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Campaign Report

APPEAL GOAL EXCEEDED RECORD ESTABLISHED BY GEELONG COLLEGE

The Success Supper held on Monday, 9th May, recorded a successful conclusion to a campaign that had set records all along the line. The primary goal of the Appeal was £100,000

and this was exceeded after only 6 weeks of Campaigning. It was decided to extend the Regional Organization to cover all Victoria and later, Sydney, and a secondary target of £150,

000 was set. The recorded total on May 9th, the scheduled end of the campaign, was £145,180/7/3. Since this date, the total has gradually increased to its present figure of £153,472.

Success Supper

With figures like this to report, the Final Success Supper was quite a night. Committeemen were asked to invite their wives and it seemed that most accepted the invitation and came along to see what their menfolk had been doing for the past 12 weeks.

After the final reports were tabulated, speeches were kept short but two deserve special mention. On what was almost the eve of his retirement, Dr. Buntine said he felt that no better farewell gift could have been made than the wonderful response to the Appeal. He mentioned the interest and enthusiasm that had been apparent and stated that in this respect he was handing the school over in very good shape.

Mr. D. D. Davey, our Vice Principal, who had moved himself an Arrangements Chairman of no mean order, then spoke on behalf of all Committeemen and thanked the Good Providers for the excellent suppers they had served all through the Campaign. Now to be known as "Women of the College", these ladies certainly deserved all the praise that Mr. Davey heaped upon them. He then presented each of them with a silver brooch in the form of The College Crest as a memento of their share in the Campaign.

Follow-on Committee

Now it remains with the Follow-On Committee to complete the outstanding detail and keep the Appeal vital and effective for the next five years.

The Appeal has met with unqualified success and those who worked and gave so generously will watch with interest as the College Council and our new Headmaster press on with the task of translating the Appeal objectives into reality.

Expert Advisers Shown How

No one can deny that we were fortunate in having Messrs. Bill Howard and Bruce Wicking assigned to counsel our organization during the Intensive Phase. It would be difficult to imagine a harder working pair who seemed to anticipate every difficulty and always had the right word at the right time.

It gave Committeemen a lot of pleasure, however, to

be able to confound the experts at several report meetings. For the first three weeks Bill Howard gave estimates of how much could be expected from successive report meetings and each week the amount reported was in excess of his prediction. After these meetings he contented himself with recording the facts and ignoring the possibilities. It is understood that the Geelong College Appeal is the most successful one organized by this particular group and they are now re-writing their record book and working out new averages and targets for similar "situations." Congratulations Geelong.

Stop Press

Latest Official total for the Campaign £153,472.

Sydney Joins In

Friday night, 3rd June, saw O.G.C.A. President, Mr. B. Keith, introducing the new Headmaster, Mr. Peter Thwaites, to the annual dinner of the Sydney Branch of the O.G.C.A. This was also the beginning of the Appeal in Sydney and a small but effective organization was set up with a working committee as follows:

- L. E. Reid,
- P. T. Campbell,
- F. J. H. Moreton,
- Dr. C. P. C. Reilly
- L. N. Simpson,

- J. T. Cameron,
- A. J. Rogers,
- R. G. Brown,
- G. M. Roope.

To date, promises of Approx. £2600 have been reported by this Committee and there are still a few cards outstanding. The wonderful feature of the campaign has been the way in which distant Old Boys have rallied to support The College even though they are probably, as parents, working for other schools in their areas. This applies particularly to Sydney and Melbourne metropolitan areas.

