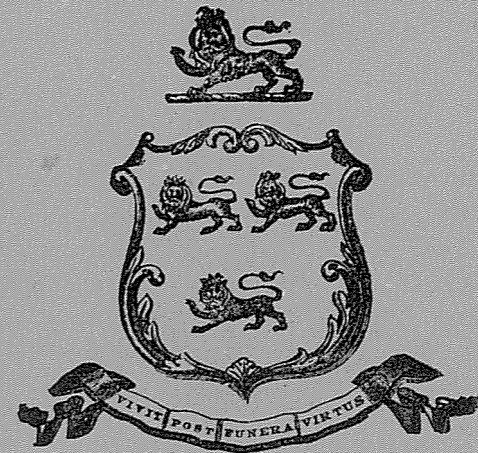


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The Old Boys' Association

An Old Boy who has been away for some years returned recently, and, as most Old Boys do, drifted in to have a look round the "old place." After expressing surprise and gratification at the progress we have made in many directions, he asked if we had an Old Boys' Association. After a little hesitation, we told him we had; we must be pardoned for admitting that we had almost forgotten the fact. Though the school is nearly seventy years old, and, we believe, one of the oldest Grammar Schools in Australia, it is a strange thing that no Old Boys' Association was formed until three years ago. At that time it was proposed to make Hutchins School practically a preparatory school to feed Christ's College. This proposal was strenuously opposed by a few loyal Old Boys, who happened to be on the spot, and they were invited by Bishop Mercer to suggest an alternative scheme. They boldly accepted the challenge, and it was soon seen that no solution of the difficulty could be found unless a very considerable sum of money was raised within a short time. At least £1,500 was needed immediately, and more would be required later. Inspired by the loyalty and determination of Mr. C. W. Butler and a few others, the Old Boys in Hobart undertook to raise the required amount. A strong committee was formed, which succeeded in raising the bulk of the money in a very short time. The result of their efforts is seen in

the present satisfactory lines on which the school is being managed.

It is evident, from the foregoing facts, that the Old Boys have not lost interest in their "Alma Mater" and it is well that the present generation should have this reminder of what they owe to them.

What did the subscribers to the Old Boys' Fund get in return? Three things: first, the satisfaction of having rendered a service to their old school, and to many of them this was in itself sufficient reward. Second, the privilege of electing three representatives to the Board of Management, and so, indirectly, exercising some control over the management of the School. Third, life membership of the Old Boys' Association.

The formation of the Old Boys' Association, then, was the direct outcome of the crisis of 1912, and the successful way in which it was met and overcome by the Old Boys of the School. A general meeting of subscribers was held, and a constitution adopted, printed copies of which may be obtained by any Old Boys who desire them. The objects of the Association are set out as follow:—

- (a). To elect three representatives to the Hutchins School Board of Management, in accordance with the provisions of the Deed-poll executed by the Visitor, and thereby exercise control over the management of the School.

- (b). To raise money for the increase of the Hutchins School Fund and for such other purposes as the Association shall at any time determine.
- (c). To take such other action proper to Old Boys for the advancement of the School, as the Association shall determine.
- (d). To promote and maintain amongst Old Boys a spirit of loyalty to the School and interest in its welfare.

From clause (b) in the above it is evident that the Old Boys' Fund is still open for subscriptions, and we wish to emphasise the fact. Large sums are still required for improvements and extensions of various kinds. For example, the Board of Management are anxious to build a retaining wall round the playground, and an up-to-date gymnasium is urgently required. Probably most of the older generation have already subscribed more or less liberally to the fund. But the number of Old Boys is being constantly augmented by those who are now leaving school, at the rate of, say, thirty or forty each year. Those who have left during the last two years have shared in the advantages provided by the fund; it is now their turn to help those who come after them. Each boy that leaves might well make a small subscription to the fund, an expression of his loyalty and gratitude to the school which the Board of Management will heartily appreciate.

Each boy that leaves should also, as a matter of course, join the Old Boys' Association. At present there appears to be only one way in which this can be done. Rule 3 reads as follows:—

"All Old Boys who have subscribed or shall subscribe not less than £1 to the Hutchins School Fund are or shall be Life Members of the Association."

There appears to be no provision for an annual subscription, or for any membership other than life membership. We hope to see an addition made to this rule at the next general meeting, and would suggest the following:—"Any Old Boy who is not eligible as a Life Member may become a member

of the Association on payment of an annual subscription of 2/6." Provision would thus be made for boys who, on leaving school, are not in a position to subscribe the minimum amount now entitling them to Life Membership. We should also like to see past and present masters admitted to full membership.

Rule 16 of the Constitution reads as follows:—

"A general meeting of the Association shall be held annually on August 3, the Foundation Day of the School; except that if August 3 falls on a Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the Monday following."

The first general meeting held was the inaugural one mentioned above. In 1913 the meeting took the form of a dinner. This was a most enjoyable function, and we hope to see it repeated; but it should not take the place of the general meeting, for several reasons. The reading of a report and balance-sheet, the consideration of rules, and other matters, which are proper to a general meeting, cannot be suitably carried out at a dinner. Again, a dinner entails a subscription of anything up to half a guinea. Is it fair to charge that amount, or any amount at all, for admission to a general meeting? Again, some members may not care about dinners, but would like to attend the general meeting. It is to be hoped that the two things will be kept distinct in the future, though it will probably be found convenient to hold both on the same day. Why not make a regular Old Boys' Day of it? A football match could be played in the afternoon, the dinner commence at 7 o'clock, and the general meeting at 8.30 or 9 o'clock.

Last year a dinner was arranged to take place, but, owing to the outbreak of war, it was cancelled, so there was no meeting of any description. It was in a very proper spirit that the dinner was given up, but we see no reason why the general meeting should have been omitted. At any rate, we hope the latter will be held this year, that it will be well advertised and largely attended.

School Topics

We are commencing in this number a series of articles on the early history of the School, which should prove to be of great interest. There is plenty of material in the shape of legal documents, newspaper reports, and manuscript from various sources, to enable us to supply a good many facts which have not hitherto been published. Most of these have been collected and preserved by the Rev. J. V. Buckland, who has been good enough to send them to Mr. W. F. D. Butler, with permission to hand them over to the Editor of the Magazine for publication. The first instalment is from Mr. Buckland's own manuscript.

It is our sorrowful duty to record the death of Ian Cumming, of Form IVa, which took place at Sandy Bay on February 9. Cumming was a popular lad, and promised to develop into as good a footballer as his brothers. He was 15 years of age.

Four new prefects have been appointed this year, namely, Oldmeadow, Barnett, Clinch, and Ross. The Headmaster, in presenting them with their badges at Assembly on March 23, reminded them that on them and their colleagues depended to a great extent the School's well-being, and that he relied on them to see that the School went forward, and not backward.

