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Editorial.

THE close of the Football Season failed to carry out the good promise of the beginning, and though no doubt our team was seriously weakened by certain fellows leaving at Midwinter and during this term, not to mention the unfortunate disablement of two more of our best players, the moral to be deduced is that too much reliance must not be placed in individuals. A 'one man' team is necessarily an uncertain one, so that it behoves even the weakest member to do his best to qualify himself to fill a gap with credit to the XV and the School. A little more self-confidence would go far to increase the value of an

inexperienced player, when unexpectedly promoted to a post of responsibility. We must not however leave this subject without offering this season's Premiers our sincere congratulations on their splendid exhibition. To score 180 points to some nine or ten is a performance to be proud of, and the trophy, which is now their property after three successive wins, could not have been better deserved. With the end of the Football Season, we have come at once, and wisely so, to Cricket. The two opening matches will, we hope, be omens of good for the coming season. As our list contains not only fixtures with the leading schools of N.S.W., but also an intercolonial contest

with the sister C.E.G.S., in Melbourne, it is high time for our cricketers to be up and doing. We cannot have too much attention paid to the departments of bowling and fielding; if we wish to succeed. Bating practice was rather overdone last season; ten minutes or a quarter of an hour per week, when once in decent form, is, exclusive of matches, quite enough for all useful purpose. Over practice seems strangely enough to produce either a sort of staleness and want of nerve, just when nerve is most required, or a fatal over-confidence and carelessness of style. We are glad to have to record that our first Athletic Sports Meeting at the end of last term was, in spite of the weather, a pronounced success. If none of the records were very phenomenal, we shall have the more to expect all round next year.

The present term however will perhaps by many fellows be not so well remembered for Athletics as for hard grinding with the coming Senior and Junior close at hand. We can only hope that those who have worked so hard,—and they are not a few—will be rewarded for their trouble,

and further that some special distinction may be won for the School in one or other subject. To do well in this way is often open to those who cannot shine in sports and games, and it is no less an honour to excel in brainwork than with hand and foot.

We have, before we conclude this article, a sad duty to perform. A school in its little way and in its little life is not exempt from the sorrows and accidents of later years. In every school of any long standing there is some little tablet or the recollection of some quiet grave to speak to the fact of the shortness of this life and of our hope of the next. In our last issue we had to record the death of Mr. Wallace (of Newcastle), a sincere and generous friend of the School from its first days. This term, by a terrible accident, Clifford Carey, one of our own number, met his death. We can only express once more the sincere sympathy, which the whole School feels and indeed has in various ways endeavoured to show, with the bereaved family in their unforeseen calamity.

In Memory of
CLIFFORD, JAMES, HERBERT CAREY,

BORN JULY 4TH, 1877,

ENTERED THE SCHOOL, OCTOBER 8th, 1889,

— DIED —

FROM THE EFFECTS OF A FALL FROM HIS HORSE,
AUGUST 26TH 1892.

Football.

IN our first Football Season, that of 1890, we could only meet the 3rd Teams of the other leading Schools; in 1891 we made a step onwards and played 2nd Teams; this year we determined to enter for the "School's Challenge Trophy" and play 1st Teams. We could not therefore expect anything like a good record; but in the first half of the season we did very well, scoring wins against the Sydney Grammar School and Newington College. Unfortunately before the return matches, Barton (Capt.), Wilkinson and Wallace had left, and Clarke II, Jones and Ireland I were unable to play, so that, with six places to fill up, the results of the inter-School matches were a foregone conclusion and we had only to chronicle defeat after defeat. On the whole we came out third, the points being:—The King's School, 24; Newington College, 12; C. E. G. S., 8 and Sydney Grammar School 4.

The second fifteen were all very light and they could make no stand against their heavier opponents. However, they played well together and, when pitted against teams of about their own weight, they more than held their own.

The following is the list of matches played by the first XV with the result:—

NO. OF MATCHES PLAYED, 12.	
Won, 4; Lost, 8; Drawn, 0.	
May 14	v. University III ...lost 11-0
" 18	v. The King's School ...lost 31-0
" 28	v. Randwick Juniors B ...won 46-0
June 1	v. Sydney Grammar School won 4-0
" 4	v. St. Ignatius' College ...lost 4-0
" 8	v. Newington College ..won 9-8
July 30	v. Randwick Juniors ...lost 25-6

Aug. 3	v. Sydney Grammar School	lost	6-0
" 6	v. Mr. Hixon's Team	..won	7-6
" 10	v. University scratch	..lost	20-4
" 24	v. Newington College	..lost	23-0
" 31	v. The King's School	..lost	46-0

THE 2nd XV PLAYED 12 MATCHES.

Won, 2; Lost, 9; Drawn, 1.

C. E. G. S. v KING'S SCHOOL.—Played on the North Sydney Reserve, on August 29th. Our team was weakened by the absence of G. Clarke, whose hand would not yet permit him to play, of Jones who had dislocated his elbow two days before while practising, and also of E. Ireland, our full back, who was called home suddenly, so it was no wonder that we did worse than ever against the crack School Team. The game hardly needs description. Our opponents were too good for us all round. Despite the especial efforts of R. H. Pockley, Stewart and Kendall, the score was 46-0 against us, Moore, Bond and Manchee obtaining most of the tries. The great feature of the game was White's splendid kicking for goal; out of eight attempts, he put the ball over the bar seven times, three of them being at very difficult angles.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE v C. E. G. S.—Played at North Shore on Wednesday, and the game resulted in a win for Newington by 23 points to nil. Busby kicked off, and the college soon had the school on the defensive. Some good passing between the Newington back division resulted in Warden scoring first try for them. The ball being set in motion again, Kendall intercepted the pass and made way, but was over-

taken by Cowlshaw, who brought the ball back on to the school line. A feeble punt by one of the school quarters was faken advantage of by Edwards, and he finished a good run by sending the ball out to Warden, who crossed the line and scored second try for Newington. No goal was kicked from it. Kendall kicked off and some close scrimmages took place in the centre of the ground, Kendall being noticeable for the school by frequently intercepting the passes of the college quarters. Cowlshaw made a good run along the boundary, and from the scrimmage formed Busby brought the ball away and scored third try for Newington, no goal resulting. After half-time the school took the ball into the college 25; but Warden soon had it back again. From the scrimmage formed Cowlshaw took the pass and scored again for Newington, Wright kicking a goal from the try. After the kick-off the college forwards put in some good passing, which resulted in Beaumont scoring fifth try for Newington, the kick for goal being unsuccessful. Shortly after Edwards kicked a goal from the field, and the whistle then sounded for time. Mr. Lusk was an impartial umpire.

