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## Editorial.

ELSEWHERE in our present issue will be found extracts from paragraphs in the public newspapers in reference to the first number of Young Victoria. We are aware that the circumstances of our appearance appealed to the kindly instincts and tender mercies of journalists, but we are none the less grateful for the warm reception accorded us, and for the many good wishes expressed for our success. Where advice has been given we shall do our utmost to act on it, and we shall spare no effort to prove ourselves worthy of retaining the good opinions of our friendly critics. Although afloat it will, doubtless, be some time ere we get fairly under weigh, but we trust that, byand-bye, our columns will contain matter of more than merely school interest. We were quite prepared to find a difference of opinion as to the expediency of publishing

school journals, and we admit that there is a possible danger that their influence may tend to foster an objectionable spirit of conceit. But this can, surely, be avoided, and, under judicious management, our journal may become a useful auxiliary to the other agencies at work in forming the character of the school. Much, for instance, may be done to foster a manly tone of feeling and conduct, to provoke to a generous and honourable emulation, and to create an exciting desire after a healthy mental and physical development, which will last long after school days have been left behind. No one will deny that to secure these results, even in a limited degree, is an object worthy of approval and support; but there may very well exist a variety of opinions as to the best means for accomplishing the ends in view. For the human mind, on which these agencies have to operate, is of all things

## Obituary.

On 8rd January, at Brighton,
HERBERT BERNARD ANTHONY,
Aged 9 Years,

Sixth son of Thomas and Mary Anthony, of Albert-street, East Melbourne.

On 9th February, at East Melbourne, EDWARD BAINES,

AGED 15 YEARS 4 MONTHS, Second son of Edward Baines, Esq., of Melbourne.

ON 1ST MAY, AT BROOK-STREET, HAWTHORN,
JOHN JULIUS JACOB,
AGED 17 YEARS,
Eldest son of the late Dr. Jacob.

On 26th May, at St. Kilda,

NORMAN ALEXANDER RATTRAY, Aged 21 Years,

Eldest son of the late James Rattray, Esq., Melbourne.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

SIR,—I have a grievance, more than one for that matter, but let us take one at a time. You know we used to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon, and get away at four. Two months ago we agreed to meet at a quarter to two, on the understanding that we would be free at a quarter to My silver watch may be an inaccurate time-marker, but it seems to me that our masters get us in fifteen minutes earlier, and that they forget to dismiss us until four. Is this fair? If not, use your influence to secure justice. By the way, what is your opinion of the clock in No. 1 room? Don't you think that it is rather erratic in its movements? I notice that Mr. Gaunt's representative feels its pulse weekly, but in spite of his professional attentions, the clock has acquired a peculiar sort of chronic intermittent action, which urges it to go too fast in the morning and too slow in the afternoon. So at least I am told, and certainly, on the face of it, the clock does not bear a strikingly good character, and its hands do seem somewhat shaky.—I am, &c.,

H. A. (Upper Fifth.)

To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,—My first contribution to the journal is to make a request. The door which leads from room No. 9 to the office has a patent back, and has an aversion to shutting. It swings to and fro at every gust of wind, creaking shrilly, or mournfully groaning, and otherwise disturbing the sixth class when at work. Pray get this annoyance put a stop to, and as Shakspeare says—

"If 'twere done when 'tis done, then 'twere well 'Twere done quickly."

I am, &c., H. C. (Sixth Class.)

To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,—Nothing would give me greater pleasure, under your kind permission, and with the ready assistance of some "old boys," than to trace the history of the College from its earliest existence, indicating the career of some of those who were "the really first" boys at the school, and leaving some record, however incomplete, of the early days of the institution.

Expressing a sincere interest in the future of your journal, and beseeching a favourable consideration of my proposal,—I remain, &c.

J. B.

[We shall be glad to hear from our esteemed correspondent at his earliest convenience,—Ed.]

"Young Victoria" is conducted by a committee selected from the Sixth and Upper Fifth Classes. The editors solicit contributions to the Journal from former and present pupils, and from all interested in the College, and they will be glad to receive from any quarter, information about Old Collegians. All communications should be addressed to "Editor, Young Victoria," Scotch College, Melbourne.

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the most mysterious, and the effects produced on it the most uncertain in their ultimate outcome. A critic has suggested that, whilst narrating the successes of old collegians, we should likewise give examples of the "conspicuous failures." It is unfortunately too true that there are those for whom parents and teachers predicted an honourable career, who have grievously disappointed these expectations, and, in some instances, brought discredit on themselves. But it surely is not for us to point a moral or adorn a tale, at the expense of those who have gone out from us, even although they may have belied the promise of their early years; nor is it any part of our duty to cast the first stone at erring ones.

Official Announcements.

THE fourth and last Term for the year will begin on Monday, 1st October.

Result cards, with the examination dates on the back, have been issued to all the classes, from the First to the Lower Fifth, inclusive. The names of the subjects are printed on the top of the form, and under each there are two blank columns, one for the number of marks obtained by the individual boy, and the other for the average got by the class. The results will, of course, depend on the questions. It is almost impossible, even for the same examiner always to set papers of equal difficulty, and the fairest method of ascertaining how a boy has done is to compare his marks with the average of his class. Wherever these marks are much below the average, it shows that the home lessons have either been altogether neglected or imperfectly prepared. For each examination there is a pass value fixed by the master, according to its difficulty, and those who do not come up to this standard will receive special instruction on the subjects in which they have failed on Saturdays. It is earnestly hoped that parents and guardians will take an interest in these results and inspect the cards, which are to be kept at home until called up.

Former pupils are reminded that entries for the "Old Collegians' Cup" must be made on or before the 1st November.

## Notes and Comments.

Work was resumed, after the midwinter holidays, on Tuesday the 31st July. The attendance on the day of reopening was better than usual, but still not so good as it might have been. A few boys are uniformly in the habit of delaying their return to work, and of unduly prolonging the pleasant days of idleness and holidays. Perhaps this need cause little astonishment, but it is curious that parents do not interpose their authority and require punctual return to scholastic labours. The weather during the holidays was unusually fine, and afforded ample opportunity for all manner of out-door exercises and amusements.