We are losing this term our Senior Prefect, D. Harvey, a loss which will be keenly felt in every branch of sport, as Harvey is a first-rate all-round athlete. He is going on to the University. Payne succeeds Harvey as Senior Prefect.

It is rumoured that there is a possibility of the Board of Management erecting a gymnasium in the School grounds. We earnestly hope they will be able to carry out their plan shortly. We are also looking forward to seeing the front boundary fence completed, and the grounds thus made a little less public. It will then be possible to lay out the ground, and thus make a fitting foreground to set off the new building.

Another rumour hints at a new tennis court. For this boon we shall probably be indebted to that generous body, the Council of Christ's College.

The Magazine account for last year shows a considerable deficit, though not so large as that of the previous year. We need more subscribers among the Old Boys. The expenditure for 1914 amounted to £34 5s. 6d. The receipts from present boys amounted to £14 1s., and from outside subscribers £9 9s. Total receipts, £23 10s. Debit balance, £10 15s. 6d. The Board of Management made up the deficit, with their usual generosity. We look forward to the time when the Magazine will be self-supporting.

The following subscriptions have not previously been acknowledged:—M. D'Emden 1s. 1d., F. Moloney 1s., R. Ellis 2s. 2d., H. Henry 2s. 2d., R. Butler 10s. 6d., Leo. Butler 2s. 2d., V. Chambers 2s. 2d., Judge Dobbie 5s., A. G. Brammall 10s. 6d., C. Whitesides 2s. 3d., J. Bradford 3s., G. Dixon 4s. 6d., H. Garrett 10s. 6d., V. Cotton 2s., R. Watchorn 10s. 6d., G. Roberts 10s. 6d., J. Butler 10s. 6d., R. Boniwell 4s. 2d., K. Brodribb 2s.

We expect to see the Honour Boards in the Big Room brought up to date before long. There are five or six names to be added to the list of Junior Exhibitioners, which will just about fill the board. The Senior Scholarship Board is full already, so a new board will be necessary.

Complaints having been received to the effect that the Latin language has got considerably out of date, we understand that an effort is to be made to bring the language into line with more progressive tongues. A start has already been made with the Junior Public Test Book, which we are told is to appear with a more up-to-date title: "Kaiser, De Bello Jellicoe."

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the December numbers of the "Launcestonian," "Melburnian," and "Prince Alfred College Chronicle." Our other exchanges, for some reason, failed to reach us.

Our Literary Staff has been sadly depleted. E. M. Dollery is our most serious loss. He undertook last year the duties of Sports Sub-Editor and "Spasms" writer, and was of great assistance to the Editor in many ways. Other contributors who have left us are Adams, who wrote the Boarders' Notes, and Harvey, who is the author of the in-

teresting "Trip Round the World," which has been running through our first two volumes. The Editor has to thank Messrs. Bullock and Hughes for the sports columns in the present issue, while Payne and Crisp have supplied the Boarders' Notes and Sixth Form Spasms respectively. We have not yet unearthed any budding journalists from the forms below the Sixth. Perhaps some of the Junior Public Class will give us something weighty, thrilling, or humorous for the next number.

SALVETE.

Chapman, G., Clinch, K., Gorrings, C., Hunt, H., Huxley, Knight, M., Murdoch, C., Parish, L., Urquhart, M., Craig, A., Cumming, G., Hodgkinson, A., Atkins, D., Boss-Walker, H., Denholm, V., Gray, R., Hudson, D., Young, A., Anderson, G., Bowden, F., Cutts, G., Knight, C., Sharp, R., Harrison C., Bowden, J., Butler, E., Dodson, J., Fenn-Smith, A., Gurney, D., Hay, A., Harvey, L., Jones, H., Kittel, A., Sprent, J.

VALETE.

Adams, G., Barnett, H., Beedham, R., Butler, J., Dollery, M., Gifford, A., Hawker, S., Mortyn, D., Sansom, W., Teniswood, W., Thomas, H., Walker, W., Arundel, T., Calvert, D., Cuthbertson, D., Davis, C., Douglas, B., Dudgeon, R., Golding, A., Hore, B., Innes, A., James, E., Lindley, D., Marshall, P., Miller, A., Sparrow, C., Winch, R., Hayton, G., Kelly, T., Richard, N., Atkins, R., Sharp, R., Swift, N., Cumming, I., Tonks, G., Mackay, D., Love, D.

University Public Examinations 1914

In 1913 we established a record for these examinations, by winning three of the four scholarships awarded on the results of the Senior Public, and eight prizes, and three of the five Junior exhibitions. We hardly expected to repeat the performance last year, but, in spite of the fact that our team was a younger one, and did not promise so well at the commencement of the year, we actually did better in the Senior, and nearly as

well in the Junior, as the following comparison will show:—

In 1913 four of our boys qualified for the Mathematics and Science scholarships; in 1914 eight did so. In 1913 we occupied first, second, fourth, and fifth places on the list; in 1914, first, two second (bracketed equal), sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth. In 1913, one qualified for the Classical scholarship; in 1914, two, taking first and fourth places respectively. In 1913 we carried off the prize in eight subjects; in 1914 we were first in the same number of subjects, but in two of them two of our boys were bracketed first. In 1913 four boys qualified for Junior exhibitions, occupying first, second, fourth, and seventh places; in 1914 three qualified, taking third, fifth, and twelfth places. In 1913 we passed nine in the Senior and twenty in the Junior; in 1914 eleven in the Senior and twenty in the Junior.

In these two years we have won six out of eight University scholarships, and five out of ten exhibitions.

Following are the individual performances in last year's examinations:—

SENIOR.

J. M. T. Butler.—Six credits, three passes. First Mathematical scholarship; prizes for Geometry and Trigonometry.

S. W. Ross. — Six credits, two passes. Bracketed for second Mathematical scholarship. Prize for Physics.

A. J. Clinch. — Six credits, two passes. Bracketed for second Mathematical scholarship. Prizes for Geometry and Chemistry.

R. N. K. Beedham. — Six credits, two passes. First Classical scholarship. Prizes for Latin and Modern History.

H. A. R. Thomas. — Six credits, two passes. Prizes for French and Geography.

E. M. Dollery.—Two credits, six passes. Prize for Chemistry.

D. M. Mortyn.—Four credits, four passes.

N. R. Barnett.—Four credits, four passes.

F. B. Richardson. — Four credits, four passes.

J. H. B. Walch. — Three credits, five passes.

P. R. B. Oldmeadow. — One credit, six passes.

JUNIOR.