C.E.G.S. v SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.— Played on the University Oval on August 8th. We were without the services of our captain (G. Clarke), in this match, and E. Pockley took his place as centre-half-back. Our opponents kicked off and rushed the ball at once to our twenty-five. However by degrees it was worked away and very even play was the rule during the remainder of the first-half, though several times our goal line was in great danger, Coombes especially

making some strong runs. In the second half the Grammar School again came with a rush, and kept us pretty well hemmed in for some time. But for a long time could not break down our defence, and it looked as if a draw would result. However out a scrimmage close on our line, a forward from the other side managed to struggle across and ground the ball, although held by one or two of our men. No goal was kicked from the try. Just before time McMahon took a pass, and putting on his pace, ran round our backs and got the second try for the Sydney Grammar School. Thus we lost by 6 points to nil.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

1891-92.

- W. ABRAHAM I.—Wing Half-back. Though rather light runs and tackles well. Should practice kicking.
- R. BARTON.—A good hard-working centre-forward. Uses his weight well. Proved an energetic and successful Captain. [Has left.]
- W. B. CLARKE I.—Works hard, but should learn to tackle properly and to dribble without kicking.
- G. R. C. CLARKE II.—Makes a very good centre-half-back. Passes and kicks well but might use the right foot as well as the left. His loss early this term was greatly felt by the team. Is the present Captain.
- N. COX.—Improved in almost every respect during the latter half of the season but especially in tackling. Must still further improve in kicking and try and use his speed to more advantage.

- M. DAWSON.—Plays a consistent forward game but is inclined too kick to hard when on the ball.
- E. IRELAND I.—Collars well as back. Kicking very weak. Should learn also to punt. His absence towards the end of the term necessitated very inconvenient changes of position in the team.
- N. T. JONES.—Succeeded Barton as centre forward and being possessed of considerable powers of endurance filled the position well. His absence from the scrimmage during the last two matches was responsible in a great measure for its want of combination.
- H. W. KENDALL.—Plays an excellent wing-forward, dribbling and following up well. Might tackle more determinedly.
- J. MAIR.—Improved considerably during the latter half of the season and made good use of his weight and strength in the scrimmage. Is however apt to tire rather quickly and to fall out of his proper place.
- J. McNICKLE.—Though a novice at the beginning of the season, learnt the game very quickly. Plays with great spirit, and with increased weight and strength, next season should do well.
- H. POCKLEY I.—Perhaps the most hard-working and generally reliable member of the team. Took Ireland's place as back during his absence and in it displayed a fair amount of coolness and tact. But though a very sure tackler he frequently forgets to go for the ball as well. Is also a little slow in returning.
- E. POCKLEY II.—As wing-half is especially quick at taking the ball when passed and can kick on occasions. His form towards the end of the season was rather disappointing.
- A. H. YARNOLD.—At quarter passes well, though not always quickly enough. Can tackle, but might punt more into touch in his own twenty-five.
- W. H. WILKINSON.—Also a quarter-back. An indefatigable worker and though small, a very strong and skilful runner. Since he left, his place has been very hard to fill.
- J. STEWART.—At quarter-back gets the ball quickly and plays with plenty of go, but is rather inclined to go out of his place.

ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Of old they taught each Persian youth
 To handle steed, wield bow, speak truth ;
 Write oar for horse, and bat for bow,
 What better education now ?

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Athletic Sports.

OUR first annual Athletic Sports Meeting took place on the North Sydney Cricket Oval, on Tuesday June 14th. The day turned out very wet, but notwithstanding there was a good attendance, and the meeting passed off successfully. Mr. Davis and Yarnold acted as Hon. Secs., and the Stewards were Mr. Robson, Barton, Clarke, II., Jones, and Wallace, I. Mr. Robson, and Mr. Baker officiated as Judges; Mr. Linton, and Mr. Holme, as Time-keepers; and Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Hall as, Starters. All the preliminary heats, kicking the football, and the mile open were decided on the preceding Friday. The latter event proved the most exciting. Wallace, I. and McNickle running neck to neck till some thirty yards from the finish, when the former putting on a spurt won by about 5 yards, in 5 min., 22 secs. The Challenge Shield for the best all-round athlete was considered a certainty for Wallace, and he had the sympathy of the whole school on the receipt of the telegram announcing his father's sudden death on the day before the sports.

The championship of the school, was now a very open event, but Cox proved an easy winner, obtaining first in the long and high jumps, in the 100 yards, 220 yards, and 440 yards, and third in throwing the cricket ball. The prize for this event was a very handsome challenge shield, presented by the lady friends of the school, and has to be won three years consecutively before being the actual property of the winner.

For the Championship under 14, a gold pencil case was presented by His Excellency the Governor; this was won by

Fiaschi, I., who secured first in 440, and high jump; third in the 220 yards, and third in the 100 yards. The points for the Championship were as follows:—

All Schools' Race 8 for 1st, 5 for 2nd, and 3 for 3rd.

All open Flat Races 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, and 2 for 3rd.

High Jump, Broad Jump, Throwing Cricket Ball, and Kicking Football, 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd.

