

THE PAST AND FUTURE

A Review by the Headmaster

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

On 30th April last His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir William Slim, laid the foundation stone of our new preparatory school in the presence of a large gathering of old Collegians, parents, present boys and friends of the College.

Many will remember for a long time the impressive address given by His Excellency on that occasion. The burden of his remarks — published in full in the June issue of Pegasus — was the important place of the public school in the life of the community today. He stressed the spiritual foundation of the schools which is the very basis of their existence.

The College was founded in 1861. On the 8th July of that year under the Headmastership of Dr. George Morrison the school was opened in Knowle House, Skene Street, Newtown. It was due to the deep faith and the abounding enthusiasm and energy of Rev. A. J. Campbell and his strong committee that "The Geelong College" began.

It was formally "instituted" at 11 o'clock in the morning at a ceremony attended by members of the committee, parents, the headmaster, his two assistants and forty boys.

After praise and prayer and the reading of a portion of scripture Mr. Campbell concluded a short address with the words: "Now, in the name of God, I hereby declare our new school, which is to be called The Geelong College, fully established, and may God bless it with all possible success."

ACHIEVEMENTS

How wonderfully has that prayer been answered and how richly has The College been blessed in the years that have



DR. GEORGE MORRISON,
FIRST HEADMASTER

gone by! From its very small beginning it has grown into one of the largest boarding schools of the State, exerting a strong influence in a developing community and sending out leaders into every walk of life.

Old Collegians are to be found in important positions in Church and State, in the professions, in industry and the pastoral pursuits. Many have been honoured by the sovereign for outstanding community service — Sir Macfarlane Burnet, Sir John Dwyer, Sir Horace Robertson, Sir William Leggatt, Sir Gordon McArthur, to mention but a few.

In the realm of scholarship The College is proud to reckon among its sons Professor C. M. Badger, Professor R. W. Honeycombe, Professor E. C. Slater and Professor C. M. Williams. The same prominence is to be found in almost every sphere of activity.

In common with many other public schools, the growth of The College in recent years has been phenomenal, and the demand for places, steadily mounting year by year, has become embarrassing. Completion of the memorial wing eight years ago and the addition of new classrooms to the old Preparatory School relieved the pressure for only a short time. Numbers have now reached seven hundred and would be much greater had it been possible to find room for everyone wishing to enter. Indeed, in the last ten years, many hundreds, both boarders and day boys, have, of necessity been refused.

NEW PREP. SCHOOL

It is the expressed policy of the Council that the school shall not become so big that personal contact between the Principal and the individual boy shall be too greatly reduced. Something of the friendly family atmosphere, so much to be desired, would then be lost, to the disadvantage of both the College and the boy. To solve this difficulty of increasing demand and at the

same time to preserve a right balance has been a major problem for some years and the



Dr. M. A. Buntine, M.A., Ph.D. Present Headmaster

solution reached after much thought is that the Preparatory School must become an entirely separate entity in its own grounds.

To that end a completely new building to be erected on the splendid fifty acre site in Aberdeen Street was planned. The building was commenced early in the year under the supervision of an old Collegian, a leading Victorian educational architect. It ought to be finished by the end of the year ready for opening in February next. It will provide for 300 boys from fourth to eighth grades.

Classrooms and offices only are at present under construction; but the plans provide for a second stage to furnish boarding accommodation for 75 junior boys, and ultimately in the more distant future, an intermediate school of approximately 400 boys.

Having put our hand to the plough, let us not look back. The College cannot stand still. It must go forward.

SIC ITUR AD ASTRA.

The New School On the Hill

The first stage of the New Preparatory School, referred to by the Headmaster elsewhere on this page, is rapidly approaching completion on its fine site at the western end of Aberdeen Street.

The passer-by can see glass in the windows, paint appearing on external woodwork and metal balustrades, all of which indicate that the "finishing off" stage is approaching.

Internally, much remains to be done but all will be in readiness for the commencement of first term, 1960. Mr. L. J. Campbell, we understand, is at present pondering the problems of ending this term in Aphrasia Street and starting the next one at the new site.

Details of accommodation, staffing and general organisation must all be considered in the next few months.

FORMAL OPENING

The new term commences on February 9, 1960 and it is intended to have a formal opening ceremony on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 10, 1960.

Dr. Buntine has indicated that he proposes to invite a very well known "past parent" to perform this ceremony but details must await the issue of invitations later in the year.

