

Minutes of 29th Annual General Meeting held at Spinn April 11th 1918.

Mr H W Hodgetts presided over an attendance of 15 members.

Secretary read the notice convening the meeting

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting were confirmed as read.

A letter from the President Mr G Mostyn Coar was read and received.

The Secretary read the Annual Report dealing with the past twelve months and the Treasurer read the Balance Sheet. The adoption of these was moved by Mr H W Hodgetts and second by Mr W Fisk Carried

All Officers of the Association were re-elected for a further term with the addition of Mr W Fisk as a Vice-President.

A discussion followed upon the efforts of the Committee during the year to introduce our game into the High Schools. The Secretary stated that apart from conferences with the Director of Education and

The Sports Masters who were willing to assist if the Boys would adopt the game, no progress had been made. He stated that his Committee therefore desired to hear the views of his meeting before renewing our overtures. It was resolved that the question be referred back to the Committee to act as they considered best in the interests of the Association.

Mr Hocking moved and Mr Batchelor seconded a vote of sympathy to the Secretary Mr West upon the loss of one of his brothers our active service at the seat of war.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried by acclamation and the meeting closed.

Confirmed

Chairman

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LACROSSE
ASSOCIATION REPORT.
 The twenty-ninth report to be presented at the annual general meeting, to be held at the Exchange Hotel, Hindley Street, on April 11th reads:—
 "The main feature of this period, apart from the services rendered to the Empire at the war fronts by members of this association, was the attempt to introduce the game into the large public schools of the metropolis. A conference was held between the association's committee and delegates from the high schools, with a result that your Secretary, accompanied by Mr. E. D. Nicholas, attended the Director of Education and placed our views before him. Subsequently the Adelaide High School, Norwood High School, Woodville High School, and the Junior Technical School notified that they were willing to enter teams into the association, and so that the students of these schools should have some idea of the rudiments of the game, two exhibition matches were arranged and played on the University Oval. Many of the older brigade of lacrosseurs rendered their services, and took part in these matches. Owing to counter-attractions and other causes the high schools did not avail themselves of this opportunity, and been disappointed was felt in lacrosse circles. Negotiations were then dropped, and it is hoped that this coming year will see better fruit from the efforts of those desirous of spreading the game in the same manner as obtained in Melbourne and Sydney. When the schools are ready to take the field, your committee has decided to present the participants with the purchase of boys' rackets still in our possession, numbering about three dozen. It is with very deep regret that we have to record the loss of number eleven, who have given up their lives in the Empire's battle for freedom. Those who have come under notice are:—Dr. Shierlaw, University; R. Fordham, East Torrens; Fred Harvey, Goodwood; E. K. Argus, West Hindmarsh; V. V. Hopkins, Port Adelaide; G. Moore, Jamestown. It will be remembered that it was Mr. Argus who played a large part in the promotion of the West Hindmarsh Club. We all lament the loss of such men. In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, the association remains in recess until the declaration of peace. You will, however, be asked to formally re-appoint the office-bearers for the ensuing year. In conclusion, the hope is expressed that we may be permitted at an early date to see our arms achieve complete victory and secure a lasting peace."

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LACROSSE IN THE SCHOOLS.
 A discussion arose at the annual meeting of the Lacrosse Association last night concerning the introduction of lacrosse into the public schools. It was stated that a difficulty had been met with because of the proposition that football should be adopted generally in the schools. The secretary (Mr. C. A. M. West) stated that during last winter various high schools were approached, and when the association authorities spoke about the matter to the Director of Education they received a sympathetic reply. An exhibition lacrosse match was arranged on the University Oval, in which school teams could compete, but not a single representative of the boys turned up. Mr. West said he was at a loss to know what could be done to awaken further interest in the proposal. It was pointed out by Messrs. H. K. Pavey and H. Hocking, of the University Club, that the future of the game depended upon their teaching boys how to play it. At the instance of Messrs. W. G. F. Batchelor and H. Hocking the matter was referred back to the committee.

