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## Editorial

### A RETROSPECT.

On the 3rd of August, 1846, the first Headmaster of the Hutchins School, the Rev. J. R. Buckland, sat on his dais and enrolled in a ponderous tome the first Hutchins School boys.

This date may fairly be regarded as the birthday of the school; so we are now in the sixth-ninth year "ab schola condita," and shall soon reach the "Three score years and ten," after which man's life is said to be but labour and sorrow. We look forward hopefully to many years of labour in the future of the School, without the sorrow.

There were nine victims of that first historic conscription, ranging from eight to fourteen years of age, and these constituted the body of the School for the first month of its existence. By the end of the year the number had risen to twenty-two, and during 1847 this total was doubled, and the teaching staff increased.

The original register has survived the many changes that have taken place since the first entry was made, and is still in use, furnishing a tolerably complete record of all who have passed through the School, to the number of more than two thousand. It is our intention to publish the list in instalments, as space permits, commencing in the present number with the names of those who entered the School in the years 1846-8. Among these are some well-known names, a fair proportion having risen to positions of

honour and importance in the State. For example, there is a Chief Justice, an Acting Governor, a Speaker, a Minister of the Crown, two Church dignitaries, a Doctor of Laws, three Police Magistrates, a Doctor of Medicine, and an Alderman—not a bad record to commence with.

The following diverting description is from the pen of the late Canon Hudspeth, who was one of the nine enrolled on the day the School was opened, and the first boarder. He subsequently became first a scholar, then a Fellow of Christ's College (which was founded in the same year as the Hutchins School), and, proceeding to Cambridge, was the first Hutchins boy to wear a graduate's hood.

"There are moments of suffering in the ken of each human being over which he would fain draw a curtain. No martyr spasm could be more excruciating than the agony of that afternoon. Leaving the lively street, the pleasant sunshine, the beautiful ships and sea, which, being a country lad, I had seen for the first time, I was ushered direct into the awful presence.

"A being—apparently Goliath of Gath—the dais was partly responsible—rose to receive us, and into his hands I, a fairly harmless twelve-year-old, was anon delivered. At one of the desks the complete muster of pupils—three day-boys—were just finishing work, and these were incontinently dismissed. I was alone, a little Frankenstein, with my awful monster. My relatives had fled in dismay; the three ghoulish day-boys were

emitting eldrich shrieks in the distance, and the being and myself were alone in a vast colosseum. With words of simulated kindness he told me to cheer up and be an ornament to the school. Then he brought in his wife, who assured me she was a mother herself, and gave me a baby to play with; she also gave me some raisins. Then they, too, left me alone in that howling wilderness, to eat my raisins and my heart, turn and turn about. It was a Friday—Black Friday. . . . Dear me! in after years it was given me, as a public examiner, to award to three successive sons (then unborn) of those dear people great prizes granted by State largesse, and alas! still later, to write the thanatographies of both master and mistress, who were ever among the most treasured friends of my life.

"This is a simple pen-picture of the first week of the Hutchins School. Slowly but surely, week by week, the numbers grew, and by the end of its second year it was a going and paying concern, with a good staff of masters, and, moreover, well represented by its pupils as 'scholars' at Christ's College.

"As the true signification of the word 'School' is leisure or play—an idea more emphasised in fin de siècle minds than of yore—I must give some prominence to the old playground. It was really somewhat more spacious than the schoolroom itself, being some twenty yards square. It was a back yard. It had been a cemetery for derelict hats, some of which we disinterred with peg-tops. It was also a park, containing a fine willow-tree and a blackwood stump. The former served as a gymnasium, the latter as a wicket. There was room for rounders, hopscotch, peg-top, and the lost arts of big ring and fly-the-garter. At cricket boundary hits were frequent; to be dead out, the ball must remove bark from the wicket. It was also an orchard, with an archaic grapevine trained on one side. We were 'on our honour' not to eat the fruit, which in due season was served to us in tarts. We remained 'all honourable men,' and eat the crust. This can be realised alone by those who have prospected grape-tart. It was also a poultry-run and 'drying ground.' It

was the most generally useful little property I ever knew; it may be there still. On the whole, in the willow tree, and the blackwood, and the glazed laboratory of an adjacent carpenter for cockshy, we found supply for all reasonable wants, while a cake shop over the way furnished the delirious joy of breaking bounds. Our serious cricket and swimming we acquired in 'The Government Paddock' (Domain) at spring and summer daybreak."

### The School Roll

1846.—Charles Greig, G. W. Seccombe, G. M. Bell, Hay McDowell, S. M. McDowell, F. Hudspeth, S. P. R. Brock, Alfred Mason, Chas. Baudinet, A. W. Kerr, W. Orr, W. Moriarty, P. Cumberland, J. G. Simmons, C. A. Forth, R. Forth, J. Triffett, W. King, T. J. Crouch, G. S. Crouch, Gordon Burgess, A. K. Gregson.

1847.—Isaac Reeves, N. J. Brown, T. R. Hindes, C. Whitefoord, Frank Dobson, J. B. Dixon, G. Hampton, R. Sargent, W. C. Blyth, Derwent Forster, R. A. Dixon, J. Horne, Jonas Gatehouse, J. Cogle, W. Spode, C. Spode, C. Harrison, A. J. Watchorn, G. Fortescue.

1848.—J. A. Calder, W. McMichael, G. McMichael, Mark Stump, C. C. Stevens, Peter Harrison, W. Harrison, Curzon Allport, T. Bilton, B. Bayly, H. Palmer, P. Palmer, J. Crombie, C. Crombie, A. S. Windsor, James Connor, R. Pybus, W. L. Dobson, F. S. Dobson, J. McPherson, C. Poynter, D. McPherson, L. Richardson, T. Richardson, J. McDonald, E. P. Blyth.

### Old Boys' Column

In our last issue we gave the names of thirty-one Old Boys who had been accepted for active service in Europe. We are now able to add the following names to the list:—

Major J. C. Walch, R.F.A.

Capt. C. N. Atkins (Aust. Clearing Hospital).

Lieut. T. A. Hill (Kitchener's Second Army).

Harry Kelly.

Jack Butler, Queensland Contingent (Light Horse).

Roy Bailey.

News has recently been received from London of the death of Mr. Henry Lempriere Pringle, the famous operatic singer. Educated at the Hutchins School, Mr. Pringle went to London at the age of 17, to study music. After studying at the Royal Academy of Music, he was for some time under Herr Stockhausen, at Frankfurt. He joined the Carl Rosa Opera Company at the age of 21, and remained with them about five years, taking a number of leading parts. He then joined the Royal Covent Garden Opera Company, and made a great hit as Mephistopheles in "Faust." He was equally successful in "The Flying Dutchman," "Romeo and Juliet," and other operas, and visited Australia under Mr. George Musgrove's management. Mr. Pringle had a magnificent voice, and was, moreover, a first-rate actor. His brother, Mr. Neville Pringle, is well-known as a finished amateur actor, having taken a leading part in the productions of the Hobart Stage Society.

Another Old Boy passed away on October 31, in the person of Mr. William Harrison, of Tarcoona, at the age of 81. Mr. Harrison entered the School in 1848, with his brother, Mr. Peter Harrison.

At a meeting of the Huon Teachers' Association, held at Geeveston in October, Mr. A. W. Garrett, B.A., late Inspector of Schools, was presented with an illuminated address and an autograph album, containing the autographs of a large number of teachers who had served under him. Mr. Garrett is now Inspector of Secondary Schools, in which capacity he recently paid us an official visit.

Captain J. C. Walch, of the 68th Battery Royal Field Artillery, has been promoted to the rank of Major. His battery was complimented by the General commanding the 4th Division, for excellent work in the recent operations near Ligny.

An interesting letter has reached us from T. A. Hill, who left school about four years ago, and was at Oxford when war was declared. He says:—"I am in training with a large Oxford contingent who have been made lieutenants in Kitchener's new Army. We are having a month's training here, and then repair to our respective depots, where we shall have to instil a little drill and discipline into the countless recruits. We hope they will be licked into shape by six months' hard work, and then everybody aspires to a chance of distinguishing himself at the front. It is splendid the way people here are beginning to recruit. At first people thought it was simply a case of marching to Berlin, but now they are beginning to wake up, and people of all sorts and conditions are enlisting."

