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Speech Day, 1916

The Gymnasium was well filled on the afternoon of December the 14th, when the annual distribution of prizes took place.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Wm. Ellison-Macartney) presided, and was accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain Matthews-Donaldson. There were also on the platform the President of the Council of Christ's College (Canon Shoobridge), Professor Dumbabin, representing the Board of Management, and the Headmaster and Staff of the School. An apology was read from the Chairman of the Board (Mr. C. W. Butler).

The Headmaster presented his fifth annual report, beginning, as usual, with the scholastic record of the past year, in which, he said, we had surpassed the records of previous years.

In the Senior Public examination we had passed more candidates than any other school, and gained nearly half of the individual credits awarded. Ten of our boys passed the examination, all qualifying for matriculation. No less than seven had qualified for scholarships, and in eight subjects we took first place. For the third year in succession we had gained both the scholarships for Science and Mathematics.

In the Junior we had beaten all previous records by gaining six places on the Exhibitions list, and for the second time in three years we had secured first place on that list.

Four of our boys had qualified for Senior Bursaries.

Out of five candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship for 1916, five, including the winner, were old boys of the School. The choice of the Selection Committee had fallen on Lieutenant Lester Travers Butler, third son of Mr. C. W. Butler, Chairman of the School Board of Management. This was the fourth Rhodes Scholarship to be gained by an old Hutchins boy.

In sports the School had been moderately successful. At the athletic meeting of the Southern Associated Schools, we were beaten by two points, but at the Championship meeting of the Associated Schools of Tasmania we secured first place. We were second in football, and third in cricket.

Mr. Lindon drew the attention of the audience to the increasing popularity of Mathematics and Science in the upper classes of the School, which was, he thought, a subject for regret. "Putting aside utilitarian considerations," he said, "I wish to advance the proposition that languages, with History and Geography, make the best basis of education, and form the best introduction to life. This would be more obvious and more generally recognised if these subjects had been treated more broadly in the past, and less attention had been paid to the grammatical difficulties of languages, and to the dry unrelated facts of history and geography. Let me take a concrete example. I have been studying dur-

ing the past year Shakespeare's play of 'Coriolanus' with the Sixth Form. We have not made a very profound study of Elizabethan English; we have done no more in that respect than may satisfy the examiners. But the play has been an inexhaustible means of bringing us into contact with life and thought. It has enabled us to discuss many points connected with religion, art, politics, and conduct. Can the same thing," he asked, "be said of the study of Physics and Chemistry?" He asked parents, not without good reason, to cut their boys off from those subjects which make for culture—culture, of course, spelt with a "c," not with a "K."

With regard to the war, the present School had not been able to do a great deal, but the boys had made weekly collections for various patriotic funds. They had sufficient reward in the consciousness that they were playing their part in the great drama, and he urged them to continue their contributions.

The old boys still showed the fine spirit which characterised the great schools of Australia. Our roll of enlistments had increased to 185. The School had had grievous losses, and mourned to-day for some of its best. There was a movement on foot to erect a worthy memorial to our soldiers in the School grounds, and also to found a memorial scholarship. One generous friend of the School had given £50 for each of these purposes, and other subscriptions had been received. An appeal would shortly be circulated among those most interested, and, no doubt, a liberal response would be made.

In conclusion, Mr. Lindon thanked the Staff for their loyal services in a year of peculiar difficulty, and congratulated them on the success of their efforts, especially Mr. Erwin and Mr. Bullow, who had contributed so largely to the success of the Examination classes. He also thanked the boys for their response to the calls of discipline and work, and the prefects in particular for their help in maintaining the tone of the School. The roll numbered at the beginning of the present term 176 boys, the highest number yet recorded.

The prizes were then distributed by His Excellency, who congratulated the Headmaster and Staff and the School generally on their excellent results from a peculiarly trying year's work. He dwelt especially on the loyalty of the old boys to their school and their country, pointing out that a school's welfare depended as much on those who had left it as on those still present. He was impressed by the hearty applause bestowed on the prize winners, which showed that the boys appreciated scholastic successes above athletic prowess. He trusted they were learning to take punishment, when it came, in the right spirit, which was to "grin and bear it."

Canon Shoobridge, President of the Council of Christ's College, in moving a vote of thanks to His Excellency, gave a summary of the history of the College, and its connection with the Hutchins School.

Prize List, 1916

Scripture.—Upper VI., H. F. Reynolds; Lower VI., C. B. Boyes; V.a, C. Olney; V.b, A. McDougall; IV.a, F. C. Knight; IV.b, S. C. Brammall; IV.c, I. R. Boss-Walker. Rev. E. Bean's special prizes, L. Benjafield, G. Braithwaite, S. C. Brammall.

English.—Upper VI., O. J. Masterman, E. C. Waugh; Lower VI., M. E. W. Stump; V.a, J. M. Smith; V.b, W. Allison; IV.a, J. V. Burbury; IV.a, special, G. Braithwaite; IV.b, D. Brammall; IV.c, G. T. Lyons.

Geography.—VI., E. C. Waugh; V.a, C. W. Adams; V.b, T. M. Loane; IV.a, J. V. Burbury; IV.b, C. R. Young; IV.c, J. Sprent.

History.—VI., E. C. Waugh; V.a, C. W. Adams; V.b, A. McDougall; IV.a, C. A. J. Swan; IV.b, S. C. Brammall; IV.c, H. Neil Smith.

Latin.—VI., E. C. Waugh; V.a, C. W. Adams; V.b, A. McDougall; IV.a, A. S. Wherrett.

Greek.—VI., C. B. Boyes; V., C. W. Adams.

French.—Upper VI., E. C. Waugh; Lower VI., L. H. Livingston; V.a, J. D. Finlai-

son; V.b, R. M. Livingston; IV.a, G. C. Burbury; IV.b, A. Hay.

Arithmetic.—Upper VI., H. F. Reynolds; Lower VI., J. K. Clinch; V.a, M. L. Urquhart; V.b, J. Chalmers; IV.a, C. S. Gibson; IV.b, J. R. Rex; IV. c, D. Pretyman.

Algebra.—Upper VI., F. B. Richardson; Lower VI., C. J. W. Rait; V.a, J. M. Smith; V.b, A. McDougall; IV.a, F. H. Finlaison; IV.b, C. R. Young.

Trigonometry.—Upper VI., F. B. Richardson; Lower VI., O. J. Masterman.

Geometry.—Upper VI., F. B. Richardson; Lower VI., J. K. Clinch; V.a, M. L. Urquhart; V.b, A. Hodgkinson; IV.a, H. L. White; IV.b, D. Brammall.

Chemistry.—Upper VI., C. L. Steele; Lower VI., J. C. Parish; V., J. M. Smith.

Physics.—a Upper VI., F. B. Richardson; Lower VI., E. Dehle; b Upper VI., C. L. Steele; Lower VI., E. Dehle; V., J. M. Smith.

Bockkeeping.—T. M. Loane.

Writing.—IV.c, J. McDougall.

Henry Martyn Prize.—E. M. Lilley.

Stuart Prize.—F. B. Richardson.

Headmaster's Prize.—F. B. Richardson.

Scholarships.—McNaughton; H. F. Reynolds. Senior Newcastle: J. M. Smith. Junior Newcastle: K. Urquhart.