By the decision of the chief Public Schools Athletic Association, the winner of the All-Schools 100 yards race, was to be the champion 100 yards school runner for the year. There were representatives from The King's School, Sydney Grammar School, Newington College, St. Ignatius College, Moore College Grammar School, Sydney High School, Marist Brothers' School, Parramatta, and the C. E. G. S. A. D. Bond of The King's School, won easily. R. C. Forsyth of the Sydney High School, being second, and F. Dynon, St. Ignatius' College, third.

The prizes were presented in the School Hall, by Miss Snowden Smith, on same day, immediately after the Primate had declared the new buildings open.

The Committee beg to tender their best thanks to those friends of the School, who contributed so generously to the Prize Fund.

The results of the events were as follows:—

440 yards, under 14—1st. P. Fiaschi, I.,
2nd S. Binny, I., 3rd L. Clarke,
III.

Long Jump, open.—1st N. Cox, 2nd W. Burcher, 3rd P. Brett. Distance 16 ft. 9½ ins.

- 220 yards, under 16.—1st W. Abraham, I.,
2nd S. Maddrell, 3rd G. Donohoe
Time 26½ secs.
- 100 yards, under 14.—1st R. Hill, 2nd
L. Clarke, III., 3rd P. Fiaschi, I.
- 100 yards, open—1st N. Cox, I. 2nd S.
Stevens, I., 3rd W. H. Wilkinson, I.
Time 11 2/5ths secs.
- Long Jump, under 14.*—1st G. R. Wilson,
IX, 2nd R. Rose, 3rd R. Wilson,
VII. Distance 12 ft. 6 ins.
- 220 yards, under 12.—1st C. Abraham, II.
2nd R. Fitzhardinge, III., 3rd W.
N. Giblin.
- 440 yards, open.—1st N. Cox, 2nd W. H.
Wilkinson, I., 3rd H. Kendall.
- High Jump, under 14.*—1st P. Fiaschi, I.,
2nd L. Clarke, III., 3rd A. Friend.
Height 3 ft. 10¼ ins.
- One Mile, open*—1st S. B. Wallace, I.,
2nd J. McNickle, 3rd W. H. Wilk-
inson, I. Time 5 mins. 22 secs.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball.*—1st G. R. C.
Clarke, II., 2nd R. Barton, 3rd N.
Cox. Distance 87 yards.
- 220 yards, under 14.—1st R. Hill, 2nd S.
Binny, I., 3rd P. Fiaschi, I.
- 220 yards, open.—1st N. Cox, 2nd S.
Stevens, I., 3rd W. H. Wilkinson,
I.
- Kicking the Football.*—1st F. Day, 2nd G.
R. C. Clarke, II., 3rd A. H.
Yarnold.
- 100 yards, under 12.—1st C. Abraham, II.,
2nd R. Fitzhardinge, III., 3rd N. J.
Giblin.
- 440 yards *Handicap, over 12. (Final.)*—
1st H. Kendall, 15 yards. 2nd J.
McNickle, 16 yards. 3rd W. H.
Wilkinson, 13 yards.
- 100 yards *All Schools' Championship.*—1st
A. D. Bond, K.S., 2nd R. C. For-
syth, S.H.S., 3rd F. Dynon, St. I. C.
Time 11 secs.
- 220 yards *Handicap under 14. (Final
Heat.)*—G. R. Wilson, 16 yards. S.
Binny, 12 yards. L. Clarke, 7 yards.
- High Jump, open.*—1st N. Cox, 2nd E.
Pockley, II., 3rd H. Pockley, I.
Height 4 ft. 7½ ins.
- Strangers' Race, 220 yards Handicap.*—
1st J. Abraham, 14 yards. 2nd R.
C. Forsyth, 5 yards. 3rd H. Lee.
- 220 yards *Handicap, over 12 yards. (Final)*
—1st J. Mair, 13 yards. 2nd H.
Kendall, 11 yards. 3rd R. Barton,
13 yards.
- Three-Legged Race.*—1st Kendall and
Maddrell, 2nd Clarke II. and
Yarnold.
- Consolation Race, over 14—220 yards.*—1st
E. Ireland, I., 2nd H. Pockley, I.,
3rd W. B. Clarke, I.
- Consolation Race over 14—220 yards.*—1st
P. Aiken, 2nd C. Fiaschi, II.
- Tug of War, Boarders v Day Boys.*—Won
by Day Boys, Abraham, Brett,
Clarke, I., Clarke, II., Dawson,
Kendall, Pockley, I., Pockley, II.,
Jones and Twynam.



Cricket.

THE Cricket Season opened on September 10th. Two Club Matches have already been played and won. It is to be hoped that this record may be kept up next term. Details are as follows.

C.E.G.S. v ARSLEY C.C.—Played September 10th, at the C.E.G.S. The School won the toss, and Mr. Hughes and Deane put on 42 for the first wicket. This good start was well maintained, and the innings was finally declared closed with 5 wickets down for 170.

The chief scorers were: Deane, 56; W. B. Clarke, 31 and Morson, 28 (not out). Our opponents made but little stand, and were all disposed of for 29. Deane taking 6 wickets and W. B. Clarke, 4.

C.E.G.S. v THE COODRAS.—Played September 17th at the C.E.G.S. Our opponents brought up a fairly strong team, and going in put on 91. Gilfillan, 41, and Doyle 20. Kendall took four wickets, and Mr. Hall, 3. Our innings began disastrously, 2 wickets falling in the first over. Mr. Hall and Deane then raised the score to 40, but except Kendall 17, the 5 next wickets contributed little. When the last man went in, there were still 19 runs to make. Amid great excitement, Pockley, I. and Mair by plucky hitting, pulled the match out of the fire, our innings closing for 94. The Coodras went in again, and resorting to reckless slogging in a bad light, had lost 9 wickets for 31 (Gilfillan 20 not out) at call of time. G. Clarke took 5 wickets, Mr. Hughes, 3.

Notes on Bowling.