Alan Bailey, who left with the Tasmanian section of the Australian Expeditionary Force, had the ill-luck to go down with typhoid on the transport, and had to be left behind at Albany. He had a bad time for a week or two, as pneumonia set in, but is recovering now, and hopes to get to the front with a later contingent.

Frank Reid has been appointed secretary to the Hobart Gas Company, in succession to the late Mr. A. E. Chancellor. Mr. Reid has been in the Company's service since 1900, and for two years has held the position of accountant.

C. T. Butler has been given a commission in the Dorsetshire Yeomanry, and is hard at work drilling his men.

R. N. Weaver has been appointed clerk in the Education Department.

Dr. Guy Bailey has returned from England, where he has been taking a course in surgery at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Dr. Bailey has joined Dr. Sprott, as locum tenens to Dr. Campbell, who has gone with the First Australian Clearing Hospital.

### Balbus Murum Aedificabit

A nice little boy came to the Hutchins School as a new boy. Being not very far advanced in his work, he was put in the

lowest form of the School in most subjects, in Latin amongst others. Very early in the School year he found himself able to render into Latin the time-honoured sentence, "Balbus will build a wall." He did it quite well, and was surprised that, as the year went on, he was still confronted with the same statement. As he was an intelligent little boy, he at last plucked up courage to say to his Master, "Please, sir, why do we always do the same sentence? I should like to learn 'Balbus is building a wall,' or 'Balbus has built a wall.'" "My boy," said his Master, "you are being educated on the most modern and the most psychological lines. We cannot teach you what is not true. You can see for yourself that the wall is not being built, and has not been built; but we have the authority of the Board of Management for the statement that the wall will be built." The incident closed. In due course the boy left the form, and eventually left the school. Then he went out into the world, and it was only after the lapse of many, many years that he returned, now a white-haired old man, full of years and honours, to the scene of his former labours. A courteous Headmaster showed the Old Boy, of whom they were all so proud, round the old School, but little changed since the days when he was a lad. They paused at the door of the old classroom, where he had made his first halting steps in Latin so long ago, and through the open door they heard a youthful voice droning, "Balbus has not built, and is not building, a wall; but he will build a wall." The old man fainted from emotion, collapsed, and never recovered consciousness. A sympathetic jury returned a verdict of contributory negligence against the Board of Management.

### Prize Day

The Town-hall was well filled on December 18th, when the prizes for the year were presented by the Bishop of Tasmania. His Excellency the Governor occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform most of the members of the Council of Christ's

College and the Board of Management, and the Headmaster and Staff.

His Excellency opened the proceedings in a short speech, in which he made reference to the age and honourable traditions of the School. He thoroughly believed in traditions as a potent factor in the proper development of a school, and hoped that the present and future boys of Hutchins would live up to the example of their predecessors. He did not wish to forestall anything the Bishop might have to say, and so called upon the Headmaster to read his report.

After Mr. Lindon had done so, the Bishop rose to present the prizes. Dr. Stephen commenced by remarking how differently the same facts acted on the minds of different persons. The Governor had assumed that he would be the principal speaker, while he had supposed that His Excellency would occupy that role, and had even mentally drafted His Excellency's speech, and a very good one it was. Proceeding, His Lordship congratulated the Headmaster on the very successful year just closed. He considered that the most important thing achieved by the Public Schools was the formation of character, for character lasted long after everything else had faded away. This aspect of Public School life had been demonstrated in England by the way in which Public School boys were enlisting in thousands for active service, forming the backbone of the new Army. He was greatly impressed by the number of Old Hutchins Boys who had already volunteered for service, thus proving that we have developed here the true Public School spirit. In conclusion, he urged that in a Church School religion should be the dominating factor, and that the Church Grammar Schools would be failing in their duty if they did not produce a certain percentage of men for the Ministry of the Church.

The Bishop then proceeded with the distribution of the prizes.

The Chairman of the Board of Management (Mr. C. W. Butler) proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency for presiding, and to the Bishop for presenting the prizes, and this was carried by acclamation.

After the proceedings terminated the Headmaster and Mrs. Lindon entertained the Bishop and Mrs. Stephen, the members of the Council, and the Board of Management and the staff and their wives at afternoon tea at Hadley's.

### Headmaster's Report

The Board of Management,  
Hutchins School.  
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my third annual report. In the first place, I bring under your notice the chief successes of the present and past boys of the School during the past twelve months, which are as follow:—

Senior Public Examination, 1913:

R. O. Boniwell (6 credits), 1st Classical Scholarship, and prizes in Modern History, Latin, and French.

A. F. Payne (7 credits), 1st Mathematical and Science Scholarship, and prizes in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry.

F. E. Moloney (6 credits), 2nd Mathematical and Science Scholarship, and the prize in Chemistry.

Passed: K. A. Brodribb, J. M. T. Butler (3 credits), M. K. D'Emden, E. M. Dollery (2 credits), H. L. Henry, R. N. W. Weaver.

E. M. Dollery and J. M. T. Butler qualified for the Mathematical and Science Scholarships.

Junior Public Examination, 1914:

S. C. J. Hawker (7 credits), Exhibition, 1st place.

A. O. Gifford (6 credits), Exhibition, 2nd place.

D. A. Georgeson (4 credits), Exhibition, 4th place.

L. W. Vaughan (4 credits), qualified for an Exhibition.

Passed: L. W. Adams (1 credit), H. F. Barnett (3 credits), V. A. Clark (3 credits), S. F. Croft (1 credit), A. S. Crouch (3 credits), R. A. Cum-

ming (1 credit), R. Cumming, F. G. Fitzgerald, S. R. E. Holmes (1 credit), E. M. Lilley (2 credits), W. M. Murdoch, P. M. Ramsay (1 credit), W. V. Tenniswood (3 credits), W. B. Walker (5 credits), D. W. Williams (1 credit).

State Scholarships were gained by H. Reynolds, C. Rait, and C. Bayes.

The Pedder Scholarship, offered for open competition by Christ's College, was won by S. C. J. Hawker.

The Senior Newcastle Scholarship has been awarded to K. Douglas and J. K. Clinch (Franklyn House), who are bracketed equal.

The Junior Newcastle Scholarship has been awarded to T. Giblin.

The McNaughton Scholarship has been awarded to R. N. K. Beedham.

H. Walker and H. Allport have taken the LL.B. Degree.

The results of part of the recent Degree examinations at the University have been published, with the following results for our boys:—

R. O. Boniwell:

High Distinction in Latin I.

High Distinction in Greek I.

Distinction in English I.

Distinction in General History of Eng.

G. Dixon:

High Distinction in General History of England.

A. F. Payne:

High Distinction in Physics I.

Pass in Mechanical Drawing.

F. E. Moloney:

Distinction in Physics I.

Pass in Mechanical Drawing.

L. T. Butler:

Passes in Applied Mechanics and Surveying.

A. L. McAulay:

Passes in Applied Mechanics and Surveying.

H. Allport and A. D. Wood have been admitted to the Bar.

D. Vautin (1st place) and C. B. Hughes passed the Commonwealth Service Examination.

G. Adams passed the entrance examination for the Royal Military College at Duntroon, gaining 13th place out of 33 successful candidates, and first place amongst Tasmanian candidates.

J. P. Bradford has been appointed a Judge's Associate.

D. Maxwell has won a gold medal and several prizes at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

C. T. Butler has passed the Law Examination of the Inner Temple.

In swimming, the School won the Combined Schools Championship for the fourth year in succession.

In athletics, we won the Associated School Sports by 7 points. This is the first occasion on which we have won this distinction.

In cricket, the school won the premiership of the Southern Associated Schools, but was beaten by the Launceston Grammar School by 29 runs, after a well-contested game.

In the Cadet Competitions, open to all companies of Senior Cadets, we obtained second place, being beaten by a very narrow margin.

