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Editorial.

THE present term has been an unfortunate one for schools in most respects. An unreasonable and irresponsible plague has visited us somewhat severely, and work and athletics have both suffered in consequence. What can be more discouraging than for a master to have only half a form, or a football team, and that half too shifting and changing like a kaleidoscope? However, all things must have an end, and next term we hope to be all back at work, "jolly and fat," like G. H. Reid's sand-shifters. Moreover these same measles, we believe, appear to certain of our young friends to be by no means an unmixed

evil, and the doctor's instructions for "unlimited food" during the convalescence and recovery are said to compensate for a great deal. "In most things there is usually a for and an against," a somewhat cautious philosopher has been heard to remark, and with that opinion we, as well as the beforementioned small boys, beg to concur.

One thing, by the way, in which the "for" may be said to quite eclipse the "against," is the coming more or less regularly to cricket, football, or rowing practice, as the case may be, in the afternoon. There are of course many boys who go in for all the kinds of sport, and

distinguish themselves in various branches. But it is not to these that we are, now addressing ourselves, so much as to certain others, who either from habit, from laziness, or from shyness and diffidence, slip away home rather shamefaced, after school, instead of presenting themselves in the playground. This is a pity for several reasons. In the first place it is a moral defeat, a yielding to a species of cowardice or self-indulgence. In the second place it may be taken as a postulate that "every Englishman ought to know something about athletics." In the third place the longer you put it off the harder the beginning will be, and the greater fool you are likely to make of yourself when you commence. Remember then that none of you are too small, or too fat, or too good-looking to play cricket; and if you are chaffed somewhat by the others at first, well it won't do anybody any harm.

As elsewhere announced, the distribution of prizes won at June will take place towards the end of this term. The Latin

post tells us that "Retribution with its halting foot does not fail to overtake the sinner," but in this case it is not "Retribution," but rather "Reward," which has limped somewhat on the road. Still this has been no doubt unavoidable, and a reward is none the less sweet because it is somewhat late in coming. It is in fact exceedingly pleasant to win prizes, and as we are told that pleasure is good for all men and especially the young, it is a great pity that all cannot receive them. Unhappily a lottery which is all prizes and no blanks is not allowed to luckless mortals. Let then the green-eyed monster jealously be banished. Let those who have won nothing, console themselves by applauding their successful friends, and shining with this reflected glory. Let the fortunate ones be modest withal, and console the unfortunate with, let us say, peanuts and toffee; and let all alike resolve to work like tigers for the next year; for the tiger is a noble animal and one well worthy of imitation.

Colombo and Ceylon.

I WAS asked the other day to give some of my Jubilee Reminiscences, but as I was not in or near London during the Jubilee, and also because the people of Edinburgh did not go to any further trouble than that of decorating one or two streets with flags, I have not got anything to say except that it was jolly mean of the Government not to give England a new set of stamps. Therefore this time I will confine myself to a little description of Colombo.

I visited Colombo on my voyage home, but as I only stayed a few hours, I intend to talk about the return journey.

The night before the day we landed had been foggy, and the wretched fog-horn had kept us awake some part of the night, but when we woke in the morning, or rather when we were waked, the strong scent of tropical vegetation was wafted to us from the shore. I got up early and went on deck, and standing with my face towards the breeze, watched the lovely

land getting clearer and more picturesque as the "Barbarossa" pitching slightly, entered the breakwater. Of course, as soon as the ship got within cooee, lots of natives on their bark canoes flocked round it. "Dive, Lady, throw money, dive, dive, dive," were the cries heard on every side. One boy, after getting two shillings, undertook to *dive* under the ship! All the same it was a funny thing that a boat pulled round (to meet him of course) with a rope hanging over the side! Clever boy!

After breakfast I went on shore and for some time we walked or rickshawed about the gay little town. The houses especially in the native quarter are so quaint and picturesque, and their charm is heightened by the cool looking natives in their white robes, or lovely dark skins, as the case may be.

Some of the groups of women and children would make lovely studies for enterprising artists, one beautiful woman standing with a bright shawl round her neck, carrying a baby, while a little way away another child scrambled about, their eyes of course wide open with interest, would have made a lovely study for a portrait painter or a *clever* snapshotter.