E. M. Lilley.—Third exhibition. Seven credits, two passes.

H. F. Reynolds.—Fifth exhibition. Six credits, three passes.

E. C. Waugh.—Five credits, three passes.

C. W. J. Rait.—Three credits, six passes.

C. K. Sparrow.—Three credits, six passes.

R. L. Dudgeon.—Three credits, six passes.

A. B. Innes.—Three credits, five passes.

C. S. Wiggins.—Two credits, six passes.

P. C. Marshall.—Two credits, five passes.

D. Lindley.—One credit, eight passes.

J. R. Henry.—One credit, seven passes.

L. H. Livingston.—One credit, six passes.

C. G. Hall.—Eight passes.

E. W. R. James.—Eight passes.

C. L. Steele.—Seven passes.

G. T. F. Robertson.—Seven passes.

D. H. Hutchison.—Seven passes.

C. W. Henry.—Six passes.

K. D. Atkins.—Six passes.

A. J. Miller.—Six passes.

Old Boys' Column

Recruiting among the Old Boys goes on apace. We are proud to add to the already lengthy list of those who have been accepted for active service the following names:— Captain G. Bailey, A.A.M.C.; Lieut. Rayner, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry; Lieut. C. Perkins, Infantry; Lieut. K. Anderson; Sergt. Paul Abbott, A.A.M.C.; Sergt. H. Uren, Corp. L. Uren, Corp. Huon Walker, A.A.M.C., Troopers D. Barclay, Light Horse (Tas.), C. H. Read, Light Horse (Vic.), B. Radcliffe, Light Horse (Qld.), R. Marshall, Field Artillery (Qld.), Privates B. Butler and J. Boyes; R. H. Chalmers, R. Colbourn, C. I. Clark, N. Richard, Keith Jones, C. Boyer, B. Douglas, R. Todd, N. Pritchard, Angus Butler, Guy Cox, J. Benson. If any of our readers can supply us with any others to add to the list, we shall be glad to hear from them.

Captain Guy Bailey, who will be leaving shortly in charge of a contingent of the Army Medical Corps, is to be married, before he goes, to Miss Ida Douglas, daughter of the late Sir Adye Douglas and Lady Douglas, of Hampden-road, Hobart.

Mr. Rupert Vaughan, son of the Rev. Charles Vaughan, of Kingston, was married in January to Miss Edith Parr, daughter of the Rev. J. Parr, Milford-Bryan Rectory, Bedfordshire.

Dr. Ernest Snowden is in charge of a large military hospital in London. His brother, Major Eccles Snowden, has lately reached Egypt in charge of reinforcements.

Second Lieutenants L. T. Butler and E. J. Bowden, of the 36th Fortress Company (Australian Engineers), have passed examinations qualifying them for confirmation of their provisional appointment.

Basil Hore has qualified for entrance to the Royal Australian Naval College, and is now in residence at Jervis Bay. His brother is a midshipman in the Home Fleet, and took part in the recent engagement in the North Sea. They are sons of Mr. L. F. S. Hore, late President of the Council of Christ's College, Hobart, who has volunteered for active service, and accepted a captaincy in the Victorian Light Horse.

Lieut. G. T. Butler has accepted a commission in the R.F.A., and when last heard of was attending a gunnery school at Shoeburyness.

Gerald Adams has joined the Royal Military College at Duntroon, where he will meet an old schoolfellow, T. C. B. Moore. Moore is now in his third year, and will not be surprised if he is called out for active service before the year ends.

J. M. T. Butler and R. N. K. Beedham have taken up their scholarships at the Tasmanian University. Butler deserves extra credit for his success, in that his work last year was seriously impeded by his being ordered into camp with the Engineers for a good deal of the last half.

Beedham is probably the youngest candidate who ever won a Tasmanian University scholarship; he was under sixteen at the time the examination was held.

E. M. Dollery has passed a stiff examination for entrance into the Commonwealth Postal Department (engineering branch). He is at present filling a temporary position, pending a permanent appointment.

D. Mortyn has been appointed to a clerkship in the Commonwealth Bank.

J. M. Counsel is spending a six months' holiday in Tasmania, after eight years' work rubber-growing in the Malay States. He has done well for himself, being now manager of a large plantation on the Lower Para.

Other Old Boys settled in that part of the world are P. Butler (Selangor), A. McDonald (Borneo), and Dr. C. Nicholas (Penang).

An interesting letter has been recently received from A. T. Wertheimer, an old Queen's College boy, who is on his way to join the troops in Egypt. He describes his meeting, at a regimental ball held in Brisbane, with a number of other old boys of Queen's College and Hutchins School. Those he mentions are M. Kennedy (still remembered as a brilliant footballer and all-round athlete), B. Radcliffe, of the Queensland Light Horse, G. Fisher, Jack Hughes, Eric James, Tom Freeman, Frank Evans, S. Allwright, Carter, and "Barney" Marshall.

Lieut. Donald Cameron writes that he has been offered commissions in the Ninth Lancers, Cameron Highlanders, A.S.C., and R.F.A. He has decided to remain with King Edward's Horse. He is in command of a machine gun section, and expects to be ordered to the front before long.

Lieut. C. S. W. Rayner writes from Magdalen College, Oxford, where he is quartered with the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. The battalion has been on foot about four months, and hopes to be sent to the front in April or May.

Lieut. F. B. Edwards has been transferred temporarily from the reserve of officers to the Australian Garrison Artillery. Mr. Edwards appears to be a busy man, as it was announced a few days ago that he had been appointed Clerk of the Peace to a number of districts in Southern Tasmania.

A. L. Macaulay, A. F. Payne, and F. E. Moloney all obtained high distinction in the

recent postponed examinations for First Year Chemistry at the University of Tasmania.

C. S. King, who, when last heard of, was in camp with King Edward's Horse, has applied for and obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, and is now in camp at Berkhamstead with his battery, the 96th. He likes the work exceedingly, and hopes to be sent to the front shortly.

Mr. Margetts has been promoted to First Lieutenant. He had his fortune told by one of the Egyptian fakirs, who informed him as follows:—"Your lady ees at 'ome, she wears a pair of green eyes." Question: "Who's the lady?" When asked his name the individual answered, "The Limit." They then told him he was the "Dizzy Limit." He thought over that for a while, and then said, "Dizzy bad word?" "Oh, no, very good word!" The last heard of him was a weird and melancholy chant, oft repeated, as its producer returned over the desert, "I'm the Dizzy Limit."

Early History of the School

As the origin of the name, and the early history of the Church Grammar School in Hobart are unknown to many of the present generation, we have thought it would be interesting to our general readers, and more especially to those who have been connected with the School, to publish some account of its foundation and past history.