So far as we know at present, 38 of our Old Boys are serving, or have been accepted for service in Europe in the Imperial forces. One of them, J. C. Walch, of the 68th Battery R.F.A., has been fighting in Belgium, and has just been promoted to the rank of Major. A number of other Old Boys are engaged in local defence duties. A. Crick and R. Steinbach have earned Pilots' certificates at the Aviation Schools.

Early in the year the School sustained a very severe loss through the death of its Vice-Master, Mr. A. A. Stephens. Mr. Stephens had been with us little more than a year, but he had already exerted a wide-reaching influence upon the school through his high ideals, his sympathetic and lovable character, and his great ability as a schoolmaster. Though he will be chiefly remembered in Hobart as the Principal of Queen's College, his work at the Hutchins School will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to be his colleagues or to come under his always stimulating and inspiring

influence as his pupils. In the difficult period following his death many of the duties of the Vice-Master were undertaken and ably carried out by Mr. Bullock, whom I wish specially to thank for the assistance he thus rendered to me and to the School. Mr. Stephens has been succeeded as Vice-Master by Mr. S. C. Smith, B.A., late Senior Instructor of the Australian Royal Naval College. Mr. Smith has been with us only during the last term of the year, but has already made his presence felt in the School, and has given evidence of excellent powers of organisation, and an appreciation of naval discipline. It may not be generally known that the difference between ordinary school discipline and naval discipline is this: through the former a boy learns to do what he is told, through the latter he learns to do what he is told, and to do it quick and lively—a very excellent thing for a boy to learn. Another thing not generally known is the scope of the functions of a Vice-Master. I don't know how these functions should be scientifically defined; perhaps they are as incapable of rigid definition as the functions of an archdeacon, which we all know to be simply archidiaconal; but I know very well what I consider to be the most important duties of the Vice-Master of the Hutchins School. I want him to be thoroughly acquainted with the curriculum of the middle and lower forms, with the methods of their masters and the personality of their boys. I want him to assist me in organisation, classification, and co-ordination of studies. I want him to do some teaching in every form, and to keep in touch with all the teaching of every form. I want him to pay special attention to the lowest forms of the School, in which is laid the foundation of success or failure in the upper forms. I want him to do a number of other things, which I cannot now particularise; but the sum of all his functions is that he becomes the right-hand of the Headmaster, working with him rather than under him for the general benefit of the School. Finally, all the time that he does not require for these duties, and for others that he may discover for himself, is entirely at his own disposal.

I mentioned just now the subject of classi-

fication, and I wish to take this opportunity of saying that Mr. Smith and I intend to reclassify the middle forms of the School during the holidays, and to introduce a new form, which will probably be called IVc. One result of this reclassification will be that the present nomenclature of the forms will be upset, and that some boys will find that they are apparently in the same form next year as that in which they have been working for the last twelve months. For example, a boy who is now in IVa. may be in IVa. next year, but the work of the form will be distinctly higher than it has been, and parents should not interpret the fact to mean that a boy has failed to gain his remove. I have emphasised the importance of the work of the lower forms of the School, and I refer to it now again, because I wish to correct a false impression, which has some currency, with regard to this School, as with regard to all schools which are successful in University examinations, that the successes of the higher forms are obtained at the expense of the lower forms. It should be evident, on the contrary, that the success of the upper forms of a school is the direct and natural result of careful teaching in its lower forms, and that to neglect these lower forms would be indeed to kill the goose with the golden eggs. I think parents may be satisfied that continued successes in the Junior and Senior Public Examinations are the best possible proof of efficient teaching throughout the School.

The five classrooms and laboratories erected by Christ's College have been completed, and have been available for the use of our senior classes during last term. As Warden of Christ's College, I am proud of them, and as Headmaster of the Hutchins School I am grateful for the excellent opportunities of study which they afford us. While the classrooms are all that we could desire, the chemical and physical laboratories, and the demonstrating room in connection with them, give us a very unusual school equipment for the study of science. And, while we value every form of study, I think it must be admitted, even by those who were educated on the old classical lines which governed all public

schools when I was a boy, that the study of science is of dominant importance at the present day. It is so in every country: it is so especially in a new country, such as this, in which men's efforts must long be directed in great measure towards subjugating the powers of nature in the interests of its development. From our laboratories may spring, and the thought gives inspiration to our work, discoveries as far-reaching as those triumphs of science so finely described by Macaulay in the following passage: "It has lengthened life; it has mitigated pain; it has extinguished diseases; it has increased the fertility of the soil; it has given new securities to the mariner; it has furnished new arms to the warrior; it has spanned great rivers and estuaries with bridges of form unknown to our fathers; it has guided the thunderbolt innocuously from heaven to earth; it has lighted up the night with the splendour of the day; it has extended the range of the human vision; it has multiplied the power of the human muscles; it has accelerated motion; it has annihilated distance; it has facilitated intercourse, correspondence, all friendly offices, all despatch of business; it has enabled man to descend to the depths of the sea, to soar into the air, to penetrate securely into the noxious recesses of the earth, to traverse the land in cars which whirl along without horses, and the ocean in ships which run ten knots an hour against the wind. These are but a part of its fruits, and of its first fruits. For it is a philosophy which never rests, which has never attained, which is never perfect. Its law is progress. A point which yesterday was invisible is its goal to-day, and will be its starting-point to-morrow."

Those are noble, stirring words, and put a high ideal before the humblest student of science.

In conclusion, let me thank the whole of the staff of Christ's College and the Hutchins School for cordial co-operation in one common task, and congratulate the boys of the School on a successful year's work and play. I hope that all may enjoy the coming holidays in such measure as is still permissible to the young, even in this present crisis of

our history, which makes such demands upon the fortitude, the constancy, and the patriotic devotion of our race.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,  
L. H. LINDON, M.A.,  
Headmaster.

### Prize List, 1914

Scripture.	Greek.
VI. N. R. Barnett.	VI. R. N. K. Beedham.
R. N. K. Beedham.	V. C. Rait.
Va. E. W. R. James.	
Vb. J. Smith.	French.
IVa. W. Allison.	VI. H. R. Thomas.
IVb. R. Livingston.	V. E. Waugh.
III. W. Looker.	IVa. M. Macbeth.
	IVb. C. Bisdee.
English.	III. J. Morriss.
VI. R. N. K. Beedham.	
Va. E. M. Lilley.	Arithmetic.
Vb. T. Giblin.	VI. J. M. T. Butler.
IVa. J. Finlaison.	V. H. Reynolds.
IVb. R. Livingston.	IVa. S. Coleman.
III. J. Miller.	IVb. L. Collings.
	IIIa. H. Hale.
History.	IIIb. D. Robertson.
VI. R. N. K. Beedham.	
Va. E. M. Lilley.	Algebra.
Vb. A. Bisdee.	Upper VI. A. J. Clinch
IVa. D. Allison.	Lower VI. J. Walch.
IVb. T. Finlaison.	V. D. Lindley.
III. B. Beedham.	IVa. J. Smith.
	IVb. W. Allison.
Geography.	III. R. Hadley.
VI. H. R. Thomas.	
Va. J. C. Parish.	Geometry.
Vb. C. Bisdee.	Upper VI. N. R. Bar-
IVa. L. Collings.	nett.
IVb. J. Morriss.	Lower VI. P. R. B. Old-
III. G. Hirst.	meadow.
Latin.	Va. J. R. Henry.
VI. R. N. K. Beedham.	Vb. M. Macbeth.
V. E. Waugh.	Upper IV. J. Finlaison
IV. P. Upcher.	IVa. R. Cripps.
III. R. Livingston.	IVb. R. Hamilton.

Trigonometry.	Science.
Upper VI. J. M. T. Butler.	Upper VI. S. W. Ross.
Lower VI. D. M. Morton	Lower VI. F. B. Richard-
	son.
Drawing.	Chemistry.
IV. T. Loane.	V. E. Lilley.
	Stuart Prize.
Writing.	H. R. Thomas.
III. W. Looker.	Headmaster's Prize.
	D. H. Harvey.
Shorthand.	Newcastle Scholarships.
A. Innes.	Senior: J. K. Clinch
Bookkeeping.	J. K. Douglas
A. Golding.	aeq.
	Junior: T. Giblin.