Bowling Average (gift of Mr. E. H. Butler).—E. M. Lilley.

Batting Average (gift of Mr. C. W. Butler).—F. B. Richardson.

The Public Examinations, 1916 SENIOR.

Eleven of our boys passed the Senior Public examination, all but one qualifying for matriculation. Two others, who had qualified for matriculation in 1915, presented only the subjects required for scholarship purposes, and succeeded in gaining first and third places on the list, with seven and six credits respectively. Of the seven candidates who qualified for the Science Scholarships, six were from the Hutchins School, and one of our boys was third on the list for the Literary Scholarships. The two boys who had qualified in 1915 were not eligible for

prizes this year, though one of them, F. B. Richardson, headed the list in four subjects. In spite of this we gained seven prizes, including the A. A. Stephens Memorial Prize, which was awarded this year for the first time. The following table shows where the candidates, who qualified for scholarships were educated, and the total number of prizes gained by the successful candidates of each school:—

SCHOOL.	Number who Qualified for Scholarships.	Total No. of Prizes gained
Hutchins School, Hobart...	7	7
Methodist Ladies' College, Launceston	1	6
Launceston State High School	1	5
Hobart State High School	1	2
Ladies' Grammar School, Hobart	1	1
St. Mary's College, Hobart	1	—
Church Grammar School Launceston	—	1

Following are the details of our successes:—

F. B. Richardson: First Science Scholarship (7 credits).

H. F. Reynolds: Second for Science Scholarship (6 credits, 3 passes). Prizes for Geometry, Physics (a), Physics (b), and the Stephens Memorial Prize.

E. M. Lilley: 3rd for Science Scholarships (6 credits).

E. C. Waugh: 3rd for Literary Scholarships (3 credits, 5 passes). Prize for Modern History.

C. L. Steele: 4th for Science Scholarships (3 credits, 6 passes).

J. R. Henry: 5th for Science Scholarships (3 credits, 6 passes). Prize for Algebra.

C. W. J. Rait: 7th for Science Scholarships (2 credits 6 passes). Prize for Chemistry.

O. J. Masterman: 1 credit, 8 passes.

R. E. A. Clarke: 1 credit, 5 passes.

C. J. Parish: 2 credits, 4 passes.

L. H. Livingston: 1 credit, 4 passes.

C. B. Boyes: 8 passes.

W. J. Freeman: 5 passes (has qualified for matric. at a supplementary examination).

JUNIOR.

In the Junior Examination we passed fifteen boys, gaining 32 credits and 83 passes. Four of our boys qualified for Exhibitions, gaining 3rd, 6th, 11th, and 12th places. Two of these also qualified for Senior bursaries.

C. W. Adams: 3rd place (6 credits, 3 passes), qualified for bursary.

J. M. Smith: 6th place (6 credits, 3 passes).

J. D. Finlaison: 11th place (4 credits, 5 passes).

M. Urquhart: 12th place (5 credits, 3 passes), qualified for bursary.

D. G. Salier: 3 credits, 5 passes.

R. Reader: 2 credits, 7 passes.

B. Saddler: 2 credits, 5 passes.

R. Evans: 1 credit, 6 passes.

C. Olney: 1 credit, 6 passes.

F. Brain: 1 credit, 6 passes.

R. Thomas: 1 credit, 6 passes.

L. Parish: 8 passes.

R. B. Craw: 7 passes.

R. Lord: 6 passes.

C. C. Murdoch: 5 passes.

The Rhodes Scholarship

We offer hearty congratulations to Lieut. A. F. Payne, who has been selected Rhodes Scholar for 1917, while absent on active service. Lieut. Payne is son of Captain C. A. Payne, who is also serving his country, as Medical Officer to the Claremont Camp. He is the fifth old Hutchins boy to win the Rhodes, and there are now four Rhodes Scholars from this School serving at the front, namely, Lieut. C. S. King, M.C., Lieut. C. S. W. Rayner, Lieut. L. T. Butler, Lieut. A. F. Payne. At school Payne was a brilliant and hard-working student, and won the first Science Scholarship of the Tasmanian University in 1913, after taking second place in the preceding year. His University course has been equally brilliant, though he enlisted before taking his degree. Possessing a serious nature and lofty ideals,

in addition to his great mental ability, he will no doubt bring credit to his family, his School, and his State, if, as we earnestly hope, he is spared to take up his Scholarship.

Examinations for Degrees, 1916

The following successes were won by our Old Boys:—

English I.—Pass: T. K. Crisp.

Logic and Psychology.—Pass: T. K. Crisp.

Pure Mathematics I.b.—Pass: A. J. Clinch, S. W. Ross.

Applied Mathematics I.—Distinction: A. J. Clinch. Pass: S. W. Ross.

Physics I.—High distinction: A. J. Clinch, S. W. Ross, J. H. B. Walch. Pass: G. R. Chapman.

Chemistry I.—High distinction: S. W. Ross, J. H. B. Walch. Distinction: A. J. Clinch. Pass: G. R. Chapman.

Biology I.—Pass: J. H. B. Walch.

Mechanical Drawing.—High distinction: G. R. Chapman. Distinction: A. J. Clinch, S. W. Ross.

Applied Mechanics.—Pass: J. M. T. Butler.

Mathematics II. (Engineering).—Pass: J. M. T. Butler.

Physics II. (Engineering).—Distinction: J. M. T. Butler.

Surveying.—Distinction: J. M. T. Butler.

Property I.—High distinction: R. N. K. Beedham.

Wrongs.—High distinction: R. N. K. Beedham.

Contracts.—Distinction: R. N. K. Beedham.

Mechanical Engineering.—Distinction: F. E. Moloney.

Surveying II.—High distinction: F. E. Moloney.

Property II.—Pass: H. R. Dobbie.

Constitutional Law.—Distinction: H. R. Dobbie.

Political Economy.—Distinction: G. C. Dixon.

School Notes

SALVETE.

Entered during first term, 1917: B. H. Brammall, J. M. Radcliff, C. A. S. Page, E. E. Hopkins, H. C. Webster, G. F. Webster, A. J. Shields, F. M. Hamilton, E. D. Cruickshank, O. D. Cruickshank, C. E. Oldham, L. M. Robertson, K. F. Semple, R. Henry, H. S. Lloyd, G. O. Thomas, R. V. Bowden, W. A. Bowden, H. W. Dixon, R. J. McCutcheon, R. A. Terry, H. J. Overell, C. H. Grant, E. D. Crisp, E. R. Crisp, W. L. Rait, J. R. Hutchinson, J. D. Holmes, J. D. McElroy, R. B. Omant, E. A. J. Green, L. C. Masterman, K. M. Urquhart, G. M. Cutts (re-admitted).

VALETE.

Left at Christmas: F. B. Richardson (University Scholar, Senior Prefect and Cricket Captain), J. R. Henry (Matric., Prefect), R. E. A. Clarke (Matric.), L. H. Livingston (S.P.), D. A. Georgeson, F. C. Alcock, D. Henderson, D. Hutchison, R. A. Black, F. Brain (J.P.), D. Chesterman, R. B. Craw (J.P.), G. L. Davis, S. Oliver, C. Olney (J.P.), B. Alexander, J. Z. Bidencope, A. Craig, C. L. Davis, A. Hawkes, T. Loane, D. Templeman, E. Colman, R. B. Jackson, S. Rowe, Turner, Neil Smith.