The School was built as a memorial to the Venerable William Hutchins, who was appointed the first Archdeacon of Tasmania in 1836, when Tasmania was created an Archdeaconry. The Archdeacon of Tasmania was Coadjutor to the Bishop of Australia, who had his headquarters in Sydney. Bishop Broughton, the first Bishop of Australia, was responsible for the spiritual welfare of the whole continent, and Archdeacon Hutchins was his second in command. So his position was a highly honourable and responsible one. During the five years he occupied this position it is said that seventeen churches were erected in different parts of the island, mainly owing to his care and encouragement.

He died suddenly on June 4, 1841, being seized with a fit of apoplexy. Rising early on that day, apparently in full health, he had gone to his bedroom window, which faced the East. An exclamation of grateful adoration at the beauty of the sunrise escaped his lips; then, as he turned from the window, he staggered and fell, overcome by the seizure which caused his death. A stone monument in St. David's Cemetery, directly opposite the Congregational Church, marks the spot where his remains were laid. It bears the following simple inscription:—

"Sacred to the memory of William Hutchins, first Archdeacon of Van Diemen's Land; died June 4, 1841, in the 49th year of his age.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Worshippers in the Cathedral will be familiar with the tablet to his memory in the north transept, the inscription on it showing the esteem in which he was held.

At a meeting in the schoolroom of the Hobart Town Grammar School, in Harrington-street, on Tuesday, the 8th of June, immediately after the Archdeacon's funeral, about forty gentlemen being present, and the Chief Justice, Sir John Lewes Pedder, being in the chair, the following resolution was passed:—"That an appropriate tribute to the memory of the late Archdeacon would be the erection of a school, to be called Archdeacon Hutchins' School, to be placed under the sole management of the chief ecclesiastical authority for the time being of the Church of England in Van Diemen's Land." Subscriptions to the amount of £151 were promised by twenty-one of the gentlemen present, and a committee was appointed to carry out the resolution that had been passed. This committee consisted of:—The clergy of the Church of England in the Colony, Sir J. L. Pedder, and Messrs. Edward Bedford, J. P. Gell, F. H. Henslowe, and Edward Macdowell, with power to add to their number.

Several influential names were afterwards added to this committee, which continued to meet from time to time, Mr. John D. Loch being appointed secretary, and Captain

Swanston treasurer. The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Franklin, consented to be patron, and the Lord Bishop of Australia, Dr. Broughton, who had been informed of the steps taken, expressed "his entire approval of the mode adopted by the friends of Archdeacon Hutchins for perpetuating the remembrance of his virtues." A donation of £100 was received in 1842 from the S.P.C.K., and in September, 1843, shortly after the arrival of Dr. Nixon, the first Bishop of Tasmania, the subscriptions, which then amounted to about £900, were handed to him, with the request that he would carry out the intention of the subscribers to the memorial, as embodied in the resolution passed at the first meeting.

In order, however, to understand the steps that were subsequently taken, it will be necessary to give a brief account of what had been done for the cause of higher education in the Colony before Dr. Nixon's arrival.

Colonel Arthur, who was Governor from 1824 to 1836, had made some efforts to establish a grammar school, but without success. In 1838 Sir John Franklin took the matter up, and wrote, through the Colonial Office, to consult Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, at the same time requesting him to select a gentleman suitable for the important charge contemplated, and to recommend him to the Secretary of State for nomination. Correspondence took place between the Colonial Office and Dr. Arnold, and in April, 1840, Mr. John Philip Gell, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, was selected as eminently qualified, and, having received Lord Normanby's nomination, came to Tasmania. Sir John Franklin's idea was to establish a Government College, of which the Lieutenant-Governor was to be Visitor, and the Principal to be appointed by the Crown. A sum of money was voted by the Legislative Council to carry out Sir John's scheme, but it met with such opposition from the various religious bodies, and was so coldly received, that nothing came of it, except the laying of the foundation-stone of the proposed buildings on the Government Farm at New Norfolk, on 6th November, 1840. At this ceremony Archdeacon Hutchins, who invoked the Divine blessing on the undertaking, and

of whom Sir John Franklin speaks as "his most faithful and attached friend and counsellor," was present, as were also Captains Ross and Crozier, who had called at Hobart on their way to explore the Antarctic Ocean. In order to prepare pupils for the College, and to make a beginning while the buildings were being erected at New Norfolk, a public grammar school, called the Queen's School, was opened, in June, 1840, in the premises in Macquarie-street afterwards occupied by the Ladies' College, with Mr. Gell as Headmaster, and the Rev. H. P. Fry as Classical Master. This was the only part of Sir John Franklin's scheme that was ever carried out, and this school was still in existence when Dr. Nixon arrived, Mr. Gell being Headmaster, and Mr. J. R. Buckland, who arrived in the Colony in February, 1843, being at that time Second Master.

In November, 1843, Sir Eardley Wilmot, who had just arrived in Tasmania as Sir John Franklin's successor, announced that the Queen's School, for which an annual grant had been voted by the Legislative Council, but which had not been a success, was to be abolished, and it was closed in 1844. An attempt was then made to start a proprietary grammar school, but it failed, owing to the depression existing in the Colony at the time, and from want of interest in the undertaking. Mr. Gell was subsequently made chaplain of the Goulburn-street district, now the parish of St. John's.

It was now proposed to revive the College scheme on a different basis from the State institution proposed by Sir John Franklin. The new plan connected the College with the Church of England, the Bishop, and not the Governor, being Visitor, and it was to be supported entirely by private efforts, and receive no assistance from the public revenue. Archdeacon Marriott made a visit to England in 1844, and was successful in raising £5,000 from friends of the Church in England for this purpose.

As the new scheme contemplated the establishment of two grammar schools, one at Launceston and the other at Hobart, to be affiliated to the College when it received its charter, and to prepare pupils for it, the

time had now come, after a lapse of nearly three years, for Dr. Nixon to make use of the subscriptions raised for the Hutchins memorial. The Launceston Grammar School, for which a sum of £820 had been subscribed in 1839, and among the subscribers to which Archdeacon Hutchins's name is found, was, however, first in the field, and opened on the 11th May, 1846, with Mr. H. P. Kane as Headmaster. In the Hobart "Courier" of the 24th June of the same year appeared the following advertisement:—

Archdeacon Hutchins School.

Visitor: The Lord Bishop of Tasmania, D.D.
Master: The Rev. John Richard Buckland, B.A., late Student of Christ Church, Oxford.

The Hutchins School, in Collins-street, will open for the admission of pupils on Monday, 3rd August, previously to which date communications may be addressed to the Rev. J. R. Buckland, Richmond, who will render all information connected with the Institution, which will be conducted in close accord with the system of the Public Grammar Schools of England.

