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Hi Nikki,

I am not from the Ocean Shores area (Byron Bay is my residence) but am involved with history of Byron Shire. Tuckaburra was the name of the area that the fields are located on. The school at what is now Billinudgel was called Tuckaburra in 1893 as per the newspaper articles below. Regards Geoff Bensley

A BIG SCRUB CONVERT.

BY "JIMMIE PANNIKIN."

BILLIGUDGE, or Tuckaburra is a township on the Tweed. It was called "The Pocket," during the construction of the Ewing-Perry railway, because, so said a well known Forest Ranger, it became a pocket edition of Sheol on pay-days. It's inhabitants originally were mostly the navvies engaged on the E.P. railway. Altogether the population was the roughest and rowdiest out of Sydney. The police visited it regularly; but, according to an unimpeachable authority, their inspection was invariably confined to what they could see as they rode through the township at full gallop, looking straight ahead. Curiously enough the teacher of the little galvanised iron public school was a slight, clean-shaved, gentle-looking young fellow named — Lamb; but the beggar could hit like a ram can butt.

When the Rev. H. J. Graduate paid his first visit to Tuckaburra, he called upon Mr. John Thomas Bunter, who was, so he had been wickedly informed in Murwillumbah, one of the leading men of the Wesleyan denomination. Bunter described himself in his mellow moments (which were not infrequent) as "the hardest blanky case on the three blankier rivers." He often said that he did not go to church, because he had never found a clergyman, who could stand up to him for twenty minutes, or even ten minutes, for that matter. During the first few minutes of the interview, the clergyman dropped to the fact, that he had been grossly led astray as to Bunter's real character—and he was wild.

"It all amounts to this, Mr. Bunter, that you won't go to church unless I am a pugilist as well as a preacher."

"Yairs. That's sit. You stand dup, give an' tike, fa ten minits—if ya can, 'n' I'll be ya bloomin' follyer reg'lar."

"And there's no other way of introducing you to live more like a Christian man and less like a brute beast?"

"Here, ya kin sliug that about beasts, ya kuow," said Bunter, surlily.

"Come outside, then, Mr. John Thomas Bunter, and we'll see who is best man."

Bunter fairly gaped; but he accepted the invitation. Instinct was stronger than surprise—and belting a parson bloke would be good fun. The fight was protracted; but in the end, condition, pluck and science enabled the Rev. H. J. Graduate to wipe the paddock with "the hardest case on the three rivers."

Divine service was held therafter, every three weeks, in a detached sample room, at the back of the "Pick and Shovell" hotel. Bunter attended well for months. Then he rebelled. He said to the parson—

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"Ya see, Mr. Parson, ya preachin's goin' orf, an' my boxin's comin' on fast. I'm in better nick than I wuz, when you done me so bad, an' so I'm goin' ta chuck kup church-goin—unlez ya kin belt me agen."

Mr. Bunter *was* belted again, and belted badly, down on Sally's Flat. And so once more he became a church-goor; and, though he often complained about the poorness of the preaching, his boxing never seemed to come on sufficiently for him to break out again in open rebellion—at least not while the Rev. H. J. Graduate had charge. Later on there came another kind of parson to Billinudgel-Tuckaburra; but that's another Kipling.

Government Gazette.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

APPOINTMENTS.—R. Finlayson, M. Tynan, J. M'Kay, and F. W. Hewlett have been appointed additional trustees of the Wollongong branch of the Savings Bank of New South Wales.

PROMOTION.—Senior-sergeant Johnson to be an Acting Sub-inspector.

NEW POLLING BOOTH.—Upper Urara has been declared to be a polling place at the election of members to serve in the Legislative for the electoral district of Grafton.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED.—It is proposed to establish public schools at Main Camp (Dunbible Creek, near Murwillumbah, and Tuckaburra, near Brunswick.

TRUSTEES.—Reserve, Cootamundra, for hospital extension: J. J. Miller, J. King, D. M'Conaghy, W. H. Matthews, P. J. O'Donnell, P. Maguire, and F. Pinkstone; portion of the general cemetery at Rosewood, set apart for Church of England burial ground, trustees of church property for the diocese of Goulburn; land at Springwood for public recreation and water supply, J. E. Green and G. Larsen.

SURRENDER OF AN OYSTER LEASE.—In accordance with the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884, oyster lease No. 2195, on the Hastings River, in the occupation of J. S. Dick, has been surrendered.

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Department of Public Instruction,
Sydney, 18th August, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Teachers to the positions and Schools specified in connection with their respective names,—

Miss M. M'Donnell, Mistress, Girls' Department, Public School, Tighe's Hill.

Mr. W. Woodward, Assistant Teacher, Public School, Tighe's Hill.

Miss A. Badham, Teacher, Public School, Billimari.

Mr. H. D. Balmain, Teacher, Public School, Peel.

Mr. Wm. Bullen, Teacher, Public School, Old Junee.

Mr. F. Quin, Teacher, Public School, Cunnigar.

Mr. E. Riley, Teacher, Public School, Tuckaburra.

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