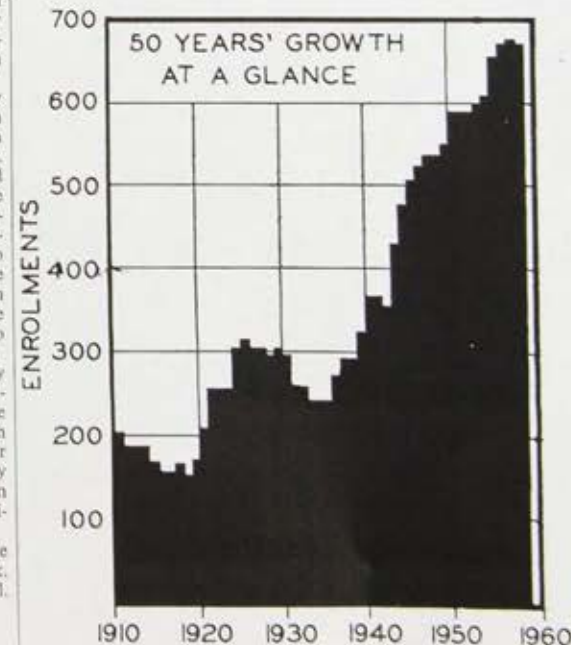
In this regard it is hoped that many Old Boys, Parents and Friends of the College will be present on this very special occasion.

CENTENARY YEAR PLANS

In connection with the opening of the New Preparatory School and looking forward to our Centenary year in 1961, it is also intended to hold two dinners, one on the night of February 9 and the other on the night of February 10 next.

The first will be for Old Collegians, the second for Collegians and Friends. In order to accommodate the large numbers expected to attend these functions, the Council is considering the erection of a special marquee in the College grounds.

Invitations will be issued in due course so please note these dates in your diary for next year as they will mark an auspicious beginning to an important year for our College.



FORWARD AND UPWARD

● *Beginnings and Growth of Geelong College*

Just one hundred years ago in 1859, Geelong Grammar School after a brief period, had fallen into financial difficulties. A move was initiated for the Anglicans and Presbyterians to combine forces to provide a school to take its place, but this ultimately was rejected by the Anglicans.

The Presbyterians then formed a widely-scattered committee to enter into negotiations for a school of their own. Thus Geelong College commenced at Knowle House, in 1861, under the leadership of Mr. George Morrison, M.A.

It was not long before the committee, faced with the necessary expansion of a site such as Knowle House, in Skene Street, ran also into financial difficulties beyond its means, and, to preserve the school he had fostered over the previous few years. Mr. Morrison took it over on a private basis.

Faced with the need to expand as the colony grew, and its inhabitants became established, this wise old Scot did not hesitate. He acquired an area of vacant land on Newtown Hill and commenced building operations in 1870.

The present senior school thus came into being in 1871, with the Headmaster's residence to house his family, the adjacent classroom (Room B) and a small one south of that, all he had to work with for the time being.

The garden was laid out in 1871. A new classroom (Room A) and the main porch added in 1873.

As a temporary expedient, two other classrooms had been built south of the main building (the Masters' Common Room of the 1920-30 period and the old Boarders' Sitting Room) and these formed the main school for another twenty years.

As the Doctor grew older, he seemed content to carry on with what he had, and apart from the addition of some small area of land it remained for his son, Mr. Norman Morrison, to expedite the addition of new wooden classrooms around the original gymnasium, which stood approximately where the western cloisters and the War Memorial wing are today.

A GREAT ERA

Dr. Morrison died in 1898. A Memorial Library was built in his honour, and one of the great eras of College history under Norman Morrison commenced. The Cadet Corps was rising to great heights, the tone of the school under his influence and magnetic personality reached an all-time high, and, as a member of the Schools' Association, Geelong College was all-powerful. The main oval was laid down in 1904, and Norman Morrison, realising the necessity to have his college declared one of the major Public Schools, set about the fulfilment of his great ambition. This was finally achieved in 1908, when the responsibility of running this important seat of learning once again reverted to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

The sudden death of its brilliant Principal in a shooting accident in 1909 turned the course of history, and in spite of the brilliant scholastic records of the next two Headmasters, Mr. W. R. Bayly and Mr. W. T. Price, a period of steady decline set in, possibly a natural reaction to the loss of such a man as Norman Morrison. Spurred on by the loss of their beloved "Skipper", the Old Collegians rallied to build a hall in his honour. The Morrison Hall was opened in 1912 and a new tennis court presented by Mrs. T. S. Hawkes, replaced the original court that existed on portion of the Morrison Hall site.

