 or 10 old boys have joined since, so that at present we have a fairly strong society numerically, and a very good average attendance at the meetings. The Society is very fortunate in having as president, Mr. F. S. N. Bousfield. Mr. Bousfield is very regular in attendance, and always takes a keen interest in the discussions, taking his turn with the others in making the opening speeches of the evening. The *modus operandi* of last year's session is being continued this year, that is to say, alternate evenings are devoted to debates and various subjects, so that once a month a debate on a fixed subject is held, the other evening being set aside for impromptu speeches, short papers by members, etc.

Amongst the most interesting debates held this year might be mentioned the following:—"Home Rule for Ireland," the opening speakers being Messrs. S. D. Tozer and W. R. Scott. "Was

the impeachment of Warren Hastings justifiable," by Messrs. G. S. Crouch, and J. A. Austin. "Shou'd payment to members of Parliament be abolished," by Messrs Parker and F. Holland.

For the alternate evenings a paper by Mr. H. G. Bourne on Lorimer's "Letters from a self-made merchant to his son," must undoubtedly be given first place. Mr. Bourne very cleverly compared these letters with those from "Lord Chesterfield to his son."

On the 19th July Mr. Shaw, of the "Telegraph," addressed the meeting on Mr. Chamberlain's preferential trade proposals, and the evening was most interesting and instructive.

The Society held their annual dinner on the 4th June, at Eschenhagen's, about 30 members and friends and representatives from other societies being present. After the eatables had been disposed of, a programme of after-dinner speeches, recitations and songs was gone through, and altogether the function was a most enjoyable one.

There is no doubt that the Debating Society is the "livest" branch of the Association at present, and is sure to prove a most useful institution to all who take part in its proceedings.

Jottings

K. H. Swanwick has resigned his position in Sydney Grammar School, and is studying Law and gaining practical experience with Messrs. Chambers, Bruce, and McNab.

C. R. Ellison has also deserted the Public Service, to study Law with Messrs. Morris and Fletcher.

W. Lilley has left Ravenswood, and has started practice in Brisbane.

W. Rendle and G. R. Robertson have started work at the Agricultural College.

G. Elliott has gone to a foundry to learn engineering.

W. Wright has gone home to Mackay, and intends studying Law in his father's office.

A C. Munro is assistant manager of the Condensed Milk Factory at Cressbrook.

R. Plant has been appointed lieutenant in the A.L.H.

A. H. Scott, who has been transferred from the Department of Public Instruction to the office of the C.P.S. at Herberton, received a presentation from his colleagues before leaving Brisbane.

E. Greenfield has passed the examination for a mine manager.

C. A. Powell won a certificate of merit of the second order for Writing, at the recent Exhibition.

S. F. McDona'd has been appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the Australian Engineers.

A. L. Ayscough, having passed the final examination, is now a fully qualified Pharmaceutical Chemist.

Rowing.

(BY "THOLE-PIN.")

Although this popular branch of sport is pursued by some enthusiasts all the year round, rowing flourishes most in the summer months, as, in winter, the evenings are so short, that by the time one has finished up at the office, or school, as the case may be, hurried down to the shed and stripped, it is dark or, nearly so. In the summer it is a pleasure to make the rows as late as possible; and in the twilight, there is nothing more invigorating and delightful to the oarsman, than, with seven well-trie'd mates, to skim along the broad bosom of our beautiful river, to the tune of the coxen's shrill "hep! hep! hep!" and the regular "click," as the eight-oars, clearing the water together, turn in the poppers.

But before we can arrive at such a state of perfection, that this can be appreciated, or even indulged in, a long and careful course of training must be persevered in. Although most men have done a certain amount of rowing in ordinary pleasure boats, it is absolutely necessary, if they intend to go in for racing, to start them at the ABC of rowing—*id est*, the fixed seat-tub. Good oarsmen are of all weights, shapes and sizes, and no man need hesitate to start because he does not weigh 13 stone or stand 6 feet 2 inches in his socks. As a matter of fact, an active man of from 10 to 11 stone generally makes the best stroke. The strain of racing is certainly severe, but if a man's heart and lungs are sound, he will feel no ill effects; but on the other hand, his body will be developed and inured to fatigue.

Costume.—The oarsman should wear shoes with heels (the ankles must be quite free); short trousers—loose at the waist to allow perfect freedom for breathing; and a singlet or sweater according to the time of year.

First Work.—Our budding stroke will then probably be made to sit on a box and taught to swing. This will prove a more difficult lesson than it appears—for the novice will have to rid himself of the idea that rowing is done entirely with the arms; and learn to use his body with (let us hope) considerable effect.