STAFF.

Mr. H. D. Erwin resigned the House-mastership at Christmas, and a resolution was passed by the Board of Management, thanking him for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the position. Major Gurney has now resumed control, having been released from his military duties. During the interregnum the boarders were under Mr. Eldridge's charge. Mr. Isherwood, who has acted as Bursar during Mr. Gurney's absence, is now able to devote all his time to class-work, thus materially increasing the efficiency of the Staff.

PREFECTS.

The Headmaster announced at the commencement of term that he had appointed E. M. Lilley as Senior Prefect. Lilley's colleagues are Crouch, Hay, and Allison. The House Prefects are Masterman, Upcher, Booth and Holmes.

SPORTS PRIZES.

The winners of races at the School Athletic and Swimming Sports are to be commended for their unanimous and voluntary decision to forego their prizes this year, and to devote the funds thus released to patriotic purposes.

"POTATO DAY."

An excellent plan has been adopted for helping the A.I.F. Hostel. Once a month each boy is asked to contribute two potatoes. If good big ones are selected they should amount to something like a hundredweight.

HOLY WEEK.

In accordance with an old custom of the School, inaugurated in the Rev. H. H. Anderson's time, short addresses were given each morning in Holy Week by the Clergy of Hobart. On Monday Canon Shoobridge spoke about "Sacrifice." On Tuesday the Dean took as his text, "If any man will follow after Me, let him take up his cross." On Wednesday Chaplain Bethune's text was, "Not this man, but Barabbas," and on Thursday the Dean gave a stirring address on the Atonement.

CONFIRMATION.

The Dean of Hobart is holding a weekly class at the School in preparation for a Confirmation Service, to be held in May. The candidates are Chapman, Booth, Long, Gray, Atkins, Bowden, Thomas, Stump, Masterman, Onslow, Best, Salmon, Cutts and Murdoch.

The Supreme Sacrifice

LIEUT. O. L. FRIZONI.

Lieutenant Frizoni was born at Taylor's Bay on 23rd September, 1891. He left for India with his parents, and returned to Tasmania with them in 1903, and was a student in Hutchins School. He again went to India, and from there to England, in May, 1912, as he had decided to take up mining, with the object of passing as a mining engineer. On the 13th July, 1912, he joined Maltby Main Colliery, near Rotherham, S. Yorkshire, as an articled student. He attended Sheffield University in 1913, as it

was desirable for him to take the "mining diploma" course, and passed second in the autumn term for 1913. Shortly after the war broke out he joined the Coldstream Guards, and early in December, 1914, he accepted a commission in the 12th East Yorkshire Regiment. He was, soon after joining, gazetted brigade bomb officer. He always had an inclination for engineering, and had arranged to get his commission and services transferred to the Royal Engineers, but his brother officers induced him to stay on with them, and so he withdrew his application for the Royal Engineers. He saw service in Egypt, and from there was sent to France. Whilst serving there he was wounded and sent to hospital. After recovery, he rejoined his regiment in France, and in one of his last letters to his parents he mentioned that he had been strongly recommended for a captaincy. He was with his regiment, it is assumed, at the battle of the Ancre, and apparently his regiment was between Grandcourt and Hebuterne, for it was here that the Germans multiplied their guns and introduced additional divisions. On the 17th and 18th November, 1916, the War Office cabled to his father that his son, Lieutenant O. L. Frizoni, of the 12th East Yorks, was wounded and missing on 13th November, 1916. The East Yorkshire Regiment have the following to their credit:—Blenheim Ramillies, Oudenarde, Marston, Louisburg, Quebec (1759), Martinique (1762, 1794, 1809), Havannah, St. Lucia (1778), Guadaloupe (1810), Afghanistan (1879-80), South Africa (1900-2).

Lieutenant-Colonel Wellesley, of the 12th East Yorkshire Regiment, has written, under date November 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Frizoni:—

"Dear Mr. Frizoni,—I am writing on behalf of what is left of my battalion to try to express to you their deep sympathy with you in the loss of your son. In him I have lost one of my best officers, and also a great friend. He was most popular with all ranks, and an ideal leader of men. I regret to say he was fatally wounded in the back, and lay on the parapet in the German line. Three men at once tried to get him down, but in

doing so they were all killed. I regret to say we were unable to bring his body back to our lines, as we had to evacuate the position which he had captured and held for over twelve hours. He wished to transfer to the Engineers, but I had such a high opinion of him that I persuaded him to remain with us. Our losses were very heavy, but the battalion did very well, all due to the way they were led by their officers. If he had lived through the attack he would have been proud of the good work done by his company. I can't tell you how I shall miss him. Please accept my deepest sympathy, and, believe me, I do feel for you in your great sorrow.—Yours, sincerely, C. G. Wellesley, Lieutenant-Colonel, 12th E. York R.

CAPTAIN GUY BAILEY.

Captain Guy Brooke Bailey, the sad news of whose death in France reaches us as we go to press, was the second son of Mr. G. H. Bailey, Diocesan Registrar, and was born on the 16th of April, 1883. He entered the School with his brothers Keith and Roy in February, 1897, and left in December, 1902. He took a leading part in the life of the School, especially in sports, being for several seasons a prominent member of the first eleven and the football team. After matriculating he commenced his medical course, and on gaining his diploma was appointed Junior House Surgeon at the Hobart General Hospital. He also took charge of Dr. Gilbert Butler's practice at Zeehan whilst the latter was absent in England. Subsequently he was an assistant to Dr. Spratt, and was accounted a skilful doctor, and a very considerate and affable gentleman. He has been serving with the Tasmanian forces since early in the war, and was in the Gallipoli campaign. He returned to Hobart suffering from the effects of enteric fever, and, after recuperating, left for the front again, and at the time of his death was serving with our forces at the front in France. He married a daughter of the late Sir Adye Douglas, and leaves a widow and one child. His death is deeply regretted by the members of the medical profession in Hobart, as well as by a large circle of friends. For his splendid

services at the front Dr. Bailey was some time ago mentioned in dispatches.

One of his brothers, Roy, is on active service, and another, Alan, one of the first Tasmanians to enlist, has returned from the front. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bailey and family, and to the young widow in their bereavement.

'The Last Post

A copy of the following lines was found in the pocketbook of the late Lieut. Leo. Butler, who was killed in France on August 24, 1916:—

And now the hour has come,
The Spirit takes its flight,
To its Eternal Home;
Lights out,
Good Night.

A long, long, night of rest,
And with the morning bright,
Reveille with the Blest;
Lights out,
Good Night.

Our Roll of Honour

Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

Donald J. C. Anderson.
Kenneth H. Anderson.
Herbert Abraham Ansell.
Guy Brooke Bailey.
David Barclay.
John Errol Benson.
Alexander Douglas Bethune.
Edward George Brain.
William John Alder Brown.
Edward Lionel Austin Butler.
Oscar Lorenzo Frizoni.
Eric Louis Giblin.
Frederick Miller Johnson.
Charles Daniel Lucas.
Henric Clarence Nicholas.
Lyndon Forrest Page.
Percival Hugh Rex.
John Clive Sams.
Bryan James Walch.
Roderic Noel Weaver.