Later in the day after dining at the lovely Oriental hotel and after having driven several short drives in the rickshaws we decided to go to Mount Lavinia. Of the drive man can never say too much. What with the tropical vegetation, the wayside villages, the lovely brown-skinned natives, the drive was one of the most beautiful I have ever taken. For most of the way our route lay amongst groves of cocoa-nut palms hanging over the road their lovely clusters of yellow and green fruit. Breadfruit, bananas, palms and all

sorts of tropical fruits and plants fringed the side of the road. Village after village we passed, just two or three bark houses or shops with their wares, consisting of Cocoa-nuts, Breadfruit, etc., and some sort of nougat sold on small green leaves, is all the village consists of. The natives of these villages are a deal more honest than those in Colombo itself.

We reached Mt. Lavinia after a good long drive. It is one of the most lovely places anyone could wish to set eyes on. Every sort of view is there. Out one way stretches the ocean, while inland a belt of Cocoa-nut palms hides further view. Along the coast to the right, point after point is seen, fringed with cocoa-nut palms, through a cutting made through the vegetation of palms and breadfruit, which forms a beautiful frame to the lovely view!

We had some tea at the hotel perched on a fairly high mound, commanding the lovely view I have mentioned.

We strolled about a bit, looking at a batch of natives engaged in beaching a large canoe, trying to take snap-shots of the views (I wish I had the films I wasted over them now, for they were all no good), and looking at the tall palm trees, until the carriages in which we had come, were ready for our return journey.

The evening shadows made the scene still more beautiful, but even then, when we got in, we were not sorry to have a rest.

After dinner at the Oriental we proceeded towards the ship, got a boat, and were being rowed to the ship when we had a lively adventure.

All of a sudden a large boat came crashing along, and the oar of the boat simply swept over our boat. I chanced to be on the farther side from the oar, but the three

people on the right side were pretty much smashed up. The man who was holding the light was knocked into the water, and had his face cut open; while of course the boat never stopped to pick us up.

However we relighted the light and rowed towards the ship where we had the hurt ones patched up; and then saying good night to Colombo, did *not* go to led directly.

Football.

THIS season has been a distinctly unfortunate one. In the first half we had fair prospects, which were spoilt by the slackness of several of the players in turning out to practice, and in the second half, though some new arrivals and the release of those in for the Junior, encouraged us to hope for a more successful quarter, we were sadly disappointed. For before the first Competition match, our scrum half and five-eighths were down with measles; then the biggest of our forwards, and our right wing three-quarters, not with measles, however. Eventually we found ourselves, on the occasion of the first Competition match, with six of our Firsts away and two or three of the Seconds, who would probably have been playing. These, however, were not our only losses, as we had to take some of the forwards to fill the vacant places amongst the backs, thus weakening our pack to no small extent, more especially as one of those so taken was a front-rank man. Such misfortunes naturally upset our combination, and Holtermann, who played a splendid game against St. Joseph's, was unfortunate enough to hurt his knee in that match, and getting it further injured during a practice a few days afterwards, was consequently unable to play up to his true form in the subsequent matches

being, in fact, almost unable to play in the last one. The practices, too, were to a great extent robbed of their usefulness, as out of the thirty members or so of the Senior practice, there were only some eighteen or nineteen left. The Juniors, too, did not escape altogether, though the members of the Third and Junior teams were for the most part very lucky, but the practices were reduced to ten or eleven a-side at the most, and very often less. Under these circumstances, then, the second half of the season will at least bear comparison with the first, as we managed to beat St. Joseph's, who, however, had four or five men away, and to prevent King's, who had a full team, but not so strong as last team, from putting on a larger score than in the former match. In the Newington match we were the first to score, but were unable to keep them out. Against S.G.S., however, in spite of their being without Browne and V. Harris, we went down very badly. They have improved considerably since they met us last term, and possessing as they do a set of heavy, hard-working forwards, frequently pressed us back by sheer weight.

The number of club matches has been very small, as we have been obliged to scratch the majority of them owing to the above-mentioned sickness. We had,

however, some very pleasant and interesting games at the beginning of the term, one against the Nondescripts and two against University teams, and finished up the season with a match against St. Leonards F.C., when, however, we got some Old Boys to help us.

