

Ballarat College Old Collegians' Association

MR. GEORGE HAY.

For many Old Collegians the Headmaster's announcement of Mr. Hay's retirement will mark the end of an era in the School. No matter in the history of the College has had personal contact with so many Old Boys of all ages. His service in the school, both at work and sport, from 1904 until this year, has continued through many ups and downs, and during all these years we have come affectionately to regard "Old George" as a really constant factor in a school which inevitably changes in other ways.

Like most schoolmasters George probably collected the prefix "old" to his name at an early age. Most of us can testify that his attitudes and outlook have never justified it. The Old Boys who have been chivied out at some time or other to work off one of his detentions pushing the roller must be legion. But justice has ever been tempered with mercy, and equal legions have been directed to chase themselves round the oval instead. And, of course, there are those untold weary grinds at irregular verbs and the like which have been enlivened by an astonishing variety of vivid anecdotes, culled from a lifetime of keen and accurate observation. No, even our best efforts never really made him old, and that's saying something!

The influence exerted by Mr. Hay over a period of fifty years can hardly be estimated—it doesn't really need to be. There can be few Old Boys under sixty who have not been formed, at least in part, by that influence.

We are very glad to be able to report that Mr. Hay is making progress after his illness last September, and every Old Collegian will wish him a speedy return to health, and a long and happy retirement.

HONOUR ROLL.

The War Memorial Building now being completed, the Committee of the Association is anxious to proceed with the placing of a permanent Honour Roll in the hall.

It is proposed that the names of those Old Collegians who lost their lives will be inscribed on a board, which will duplicate the centre section of the 1914-1919 Honour Board. The names of all other Old Collegians who were members of the forces will be recorded in an illuminated book, which will be permanently displayed below the board.

The records as they now stand are published below, and it will help enormously in achieving completeness and accuracy if all Old Boys will study this list, and notify us of any errors or omissions.

Ladies' Committee

The Play "Pirates of Penzance," which was so well performed by all members of the Cast, was held in August, for two nights for the school and an extra night for St. Andrew's Kirk funds. Mrs. J. T. John and Mr. James Gullan are to be highly congratulated for this very fine production, and also Mr. G. Rintel who assisted them so very capably. Our thanks go to all those who helped in any way, for without their assistance it would not be possible to stage these performances. The total profit showed an amount of £50/1/4 credited to our funds.

The entertainment provided by the Prep. boys and Form II boys at our August meeting was very well received by all present, and we thank Miss Richardson for preparing such a delightful concert.

Afternoon tea and a stall were again provided on Sports Day, the 23rd of October, and we thank all those Members who assisted on this day.

The dance held on Combined Sports Night again proved most popular and was well attended.

An amount of £25 was donated to the school for the purpose of films to be used for Social Studies. Curtains and a projector have also been provided by our Committee during the year.

Arrangements have been made to hold a Garden Party at the College with all stalls and entertainment on the 26th March, 1955, to raise funds for the erection of more tennis courts and a practice wall. The Old Collegians have very generously offered to combine with us in this very worthy effort. We hope that all parents and friends of the College will keep this date free, and help to make this a most successful effort.

At our Annual Meeting in November, Mrs. J. Smail was elected President in succession to Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Mrs. R. W. Langford Secretary, and Mrs. H. Drury Treasurer in succession to Mrs. D. Robinson who has held that position for four years. Mrs. R. Evans was elected Assistant Treasurer. As the Executive has been enlarged this year, seven new members were welcomed, namely Mrs. F. Redman, Mrs. Kellock, Mrs. K. Webb, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. E. Paddle and Mrs. J. Price. The retiring Members—Mrs. D. Robinson, Mrs. G. Scott, Mrs. E. Bartrop and Mrs. A. Nicholson—were sincerely thanked for the splendid service and time they had given to the Committee.

Thanks were extended to all the other office-bearers, to the ladies who so willingly acted at Hostesses during the year, and to all members who by so willingly assisting in any way, made the year so successful. The sincere thanks of the Committee were also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, and to all Members of the Staff who give so much time and assistance in helping the Committee.

EXCHANGES:

The Editors wish to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines: The Corian, The Melbourne, The Pegasus, The Scotch Collegian, The Wesley College Chronicle, The Caulfield Grammarian, The Brighton Grammarian, The Ivanian, The Carey Chronicle, The Camberwell Grammarian, The Unicorn, Hutchins School Magazine, The Mentonian, The R.A.N. College Magazine, The Touchstone, The M.A.G., The B.H.S. Magazine, The S.P.C. Annual, The S.M.B. Students' Magazine, The Ballarat Grammarian, The Malvern Grammarian, The Dookie Collegian, The Essendon High School Magazine, Co-ee, The Scotch College Reporter, The Haileyburian, The Hamilton Collegian, The C.A.I., The St. Joseph's College Magazine.