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Editorial

"LEST WE FORGET."

In a letter which reached us on September 7th Lieut. L. T. Butler (Rhodes Scholar, 1916) says: "Please don't let people think the 40th is the only Tasmanian Battalion. The 12th is also. Perhaps our two V.C.'s will remind people of the fact."

The same mail brought a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Elliott, D.S.O., commanding officer of the Battalion, to the secretary of the 12th Battalion Comforts Fund, thanking the ladies of Hobart, who were starting the fund, for their interest in the welfare of the men under his command. "We have never been able to understand," he adds, "why the people of Tasmania seem to have lost interest in our Battalion since the formation of the 40th. Since December last the 12th has had two turns holding the line, and has since fought in four very severe engagements, for our success in which we have received universal congratulations. Some idea of the merit of our work may be gained from the following record of honours awarded to members of the Battalion since January 1, 1917:—

"Two Victoria Crosses.

"One bar to Distinguished Service Order (the first Australian officer to receive this award).

"Two D.S.O.'s.

"One bar to Military Cross.

"Eight Military Crosses.

"One Croix de Guerre.

"(All the above, except two M.C.'s, were won by Tasmanians.)

"Nine Distinguished Conduct Medals.

"Seven bars to Military Medals.

"Forty-six Military Medals.

"At present six of our original officers are commanding battalions with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, four in France and two in England, all being Tasmanians. The island State has, I should think, sent four men to the 12th for every one it has sent to the 40th, so I think you will admit we have reason for feeling just a little sore when in nearly every week's papers, which are kindly forwarded by the Overseas Comforts Fund, we see eulogies of the 'Fighting Fortieth,' and never a word of the veteran Twelfth. I trust it may not be long now before we will be able personally to thank all our good friends for their many kindnesses."

The above record is one of which Tasmania should be proud. Hats off to Colonel Elliott and his gallant officers and men! It is Colonel Elliott himself who is the first Australian officer to have a bar added to his D.S.O. We here offer our heartiest congratulations to one of the finest officers in the A.I.F., and to his old school, the Friends' High School, Hobart.

The Hutchins School is well represented in the 12th. A considerable number of our old boys and two masters are serving, or have served, in its ranks, including at least five officers who have laid down their lives for us. The school has given to the 12th, among others, Captain Margetts, Captain

Foster, Captain Moore, Captain Thirkell, Lieut. Bethune (M.C.), Lieut. Leo. Butler, Lieut. L. T. Butler, Lieut. Hughes, Lieut. Lucas, Lieut. Uren, Lieut. Lines, Lieut. Youl, Sergeant Dollery. Old boys in the veteran Battalion may rest assured that "the school will not forget."

The 40th has had its baptism of fire, and has covered itself with glory, as the following letter from its commanding officer shows:—

"FRANCE, 8/6/17.

"The Premier, Tasmania,

"With reference to the battle of Messines-Wytschaete, on June 6 and 7, I have the honour to convey to Tasmania, through you, a message from the Divisional Commander, Major-General John Monash, C.B., V.D.

"Major-General Monash authorised me to say that an objective and a duty was allotted to the 40th Battalion, which was the key to the divisional offensive, that this objective was taken in a magnificent manner by the troops allotted the task, and that after its capture all ranks fought on in a most stubborn and efficient manner, thereby holding the positions won.

"Major-General Monash expresses the opinion that it is a great thing that a small place such as Tasmania should produce a unit of such excellence.

"Before it left home the battalion was called, much in fun, I fear, the 'Fighting Fortieth.' During the battle now referred to the boys finally justified the name.

"I am specially able to write you in these terms about the battalion, for I was detailed for other duty, and did not command in the operation. Major J. P. Clark was in command, and to him and the officers, N.C.O.'s, and men with him every possible praise is due.

"Our casualties are pretty heavy, and we are necessarily deeply grieved. The officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the battalion desire me to convey their deep sympathy and condolence with the relatives and friends of those who have fallen, or who have been seriously wounded. All of these we honour.

"J. E. C. LORD,
"Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding."

While heartily echoing Colonel Lord's brief comment, "All of these we honour," we add our special congratulations to Major J. P. Clark, who has since been given a command, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and to Captain L. F. Giblin and Captain W. I. Clark, who have been awarded the Military Cross. The same distinction has been conferred on Captain Cecil McVilly, an old Queen's College boy. Bravo, the Fortieth!

School Notes

As a result of the election held in August we have to welcome Captain J. W. Bethune as a member of the Board of Management. Captain Bethune has always taken the keenest interest in the welfare of the school, and should prove a worthy successor to Professor Dunbabin, whose place he takes. We take the opportunity of congratulating the other retiring members on their reappointment for a further term of five years.

Two members of the staff left us at mid-winter. Mr. E. W. H. Eldridge has secured a military appointment on the mainland, and Mr. K. C. Masterman, B.A., has enlisted in the A.I.F., and is in camp at Claremont. Their places have been taken by Mr. N. Connell and Mr. A. M. Palmer. To both of these gentlemen, who come from Victoria, we accord a hearty welcome.

Prefects' badges have been issued to O. Masterman and G. Robertson.

At the beginning of the term the headmaster started a branch in connection with the War Savings Groups. The scheme was lucidly explained to the boys at assembly, and a master asked to be responsible for the weekly collections from each class. Mr. Lindon, who has undertaken the supervision and direction of the whole branch, reports that 105 boys have subscribed to the fund, and about 250 certificates have been purchased during the term, the amount subscribed being roughly £220.

Regular gymnastic classes have been resumed for all forms below Va., including the junior school, under the supervision of a skilled instructor, Mr. Kellett.

SALVETE.

Entered Third Term:—N. E. Eddington, L. W. Webster, R. J. Webster, T. G. B. Liptrot, B. S. Hodgman, R. G. Stephen, J. R. Reynolds, C. Dehle, F. M. Merridew, R. F. Ireland, E. T. Meagher, J. H. Jones, A. J. Cutts, J. Z. Bidencope (re-admitted).

VALETE.