We have to express our obligations to Professor Strong for his kindness in forwarding some Latin verses. We had proofs struck off early, with the object of affording the upper classes an opportunity of supplying us with a translation into English verse for the benefit of the non-classical reader. We have much pleasure in inserting the verses and will give a translation in our next issue.

We have also to express our obligations to another gentleman, an "old collegian," who has kindly supplied us with some original poetry. We are sure that all who read his verses will join with us in expressing a hope that the author will soon give us another contribution.

A young writer, in our correspondence column, makes, what at first sight appears to be a very sensible suggestion. He proposes that certain afternoons should be set apart for inter-scholastic matches, and that several games should be played simultaneously. There is no good apparent reason why these matches should be confined to the first twenty or eleven. We shall be glad to insert further correspondence on this subject, either from our own or from other schools, with the view of eliciting the opinions of those most directly interested.

WE are glad to observe that Dr. Patrick Smith, M.A., at one time a master at the College, and for some years resident medical officer at Yarra Bend, has received the appointment of Inspector General of Asylums for the Insane in the Colony of Queensland. Dr. Smith's retirement from the Victorian service has necessitated sundry changes, and we notice that Dr. Kennison (of whose successful university career an account was given in our last issue) has been transferred from Ararat to Melbourne.

Mr. David C. Rees, at one time a pupil at the College, has been admitted as a barrister by the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The Hobart Town Mercury, referring to a prize which fell to the lot of a Tasmanian ticket-holder in the Victorian Art-union, writes, "The principal painting is a large one by Mr. J. M. Nelson, a Victorian artist. . . . and as a work of art, reflects the highest credit on Mr. Nelson. The painting is enclosed in a frame of exquisite and tasteful workmanship." Mr. Nelson is drawing master at the College.

THE Scotch College has hitherto abstained from competing in the Public Schools' Rifle Match, and will not be represented at the ensuing meeting of the Victoria Club.

WE have received a copy of the Narracoorte Herald of 26th June, which contains an account of a football match played between the Narracoorte and Kingston Clubs. The Herald states "that it was worthy of notice that there were six Scotch Collegians, who, with some others, formed the principal players for the Narracoorte team," who won by three goals to none. The goals were kicked—two by A. M'Calman and one by T. Serjeant, both old members of our school club.

WE observe that Mr. Robert C. Pattison, who was captain of the cricket team in 1872, has purchased a station.

A late issue of the Argus gives a short account of a game at hares and hounds, in which some forty University students took part. The names of two old pupils—C. Duigan and W. M. Gordon—are mentioned as being amongst the most conspicuous of the field. The chase extended over some fourteen miles, and the biped hares, having received some twenty minutes' start, were never overtaken in the open, but were at last found on pleasant pastures under cover of a railway refreshment room.

An old student—Mr. J. O. Inglis, of Ingliston, Ballan—has been elected one of the Committee of the Victoria Racing Club. This compliment has been well merited. Mr. Inglis has for some years taken an active part in racing matters, and by his honourable conduct has done much to maintain the credit of the sport in which he is so keen a participator.

Mr. George F. Dennis, an old pupil, has been gazetted a Lieutenant of the Naval Reserve. Mr. Dennis is pier-master at Williamstown.

Mr. W. H. LEONARD, of the firm of McKean and Leonard, solicitors, Collins-street West, has been appointed a Parliamentary Agent, and has also been elected a member of the Carlton School Board of Advice. Mr. Leonard was captain of the cricket and football teams in 1869.

A NUMBER of date palms have been lately forwarded to the Melbourne Botanic Gardens as a present from Mr. Oswald, of Jeddah, an old Collegian.

WE are glad to learn that Mr. George Lewis, who went to England from the College in 1859, has taken the degree of B.A. at Caius and Gonville College, Cambridge. Mr. Lewis is now pursuing his professional studies for a doctor, and has passed several examinations with great credit, both at Cambridge and at the Royal College of Surgeons, London. Mr. Lewis is a son of the Hon. David Lewis, of Hobart Town.

WE are pleased to hear that Mr. Hubert L. Miller, an old Collegian, who is studying medicine in Glasgow University, succeeded, at a recent examination, in taking high honours in Senior Anatomy, Practical Anatomy, Surgery, and Clinical Surgery. The honour is all the greater that the classes are large, there being over 200 students in surgery. Mr. Miller was for some time at Belfast, where he likewise distinguished himself. He is a son of Dr. Miller, late of Launceston, Tasmania.

Mr. Robert Duncan, an old pupil who went to Glasgow a few years ago, has returned to the colony. He attended the medical school in connection with the Andersonian University, and took very high honours in several of his classes. He successfully passed the various examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He likewise passed as a Licentiate of the Hall in London, and was president of the Andersonian Medical Society in 1875, receiving a gold medal as being the best debater of that year. Dr. Duncan, who was one of the winning crew against the Grammar School in 1872, is practising his profession in Kyneton.

A TELEGRAM states that Mr. Allan Campbell, along with some other Victorians, was recently presented at a levee to the Prince of Wales. Mr. Campbell matriculated with credit, in 1862, from the College, and subsequently pursued his studies at Exeter College, Oxford, when he took the

degree of B.A. in 1870. Mr. Campbell is a son of the Hon. William Campbell, M.L.C., of this city, and a brother of Mr. Donald Campbell, of whose career mention was made in our last issue.

Mr. William Johnson who matriculated in 1866, went direct from the College to Edinburgh University, and studied at that well-known medical school. Mr. Johnson has taken the degrees of M.B. and C.M., and will soon return to the colony. He is a native of Tasmania, and a nephew of Dr. Hadden of Fitzroy.

Mr. W. F. Moore, who matriculated from the College with credit in 1869, subsequently entered as a student at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he obtained a scholarship in 1872. He graduated B.A. in 1874, obtaining a second class in the Natural Science School. Mr. Moore, who is a native of Adelaide, is now pursuing his studies for the medical profession.