The Empire's Call

N.B.—The Editor will be grateful for additions or corrections to this list, which we believe is still far from complete.

Abbott, M. C.
Abbott, Paul, Quartermaster-Sgt., A.A.M.C.
Abbott, Percy, Lieut.-Col., Light Horse.
Abel, W. T., Gunner, Field Artillery.
Adams, G. W., Lieut.
Adams, L. W., Gunner, Field Artillery.
Adams, R., Lieut.
Allen, C. T., Pvte.
Anderson, A. F. S., Pvte.
Anderson, D., Pvte, 2nd Batt. Killed.
Anderson, G. H., 13th Field Artillery.
Anderson, K., Lieut., 15th Batt. Killed.
Ansell, H. A., Lieut. Killed.
Atkins, C. N., Capt., A.A.M.C.
Bailey, A., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
Bailey, G., Capt., A.A.M.C.
Bailey, R., Pvte., 3rd Light Horse.
Barclay, D., Pvte., 3rd Light Horse. Killed.
Belstead, A., Pvte.
Benson, J. E., L.-Corp., 11th Batt. Killed.
Bernacchi, L. C. D.
Bethune, A. D. B., Corp., 8th Light Horse. Killed.
Bethune, F. P., Lieut., 12th Batt.
Bibby, L., L.-Corp., Machine Gun Sec.
Bisdee, J. H., Capt., V.C.
Bisdee, G. S., Capt., 40th Batt.
Blacklow, A. C., Major.
Boniwell, R. O., Sapper, Field Engineers.
Boyer, C.
Boyes, J.
Boyes, E., Corpl., 40th Batt.
Bradford, H.
Bradford, J. P., Sergt., 40th Batt.
Brain, E. G. Died at sea.
Brent, R. D., Major.
Brown, W. J. A., Pvte., 14th Batt. Killed.
Butler, Angus, Lieut., Royal Engineers.
Butler, Brian, Pvte., 3rd Light Horse.
Butler, C. T., Lieut., Dorset Yeomanry.
Butler, G. T., Lieut., R.F.A.
Butler, H. N., Lieut.-Col., A.M.C.
Butler, Hedley.
Butler, J. H., Pvte., Light Horse.
Butler, Lionel, Lieut., 12th Batt. Killed.
Butler, L. T., Lieut., 12th Batt.

Cameron, Cyril.
 Cameron, D., Major, Machine-Gun Corps.
 Chalmers, R. H., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Champion, H. E. C., Lieut., Field Artillery.
 Chancellor, C.
 Chambers, V. E., L.-Corpl., Field Engineers.
 Chapman, K., Sergt., Howitzer Battery.
 Chisholm, J. D. W., Capt., 40th Batt.
 Clark, A. I., Pvte.
 Clark, C. I., Pvte.
 Clark, J. P., Major, 40th Batt.
 Clark, W. I., Capt., A.M.C., 40th Batt.
 Clarke, N. A., Pvte.
 Colbourn, F. R., Corpl., A.S.C.
 Colbourn, K., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Cotton, S. F., Aviation Corps.
 Cox, Guy, Lieut., Somerset Light Infantry.
 Crick, A. T., Lieut., A.S.C.
 Crisp, A. P., Major, Field Artillery.
 Crosby, A. W., Sergt.
 Crosby, W. M., Pvte.
 Cruickshank, A. La T., Capt., 40th Batt.
 Davies, G. G., Bombardier, Field Artillery.
 D'Emden, M., Pvte., A.S.C.
 Dollery, E. M., Sergt.
 Douglas, B., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Elliston, C. W., Driver, Field Artillery.
 Elliston, V. G., Sergt., Field Artillery.
 Farmer, B. C., Pvte., A.S.C.
 Farmer, C. G., Capt., A.S.C.
 Farmer, I., Pvte.
 Flexmore, A., Pvte.
 Fitzgerald, F. G., Pvte.
 Fitzgerald, G. M., Gunner, Field Artillery.
 Foster, J. A., Capt., 12th Batt.
 Fox, E. C., Gunner, Field Artillery.
 Frizoni, Oscar, Lieut., E. Yorks. Regt.
 Killed.
 Garnett, B. G., Colonel.
 Gibbs, J., Pvte.
 Giblin, A. L.
 Giblin, E. L., Capt., R.A.M.C. Killed.
 Giblin, L. F., Capt., 40th Batt.
 Giblin, W. W., Col., A.A.M.C., C.B.
 Gravely, E. C., Pvte.
 Grant, F. G., Lieut.
 Hardy, A. W., Pvte., A.S.C.
 Hardy, H. N. M., Lieut.-Commander, D.S.O.
 Harris, J. O., Capt., 4th Batt.
 Harvey, J. B.
 Henry, H. L.

Henry, S.
 Hickman, K. M., Corpl.
 Hill, T. A., Lieut., Royal Sussex.
 Hughes, S. L., Lieut., 12th Batt.
 Johnson, F. M., Major, A.A.M.C. Killed.
 Johnson, A. F., Capt.
 Jones, K.
 Kelly, H. G., Pvte.
 King, C. S., Lieut., R.F.A. Military Cross.
 Knight, M., Sapper, F. Engineers
 Lamph, A., Pvte.
 Lindley, T. M., Pvte.
 Lines, E. W. L., Lieut.
 Long, G. H., Pvte.
 Lucas, C. D., Lieut., 12th Batt. Killed.
 Lucas, R., Pvte.
 Marshall, N., Pvte.
 Marshall, P., Pvte.
 Marshall, R., Pvte.
 Mathers, K., Pvte.
 Maxwell, D., Lieut. M.C.
 McCormick, A.
 McIntyre, F., Major, A.A.M.C. Military Cross.
 McIntyre, G. L., Lieut., 40th Batt.
 McIntyre, W. K., Capt., R.A.M.C.
 McLeod, L. B., Sergt., Light Horse.
 McLeod, T. B., Capt., Light Horse.
 Moore, B. R., Corpl.
 Moore, K. F., Pvte.
 Moore, T. C. B., Capt., 12th Batt. M.C.
 Morton, K., Pvte., 3rd Batt.
 Morriss, D., Corpl., 26th Batt.
 Murdoch, A., Corpl., A.A.M.C.
 Murdoch, J., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Nicholas, H. C., Lieut. Killed.
 O'Doherty, J., Pvte.
 O'Kelly, R. A., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Page, L. F., Sergt. Killed.
 Page, R., Pvte.
 Payne, A. F., Lieut., Pioneers.
 Payne, L. W., Pvte., 40th Batt.
 Peacock, J. E., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Piesse, J. S.
 Pretymann, E. R., Corpl., 40th Batt.
 Pritchard, N., Pvte.
 Radcliffe, B., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Ramsay, P. M., Gunner, Field Artillery.
 Rayner, C. S. W., Lieut., Oxford and Bucks
 Read, C. H., Lieut.
 Reid, F. W., Sergt., Pay Corps.