Left at Midwinter:—J. D. Clark, J. A. Saddler, E. Y. Chapman, R. J. McCutcheon, F. L. Reynolds, G. A. Salmon, M. J. Clark, F. B. Morgan-Payler, H. Crisp, C. Harrison.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

The master in charge of the junior school (Mr. W. F. Tennant) reports that the following 34 boys have been in attendance at Franklin House this term:—R. P. Lord, R. Sharp, J. L. Hudspeth, A. Smithies, E. E. Hopkins, R. Nettlefold, T. A. Frankcomb, J. R. P. Richardson, C. Harrison, A. Bidencope, H. L. Christie, B. Gray, J. C. Tolman, C. J. Parsons, G. M. Parbury, L. Campbell, B. H. Pheelan, G. A. Banks Smith, J. Nettlefold, N. A. Twiss, C. A. S. Page, A. G. Brammall, G. A. Dick, E. N. Ewing, E. L. J. Flynn, H. M. Nicholls, H. Brammall, D. B. Perkins, W. L. Rait, G. W. R. Rex, J. R. Ratten, P. A. Stephens, J. Stewart-Moore, A. B. White.

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Our Voyage Home

(By E. M. Dollery, 12th Batt., A.I.F.)

Dear Ed.,—This article may serve in a small way to give the boys of the old school an idea of the life of an average soldier during the trip from Australia to England, and may prove somewhat interesting.—E. M. D.

The 20th Reinforcements to the 12th Batt., composed of 150 men from all parts of Tasmania, left Claremont Camp on the morning of August 22nd, 1916, under the command of Lieut. A. L. Wardlaw, of Ringarooma.

We arrived at Launceston amidst a down-pour of rain, and, after detraining, marched to the quay, where we had to go aboard a small tender for transhipment to the Loongana. We were packed like sardines on the tender, as there were approximately 150 civilian passengers as well. The Loongana was anchored about 15 miles down the river to avoid the mud.

We got under way, and, after a good trip, arrived at Melbourne at 8 a.m. on the 23rd. We disembarked, and were taken by train to Broadmeadows Camp, where we spent the night. Leave was granted in the evening to the city, a privilege of which everyone, needless to say, availed himself. The next morning we entrained to Port Melbourne, where we made our first acquaintance with the ship which was to be our floating home for two months. She proved to be a cargo boat of 7,500 tons, fitted as a horse transport, with horse-boxes all round the sides of the ship on each deck. No horses, however, were carried, and we found that our small reinforcement was to be the sole occupier of the transport.

Once on board no one was allowed to leave the ship, and we left New Pier at 6 a.m. on the 25th, and were soon rolling to the swell of the open sea. The third day out we ran into a terrific storm in the Australian Bight, and most of us experienced bad attacks of "mal de mer." We passed Albany in the distance and Cape Leeuwin on the 31st. Soon we noticed a change in the colour of the water, it becoming a deep, translucent blue. A huge and steady swell denoted that we were in the Indian Ocean. Soon we settled down to training on board, and the routine was as follows:—

Reveille	7 a.m.
Breakfast	8 a.m.
Morning Parade, 9 a.m.-12 Noon.	
Dinner	12.30 p.m.
Afternoon Parade... ..	2.4 p.m.

Tea 4.30 p.m.

Lights Out 9.30 p.m.

A syllabus was drawn up, and a course of training gone through, including physical training, bayonet fighting, games, squad and section drill, landscape target work, bombing, musketry, and lectures.

At night the men were free to do as they pleased, but the N.C.O.'s had to attend a lecture each evening in the saloon, each lecture being given by an N.C.O. in turn on some subject, and commented upon by the other N.C.O.'s, the C.O. finally summing up. We learnt a lot this way.

On Saturday sports were held, a ring being roped off on the middle deck hatchway for the boxing contests. Several good encounters were witnessed, the acknowledged cleverest boxer being young Everett, of King Island. In addition, we had rope climbing, tugs-of-war, obstacle races, skipping contests, and cock fighting, all of which caused great amusement. In the evening a concert was held, under the auspices of the Amusement Committee, of which the Padre was chief convener. At first the concerts were held down below on the troop deck, but later on in the tropics they were held on deck, the poor old piano suffering extreme hardships in its passages up and down the troop deck staircase. The ship's officers used to materially assist, and the wireless operator was in great demand as pianist, and also as performer on a one-stringed violin, manufactured out of pine and a piece of catgut. It had a very sweet tone, and the variety of notes it produced was amazing.

On Sunday church parade was held on the forward well deck, the Padre conducting from the lower bridge. He preached several remarkably fine sermons to us, and was universally liked by the men. He was a returned soldier, having been wounded and gained the D.C.M. on the Peninsula with the 13th Batt.

A tiny portable organ, played by Sergeant Skipworth, of Kempton, supplied the harmony, and a choir was formed of the best voices on the boat, of which I had the direction. Sunday afternoon we were free to write, smoke, read, or do as we pleased.

We went up 1,000 miles out of the beaten course to avoid storms, and ran along the parallel of latitude, which runs through Kimberley, in South Africa. Several large water spouts were sighted, also a few whales, while schools of porpoises and flying fish were numerous. We got into wireless touch with Mauritius, and then with Durban, where we got our first war news. A very bad storm was experienced a week out from Capetown; huge waves broke over the vessel, and the horse-boxes were swept away and smashed to matchwood. The decking and railing was also torn away in places. The scuttle leading to the troop deck was carried away, and the heavy staircase leading below was caught up and dropped to the deck, several men narrowly escaping bad injuries, and, perhaps, death. The same wave covered the troop deck with about a foot of water, and clothing, mess tins, buckets, and other articles went floating about all over the place. It took a fatigue party until 10 o'clock at night baling out with buckets to make the place habitable again. Several men were hurled against the horse-boxes and stanchions by the force of the gale, and injured.

We passed south of Madagascar, and struck the coast of Africa on the 17th September, running down under the influence of the Agulhas current. We were in the neighbourhood of the zone which the mythical ghost ship, "The Flying Dutchman," was supposed to frequent. She is a sailing ship, with full sails set, which sails about indiscriminately with no crew on board, and to see her is to "those that go down to the sea in ships" a distinctly bad omen. When passing the spot where the "Birkenhead" sank with her troops standing to attention, we stood to attention, and the "Last Post" was sounded.