### Boarders' Notes

(By "One of 'Em.")

Once more we are drawing near to the end of the year's work, and everybody is getting excited at the thought of the Xmas holidays. Next year our ranks will be slightly different, as some of our sentences have expired, and the time has come for a few of us to leave our "happy home" and learn "the Government stroke." We can only say that it is with the deepest regret that we have to leave school, and that we hope our future life will be as happy as it has been up till now.

By special request, we are publishing a few of the nicknames of that well-known exponent of the Tango, A. B. Innes, Esq. Owing to lack of space a great number must be omitted, but the following are the principal ones:—Weary, Snowy, Mahoney, Two-step, Joseph O'Burgh, Berne, Breakaday, Lumley-Lumley, Spondulix, Boarders'-man, Felix, Jo-Jo, and Wishbone.

Bill Payne has come to the conclusion that he is an invalid, so he spends hours on top of the nets, so that he can a-Dor(e)a the garden next door. He says he finds it very restful to his brain and his heart. By the way, this came as a shock to us, as we

didn't know he possessed such an awkward article.

"Two-stone" has been trying to bring his weight down to 1st. 12lb. by taking up dancing in his leisure hours. He seems to have had some adventures while indulging in this dangerous exercise, as one evening he came home in a very moody frame of mind. It was only with the greatest difficulty we succeeded in discovering the cause.

If a policeman should dare to put his head inside the boarding-house, he would think he had struck a regular nest of German spies, as everywhere one goes one sees sinister-looking individuals with little black boxes, ready to snap anything and everything. They say these things are called cameras, but one never knows whether they are not infernal machines.

Some of our friends at the Ladies' Academy over the road are nearly heart-broken, as their seats in church have been changed. No more shall they look upon our noble faces, but are forced to content themselves with the sight of our sturdy backs (such as Mahoney's). However, they are bravely bearing up under the strain, and hope for brighter days, when perhaps they may be reinstated in their former seats.

Wilf. Allison is just about to issue his latest book, entitled, "The Hair, and its Culture." Amongst many other interesting facts he states that the most essential thing to procure a good part, is hair oil. This should be applied in liberal quantities, and the patient should take good care not to go out in the sun, as the oil is apt to melt, resulting in damage to one's clothes. The next thing to be done is to procure a good curl in front. This may be done with a pair of curling tongs or a steam-roller, whichever one prefers. All persons desirous of trying this new scheme are heartily invited to come and see the author of this interesting book performing his grooming (10 times a day). We can guarantee they will be delighted with the system, after they see its result upon him.

The boarders have lately discovered a future member of the Australian XI. in their ranks, in the person of the notable Bill Sykes. He has just developed a splendid

leg-break which no one (even Spooft) can stand up against. His breaks, however are not always to be relied upon, as occasionally they break the poor batsman's head.

Most of the boarders have gone into strenuous training in anticipation of our dance, which is taking place on Tuesday, December 15th. If one should care to pay a visit to No. 3 dorm. about 9.30 p.m. any night, he would see its five occupants forcing their bodies to undergo all sorts of contortions. Our witty youth, "Bunny" Richard, has constituted himself instructor, and under his lead the other unlucky four have to undergo tortures. He says it is good for the muscles, so by the time the dance comes off we ought to be pretty fit.

We cannot close these notes without wishing the boarders of the coming year all success, and hoping they will keep up the name of the boarding-house, and hold their own with the rest of the School.

Finally, we wish you all a merry Xmas, and a jolly good holiday.

### Our Trip to the Gordon River

(By "Swagman.")

Our party, consisting of Mr. Hughes, L. Payne, G. Adams, and H. Thomas, left Hobart by the morning train on Saturday, October 3rd, the first day of the Michaelmas holidays, and arrived at Russell without adventure. Here we were met by our old friend, the Tyenna carrier, who seemed delighted to see us, and as it was a sweltering hot day, we decided to let him take our swags on as far as he went, about 10 miles up the road.

We started off straight away, and finally arrived at his mansion about five minutes after our worthy coachman, in spite of the fact that we had visited Russell Falls on our way, and had our first meal in that celebrated spot.

We were feeling a bit tired when we overtook him, and with a little gentle persuasion (£ s. d.) he agreed to take our swags on a mile and a half further to the beginning of the track. After he had gone we made

love to his wife, promising to take a photograph of their shanty on our way, and she very kindly supplied four thirsty souls with fresh milk. That milk did fly (or flow), too. This refreshed us so much that we were able to overtake her lord and master, who drove us in state to the beginning of the track.

Here we got our swags on and started off again, finally arriving, about 6 o'clock, at the first hut on the track, near the Junee Cave. We pitched our tent, had a good tea, and then turned in, feeling quite satisfied with ourselves, as we had done fifteen miles that day.

On the Sunday morning we weren't too anxious to turn out, except one gentleman, who was anxious for some parrots for breakfast. (We never got the parrots.)

We left some of our provisions in the hut, till our return, and then started off again.

To start with, we nearly got bogged, having to wade through mud for over half a mile. For the first five miles we weren't able to get any water, and finally had to get a little out of some puddles on the track. It was pretty dirty, but we enjoyed it.

We had afternoon tea at the second hut on the track, and had a good rest, as we expected soon to reach the Florentine River. However, we found it farther than we thought, and finally camped on the bank of a small stream.

Next morning our hunter was early astir, this time in quest of kangaroo, several of which we had seen the day before. We reached the Florentine after about an hour's walking, and found it to be a pretty large river, with a bridge across it.

Up till now our track had come through country thickly wooded with myrtle, sassafras, eucalyptus, and tree ferns, but now our troubles began, as we had emerged into the button-grass country. We had about six miles of button-grass plains and ti-tree scrub before we reached the Gordon. It was a boiling hot day, and the button-grass gave no shade whatever.

Once more we got our swags on and started off, finally arriving at the Gordon about 10 o'clock. We immediately stripped off and had a dip in the river.

At this point the Gordon is not nearly as pretty as it is near the West Coast, but we were able to get one very pretty photo of it. There is a cage running across the river, but we didn't go across, as we didn't care to trust the ropes. We camped there all the rest of the day, and had a well-earned rest.

Next morning, after our usual breakfast of porridge and bacon, we started early, hoping to get back over the button-grass before the heat of the day. We again reached the Florentine about 11 o'clock, intending to fish, but as there were no fish to be caught, we had a sun bath on the bridge.

In the afternoon we walked on to our camping place, on the banks of a small river, about two miles from the Florentine. Here we made ourselves very comfortable, intending to have a good night. This day was remarkable for the tent-bearer not losing his belt. Twice during the last few days he had made anxious inquiries for it, and after a long and diligent search found it in its usual place—round his middle.

This mania also spread to our worthy cook, who thought he had lost his braces, but finally found them in their proper place.

Our Great Detective was often busy examining kangaroo tracks with the aid of a microscope, but concluded that the kangaroos were travelling in different directions to ours. The rest of the party would have preferred a dead kangaroo and heard less talk about it.

Next day we again arrived at the second hut, after a very hot walk, as the day was very warm (like the pace). It was here we had our first washing day, which proved very successful.

On Thursday morning we again reached Junee in time for dinner. We found our stores untouched, which was just as well for us, as we had used up everything we had taken with us.

In the afternoon we fished in the Junee River, but our hunter was the only successful one, managing to spear a couple with a fork.

As we had decided to go home the next day we had a real good tuck in, with the

exception of the cook, who wasn't too sure of his concoctions. However, nobody died during the night.

There were big bush fires all round us that night, and we were wondering whether we were going to get burnt out or not, but decided to chance it. About one o'clock in the morning we woke up to find the rain coming through the tent. At first we were quite happy, and started singing ragtimes, but after a while our blankets got too wet, so we grabbed all our belongings and made a dash for the hut.

We soon had a good fire going and dried our blankets. One brave chap camped down on the floor, and had a short sleep, in spite of the live stock which protested vigorously at our intrusion. The rest sat round the fire and waited till morning.