A CORRESPONDENT writing in our columns, asks the question, "Who elects our Sports Committee?" In reply we may state that the first committee was appointed in 1868 by the votes of the boys in the higher classes; since then it has been self-elective. At the beginning of each year the members who return to school select certain boys to fill the vacancies, if any. may be objections to this method, but we are inclined to think that it is preferable to that suggested by our correspondent, who advocates universal suffrage and equality of votes. Those who have been for a year or two on the committee have had excellent opportunities of observing the capacities of their comrades, and the selections hitherto made have been eminently satisfactory. For ourselves, therefore, we are inclined to favour a continuation of the present system, which has practically succeeded in securing a very fair representation of the athletic worth of the school. And we question very much if equality of votes, irrespective of age, would give anything like such satisfactory results; just as in the larger arena of politics, equality of suffrage, irrespective of intelligence, has too frequently failed to secure the representatives most eminent for learning, wisdom, and worth.

A CONSIDERABLE number of Melbourne medical students proceed to Europe with the object of prosecuting their professional education, and their success has generally been very creditable to themselves and to the colony. No records of their doings in the old country have hitherto appeared in the school reports, and we now, for the first time, give a few particulars about students from the College, who passed examinations in the old country, after leaving the University of Melbourne.

Mr. William C. Rees passed the matriculation examination in 1862. His career at the University of Melbourne was one of great brilliancy, and he was Exhibitioner in Medicine in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, and Scholar in 1867. After taking the degree of M.B. and C.M. he proceeded to England to prosecute his studies, and passed the examination for Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. He subsequently returned to Melbourne, where he took the degree of M.D. in 1872, and has been for some time practising his profession at South Yarra.

Mr. Robert D. Pinnock passed the matriculation examination in 1865, and subsequently pursued his studies at the University of Glasgow, where he took the degree of M.B. and C.M., with first-class honours in surgery. Dr. Pinnock was for some time House Physician and Surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and is now practising his profession at Beaufort.

Mr. James C. Duncan matriculated in 1866, but had left the College a year previous. After taking some classes in Melbourne he proceeded to Glasgow, and was one of the first Victorian students who obtained a medical degree at the home Universities. He took the degrees of M.B. and C.M., and carried honours in medicine, midwifery, clinical surgery, and clinical medicine. Dr. Duncan is now practising his profession at Albury.

Mr. James G. Black passed the Matriculation Examination in 1867, and entered the Medical School in Melbourne, where he obtained several honours and exhibitions. He afterwards continued his studies at Glasgow, where he took the degrees of M.B. and C.M., with first-class honours in obstetrics and medicine. He also passed the examination for Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, and for Member of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. Dr. Black subsequently took the degree of M.D., and is now in practice in Grattan-street, Carlton.

MR. WILLIAM GARDINER passed the Matriculation Examination in 1869, and for some time pursued his studies in the University of Melbourne, where he took several honours and exhibitions. He subsequently went to Glasgow, where he graduated M.B. and C.M. in 1874, with first-class honours in surgery, midwifery, diseases of women and children, and medicine. Dr. Gardiner took the degree of M.D. in 1876, and is now Senior House-Surgeon in the Adelaide Hospital.

A CORRESPONDENT refers to a circular issued by the Hon. the Minister of Instruction, which, while professing to regulate, practically forbids the infliction of corporal punishment on pupils in the

State schools. No doubt indiscriminate flogging is bad, and to secure its judicious application is an object well worthy the attention of the head of the Education Department. But the matter is one which requires delicate handling, and it may fairly be questioned if a public circular of the kind issued was a prudent method of dealing with it. Its immediate effect has been to weaken the authority of the teachers, and to render the maintenance of strict discipline a matter of considerable difficulty. After all, the arguments against flogging are quite as cogent against many other punishments now substituted for it. Thus. detention after school hours, depriving boys of outdoor exercise at the only time in which they can enjoy it, is far more injurious to health, and, consequently, more truly cruel than a few strokes of a strap or cane.

Since the preceding paragraph was written a deputation of State teachers has had an interview with the Minister of Instruction, who stated that it was his intention to permit, on certain conditions, the infliction of corporal punishment by head masters, but not by assistants. This is the present practice in our public schools, so that our correspondent, after all, has little cause for complaint. It remains to be seen whether the methods which secure discipline in colleges—in which the number of boys is not much above 200, at an average of about fourteen or fifteen years of age, and with a master to every twenty-five or thirty—will be equally efficacious in State schools of 500 or 1000 young children, and with classes of about eighty to each teacher.

AT this same interview a report was read purporting to give a sketch of the methods adopted for securing school discipline in different countries. From this paper we extract the following :- "In Scotland up to a recent period the 'tawse' was in universal use in the Scotch Parochial Schools, and it is still used by a great many country schoolmasters. In the cities and large towns a more humane and judicious system of discipline now prevails." This statement is not correct. It is no doubt true that the tawse is now less generally used, but it was discarded solely on the ground that it was too mild in its effects, and accordingly the cane was substituted for it. This was a change for the worse, and it is satisfactory to find that several Scottish School Boards—that of Leith for one—have recently passed resolutions in favour of returning to the use of the tawse and ejecting the cane. The fact is that the old Scotch tawse was the most humane means ever used in school government, and yet with that innocuous instrument the Scottish teachers of former days had no difficulty in subduing the unruly instincts of a race inheriting the

"perfervidum ingenium Scotorum." These men, although, like their native land, somewhat "stern and wild," did much to form the national character, and to instil through all classes of their countrymen an aspiration after the higher education.

Whilst on this subject it may interest old students, and in some cases recall touching associations, if we state that the original College tawse is still in existence. should have survived till now will probably astonish those who were educated in Scotland, in whose cutting clime the average age of a tawse may be reckoned more frequently in months than in years. Still it would scarcely be fair to argue that its past exemption from injury is a proof of the kindlier instincts of young Victoria. He who might seek causas rerum cognoscere, would probably find that another theory was at least possible, and that its continued existence is permitted on the principle that it is better to bear the ills we know, than fly to others that we know not of. For the present tawse was manufactured in the old ante-protection days by some kindhearted son of Crispin, who with artistic cunning, produced a curiously-fashioned instrument, which, while it lasts, will be a striking monument of his praiseworthy philanthrophy and professional skill.