SCHOOLBOY bowlers, however naturally gifted, too often make the mistake of imagining that mere straightness of direction, and, for choice, the greatest pace they can muster, fulfill all the essentials of good bowling. The former idea is no doubt sound in the main, but the latter is the parent of many evils, leading many a promising player on to overbowl himself with ruinous results to future form. But even the straightest bowling will at times fail to prevent a long stand being made, and it is then that something more than accuracy is necessary. Bowling requires as much from the head

as from the hand. This paper is intended to draw attention to the main points of bowling, and to make a few practical suggestions as to the use of the means at a bowler's disposal.

First then as to the delivery of the ball, the points to be considered, are Length, Direction, Break or Spin, and Pace. The order, in which they are here given, fairly well represents their relative importance.

Length or the distance from the wicket, at which a ball pitches, will be perhaps best understood by stating briefly

the different kinds of balls which may be bowled, of these roughly speaking there are five kinds, viz. : (a) The Length ball *par excellence* pitching according to pace—the faster the shorter—from four to six yards from the wicket. (b) The Yorker or Creaser, which pitches anywhere between the popping crease and the wicket. (c) The Full Pitch, which strikes or passes the wicket on the volley. (d) The Half-Volley or Tice, which pitches within the batsman's reach, so that he can hit it on the rise, exactly on the principle of a drop kick at football. (e) The Short Pitch, or any ball pitching at a greater distance than 6 or 6½ yards from the wicket.

The aim of every would-be bowler, should first be to bowl at will a good length ball. It is the only ball, which does not play itself, and which keeps down runs.

Its value lies in the fact, that the batsman has least time to see its pitch, and yet cannot without great risk step in to meet it on the full or at the pitch.

Conversely it holds that a short pitched ball is the easiest to play, as giving the batsman longest sight of it. Thus a bowler, who is always short, does absolutely more harm to his own side, than to his opponents. So necessary is it to avoid this fault, that it is better for young players to practise on a shortened pitch, till the habit of getting a good length is fixed, and then to increase the distance to the full twenty-two yards as their strength allows. The other varieties of length mentioned are valuable to vary your attack. It often happens that a batsman will play steadily over after over of good length balls, in the hope of wearing out the bowling. In that case

your tactics will be to vary your length. The Yorker is an excellent variety, especially to a new batsman, as it is often fatal to the best players, and besides, is generally disliked. The Full Pitch, and Half Volley are bowled chiefly for *catches*, being comparatively easy, they may make a free bat reckless, and even entice a "stone-waller" to his doom. Their value depends on the proper placing of the field, to intercept the hits.

Secondly, Direction. If the bowler's only object was to cleanbowl a wicket, he would of course have no choice but to keep dead on-it. But practically he will find, he will have to bowl intentionally at times off the wicket, if he wishes the batsman to hit a catch to a previously posted fieldsman. This in fact is the whole design of the so-called "off" and "leg" theory of bowling. A fine example of its success was witnessed at the last England v Australia match in Melbourne, where Blackham, having carefully placed a man at deep square leg, signed privately to the bowler, and the very next ball saw the batsman held at the arranged spot. This however is the highest perfection of the art, to be humbly but diligently imitated by the common crowd.

Thirdly, Break or Spin. It may be taken as a rule, that the faster you bowl, the less "work" you can get on the ball. No ball is quite first-class without "work" on it, but it should also be remembered that too much break often defeats itself, either missing the wicket, or allowing the batsman too long to see it. If a bowler can work the ball with certainty, two or three inches from one or the other side, of course allowing in direction for the amount of "work," and further will vary his "workers" with an occasional plain one, he is not far off being a first

class exponent. Right-handed bowling has generally the "off," and left hand, the "leg" break on it.

Fourthly, Pace. No greater mistake can exist, than that a fast ball is necessarily a difficult one. Once the batsman learns to stand up to such bowling coolly, he will probably find truth in the assertion, "that fast bowling plays itself." While there is no reason why a boy should not bowl fast, if built that way, provided he does not try to bowl his fastest, and never goes on straining when he is tired, there is nevertheless more head work in medium and slow bowling, in which the points of length, direction, and spin, can all be acquired with greater ease and effect.

It need scarcely be added after what has been said about variety above, that variety of pace is none the less essential to good bowling. *i.e.* a fast bowler should occasionally send down a medium paced or even a slow ball and *vice versa*. This last consideration leads us up to the very important matter of style in delivery, on which it may be said that the higher the arm is raised above the shoulder, the more command one has of the ball. Everyone should choose for himself his own style, and *stick to it*. Change of style is simply suicidal. The style once chosen, every effort must be made to make the action of the arm and body, when delivering the ball, as far as possible the same, whatever the pace, etc., may be. This of course helps to puzzle the batsman by giving him no inkling of what is coming. A run of eight or ten yards up to the wicket is

more conducive to this end, than too short a run. There is also a wide field in bowling, which is now-a-days sadly neglected, *viz.*: underhand. Twenty years ago, a "lob" bowler was a feature in every XI. Underhand, backed up good fielding, will work wonders, and it lends itself to all the puzzling varieties of pitch, pace, and break, no less than the ordinary style. At any rate it is worth experimenting on by any one, who has judgement and patience. Its more extraordinary forms, "daisy-cutters" and "sky-scrappers," though not without example in first rate cricket, are perhaps better left to their native village green; still historically speaking, the former is probably the original method.

In conclusion, a bowler should lay the following considerations to heart: (a) To keep his length, except for a special reason. (b) To find out each batsman's weak spot, and bowl for it. (c) To rely on his field, and occasionally to encourage even a "stone-waller" to hit out and up, (d) not to lose heart or temper if he is hit severely, but try another trick; a good wicket is cheap at twenty runs on a perfect pitch. (e) To go off bowling when he is getting tired or short. (f) Lastly, if he wishes to be a *good* bowler, to remember old Lilywhite's advice—to bowl not less than a dozen balls of his best *every day* at practice. Bowling on such principles is no "mere mechanic art," but a science, and no better lesson can be obtained by a tyro, than watching a few overs, from a really good exponent against first class batsmen of different styles.

A Month in Maoriland.