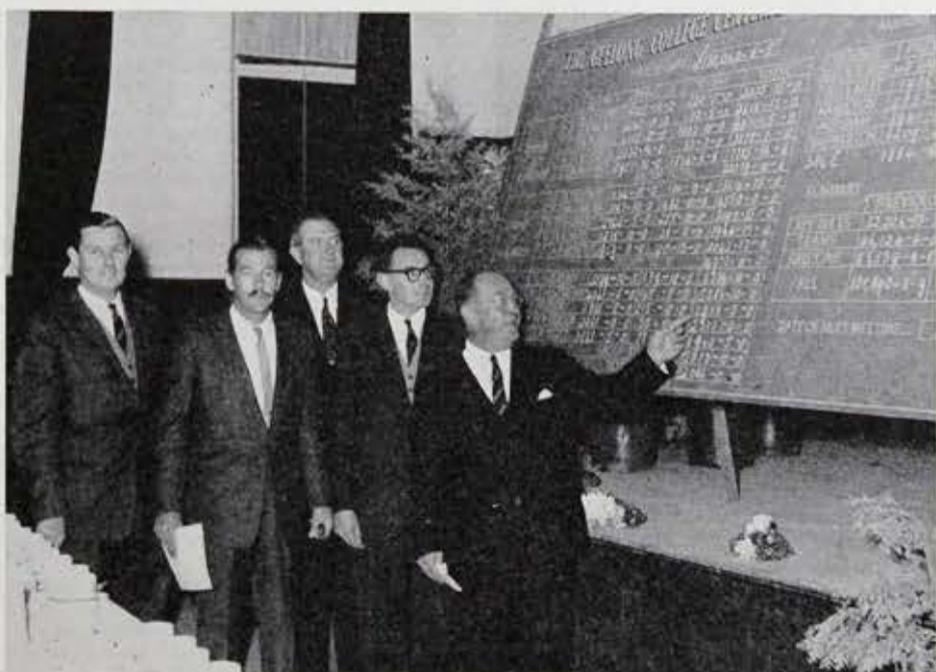
Regional Effort

Although only five regions were planned initially, it was deemed advisable to set up a sixth. Dinners were held and Committees set up in Melbourne, Ballarat, Hamilton, Horsham, Sale and Shepparton. At initial meetings the aims of the Appeal were explained and arrangements for dinners were made. Committees were enlisted at the dinners and a combined briefing and card

selection meeting followed shortly afterwards. £54,949/1/0 has been obtained in intentions by regional Committeemen, whose efforts have often entailed the travelling of great distances. Campaigning in Melbourne has presented a number of difficulties but the efforts of a small but enthusiastic Committee have been particularly fruitful.

Central and Regional Area Production

This shows the amount actually subscribed by men in a particular geographical region though not necessarily collected by the Committee in that area.



A GOOD SCORE

Campaign Officials Pleased with the Result of a Report Meeting. L. to R.: K. S. Nall, B. Wicking, L. Bent, D. G. Neilson, J. A. Taylor (Campaign Chairman)

From GEELONG area—	
incl. Colac, Terang, Warrnambool, Camperdown	£72,347/12/6
MILDURA area	£1,976/5/0
BALLARAT	
incl. Beaufort, Skipton	£6,114/15/0
HAMILTON	
incl. Lake Bolac	£11,378/4/0
HORSHAM	£5,137/16/0
SALE	£2,454/18/0
SHEPPARTON	
incl. Riverina & Southern N.S.W.	£7,990/13/0
MELBOURNE	£36,351/12/0
SYDNEY	£2,641/15/0
OTHER STATES	£4,278/ 7/9

TOTAL £150,671/18/3

Total Subscribers as at 11th July, 1960: 2355.

Headmaster's Address to the Follow-On Committee, 27th June, 1960

First Impressions of an Exciting Adventure

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen: When your Chairman suggested that I should speak to you briefly tonight about my first impressions of the College and its future, I gladly accepted, because I can see that we are going to be partners over the coming years in an exciting, far-reaching and important adventure. Before I say any more though, I must point out that I am very much a "new boy", and that I want to spend a lot more time learning about the College and observing what goes on here before I become too precise or dogmatic about the future. My first impressions may be quite wrong; or I may change my

mind about the best way to deal with some of the problems ahead; or I may find that the College Council, with whom many of the final decisions must rest, just don't agree with my ideas. So please do not assume that anything I say tonight is in any way final or definite. Perhaps it is some advantage that I can speak more freely now in the knowledge that if I say the wrong thing, it can be put down to ignorance, and the brevity of the time since I arrived among you, rather than to any fundamental misunderstanding. May I speak first, then, of five aspects of the College which have already impressed me very strongly?

Strong Traditions and Ideals

First, of course, (and this was not unexpected) no one can live for long within the College community without feeling the greatness of this school and the strength of its traditions and ideals. This is no doubt also true of many other similar independent schools, but is perhaps all the more evident here at present because an

approaching Centenary always leads to a more self-conscious stock-taking and reassessing of the past than occurs at other times. The atmosphere here is charged with an awareness of historic events and personalities, and even of the part played by the various buildings in the growth of the College to its present stature and dignity.