Writing of school government we may mention that the University of Dorpat, in Russia, must be a pleasant home for students. Rule 64 of its Calendar reads thus: "The University punishments for students are, (1) Rebuke, (2) Imprisonment, (3) Exclusion, (4) Consilium aboundi, (5) Expulsion. The punishment of imprisonment has three stages—(1) ordinary imprisonment; (2) imprisonment on bread and water; (3) imprisonment during recreation time. Each student when imprisoned has to pay the jailor three kopeks daily." Till we read this we were under the impression that members of parliament were a privileged class in the matter of payment to their incarcerators.

Amongst the marriages will be found an announcement of the marriage of Mr. Alexander J. Sutherland, a master at the College and an old pupil. The happy event was celebrated at Kyneton on the 15th August; another master, Mr. F. Shew, M.A., assisting at the ceremony.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of The Melburnian, and of The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly.

WE have received a letter from Mr. F. Wallen, an old student, now in Queensland. He states that there are eight old collegians in Brisbane, and mentions Mr. Thos. E. White, Mr. Chas. Powell, and Mr. Thos. Bertenshaw. We have to thank Mr. Wallen for his letter, and trust he will not forget his promise to communicate with us soon again.

WE sent copies of our first number to several former pupils in Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart Town, &c. We will esteem it a favour to receive information about old collegians either from themselves or others.

## Poetry.

"YOUNG VICTORIA" AFLOAT.

What deafening shouts salute the startled air, When from her cradle and the builder's care, Some huge leviathan, by storms untried, Moves to her destiny on th' uncertain tide! But differently the little group, that stands Upon the golden strip of sunny sands By some sequestered bay, prepares to launch Their new-built skiff. With kindling pride his staunch

And ready vigour every fisher lends To aid the work: and now their effort sends A quiver through the hull. ('Tis all their strength At first seems able to effect.) At length She yields - she moves - with still increasing motion

Softly she dips into the dimpled ocean. Yet farther, and she feels the buoyant tide Uplifting her! Once more! And in her pride She floats upon the still and glassy mere, Safe launched on her ambitionless career. One goes to buffet with the storm, to brave The heartless tempest, and the threatening wave; The other, on its humbler duties bent, Will fly the fury of the element. One with untiring swiftness seeks to span The trackless ocean, bearing from man to man Civilization's hordes and nature's fruits; The other wanders not from its pursuits In sight of home, content to be at rest Upon the unangered ocean's heaving breast. Lo, 'mid the press, whose mantling masts uptower, Our little skiff, in this its natal hour, Though unobserved, obscure, its tiny sail Sets to the gently-favouring summer gale. While these, the mighty amirals around, Wax ever stronger in the war of sound, While these rejoice in difference and feud, To win the plaudits of the multitude, For this our little bark we rather pray The honest heartfelt prayer: "God speed thy

While these, by stranger hands upbuilt, go forth Unloved to meet the jealous ocean's wrath; Ours, on whose building friendly thought con-

tended,

Seeks but to be by your best love befriended. And here look not to find our humble page Soiled with the tale of war. (Impotent rage Man reeks on man!) Contest and strife From here are blotted out, save that where life By exercise improved its favour yields; The cricket and the sharp-fought football fields, Where the eleven, carefully displayed, Eagerly watch their miniature blockade; Or where, 'mid melée, skirmish, rush, and fall From goal to goal the twenty press the ball; Or last, not least, where eager oarsmen strain With every nerve the victor's palm to gain; These be the strifes our pages shall esteem, The heroes and their prowess all our theme. And still for those once ours, who bear their part In the big world, whereof the school is heart, Filling the arteries with blood each year, Our page may not be blank or lost, if here Voices that are not speak; lost faces peer Out of the darkening corners, (slow, but sure Sign of the coming night.) If we conjure Again the slumbering spirit of the boy To kindle memory with a passing joy, From age's shackles man awhile is freed, And we from him have earned at least "God C. F. C. T. speed!"

#### LATIN VERSES.

Inter inaccessas quas fert Caledonia rupes Orta, dedit primum nostra Camena melos. Grande locuturos sterilis natura poetas Efficit, et ridet conscia prole sua. At nunc (egit enim quaerendi ignota voluptas) Exulat Australi nostra Camena solo

Exulat ipsa volens; nam non inamabile fatum, Sponte vagam longos jussit adire locos. Hic caelo ridente frui sub sole sereno

Juppiter, et purum dat sine fine polum, Nos fovet alma Ceres, captusque cupidine nostri Pan, deus Arcadiæ, deserit Arcadiam. Quid licet hinc absit nimium laudata vetustas?

Cur pudet heredes scilicet esse novos? Parca dedit nobis heredibus esse futuri— Crastinus hesternum vincet honore dies!

H. A. S.

### How to Prepare for an Examination. (From Cassell's Family Magazine.)

THE student should, the few weeks preceding the day of examination, subject himself to rigorous self-tests; he should systematically work out past examination papers, carefully noting all points in which he fails, and afterwards endeavouring to overcome any difficulties he may have met with. The memory should be refreshed in all matters

of dates, facts, and figures, and the essential principles of every subject should be kept diligently before the eye. During the day or two immediately preceding the commencement of the examination, the mind should enjoy comparative rest, the body should be indulged with healthy exercise, and work should be limited, if possible, to running through the various note-books, and to refreshing the memory in the matter of dates, &c., as mentioned above. And now a word or two as to the management of the paper on the day of the examination. The candidate should endeavour to remain as cool and calm as possible-coolness and calm confidence are perhaps as valuable qualities here as they are on the field of battle, or in posts of imminent danger. Nervousness and flurry discompose the mind, disorder the train of thought, and diminish to no small extent the chances of success. Once let the mind get confused, and answers are imperfectly given, questions are altogether misunderstood, and others, which the candidate is quite capable of answering well and ably, are hurriedly passed over. The candidate should commence work by a careful and deliberate perusal of the paper set, and unless he feels confident that he can answer the whole, he should begin with those questions which can be at once and correctly answered, and which will occupy but a short time. Having disposed of these he may proceed to questions of greater difficulty or of less certainty. All the papers, it is perhaps needless to say, should be legibly and neatly written, and the answer to each question should be carefully numbered.