The second half of the season opened on July 16th, the second day of Term, with a match against the Nondescripts, when we were very pleased to meet some of our old cricketing friends. Several ladies, too, honoured us with their presence, and encouraged the team at half-time with conversation and tea. The game gave us an opportunity for trying some new boys, who shaped in a promising manner. The School eventually won a close game by 6 points to 3, the Nondescripts having hard luck in being called back from a nearly certain try by a mistake of the School touch-judge. The tries were scored by Fisher and Kater for us, and Riley for our opponents. On Wednesday, the 20th, we played a University team, when we won by 10 points to 6, Fisher and Kater again scoring for us, and Johnson and Lyne for the University, Rundle adding the 4 extra points for us.

The other club matches were against the University again, on the following Wednesday, when we lost by 8—10, Mr. Blaxland scoring the second try, which gave them the lead, some of our team having the measles on them, though they did not appear till some days later: and against the St. Leonards F.C. on August 27th, which, in spite of the help of some Old Boys, we lost by 17 points to 14, Fisher scoring a try, and Rundle kicking 3 goals, 2 from marks and 1 penalty. The game was to a certain degree spoilt by somewhat uncertain refereeing.

Colours were given after the S.G.S. match to Wilson and Larkin, and after the N.C. match to Cowper.

On June 21st, the first Saturday of the holidays, the day after the School broke up, we played the Armidale School, who were on a tour in Sydney, which we hope will in future be an annual one. The previous day they had played The King's School, and on the Monday played S.G.S. We had also met them on the Thursday in a practice game, as although the N. S. Oval had been engaged, it was not ready. We thought then that though their forwards were a strong, heavy lot, we might be able to beat them, as they seemed to be a trifle lacking in combination. We found, however, that we were mistaken, for the forwards never gave ours a chance, and getting the ball out well to their three-quarters, they put in some very fine runs, eventually winning by 34 points to 3.

V. ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE:

Played on our ground, on Saturday, July 23rd. Owing to the Intercolonial match, the Referees' Association were unable to appoint a referee, and Mr. Pilkington had to officiate.

This game was, for the most part, played in the rain, which had been so heavy that two of the team did not turn up; consequently we played with 13 men. A description of the game is almost impossible, consisting, as it did, chiefly of forward rushes and scrums. Any accurate passing amongst the backs was impossible, and our being two men short naturally made even more difference than would have been the case if the ground had been dry. The play was very even, St. Ignatius' being the first to score. Shortly after the beginning of the second half, Lomax

secured from a line out and scored with a good run. Eventually they scored again, just on time, and converted, making the score 8—3 in their favour.

V. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Played on N. S. Oval, on August 3rd, Mr. Morgan refereeing.

The morning was very wet, in fact at one time it was doubtful whether we should be able to play. Fortunately the weather held up, but a heavy shower about 1 o'clock left the ground very wet, water lying on the ground in places; the ball was consequently very wet and heavy, and the failures at good kicking were not to be wondered at. We were also without Rundle, who generally does our kicking for us, and Boydell, who made some very good attempts, has not the same experience.

St. Joseph's won the toss, and, on kicking off, our forwards following up well took the ball out at the 25. From the line-out, Abraham and Boydell dribbled the ball over the line, but St. Joseph's forced. Even play followed till a free kick gave Boydell an opportunity, but his attempt fell short. Two free kicks followed in quick succession, but nothing was done. St. Joseph's then rushed the ball down to our 25 and nearly succeeded in scoring, Cowper bringing his man down well. A free at length relieved, taking the play to half-way, where Wilson and Abraham put in some good work. Holtermann then, with a good kick, sent the ball out on the line, and a series of scrums followed. Finally Hickson got the ball away cleanly to Holtermann, who doubled round the blind side of the scrum, and dodging several of his opponents, ended up by jumping over another and falling over the line, a very fine

effort. Boydell failed to convert from a difficult angle (3—0). Then from a scrum about half-way Hickson sent to Holtermann, who put in another good run and scored between the posts (6—0). We continued to press, and Reid nearly scored, but slipped on the line and lost the ball, St. Joseph's forcing. The whistle then went for half-time. On resuming, Holtermann returned out of bounds at half-way, and immediately afterwards getting another kick, sent it into touch on the line. Abraham, Holtermann and Hobson then rushed the ball over the line but lost it, and St. Joseph's forced. St. Joseph's then brought the ball to our 25 by a good dribble, but Holtermann relieved by a mark. Jaques also got in a good kick, which took the ball to their 25. They brought it back again, however, Abraham relieving by a good dribble to half-way. We gradually forced them back, and Hickson taking a clever mark, Holtermann had an unsuccessful shot at goal. Some very level play followed, neither side having any advantage. Finally, Holtermann put in a good run from half-way, up to within a few yards of the line, where he passed to Boydell, who struggled over the line (9—0). Some level play followed, chiefly on their 25, till Holtermann secured and sent to Larkin, who, however, fell. A free kick to St. Joseph's relieved them somewhat and, shortly after, the whistle went, leaving us the winners by 9 points to nil.