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HAVING spent four very pleasant days in Napier and its neighbourhood, we started on Monday morning at 6.30, in the coach *en route* for Taupo and the Hot Lake district. Petane and the valley of the Esk were soon left behind, though we did not part company with the latter till the river had been crossed and recrossed some twenty-five times. The country soon became very mountainous, and we were travelling now at the bottom of a gully, now on the ridge of a mountain. We had not travelled very far however, before the rain came down in torrents and consequently the roads became very slippery, but this by no means slackened the energy of our jehu in keeping up the pace, so that at last even some of the bold hearts inside were forced to ask him to moderate it. This naturally turned the conversation on accidents, but the driver ridiculed the idea, and after lunch at the Wohaka, the driving became even more reckless in character; up hill, down hill, straight roads, and sharp corners made no difference, and as "familiarity breeds contempt," so we became rather excited with the pace, and notwithstanding some rather ominous lurches we began to have full confidence in the skill of our driver. In this manner we came as far as the Rangukoma Gorge, when turning the very sharp corner on the top, a bigger lurch than usual made one of the insiders exclaim: "that's a narrow squeak," but unluckily it turned out to be more, for the next instant we experienced a sensation of turning innumerable somersaults in a very confined space, and the next thing

we were cognisant of was awakening suddenly, very stiff and helpless. Looking round we found we were embedded in sharp basalt crags, some fifty yards from the top of the gorge, the upper part of the coach lying close by, the rest of it in pieces at the bottom, some 150 yards below.

The whole place was covered with luggage of all sorts, broken portmanteaus, coats, hats, letters, papers, &c. The driver and one other passenger were seated on the top apparently uninjured, another at the bottom was plainly none the worse, for he was filling his pipe and in the act of lighting it, and picking up his own luggage. The rest were scattered here and there, besmeared with blood, and with a very woe-begone appearance. Crawling to the top examination revealed some very nasty cuts and bruises, but nothing apparently worse, but to make certain, two of us set off at once for Tarawera, some seven miles away, on the chance of a doctor.

Arriving there we found that this little township of twelve all told, was *en fete* and placards notified the fact that they had got proclaimed for themselves a three days' holiday. We found that there was no doctor within a distance of fifty miles, so we despatched buggies for the rest of the party and set about preparing what homely remedies the little township could supply. These however proved to be nothing more than plenty of hot water, and some very second rate sticking plaster and cotton wool. Bandaging soon became the

order of the day, and in about two hours time we were all seated at a very comfortable meal. Our appearance would no doubt suggest to any of our lady friends nothing more than that we had just taken part in that much abused game of football, but unlike the devotees of the latter, none of us with the exception perhaps, of the tobacco fiend, could do anything like justice to the repast.

After a very restless night, eight o'clock on Tuesday morning found three of us seated, propped up with a plentiful supply of cushions, in another coach, on the way to Taupo, but alas, with all confidence lost in the skill of a driver. The roads again were very bad and the rain continued to come down in torrents, and the pace round the sharp corners and an occasional glance at the gullies down below, kept us in no happy state of mind. Very glad indeed were we when after lunch at Rangitaka we came to more level country, but we were still in no humour to admire the beauty of the scenery, but the sight at last of Taupo in the distance put us in better spirits, and after luxuriating for some three quarters of an hour in the hot mineral baths at the Terraces Hotel, we were fairly ourselves again, and did full justice to the repast that was prepared for us. After another visit to the baths after dinner, and consequently a good night's rest, the following morning at 9 o'clock found us again

in the coach *en route* for Wairakei. We soon pass Lake Taupo and have magnificent views of Tongariro and the active Volcano, Ngauruhoe, and another four miles bring us to the Huka Falls. Here the river Waikato becomes suddenly contracted and its waters are forced between two perpendicular walls of rock so close that a good jumper might be able to leap across. This trough is of considerable length, and the dip is so sharp that the water rushes past with great velocity. The rapid ends in a waterfall, the whole body of water leaping over a ledge of about thirty feet into a huge cauldron of white foam boiling off into a soft whitish green.

Returning to the coach, another three miles bring us to what appears to be a Maori pāh (native village) but we soon found it to be the object of our destination—Mrs. Graham's Hotel at Wairakei. What seemed at first sight to be haystacks with windows in them, turned out to be a series of cottages, built in native fashion of reeds and flax. One of them contained the dining room, another the kitchen, the third the bar and smoking room, while we had yet to go to another to find the drawing room and the bed rooms. Here we resolved to spend a week so as there would be ample time to explore the wonders of the valley, we allowed the guide to go without us and contented ourselves with a thorough loaf in one of the sulphur baths.

CYMRŌ.

[TO BE CONCLUDED.]

Lay this to heart, a task, or great or small,
Is best done well, or not essayed at all.

(From the Persian.)

Spring's Return.

WHE Australians have certainly no reason whatsoever for complaining about the winter, for our winter is neither too cold nor too wet, and at least as far as young people are concerned, there is no better time than winter for open air exercise such as rowing, riding on horseback, and, last but not least, walking. Yes, I say walking. It is indeed a splendid thing for body and soul, better than "Clement's Tonic" and "Marshall's Tonic Nervine" taken together, to go out for a brisk walk, say to Manly and back, on a bracing clear winter's day. Talk about appetite when you get back in time for tea—it's simply alarming. I know it having gone through it myself! But, all the same, pleasant and cheerful as such a walk may be in pleasant company, to me it seems to be wanting in one respect. Green though the bush may be, there is no life in it. Nature, although it has retained its colour, is asleep, awaiting the return of Spring. The gum trees, the wattles, the red and white spiders, there they all stay, in silent expectation, waiting for SPRING'S RETURN. At last, it gets warm once more, and even though to the mob the change is imperceptible, there is a change, and a most marked one, too. The bush begins to live: a variety of flowers, each one a perfect wonder of creation, beautiful alike in colour and shape, makes its appearance, and the little insects, busy in search of food, are swarming about, inviting the intellectual boy to stop and think of his School Museum. He will ask himself: What does this School Museum want? Is the Beetle collection complete? Are all the