In spite of heavy trials and difficulties, including the great drought of 1914, followed by the outbreak of war so soon afterwards, a forward move was undertaken in 1917, with the addition to the northern front adjoining Room A, and the provision of three extra classrooms and a dormitory upstairs.

In 1920 the unusual appointment of a minister of religion as Headmaster was made by the council. The new leader was the Rev. F. W. Rolland, M.C., M.A., who knew little of matters pertaining to the running of a large school.

But in spite of this self-confessed handicap, the wheel of fortune turned gradually in favour of the College once more.

What might have been missing in his make-up as a schoolmaster (and it is open to question whether it really was), made Frank Rolland a wonderful Headmaster, possessed of a great love for boys and the buildings in which they were to grow to manhood. Ever the incorrigible dreamer with a faculty for making dreams come true, he set out to build a great school, evidence of which we have today, not only in its eventual appearance, but also in its impact on the life of the community.

After initial trials the College rose to success in the football field in 1925, followed by the great Championship of 1927, and the whole outlook of being the under-dog in the Public Schools' Association changed. The cricket team also began to show strength in the late 'twenties and early 'thirties, with Lindsay Hassett, later to be an Australian Test captain, as its sheet anchor. The staff, also, around this time, became stabilised, and scholastic work generally sound and sometimes brilliant as a result.

RAPID GROWTH

Faced with the upsurge of success, the school authorities were confronted with a major decision in 1927. Back in 1921 a new Preparatory School had commenced, and the limita-

tions of space for expansion presented a formidable threat to the progress of the College. To stay, or not to stay, at Newtown Hill, was the question. It was resolved to stay, and once the master plan for the future school had been revealed, important new buildings were under way in 1929. The great Dining Hall and Refectory Block were opened by the Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven, in 1930, and two classrooms on the south wing were the forerunners of that imposing southern facade of today.

Further additions took place in 1931, again along the south cloisters, but the depth of the financial depression in 1932 slowed the work temporarily. In 1933 the old wooden building, so long a feature of the western side of the College, was removed to a site where it now stands north of Warrinn, the original building in the south-western corner of the block. Warrinn had been acquired as a masters' residence away back in 1906, but for many years it had served as a junior boarding house.

HOUSE OF GUILDS

The completed south wing was opened on Speech Day, 1934, and, in 1935, an event of great importance to school life was the inauguration of the House of Guilds, a place in which a boy's creative talents could be fostered and enlarged.

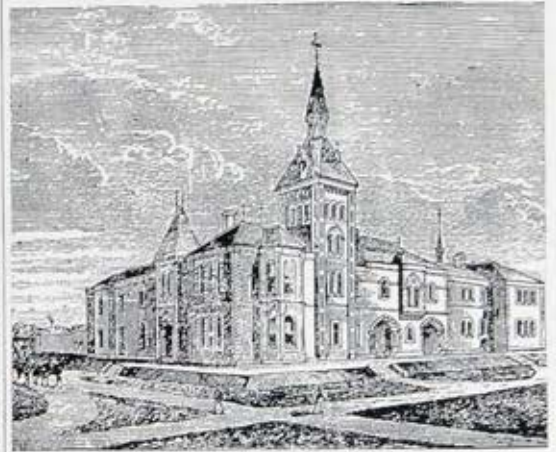
Ever furthering encouragement of the arts, Mr. Rolland informed the school at Assembly one morning of a genius in their midst, in the person of one, George Logie Smith, who was to be their music master in the new House of Music, completed in 1937. His impact on the musical side was to be felt and appreciated for over twenty years.

Still the great pattern of progress went on unabated. Mackie Oval, a gift of the Old Boys under the irrepressible Stanley Hamilton Calvert, who had been, and was still to be their secretary from time immemorial. The cow paddock had been converted to a "thing of beauty, a joy for ever."

That ornate building, the pavilion, had lost some of its embellishments, and through the fortuitous arrival of funds from the Mackie Estate, the magnificent edifice overlooking the new oval became an established fact in 1939.

Mr. A. H. MacRoberts, M.A., who had been Vice-Principal for many years, resigned in 1938. On his death in 1945, he bequeathed an amount that made possible the building of two more classrooms at the end of the south wing.