On such a wet day, when passing was almost impossible, the score was fairly large. To our forwards, who played the correct game under the circumstances, keeping the ball at their feet and seldom picking up, belong the chief credit of the

win. They should, however, have picked up once or twice in preference to dribbling over the line, as there is always considerable risk of their losing the ball, as actually happened. Next comes Holtermann, who scored 2 of the 3 tries, and did the greater part towards the scoring of the third, passing to Boydell only a few yards from their line. Hickson also played a good game, getting the ball away cleanly and smartly from the ground, and saving well. The other backs had little to do, and it is almost impossible to pick out any of the forwards, as their best work was done in combination.

V. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

Played at N. S. Oval, on Wednesday, August 10th, Mr. Morgan acting as referee.

In this match we were worse off with regard to absentees than in any other, and T.K.S. had their full team, which was nearly the same as last Term, four only having left. Under these circumstances, a detailed account of the match is scarcely necessary, as it would consist chiefly of the names of the scorers. Their score at half-time was 5 goals (1 pen.) 4 tries to nil (32-0); and in the second half, they put on 2 goals 6 tries, making a total of 60 points to nil. We started off by taking the ball down to their line, where the ball slipped out of the back's hands, and went over the line. Body forced. Many thought Abraham succeeded in touching it down, but the referee gave it as mentioned. With that exception, we never looked like scoring a try but once, when T.K.S. relieved by a forward rush to half-way, which Cowper attempted to stop but failed, and Body, picking up there, ran in. Two other opportunities were given us, one a free kick, when

Rundle dropped instead of having a place, and the other from a mark, when the same player made a good attempt (from half-way) but the ball fell short.

V. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at the Agricultural Ground, on Wednesday, August 17th, Mr. Symonds officiating as referee.

S.G.S. lost the toss, and played from the Refreshment-rooms, with a strong breeze somewhat against them, though owing to the peculiar way the ground is marked out, it is somewhat hard to tell the exact direction. The kick-off was allowed to roll into touch, but a couple of free kicks relieved us. They still pressed, however, but our tackling was good and we kept them out, Manning eventually getting away and beating the back, then giving to Close, who scored between the posts (5-0). By following up the kick-off, we kept play about half-way, and a rush suggested our going further. Garvan, however, with a good run took the ball back to our 25, when a free kick relieved us somewhat, but Lindsay getting possession about half-way in the centre of the ground raced round us, Cowper failing to get at him by waiting to go high (10-0). Then Lindsay scored (13-0), and after Cowper had stopped a rush, R. Harris scored from the loose (16-0). Then Garvan and then Close for the second time, bringing the score to 22-0. Our forwards then pulled themselves together and went off with a dash, and chiefly by means of Larkin, who intercepted a pass, and Holtermann and Rundle who kicked well, we got the ball back to their 25. Garvan, however, relieved with a good run being well tackled by Cowper. But S.G.S. scored again from the loose (25-0). Our tackling

and saving were now good, and the forwards playing up well, but a good bout of passing proved too much for us, and Close scored again (28—0). The whistle then went for half-time.

On resuming, with the wind against us, we went off at our best pace, and a rush, headed by Abraham and Giblin, was well stopped by McCrae, who sent out well in our territory. Wilson and Giblin then took it back again, but S.G.S. superior weight told, and forced us back. Cowper was now tackling very surely, and stopped Lindsay well. Rundle here intercepted a pass and got past the back, but was tackled from behind, there being no one to pass to. Our team still kept up their defence, playing hard and tackling well. A loose pass came along the ground, and Rundle picking up neatly off the ground got well off and, when tackled, gave Abraham a good pass. He, however, stuck to the ball too long, and was collared with it. Hickson here made a good mark in the centre of the ground, the exchange of kicks ending in touch at half-way. R. Harris then put in a good run and scored (31—0). After Cowper had been laid out in a tackle, Lindsay scored between the posts, the kick at goal however failed (34—0). Then several passing rushes were nipped in the bud by Pattison, who was coming round the scrum well, but we were gradually forced back by sheer weight, and they scored another try (37—0). Then Gow scored (40—0). Then Garvan, after having been collared by Cowper, got free, scored (45—0). Then Lindsay, with a run from half-way, just failed to get in, but Harris did (50—0). Our forwards had let the last 4 tries be scored almost without an effort, Boydell and Wilson being the only