## Ladies' Column.

WE have received from Mr. McRae, Head Master of Auckland College, a copy of the New Zealand Herald of 12th July, which contains a full account of the ceremony of admitting Miss Kate Edgar, who was educated at that institution, to the degree of Bachelor of Arts of the New Zealand University. The ceremony was of more than mere local interest, as it was the first occasion that any British University had admitted a lady to that degree, and New Zealanders may be excused for feeling proud that their colony possesses the premier feminine Bachelor of Arts. In the course of some remarks the Rev. Mr. Bruce stated that the standard of the University of Melbourne was higher than that of the home Universities, but that the standard in New Zealand was even higher than in Victoria, and that it was now the highest in the world for admission to the degree of B.A. We have seen a copy of the last calendar of the New Zealand University, and are not quite sure that Mr. Bruce is altogether correct in his opinion. But there can be no doubt as to the difficulty of the examination, for Dr. Cowie, the Anglican Bishop, stated, at the same meeting, that he had himself submitted at Cambridge to no higher intellectual tests than those applied to Miss Edgar. At the conclusion, the "fair girl graduate" was presented with a white camellia of considerable size and beauty, which was supposed to mean unpretending excellence. Miss Edgar has received an educational appointment at Canterbury with a salary of £300 per annum.

An Edinburgh paper states that a somewhat singular discussion was lately inaugurated in the House of Lords by a speech of the Earl of Minto, who spoke in the interests of the Scottish National Church. A few years ago the conservative government abolished patronage, and transferred the right of the election of the ministers in the established church to the members of the congregation. There are now about 40,000 voters in Scotland, of whom 24,000 are females, and the preponderance of ladies seems to have alarmed the noble lord who mentioned one or two cases which brought out the disparity in a still more startling manner. Thus in the parish of St. Stephen's, Edinburgh, there were on the roll 1394 females, and 533 males; and in St. Andrew's, 1135 females to 605 males. These figures plainly show that the ladies have a good deal of what they very much like, that is, their own way, in choosing the preachers of the Scottish Church. Lord Minto does not approve of this, and stated that John Knox did not believe much in women, and that it seemed a strange thing that a conservative government should unduly exalt them in the Reformer's own Church. The Duke of Richmond, not being a Scotchman, although a Scotch peer, was little affected by the reference to John Knox, and hinted that the women of our day were immeasurably superior to those of his. He declined therefore to interfere with the constituent body as now existing. Lord Minto neglected to refer to some other considerations which might have strengthened his argument. When so many of the voters are ladies, and so many of the ladies are, as statistics prove, about the age of twenty-one, there is some risk that the choice of the fair electors may be biassed by certain sublunary considerations. Women are somewhat averse to logic, and there is a possibility that in the future pastorate of the Establishment sentimental rhetoric may usurp the place of clear reasoning and practical teaching. There is, besides, some danger that the clergyman may be appointed because he is so good-looking, so rich, so young, above all "so unmarried."

Bur in the disproportion of the sexes in the Church, as in other matters, America is far ahead of the old country. The Congregational

Quarterly for January, 1877, states that in that church there were 227,419 female members, and 116,240 males. In Mr. Beecher's congregation, the largest of their churches, there were 1600 female and 900 male members. Altogether, there were fifty-eight charges in which the sexes were equal, ninety-five in which the males exceed the females, and 3066 in which the females exceed the males.

Writing of John Knox, it may interest ladies to know that his stipend was 400 marks, which was equal (being before the depreciation of the coinage) to £44 8s. 10d. sterling. This appears a small sum, but, at the time, a sheep was sold in Scotland for 1s. 8d. sterling, Malmsley wine at 4d. per quart, and butter at 1s. 4d. the stone. In the days of Knox, the judges of the Court of Session received less than £30 a year. In 1545, the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench in England had a salary of £70. At the accession of Henry VIII. the Chief Baron of the Exchequer had £100; the Chancellor of the Exchequer's salary was £26 3s. 4d. Roger Ascham, as Latin Secretary to Queen Mary, had but £20 a year.

## Athletic Sports.

COMMITTEE.

Adams, H. Armstrong, J. Baker, C. Downes, H. J.

Lamrock, S. C. Melville, W. McCrimmon, H. Simson, R.

H. J. Downes, Hon. Sec.

#### SPORTS MEETING, 1877.

THE following events will be open to competitors should a sufficient number of boys enter. In all the events points will be given, 5 for the first place, 3 for the second, and 2 for the third. The winner of the highest number of points in the open events will be declared champion athlete of the College; and the winners of the highest number of points in the events under 16, 14, and 12 years, will be declared the champion athlete for these years :-

- 1. Long Leap. Under 12 years.
- Under 12 years. 2. High Leap. 3. Long Leap. Under 14 years.
- 4. High Leap. Under 14 years.
- 5. Long Leap. Under 16 years. 6. High Leap. Under 16 years.
- 7. Throwing the Hammer. Open.
- 8. Kicking the Football. Open. 9. Putting the Weight. Open.
- 10. Long Leap. Open.
- 11. High Leap. Open.

- 12. Race, 150 yards. Age Handicap. Under 10 years.
- 13. Race, 200 yards. Age Handicap. Under 12 years.
- 14. Race, 440 yards. Age Handicap. Under 12 years.
- 15. Vaulting with Pole. Under 12 years.
- 16. Race, 100 yards. Age Handicap. Under 14 years.
- Under 17. Race, 300 yards. Age Handicap. 14 years.
- 18. Race, 880 yards. Age Handicap. Under 14 years.
- 19. Vaulting with Pole. Under 14 years.
- 20. Race, 100 yards. Age Handicap. Under 16 years.
- 21. Race, 440 yards. Age Handicap. Under 16 years.
- 22 Race, 1320 yards. Age Handicap. Under 16 years.
- 23. Vaulting with Pole. Under 16 years.
- 24. Race, 100 yards. Open.
- 25. Race, 440 yards. Handicap. Open.
- 26. Race, 1760 yards. Handicap. Open.
- 27. Hurdle Race, 120 yards. Handicap.28. Steeplechase, 440 yards. Handicap. Open.
- Open.
- 29. Sack Race, 100 yards. Handicap. Open.
- 30. Walking Match, 1 mile. Handicap. Open.
- 81. Throwing Cricket Ball. Open.
- 32. Vaulting with Pole. Open.
- 88. Old Collegians' Race. Handicap. 100, 440, and 880 yards.