(To be Continued.)

Hutchins School Sports

CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY PAYNE.

The annual Hutchins School sports were held upon the upper cricket ground on March 24, under ideal weather conditions. There was a large attendance of parents, pupils, and friends, and altogether the afternoon passed off most pleasantly. There was keen competition in all the events, and many spirited races took place, while the general standard reached was, on the whole, very creditable. The school championship was won by L. Payne, with a total of 10 points. W. Freeman being second, with 5 points, and A. Clinch third, with 4 points. The following were the officials:—Patrons, the Headmaster and Messrs. S. C. Smith, C. W. Butler, and G. A. Gurney; judges, Messrs. T. C. Brammall, H. D. Erwin, R. H. Isherwood, S. T. Ellis, R. S. Mackenzie, and S. L.

Hughes; committee of management, D. H. Harvey, F. B. Richardson, A. J. Clinch, L. J. Payne, S. W. Ross, N. R. Barnett, R. K. Cumming, C. S. Wiggins; timekeepers, Messrs. A. Golding and J. Sharp; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Bullow. The results were as follow:—

100 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

- W. Freeman 1
- L. Payne 2
- A. Clinch 3

After a good race, Freeman put in a fast finish, and beat Payne home by a yard. Time, 11 1-5sec.

High Jump (under 15).—K. Douglas, 1; D. Henderson, 2; K. Clinch, 3. Height, 4ft. 6½in.

100yds. Handicap (under 13).—First heat: A. Goodfellow, scr., 1; L. Huxley, 6yds., 2. Second heat: B. Hoggins, 12yds., 1; M. Cutts, 14yds., 2. Third heat: N. Watchorn, 12yds., 1; C. Murdoch, 6yds., 2. Final: A. Goodfellow, scr., 1; L. Huxley, 6yds., 2; B. Hoggins, 12yds., 3. Time, 12 4-5sec.

100yds. Handicap (under 15).—First heat: J. Henry, 7yds., 1; H. Bowtell, scr., 2. Second heat: A. Standaloft, 9yds., 1; A. Goodfellow, 3yds., 2. Final: J. Henry, 7yds., 1; A. Standaloft, 9yds., 2; H. Bowtell, scr., 3. Time, 12sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

- L. Payne 1
- A. Clinch 2
- M. Read 3

Time, 17 4-5sec.

80yds. Handicap (under 11).—G. Hirst, 8yds., 1; J. Morriss, scr., 2. Time, 11sec.

100yds. Open Handicap.—First heat: W. Freeman, scr., 1; L. Vaughan, 4yds., 2; K. Clinch, 3yds., 3. Second heat: L. Payne, 3yds., 1; M. Read, 6yds., 2; T. Clarke, 10yds., 3. Final: L. Payne, 3yds., 1; L. Vaughan, 4yds., 2; W. Freeman, scr., 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

120yds. Handicap (under 11).—J. Morriss, scr., 1; J. Hay, 7yds., G. Hirst, 9yds., dead heat, 2. Morriss won by a couple of yards, with Hay and Hirst level for second place. Time, 16 3-5sec.

50yds., Form III.—A. Fenn-Smith, 1; A. Kittel, 2; E. Butler, 3. Time, 8 3-5sec.

Sack Race (under 13).—J. Clarke, 1; A. McDougall, 2.

HIGH JUMP OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

- R. Cumming 1
- L. Payne 2
- A. Clinch 3

In spite of the fact that the grass rendered a good take-off rather uncertain, some good jumping was witnessed. Cumming, especially, showed excellent style, and cleared 5ft. 0½in.

50yds. Handicap (under 10).—B. Colman, 5yds., 1; I. Miller, scr., 2. Time, 7 4-5sec.

220yds. Handicap (under 15).—L. Livingston, 8yds., A. Standaloft, 15yds., dead heat, 1; H. Bowtell, scr., 3. Time, 28 1-5sec.

220yds. Handicap (under 15).—H. Hale, 7yds., 1; A. Goodfellow, scr., 2; C. Murdoch, 12yds., 3. Time, 30sec.

440 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

- L. Payne 1
- W. Freeman 2
- S. Croft 3

Payne got an excellent start, and led all the way. Freeman put in a fast finish, but left his sprint too late. Payne breasting the tape a couple of yards in advance. Time, 61 4-5sec.

Obstacle Race.—L. Vaughan, 1; P. Usher, 2. This event caused great amusement, and several of the boys showed considerable resource in surmounting the various obstacles which confronted them.

880yds. Handicap (under 15).—L. Livingston, 30yds., 1; A. Standaloft, 30yds., 2; M. Urquhart, 45yds., 3. Time, 2min. 36sec.

Old Scholars Race, 100yds.—F. E. Moloney, 1; J. M. T. Butler, 2. Moloney finished very fast, and, after a good race, beat Butler by about a yard. Time, 11 4-5sec.

MILE HANDICAP AND CHAMPIONSHIP.

B. Watchorn, scr.	1
S. Croft, scr.	2
T. Clarke, 100yds.	3

Watchorn speedily overtook the handicap men, and, though attacked by Croft, got home fairly comfortably by 5 yards. Time, 5min. 19sec., securing both handicap and championship.

A tug-of-war was arranged between teams of nine a side, representing Past and Present, and, after a lengthy and strenuous pull, Present secured the verdict.

Hutchins School Swimming Sports

The School swimming sports were held at the Sandy Bay Baths on Friday, February 26. There was a good attendance of boys and their friends, who took a keen interest in the various races.

L. Payne won the 100yds. and 200yds. Championship easily, and also gained first place in the diving for objects competition.

K. Atkins also performed well, winning the 400yds. Handicap and the Open Dive.

The best performer under 15 was R. McCreary, whilst D. Atkins won both the under 13 events, with M. Urquhart close up.

The following were the results:—

Breast Stroke, 50yds.—R. McCreary, 1; A. Clinch, 2; J. McCreary, 3. Time, 42sec.

50yds. (under 15).—G. Robertson, 1; B. Thorpe, 2; K. Clinch, 3. Time, 40sec.

50yds. (under 13). — D. Atkins, 1; M. Urquhart, 2. Time, 47sec.

100yds. Open.—L. Payne, 1; K. Atkins, 2. Time, 1min. 14sec.

Beginners, 50yds.—F. Brain, 1; T. Loane, 2; A. Hodgkinson, 3. Time, 54sec.

15 and under 50yds. Handicap. — First heat: T. Hudson, 1; K. Douglas, 2; B. Thorpe, 3. Second heat: L. Sharp, 1; J. McCreary, 2; D. Urquhart, 3. Third heat: D. Atkins, 1; K. Atkins, 2; D. Templeman, 3. Final: K. Douglas, 9sec., 1; T. Hudson, 15sec., 2; L. Sharp, 5sec., 3. Time, 46sec.