Let us now conduct our man to the tub, and after explaining the various terms, technicalities, launch the craft and get in. The oar must be held firmly though not too rigidly, with both hands—about four inches apart; the button must be kept up against the

poppet, the oar, when at ease, flat on the water; the feet at all times should be firmly planted on the stretcher—not at the straps; the arms must be quite straight and the body firm and erect without being stiff. On the caution "Are you ready?" prepare to start by bringing the body half forward; and on the word "paddle," turn the wrists just enough to square the blade, raise the shoulders and hands just enough to cover the blade and at the same time swing the body back, just out of the perpendicular with the arms still straight. You will then have done two-thirds of a stroke. The remainder is done with the arms—a steady, even pull, right on to the chest. It must on no account, be jerked or lugged in. Immediately the hands touch the chest, they should be dropped about two inches to allow the blade (which till now should have been covered) to clear the water, and at the same time shot out quickly in front of the body, before the swing forward is started. The arms being now straight in front and the blade clear of the water—the swing forward for the next stroke should be started—firmly and slowly. It is impossible to say exactly how far forward this swing should be continued, as it varies with the height and suppleness of the rower; but even on fixed seats, a man should be able to keep his back straight and yet come out as far as his poppet will let him, by opening his knees and swinging well down from the hips. The next stroke should be repeated as before, with a better "catch" and more work, as the oarsman gains confidence. Length of stroke is half the battle, and a beginner cannot do better than to acquire a long, firm swing, which the fixed seats are meant to teach. The time which a man should spend on fixed seats varies. If, each day he goes out, he makes up his mind to learn all that the coach can teach him, 30 or 40 rows should be sufficient; but, on the other hand, if his mind is *not* on his work, he will not make much progress however often he goes out.

"Thole-pin" hopes to continue this in our next, with more detail, and would like to see plenty of B.G.S. Boys preparing for the annual race against Maryborough.

Incidents of Oxford Life.

By J. E. N. OSBORN.

THE first glimpse I had of England was from the deck of the steamer "Persic," on which I was a passenger, when steaming into Plymouth Harbour. The time of the year was late summer, and I think that the first thing of all that struck me was, not the great amount of shipping, nor the fine buildings and wharves that surrounded the harbour, but the green hedges dividing off the country into little fields on the rising slopes behind the town. Coming from Queensland, with its slab and barbed-wire fences, it struck one as exceedingly picturesque, even if one thought that the utility of our fences might be greater and the trouble of repairing them less. The houses again seemed to be lacking in something, and one gradually realised that the verandah was missing, and wondered however people could live without its cool shade. But one soon becomes accustomed to these things, and they become so natural that you hardly realise that things could be different.

Then, on arriving at London, as you steam up the Thames you ask yourself if this dirty river, not nearly as wide as the Brisbane, is the far-famed Thames, and the smoky cloud in the distance London. At last you come to an anchor, and are immediately surrounded by boats to take off the passengers, and everyone is rushing about saying good-bye (you form many friendships on the passage), and then comes your turn to disembark, and the chances are that you won't meet any of your fellow-passengers again. On shore your first feeling is that you are "bushed." You see everybody bustling about, not taking the slightest notice of anyone else, and go to the station, and are thankful, when in the train, that you have got out of everybody's way.

Then Oxford! You have probably read "Verdant Green" on the voyage, and when you get into a cab and say "Keble!" with as much confidence as you can, you are wondering if the cabman can possibly tell whether you are a freshman. You don't see how he can. But after you have been up a short while, and have seen other freshers yourself, you know how mistaken you were. On arriving at college, you find several other men already there, renewing acquaintance, and as pleased as possible to be back for another term, and even the other freshers seem to know each other, probably being old school-mates and you again have the same sort of feeling that you are in the way, and nobody wants you. However, that soon wears off, and in your second term you feel quite an old stager. One's first duty is to get a gown. You have previously thought how fine you would look in a long, flowing garment, showing off the symmetry of your figure, and, behold,

you get a thing no bigger than an ordinary jacket (it soon becomes even shorter and smaller, as it makes a good weapon for drawing up the fire).

Having thus equipped yourself, you go into the hall for dinner, and probably sit down at the 3rd year table, as no one directs you to a seat. You are politely (perhaps) asked to move down to another table. You are again in the way.

Next day comes matriculation. All the freshers assemble with the Dean, and solemnly follow him down to the Vice-Chancellor's place, where that dignitary pronounces some inaudible Latin text, and you pay £2 for a small cloth-covered book, in which you are told, in Latin, not to enter a tobacconist's shop or play marbles in the "High," and you are a full-blown member of the 'Varsity.