Entries for the first eleven events must be made on or before the 1st October. Entries for the other events will be received up to 1st November. All entries must be in writing, and must contain the name in full, and the number and name of the event. In under-age events the age last birthday, together with the day and year of birth, must also be given.

## Football.

THE football season is drawing to a close. Our first twenty have hitherto been unusually successful, and have, as yet, suffered no defeat. Two boys, who played in the team during the first half, are away from school, one, N. Levy, having entered on business, and the other, R. Oswald. being absent from illness. Their places have been supplied by J. Pike and G. M'Kie, who entered school at the beginning of this term. Our next number will contain a list of the names of our twenty, with remarks on their play during the season. Three of our players, S. Lamrock, H. Downes, and C. Baker, together with seven or eight old Collegians, were in the team which represented the Melbourne Club in the two matches played last month at Adelaide. Both

matches were won by the visitors, the first by one goal, and the second by five goals. It is worthy of notice that of the six goals five were kicked by Scotch College boys, three by Downes and two by Baker. Lamrock was also highly praised by the press for his effective play.

#### SCHOOLS v. MELBOURNE.

On Saturday, 1st September, a match was played on the Melbourne ground, between the Metropolitan Club and a combined team selected from five of the schools. The College was represented by S. Lamrock, C. Baker, H. Downes, R. Simson, J. Scott, and J. Armstrong Baker was unanimously chosen captain of the schools, whilst the Melbourne were, as usual, led by Mr. Sillett. It was expected that the latter would have little difficulty in scoring an easy victory, but as the game progressed it became evident that the Schools' team would stand a good deal of beating, and for some time they had decidedly the best of it. The first goal was kicked by Baker for the schools, and this proved to be the only one they were destined to obtain; for although they had subsequently several splendid chances of scoring, no one managed to send the ball between the posts. The Melbourne obtained, altogether, two goals, one kicked by Booth, and the other by Anthony, an old Collegian.

The play of the Schools' team was remarkably good, and, although they were eventually beaten, they have every reason to be highly satisfied with the stand they made, especially considering that they had no opportunity of practising together.

#### SCOTCH COLLEGE v. UNIVERSITY.

This match was played on the Melbourne Ground on the 22nd May, C. Baker acting as Captain for the College, and P. Serjeant for the University. The College team included three of the masters, Messrs. Sillett, Macdonald, and McLean. The play on both sides was good, but the game resulted in a victory for the College, who obtained two goals to one. The goal for the University was kicked by Quirk; those for the College by Macdonald and Dixon.

#### SCOTCH COLLEGE v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

This match was played on the St. Kilda Ground on Tuesday, the 3rd July, and resulted in a draw, neither side obtaining a goal. The toss was won by Baker, who elected to kick up hill. Oakley, the Wesley Captain, kicked off and the ball being returned by Lamrock was kept about the centre of the ground. Soon, however, the ball was worked to the Wesley goal where Oakley, Daly, and Fraser distinguished themselves by their fine back play, repeatedly taking the ball away, only, however, to be returned. The Wesley, by a good rush, carried the ball to the opposite

goal where Champion marked it, and by a good kick sent it behind, this being the only behind the Wesley College scored during the game. The ball was kicked off and returned by Robb, but Lamrock getting possession carried it along twothirds of the ground, and by a good kick landed it in front, giving Darchy a try for goal. Soon after this half-time was called. On the ball being thrown up it was sent towards the Scotch end, but it was returned and kept hovering about the Wesley goal for some time, until by a fine rush they took it to the other end of the ground, where it remained for a few minutes. It was again taken back, however, and kept about the Wesley goal for the remainder of the game. chances for goal were missed; Dixon once kicking the ball through the posts, but the central Umpire had previously given a free kick. On another occasion the ball was stopped by a spectator immediately in front of goal. Those who distinguished themselves for the Wesley College were Champion, Oakley, Daly, and Fraser; and for the Scotch, Lamrock, Armstrong, Dixon, and Downes.

#### SCOTCH COLLEGE v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The second match between the first twenties of these schools was played on the Melbourne ground, on Wednesday, 29th August. From the victory obtained by the Wesley team over the Grammar School it was fully expected that there would be a close struggle, but the event proved otherwise, as the Scotch College gained the easiest of victories. For a few minutes after the play commenced the game was pretty even, but within a short time the Scotch by repeated marks and good kicks overpowered their antagonists, and secured four goals in quick succession; three kicked by Baker, and one by Dixon from his favourite spot near the path. The ball on being kicked-off was got hold of by Tatchell who made a fast run along the southern wing, but without result, as L. Darchy soon after kicked the fifth goal from an acute angle. From this onward to half-time the game was rather tame, the only features of interest being the good marking of Daly, a fine run by Fraser, and a spirited rush by Lamrock who took the ball from end to end, finishing with an excellent attempt for goal.

After half-time the Wesley defence showed out better, and the back play of Agg and Oakley was worthy of high praise. Their efforts were well supported by Champion and Daly; but, through the inactivity of the wing players, the ball was again returned, passing from Macdonald to J. Adams, and thence to Bayles, who sent it on to Darchy, by whom another goal, the sixth, was quickly obtained. After this, the Scotch relaxed

their efforts, and the Wesley, by some excellent marking and dexterous play, carried the ball well up to their opponents' goal, and succeeded in kicking it behind for the first and last time during the match. When kicked off the ball was brought back again by Baker, Brodie, and Clendinnen; and Lamrock, who was playing forward, obtained a chance for goal, which he utilised by scoring the last and seventh goal. Soon after this, time was called by P. Serjeant, who acted as central umpire to the satisfaction of both sides. For the Scotch—Baker, Lamrock, Clendinnen, H. Adams, and Downes, did excellent service; whilst Agg, Champion, Daly, Fraser, and Tatchell, worked hard for the Wesley.