Reid, J. A., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Rex, P. H., Pvte. Killed.
 Reynolds, A. J., Major.
 Richard, N. B., Lieut.
 Richard, R. B., Sergt.
 Risby, T., Pvte.
 Rodway, S. F.
 Rout, F. B.
 Sale, A. T., Pvte.
 Salier, E. L., Capt. Fusiliers, Legion of Hon.
 Sams, J. C., Pvte. Killed.
 Sargent, D.
 Sharland, C. S., Lieut.
 Shoobridge, A. W.
 Shoobridge, E., Corpl., 26th Batt.
 Snowden, R. E., Lieut.-Col., 15th Batt.
 Sorell, M., H.M.A.S. "Melbourne."
 Steinbach, R., Royal Flying Corps.
 Swan, R., Pvte., 1st Pioneers.
 Swan, E. T., Pvte.
 Taylor, A. C., Pvte.
 Thirkell, G. L., Lieut., Field Engineers.
 Thirkell, W. M., Lieut.
 Thomas, L. R.
 Todd, R., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Tressider, L., Corp., N.Z.E.F.
 Turner, J. W., Lieut., Field Artillery.
 Uren, L., Sergt.
 Uren, H. S., Sergt., 12th Batt.
 Walch, B. J., Lieut., Essex Regt. Killed.
 Walch, J. C., Major, R.F.A.
 Walch, J. H. B.
 Walker, H. C., Corpl., A.A.M.C.
 Watchorn, B. B.
 Williams, C. E., Lieut., 4th Wilts.
 Weaver, R. N., Pvte, Light Horse. Killed.
 Webster, A. A., Gunner, Field Artillery.
 Westbrook, H. L., Pvte.
 Wertheimer, M. J. T., Pvte.
 Wilson, E. R.
 Windsor, E., Pvte.
 Wood, A. D., Pvte.
 Wood, R. A., Gunner Field Artillery.
 Wright, P. L., Capt.
 Wyllly, G., Major, "The Guides," V.C.
 Youl, J., Pvte., 12th Batt.

Old Boys' Column BIRTHS.

BRAIN.—On the 23rd December, at The Rest, Prince's-street, Sandy Bay, the wife of W. A. Brain: a daughter.

CRUICKSHANK.—On Tuesday, February 6, at Edinburgh Private Hospital, the wife of Captain Alan La Touche Cruickshank (A.I.F.), a daughter.
 CHESTERMAN.—On February 28, at Larnoo, Vincent-street, East Malvern, Melbourne, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney A. Chesterman: a son.

MARRIAGES.

HARVEY—MARSHALL.—On October 18, 1916, at Forcett, by the Rev. Thos. Scott, Horace L. Harvey, of Studley-park, Forcett, and eldest son of Mr. and Mr. D. H. Harvey, Manresa, Lower Sandy Bay, Hobart, to L. Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Marshall, Forcett House, Forcett, Tas.
 PAGE—MACLEOD.—On January 24, at All Saints' Church, by the Ven. Archdeacon Whittington, Oliver Alfred, third son of the late Hon. Alfred Page and Mrs. Page, Wingfield, Hobart, to Laura Bright, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loudoun Macleod, of Raasay, Hobart.
 ATKINS—WALKER. — On Wednesday, February 14, 1917, at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, by Very Rev. Dean Hay, Charles Norman, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Atkins, to Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Walker.

DEATHS.

FRIZONI.—Killed in action in France, about November 13, 1916, Oscar Lorenzo Frizoni, Lieut. 12th East Yorkshire Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frizoni, Lindisfarne, Tasmania.
 PAGE.—Killed in action in France on November 13, 1916, Lyndon Forrest Page, Acting Sergeant-Major, Australian Imperial Force, only child of H. A. and H. C. Page, Woodlands, Melton Mowbray, aged 19 years.
 FITZGERALD.—On the 28th March, at his residence, Gwylata, Holebrook-place, Hobart, Hon. George Parker Fitzgerald, aged 74 years.
 Lieut. O. S. W. Rayner, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry (Rhodes Scholar, 1913), is in hospital at Salonica, with malarial fever.

Captain Fergus McIntyre (A.M.C.) has been promoted to Major.

Lieut. Duncan Maxwell has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished bravery in the attack on Mouquet Farm last September. His brother, Lieut. Arthur Maxwell, received the same distinction at the same time.

Captain T. C. B. Moore, who was severely wounded at Pozieres and received the Military Cross for distinguished conduct on that occasion, is sufficiently recovered to return to Tasmania.

Lieut. G. L. Thirkell is again reported ill.

Captain A. P. Crisp, of the Artillery, has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Lieut.-Colonel R. E. Snowden has had to relinquish his command through ill-health. He is now doing munition work in England.

Lieut. F. P. Bethune has been awarded the Military Cross.

Pvte. A. F. Anderson writes that his brother, Sapper G. H. Anderson (Field Engineers), has been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

H. R. Dobbie has been appointed Private Secretary to the Acting Governor (Sir Herbert Nicholls) during his term of office.

A. G. Brammall has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.

F. E. Moloney has taken the degree of B.Sc., Tas.

The death of the Hon. G. P. Fitzgerald deprives the School of an honoured Old Boy, who has made his mark in the commercial and political life of the community. Three generations of the Fitzgerald family have passed through the School, two of Mr. Fitzgerald's grandsons being on active service with the A.I.F.

Athletics

The day fixed for our annual athletic sports was Friday, March 23, but a heavy fall of rain made the ground unfit for running, and the committee reluctantly postponed the event till the following Monday. The weather behaved itself this time, but the long grass made the ground slippery, and

was responsible for several nasty falls in the jumping events. One boy (R. Terry) came down very heavily, and fractured his right arm near the wrist. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. Bullock and his committee. The judging was done by Mr. S. T. Ellis and the masters, and Mr. J. Sharp kindly acted as timekeeper. A dainty afternoon tea was provided in the fernery, under the supervision of Mesdames Bullock and Stabb, and Miss Archer. W. Freeman won the senior cup, securing 25 points, N. G. Hay coming second, with 14 points, and Holmes and Allison (equal) third, 5 points each. Following are the results:—

100 Yards Open Championship.—W. Freeman, 1; N. Hay, 2; A. Henry, 3. Time, 11 1-3sec.

120 Yards Handicap (under 11).—F. Hamilton, 1; M. Clark, 2; D. Brammall, 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13).—L. Masterman, 1; J. Read, 2; N. Anderson, 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 15).—H. Overell, 1; A. McDougall, 2; H. Hale, 3.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—W. Freeman, 1; W. Allison, 2; N. Hay, 3. Time, 20sec.

80 Yards (under 11).—D. Brammall, 1; J. Boss-Walker, 2; M. Clark, 3.

50 Yards (under 10).—B. Saddler, 1; J. Boss-Walker, 2; D. Gurney, 3.

100 Yards Open Handicap.—W. Allison, 1; H. Overell, 2; A. Henry, 3. Time, 11½ sec.

Open High Jump.—J. Holmes, 1; J. Burbury and J. Madden (dead heat), 2; 4ft. 5½in.

Sack Race.—R. Henry, 1; F. Hamilton, 2; L. Masterman, 3.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13).—I. Read, 1; L. Masterman, 2; J. Hay, 3.

220 Yards Open Handicap.—W. Freeman, 1; H. Bowtell, 2; A. Henry, 3. Time, 25 3-5sec.

220 Yards Championship.—W. Freeman, 1; N. Hay, 2.

100 Yards Championship (under 15).—H. Overell, 1; A. Goodfellow, 2; C. Oldham, 3. Time, 12sec.

High Jump (under 13).—J. Morris, 1; J. Hay, 2; G. Hirst, 3. 3ft. 9in.