At 5.30 a.m. it was still raining, so we started to get breakfast. We left Junee about 8 o'clock, and started off on our last trip. It rained most of the way into Russell, which we reached about 12 o'clock, having walked fifteen miles.

The bush fires had gone right through the Tyenna district, so if the rain had not come it is quite probable that we should have had to wait till they were over.

We had our farewell afternoon tea at the hotel, and left by the afternoon train. We must have looked regular barbarians, as everybody fought shy of our carriage on the way home, much to our satisfaction.

We unanimously agreed that we had had a splendid holiday, and advise some of our friends to try the same trip and see how they would enjoy it.

## Our Trip Round the World

(Concluded.)

The last day of our visit to Toronto, the Daughters of the Empire, a patriotic society, provided us with motor-cars to see the principal sights of the city. We left that night by train for Vancouver. We had a very pleasant trip, stopping at no less than six towns on the way. Our train was a special, and very slow, but we amused ourselves playing cards or singing and sleeping.

Our first stop was Winnipeg, a town in the centre of the Continent. Here again the Daughters of the Empire provided cars, in which we went to the Indian reserve. We had to drive across the plains, with absolutely no track at all some of the way, and the things which aroused our curiosity very much were goefers, a kind of small wild dog. These little animals are scattered about in thousands all over the plains, and are very tame. They live in holes, like rabbits, and never go more than about ten yards from them. As soon as anyone comes near they rush off to their holes and sit outside. If you go too close, they hide inside, and watch you till you pass, then out they run again. We visited the Indian wigwams and gardens, and then returned to town. The next day we left for our next stopping place, Regina. Here we visited the Royal North-West Mounted Police, and in the evening we were treated to the theatre. Calgary was our next break in the journey, a lovely little town about 80 miles from the foot of the Rockies. It was very cold there, as it is high up on a plateau. We went for a lovely tram ride, during which we got fine views of the snow-capped Rockies in the distance. We were very anxious to get amongst the mountains, so we left that night for Banff, a beautiful little town just a few miles into the Rockies. Here there is a buffalo reserve, which, of course, we gave a very wide berth, as they are not particularly good friends with strangers. The town itself is a lovely little place, hemmed in all round with rugged hills, covered with firs on the lower parts, and capped with snow. One peak, called Sulphur Mountain, has a hot sulphur spring in its side, which runs down the hill to the C.P.R. Hotel, where it is collected into a big swimming bath. The temperature of the water is over 90deg., and it is kept very clean by an outlet pipe under the baths, and an inlet on top. We spent two days at these baths, having races, diving, and water polo, during which we became half full of sulphur water, which afterwards had an ill effect on some of us. We also visited their little museum, which was a very creditable one, for so small a town. Well, we had to move on, much to our regret, and

the next stopping place was Laggan. We caught a coach, which took us up to Lake Louise, a beautiful blue lake in the centre of snow-capped mountains, with an immense white glacier at one end. The hollow in which the lake lies was once the crater of a volcano, and is terrifically deep. There is a promenade around one edge, connecting the C.P.R. Hotel to the track up the glacier. After dinner we started to scale the glacier, and I think we shall never forget it. We had to pass over practically a wilderness of banked-up stones, which took us over an hour to cross, then at last we reached the pure ice. By the way, all underneath the stones was solid ice, but it was about twenty feet down. We picked our way amongst the crevasses until we got about half-way up, when we were suddenly caught by a snowstorm, followed by terrific rumbling, which we thought was a snow slide, and let me tell you I think we got back to the lake in record time, forgetting, in our hurry, all about our coats, which we left on the way up, and which, of course, we had to sneak back and get, watching all the time to see if the ice was sliding or going to crack. We breathed a deep sigh of relief when we got back safe and sound, and declared scaling glaciers was no good to us. The next place we stopped at was a small place called Glacier. It is noted for its beautiful scenery and fir forests, with a large white glacier in the background. We were not very keen on glaciers now, but we walked up to the foot of it. It was very steep, and one fellow tried to climb up a little way, but came to grief by slipping, and wore out the back of his trousers. We finally arrived at Vancouver, our destination for the next three weeks. The most exciting event we saw there was motor races. One car came to grief by steering over the embankment. It turned over twice, breaking the wheels into matchwood, and finally stopped against a tree, smashing all the forepart of the car to pieces. The driver got off rather luckily, with only a broken leg and arm, and a few bruises. We left October 29 by the s.s. Zealandia for Sydney. The first few days we were practically all put out of action by the uncomfortable motion of the steamer,

probably on account of our high living during the past three months. We called at Victoria, on Vancouver Island, and then made directly for the Hawaiian islands. Our place of call was Honolulu. The island was perhaps the prettiest place we had ever seen. The beautiful tropical green leaves, and palm trees, and cocoanut trees absolutely took our eyes. The water round the islands is a perfect dark blue, and on land it is spring time all through the year. We went for a tram ride to the foot of an extinct volcano, via one of the beaches, where the inhabitants surf in lovely high and sparkling waves. We visited the Aquarium, a place where magnificent fish of all shapes and colours are kept. Fiji was our next calling place, and we were struck at once by the Fijians, selling beautiful pieces of coral, brought in from the coral grounds around the islands. We were delighted to see one of the natives try to catch the rope from the steamer, but he slipped and fell sprawling into the water, to the special delight of his countrymen, who laughed and jabbered at him for all they were worth. Another thing which amused us very much was the natives diving for coins. When the boat is leaving, the natives dive in off the ship, and swim round for the passengers to throw money down. The place is simply infested with sharks, but the swimmers are not afraid of them, although now and again a man will lose his leg or arm; but as a rule they don't attack the black or coloured flesh. Leaving Fiji we headed for Auckland, but had only a few hours there, in which we made the best of our time sightseeing. We had a nice tram ride across the neck of land to Onehunga, on the western side of the island. We left that night for Sydney in a terrific storm. The next day we rounded the N.E. Cape into a very rough sea. The waves rushed at us like hills, which the ship would rise up to meet, throwing spray and solid water all over the ship. It is a wonder how the ships stand such bumping and shaking, especially when the propellers come out of the water, causing the engines to race and the ship to vibrate terribly. As a matter of fact, our ship, the Zealandia, 7,000 tons, had the iron railings twisted on one

side, and an iron seat washed overboard, so you can imagine we were well down below, giving the steward extra work. We ran out of the storm in two days, and we finally got a glimpse of Sydney Heads in the distance. Arriving at Sydney we all split up and went to our respective States. Eight of us left next day for Melbourne by the express, and the attitudes we got into that night trying to make a comfortable position to sleep in, were marvellous, as, of course, the carriage was not a sleeper. The rest of us divided at Melbourne, two by steamer to Fremantle, two by train to Adelaide, and two by the Loongana for Tasmania.

D. H. HARVEY.

### The Prefects' Dance

This year a ball was held in the Masonic hall on Tuesday, Dec. 15, under the auspices of the Prefects, in order to revive the original and far-famed Hutchins Ball, which has lapsed for the last three or four years. The committee consisted of Messrs. Smith and Hughes, the Misses Dollery, M. Golding, D. Golding, and S. Howard, Mrs. Gurney, and of the Prefects Dollery (sec.), Cumming, Thomas, and Payne.

The function was a complete success in every way, and reflected great credit upon its organisers. We desire specially to thank those ladies of the committee who worked so hard at the supper and decorations, both of which were simply splendid. Arches of red electric bulbs adorned the stairs, which were laid with red baize. The effect was very soft, and extremely pretty. The supper-table was done in sweet peas and roses, with lines of bulbs in magenta shades shedding a soft light over the whole. It aroused general admiration. Each lady was presented with a favour of the School colours, and requested to wear it. A splendid extra was rendered by Terence Crisp (piano) and Reg. Clarke (violin). We could dilate over several pages on a description of the decorations, and other items of interest, but space forbids. Suffice to say that, by universal consent, the orchestral music was excellent, the supper and decorations splendid,

and everyone enjoyed themselves, which was all that was necessary to make the function a complete success. There were present about 140 people, including the Headmaster and Mrs. Lindon, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney, Mr. Smith, Messrs. Hughes (2), Best (2), Brodribb, Brent, Bryan, Harvey, Piesse, Pillinger, Peacock, Scoles, Spotswood, Weaver, Willing, Ross, Dollery, Payne, Cumming (2), Clinch, Thomas, Adams, Clarke, and Dobbie, Misses Golding (3), Dollery, Best, Crosby, Dean (2), McCoy, Atkins (2), Howard, Edwards, Fox, Gurney, Gibson, Hughes, Hay (2), Liberty, McAlister, Mortyn, Peacock, Piesse, Steele, Smith (3), Thorpe, Turner, Whiting, Williams, O'Brien, and many other equally fair young ladies.