varieties of Australian snakes represented, and what else is wanted? I will answer him this question, knowing full well that among the boys there are many who would fain take any amount of trouble to help the noble cause, if only they knew what it is all about. A School Museum, then, let me tell you, should contain specimens of the three Kingdoms, the animal, the mineral and vegetable. The specimens of the animal kingdom should be either stuffed (if of large size) or in spirits (as e. g. lizards, snakes, etc.) or pinned up (in the case of insects; and here it should be observed that insects must first be killed, either in poison or in very hot, not boiling water; beetles must be pinned through the right wingcase; no insect through the head). The specimens of the vegetable kingdom should be properly pressed by aid of a press and blotting paper. Those of the mineral kingdom do not require any preparation whatever. A School Museum should further contain relics of every kind, old books not excluded. An attractive feature of such a Museum might also be an autograph book, into which every pupil of the School signs his name; or a record of all the victories of the C.E.G.S. on the Athletic Field; or, a particularly excellent map or drawing drawn by one of the boys—innumerable suggestions of this kind might be made. All this, however can only be obtained, if the School Museum is a subject of ambition and pride to our boys. What, in conclusion, is wanted most of all, is enthusiasm, and nothing but enthusiasm, to make our School Museum a genuine success.

Boating.

BOATING has by no means been neglected of late, though this is an 'off' term. We had hoped to have come to conclusions to row the Scotch College (Melb.) crew towards the close of the year. Unfortunately the negotiations have fallen through. Considerable excitement was caused by a Form contest between IIIA and IIIB. This was rowed off on Thursday, September 16th, after School. The crew of the former were—Maddrell (str.), Deane, Lloyd and Randall (bow), cox, Bourke, coach, Mr. Devonshire. The latter crew consisted of Wallace I (str.), Glover, Stevens II and Wilson VIII (bow.) Cox, Fitzhardinge III, coach, Trevor-Jones (Capt. B.C.) The course was from Goat Island to the hulks in Berry's Bay. Mr. Robson started the crews and Mr. Davies acted as judge. The Misses Robson and many other ladies, who are well known for the great interest they take in all the School Sports witnessed the race, being rowed

over with the judge, to the far side of the bay, from which the best view of the race could be obtained. It goes without saying that the presence of the ladies added much to the picturesqueness of the scene and the emulation of the combatants. The result proved a victory for Form IIIA, by three lengths, according to the judge's decision, though to an unprejudiced outsider it certainly appeared more. The superior weight and size of the winners had much to do with the result. Both crews however showed form and the losers are to be congratulated on their creditable display. Miss Robson had very kindly worked a set of rowing scarves as prizes for the successful oarsmen, cox and coach. These were presented in due form directly after the race by Miss Trevor-Jones. We have further to acknowledge with many thanks donations to the B.C. from the following:—S. Kendall, Esq., S. A. Thomas, Esq., J. de V. Lamb, Esq. REMUS.

A Spring Night.

The moon-lit hours, like birds, flew by
 As lightly and as free,
 Ten thousand stars were in the sky
 Ten thousand in the sea.
 For every wave with dimpled face,
 That leaped into the air,
 Had caught a star in its embrace,
 And held it trembling there. ANON.

IDEM LATINE.

Cynthia luce regit noctem, labuntur et horæ,
 Ceu volucris facili labitur usque fuga.
 Sidera mille polum circumvolvuntur in altum
 Volvuntur medio sidera mille mari.
 Si quis enim nitidum saltu petit æthera fluctus,
 (Cui placidus vario risus in ore micat,)
 Hic stellam amplexus summo tenet æquore captam,
 Amplexu viridi stella retenta tremat.

The Concert.

THE second Concert given by the C.E.G.S. Musical Society took place on Thursday evening, September 23rd. The result was an undoubted success. A very pleasing feature which we hope to have often repeated, was the instrumental sestetts.

The solos were remarkably well rendered by the different performers, Miss Clarke, especially deserves the thanks of the Society for her assistance. The part songs showed an advance on the last con-

cert. The chief faults are unevenness of attack especially in the trebles, and a tendency chiefly in the boy voices to go flat in the sustained passages. The general spirit and the shades of tone were however well brought out, and great credit is due to Herr Langhans, who as usual conducted. We can only conclude this notice with again thanking those who so kindly assisted to make the evening successful. The Programme was as follows :—

PROGRAMME.

* * First Part. * *

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| 1. Piano Duet | " Turkish Patrol " | | <i>Michalis.</i> |
| | Miss HILDA ROBSON and Herr LANGHANS. | | |
| 2. Glee | " Spring's Return " | ... .. | <i>Smart.</i> |
| | C.E.G.S. MUSICAL SOCIETY. | | |
| 3. Song | " Look Before You Leap. " | ... .. | <i>Buscovitz.</i> |
| | R. EMPSON. | | |
| 4. Instrumental Sestett | " March aux Flambeaux " | ... .. | <i>Meyerbeer.</i> |
| | Mesers. STAPLEY, H. ROBSON, N. DEANE, J. CHILDE,
H. DEANE, W. DEANE. | | |
| 5. Chorus | " The Cricket " | ... .. | <i>B. A. Weber.</i> |
| | FORM I. (Lowest). | | |
| 6. Song | " The Cry of Little Ones " | ... .. | <i>Adams.</i> |
| | Miss CLARKE. | | |
| 7. Song | " First in the Field. " | ... .. | <i>Bonheur.</i> |
| | J. HENDERSON. | | |
| 8. Glee | " Come Live with Me " | ... .. | <i>Bennett.</i> |
| | C.E.G.S. MUSICAL SOCIETY. | | |

* * Second Part. * *

9. Instrumental Sextett	...	"Overture to Rob Roy"	...	...	...	—
Messrs. STAPLEY, H. ROBSON, N. DEANE, L. CHILDE, H. DEANE, W. DEANE.						
10. Song	...	"Westward Ho!"	...	...	...	<i>Bunheur.</i>
F. STRANGE.						
11. Piano Solo	...	"Pas Redoublé"	...	...	...	<i>Smith.</i>
S. MADDELL.						
12. Song	...	"Off to Philadelphia"	...	...	...	<i>Haynes.</i>
MR. L. A. BAKER.						
13. Song	...	"Arcthusa" (Old English)	...	...	...	<i>Shield.</i>
C. MOSELEY.						
14. Glee	...	"Hail, Smiling Morn"	...	...	...	<i>Spofforth.</i>
C.E.C.S. MUSICAL SOCIETY.						
15.	...	"School Song"	...	...	...	<i>J. Langhams.</i>

A Latin Paper in the "Junior."