440 Yards Open Championship.—W. Free-

man, 1; N. Hay, 2; W. Allison, 3. Time, 58 3-5sec.

High Jump (under 15).—J. Burbury, 1; H. Hall, 2; C. Oldham, 3. 4ft. 4in.

Obstacle Race.—E. R. Crisp, 1; P. Upcher, 2; A. McDougall, 3.

220 Yards Handicap (under 15).—H. Hale, 1; H. Overell, 2; K. Bowden, 3.

880 Yards Open Handicap.—C. Boyes, 1; O. Masterman, 2; K. Omant, 3. Time, 2min. 16sec.

880 Yards Open Championship.—W. Freeman.

440 Yards (under 15).—H. Overell, 1; H. Hale, 2; W. Young, 3. Time, 65 3-5 sec.

One Mile Championship.—S. Hammond. Time, 5min. 55sec.

One Mile Handicap.—O. Hudson, 1; B. Beedham, 2; S. Hammond, 3.

The Associated Schools' competitions are to be held on April 18, and on the 20th the Northern schools will send teams down to decide the championship. Our chances in these contests look fairly good.

Swimming

In this branch of sport the School has always been proficient. Last year we were beaten for the first time. So we were naturally anxious to recover the laurels this year. We succeeded in doing so without much difficulty. The form shown by our boys, though perhaps not brilliant, was uniformly good, and we won both the teams races fairly comfortably. We were unfortunate in hitting upon a cold, showery afternoon for our School Competitions on February 23, but the Saturday morning chosen for the Associated Schools' contest left nothing to be desired, and quite a large crowd assembled at the Sandy Bay Baths. The judges on this occasion were Messrs. J. Sharp (donor of the Cup), S. T. Ellis, and C. Purdy. Mr. Bullock was starter, and Mr. R. H. Reed hon secretary.

RESULTS OF H.S. SPORTS.

Breast Stroke, 50yds.—K. Douglas, 1; C. Boyes, 2; A. Crouch, 3. Time, 42 4-5sec.

Under 13, 50yds.—O. Jensen, 1; K.

Urquhart, 2; R. Hadley, 3. Time, 56sec.

Open Championship, 50yds.—G. Robertson, 1; J. Holmes, 2. Time, 35 4-5sec.

50yds. Handicap, under 15.—First heat: J. Clark (6sec.), 1; A. Hodgkinson (1sec.), 2;

C. Murdoch (2sec.), 3. Time, 48 3-5sec.

Second heat: M. Urquhart (8sec.), 1; C. Oldham (4sec.), 2; A. McDougall (7sec.), 3.

Time, 49sec. Final: A. Hodgkinson, 1; J. Clark, 2; M. Urquhart, 3. Time, 49 1-5sec.

Swimming on Back, 50yds.—K. Douglas, 1; G. Robertson, 2. Time, 51 1-5sec.

Diving, under 15.—M. Urquhart, 1; D. Atkins, 2; A. Hodgkinson, 3.

Open Handicap, 50yds.—First heat: E. McCreary (3sec.), 1; J. Harrison (8sec.), 2;

D. Urquhart (8sec.), 3. Time, 48 3-5sec.

Second heat: K. Clinch (2sec.), 1; R. Evans (12sec.), 2; C. Boyes (8sec.), 3. Time,

45 2-5sec. Third heat: O. Hudson (8sec.), 1; J. Holmes (scr.), 2. Time, 42 2-5sec.

Final: K. Clinch, 1; E. McCreary, 2; O. Hudson, 3. Time, 42 2-5sec.

Beginners' Race, 50yds.—R. A. Terry, 1. Time, 65sec.

200yds. Open Handicap.—S. Robertson, 1; K. Douglas, 2. Time, 3min. 37 3-5sec.

50yds. Championship, under 15.—D. Atkins, 1; C. Murdoch, 2. Time, 39 2-5sec.

Diving, Open Championship.—E. McCreary, 1; J. Holmes, 2; P. Upcher, 3.

100yds. Championship, under 15.—D. Atkins, 1; A. Hodgkinson, 2. Time, 1min. 36 3-5sec.

ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS' SPORTS.

Boys under 13 (50 yards).—F. Sinclair (St. Virgil's), 1; E. McArthur (St. Virgil's), 2; K. Urquhart (Hutchins), 3.

Open Championship, 100 yards.—C. Kellaway (Friends'), 1; G. Robertson (Hutchins), 2; G. McArthur (St. Virgil's), 3.

Boys under 15, 50 yards.—D. Atkins (Hutchins), 1; K. Dollahan (Friends'), 2; L. Dowding (Leslie House), 3.

Open Teams Race.—Hutchins, 1; Friends', 2; Leslie, 3.

Dive (boys under 15).—T. Lord (Friends'), 1; D. Atkins (Hutchins), 2; M. Urquhart (Hutchins) 3.

Breast Stroke (open), 50yds.—K. Douglas

(Hutchins), 1; C. Kellaway (Friends'), 2; F. Morey (St. Virgil's), 3.

Dive (open).—C. Kellaway (Friends'), 1; G. McArthur (St. Virgil's), 2; R. Monks (St. Virgil's), 3.

Boys under 15, 100 yards.—D. Atkins (Hutchins), 1; A. Hodgkinson (Hutchins), 2; R. Chesterman (Friends'), 3.

Swimming on Back (open), 50 yards.—K. Douglas (Hutchins), 1; G. Peacock (Friends'), 2; S. Crouch (Hutchins), 3.

Dive, boys under 13.—K. Urquhart (Hutchins), 1; E. McArthur (St. Virgil's), 2; O. Jensen (Hutchins), 3.

Open Championship, 200 yards.—G. McArthur (St. Virgil's), 1; C. Kellaway (Friends'), 2; G. Robertson (Hutchins), 3.

Teams Race, boys under 15.—Hutchins, 1; St. Virgil's, 2; Friends', 3.

Diving for Objects.—G. Boyes (Leslie) and K. Urquhart (Hutchins) tied for the first place. S. Charles (Friends'), E. McCreary (Hutchins), and G. McArthur (St. Virgil's) were adjudged equal for the third place.

Live-Saving Competition.—J. Holmes (Hutchins), 1; C. Kellaway (Friends'), 2; A. James and G. Boyes (both Leslie) tied for third place.

Championship Points.—Hutchins, 52 1-6; Friends', 34 2-3; St. Virgil's, 23 2-3; Leslie, 8½.

Head of the River

The annual "Head of the River" race, under the auspices of the Associated Secondary Schools, was rowed over the Home Reach course, Launceston, on March 31st. Conditions for the event were ideal. It was rowed on a flowing tide, with a favourable wind, and, generally speaking, the form of the five crews was excellent. Considerable public interest was manifested in the race, which was won by the Launceston Church Grammar School by the substantial margin of five lengths from Friends' High School, with Leslie House third, Hutchins fourth, and Scotch College last. The following account of the race is from the Launceston correspondent of "The Mercury":—

"It was an interesting race to watch.