LACROSSE.
ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.
 The annual meeting of the Lacrosse Association was held at the Exchange Hotel on Thursday evening, Mr. H. W. Hodgetta presiding over a good attendance. The reports and balance sheet were adopted. Officers elected:—Patron, His Excellency the Governor; president, Mr. G. M. West; chairman of committees, Mr. H. W. Hodgetta; auditors, Messrs. H. R. Adman and L. Shuttleworth; treasurer, Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor; secretary, Mr. C. A. M. West; assistant secretaries, Mr. V. Hoach; committee, Messrs. S. Mann, E. D. Nicholas, and G. C. Campbell; selection committee, Messrs. Hodgetta, Campbell, and H. A. Wicks.

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 The question of introducing lacrosse into the public schools was raised at the annual meeting of the South Australian Lacrosse Association, and during an interesting discussion mention was made of the difficulty encountered by enthusiasts in the rival claims of football. In outlining what had already been done in the matter the Secretary (Mr. C. A. M. West) remarked that last winter various high schools were approached, and eventually the Association authorities yielded upon the Director of Education, from whom a sympathetic reply was received. A match was arranged on the University Oval, in which a team from the schools could compete, but disappointment was occasioned by the fact that not a single representative of the boys put in an appearance. Negotiations were consequently dropped, and the speaker said, in conclusion, that he was at a loss to know what recommendation could be made to awaken new interest in the proposal. Messrs. H. K. Pavey and H. Hocking, of the University and East Torrens clubs respectively, drew attention to the phase that the future of the game depended upon their getting hold of the lads on the assumption of "catching them young." At the instance of Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor, seconded by Mr. Hocking, it was decided that the matter should be referred back to the committee to take what action they thought necessary.

LATE SPORTING.
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ANNUAL MEETING.
 The annual meeting of the South Australian Lacrosse Association was held in War's Exchange Hotel on Thursday night, when Mr. H. W. Hodgetta, jun., presided over a satisfactory attendance.
 The report and balance sheet, which had been published in the "Advertiser," were carried at the instance of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor.
 Officers.—Patron, His Excellency the Governor; President, Mr. G. M. Evans; Vice-Presidents, Sir E. T. South, Des. H. R. Russell, B. A. Coulter, and E. A. H. Russell; Messrs. A. W. Piper, E. C. H. G. Williams, H. A. Pamore, W. A. Hargrave, C. A. Edmunds, L. Huppert, H. W. Hodgetta, jun., W. D. Taylor, A. S. Mann, and W. F. F. Batchelor, Chairman of Committees; Mr. H. W. Hodgetta, jun.; Auditors, Messrs. H. R. Adman and L. Shuttleworth; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. A. M. West; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. Hoach; Committee, Messrs. A. S. Mann, E. D. Nicholas, G. C. Campbell; Selection Committee, Messrs. Hodgetta, Campbell, and H. A. Wicks.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The Hon. David J. Gordon, M.L.C., has been advised by cable from London that his son, Flight-Lieutenant John Rutherford Gordon, of the Royal Flying Corps, has been awarded the Military Cross for special air services during the recent heavy fighting along the Western front. He and his companion, Flight-Lieutenant Staines, also an Australian, had similarly decorated, brought down six enemy machines in one day's fighting. When war broke out Lieutenant Gordon was in the employ of Messrs. George Wilson & Co., Adelaide, and was a sergeant in the Citizens Force. He enlisted in the 10th Infantry Battalion under Colonel Weir, and landed on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, as sergeant of a Company. After serving in the trenches for some time, and taking part in the various exploits of the "Famous Trench," he received his commission on the field from Colonel Weir for consistent meritorious work, and was given charge of a machine gun, commanding a strategic valley. After several months' service on Gallipoli Lieutenant Gordon contracted enteric fever, and was invalided to Australia. He was placed on home service for a period of becoming convalescent, but on passing the medical board he obtained a transfer to the Australian Flying Corps, and joined the Central Flying School at Point Cook, Victoria. After obtaining his pilot's certificate there Lieutenant Gordon went to England for final training. He subsequently joined a newly formed squadron of the Royal Flying Corps. While at a gunnery school in England for aviation Lieutenant Gordon established a new record for the school in marksmanship, obtaining 90 per cent. for his last target shooting. He left with his squadron for France in January, since when he has been on duty on the Western front. An account of his marksmanship he was placed with a selected pilot in one of the latest and fastest battle planes, and it was probable in this machine that the two young Australians won the coveted distinctions with which they have been decorated. Lieutenant Gordon, who is 23 years of age, was educated at the Unley and Stuart street public schools, the Adelaide High School, and St. Peter's College.

DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

Lieutenant William VARLEY, who was killed in action in France on March 14, was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Varley, of Glenelg, and was 26 years of age. He began his education at St. Peter's College, and studied law at the University. He was articled to Messrs. Symon, Rounsavell, and Cleland, and at the time of enlistment had completed the course with the exception of one subject. He and his brother Jack went to England nearly three years ago, and they both enlisted. Lieutenant Varley obtained his commission in the Royal Field Artillery, and was in France for 2½ years. He was in particularly heavy fighting in the Cambrai offensive. He was a good swimmer and living at Glenelg. He was an expert yachtsman. He won many races in his boat, Speed Royal, and also personally built another boat, Wispitrip, with which he won races. He played lacrosse for the University A team and in inter-University matches. He won the blue for lacrosse.

LATE COMPANY-SGT. MAJOR W. P. RUSSELL.

Company-Sgt. Major W. P. Russell, 4th Battalion, who was reported wounded and missing on October 12, 1917, has now been advised as having been killed in action on that date. The deceased was the eldest son of the late St. W. Russell and Mrs. E. W. Russell, of Military road, Geelong, and was born at Calverley. He attended the Jamestown School, afterwards removed with his parents to Malvern, and completed his education at Kyrle College. On leaving school he entered the service of Messrs. John Darling & Son, where he remained for some years, and afterwards transferred to the firm of Hosking & Ryan, Limited, with whom he was connected at the time of his enlistment. He was prominent in lacrosse circles as a player in Sturt A grade, and was also a Past President of the Unley branch of the A.N.A. His pleasant disposition endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He was exceedingly popular with his comrades-in-arms, several of whom have written in praise of his gallant conduct in the attack on Passchendaele Ridge, where he was grievously wounded, and subsequently killed on his way to a dressing station in the rear.

CHILLAW.—No. 2374. Private B. E. (Bert), 4th Battalion, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Chellier, Unley, killed in action in France, April 9th (late of Jamestown).

Gnr. A. W. Craig.

Mr. A. R. S. Craig, the well-known accountant, of Ramsgate Street, New Glenelg, has been advised that his eldest son, Gnr. A. W. Craig, of the Australian Field Artillery, was killed in action in France on April 9 last. The deceased, who was 23 years of age, joined the infantry in January, 1916, and reached the rank of sergeant. He was subsequently transferred to the field artillery, and trained at the Maribyrnong camp until November last year, when he left for England, which he reached on January 5. Early in March he went to France, and met his death in action shortly after his arrival in that country. He was married to Miss Doris Isabel Fisk, a daughter of Mr. W. Fisk, the well-known chemist of Glenelg, and was previously in the employ of Messrs. G. & R. Wills and Co., and for four years prior to enlisting he was a member of the staff of the State Bank, where he was most popular. He was a fine athlete, and was well known as a player for the Glenelg Lacrosse Club, and was also a leading member of the Glenelg Sail-



Late Gnr. A. W. Craig.

ing Club. He took great interest in swimming, and on two occasions competed in the swim through Adelaide, winning a silver medal as the result of his efforts. He also won several swimming contests in the Glenelg baths. Mr. Craig has another son fighting at the front.

Corporal J. W. Gibbs.