We sighted Table Mountain, and turned into Table Bay on September 22nd. It was a fine sight, and aroused the admiration of all. We anchored in the harbour, and were inspected by the authorities, and declared a "free" ship. We were then pushed into the wharf by small tugs, which butted their padded noses against our sides.

After picquets had been despatched to guard the native quarter of the town the troops were marched ashore, and taken for a magnificent tram ride round Table Mountain to Camps Bay, a suburb of Capetown. It is described as one of the most magnificent tram rides in the world, and well bears out its reputation. The native silver leaves were of great interest, and many bunches were collected and sent home. Capetown itself is a fine little city, with some good buildings and streets. The two chief features round the wharf district are the huge steam cranes and the negroes, who invariably form their crews. After a look around the town we were taken to a large hall, and entertained to tea and a concert by lady members of the local committee. They treated us most hospitably, and we enjoyed the short time spent there.

The next morning we left at 10 o'clock after coaling ship, a very dirty and unpleasant proceeding. Three days out from the Cape we were visited by a swarm of locusts, great, big insects about 3in. long; we were quite 80 miles out from land at the time. They dropped all over the boat, and were picked up by the men. On passing German S.W. Africa, where fighting was then in progress, we dropped a few deprecatory messages overboard in the hope that they would float to German territory.

On approaching the danger zone all lights were extinguished, and strict orders issued re striking matches and flashing torches. A submarine guard was formed, with sentries all round the ship, each man being supplied with glasses to watch for subs. Boat drill and alarm stations now constituted part of the daily drill. It was extremely unpleasant groping about the ship in the pitch darkness, tripping over pipes and other obstacles.

We crossed the Line on 3rd October, and celebrated the occasion by holding water sports, at which everybody got drenched. It was frightfully hot right on the Equator, and one perspired just to move about, whilst it was unsafe to sit about without a covering for the head. Work was carried on mostly in the empty horse-boxes, which, with their canvas flaps let down, made excellent shel-

ers. We had a beautiful trip up to Dakar, a French port in Senegambia, which was reached on October 10th. Here we found the auxiliary cruiser "Ophir" and several other Japanese and Italian warships and liners. We were not allowed to land, but managed to obtain souvenirs and postcards through the medium of the native boys, who paddled off to us in canoes selling their wares. Some of them swam out and dived for coins, getting them every time, and putting them in their mouths. One chap I watched safely pocketed, or I should say "mouthed," 13 pennies this way, while another climbed up the anchor chain, and dived off the railing for 3d.

We took our gun and crew on board here, a fine Japanese 12-pounder, manned by gunners who had been in the North Sea fight, and left about 5 p.m. As we passed the Italian and Japanese liners we gave them three cheers and the inevitable "Australia will be there," and they dipped their flag and cheered us back. The Jap. girls waved little handkerchiefs and scarves to us.

We passed by the Canaries and the high peak of Teneriffe, and reached the coast of Spain about the 15th. Another two days' run found us tossing in the Bay of Biscay, and a day later we were picked up by our escort, a little destroyer which dashed about all round us at a terrific rate. She started semaphore signalling, and sent us a message, which was received and answered by one or two of us who knew signalling. Greetings were then exchanged, and we proceeded on our way together, arriving in Plymouth Sound on the night of October 18th. The Lizard Light was visible for 40 miles, and in the intense darkness looked very pretty. We anchored in Devonport Harbour, and as the anchor chain rattled out everyone, I think, heaved a sigh of relief, for our nerves had been more or less in a state of tension for the last fortnight. The next morning we disembarked on to a tender, and landed at Devonport Quay, being immediately transferred to a train, and taken per L. and S.W. Railway to Ureton, in Wiltshire, from which place we marched to Hurdcott Camp, 4½ miles distant on the Plains, and about 13,500 miles from little Tassie.

The Butler Memorial Window

On August 16th the whole school marched to St. David's Cathedral to witness the dedication of the window in the north transept to the memory of Lieut. E. L. A. Butler, who died of wounds in France on August 23rd, 1916. There was a very large and representative congregation, and the service was most impressive, including a special hymn written by Mr. G. H. Reilly, and composed by a relative of Lieut. Butler's.

The window, which was the gift of relations and friends in England and Australia, amongst the subscribers being Sir Thomas a'Beckett, to whom deceased was associate for some years, was manufactured by the well-known firm of Messrs. Brooks, Robinson, and Co. Ltd., Melbourne, the artist being Mr. Wheelton, and the glass being cut and the design carried out and set in the window by Mr. C. W. Chatterley. The subject represents the agony of our Saviour in the Garden of Gethsemane. The central picture is Christ kneeling, and on the right side is an angel handing the cup of sorrow to Him, and on the left are the sleeping apostles, with Judas Iscariot and soldiers approaching. The dawn is breaking in the east. The lower panel represents England's three great fighting saints, on the left St. Martin as a young knight on horseback, giving his cloak to a kneeling beggar; in the centre St. Alban, England's first martyr; and on the right St. George slaying the dragon. In the central lozenge at the top of the window there is a charming picture of the face of Lieut. Butler, designed from a portrait taken of him when a little boy. The prevailing colours are rich purple, mingled with crimson, blue, and pale green.

After the unveiling of the window a brief address was delivered by Dean Hay, who said that the window depicted the Garden of Gethsemane and the agony of our Lord when the fierce onslaughts of the powers of evil were launched against Him. The subject was most rich in its suggestion, because the times through which they were passing had become a veritable Gethsemane,

and the world was in the throes of agony, drinking the full cup of sorrow and suffering. There could be no delusion or illusion as to what the war really meant, and yet there were men who in their supineness were oblivious of the demands upon them. This was a time of the supreme test of their manhood and womanhood, and whatever sacrifices they had to make they could get their inspirations from that which the window depicted. The window spoke to most of them of one whom they knew intimately, and of one whom they could remember and honour as one of the many gallant young men who had laid aside their peaceful avocations, and had laid down their lives for the cause of God and the right. The promise of boyhood was fulfilled in manhood; deceased was a manly man, excelling in games and outdoor sports, and was also strong in moral courage. He urged the boys of the school to follow his fine example. They had high traditions to live up to, and should strive not to fall short of them.