FIRST COLLEGE BUILDINGS



THE COLLEGE according to the Original Architect's drawing. This etching first appeared in the 1911 edition of the "History, Register, and Records" of Geelong College.

Weary at last after so many years of planning, and worrying about the building of a new great College, Frank Rolland elected to make way for a younger man.

This story of success on behalf of the College will be more fully recorded in the forthcoming history, but suffice it to say that, far from going into voluntary retirement, this great Australian has, at an advanced age, sought fresh fields for his dreams, and, as the Very Reverend Sir Francis Rolland, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C., M.A., ex Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, he has become a national figure, honoured by Her Majesty the Queen.

POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

The second World War, like the first, took its inevitable toll of lives of old Geelong Collegians, and after difficult times that retarded building operations, the new Headmaster, Dr. M. A. Buntine, M.A., Ph.D., set about the difficult task of following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor. With his wealth of experience as a Headmaster, he was soon to press on with building for the future. The availability of accommodation as the College grew in stature and renown (including its first cricket premiership in 1946), required a further plan of extension, which resulted in the purchase of fifteen acres of land from Mr. L. M. Whyte,

in 1945, followed by a further nineteen acres in 1946, and a further fifteen acres donated by that gentleman, to give magnificent area of forty-nine acres overlooking the picturesque Barwon Valley, the future site of the new Preparatory School.

The College Cadets paraded in Highland Dress for the first time on 7th April, 1949, and the War Memorial Foundation Stone was laid by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brookes, on 9th March, 1950. Its completion brought about the final enclosure of the inner quadrangle by the cloisters.

In 1953, further adornments to the school grounds were provided by the A. H. MacRoberts Scoring Box, and the Edwin Rankin Memorial Gates, gifts of the Old Boys, in memory of their former Vice-Principal and beloved "Teddy", who nurtured the ovals and grounds over many years and, with his faithful assistants, helped to build them up to their present beauty.

With a continuing high standard of scholastic results among present and past pupils, with successes in rowing and football, and with the new Preparatory School buildings well under way, the Geelong College, as it approaches its centenary, is setting the pattern for the second century of a great school, looking out, not in, looking forward, not back, a leader in the world of education.

SHEPPARTON RE-UNION

(Goulburn Valley Branch)

will be held in Shepparton

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

George G. Pullar (Hon. Secretary)

Box 27, Tatura, would be pleased to hear from any Old Geelong Collegian (not now on his mailing list) who is interested. Goulburn Valley hopes some day soon to have a re-union 100 strong.

A GLANCE AT THE O.G.C.A.

Its Purpose and Achievements

The Old Geelong Collegians' Association was formed in 1901. A group of Old Collegians, realizing the desirability and necessity of such an organization, met together and the following office bearers were elected—

President:
Professor W. C. Kernot.
Vice-Presidents:
Mr. Stewart McArthur.
Dr. Harry R. Salmon.
Hon. Secretary:
Mr. Stanley B. Calvert.
Hon. Treasurer:
Mr. Neil Campbell.

The objects of the Association are defined as—

- To unite those who have attended The Geelong College as pupils, and foster good fellowship among them;
- To promote the welfare of The Geelong College.

For nearly 40 years the secretary of the Association, Mr. Stanley Hamilton-Calvert, continued in office and, although membership numbers were small, the Association was gradually growing.

Each year the Annual Meeting and Dinner were held, and a Ball, Sports Day at the school was a big day. The Veterans' Plate and the Old Geelong Collegians' Cup, with scores of entrants, were among the main features of the day.

After the death of Mr. Calvert, Mr. Harry Fallaw carried on the work and Mr. Doug Walter followed. After the War, Mr. Matt Wright was appointed secretary and saw the membership grow from 1,000 to 2,100 members in 1959. Mr. Bert Keith, President, and Mr. Geoff Neilson, Secretary are the principal office bearers to-day.

With over 2,000 members, and an intake of approximately 75 new members each year (95 per cent. of the boys leaving school join the O.G.C.A.), the management of the O.G.C.A. is no longer a part time job. There are branches in Sydney, Brisbane, the West District of New South Wales, Hamilton, Gippsland, The Goulburn Valley and Mildura.

Last year it was found necessary to form a Social Committee. This committee runs all functions such as Annual Dinner and Annual Ball.