Closest to the starter, Grammar and Hutchins got a slight advantage, from the fact that the sound of the gun reached them first, and the nip, vigour, and uniformity of their work from the very beginning jumped their boats into the lead. One has rarely seen in schoolboy crews such a splendid control of the oftentimes rugged hustle and hurry of the early work. They hit the water beautifully clean, and with a vim that was delightful to watch. The light and certainly attractive Scotch College crew were little removed in point of clean and effective work, but the two Southern crews under the eastern shore appeared sluggish in comparison, and one immediately formed the impression that the lads from the outset felt the disadvantage of the heavier water outside the influence of the morning tide. The crews early settled down to the serious work of the long journey. Grammar and Hutchins soon established a lead, and were tramping along in great style, and on practically even terms when a mishap occurred in the Hutchins' boat, which certainly robbed the race of a good deal of interest, inasmuch as indications were that these two crews, dashing, eager, and splendidly together, were very evenly matched. Perhaps a quarter of the distance had been traversed, and the two crews were racing side by side when the Hutchins lads stopped rowing. It was not clear at the moment what had occurred, but it subsequently transpired that the slide at No. 3 seat had left the runners, throwing the work in the boat, of course, completely out of gear. The trouble was not rectified until the crew's position, from the point of view of success, was altogether hopeless, but the lads pluckily set after their opponents, and at one stage appeared likely to attain to second honours, but the effort was too great, and they gradually dropped back and finished in fourth place. The accident to Hutchins clearly decided the issue in Grammar's favour, for even at that stage the smart and capable crew had established a considerable lead over their other opponents. Always good, the form in the Grammar boat, relieved of the pressure of the determined competition from Hutchins, im-

proved to a splendidly even, steady swing, and uniformity of movement, which spoke success. So far ahead were the Grammar lads that, racing along past the new wharves, they crossed almost completely over, which, while technically a breach, exercised not the slightest influence on the result. With Grammar clear ahead, interest attached to the struggle amongst the other crews, out of which Friends' High emerged successful. Grammar won very decisively by five lengths, with Friends' High two lengths ahead of Leslie House, who finished a length in front of Hutchins, with Scotch College a quarter of a length further back. The time for the mile was 5min. 50sec."

Our crew was seated as follows:—A. Crouch, 10.9 (bow), S. Hammond, 9.3 (2); W. Allison, 11.10 (3), N. Hay, 10.9 (stroke); P. Upcher (cox.).

Cricket

We started this season with six of last season's team, but, so far, we have not distinguished ourselves, all three matches played having been lost. Our chief weakness lies in our batting, while our bowling lacks variety. The fielding, on the contrary, is quite good. Lilley was elected captain, and Crouch vice-captain.

The following are the results:—

H.S. v. F.H.S.

Won by F.H.S. by 28 runs. For us, K. Douglas secured the excellent average of 8 for 38, and followed this up by making 55 out of our total of 80.

F.H.S. (first innings), 108 (Peacock 32, Wardlaw 23).

H.S. (first innings), 80 (K. Douglas 55).

H.S. v. L.H.S.

Our team went down with little opposition against very good bowling by Walsh and Archer for L.H.S. L.H.S. ultimately won by 4 wickets and 19 runs.

H.S., 52 (Norman 21, Hammond 10, not out).

L.H.S., 6 for 71 (Burrows 30, not out, E. Archer 17).

H.S. v. St. V.

Won by St. V. by 31 runs. Upcher (31) and Steele (19) were the only batsmen to

make any stand for us. For St. V.'s, Hiscutt made 41 and Oakley 31. Steele took six wickets for 20 runs. Totals: St. V., 108; H.S., 77.

Trip North

(E. M. Lilley.)

On the morning of Saturday, December 9, our sportsmaster, nine of the team, and one supporter entrained on the express for Launceston. Our object in so doing was to play a friendly match against the Grammar School team. Arriving at the station, we were welcomed by the Grammar boys, who took some of us to their homes to stay, while three were lodged at the school. Saturday afternoon was spent in looking over the "sights" of the city, and in the evening we all went to the pictures.

On Sunday morning we were reinforced by another player and two more supporters; they had come up in the mail, and had formed very decided opinions about the management of our railways. It is, perhaps, needless to add that we went to church on Sunday morning, and also on Sunday night. In the afternoon we all met at the Post-office, and walked to the power-station, and were, of course, caught in the rain. However, it was rather an interesting sight to see the storm gradually being blown down the Gorge in the shape of a solid block of suspended raindrops. We didn't stop for the storm to catch up to us, so that we could get a closer view, but "lit out" for home.

Monday, the morning of the match, dawned dismal and foreboding, but, with remarkable suddenness, the "sun shone forth gloriously," and the day turned out to be an ideal one for cricket. As to the result of the match, we were beaten by the very narrow margin of two runs, but the close finish did not prevent the game from being played in a thoroughly friendly and sportsmanlike spirit, which alone gave us sufficient reason to enjoy it. After the match we were given a dinner at the Grammar School, where we showed to better advantage. When things had been going along (and down) for some time, Mr. Shann, the headmaster, rose and made a speech, welcoming us to the

North, and called upon Mr. Hopkins to propose a toast to the captains and teams. In doing so, Mr. Hopkins made reference to the splendid feeling on both sides, which had characterised the whole match. Our captain unwillingly rose to reply in response to the Toastmaster's request, and after one or two false starts, managed to do what he was asked in precisely seventy-two words. The Grammar skipper's turn now came, but he could not go beyond twenty words, concluding with the very obvious remark, "That's all." Mr. Bullock and Mr. Gravenall then showed us what a speech should be like, and their efforts won well-merited applause. After the dinner we went, by invitation, to a concert given by the Grammar boys, and this proved rather a revelation in the way of school concerts. This was to be our last night in Launceston, and some of the team made the most of it, as a certain drowsiness about their eyes the next morning showed.

After a final look around the town on Tuesday morning, we said good-bye to our hosts, and started on the return journey by the morning express. We were not yet to say good-bye to the Northern team, as they were coming down in the same train to play St. Virgil's for the State premiership. However, it rained during the whole of their stay down here, so the match was not played, but two more days were spent by us in the company of our friends before they went back again.

A Battle with the Bulgars

(Extract from a letter from Lieut. G. T. Butler to his father.)

Now the battle is over we are having a period of comparative peace. How long it will last it is impossible to say, but the exhilaration of a successful battle is enormous.

I can't say very much about it, and I believe I sent a few incoherent words to you during the commencement.

We had no idea, really, what it was to become when we started. We intended to take two fortified villages, and, as far as we knew, against a fairly weak force. The attack was timed for 4.30 one morning (the morning, as it happens, being Sunday). The

artillery attack came first, and then the infantry. And the whole part of the artillery attack was US (as they say in the classics). It was an artillery victory absolutely; not that we bore the brunt like the infantry, but we simply drove the Bulgars out of the village and his trenches, and left that section of the enemy who, one always finds, never retreat. We took 200 prisoners, and their casualties were about 400. So far so good. We had not as many casualties as they had, and we had taken the villages and entrenched the other side.

I was at the battery the whole of this time, and only knew from occasional word that we had got the villages. Then we sat tight at the guns, and waited for the certain sequence, the counter-attack. It came, the first one at 6.30 p.m. I was still with the battery.