The Military Cross

Mrs. F. P. Bethune has received the following from the Defence Department regarding the decoration of her husband:—"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the under-mentioned officer:—Lieutenant Frank Pogson Bethune, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several daring reconnaissances, and obtained most valuable information. Later he fought his machine-guns with great gallantry, and set a fine example to his men."

Since our last issue we have learned that three more of our old boys have gained this distinction. They are Captains L. F. Giblin and Wendell Clark, and Lieut. Lance Payne. With reference to the lastnamed, his mother writes from Devonport:—"Lance was chosen by Colonel Lord to attend an officers' school at Oxford. He went there in September, 1916, obtained his commission in October, and went to France in December. Since gaining the M.C. he has been made first lieutenant. I would like to add that my

other two sons are over there, too; they were both Queen's College boys. The eldest is a surgeon on H.M.S. Calgarian, and the second in the 12th Battalion, A.I.F. My last letter from Lance was written from London, where he was on special leave to get his decoration from the King. I enclose a copy of the letter he received from General Birdwood:—

(Copy.)

"1st Anzac Corps,
"14th April, 1917.

"Dear Payne,

"I write a line to congratulate you most heartily upon the award to you of the Military Cross in recognition of your good work during the operations in the vicinity of Ncreuil on the 25th of last month. I know that when your small patrol was driven back you at once volunteered to take out a stronger party, which, under your skilful leadership, pushed forward close to the village, in spite of the heavy machine-gun and shell fire to which you were subjected, while your action in remaining behind on the withdrawal of your patrol and carrying in a badly wounded man is, indeed, praiseworthy.

"Thank you so much for this, and wishing you all good fortune in the future,

Yours sincerely,

"W. R. BIRDWOOD."

Distinctions Gained by Old Boys

C.B.

Col. W. W. Giblin.

C.M.G.

Col. P. P. Abbott.

D.S.O.

Col. H. N. Butler.

Major T. F. Brown.

Major J. C. Walch.

Lieut.-Commander H. N. Hardy.

Legion of Honour.

Major E. L. Salier.

Military Cross.

Major Fergus McIntyre.

Lieut. C. S. King.

Lieut. D. S. Maxwell.

Lieut. F. P. Bethune.

Lieut. L. W. Payne.

Capt. L. F. Giblin.

Capt. W. I. Clark.

Our Roll of Honour

Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

Raymond Adams.

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.

Richard W. Travers.

Harold F. Uren.

Bryan James Walch.

Roderic Noel Weaver.

John Beresford Osmond Youl.

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., 40th Batt.

Abbott, Paul, Quartermaster-Sgt., A.A.M.C.

Abbott, Percy, Lieut.-Col., C.M.G.

Abel, W. T., Gunner, A.F.A.

Adams, G. W., Lieut.

Adams, L. W., Gunner, A.F.A.

Adams, R., Lieut. Killed.

Allen, C. T., Pvte.

Anderson, A. F. S., Pvte.

Anderson, D., Pvte, 2nd Batt. Killed.

Anderson, G. H., 13th A.F.A.

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. Killed.
 Bailey, R., Pvte., 3rd Light Horse.
 Barclay, D., Pvte., 3rd Light Horse. Killed.
 Bayes, W. A., Pvte.
 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., M.C.
 Bibby, L., L.-Corp., Machine Gun Sec.
 Bisdee, J. H., Major., V.C.
 Bisdee, G. S., Capt., 40th Batt.
 Blacklow, A. C., Major.
 Boniwell, R. O., Sapper, Field Engineers.
 Bowden, E. J., Lieut., Flying Corps.
 Boyer, C.
 Boyes, J.
 Boyes, E., Lieut., 40th Batt.
 Bradford, H.
 Bradford, J. P., Sergt., 40th Batt.
 Brain, G. W.
 Brain, E. G. Died at sea.
 Brent, R. D., Major.
 Brown, W. J. A., Pvte., 14th Batt. Killed.
 Brown, Major, T. F., A.A.M.C., D.S.O.
 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., D.S.O.
 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., A.F.A.
 Chancellor, C.
 Chambers, V. E., Sapper, 3rd 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., Lieut.-Colonel.
 Clark, W. I., Capt., A.M.C., 40th Batt., M.C.
 Clarke, N. A., Pvte.
 Colbourn, F. R., Corpl., A.S.C.

Colbourn, K., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Cotton, S. F., Lieut., R.F.C.
 Cox, Guy, Lieut., Somerset Light Infantry.
 Crick, A. T., Lieut., A.S.C.
 Crisp, A. P., Major, Field Artillery.
 Croft, S.
 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., 12th Batt.
 Douglas, O. H., Lieut.
 Douglas, B., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Elliston, C. W., Driver, Field Artillery.
 Elliston, V. G., Lieut.
 Farmer, B. C., Pvte., A.S.C.
 Farmer, C. G., Capt., A.S.C.
 Farmer, I., Pvte.
 Flexmore, A., Gunner, A.F.A.
 Fitzgerald, F. G., Pvte.
 Fitzgerald, G. M., Gunner, A.F.A.
 Foster, J. A., Capt., 12th Batt.
 Fox, E. C., Gunner, Field Artillery.
 Frizoni, Oscar, Lieut., E. Yorks. Regt. Killed.
 Garnett, B. G., Capt.
 Gibbs, J., Pvte.
 Giblin, A. L., Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Giblin, E. L., Capt., R.A.M.C. Killed.
 Giblin, L. F., Capt., 40th Batt., M.C.
 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., Pvte., 40th Batt.
 Henry, S.
 Hickman, K. M., Corpl.
 Hill, T. A., Lieut., Royal Sussex.
 Hogan, T.
 Holmes, L., Staff-Sergt., A.M.C.
 Hughes, S. L., Lieut., 12th Batt.
 Ibbott, D. C.
 Johnson, F. M., Major, A.A.M.C. Killed.
 Johnson, A. F., Capt.
 Jones, K.
 Kelly, H. G., Pvte.
 King, R.
 King, C. S., Lieut., R.F.A. Military Cross.