It would be interesting to detail here the actual gifts

that have been made and handed over to the Geelong College. Boats and equipment to the Rowing Club, the A. H. MacRoberts Score Board, the War Memorial Wing, the Maggie Fund, and the Teddy Rankin Memorial Gates are a few.

The building of the new Preparatory School this year marks the beginning of a new

era in the history of Geelong College, and the part the O.G.C.A. is to play in the future of Geelong College is all important.

In its 58 years the Association has grown from a mere handful of Old Collegians to a very strong representative group of men who realise Geelong College needs their assistance and support.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The names of men of academic distinction are not on the tongue of the man in the street. Scholarship is not usually combined with ambition for wealth, or power, or notoriety. It has rewards of its own and brings rewards of an esoteric kind.

In widely separated parts of the world are workers, few in numbers perhaps, but great in intellect, who regard with great respect the achievements of some Old Collegians. These are the modern pioneers pushing the frontiers of knowledge ever further, and the rest of us stay-at-homes lacking the wit or determination to keep up with the leaders may still be proud of their distinction. Here are notes on some of these men, including only those engaged in pure academic work or research, and excluding practising medical men and engineers, many of whom have fine scholastic records.

The greatest honour in Science is to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, and we head the list with Sir Macfarlane Burnet whose local fame almost equals his international reputation. Working in the same field is Professor D. M. McLean, known not only in Britain, but also in Canada and the U.S.A. as an outstanding virologist. In the allied subject of Bio-Chemistry, Bill Slater, now at Amsterdam, and Jack Legge, Reader in Melbourne University, were contemporaries at College. Before appointment to his foreign chair, Bill Slater worked at the famous Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge for the Agricultural Research Council, who also employed

Iain Pattison as a Veterinary Pathologist at the Compton Research Station. Another product of the Cavendish Laboratory is Robert Honeycombe, Professor of Metallurgy at Sheffield. Robert has just been awarded the Rosenhain Medal for outstanding contributions in Physical metallurgy. A contemporary of his at school was Howard Steel, brilliant Dux and Exhibitioner, who is now a world authority on a branch of Physical Optics and is working at Sydney University. Fenton Pillow, about to proceed to Toronto, Canada, as Professor of Mathematics, was another of that "vintage year". A few years earlier we had Geoff Badger, now Professor of Organic Chemistry at Adelaide University.

On the literary side Murray Williams — the most eloquent school-boy debater in more than 30 years — is now Professor of History at Armidale, N.S.W. Norman Young, a distinguished Theologian, returns full of honours from the U.S.A., and is about to proceed to Queensland University as Assistant Master at King's College. Frank Just at but was renowned for his school was a broad jumper proficiency in foreign languages. He is now Lecturer in French at Melbourne University. In London, Gordon Snell

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The Work of the Chaplain

When giving St. Peter his mandate, Jesus Christ said, "Feed My Lambs," or "Nourish the newcomers to the flock". While the "lambs" of Christ's flock are not limited to those who are young in years, yet surely where you have over 600 young (potential "sheep"), there must be a number of shepherds. The School is fortunate that the task of "shepherding" the flock is shared by a number of men, but perhaps the one on whose shoulders the task is primarily laid, is the Chaplain.

First, he must find and supply suitable food for the different periods of growth. Therefore much of his work will be in the teaching of Scripture at various levels. Some members of the Staff, other than the Chaplain, are glad to be able to teach Scripture and more would like to do so if their time tables would permit. As far as the Chaplain is concerned, his teaching is not confined to Scripture classes.

As well as nourishment, the "lambs" need guidance, training and conditions conducive to growth. The Chaplain arranges the daily, brief Assembly service, attempting to unify the reading, prayer and hymn around one clear theme. Regular visits are paid to Mackie House at the invitation of the House-Master to conduct evening prayers and to meet boys in their dormitories. Whilst the boys still go out to parish churches for the morning service, each Sunday evening the Chaplain arranges and usually conducts a service in the Morrison Hall, designed especially for the boarders. Other services are arranged to mark special occasions, such as Founder's Day,

Anzac Day, Easter, beginning of School year etc.

To help to ensure conditions suitable for growth, the P.F.A. is provided. This is a fellowship within which the challenge of life can be considered from a Christian viewpoint and an opportunity given for active service. For example thirty senior boys have undertaken Sunday School teaching, some amongst Rolland House boys in a Sunday School held within the College and some at other Sunday Schools round about. Other boys have willingly responded to the calls for service which come through the Chaplain from various organisations and individuals in the community.