200yds. Open.—L. Payne, 1; C. Henry, 2. Time, 3min. 35sec.

Diving (under 15).—R. McCreary, 1; J. Harrison, 2; P. Upcher, 3.

Diving (under 13).—D. Atkins, 1; M. Urquhart, 2.

50yds. Open Handicap.—R. Chancellor, 8 sec., 1; S. Ross, 7sec., 2; D. Harvey, scr., 3. Time, 41sec.

Under 14 Handicap, 50yds.—R. Evans, 10 sec., 1; T. Hudson, 5sec., 2; K. Douglas, scr., 3. Time, 50sec.

Under 15, 100yds.—R. McCreary, 1; B. Thorpe, 2; K. Clinch, 3. Time, 1min. 40sec.

Open Diving.—K. Atkins, 1; L. Payne, 2; D. Harvey, 3.

400yds. Handicap.—K. Atkins, 45sec., 1; C. Henry, 90sec., 2; L. Payne, scr., 3. Time, 6min. 40sec.

Diving for Objects. — L. Payne, 1; R. Evans, 2; C. Henry, 3.

Combined School Swimming Sports

The Combined School swimming sports were held at the Sandy Bay Baths at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. We were lucky in having a good tide and a nice warm day; and, as several of the races produced good finishes, a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the fair-sized crowd of people that was present. This is the first year that it has been found possible to arrange the sports for a Saturday afternoon, and this fact was doubtless responsible for the large increase in the number of spectators. Once more

we retain the Championship Cup, as a result of this year's sports. This is the fifth year in succession that we have held this Cup; in fact, it has never passed out of our possession since it was first given in 1911.

This year the schools were a lot closer than in previous years, the points being:—H.S., 56; L.H.S., 35; F.H.S., 19; St. V.C., 5.

Our win was not due to the good swimming of one or two boys, but to the excellent standard attained throughout the school, as may be seen by the facts that no less than ten boys gained places in the twelve events, and that we won both the Open and under 15 teams' races very easily.

Our champion, L. Payne, was this year beaten in the 100yds. and 200yds. races, but did good work, all the same, in winning points for the School. D. Harvey, K. Atkins, R. McCreary, and D. Atkins also contributed largely towards our win.

The following were the officials:—Judges, S. T. Ellis, Esq., C. Purdy, Esq.; starter, R. Bullow, Esq.

The results were as follow:—

50 YARDS BREAST STROKE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

First heat: K. Pitt (L.H.S.), 1; H. Reid (F.H.S.), 2; J. McCreary (H.S.), 3.

Second heat: E. Watson (L.H.S.), 1; F. Pringle (F.H.S.), and R. McCreary (H.S.), 2.

Final.

E. Watson (L.H.S.)	1
K. Pitt (L.H.S.)	2
H. Reid (F.H.S.)	3

Time, 42sec.

DIVING (under 15).

C. Kelleway (F.H.S.)	1
R. McCreary (H.S.)	2
A. James (L.H.S.)	3

100 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

E. Watson (L.H.S.)	1
L. Payne (H.S.)	2
K. Atkins (H.S.)	3

Time, 1min. 29sec. Good race.

50 YARDS (under 15).

First heat: C. Kelleway (F.H.S.), 1; G. McArthur (St. V.), 2; L. Geeves (L.H.S.), 3.

Second heat: G. Robertson (H.S.), 1; S. Charles (F.H.S.), 2; G. Boyes (L.H.S.), 3.

Final.

C. Kelleway (F.H.S.)	1
G. McArthur (St. V.)	2
G. Robertson (H.S.)	3

Time, 37½sec.

TEAMS' RACE (Open).

Hutchins School	1
Friends' High School	2
Leslie House School	3

This race was swum in four heats of 50 yards each. Hutchins beat Friends rather easily. Time, 2min. 29½sec.

TEAMS' RACE (under 15).

Hutchins School	1
St. Virgil's College	2

The Leslie House School team was disqualified for starting too soon, and Friends' team started but did not finish. Hutchins won easily from St. Virgil's.

50 YARDS SWIMMING ON BACK (OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP).

First heat: K. Pitt (L.H.S.), 1; E. Watson (L.H.S.), 2; H. Reid (F.H.S.), 3.

Second heat: C. L. Crisp (F.H.S.), 1; D. Harvey (H.S.), 2; R. C. Geeves (L.H.S.), 3.

Final.

E. Watson (L.H.S.)	1
K. Pitt (L.H.S.)	2
D. Harvey (H.S.)	3

Won by a touch. Time, 46sec.

Pillow Fight.—D. Harvey (H.S.).

Life-saving Competition.—L. Payne (H.S.), 1; D. Harvey (H.S.), 2; C. L. Crisp (F.H.S.), and C. Henry (H.S.) tied for 3.

100yds. (under 15).—Kelleway (F.H.S.), 1; R. McCreary (H.S.), 2; K. Douglas (H.S.), 3. Time, 1min. 29sec.

50yds. (under 13).—D. Atkins (H.S.), 1; M. Urquhart (H.S.), 2; N. Monks (St. V.), 3. Time, 51sec.

Greasy Pole.—C. Steele (H.S.).

Diving (Open Championship).—K. Atkins (H.S.), 1; C. Kelleway (F.H.S.), 2; R. McCreary (H.S.) 3.

200 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

E. Watson (L.H.S.)	1
L. Payne (H.S.)	2
K. Atkins (H.S.)	3

Diving (under 13).—D. Atkins (H.S.), 1; D. Dowding (L.H.S.), 2; C. Andrewartha (L.H.S.), 3.

Diving for Objects.—D. Harvey (H.S.), 1; E. Watson (L.H.S.), 2; C. L. Crisp (F.H.S.), and R. Evans (H.S.), 3.

Cricket

We found ourselves under the necessity this year of filling six places in the team that won the Southern Premiership last season, so it is not surprising that the eleven failed to reach the high standard set last year. However, some of the new men have shown encouraging form, so that we hope, by

the end of the year, to display improved cricket. Whereas our bowling has been good enough to get our opponents out, as a rule, for a moderate score, our batting has not reached the same level. Very rarely has our fielding done much to assist the bowling. Notably was this the case in the game against the Old Scholars, where a great number of easy chances were missed. The ground fielding was also very poor, slow, and wanting in accuracy. The team, on the whole, was handled very well, the faults visible being mainly the result of inexperience, but we have no doubt that this will improve. We regret that we are losing the services of D. Harvey, who has captained the team for two seasons, and has for several seasons been the mainstay of the bowling, a smart, reliable field, both on the ground and in the air, and a good fellow both on the cricket field and off it. His mantle has fallen on the shoulders of F. B. Richardson, who, while regarded as the mainstay of our batting, and as a likely bowler, has so far failed to perform up to expectations. Of the old choices, L. Payne and R. Barnett show marked improvement with the bat, and Clinch has shaped very well on several occasions. The last-named also gives promise of turning out a fair wicketkeeper.