### Cricket

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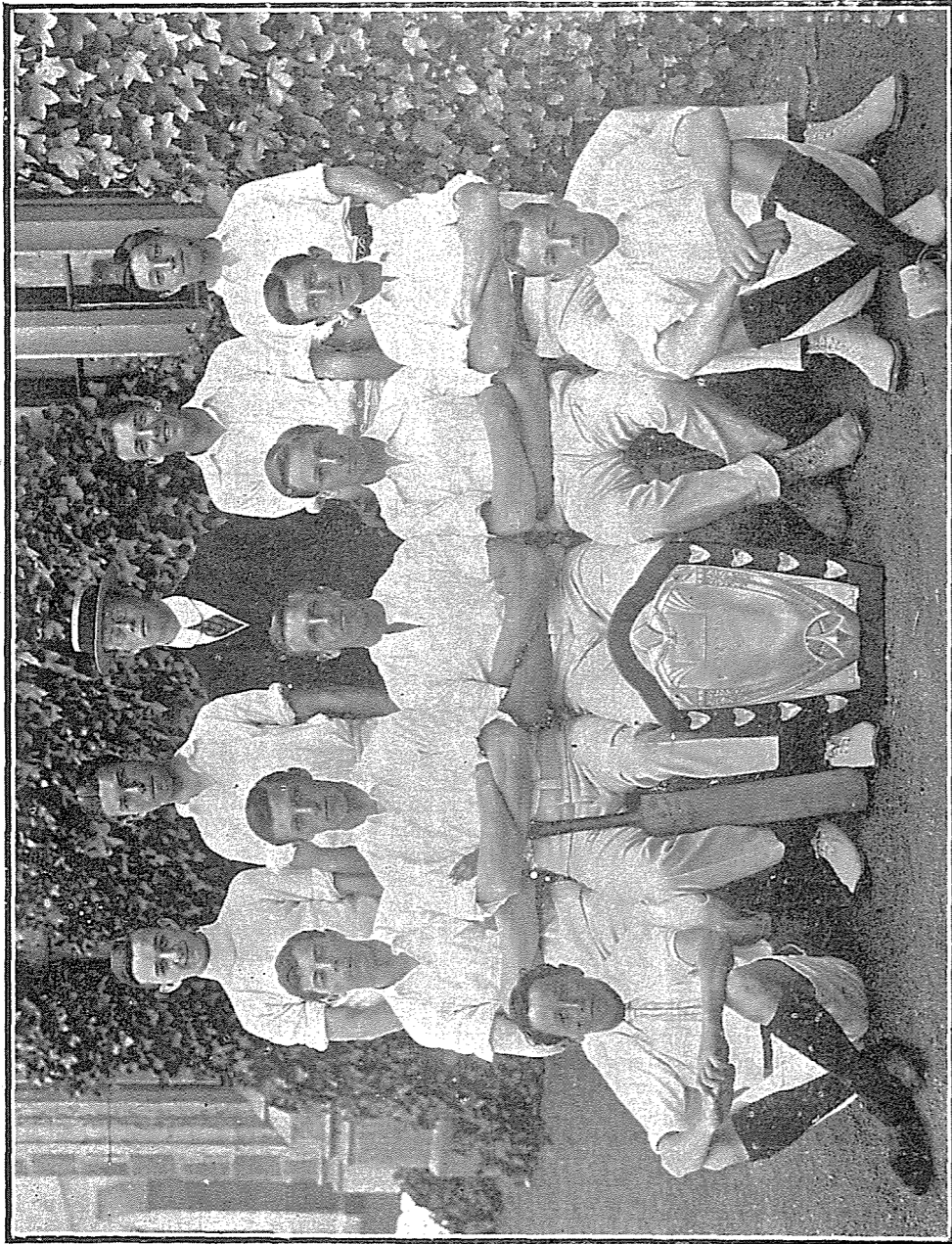
Another year has been added to the era of school cricket, and we may congratulate ourselves upon its result. We again occupy the position of Premiers of Southern Tasmania, and Queen's College having held it four years in succession, one more addition of our name to the Bibby Shield will give us the right of total possession.

We were narrowly beaten by the Launceston Grammar School for the Premiership of Tasmania, the team putting up a remarkable fight against good bowling and fielding in the effort to gain the desired laurels.

The team, as a whole, is to be congratulated upon its remarkable recovery from the rather poor form shown at the beginning of the season. In all departments of the game the team has shown to advantage, and each member has done his utmost for the general good of the team.

The batting in the last four matches has been excellent, the rest of the team backing up the better batsmen in splendid style. The task of making the runs has fallen for the most part upon Calvert, Dollery, and Thomas, whilst Richardson came forward with a well-made 71 at a critical stage in the St. Virgil's match. The batting average was won by Douglas Calvert, who has helped





**Hutchins School First Eleven, 1914, Premiers of Southern Schools**

STANDING—C. WIGGINS, D. CALVERT, MR. BULLOW (Sportsmaster), L. PAYNE, F. RICHARDSON.  
SITTING—R. CUMMING, E. M. DOLLERY (Vice-Capt.), D. HARVEY (Capt.), H. THOMAS, G. ADAMS. IN FRONT—W. WALKER, R. BARNETT.

more, perhaps, than anyone to place the team in its premier position. He was at the top of his form in the last two matches, and his 80 against Grammar was a splendid effort, one of the best ever made against such an undeniably good team as Grammar usually is. He has some fine strokes all round the wicket, and should have a future before him in the cricket world. His scores throughout the season were as follow:—35, 23, 3, 0, 48 (not out), 17, 49, 80.

Max. Dollery was next, with scores as follow:—46, 36, 0, 5, 2, 8, 42 (not out), 33; so that it was only in the first two and the last two matches that he got started, while it is interesting to notice that both of them failed in the third and fourth matches. Dollery and Richardson play District Cricket in "B" Grade, the former for West Hobart, and the latter for New Town. Against North Dollery made 72 (not out).

The batting averages worked out as follow:—

Name.	Innings.	Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
D. Calvert ... ..	8	1	80	255	36.4
M. Dollery ... ..	8	1	46	172	24.5
F. Richardson ... ..	8	1	71*	129	18.4
H. Thomas ... ..	8	0	43	130	16.2
R. Cumming ... ..	6	3	11*	32	10.6
R. Barnett ... ..	5	0	14	33	6.6
L. Payne ... ..	6	2	10*	26	6.5
D. Harvey ... ..	8	0	19	51	6.3
W. Walker ... ..	4	1	11	18	6
C. Wiggins.. ... ..	5	1	9	22	5.5
G. Adams ... ..	6	1	15	20	4

\*Not out.

The total runs scored were 994, against 980 made by our opponents.

Best two Scores of Season.—Calvert, 80, against Grammar; Richardson, 71 not out, against St. Virgil's.

Best Partnerships.—Calvert-Dollery, 80 (against St. Virgil's); Calvert-Thomas, 77 (against Leslie).

The results of matches were as follow:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.
8.	5.	3.

**FIRST ROUND.**

21st Feb., v. St. Virgil's, New Town Ground. Won by 62 runs.

21st March, v. Friends, Association Ground. Lost by 1 run.

4th April, v. Leslie, New Town Ground. Lost by 69 runs.

**SECOND ROUND.**

7th Nov., v. St. Virgil's, Association Ground. Won by 5 wickets.

14th Nov., v. Leslie, New Town Ground. Won by 2 wickets, 8 runs.

12th Dec., v. Friends, Christ College Ground. Won by 38 runs.