Knight, M., Sapper, F. Engineers
 Lamph, A., Pvte.
 Lindley, T. M., Pvte.
 Lindley, D., Pvte., A.M.C.
 Lines, E. W. L., Lieut., 12th Batt.
 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., M.C.
 McIntyre, G. L., Lieut., 40th Batt.
 McIntyre, W. K., Capt., R.A.M.C.
 McLeod, L. B., Lieut.
 McLeod, T. B., Capt.
 Moloney, F. E.
 Moore, B. R., Corpl.
 Moore, K. F., Pvte.
 Moore, T. C. B., Capt., 12th Batt.
 Morton, K., Pvte., 3rd Batt.
 Morriss, D., Corpl., 26th Batt.
 Murdoch, A., Corpl., A.A.M.C.
 Murdoch, J., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Murdoch, R., Transport Corps.
 Nicholas, H. C., Lieut. Killed.
 O'Doherty, J., Pvte., Light Horse.
 O'Kelly, R. A., Pvte., Light Horse.
 Page, L. F., Sergt. Killed.
 Page, R., Pvte.
 Payne, A. F., Lieut., Pioneers.
 Payne, L. W., Lieut., 25th Batt., M.C.
 Peacock, J. E., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Piesse, J. S., Corpl., 40th Batt.
 Pretymann, E. R., Corpl., 40th Batt.
 Pringle, F.
 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., Machine Gun Corps.
 Sale, A. T., Pvte.
 Salier, E. L., Capt. Fusiliers, Legion of Hon.
 Sams, J. C., Pvte. Killed.
 Sargent, D.
 Sharland, C. S., Lieut., 40th Batt.
 Shoobridge, A. W.
 Shoobridge, E., Corpl., 26th Batt.
 Smallhorn, W. L., Capt.
 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., Capt.
 Thomas, L. R.
 Todd, R., Pvte., A.A.M.C.
 Travers, R. W., Sergt., King's Royal Rifles. Killed.
 Tressider, L., Corp., N.Z.E.F.
 Turner, J. W., Lieut., Field Artillery.
 Uren, L., Sergt.
 Uren, H. F., Lieut., 12th Batt. Killed.
 Vail, C.
 Walch, B. J., Lieut., Essex Regt. Killed.
 Walch, J. C., Major, R.F.A., D.S.O.
 Walch, J. H. B., A.A.M.C.
 Walker, H. C., Corpl., A.A.M.C.
 Watchorn, B. B., Lieut., R.F.A.
 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., Pvte., 12th Batt.
 Windsor, E., Pvte.
 Wood, A. D., Pvte.
 Wood, R. A., Gunner Field Artillery.
 Wright, P. L., Capt.
 Wright, E.
 Wylly, G., Major, "The Guides," V.C.
 Youl, J., Lieut., 12th Batt. Killed.

Old Boys' Column

BIRTHS.

GIBLIN.—On September 7, the wife of A. V. Giblin: a daughter.
 NICHOLAS.—On July 14, at Oatlands, the wife of H. R. Nicholas, Meadsfield, Bothwell: a daughter.

DEATH.

SARGENT.—At his late residence, 15 Breton-avenue, Murrumbidgee, Sydney, New South Wales, Harold Henry Richard (Chum), Solicitor, dearly beloved husband of Gertrude Sargent, and second eldest surviving son of the late Richard Sargent, Solicitor, Hobart, aged 39 years.

MARRIAGES.

BENSON—DAVIS.—On June 11, at St. George's, Sorell, by the Rev. H. Brammall, Charles, third son of the late William Benson, Bellerive, and Mrs. Benson, Lemon Springs, Oatlands, to Eleanor, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Davis, Bellevue, Sorell.

RICHARD—MULCAHY.—On July 4, 1917, at Tara, W. Hobart, Robert Newton Beresford, eldest son of Archdeacon and Mrs. R. H. Richard, to Cecily, second daughter of the Hon. Edward Mulcahy.

CASUALTIES.

An announcement appeared in the papers recently that Lieut. C. S. King, M.C. (Rhodes Scholar, 1911), had been killed in action in France. Happily, on the following day this was corrected by the following cable: "Lieut. C. S. King now reported not killed, but seriously ill, at No. 3 General Hospital, Letreport; gunshot wounds right shoulder and chest, and right arm fractured." This was bad enough, but later news reports that Lieut. King is progressing favourably.

The following have also figured in recent casualty lists:—Captain J. W. Chisholm, Gunner P. M. Ramsay, Gunner A. A. Webster (fractured arm), Private W. A. Bayes, Private H. G. Kelly, who has been nine months in hospital, is now returning home.

PROMOTIONS.

Major J. P. Clark, to be lieutenant-colonel.
Lieut. W. M. Thirkell, to be captain.
Lieut. C. H. Read, to be captain.
Second-Lieut. L. W. Payne, M.C., to be first lieutenant.

Sergeant V. G. Elliston, to be lieutenant.
Bruce Watchorn writes from the R.F.A.

Barracks, Glasgow, that he has gained his commission, and expects to be sent to France soon. He has been through a strenuous course of six months as a cadet, followed by a gunnery school of two months, and finally a riding school, under an instructor who is supposed to be the best horseman in the army.

B. B. Watchorn, to be lieutenant, R.F.A.
Major T. F. Brown, on whom the D.S.O. was conferred recently, is the eldest son of Mr. J. G. Brown, of New Norfolk. On leaving school he qualified as a chemist, and subsequently went to England, where he qualified as a doctor. On the outbreak of war he accompanied the first troopship from Victoria, and was stationed at Cairo. Later he was placed in charge of the hospital at Salisbury Plains.

We have to congratulate Mr. C. J. Maxwell, whose son (Major A. M. Maxwell) has received the D.S.O. "for valuable reconnaissance work at a critical moment, when he led with great courage."

Captain L. K. Hudspeth, who attended an officers' school at Duntroon recently, qualified "very good."

The Editor has to thank Lieut. L. T. Butler for an interesting souvenir, in the form of a sports programme, in which the 12th Battalion figures as coming second in the competition, and providing the individual champion. Lieut. Butler was one of the judges for the championship events. Our readers will be sorry to learn that an article that Lieut. Butler wrote for the "Magazine" has, apparently, found a less suitable resting-place at the bottom of the sea.