OLD SCHOLARS' MATCH

The Old Scholars' game was played on the top ground on 17th March, and, as usual, provided a very enjoyable, if rather one-sided, game. Reference has been made to the fielding of the Present side elsewhere. The game started at 12 o'clock. Lunch was provided for both sides by the Old Scholars, and afternoon tea by the School. The thanks of the School are due to Miss Dollery and her efficient helpers for the work performed in respect to the latter, so efficiently was it carried out.

PRESENT.—First Innings.

Richardson, b C. Smith	6
R. Bullow, b C. Smith	9
Clinch, b Hughes	1
Harvey, b Eltham	32

Payne, c C. Hughes, b Smith	0
Cumming, lbw, b Hudspeth	6
Barnett, b Hughes	21
Wiggins, lbw, b Giblin	3
Read, c L. Butler, b Smith	6
Chancellor, not out	0
Croft, c Eltham, b Smith	0
Ross, b Smith	0
Sundries	20
	104

Bowling.—Smith, 6 wickets for 8 runs; C. Hughes, 2 wickets for 5 runs; Eltham, 1 wicket for 4 runs; Hudspeth, 1 wicket for 19 runs; Giblin, 1 wicket for 10 runs.

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J. M. Counsel, run out	0
L. Butler, c Bullow, b Harvey	2
L. F. Giblin, c and b Wiggins	23
L. Miller, b Harvey	22
C. Hughes, retired	58
L. Hudspeth, b Harvey	15
E. Eltham, c Wiggins, b Chancellor	13
W. F. D. Butler, c Chancellor, b Harvey	11
C. Smith, not out	56
S. L. Hughes, b Chancellor	1
R. Butler, b Harvey	15
Sundries	6
	212

Bowling.—Harvey, 5 wickets for 75 runs; Wiggins, 1 wicket for 39 runs; Chancellor, 2 wickets for 31 runs.

The following are the results of the matches this season:—

HUTCHINS SCHOOL v. FRIENDS' HIGH SCHOOL.

F.H.S.

First innings, 66 (Coleman 30, Pringle 15). Harvey, 7 wickets for 31 runs; Wiggins, 3 wickets for 34 runs.

H.S.	
First innings, 9 wickets for 87 runs.	
Richardson, run out	17
Clinch, b Pringle	13
Barnett, b Campbell	2
Harvey, c Reid, b Campbell	30
Payne, c Colvin, b Campbell	4
Wiggins, c Campbell, b Pringle	1
Read, c Bell, b Campbell	11
Chancellor, b Pringle	0
Croft, b Pringle	0
Lilley, not out	1
Ross, not out	1
Sundries	7
	87

Hutchins School won by one wicket and 21 runs.

Bowling.—Pringle, 4 wickets for 28 runs; Campbell, 4 wickets for 52 runs.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL v. LESLIE HOUSE SCHOOL.

L.H.S.

First innings, 81 (Hallam 33, Finlay 19). Harvey, 7 wickets for 43 runs; Wiggins, 1 wicket for 37 runs.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL.—First Innings.

Richardson, c Heritage, b Pitt	10
Clinch, b Pitt	5
Harvey, b Pitt	12
Payne, b Hallam	8
Barnett, b Hallam	0
Wiggins, b Pitt	8
Read, lbw, b Pitt	0
Chancellor, not out	6
Croft, b Pitt	2
Lilley, b Pitt	0
Ross, b Pitt	0
Sundries	7
	58

Bowling.—Pitt, 8 for 30; Hallam, 2 for 31. Leslie won by 23 runs on first innings.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL v. ST. VIRGIL'S.

St. Virgil's won on first innings by 150 runs. Had a fair proportion of the chances offered been accepted, the difference at the finish would have been much less.

St. Virgil's.—First innings, 6 wickets for 214 runs (A. Parer not out 132).

Bowling.—Harvey, 2 for 57; Chancellor, 1 for 29; Barnett, 3 for 85.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL.—First Innings.

Richardson, b Payne	8
Cumming, lbw, b McGuinness	3
Harvey, b Payne	1
Payne, c Shirley, b Payne	0
R. Barnett, b Kremmer	16
Wiggins, lbw, b Kremmer	23
Read, run out	0
Chancellor, b McGuinness	7
Ross, not out	0
Croft, c McGuinness, b Kremmer	0
Clinch, absent (hurt)	0
Sundries	6

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JUNIOR CRICKET.

The Junior Eleven played three matches this term, winning one and losing two.

H.S. SECOND ELEVEN v. S.H.S.
SECOND ELEVEN.

H.S., 89 (Loane 12, Clarke 19, A. Bisdee 13).

S.H.S., 117 (Upcher 6 wickets for 15 runs, Clarke 2 wickets for 15 runs).

H.S. SECOND ELEVEN v. ST. VIRGIL'S
SECOND ELEVEN.

H.S., 36 (Alexander 9).

St. V., 63 (Clarke 5 for 16, Bisdee 2 for 28, Loane 2 for 9).

H.S. SECOND ELEVEN v. ST. VIRGIL'S
SECOND ELEVEN.

St. Virgil's, 31 and 6 wickets for 75 runs. Hutchins School, 55 and 5 wickets for 60 runs.

Batting.—Clarke, 16—12; Crouch, 16—26 not out.

Bowling.—C. Henry 5 for 30, A. Bisdee 6 for 21, Georgeson 3 for 24, Clarke 1 for 9.

UNDER 14 MATCHES.

A match was played between Hutchins School Junior Cadets and State High School Junior Cadets, at Clare-street ground, on February 20. The chief scores for Hutchins School were:—Robertson (captain) 37, Macbeth 27, and Alexander 15; and for State High School, Dilger 44 and Crouch 24. The total scores were:—Hutchins School, 103; State High School, 98.

Another match was played between the same teams at Clare-street ground on March 27. The chief scores for us were Macbeth 97, Upcher 19 not out, and Robertson (captain) 10; and for State High School, Cole 19, Round 15. The total scores were:—Hutchins School, 167; and State High School, 79.

Rowing

The Clarke Shield Race was rowed on March 27. No entries were received from any of the Associated Schools except Hutchins School. The other starters were:—Hobart State High School (two crews), and Launceston State High School. The result of the race was:—Hobart S.H.S., 1; Launceston S.H.S., 2; Hobart S.H.S., 3; Hutchins School, 4.