The firing was terrific; it was hell let loose for the best part of an hour. We got a certain amount of shelling around us, but, fortunately, no casualties. This din lasted continuously, and I was hoarse and deaf as a poker for 24 hours afterwards. Shrieking the orders for the guns to men who were deafened by the noise is rather a strain. After the first hour it slackened for a little, and then burst out again for short intervals, finally dying down to spasmodic firing, which was continued till about midnight. It was really rather a strain until we got word how successful it had been, and with the relief of that, and also the invaluable rum issue, we became ready for the next counter-attack. Next morning at daybreak there was a half-hearted affair, which kept us firing for about an hour in all, but it was merely a feint, on the off chance of a surprise, I think. The rest of the day was quiet, and that night I went up to the trenches to do F.O.O. (forward observing officer).

The casualties up to this time were very complimentary to the artillery. The colonel I was with told me that the barrage fire of our guns was as good as anything he had ever seen. He was a "pucker" colonel, and in a "pucker" division, but he said his experience of France had not shown him anything bet-

ter. In the counter-attack the Bulgars lost 2,000 dead, and this is a very low estimate; more prisoners and their dead were strewn all over the plain. They came through our artillery barrage to our trenches and wire entanglements, saw an impossibility, and either died there or retired through our barrage again. It is impossible to estimate their casualties, but they must have been enormous.

The night I went up to do F.O.O. we imagined the Bulgar had had enough for the present, and I bethought myself of a divine sleep under a starry heaven. I was disappointed. At about 10 o'clock it began to rain, and only people who know tropical rains can appreciate it. We have perfect weather for a fortnight, and then it rains for four hours enough to satisfy you for another fortnight. Well, that is what it did. It was a pitch black night, and it teemed. Of course, at this time there was no cover whatsoever. I was at Batt. H.Q., and we were out in the open, except for a cubby-hole, which the colonel put his head and shoulders into. First the whole lot of us, Batt., Staff and all, got wet through, and then on the top of that my signaller, or one of the two, got struck by lightning, and the whole of our telephone wire fused. When I had found that he was not dead I covered him up as best I could, and tried to get communication with the battery, and at this point in the proceedings the Bulgars launched another counter-attack. It really was trying; telephonic communication all over the place absolutely cut, and unable to turn our batteries on, and this inky darkness, with this continual machine gun and rifle fire. This counter-attack started at 1.15 a.m., and finished at 9.30. Owing to the severe thunderstorm, communication was all by runner, always two being sent at a couple of minutes' interval. We got through the night all right. The hand-to-hand fighting at our trenches was very willing, and, I'm afraid, rather bad for us, too, but we had regiments which would be a credit to anyone, and at the present time as good as any, and, really, I believe, the best in the world. I will have the pleasure of telling

you who some day. The next day was perfect, and apparently peaceful, but the day after we extended our line, and advanced and took another fortified village. The taking on this occasion was too easy, and the battle opened out on to this flank in the evening of the same day, when they countered. They had brought big reinforcements down to teach us a lesson, I suppose, and I was the lucky one on this occasion, and shot the battery, from the O.P., of course, under brigade orders as to my zone. It was perfect for us. There they were on all our sides, and masses of them, and it was then, as it had been in the whole affair, a gunners' battle. The infantry, as always, were the essential factor, but the honour of the whole battle lies with the guns, and, what is more, not with the heavies and not with the howitzers, but with our own masterpiece, the 18-pounder. Nothing can be imagined more perfect from a field gunner's point of view. A comparatively open country, plenty of ammunition, a tip-top battery, and the enemy in thousands. Well, we fired at ranges which would turn a heavy green with envy, and we fired at less ranges, but the effect was terrific. They got nowhere near their objective, and we inflicted losses by the thousand. That was the end of the battle; they fell back, and we have not heard from them since. The long and the short of it is, they have had the most decisive licking they have yet experienced easily, and they have got a wholesome respect for the guns and our infantry. The infantry I take my hat off to.

Sixth Form Spasms

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
On through the year we go;
Each "first day" sees our work begun,
Each term-end sees it close.

As the remnant of last year's sixth assembled on the morning of Wednesday, January 31st, 1917, they looked in vain for the familiar faces of Mary, Gus, Bundle, Jack, and Hermann. However, Pimple, Billy, and C.L.S. turned up at the last moment, and so our sorrow was lightened. The gaps left in the ranks were soon filled up by some ex-

members of Va., as nice a lot of pure-souled, high-minded, hard-working lads as you could wish to see.

The principal events of this quarter have been the various sports. The swimming sports went off, so to speak, swimmingly, at least, the contestants did, and, although the wet weather ratherly damped the ardour of the onlookers, they kept quite warm with enthusiasm. (No extra charge for these jokes.)

Concerning our athletic sports, we were all genuinely grieved that Chiller withdrew from the Mile Handicap. He had been training assiduously for the last few weeks, and so the news came rather as a shock. When interviewed by our special sporting reporter concerning his action, Chiller made a voluntary statement to the effect that he had gathered from a reliable source that the handicappers had "fixed" him. Our reporter also learnt that his training consisted of a brisk trot, one to three miles, a dilute H₂SO₄ bath, and then, to finish off, he has a good rub down with his own patent liniment, which is guaranteed to make a man fit in a week. While on the subject of this liniment, we might add that Chiller assures us that it may also be used for killing rats. It kills at a hundred yards. The empirical formula for it is X₂P₇Q_{Yz} (OH)₄(?)₉—.

There is a rumour going about that the Science Class once got out at 12.19, but the truthfulness of this is doubtful. Perhaps something unaccountable happened to the "infallible" on this particular occasion.

At last we have felt the effect of the great war. The Sixth have lately been the victims of a paper famine. Inability to obtain our proper supply of tablets, exercise books, notebooks, etc., caused our work to suffer immensely, and this quite broke up many members of the form; in fact, it's too much even for us, so that's all. E.M.L. and A.S.C.

Boarders' Notes

Congratulations to Upcher, Booth and Holmes, who have just been nominated House Prefects.

A certain amount of interest has been shown in shooting this term. We have a

miniature range of our own, but at present we have to supply our own rifles and ammunition. The A.N.A. held a shooting competition here among the boys of the school, at which some very fair scores were made. Norman made top score, with 56 out of a possible 60. Reynolds and Oldham also made 56 each, but were beaten on points by Norman. Several others made 55.

Stamp collecting is an interesting and educational hobby, which might well be introduced among the boarders. Several have collections, but most have not as yet brought them to school. If others will bring their collections next term, we can form a society, and carry on exchanges, and, perhaps, competitions. Mr. Masterman will help us in this matter.

It is reported that last Show Day our Thin Friend Ham ate twenty-eight ices. There was a fat Ham, who ate ices, And everything else, too, that nice is,

But the doctors agree,
It's as sure as can be,
That he'll die of pulmonary phthisis.
Of Swan you will doubtless have heard,
For his antics were really absurd;
And a friend from the States,
Who saw Swan upon skates,
Could only gasp: "Gee whiz, some bird!"

We've got a small boarder called Fenn,
Who visits the shop now and then,
With licorice sticks
He is ne'er in a fix,
For his mouth can accommodate ten.

A boarder of ours, I'm assured,
To walk to the Fern Tree was lured.
It is sad to relate,

He lost badly in weight,
But I'm told that our "Ham" is now cured.
O.J.

Subs. & Exchanges

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