We are indebted to Sergeant E. M. Dolery for a very interesting article in our present number. "Macker's" right hand has evidently not lost its cunning. In an accompanying letter he says: "I was very pleased to receive two 'mags.', which arrived yesterday, and was glad to see the 'VI. Form Spasms' still going strong. If I remember rightly I was the first to initiate them. I recently had the bad luck to spend six weeks in hospital with rheumatic fever, but am now pretty fit again. I have just finished an O.T.C. at Tedworth, in Hants. Whilst there we had a cricket match against

an English team from the R.A.M.C., and we beat them by 60 runs. I kept wickets for 'Australia,' and it was quite like the old times when I used to 'keep' for the school. Kindest regards to all my acquaintances at the school, and best wishes for its continued prosperity. Very sincerely yours, E.M.D."

THE LATE LIEUT. R. ADAMS.

We are grateful for permission to publish the following extracts from the last letters of the late Lieut. Adams, who was killed in action on May 6th:—

"At Sea (about five weeks out).

"So far I have done no writing since leaving my native shore, and as our voyage is about getting into its final 12 days or so, I am having to get going. We have been wonderfully lucky in the weather so far; a bit rough in the Bight, causing things to be unpleasant for a good many. Then nearing Durban we had a regular gale, the roughest time I have experienced, but we came through all right. A few days later we touched at Capetown; its great towering mountain and the old appearance of the town reminded me greatly of Hobart, but Mount Wellington is not nearly so close to the town. Life on board passes very quickly and happily. I never expected to enjoy a troopship life for seven weeks so much. I have made good friends with all my brother officers, who were all strangers at the outset. Owing to the great number of men on board and the lack of deck space we cannot get much drill, but we pass the time by lecturing the men, teaching semaphore, etc.

"England, April 15th.

"We are having a great review of Australian troops on Tuesday at Bulford, a few miles from here, and troops are commencing to pour in from distant camps. H.M., we are told, is to review us. Last week we had a rehearsal before one of the Generals, and it was just the thing. It is so inspiring to take part in a show with thousands and thousands of Australian chaps who have come here from the other side of the world. I've never before drilled with such masses of troops as we have here. Talk about thrills! One can't help feeling a bit proud

that one is here taking part in this huge national job. Fancy leading one's little platoon of Tassies past the head of the Empire whilst the massed bands give forth strains of the most gorgeous and inspiring music! To-day one of the frequent aeroplane accidents occurred, quite close to our camp, when we were just going into church. Many of the men saw the machine in its downward fall. Afterwards we went and viewed the smash; such utter wreckage! The poor pilot died soon afterwards. We see dozens of planes flying about every day."

The Old Boys' Association

A special meeting was held at the school on July 17th to receive the report of the Board of Management on its work during the past five years. The President of the Association (Mr. C. W. Butler) occupied the chair, and as Chairman of the Board read the report to a large attendance of Old Boys. This stated that the Board was appointed in May, 1912, and in the following August was reappointed for five years. They now met regularly once a month for the transaction of the ordinary business of the school. The report mentioned the original proposal for the purchase of a boarding-house apart from the school. It had been decided that it would be more satisfactory and cheaper to build their own boarding-house on the school premises, and this was done. The architects' estimate for the erection of the new buildings, fortunately, turned out to be most accurate, the actual cost proving slightly less than such estimate. It was found, however, that the excavation required for the new buildings made it necessary to undertake unforeseen additional work, such as the levelling of the playground. The very success of the school, too, caused extra expense, as it soon became indispensable to erect a large hall and gymnasium, which cost an additional sum of £900. Compared with the scheme originally put before the meeting of old boys, the estimate of every item had been exceeded. The then existing debts of the school, the cost of obtaining the Act of Parliament, together with legal and other expenses, amounted to no less than £1,427 11s.

8d. As against this the land sold to Christ's College was purchased for £3,300, and this left from that source a sum of £1,979 15s. 7d. available, and there was still a debt due to the Rev. J. V. Buckland of £107 7s. 3d. The receipts from the Hutchins School Fund had fallen short of the amount applied for, but totalled £1,681 0s. 11d. received up to June 30 last. The subscriptions as yet unpaid were expected to realise £150, or thereabouts, and it was trusted that, by further gifts and legacies from old scholars and others interested in the school, these amounts would be very materially increased. To make up the deficiency in capital money required, the Board had borrowed on security of debentures a sum of £1,450. Of these debentures, eight to the amount of £25 each were met annually out of the school funds. After those falling due this year were paid off (the money to do so being in hand) there would only be £650 remaining. On January 1, 1913, the present Board of Management took over the old school, and Mr. A. A. Stephens, who had been appointed vice-headmaster, closed the Queen's College, bringing his boys with him. The school then had a roll call of 163 boys. This number had been consistently maintained, and slightly increased, so that at the present time there was a record number on the roll. It was mentioned that in the teaching of science, a standard had now been set for the schools of the State which was considerably in advance of that in the past, and in the opinion of the Board this alone justified the action of Christ's College in reopening their institution on the present lines. Amongst the old scholars and masters of the Hutchins School, at least 203 had voluntarily enlisted, and of this number 24 had made the supreme sacrifice, and many others had been wounded. A supporter of the Hutchins School had generously offered £50 towards a memorial to be erected to those who had fallen, and £50 towards the foundation of a scholarship in their memory. In addition, other subscriptions had been received for the same purpose. The position which the school had occupied during the past year in various branches of sport was referred to, and the report thanked the headmaster (Mr. L. H.

Lindon), the bursar (Mr. G. A. Gurney), and Mrs. Gurney, the sports master (Mr. R. Bullow), and other members of the staff for the manner in which they had carried out their duties, and the Council of Christ's College for their co-operation with the Board of Management.

The report and balance-sheets were adopted, after considerable discussion.

