ON THE BEACH.

Hushed is the sea to-night.
The surf rolls in upon the sloping sands
With gentle splashing sound; the moon o'erhead
Sheds down with undimmed lustre golden beams
Ath wart the ocean's floor, and all around,
Her rays but half reveal the wooded land,
And eerie shadows play among the trees.
Upon the beach we stretch ourselves at length,
And watch the meteors flashing through the air,
The messengers from other worlds than ours,
Flying through space on their appointed way.
We gaze in silence on the starry sky,
Awed by the still immensity of night;
How small and insignificant we seem,
When measured with the boundless universe.

W.W.E.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD U. C. C. BOYS.

II.—HON. EDWARD BLAKE, Q.C.

Of all the Old Boys who have distinguished themselves in after life, he who has earned the greatest reputation, is undoubtedly Hon. Edward Blake. Mr. Blake was born in Middlesex, Ontario, in 1833. He is the son of the late Wm. Hume Blake, an eminent jurist of Upper Canada. He was taught in his early years by Mr. Wedd, late master of this school, and afterwards became a pupil of Upper Canada College, from which he matriculated as Head Boy in 1850. He then attended the Toronto University and graduated in 1853, winning the Chancellor's gold medal for that year. Then he studied law, and was called to the Bar in 1856. He was created a Q.C. in 1864, and seven years later became Bencher of the Ontario Law Society: in 1876 he received the appointment of Chancellor of the Toronto University, a position which he still occupies. Mr. Blake's legal career has been remarkably brilliant. He was offered the Chancellorship of Ontario in 1869, and later the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court, but was obliged to decline them on account of ill-health.

Hon. Edward Blake's political life has been equally brilliant. In 1867, after the confederation of the provinces, he was selected member for the House of Commons, and at the same time member for the Local Parliament. Soon afterwards he became Premier of Ontario and also President of the Council, but he soon resigned these offices in order to sit in the Dominion House. In 1875

he became Minister of Justice in Hon. Alexander Mackenzie's administration, whom he succeeded as leader of the Opposition in 1880, and for eight years continued in that position, when ill-health compelled him to resign. Hon. Edward Blake has great powers as an orator, and his legal ability is unsurpassed in Canada.

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HARE AND HOUNDS.

The first of our paper chases took place on Thursday, Oct. 15, in which the Upper School participated.

About 3.15 o'clock the hares (Snyder and Burnside) started off with their bags of paper towards the back of the College, leaving the hounds (about thirty in number) impatient to get after them. Having given the hares ten minutes' start the hounds started off, to find the first impediment in a creek. Some thinking the water was only knee deep, dashed in only to find, when they got over, to their chagrin, that the greater part of them was soaking wet; but others not so hasty looked round for a narrower passage.

Very frequently during the run the trail was lost, either through the wind, which was quite strong, blowing the paper away, or the hares not laying the trail thick enough, the latter being the general belief.

In one part of the run the trail was so completely lost, that the hounds wandered for about a mile, but coming across it again they started off on the home run, and there was nothing to hamper them except their tired limbs, broken wind, and several fences.

The first to enter beneath the poles was Mc-Connel, with "Deac." White a good second, and then came the others. "Dutchy" and Burnside made a very good run of it, going it in twenty-three minutes. The course was about three miles. It was a very enjoyable run, Frenchie's whistle keeping the hounds pretty well together, and we hope there will be many more to follow.

The Junior paper chase came off on the day following, over a shorter course. About ninety boys started off in chase of Wanless and Biggar,