The news of the death of their second son, Corporal John William Gibbs, killed in action in France on April 16, was received by Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibbs, of Alison Street, Glenelg. Corporal Gibbs was 22 years of age, and was born at Glenelg. He was educated at the Christian Brothers' College. At the time of enlisting he was employed by Messrs. F. W. Ralph and Co., of Grenfell Street. He left Australia with reinforcements for the 43rd Battalion about 15 months ago. The deceased soldier was an ardent lacrosse player, and was a member of the Holdfast Bay Lacrosse Club. He held the title of champion handball player of the State. Corporal Gibbs was a popular young man, who gave great promise in his civil and commer-

Private SYDNEY W. ESTICK, who was killed in action on May 10 (late of age of act, and was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Estick, of Crystal Brook. He was born and educated at Wandersley Road, where leaving school he acted as clerk in his father's business. He was always interested in military matters, and was a member of a machine gun section prior to the war. Private Estick was a lover of all team sports, and was a member of the Crystal Brook lacrosse team. In 1915 he obtained a position with the firm of Dalgleys & Co., at Port Pirie, and showed great promise, but in May, 1916, he enlisted, and sailed for the front in November of the same year. He was wounded, but soon returned to his company. He was of a kind, lovable disposition, and many friends mourn his untimely end.

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LATE LIEUT. L. E. SWANN, M.M.

Mr. J. W. Chillingham has received intimation that his nephew, Lieut. L. Keith Swann, was killed in France through an accident while flying on December 14. The deceased was a son of Mr. G. L. Swann, of Jamestown. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, where he was highly respected for his good character, and for his prowess in field sports, particularly in the representation of his school in cricket and tennis. He was later on the staff of the Savings Bank of South Australia, and was also teacher in the Parkside Methodist Sunday School. Two brothers, Lieut. V. H. Swann and Lieut. Gordon Swann, are on active service. Deceased responded to the call in 1916, and left with the rank of sergeant-major with the 43rd Infantry Battalion. While on Salisbury Plain he was transferred to the 40th (Div.) Battalion, and went to France in November, 1918. He took part in the Messines Ridge battle, and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in holding a bridge under a heavy bombardment, and was given a commission. He transferred to the Australian Flying Corps at the beginning of this year.

Lacrosse.

LACROSSE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION will be held at the EXCHANGE HOTEL, HINDLEY STREET, Adelaide, FRIDAY, January 24th, at 8 p.m.
 Business.—To discuss the Renewal of Premiership Matches this year and the re-establishment of Affiliated Electorate Clubs, and all matters pertaining to the advancement of the game of Lacrosse in this State. All players are invited to attend.—C. A. M. West, Honorary Secretary.

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REVIVAL OF LACROSSE.

In March, 1916, the members of the South Australian Lacrosse Association decided that the game should be discontinued until peace had been declared. It has been felt that now that peace has been almost assured by the armistice the resumption of the association has been fulfilled, and that, like other sports which have been in abeyance during the period of the war, lacrosse should be revived. A special meeting to consider the matter was held on Friday evening at the Exchange Hotel, Hindley street. Mr. C. L. Abbott presided over a large attendance. He explained the circumstances which had led up to the summoning of the meeting. Mr. H. H. Hocking moved, and Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor (Treasurer) seconded, that premiership matches should be resumed this year, in accordance with rule 25. The motion, which was supported by Messrs. E. C. Chabrel, V. Selth, and L. Watkins, was adopted unanimously.

LACROSSE.

THE GAME TO BE REVIVED.

Early in the war the Lacrosse Association decided to discontinue premiership matches until cessation of hostilities. On Friday night a special meeting of lacrosse players was held at the Exchange Hotel to discuss the question whether the affiliated electorate clubs should now be established and the game renewed. There was a large gathering of old players, some of which Mr. C. L. Abbott, of the University Club, presided. The chairman explained that the decision not to play until the war was over was come to in March, 1916. The association desired to know whether, in view of the fact that the armistice had been signed, the players felt that premiership matches should be resumed. Mr. H. H. Hocking moved, and Mr. W. G. F. Batchelor seconded, that the Lacrosse Association recommends premiership matches this year, in accordance with rule 25. Messrs. E. C. Chabrel, V. Selth, and L. Watkins supported, and the motion was carried unanimously.