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Ald. Gibson's "old school tie"

ONE man of force and drive and persistence can accomplish more than a whole army of nibblers. For months and months the nibblers agitated—if their efforts can be dignified with such a strong-blooded word—for something to be done with the derelict Crystal Palace—but, alas! did nothing to remedy the state of affairs. It was not until Ald. C. H. Gibson began to hit out that there was any reasonable prospect of something being done. And the point is it has been done. The space-starved youths of the district are to be provided with the necessary pitches and grounds for the playing of their games.

The attainment of what a man sets out to accomplish is an immense satisfaction to the public, and, more to the point, an object-lesson to those in public life who may be classed among the nibblers. There are some who enter into public life in a half-hearted manner. Others bring to it all the vigour and forcefulness that they impart to their own business or professional affairs. The power to get things done is not so much a physical attribute as an attitude of mind. And an attitude of mind is almost entirely due to training. When a man embarks upon public life he enters a public school of the most ancient foundation and with the finest traditions. In that school he learns to be a leader of men—and the first essential of a leader is that he shall get things done. Thereafter he can wear his "old school tie" with pride and satisfaction.

We may therefore draw attention to Ald. Gibson's "old school tie." He has won his right to wear it by years of steady work in the most public of our great public schools. There may be some who rather dislike it—even more, despise it, saying "Why do you flaunt that gaudy bit of silk?" Because, good sirs, he is entitled to wear it, as, before long, he will wear the symbols of office that express the town's gratitude for his long years of service.