Enthusiastic Response

And then secondly, there is a more immediate and only just-realised pride and enthusiasm at the remarkable achievement of the Appeal, in which you have all been so busily occupied in recent months. There is no doubt that this has rekindled in a striking way the loyalty and enthusiasm

of all connected with the College, so that now there is an eagerness and interest about, which must somehow be preserved. Even in Sydney, where I recently attended the annual dinner, and where the Appeal was only just beginning, there was this same pride and eagerness and interest.

A Sense of Urgency

I suppose it is not surprising that my third strong impression therefore is on a sense of urgency. Nobody seems to want to rest on his laurels, but all are determined to press on. There is a healthy awareness of many problems and needs at the College, not only the obvious one that we cannot accept all the boys whom we would like (a problem

which I don't suppose can ever be solved), but also that there are many aspects of the College in which something must be done quickly to maintain standards and to keep pace with the rapid improvements in education everywhere. I can already see that this sense of urgency is justified, and that some of the problems will not be easy to solve.

Talent Available

But, if my fourth impression is correct, and I am sure it is, there seems no cause for dismay. For as I look about, I find a remarkable array of talent. You and others like you amongst Old Boys and Parents have already shown what you can do. My first Council meeting here revealed a Council well aware of the needs and keen to tackle the problem. Three new members have

just been appointed to fill the vacancies on the Council, and two sub-committees selected to deal with urgent problems. And, as far as the staff is concerned, you know even better that I do, how much wisdom and experience and talent is there, willing and anxious to be used in whatever way possible for the welfare of the College.

An Overall Plan Needed

My impression is (and this is the last to which I shall refer) that all that is needed to mobilise and co-ordinate all this enthusiasm and talent is a clear overall plan and the necessary sense of direction. It is my hope that I may be able to contribute something towards this necessary planning and leadership. Perhaps I should give you some idea of the steps which I feel must be taken — though may I repeat what I said at the beginning, that it is really too early for me to be at all definite or dogmatic in my suggestions.

Surely, before we can co-operate in any further development of the College, we must all understand what sort of College we are trying to build. Some careful analysis needs to be done to determine a reasonable and adequate structure for the College (how many boys at each class level, and what proportion at each level should be boarders) at which we may aim in say, the next ten years, and to which our building programme may be related. This is a fairly complex task, for it involves a good deal of academic planning, a reasonably accurate estimate of the demand for entry at various levels, and of the probable age at which boys will leave, and certain policy decisions as to the facilities it is possible to offer.

I have already made a preliminary survey of the situation, and have worked out a structure for 1970 based on the assumption that the Junior School, as planned and half built, will by then have reached its maximum strength of about 400. This seems to me to imply a Senior School of about 500, which together with the Kindergarten and two lowest primary classes (say 60) makes a total school of 960. Our present numbers are 730, so this represents a substantial and realistic increase. I would not like to see the College grow any larger and in any case can see no point in planning beyond this figure at present, because even to achieve these numbers will cost a good deal more than is likely to be available in the next five or six years. At any rate, as far as this Committee is concerned there is clearly plenty for you to do in seeing that the Appeal brings in every penny already promised, and, if possible, a good deal more. I'm sure this will happen if we can maintain the enthusiasm; and I have no doubt the best way to do this is to keep everyone well informed of our plans, and to start spending the money as soon as possible.



Mr. P. N. Thwaites M.A., B.Ed.

An Early Start

I am glad to say that one of the Council Committees already set up is examining this very question — how soon can we start the next building? This is important not only to maintain interest, but because our needs are urgent and because every pound we collect will lose value if it is not spent quickly. It takes time, of course, to finalise plans, and let contracts, but another Council Committee will press on with the planning of the buildings. I have already had some useful discussions both with members of the staff and the Architect about some of these plans.

In order to let you see how much is involved even in the provision of adequate facilities for the suggested school of 960, it may be worth while listing some of the building which must be done. At the Junior School, we still need, urgently:

1. Changing Rooms
2. Four more class-rooms
3. Boarding House

and later gymnasium and Assembly Hall.

At the Senior School attention must be given to:

1. Day Boys' facilities
2. Library
3. Common Room
4. Resident married quarters
5. Warrinn
6. Gymnasium
7. At least four more class-rooms
8. The House of Guilds
9. Morrison Hall
10. The Pavilion

It is a task for the Council in consultation with an Architect to determine the order in which these should be tackled, and how best the needs can be met in the meantime.

As you can see this is a mighty undertaking and a great adventure. There is a place somewhere in it for all who are willing to help. How best each can contribute (and many have already done so, most liberally) will become clear as time goes on. I can assure you I would never for a moment pretend that I can do much on my own, and I will be seeking continually opportunities to bring together all the talent and enthusiasm which I know is waiting to be used.