The Rev. J. W. Bethune consented to act as secretary in connection with the proposal to provide a memorial and a scholarship in memory of old boys who had fallen in the war.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on August 3rd, with the president in the chair. The first business was the declaration of the poll for the old boys' representatives on the Board of Management, Captain Bethune and Messrs. Giblin and Hudspeth being the successful candidates. It was announced that the nominees of the Bishop and the Council of Christ's College had been reappointed. The report submitted by the hon. secretary (Mr. Ray Butler) mentioned that 201 boys who had passed through the school had enlisted, and 24 of them had made the supreme sacrifice, several had won honours, and others had returned wounded and invalided. To these latter a most hearty welcome was given, and the hope was expressed that they would have many years of happiness to look forward to. It was proposed to establish a fund to provide a fitting memorial for those who had fallen. The amount of £27 had been subscribed to the Hutchins School Fund during the year. A suggestion was contained in the report that a debating society should be formed in connection with the association, whereby the old scholars might meet once every three months and have a social evening and general discussion.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, congratulated the association upon its position, and said it was a fine record to find that 201 of their old boys had enlisted, though he was sorry to say some of them had laid down their lives. The

present boys deserved every credit for what they had done in assisting the patriotic funds by giving their athletic prizes to those objects.

Mr. T. C. Brammall seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Captain Bethune moved that it be a recommendation of the Board of Management to alter the definition of the term "old scholar." Mr. Rupert Watchorn seconded, and, after discussion, this was carried.

A further recommendation, moved by Mr. Hudspeth, and seconded by Mr. Brammall, to enlarge the scope of the association, was also carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. C. W. Butler (re-elected); vice-president, Professor R. L. Dunbabin; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. Chambers; hon. secretary, Mr. Ray Butler; auditor, Mr. Erskine Watchorn; committee, Captain C. B. Moore and Mr. A. J. Clinch.

An adjournment was then made for supper, after which it was decided, on the motion of Lieut. S. L. Hughes, that a badge should be adopted.

Football

The football season must, on the whole, be regarded as quite a successful one, as the school finished up second to St. Virgil's College in the Southern premiership.

The return game with this school was a very strenuous struggle up to the end of the third quarter. This was all the more creditable, as Hay received a bad kick in the early stages of the game, which rendered him almost useless.

The team have stuck to practice well, and during the season have made tremendous improvement.

THE TEAM.

Hay (captain), an exceptionally good school player and captain. Is very consistent, shows great pace at times, and always great determination. A great asset to any school team. Has been invaluable at practice. Chalmers (vice-captain), one of the best players of the team, and is very reliable. He has played excellently both as centre

and centre-forward. His kicking is very good. Lilley, one of last year's juniors, has improved wonderfully during the season. He shepherds very well following, but when playing forward must remember to keep in front of his man so as to obtain first cut at the ball. A. Crouch has certainly improved during the last half of the season. His kicking is good, marking fair, but he should try to pick the ball up instead of knocking it along the ground. Hammond is one of the hardest working members of the team. His shepherding is good when following. He marks fairly well, and his kicking has improved greatly, and will still improve if he keeps the axis of the ball not so much inclined to the ground. One of the most improved members of the team. Goldsmith, a good and fast wingman, but only a fair centre. His kicking is excellent, but he should be in front of his man when marking. Just a little inclined to stand out. Onslow, a greatly improved player, although a little slow. He has proved himself to be a very fine full back, knowing when to come out and when not to. Kicks and marks very well. Robertson was in the first place elected vice-captain, but owing to doctor's orders had to stand down, but has been able to play in the last two matches. He has proved himself to be an excellent player, especially on the forward line. His kicking and marking are good. Upcher, a little slow off the mark as rover, but is a very good full forward. His marking and kicking are very good for such a small player. McCreary, a very fine rover, indeed, and a good full forward. He is very smart with the ball, and marks and kicks well for his size. Murdoch, a really good wingman, and very fast. He marks well, and is a very nice and reliable kick. D. Crouch is a very good forward, and a most unselfish player. His marking is very good, and so also is his kicking. Holmes is one of the late members of the team, but has shown himself to be quite worthy of a position in the team. He marks and kicks well, but should not slow down as much as he does to pick up the ball. Clinch, one of the half-backs, is a good, clean player, but

should remember that he has a man to watch. He marks and kicks well. Henry, one of the small members of the team, which accounts, I suppose, for his timidity. As a forward he played well, but when played on the wing created a great surprise. Bowtell is one of the most improved players of the team, but, unfortunately, had to stand down owing to a bad leg. He is very fast, and kicks and marks well. Douglas, a fine ruck man and centre-back. His tapping is really good, but should remember it is easier to get the knock out when in front of an opponent. His marking is fair, and kicking good.

MATCHES PLAYED DURING THE SECOND ROUND.

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

This match was played on the New Town ground, and, after a good match, we won by 45 points. Hay, Chalmers, Murdoch, Onslow, and McCreary stood out from the rest of the team, although everyone played well. The system in this match showed a great improvement, and the kicking and marking, on the whole, were good. Scores were:—

F.H.S., 5 goals 7 behinds.

H.S., 11 goals 16 behinds.

S.V. v. H.S.

This match was played on the top ground, and, although St. Virgil's won, it was only in the last quarter that they played as well as our boys.

Our team started off very well, indeed, and showed great pace with the ball, their passing and judgment being very good right up to the last quarter, when they seemed to fall to pieces. McCreary, Upcher, and D. Crouch played very well, indeed. Upcher played very well as a rover. Hay, Chalmers, and Lilley also played well. Scores were:—

S.V., 8 goals 15 behinds.

H.S., 4 goals 4 behinds.

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

This was our second match at New Town, and, owing to the heavy rain of the preced-

ing day, the ground was very heavy and the ball very greasy. In this match our boys proved themselves too good for their opponents in every class of play, and eventually ran out winners by 37 points.

Hay, Onslow, Hammond, D. Crouch, Henry, Douglas, Upcher, and Robertson played well. The scores were:—

L.H.S., 1 goal 7 behinds.

H.S., 6 goals 14 behinds.

PAST v. PRESENT.

This match was played on Friday, September 14, on the Association Ground in beautiful weather. The present scholars won in the end by 45 points, despite the energy with which the veterans dashed in during the first five minutes of the game. They made another spasmodic effort immediately after half-time, but condition told against them. James Murdoch, well known as skipper of Old Scholars' teams, cut an imposing figure in the middle of the field, and the bulk of the work was done by Richardson (cricket captain and senior prefect, 1916), Clinch, Atkins, and Miller. Mr. Palmer came into the limelight as a goal kicker, and Don Lindley, now in A.A.M.C. at Claremont, played a very fast and pretty game, especially after half-time. For the present scholars, the backs, especially Onslow, did all that could be asked of them. Murdoch, Hammond, Chalmers, Upcher, Henry, and McCreary all did very well. Scores:—

Present, 7 goals 18 behinds.