The next thing to which you turn your attention (after work!) is what exercise you will take up. I suppose that Oxford and Cambridge are the homes of rowing and football more than anything else in the way of athletics. Certainly nowhere else does one get the same chances and time for them. If a man takes to rowing, he spends almost the whole of every afternoon on the river—*i.e.*, if he gets on at all—and the height of his ambition is to row in the "Teggars" in the Lent Term. The system of racing is that of bumping. The different college boats start at a distance of 160 feet from each other, one behind the other, and on a boat's catching up to and touching any part of the boat in front, they both stop, and on the following day change order before starting. Rowing in the winter here is, I must say, rather a cold job, but if one is lucky enough to get into the "eight," there is nothing more delightful than rowing in the summer.

It is quite a pretty sight to see the different eights going down to the start for a race, with their crews wearing the colours of their respective colleges, bright blazers and caps, and their supporters running with them on the tow-path. Having taken up their position at the start, the crews nervously await the "five minutes" gun, and somebody on the bank is sure to make a bad joke to try and cheer them up, at which every member makes a feeble attempt to smile, and each is thinking how close the boat behind seems to be, and how far away the one in front, when suddenly the "minute" gun goes. Everyone gives a start, and commences to strip, while the boat is pushed off into the stream, and the coach counts the seconds as they go—"Half a minute gone," "15 seconds more," "touch her bow," "10 more seconds," "bow and two paddle on," "ten, nine—touch her two—eight, seven, six, five—bow and two touch her—four, three, two—Go!" Off they go, and what a row there is on the bank; the whole 'Varsity seems to be shouting itself hoarse. On they plug, gradually gaining on the boat in front; soon they feel its wash, and every man is getting done, and straining every muscle; on and on, it seems for ever. Soon they come to the barges, and the other

half of the 'Varsity seems to be yelling, and the fair ladies it is escorting are clapping their hands, and—the bump is made. Then it seems that absolutely the whole of creation is shouting and jumping on the bank, and the race is won. There is nothing more exciting and pleasing than to make a bump.

It may be interesting to know how the average man maps out his day. Well, chapel is at 8 o'clock in the morning, and you must attend three times a week. After breakfast you read the paper for half-an-hour, and then work till lunch. The afternoon is given up to athletics, and perhaps an hour's work before hall at 7, and after hall another couple of hours' work. This would make a good day's work.

I must say something about exams. Of course you must wear cap and gown, but besides this you must have a black coat and white evening tie, and I have seen men turned away for not having the last article, although it may seem curious that you cannot sit for an exam. without a white tie. After the written part, there is the *viva voce*, which is the most trying of the lot. The undergrad. sits on one side of a table, and three dons on the other, and one commences the torture by questioning him, and as he probably knows that his fate is resting on his answer, and that there are several other men in the room ready to smile at stupid answers, he doesn't feel quite at home. Sometimes, if a man has done a bad paper, he may be dismissed very summarily by "Mr. —, there is the door." At any rate by this method he is not left in suspense as to the result.

There is a volunteer corps of about 600, and as the work is not onerous, a minimum of five drills a year is sufficient. One has a very good time, especially in camp at Aldershot, where we spend ten days, and if the weather is good it is most enjoyable. By the way, I may mention that several people have told me that they think it very creditable that the B.G.S. won the Empire Shield.

The vacations are, I think, too long. One gets bored with having practically nothing to do for nearly four months. Last summer, however, four of us camped out for a month in Dorsetshire, where we had a very good time, although the weather was not as fine as it might have been in Queensland. To sum up, I should say that one's time at Oxford is the best in one's life, and that three years go by all too quick'y.

The Kamp.

BY A BOARDER

THE Kamp is a holiday resort belonging to Mr. Ree, and as it is visited at Easter and Midwinter by many of the boarders who come from a great distance, a short account of it may be interesting to our readers.

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Whilst the boats are out fishing a party of two or three goes shooting parrots and wallabies. They walk about a mile up the island to a swampy patch, where the parrots are to be found, stay there an hour or so, and walk back again, looking out for wallabies on the way.

After dinner, sometimes the fishing parties go for a walk along the ocean beach or through the bush.

Sometimes, instead of fishing a boat's crew goes harpooning stingarees, or for a day's shooting on the mainland. Very few fish in the ocean, as not everyone enjoys standing in the water a whole day, as a certain enthusiastic fisherman does.

In the evening, while waiting for tea, all gather round the fire and sing.

After tea, reading, games, and more harmony are indulged in until about half-past nine—and after that comes bed, sometimes preceded by a furious battle in the dark, sugar-bags stuffed with soft things being the weapons. Once inside the tents, the "Islanders" are soon lulled to sleep by the ceaseless beating of the surf and the sighing of the wind in the trees.

Next morning, on looking in a glass, a fellow *does* sometimes find that his face has been decorated with burnt cork while he slept, but as good temper and forbearance are the rule, the victim takes the joke in good part, and looks out for the chance of doing a little artistic work himself some night.

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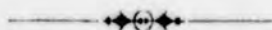
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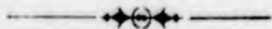
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