The Hutchins School crew only contained two of the men originally picked, Harvey (stroke) dropping out about a fortnight before the race, and Clinch (bow) on the Thursday before, in consequence of a severe accident. The School crew was coached by Mr. Cecil McVilly, who did splendid work with the crew, and spared no pains.

The crew were seated as under:—S. W. Ross (stroke), L. Payne (3), C. S. Wiggins (2), R. Barnett (bow), J. K. Clinch (cox.).

Sixth Form Spasms

"Encore au travail, mes chers amis!"

Well, brothers, here we are, at the commencement of yet another year's hard toil, and it is incumbent upon us to maintain our far-famed "Pub." record—for the benefit of the uninitiated the pub. we refer to is called "Ye Olde Seniore Pub.," and is a place of amusement where certain chosen members of our congregation annually assemble, mainly for the purpose of imbibing sundry slips of printed matter, which, unfortunately, usually cause a great deal of indigestion and mental suffering).

It is suggested that we take for this year's motto the words of the ancient Plato (or was it Horace?), who was wont to remark, when any great deed was to be emulated, "Whoops! Let's do it again!"

Well, chaps, we must and will do it again, but it means hard work, for, as Westmoreland doesn't remark in our play for this year—

"If that you will credits win,
Then with hard work first begin."

The Form has suffered its annual loss in the persons of some of its most stalwart supporters, including its pet Rabbit, who has burrowed into a Bank; but has been rejuvenated by the inclusion of some younger blood, who we hope will worthily maintain our dignity.

Amongst the new and interesting specimens collected from the wilds of the Fifth Form is Nanna, whose antics arouse a great deal of amusement.

Some trouble was experienced at first in classifying this exhibit, but it has now been decided to label him "A Waugh-like Nanny," and place him in the Form Menagerie. Talking of the Menagerie, now that 'Possum is a prefect, he, of course, takes precedence over the other animals, and must restrain Nanny when he dares to affront Mr. Chapman with the opprobrious title of "Nightmare." 'Possum has also decided to turn over a new

leaf, in order to set a good example to the younger boys, and it has been noticeable that the love-light no longer dances in his optics as of yore. Hard luck, 'Possum—but better luck next time, old man!

Universal surprise and joy was caused by the unexpected return of Ris-Ras. We suggest that his elevation to the dignity of prefect should entitle him to copy our old pal Henry the Fifth, and call himself Barnett le Roy; what do you say, my friends?

Our captain, the worthy Beaky, has ended his long school career, and has entered upon a University course, together with "Mick, of the Auburn Locks," and "Christmas," who so covered themselves with glory in the Senior last year.

The Form's Brain has, sad to relate, also been affected by the Exam. Fever, and has left us, after taking the Comm. Public Service Exam.

Our bona-fide "Johnny" Walker has had a temporary breakdown in his mechanism, and is no longer with us, but let us hope he will get well oiled, and keep "going strong" in his new sphere of life.

"Bunny" Mortyn and "Christmas" Beedham wish it to be made known that they have some really good second-hand clothing to dispose of at simply ridiculous prices, as they are forced by circumstances to aspire to the dignity of long—er—covering for the limbs, and the inevitable collar and felt hat!

"Adder" is at Duntroon, learning how to knock a few more spots off the poor old Kaiser, while "Thomo" is farming up on the far North-West, and has transformed one of the outhouses into a miniature Carnegie library with his prizes of last year.

"Macker" is helping to run the G.P.O. while waiting for appointment as engineer.

Hobart people will, perhaps, recollect a certain member of the Dandies, who used to cause considerable amusement by collecting the titles of different plays, and harmoniously welding them together to form a connected narrative. The efforts of this artist

fade insignificantly into oblivion beside the following highly-coloured composition, written in a moment of irresponsible madness by an ingenious youth, who bases his masterpiece upon the names of well-known Sixth Form characters:—

"Two friends, whose names were George and Richard, had grown up together, and had entered upon the same profession, George being a Clark, while Richard was a Clark Two. George's son and Richard's son were also friends, and they went to spend their holidays at a farm near Ross. They were wandering through an Oldmeadow on the farm when George's son, whose name was Henry, noticed a Wooley Possum Crouching behind a bush. Henry ran to catch it, but was inadvertently tripped up by his companion, who was Cumming from the opposite direction with the object of picking a fine Lilley which he had discerned growing among the undergrowth. Henry angrily struck out at his mate, who retaliated by catching him in a determined Clinch. After a tussle, in which blows were exchanged, they mutually separated, and Henry rendered an a-Polly-gy for his hasty action. They endeavoured to allay the Payne of their bruises by bathing them in a handy pool of Waughter, in which some tall Reads were growing. They made up their quarrel, and went back to the farmhouse, where they partook of some Crisp home-made cakes, after which they visited the hay fields, and watched the men Barn-it. After that—well, we had better not continue their blood-curdling adventures, as we may receive Wiggins from many sources, and we can't take all the Sixth on at once."

So, farewell, brothers, till next issue.

Boarders' Notes

We are now at the end of the first term of the year 1915, and the boarders are looking forward to the Easter holidays.

We have four new boarders, and a fifth who was a half-starter; he only stayed a week, and spent most of that in bed, so he had no time to distinguish himself.

All the boarders gave loud cheers when the genial Tobe returned this quarter; we all agreed that Tobe would not last long at boarding school. He gets too fat, and that speaks well for the boarding-house. Tobe agrees with us that he will have to do something to keep down the fat; so he has challenged Charlie Dunn to a ten-round bout. Their respective weights are given here:—Tobe, 10.3 stone, and Charlie 10.9 lbs. (Don't hurt him, Charlie.)

Our musical member of the house said he was getting sick of life, and tried to drown himself, but, unfortunately, only succeeded in going down twice before Mrs. Collings went to the rescue. Some members of the house think he must have had a quarrel with the fair sex, but this is only a rumour.

The boarders sadly regret the departure of "Hoppy," "Two Stone," and Gerald, while we all wish the "Giant Bunny" all good success and a safe return after serving his country.

Our old friend, "Two Step," of the many names, is earning an honest living on the West Coast. We wish him all success. The "Short Rabbit" has not been seen lately; we think it is because there are so many "Black Pups" about, and there is also a Pug in town.

We used to think that Spoo and Scaly were horribly slow, but it seems we are quite mistaken, as they have both developed into mile runners.

Waller and Daller have taken up boxing at Reg. Midwood's, so beware how you treat these "Jack Johnsons." Waller has also developed into a hurdler, in spite of his weight.

B.P.