Past, 3 goals 7 behinds.

The Old Scholars kindly entertained both teams and the staff at afternoon tea.

Cross-country Championship

HUTCHINS SCHOOL CHAMPIONS.

The Cross-Country Championship for 1917 was run over the usual Domain course on Saturday, September 22, under most disagreeable conditions. The seventeen competitors slithered round the course through the mud, but, fortunately, the rain, which

had not ceased all day, held up during the race.

The individual winner of the race was James, of Leslie House School, but the School Championship was won by the Hutchins School, whose team finished in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places.

Hudson led Hammond over the line by a yard or two, and Boyes was close up.

These boys were the only starters for the School, and are to be heartily congratulated on their splendid effort.

Leslie House School was second, with 12 points, and Friends' School third, with 23 points.

Sixth Form Spasms

Seventy-five per cent. of our school year has dragged along, and, looking at the almanac, we find that we are due for our yearly intellectual treat, the test exams. Unfortunately, after this "treat" we are bothered with our holidays. It's a great nuisance that we can't be always at school, but our teachers need a rest sometimes, so we have to put up with this temporary inconvenience for a short week. Of course, if it was at all necessary we could sacrifice our work for quite a while longer.

Not satisfied with breaking his arm twice, Terry tried to do the "hat trick" while "tripping on the light fantastic toe." As a matter of fact, it was not a light fantastic toe that he tripped over, but a good, material size four. Fortunately, he fell on something rather softer than the cold, hard floor.

During the term the Sixth played the rest of the school football, and naturally ran out winners. It is rumoured in sporting circles that the "rest" are going to challenge the Sixth to a game of marbles (ten a side). Although we do not now play marbles, since kneeling spoils our creases, we have not quite forgotten the meaning of "put yer down," "alley tor," or the other mysterious expressions exclusive to this fine old game.

Personally, we would prefer to play them at that other fine old game, "cigarette cards."

Holy has developed astounding habits of regularity lately; in fact, he is suspiciously regular in the time at which he leaves for home.

Nanha does not seem to be looking forward to the Michaelmas holidays with as much joyous anticipation as he did to the midwinter ones. There might be a reason for this and there might not.

At last we have found some unexpected talent. Several persons have blossomed forth as tonsorial artists. Shooter was the first victim, and "K." wielded the scissors, while the assistants held the patient in the proper position. Shooter lost a large amount of wool, but was not in the least grateful to the artists for saving 9d. for him.

As we have mentioned above, the test examinations are about to take place, but at present there are few victims to "examinitis." This disease is very peculiar, and people are only subject to it at the end of the second or third terms. The usual time for which an attack remains is from eight to ten days; occasionally the period is a little longer, and ends somewhere about the second day of the vacation.

No solution of the problem appearing in the last issue has yet come in, though several have been inquiring for the correct one. The only answer we can give is that we don't know the correct one; if we had we would not have gone to the trouble of asking someone else to find it out for us.

We are indebted to the "Guildford Grammar School Magazine" for the following excellent problem:—"Let U be the driver of a motor-car and V the velocity of the car. If a sufficiently high value be given to V it will ultimately reach PC. V will instantly become O. For the low values of V PC may be neglected, but if V be high it is usually best to square PC, after which V will again assume a positive value; for by a well-known theorem:

$$PC + L.S.D. = (PC)^2.$$

If the value of L.S.D. be made high enough PC will vanish, and V may be increased indefinitely. But should the difference between PC and U be very great, JP may be substituted for PC, in which case the problem becomes very difficult of solution, because no value of L.S.D. has yet been found to effect the elimination of JP. (JP)² is, in fact, an impossible quantity."

Boarders' Notes

We take this opportunity of expressing our deepest sympathy with Jack Holmes, who has had to undergo a rather serious operation, and we sincerely hope he will soon recover from its effects.

Congratulations to Pete Evans, who has taken the place of Holmes as a House Prefect.

Test exams. are on us again with all their agony and suffering, both for teachers and taught, but we are trying in some measure to keep up our spirits by starting a tennis tournament. Yes, and while we write it is pouring with rain outside, enough to wash away the court. But it needs a very heavy rain to damp our spirits now, for in ten days' time we shall all be home for the holidays.

There has been great excitement over Anderson's newly-arrived steam engine, which runs over the floor, leaving a trail of fire behind it, which a host of boys chases, and vainly attempts to stamp out. It also has an unfortunate habit of periodically catching fire, but otherwise is quite harmless.

O. J. M.

"The IVa Gazette"

A weekly paper with the above heading has issued from some mysterious source dur-

ing the present term. It consists of two type-written pages, and contains advertisements, riddles, poetry (?), sketches, and a serial of thrilling interest, the mere title of which is surely worth more than the modest penny for which the whole sheet can be purchased. The following letter appeared in the first number. We commend it to the writer of "Boarders' Notes," with a suggestion that he might cultivate the acquaintance of the fair correspondent with advantage to himself and his readers:—

Dear Old Dug,—The chief event of the week has been the Court of Justice held to try certain boys for misbehaviour. Basso was the Lord Chief Justice, and Pum King's Counsel. A.S., known to IVb. as Jellyfish, was prosecuted for having had a wash, and, therefore, causing confusion in the class to those who did not recognise him, but thought him a new boy. Mr. Pum, K.C., stated in his magnificent address to the Bench, that Esther had rudely addressed Professor Huxley, Vice-President of the second table, as a red-nosed turnip. Esther pleaded guilty, but though his remark was true and, therefore, not strictly libellous, it was considered impolite, and Esther was washed forcibly.

The "Gazette" reporter, Ian M—l—r, was found to be taking notes, but not sufficiently suppressed, as no one thought to put him to sleep in the teapot (the latest name for the W.P.B.).

The next criminal haled before Beak Basso was Torch, whom the Lord President of the second table calls "Our Shining Light" (you know the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light"). Torch had both insulted Bothwell, the home of the Bowdens, and naughtily refused to pass the jam.

Sentence: Let off with a caution.

Busy now, old bird, may continue next week. Yours, ever,

ELSIE.