In any flock there are members demanding individual attention. So the Chaplain is able to visit those who are sick, give counsel where it is sought, give special instruction to those who desire to become communicant members of the Church, endeavour to help those who are astray and so on.

Experience shows that we need a Chapel in which the School can join for worship without the distraction provided by going into a noisy hall used for all kinds of activities. It would be an advantage too if before long a suitable room can be found which will be devoted solely to Scripture teaching and which can be arranged accordingly. Perhaps, until we can build a Chapel, some small "Room of Quiet" can be set up in which a boy may meditate or say his prayers without disturbing associations or handicaps.

This very sketchy outline may provide a peep-hole into the kind of work a chaplain should do in a School such as ours.

MUSIC AND DRAMA AT GEELONG COLLEGE

Not always does dramatic ability go hand in hand with a talent for music. In an attempt to cater for boys with one or the other of these abilities, the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas have been discontinued for the time being, and two separate groups formed.

The Dramatic Club is the newcomer in the field and is a mixed group, with girls from Morongo taking part as well as College boys.

The School Concert, staged in the Morongo Hall, was an evening of drama and music. Mr. D. W. Martin, Director of Music, was in charge of the College orchestra and choir, the main musical item being the "Peasant Cantata" of J. S. Bach. The work took about 45 minutes to perform and was selected for its suitability of length and difficulty.

Two one-act plays, "The Man in the Bowler Hat" and "The Real St. George", produced by Mr. G. W. Young,

brought out some convincing work by the principals and satisfied the large audience on both nights.

Plans for the future include the usual end of term concerts, House Music Competitions, and the performance of larger choral works, both sacred and secular.

The aim of all extra-curricular musical activities is to provide boys with the opportunity to become experienced instrumentalists, singers and intelligent listeners.

The drama group is hoping next year, to produce a three-act play under the leadership of Mr. K. W. Nicolson.



Recent view of the New Preparatory School

1936 AND ALL THAT

Rowing at Geelong College

The final quarter-century of College history is coloured by its outstanding achievements in rowing. Before 1936, there had not been any notable success: twice the final was reached; sometimes there was a near-miss in the heat. Always the highest hopes turned to disappointment, and, though we had won two football premierships, the Head of the River title seemed to be the symbol of hopelessness.

Thus the first importance of 1936 is its effect on College morale. Rowing became all at once a positive feature in education. No longer were we to compete as a matter of form. Since that day our boys have always known that victory was not impossible and have fought with a confidence which runs down through half a dozen crews to the rawest juniors.

Architects of this change were Mr. Charles Saleh, who guided us to that first victory (and to the second, in 1944), and Mr. Albert Bell, both men leaning towards modern American methods which were at first regarded as heresy.

For his first ten years Mr. Bell laboured towards victory, but, while his crews were invariably well placed, they were not good enough to win till 1955, when final breakthrough took place. Since then College has dominated the sport at all levels.

Albert Bell's personality, as much as his great ability, is the basis of this supremacy. He has inspired the boys to give their very best and at the same time won their respect and affection. In the last decade of the College's history he has become one of its outstanding characters.

The second feature of the new order is the prominence of many of our men in senior sport. Few schools can claim such influence in any one sport as Collegians have had in rowing since World War II.

The first senior club to emerge as a power in the game was Corio Bay, its champion crews including I. C. and P. N. Everist, D. G. Bridges, R. W. Purnell and D. R. Salmon as cox. These crews were coached by Albert Bell, and one of them, after winning all senior eight-oared events in Victoria, was selected to represent the State in the 1948 King's Cup.

The Everist brothers continued to make a name for themselves in University and Interstate rowing, and Salmon had great success as coach of Melbourne University and served on the committee of the V.R.A.

Soon after this, Mercantile became the most formidable force under the captaincy of R. R. Aitken, who stroked many brilliant Mercantile and Victorian eights with A. G. Barrett as his seventh man. Later, Aitken had success as coach, eventually taking charge of Australia's 1956 Olympic crew.

In more recent years it has become commonplace to find the names of young Old Boys in leading senior club crews and in Victorian King's Cup and University eights. Two outstanding performers are A. M. H. Aikman and J. G. Howden, who rowed bow and four respectively in the 1956

Australian Olympic eight which came third in the final to U.S.A. and Canada. As a coach, Aikman has now brought Camberwell High School to leadership in the Victorian High Schools' competition. Don Mackay, of the winning 1944 crew, is coach at Mildura. There is every reason to believe that this record will continue in brilliance for many years to come.