**PLAY-OFF.**

14th Dec., v. Leslie, Association Ground. Won by 6 wickets and 4 runs.

**PLAY-OFF.**

15th Dec., v. Grammar School (Launceston), Association Ground. Lost by 28 runs.

The bowling for the most part has fallen on Harvey, and, although he did not win the average, his presence was indispensable in this department, and he usually kept the runs down with a splendid length ball, which came up quickly from the pitch. It will be seen that he bowled twice as many balls as Barnett, who won the average with 22 wickets at the cost of 6.8 runs per wicket. Barnett bowls a slow, but rather well pitched, ball, and usually got the batsmen in two minds, with the result that they either hit out and got caught, or else played back and were bowled.

Calvert bowled a good deal in the latter matches, and sent down a good many well-pitched off breaks, thus keeping down the runs. Thomas also bowled well on occasions.

The bowling averages were as follow:—

Name.	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
R. Barnett ... ..	421	151	22	6.8
H. Thomas ... ..	243	87	10	8.7
D. Harvey ... ..	896	342	24	14.2
C. Wiggins ... ..	90	39	2	19.5
D. Calvert ... ..	370	169	8	21.2

Best bowling performance of season:—  
Barnett, 6 for 18, against Friends.

The fielding in the latter matches has been excellent, but we are always better in the ground fielding than in the air. Many chances have been missed from the fact that members of the team showed a disposition to extreme slowness in getting a start from their positions in the field. In the second Friends' match, however, the catching was very good, several very neat ones being executed. In the fielding department L. Payne deserves mention for his work, and often earned commendation for smartness. Other members were rather weak, and needed livening up.

The catches taken throughout the season were:—L. Payne (6), M. Dollery (5), G. Adams (5), D. Harvey (4), H. Thomas (3), R. Cumming and R. Barnett (2), D. Calvert and F. Richardson (1).

The duties of wicket-keeping were throughout the season undertaken by Dollery, who before this year had never kept wickets. The School was left without a wicketkeeper through the departure last year, first of D. Vautin and then of N. Weaver.

Out of the total of 980 runs scored by our opponents, only 38 of them have been obtained through the medium of byes, the highest number of byes allowed in one match being 7. He has, therefore, done what was required of him, namely, to stop the balls, and if he missed them with his hands he usually stopped with some part of his body. Five catches were also taken behind the wickets.

Harvey has been Captain, and Dollery Vice-Captain throughout the year.

Following are more detailed accounts of matches not hitherto reported in these columns:—

V. S. VIRGIL'S (ASSOC. GROUND),  
NOV. 7.

St. Virgil's, winning the toss, decided to bat, and, mainly owing to the batting of L. Walton, made a score of 125. The wickets were very evenly distributed, Thomas getting the last three men for 10 runs. Our innings opened disastrously, Calvert getting caught first ball, off Patmore. Dollery followed soon after, caught by a splendid one-handed catch in the slips off the same bowler, and things looked decidedly glum. Thomas and Harvey brought the score to 38, when the latter was bowled by Patmore. Richardson and Thomas then became associated, and, while the latter played carefully, the former knocked up the runs in excellent style, finally finishing with a not out score of 71, including six boundary strokes. Richardson deserves the highest commendation for this performance, which, with Thomas's help, won the match for us. In all his subsequent innings he has never reached the same level of batting proficiency as he attained in this match.

ST. VIRGIL'S.

Total ... ..	125
Harvey, 2 for 42; Calvert, 2 for 37; Barnett, 2 for 26; Thomas, 3 for 10.	

HUTCHINS.

Dollery, c Payne, b Patmore ... ..	5
Calvert, c Parer, b Patmore ... ..	0
Thomas, b Patmore ... ..	26
Harvey, b Patmore ... ..	18
Richardson, not out ... ..	71
Barnett, b Evans ... ..	0
Cumming, not out ... ..	1
Sundries ... ..	5

Five wickets for ... .. 126  
Patmore, 4 for 51; Evans, 1 for 2.

V. LESLIE (NEW TOWN), NOV. 14.

Leslie, winning the toss, decided to bat, and, through the steady batting of Coombes and Bayley, made 118. Barnett and Harvey obtained the wickets. Our innings opened

with Dollery and Calvert, but the former was bowled by a good ball from Coombes for 2, while Thomas suffered the same fate. When Harvey and Richardson were run out successively, things looked very serious, and the day's play ended with four down for 46. The match was resumed a week later, when Calvert and Walker made a great stand, the latter staying in over an hour for 11 runs, and thereby driving the Leslie bowlers nearly to distraction. We suggest that "Johnny's" defence stroke should be recommended to Hobbs on his next visit to our shores. Calvert received a nasty knock, which necessitated his retirement, but returned later on, and, judging the balls through the medium of one eye only, the other being completely closed, hit the winning stroke amid applause. G. Adams showed good form in making 15, and L. Payne also batted well for 10.

LESLIE.

Total ... ..	118
Harvey, 4 for 32; Barnett, 5 for 23; Calvert, 1 for 27.	

HUTCHINS.

Dollery, b Coombes ... ..	2
Calvert, not out ... ..	48
Thomas, b Coombes ... ..	5
Harvey, run out ... ..	9
Richardson, run out ... ..	6
Cumming, b Crosby ... ..	0
Walker, b Crosby ... ..	11
Wiggins, b Hallam ... ..	5
Payne, not out ... ..	10
Adams, c Skinner, b Coombes ... ..	15
Sundries ... ..	15

Eight wickets for ... .. 126

Coombes, 3 for 45; Crosby, 2 for 47; Hallam, 1 for 18.

V. FRIENDS (CHRIST COLLEGE),  
DEC. 12.

This match had to be played on our own ground, as no other was available, while the Public Examinations precluded the possibility of getting it off earlier. Hutchins batted first, and made 108, the byes (25) easily registering top score for us. Richardson, Calvert, and Thomas batted well, and Cumming remained with a not out score of 11. Friends then went in, but totalled only 70, of which Shirrefs made 22 and Armstrong 13. Our fielding and catching were easily the best exhibition of the season. Harvey bowled exceedingly well, obtaining 5 for 21, his best performance of the season. Walker's over, in which he obtained two wickets, one from a wide, was the most remarkable bowled during the season.

FRIENDS.

Total ... ..	70
Harvey, 5 for 21; Thomas, 3 for 20; Walker, 2 for 1.	

HUTCHINS.

Calvert, b Colvin ... ..	17
Dollery, b Armstrong ... ..	8
Thomas, b Armstrong ... ..	13
Harvey, c Terry, b Armstrong ... ..	0
Richardson, b Colvin ... ..	18
Walker, b Pringle ... ..	1
Barnett, b Coleman ... ..	1
Adams, b Colvin ... ..	2
Payne, hit wicket, b Pringle ... ..	2
Cumming, not out ... ..	11
Wiggins, lbw, b Reid ... ..	9
Sundries ... ..	26

Total ... .. 108

Armstrong, 3 for 30; Pringle, 2 for 32; Colvin, 3 for 13; Coleman, 1 for 6; Reid, 1 for 0.

V. LESLIE (ASSOCIATION GROUND)

DEC. 14.

The following Monday we met Leslie for the Premiership of the Southern Schools. Hutchins, winning the toss, sent Leslie in to bat. Almost immediately rain began to fall, and the match was played under the most trying circumstances. The pitch resembled a miniature ploughed field, while batsmen and fieldsmen alike slopped about in the mud with cheerful energy, each captain occasionally discussing with his next in command the advisability of bowling "so-and-so" with the current, etc. Every player was wet through, but we did not mind, for we eventually emerged victorious, after a very exciting game. Leslie made 157. Calvert and Thomas opened for us, and, by good batting, carried the score to 77 before Calvert retired caught. Richardson filled the vacancy, but was bowled for 3. Harvey then made a stand for 19, losing Thomas at 110. Dollery went in at this juncture, and immediately began to make things lively for the Leslie bowlers. The score crept up and up, each hit being greeted with cheers, until the score was passed, Dollery being not out 42, including seven 4's, and Walker not out 1. We should like to say how well Leslie took the result. They are true sports, all of them, especially their captain, and it is a pleasure to play with them.