A Parents' and Friends' Association

In this regard, it has been suggested that I might say a word about my attitude towards a Parents' and Friends' Association. Perhaps it is sufficient to point out that I was instrumental in having such an association formed when I was at Guildford, and again at Ballarat College; I encouraged the formation of a Fathers' Committee to supplement the work of the existing Ladies' Committee. I can see no reason why something similar cannot operate successfully here. But I would like a little time to assess the situation

more fully before anything very active is done about this, and I want to make it quite clear from the start that such an Association must not be allowed to become either a "policy making body" or a "pressure group". With these provisos I am really in favour of the idea.

May I apologise for speaking so long? I warned your Chairman that any schoolmaster is liable to get wound up — and go on indefinitely. But you will agree, this really is a great adventure.

FAREWELL FUNCTIONS FOR Dr. & Mrs. BUNTINE

On Thursday, May 12th, two impressive ceremonies were held at the College, at which the opportunity was taken to farewell Dr. & Mrs. Buntine.

School Parade

In the presence of a large gathering, the first was a Parade and March Past by the entire school, when Dr. Buntine took the Salute.

To mark the occasion, a brooch in the form of the Regimental Badge of the College Cadet Unit was presented to Mrs. Buntine by the Commanding Officer, Col. Dunkley.

Other presentations were made on behalf of the various groups assembled, and several speakers extended good wishes to the Head and Mrs. Buntine.

In addressing the boys, Dr. Buntine said it was the

first occasion on which he had seen the whole school assembled together, from the most junior form in the Kindergarten to the highest class, and he found it a thrilling and most moving experience. He spoke of his Headmastership and of the high hopes he had, not only for the success of the boys assembled before him, but for the future of the College, which was soon to celebrate its Centenary and which he said was second to none. He paid tribute to the spirit of the school and to the loyalty and co-operation of the staff during his years as Headmaster.



The Unveiling of the Portrait of Dr. M. A. Buntine by Lady Coles
L. to R. Mrs. Buntine, Dr. Buntine, Lady Coles, Mr. B. R. Keith (Pres. O.G.C.A.)

Old Boys, Parents and Friends

Old Boys, Parents and Friends then assembled in the Morrison Hall. The Chairman of the College Council, Mr. — now Sir Arthur—Coles, addressed the gathering and paid tribute to a "Very Great Headmaster," and called on Mrs. Coles to unveil a fine portrait of Dr. Buntine by the noted painter, William Dargie.

Mr. Coles then introduced the President of the Old Col-

legians' Association, Mr. B. R. Keith, who voiced the appreciation of the Old Boys for the work and influence of Dr. and Mrs. Buntine during the 13 years of their association with the College, and expressed the good wishes of the assembled gathering for happiness in their retirement. He was supported by Mr. Lindsay Bent on behalf of the Parents and Friends. Mr. Keith then presented Dr. Buntine with a wallet of

notes, together with suitable mementoes to mark the occasion.

Dr. Buntine responded feelingly and thanked all present for their support over the years, and expressed his confidence in the future of the College.

The function ended with afternoon tea served in the Dining Hall, during which the many guests took the opportunity of personally farewelling Dr. and Mrs. Buntine.

Campaign Sorties

Sorties into areas distant from central and regional centres have been a feature of the Campaign. A large sum of money has been raised as the result of Sorties which have been made chiefly from Geelong, but also from Horsham, Hamilton and Shepparton. Contact with other Collegians and Parents has been a great source of pleasure and satisfaction to men who have been out of touch with the College for many years and the goodwill engendered has been great. Many men have been engaged in these visits in the Mildura, Bendigo, Colac, Terang, Camperdown, Birregurra, Lake Bolac, Cohuna, Kerang, Skipton, Warrnambool, Lismore and Albury areas.

THE BOAT CLUB

An Appreciation by our Popular Coach

The fascination of the Boat Race continues to persuade a large following to the banks of the Barwon to witness this spectacle of rowing conducted on the finest course in the State. The event this year was up to the standard of past events, the final being rowed by three splendid crews who provided a finish not seen for years, racing neck and neck to the line to the delight of the huge crowd enjoying the event in pouring rain.

Rain-soaked, mud-bespattered supporters of all crews thronged the river bank to cheer winners and the other two finalists alike — for it was a race of champions, and rowing into second or third place in this year's "Head of the River" was equally as satisfying as winning.