Group of Cadets receiving instruction in Fire Control from Capt. G. McKenzie

The Other Poll

The recent opinion poll, in which Old Boys and friends were asked for their views on important aspects of College and Association management, was thought by many to be a novel method of gaining interest and co-operation. And well it might be, for it is 32 years since the College last sought advice in this way.

About 1920 the College seemed to be running down, and the Rev. F. W. Rolland, the new Head, was determined to reverse this trend. After the negative achievement of paying off a large debt, the question arose as to what forward steps should be taken.

A confidential, printed letter, sent in 1927 to "representative Old Boys" of the various decades, posed four possibilities for the College's future:—

1. Stay where we are and as we are, refusing to take more boarders.
2. Stay where we are and as we are, building a Self-contained Junior House to accommodate 70 boarders at a cost of £17,000, on a block recently bought in Talbot Street.
3. Stay where we are and re-fashion our school by degrees.
4. Buy a new site and build a new school.

In enlargement of the last suggestion it was revealed that

an option had been secured over 300 acres of land on Bell Post Hill, which could be secured for £21,000. It was thought that the old site might bring in £40,000, while the erection of a new modern

school would cost about £80,000.

Results of this census were never published but the consequent decision is clear.

Should the College have moved and rebuilt in 1927?

SETTING OUR HOUSE IN ORDER

Many thanks to those hundreds of Old Boys who sent in sheets of corrected addresses, really heartening response! The O.G.C.A. executive cannot maintain an efficient register without such help. For example, every mail sent out from Geelong brings a few returns from the Dead Letter Office, and the missing persons' list grows longer. Over the years, errors and omissions have developed as well.

Some of our willing helpers expressed surprise at the state of the register, and that is, of course, the reason for the appeal. It should be understood that the draft was an attempt to list every man who ever attended the College.

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ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

The story of 1959 approaches its end, a worthy sequel to the many preceding chapters of the College saga.

Dr. Buntine, though he is to leave us ere long, has the school running as smoothly as ever, and the prospect of "new management" has not brought any feeling of uncertainty.

Seasonable "swotting" is being enjoyed by senior students, who at this stage come more and more to appreciate the wisdom of their teachers.

In sport, College has more than held its own. While only moderate glory was achieved in cricket and athletics (the latter marred to some degree by sickness), our win in rowing and our second place in football have kept us in the forefront of A.P.S. sport. These successes were earned by the tremendous determination of the teams and the devotion of their coaches.

Congratulations to all, in school and out, who are confirming and extending College tradition.

SNIPPETS

Despite the busy life he leads as Warden of the House of Guilds, Mr. Donald Webb has found time to lead the move for greater support for Art Galleries in the country of Victoria. At a conference in May at Mildura, he was elected Chairman of the Provincial Galleries Group. Congratulations.

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Centenary, 1961! Our 98th anniversary on July 8, was marked by a special service at morning assembly. What form will the Centennial rejoicings take? Medals for the boys, sports, banqueting, a grand ball? Re-enactment of the original opening at Knowle House? Special church services and assemblies of course. "With flying services as they are today," writes an interstate Old Boy, "there should be no excuse for anyone not being there."

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Who is interested in competition tennis—in Melbourne? Old Grammarians and P.S. T.A. Who will organize, coach, lead? Apply to Sec., O.G.C.A., Box 1, Geelong or to Mr. G. C. Ewan, 1 The Nook, North Balwyn.

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Considerable profit from Melbourne Ball goes to Preparatory School Building Fund, including an amount earned during the evening by David Salmon, one of the hardest bargain-drivers East of Suez.

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College Christmas cards are now available, of completely new design, in colour. Obtainable from the College office: 1/- each, for "Prep. Fund".

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As usual, the number of boys at the College is a record. There are 695 this year! See Austin Gray's homework (the graph, page 1) for a quick idea of problems faced by Dr. Buntine and his staff. There is always room at the top, they say. At G.C. this can only mean on the roof.

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is an up-and-coming playwright.

It is hoped that this brief note conveys more than a list of degrees and doctorates which to those mentioned are "like asparagus in May." On some other occasion we hope similar notes may be written about our distinguished physicians, surgeons, engineers and lawyers.