LESLIE.

Total ... .. 157

Harvey, 2 for 57; Calvert, 1 for 52; Thomas, 4 for 16; Wiggins, 2 for 4; Barnett, 1 for 17.

HUTCHINS.

Calvert, c Crosby, b Skinner ... .. 49  
 Thomas, c Bayley, b Crosby ... .. 43  
 Richardson, b Coombes ... .. 3  
 Harvey, c Crosby, b Coombes ... .. 19  
 Dollery, not out ... .. 42  
 Walker, not out ... .. 1  
 Sundries ... .. 4

Four wickets for ... .. 161

Coombes, 2 for 56; Crosby, 1 for 67; Skinner, 1 for 13.

V. GRAMMAR (ASSOC. GROUND),

DEC. 15.

The next day we met Grammar School for the Premiership of the Island, and were defeated, after a splendid fight, by 28 runs. The wicket, after last day's rain, seemed soft, but rapidly improved as the wind dried it. We won the toss, and sent Grammar to the wickets. Headlam and Mabin opened, but the latter was caught by a good catch behind the wickets off the second ball of the match. The other wickets failed to put on many runs, and it is apparent that this year's team is a "one man" team. H. V. Jones blocked our bowling for one hour and a half for 6 runs whilst Headlam ran up his century. The score at one juncture was 122, of which Headlam had 110. The innings finally finished for 215. Harvey bowled very well, and kept an excellent length. Our fielding was, on the whole, very good, though several chances were dropped. Calvert and Thomas opened, and brought the score to 47, when Thomas retired bowled. Harvey and Richardson in turn failed to make much of a stand. Then Calvert and Dollery became associated, and at the afternoon tea interval the score stood at 130. Both of them hit fine sixes, Calvert's hitting the top of one of the open stands, and Dollery's going right out of the ground near the press-box.

After afternoon tea the score reached 139, when Dollery failed to get hold of one from Mabin, and was caught at mid-off. Calvert continued to bat brightly till 160, when he was caught off Mabin for 80, a fine effort, and his best performance in school cricket. His score included eight 4's and a 6. The rest of the team failed to stand up against the bowling, though Barnett deserves mention for his 14 runs. Our showing entirely surprised most of the spectators, and the team themselves did not expect to run things so close.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Headlam, b Harvey ... .. 157  
 Mabin, c Dollery, b Harvey ... .. 0  
 Scott, c Adams, b Harvey ... .. 12  
 H. V. Jones, c Payne, b Barnett ... .. 6  
 G. Clarke, b Harvey ... .. 2  
 T. Clarke, b Barnett ... .. 0  
 Davis, c Adams, b Calvert ... .. 17  
 Wellington, c Adams, b Harvey ... .. 8  
 H. A. Jones, b Calvert ... .. 5  
 Holyman, not out ... .. 2  
 Bennett, c Payne, b Harvey ... .. 0  
 Sundries ... .. 6  
 Total ... .. 215

Harvey, 6 for 68; Calvert, 2 for 63; Barnett, 2 for 40.

HUTCHINS.

Calvert, c Davis, b Mabin ... .. 80  
 Thomas, b Scott ... .. 22  
 Harvey, b Headlam ... .. 0  
 Richardson, b Scott ... .. 9  
 Dollery, c Jones, b Mabin ... .. 33  
 Walker, c Scott, b Headlam ... .. 5  
 Cumming, lbw, b Headlam ... .. 4  
 Barnett, c Scott, b Headlam ... .. 14  
 Adams, b Headlam ... .. 1  
 Payne, c Jones, b Mabin ... .. 3  
 Wiggins, not out ... .. 4  
 Sundries ... .. 12

Total ... .. 187

Headlam, 5 for 79; Scott, 2 for 70; Mabin, 3 for 25.

In the evening the Grammar team was entertained to a dinner at the Grotto, and after the meal was disposed of speeches were made by Mr. Bullock, Mr. Shann, Mr. Davis, F. Headlam, D. Harvey, R. Scott, and M. Dollery. Mr. Bullock (Hutchins' Sportsmaster) congratulated Grammar on their win, and Headlam on his fine innings, apologised for the absence of our Headmaster and Vice-Master, said that four or five fine innings had been witnessed that afternoon, made a few other felicitous remarks, and sat down amid applause. Mr. Shann and Mr. Davis (Grammar Masters) returned thanks for the hospitality shown them, congratulated Hutchins on their good showing, and their own boys on their win. "Peter" Headlam (the Captain of Grammar) then rose, and in a speech lasting two minutes and a half eulogised Calvert's fine innings, which he described as one of the best performances ever put up against Grammar School. He said he was very shaky as to the result of the match at the afternoon tea interval, when neither of the not out men could be persuaded to eat anything. He was glad that they were premiers for his last year at school. Dave Harvey (our Captain) talked for exactly one minute, and congratulated Grammar. There were then vociferous calls for the Vice-Captains, and finally R. Scott (Scottie) arose, and spoke for even a less duration of time than our Captain. This necessitated a speech from our Vice-Captain, Macker Dollery, who is the chief of our Debating Society, and who put up a meritorious stand for nearly three minutes. He said it was not brotherly of Mr. Scott to force him to make a speech, because he was no good at making them. He could only endorse our Captain's remarks, saying that we were exceedingly pleased to be Southern Premiers and to meet Grammar again. He thanked Mr. Scott for bowling him without knocking the bails off, and also for giving him a ball that he couldn't help hitting, and finished by inviting Grammar to attend the dance to be held that evening. This finished proceedings, and our chaps hurried off to the Masonic-hall.

## Sixth Form Spasms

*"Actum est de Nobis."*

Yes, another year is over, and for some of us the above expression may well be applied to our school days, for they are, indeed, over. On reassembling time next year the writer will be most disappointed if no tears are shed for the souls of the departed ones. Adder, Macker, Tomo, Ris-Ras, Bunny, and Mick will, of a certainty, be no more, and it will be a case of "Alas! the glory of our House hath departed." . . . (We forget who said that.)

We hope, however, that Beaky and Billy will again be to the fore to carry on our record of sport, and shall we not have again the mighty Ajax? Ye gods! The menagerie will be sadly depleted by the departure of Bunny and Adder. 'Possum will have to comfort his fellow animals in their loss. What will the form do without its rabbit? It will, indeed, be in a hole, and there will be a further tail of woe.

The Public Exams. are but as spirits that pass in the night, with the slight exception that they passed in the day-time, and were very nasty, visible, and horrible spirits. Our hearts are light as birds, and by this time most of them have flown gaily to different parts of the country.

The members of the Science Class presented Mr. Erwin with a framed photo in recognition of the interest he takes in them, and as something by which to remember them. The members of last year's class also gave him a similar photo.

Jim Butler entertained a few friends among the sixth at "Ashfield" on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Billiards, music, and sup-

per were the chief occupations during the evening, during which a curved dagger mysteriously disappeared, and caused much amusement.

The Prefects' manly forms were seen to advantage performing deeds of valour and skill upon the ball-room floor, and Macker was observed to be executing his new tango-turkeybungabyglide dance in great style. (The antidote for this disease is salt and water every two hours till relief.) How many dances did Bill have? Hush!

Well, this is the last literary effort of the present "Spasm" editor, for next year he will be among the departed spirits. (No hot-water bags are required, thank you!) His earnest hope is that a new "Spasmer" will rise, Phoenix-like, from his ashes, and maintain this record of the mighty Sixth.

We wish all Sixth Form chaps, and, in fact, everyone, a Merry Xmas, a Happy New Year, enjoyable holidays, and all good luck for 1915.

The chaps who are leaving are far dispersed, but will always be held together by that intangible bond of brotherhood which unites those who have been schoolmates together, and all of us, we feel sure, will be with Henry Newbolt in the following stirring lines:—

*We'll honour the school we knew,  
The best school of all;  
We'll honour yet the rule we knew;  
Till the last bell call.  
For, working days or holidays,  
And glad or melancholy days,  
They were great days and jolly days,  
At the best school of all.*

Good-bye, Chaps, and Good Luck.

(E. M. D.)