TRAINING METHODS

Few stop to ponder on the preparation for this event which records times equal to those of Senior Eights today, in racing boats which at one time were reserved solely for the use of men in Senior Crews.

Preparation at College commences the day school

begins, with an exodus to the river of aspirants for "a seat in an eight." Eight weeks for preparation this year necessitated a solid training period — being two weeks short of the desired time of ten weeks to prepare a schoolboy crew. There were miles and miles of rowing each night — increased mileage on Saturdays to make up for time lost through the shortened period of preparation — until by race day the crew again recorded its normal mileage bordering on a row from Geelong to Sydney. In addition to all this, much work was done out of the boat, calling for sacrifices the Club oarsman is not prepared to make. Which harks me back to the words of my old friend, "Wally" Ricketts, who quite a few years ago forecast that I would lose interest in Club rowing because of the fascination of the schoolboy oarsman and his desire to do things.

How right "Wally" was, has been proved by time — for, in his desire to become fit and to row in a good crew the school oarsman is the essence of rowing.

J.H.C. — A MAINSPRING!

People frequently ask me what makes the College Boat Club tick. During my years of association with the Club we have been blessed with a mainspring of a calibre all Clubs desire — but few manage to obtain — in Mr. J. H. Campbell, for twenty years our Rowing Master. Mr. Campbell's gift of assessing boys has been acquired over many years of close association with them, which in turn has given him a love for the youth around him and has resulted in their desire to do what they can to make their school and rowing days very memorable.

A HAPPY CLUB

From this stems a happy Boat Club, for not only is it a place to train from and learn the art of "pushing puddles," but it is also a place of great companionship where relief from irksome training is also obtained by the addition of the ragging and general good fun the shed produces. The success of the Boat Club is due solely to Mr. Campbell's ability to make the

shed a place where chaps like to go, and to his friendly handling of the youth who gather there and who respect his firmness when it is necessary to maintain order in the shed.

MANY HELPERS

No Club can achieve success without a happy team and this has been exemplified over the years by the team of coaches who operate from our shed. Few clubs can boast of personalities like Robert Purnell, Jim Ferguson and Syd Thomas, who possess the ability to impart knowledge to youthful oarsmen each in his own inimitable way.

Behind all this, of course, operates a team of people without whom the Boat Club would be at a serious disadvantage, for they are vitally interested in the School, the Boat Club and the Boys: people like Mr. Geo. Martin ever ready at all times to provide essentials for the smooth operation of the shed: Mr. E. Davies running a watchful eye over "out of the boat" training; "Snow" Hobbs providing a safe track when night running is part of the programme; Mrs. Matthews who for many years has so well provided for the "inner man" of these hard working athletes; Sister Mayne without whose co-

operation the Boat Club just would not function: and a host of others each doing a vital share in the preparation of the crews.

Generous donors over recent years have provided the transformation of coaching transport from bicycle to car to launch; and the "J.H.C." and the "Johnson" have proved their worth in providing efficient coaching facilities in line with modern trends.

In the near future consideration must be given to replacement of "Una" and "Breeze", two old Clinker Practice Eights which have out-lived their usefulness and whose running costs today are too great to be continued. Further improvement in the lighting of the shed upstairs, so well carried out under Mr. Campbell's supervision, might well be transferred now to the boat storage section downstairs, where painting would provide better lighting and remove the dingy appearance. This latter task could well be carried out by voluntary labor.

May the Boat Club continue to prosper and provide in the years ahead, the necessary means for those boys of the School who are keen on boats and rowing, to enjoy the carefree hours of their youth.

A. B. Bell

Activities at the New Prep School

Staff and Boys have Settled in Quickly and Happily

A little more than twelve months ago, when laying the Foundation Stone of the new Prep School, Sir William Slim said, "A church school must lead not only in the spiritual values and character that it teaches, but it must be at least the equal of any other school in the standard of its education, the qualifications of its staff, their devotion and in its equipment. Having built the school, we are by no means at the end of the road."

A Challenge

With such thoughts in mind the first five months at the new Prep School have been months of diligent and enjoyable activity. Constantly before the staff and the 244 boys, has been the challenge to match the lovely surroundings and pleasant conditions with the finest possible standard of achievement in the classroom and on the playing fields.