FIFTH AND UPPER FIFTH V. THE SCHOOL.

In this match W. Melville acted as Captain for the higher classes, and J. Armstrong for the lower. The game was throughout one-sided, and ended in a decided win for the seniors by seven goals to one, kicked by E. Wynne.

[Three boys in the Middle Fifth Class were sent to the ground to report this match, but they failed to carry out their instructions. We do not mention their names, but content ourselves with the expression of the hope that they will be more attentive to orders in future.—Ed. Y. V.]

UPPER THIRD V. LOWER CLASSES.

(Report by J. Moffat, Upper Third.)

This match was played in the Richmond Paddock, J. Moffat acting as Captain for the former and J. Evans for the latter. Our side, having lost the toss, had to kick against the wind. The ball having been sent off by J. MacPherson was soon brought back to our end, but C. Robertson took it away again. For some time after this the game was very even, but eventually we obtained a goal through the good play of A second goal, kicked by J. G. Anderson. Gilchrist, soon followed. All through the match J. MacPherson played splendidly, frequently taking the ball right from one end of the ground to the other. After a while a third goal was kicked by J. Gilchrist. The umpire declared that it was no goal, but one or two of the first twenty, who were onlookers, said it was, so we took it. Some time after this our opponents got a goal, kicked by M. Rout. The match was therefore won by us with three goals to one. who played well for the Upper Third were G. Anderson, J. MacPherson, C. Robertson, D. Robertson, J. Gilchrist, J. Hadden, R. Greville, and F. Thomas. For our opponents, R. Anthony, G. Aitken, P. Russell, D. Barry, and T. Scott distinguished themselves.

[We may state that we have before us a short report of this match by J. Evans, which states

that his side lost by one goal to two. As W. Melville, an accomplished football player, was umpire, we are afraid that the Upper Third Class must accept his decision, and be content with two goals.—Ed. Y. V.]

SECOND T. FIRST CLASS.

(Report by J. C. Griffith, First Class.)

In this match R. Anthony acted as captain for the former and J. C. Griffith for the latter. Soon after play commenced, H. Browne obtained a mark in front of the posts, and, with a good kick, sent the ball through, scoring first goal for the First Class. The ball was again kicked off, and, after some time, C. Lewtas obtained a goal for the Second Class. The ball was again set a-going, and the play continued keen on both sides, the Second Class making several desperate rushes determined to secure another goal, and thus win. But it was all in vain, for the First Class, equally resolute, brought the ball back again, and, after some rough play, M. Rout managed to give S. M'Gregor a mark, and that player kicked a second goal for the First Class, about three minutes before time was called. For the First Class, H. Browne, T. Darchy, C. Dyer, J. C. Griffith, M. Rout, H. Mitchell, H. R. Griffith, S. M'Gregor, E. Levy, and G. Moffat, played well, whilst the following did good service for the Second; -R. Anthony; C. Garton, C. Lewias, C. Moore, A. Levy, F. Edwards, A. Permezel, and A. Dougall,

FIRST-CLASS v. JUNIOR SCHOOL. (Report by T. Darchy, First Class.)

In this match the First Class was captained by J. Barry, and the Junior School by E. Scott. During the first few minutes the game was very even, but strength and weight soon told, and after some good play, S. McGregor sent the ball spinning through the posts, thus securing a goal for the First Class. The ball was soon afterwards sent off by E. Scott, but was smartly returned by R. Rolls, and passed on to A. George, who made a good run up to G. Terry, who sent it again through the posts, scoring the second goal for the First Class. Half time was then called, and after a few minutes both sides re-appeared, looking much better after their spell. The ball having been thrown up by T. Darchy, the central umpire, was quickly driven on by the jumors, who kept it for some time close to their opponents' goal; but at last J. Barry got well away with it, and after some brilliant play, kicked a third goal. Soon after this time was called, and three ringing cheers were given. For the First Class, J. Barry, S. McGregor, G. Terry, and R. Rolls played well; whilst E. Scott, J. Moore, H. McLennan, and R. Scott, did the like for the Junior School.

OUR First Twenty will play two Football matches this week at Geelong, one on Thursday with the Grammar School, and one on Friday with the College. Our next issue will contain a report of these matches.

#### Cricket.

THE cricket season is rapidly approaching, and the leading clubs have already held their annual meetings. During the first half only one school match was played, that with Wesley College, which the Scotch College won by fourteen runs. Three of the players who took part in that match have since left school-H. Anthony, G. Mackay, and W. McIntosh. A fourth, R. Oswald, is, we regret to state, at present absent from illness. considerable number of new boys have entered this half, and the Captain is looking around for recruits to supply the vacancies in the team. We hope he may be successful in getting together a good school eleven. H. McCrimmon, W. Melville, H. Downes, and C. Baker are all reliable players, and we have no doubt that some others will develop cricketing talent during the coming season.

#### Births.

Taylor.—On the 28th June, at Sydney, the wife of the Rev. Herbert Taylor, of Gunning, of a daughter.

Hickinbotham.—On the 8th July, at St. Kilda, the wife of John Hickinbotham of a daughter.

Birkmire.—On the 10th August, at Sydney, the wife of W. W. Birkmire of a daughter.

JOHNSTONE.—On the 23rd August, at Echuca, the wife of the Rev. J. C. Johnstone of a daughter.

Carson.—On the 27th August, at St. Kilda, the wife of David Carson of a son.

## Marriages.

Browning—Poolman.—On the 4th July, at Sydney, S. S. Browning, of Ballarat, to Elizabeth Ann, eldest daughter of F. Poolman, Esq.

Blanshard—Chambers.—On the 7th July, at St. Kilda, David Blanshard to Milly, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Enoch Chambers.

WHITELAW—BOWMAN.—On the 11th August, at Melbourne, George Whitelaw to Zenobia Janette, daughter of John S. Bowman, M.A.