WE all know the sensation. Something like a fellow going to be hanged; a dry throat, and shaky knees, and wishing one had been a better boy the last few months or so. Repentance comes too late. There you are planted up at your little square table, alone in your glory, with a pen and a lot of foolscap and some blotting paper, to make the best of it. How you hope, as the Examiner is giving out the question papers, they'll have set you that particular piece you sweated up yesterday after midnight, or perhaps one should say this morning! Well here it comes! The next five minutes you feel a bit in a

whirl and wonder if they've not made a mistake at the printers, till hurrah! you see something a little familiar like 'Caesar' and 'Labienus' in the first question or two. Then you go through the paper and suddenly hope revives, and you seize your pen and square your elbows and wonder, why you were ever afraid. Scratch, scratch goes the pen for an hour, and you are about half through, and so you think you may take a spell and have a look round the room to see from others' faces or backs, what they are making of it. Why there's one fellow over there has ground out about ten sheets already and is going

hard still. One of those dictionary fellows, I guess, who learns his books by heart, and can tell you the page and the number of the line, wherever 'locus' is used throughout the book. He may be a good scholar, but I think he's a sort of brick-making machine, who takes in the stuff and shoots it out again without its doing him any good inside.

There's that other fellow there smiling away, as if he thought it grand fun. I know he'll say afterwards he has done every word of the paper, and thought it awfully easy, and yet I would lay 10 to 1 he'll be 'spun!' Those over confident beggars, always leave out half they know, if they know anything, and seem to imagine the Examiner has as good an opinion of them as they have of themselves, and couldn't possibly believe they don't know there's a future infinitive after a verb of 'Promising,' even if they have written *ut* with the subjunctive just for fun. But perhaps after all he's not as bad as that other fellow over there. He isn't even pretending to work, but he's caught a blowfly and dipped it in the ink and is poking it with his pen to make it walk this way and that, and track out his initials on the blotch pad. That's a nasty little brute over there with the red hair, green eyes and snub nose. I am sure he's trying to squint over the front

fellow's shoulder to see what he's putting. Now the superintendent is onto him and he's turned as red as a beet and is lying like a black trooper. Serve him right, if he got kicked out! Why can't a fellow take his 'ploughing' quietly if he deserves it, and not try and sneak in by a back-gate? Well I'd better get on again and finish the stuff up, if it doesn't finish me first. Now I'm through! Just let's read it! Good gracious! The old chap wants the papers in five minutes more. What a shavè to get done! Well here they are, old boy, all ready for you and much good may they do you and me. When you get out of the room, you feel rather jolly at first, and begin to compare notes with the others; you rather crow to yourself too when you find someone else has gone a 'howler;' but before long you get misgivings, when you find out one or two things were not so right as you thought they were. And then your master looks solemn when you ask him if this or that's a real bad mistake, and at last you fear the worst, and refuse to be comforted, and go to bed like a sick crow, with all your feathers rumbled up the wrong way. Next day you have pretty well forgotten all about it and arn't you just pleased (— or the reverse) when you read or don't read your name in the list two months after date?

TAMIAS.

A SCHOOL-BOY STRIKE.

["The boys at the Public School at Broken Hill, 'struck' to-day . . . Further developements are expected to-morrow."]

S. M. H., Oct. 4th.]

All workers in Australia are alike!
 To-day the very school-boys are "on strike."
 But ah! next day what means these sounds of woe?
 These writhing forms?—The masters *struck* also.

A Historical Football Match.

THE Patricians met the Plebs on Saturday in the final round for the State Trophy. A fine game resulted. The following were the members of the teams. Plebs: back, C. J. Cæsar; halves, Domitius, Antouius and Marius; quarters, Achilles, and Septimius; forwards, Sulla, Triarius, C. Clodius, Crastinus; centre, Vatinius, Libo, O. Cæsar. Patricians: back, Pompey; halves, Labienus, Brutus, Cassius; quarters, Gabienus and Spinter; wings, Raucillus and Egus; forward, Lentulus, Afranius, Rufus, Scipio; centre, Sulla, Hirrus, Laelius.

Crastinus harangued the Plebs for half an hour before the match, saying: "Follow me you who have served under me before, and mind and heel out well." Then seeing Cæsar he said: "I will do to-day, O Captain, such deeds as shall make you thank me alive or dead."

He then kicked off and the forwards following on hard soon had the Patricians in difficulties. Septimius put in a fine dribble, and being joined by Achilles, the pair rushed at Pompey, who went down. Achilles quite forgetting the ball sat on him while Septimius bent his head back till his neck was broken. The delay thus occasioned, enabled Brutus to save. Pompey was carried off the field, and the ball kicked off again. Anthony marked at the half way, and Cæsar took a long place at goal, and scored amidst the yells and cheers of the barrackers. Several scrimmages then took place, in one of which Crastinus received a kick in the mouth which "silenced him for ever."