Varied Activities

The beautiful Helen Mackie Library has been used to great advantage under the skilful direction of Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Burrell. Our TV set has been in action each afternoon from 3 to 3.30 for Geography, Music and Art telecasts. The third, fourth and fifth forms have made the best possible use of the new playing fields (despite

muddy knees), while the sixth and seventh forms continue to use the facilities at the old Prep. With 9 forms of approximately 27 boys each (no form has more than 29 boys) work is naturally of a high standard. The PE classes are well catered for by the well planned out-of-doors gymnasium.

Urgent Needs

Of course much at the new site is as yet incomplete. The playing fields are of little use without the necessary changing rooms and showers and lockers. The 194 day boys have as yet no room provided for eating their lunch. The Tuck Shop so far consists of a panel van that comes

at 12.30 each day to unload the necessary food to a queue of 50 restless youngsters. When the rains come the quadrangle is surrounded by lagoons that attract many seagulls while the 84 cyclists must leave their bicycles to the mercy of the elements.

A Happy Atmosphere

Nevertheless an air of optimism and expectancy and enjoyment prevails. Mr. Roland and his Fifth Form boys provide hot soup at

recess and lunch time to appreciative clients.

The Social Service Club has contributed record amounts to charities — in-



Men at work "Helen Mackie" Library

cluding a £50 'penny drive' for the Refugee Appeal. The boys have themselves pledged £20 a year for five years for the Building Fund and raised this in record time in small gifts. When closely questioned, one very small lad, who donated 5/-, replied that he had 'sung at a wedding and earned 10/- and the 5/- was his own genuine gift.'

It is difficult to compare Scholastic work with other schools but our sport appears to compare favourably. For instance four teams went out to Corio to do battle with Geelong Grammar Junior School and three teams were victorious. Our firsts scored 13 goals 9 behinds to 6 goals 5 behinds against Scotch College Junior School, and our Under 12 team has so far won every game.

At the present time, however, our best news is that our beloved Headmaster, Mr. L. J. Campbell, after a very sudden and critical illness is making a very steady recovery. The Staff and boys have given of their best to maintain the highest of standards in his absence.

Open Day at the Prep

On the afternoon of Thursday, July 14th many parents and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the New Preparatory School and see it in normal classroom operation. A special feature of the visit was the book display arranged in the lovely Helen Mackie Library. More than eighty of these books were contributed to the library by the visitors.

Besides the interest of meeting the form teachers and examining the work in progress in the classrooms, pleasure was evident in the work of the junior choir and percussion band under Mr. Hulme, the art work under Mr. Jones and the physical education activity under Mr. Roland.

To finalise the good work of Library Week Mrs. Wood, Librarian, and Mr. Bickford, Senior English Master, addressed the full assembly on Friday morning concerning Libraries and the Treasure in Good Books.

The Installation of the New Principal

On Thursday, June 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in St. George's Church, The Presbytery of Geelong met in the presence of a large congregation of boys of the College and of Parents and Friends, to install Mr. P. N. Thwaites into his office of Principal of Geelong College. The Moderator (Rev. Geo. Howland) of Queenscliff, presided.

Rev. A. D. Hallam (St. George's) and Rev. E. C. McLean (Chaplain) read the Scriptures and Rev. A. Yule (Winchelsea) delivered the sermon. Following the narrative of steps by the Clerk, Rev. G. A. Wood (St. Andrew's), the Moderator called upon Mr. Thwaites to answer certain questions and then proceeded by prayer and the right hand of Fellowship to install Mr. Thwaites into his new position.

The Director of Music (Mr. D. W. Martin) presided at the organ.

A reception followed in the Morrison Hall where Mr.

A. W. Coles, Chairman of the College Council, presided. Speeches of welcome were made by the Moderator of the Presbytery, the President of the O.G.C.A. (Mr. B. R. Keith), the Vice-Principal (Mr. D. D. Davey) on behalf of the Staff, the Mayor of Geelong (Cr. V. H. Andrews) on behalf of the local authorities and Miss L. Shaw (Principal of Morongo) on behalf of the other Schools.

The Captain of the School (Hugh Bromell) then presented a bouquet to Mrs. Thwaites. The new Principal responded to the welcome. He expressed his confidence in the future of the school as demonstrated already to him by the Staff he had inherited, the status of the College and the great volume of goodwill evident on every hand.

The Women of the College then served a buffet supper during which Mr. and Mrs. Thwaites had the opportunity of meeting many Old Collegians, parents and friends of the School.



Football on one of the new Prep School ovals