Sutherland—Milledge.—On the 15th August, at Kyneton, Alexander J. Sutherland to Mary Annie, eldest daughter of George Milledge, Esq.

## Death.

ROYCRAFT.—On the 6th July, at Delegate, N.S.W., John, eldest son of the late Mr. W. Roycraft, aged 30 years.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,—Accept the thanks of the Sixth Class for your insertion of a note in your last issue. You will be glad to learn that the door of room No. 9 has now ceased from troubling, yours, &c.,

W. M.

#### To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,-Would it not be desirable to make some change in the matter of our school matches. Why should these be confined to the first twenty at football and the first eleven at cricket? Would it not be possible to arrange that a much larger number should take part in them? Most of the schools could turn out at least four or five twenties, and as the matches would be played simultaneously, there would be no possibility of placing a first twenty boy in the second A similar plan might be followed at cricket, and several elevens might play on the It seems to me that some such arrangement would do much to induce the younger boys to devote themselves heartily to out-door games, and the success of a school all along the line would surely be the fairest test of its excellence. An excess of numbers might give a school an advantage, but this might probably be obviated by some arrangement as to age for all except the premier teams.—I am, yours, &c.,

A. B.

#### To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,—I observe from the newspapers that the Minister of Education has forbidden the infliction of corporal punishment on pupils in the State Schools, except on terms which, it is said, will practically preclude the teachers from resorting to that well-known method of maintaining discipline. Now, Sir, there appears to be a difference of opinion as to the expediency of this interference on the part of the Hon. the Minister of Education, and on this point I fear my verdict might be challenged, on the ground that I am personally interested. But, whether right or wrong, his action seems to me to be open to the very serious objection that it is partial and one-sided in its operation, for if this theory of protection is to be extended to the native cuticle, I contend that its application should be made general. Why should the young Victorians at the public and private schools of the colony be left out in the cold? We have been reared as tenderly as those who are now made the special protégés of the State; our nervous system is no less sensitive; and our lachrymose glands are just as easily forced into activity, yet for us a paternal

Government has no compassionate consideration. Now, Sir, this is class legislation of a very It is a respect of persons in obnoxious kind. matters of national policy, against which' I humbly protest.—I am, yours, &c.,

PANDE.

#### To the Editor of "Young Victoria."

Sir,—Your last issue contained a list of eight names which constituted the Sports Committee for the year. Now, sir, I wish to ask who elects the committee? If it were done properly the choice would be left to the boys in the school, as was the case when a committee was being formed for the Young Victoria; at present it is not so. -Yours, &c.,

BUSINESS.

Our correspondent has neglected to enter his name and address, but we insert his note.—Ed.]

## Extracts from Press Notices of "Young

WE publish extracts from the paragraphs which have come under our notice, and take this opportunity to return our thanks for the receipt of sundry country newspapers.—Ed.]

It is well got up, and the selection of matter does credit to the amateur journalist under whose supervision

it has been published.—Age.

It is well got up, and would do credit in its form and design to more experienced literateurs. - Ararat

THE paper is well brought out, and contains a large quantity of matter interesting to the school.—Argus.

It appears to be written and arranged in a manner well suited to the object it has in view. The typographical aspect of the little paper is very satisfactory .-Australasian.

Would it not be just that alongside the successes there should be a few of the conspicuous failures—just

by way of dreadful example and warning.—Ægles.

Some very well written articles and reports are furnished, and the paragraph matter has been carefully selected .- Avoca Mail.

THE articles certainly do much credit both to themselves and to their instructors.—Ballarat Courier.

It is well printed and contains matter of interest to old and new collegians.—Ballarat Star.

The selection of matter does credit to the amateur

journalists.—Bendigo Advertiser.

The journal, which is well got up, contains one or two well written articles. We would advise our young contemporary to curtail the reports of football matches and give more space for essays and correspondence.—Border Post.

It is faultlessly got up, and is really creditably written. \_Border Watch

It is well printed and got up, and should be most interesting to old collegians .- Casterton News.

It has made a very creditable commencement.—Colac Herald.

NEATLY printed and carefully, and in some instances, cleverly written .- Colac Times.

It is very creditably got up. We wish it every success. -Creswick Advertiser.

It is a very creditable production, and contains well written articles on various subjects.—Daily Telegraph.

It is turned out in an excellent manner, and is replete with much useful information.—Daylesford Mercury.
UNDER the "Notes and Comments," facts are recorded

which reflect great credit on old students.—Dunolly

THE matter is of interest to parents and guardians .-

Gippsland Mercury.

IT is well got up, and the selection of matter does credit to the amateur journalists. The establishment of such journals must bring about an improved style of composition.—Hamilton Spectator.

THE paper is excellently printed, and the reading

matter well written .- Hobart Town Mercury.

JUDGING from its appearance it will serve admirably as a medium of communication.—Horsham Times.

It is well got up and the selection of matter does them credit.—Inglewood Advertiser.

It contains a variety of well written matter and information respecting the College.-Kyneton Observer.

THE journal is well written and neatly printed.—

Maryborough Advertiser.

THE local matter and the letters to the editor, are written in a very lively manner. The style in which it is got up is very creditable to those immediately concerned .- Mansfield Guardian.

It is very creditably brought out in every way.-

Mortlake Despatch.

THE matter is creditably composed, and is such as will

interest schoolboys generally.—Nagambie Chronicle.

The journal has been started by the boys in the higher classes, and will serve as a medium of communication .-Portland Guardian.

The selection of matter does credit to the amateur

journalists.—Riverine Herald.

WE wish our young friends every success. One word to the boys: Do not allow the printed journal take the place of a letter to parents.—Southern Cross.

WE have received a small and neat monthly paper, written for, and published by the Scotch College in the

neighbouring colony.—Sydney Herald.

Of course we scarcely expected that a review should be given, but we may say that the journal reflects the greatest credit on the boys. - Warrnambool Examiner.

WE are afraid journals of this class are a mistake. They are intended apparently for the glorification of their schools .- Warrnambool Standard.

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