At half time it was noticed that Brutus and Cassius were whispering together as if

they had a little plot on. On coming out again Cæsar was warned by an old sporting tipster to beware of Brutus and Cassius, but he answered that he did not care a Greek fig for a March hare, Ides or no Ides. The ball being kicked off for the second half, fast play was the order of the day, though neither side scored. Labienus who was now playing back was very prominent in his collaring and back tripping. At five minutes to time the excitement grew intense. A scrimmage being formed, half-way, the Patricians heeled out and held the scrum in rare style. till Brutus had passed out to Cassius. Cassius closely followed by the forwards ran over Marius who was a little old for the work, and who sat wiping his bleeding nose, and exhorting Sulla to remember he had seen C. Marius sitting in the ruins of his football toga. Meantime the whole pack had surrounded and downed Cæsar, who wrapping his head in his coat, with one pathetic remark, "dost thou boot me too, o Brute?" expired under some two dozen well applied kicks. No further opposition was offered to Cassius touching it down between the posts. Some time was cut to waste by Mark Anthony refusing to go behind the line. Bending over the prostrate Cæsar he again and again repeated that he had not come to praise Cæsar, but to bury him. Finally he was forced away, and Cassius placing it, Brutus scored an easy goal. The whistle then sounded for time. Cicero made an impartial umpire when it is considered that he was twice hunted off the ground by infuriated barrackers. We regret to hear that he was also savagely assaulted at the conclusion of the match, and is not

expected to recover. There were one or two free fights on the ground, as the crowd was leaving, in one of which Brutus and Cassius were laid out.

The grand climax was a fight to a finish between Anthony and Octavius, in

which in spite of the assistance and tears of the lovely Cleopatra, the former was whipped into a cocked hat. Our reporter then left in a hurry, as the crowd wished to lynch him.

PYLADES.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the "Torch-bearer."

DEAR SIR,

We are compelled to go out into the middle of the play ground, under the scorching hot sun, to have our dinner, which makes us very uncomfortable, (*sic*) also water laid on to the shed which we ask very humbly for you to erect for boys bringing their lunch.

PARVI PUERI.

[This letter requires a commentary to make it intelligible. The Editor's duties do not include practical Carpentry and Plumbing.

E. of T.-B.]

To the Editor of the "Torch-bearer."

DEAR SIR,

In a recent issue of your valuable paper, there was a long article on Lawn Tennis, in which it was prophesied that courts would soon be laid down at the C.E.G.S., and the game with its attractive features of lady contestants in full swing. I should like to know, when we may hope for this to be realized? I have heard fellows say it would interfere with the cricket practice, but personally I do not at all agree with them, as after all the

training of the eye is the great thing, and tennis certainly does that. There was also some talk of a fives' court, could not one be easily erected at the blank end of the new buildings? Hoping this letter may be inserted.

I am yours etc.

RAQUET.

To the Editor of the "Torch-bearer."

DEAR SIR,

An appropriate motto for your paper:
"I am provided of a Torch-bearer."
(*Merch. of Venice, Act II, Scene 4.*)

Yours etc.

CONTINENTAL.

To the Editor of the "Torch-bearer."

SIR,

I, on behalf of the fellows, who would ride their ponies or bicycles to School, ask if there could not be some sort of a shed erected for the purpose of enstalling them while in school.

BUCK JUMPER.

School Notes.

The new buildings were formally declared open by the Most Rev. the Primate on Tuesday, June 14th. The buildings are by this time too familiar to need description.

The Primate's address on the occasion was particularly well received and his epitome of school boy virtues, viz.; "pluck without pride, manliness without roughness, and gentleness without effeminacy" will not soon be forgotten.

We are glad while on the subject of new buildings, to hear that we are really to have a workshop shortly.

A further great improvement, that is under consideration is the ploughing up and levelling of the ground around the centre cricket pitch. The dangers and difficulties of out-fielding on the field as it is at present are well known to everybody.

It is probable that the Schools' Athletic Association will decide that all representative matches shall be played on turf wickets. If so, the North Sydney Oval will be selected as our own ground.

Many complaints were made last year of the loss of cricket material. Most of this was due to the deliberate carelessness, fellows coolly walking off and leaving stumps, bats and balls to the tender mercy of the first prowling larrikin who passed. In future all material given out will be entrusted to the captain of the net, who will be responsible for it. When not in

use it will be locked up in boxes to be provided for the purpose. Fellows will have no reason to complain, should they be careless after this, if they are not supplied with unlimited material to waste.

A good list of matches has been arranged for the coming season, and it is to be hoped that every boy with the good of the School cricket at heart will show up at the nets. New blood in bowling is urgently required and only practice can develop this.

A card of cricket fixtures is to be issued this season on the lines of the Football Club card with which we are all familiar.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. G. Devonshire, M.A. Trinity Coll, (Cantab) has joined the staff. Mr. Devonshire will be a source of strength both to the Boat and the Cricket Club.

The first Concert of the C.E.G.S., Musical Society took place at the end of last term. In spite of the night proving wet there was a very large attendance. The music was especially good and the singing gave great promise for the future. A substantial increase of the B.C. funds is not the least important result of this first essay.

We are able for the first time to give some news of the whereabouts and doings of some of our old fellows. Barton is on a station near Bourke. S. Wallace is shortly to come to a well-known shipping office in Sydney. Jeanneret is still at the

Agricultural Coll, near Windsor. J. Walker sailed a few days ago for England to study for an analytical chemist. Adams is still at home and has recently gone to Malvern. We hear he is of opinion that it does not equal the C.E.G.S. Calvert is in Sydney and regrets the loss of the coming cricket season. J. Wilkinson we were told the other day, is also going in for station work, having abandoned the idea of law.

The following have been elected prefects to fill vacancies :

MORSON I.
IRELAND I.
MCINTYRE.
MCNICKLE,
COX.
STEWART I.

In conclusion we wish more attempts were made in the School itself to send contributions to the TORCH-BEARER. Even if the matter is not suitable for insertion, it would greatly relieve the Editor in his task of selecting subjects.

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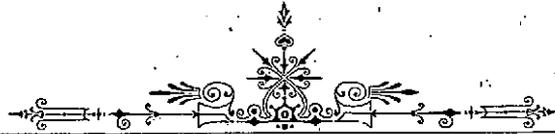
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