two who were really playing. The backs, however, were not done with, as Holtermann got off, and, if Larkin had been in his place, we should have made a lot of ground; and then Cowper, after getting in a good kick, fumbled the return and let them in (55—0). From the kick-off, the S.G.S. started to run, but a bad pass was taken by Giblin, who scored almost before we knew what was happening. Rundle's attempt at goal, dead in the wind, only fell a foot or so short—a very good attempt (55—3). This score encouraged the team, and they played up hard once more, Holtermann, as usual, showing to advantage. The whistle then blew for "no-side," the final score being 5 goals 10 tries (55 points) to 1 try (3 points).

V. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

Played at Stanmore, Wednesday, Aug. 24th. The referee appointed by the Association was unable to come, and consequently Mr. Pilkington took his place.

For this match we had Fisher back, and had hoped to have Kater but his eyes went wrong, and he was unable to play. Fisher played on the right wing, leaving Hickson at half, and allowing Carey to go back to his place among the forwards.

Newington won the toss and played from the School end. Boydell kicked off, and the ball eventually went out at their 25 line. From the line out Wilson sent to Hickson, to Holtermann, to Larkin, to Rundle, who ran round but lost the ball. Then from a Newington dribble Hickson picked up and passed to Abraham near the touch line, he in turn passing to Boydell who got over the line, and was nearly held up, but lost the ball, and then managed to touch it down, just

beating Wilson. Rundle failed at the kick which though not easy was well within his power (3—0). Then from a line out about half-way, Abraham, from a fumble of theirs, dribbled away, and after the back had fallen on it, Giblin went on and picking up well, fell over the line. Boydell made a good but unsuccessful attempt at goal (6—0). Up to this we had had all the game, but now Newington College woke up and began to attack. Brown first made a good run to our 25, going into touch, and then from the throw in, Wilson (N.C.) passed to Brown, to Moffat, then back to Wilson who got over. Brown kicked the goal (6—5). Then after some loose play Brown put in another good run which resulted in McVicar scoring, Wilson converting (6—10). The whistle then went for half-time.

On resuming, Brown shortly got possession and made a dash for the line, but was sent into touch by Holterman. We then took the ball back, and from a penalty Rundle had a shot that went wide. Then Newington came again and Brown got over just as he was collared by Cowper (6—13). Then we attacked again, Abraham and Giblin leading a dribble, and Giblin in attempting to pick up knocked on, which was hard lines as he gave Abraham a pass that gave him a clear run in. We continued to press, and when on their line Giblin picked up off the ground when off side; the resulting free kick brought them relief. Newington then attacked again, and finished by Brown scoring, Wilson converting (6—18). Varying and even play about half-way then followed until the whistle went.

The game was a good deal more even

than the score shows, and if Rundle had been in his usual form in kicking we should have had some more points from penalty kicks. Then, too, the forwards were rather clumsy at picking up, and when they got the ball in their hands did not pass enough, trying to force their way through instead of keeping their eyes open, and looking for a chance to pass.

The Seconds have only played one match *v.* St. Ignatius', when, owing to the weather, only 8 or 9 turned up, and they lost by (10—3). For the rest of the term they have been practically non-existent, as with the exception of four or five, all who were not down with measles were playing with the first. A combined Second and Third team, however, played two matches: *v.* the University School, Manly, and *v.* a combined Third and Fourth team of Newington. The former match, played on Saturday morning, Aug. 6th, was lost, after we had been pressing for the greater part of the game, by 11—0, chiefly owing to lack of combination, the three-quarters being quite unable to score. Against Newington we led at half-time by three to nil, the try being scored by Barton; Newington managed to equalise just on time.

The Thirds and Juniors which are almost the same, played various matches against teams from the S.G.S. Lower School. Their first team which we played on August 3rd, proved far too big for us, and defeated us by 53 to nil. Against a junior team on the 13th we did a good deal better, but were lacking in combination, and eventually were defeated by 13 to 3, our try being scored by Billbrough. On the following Wednesday when our firsts were playing S.G.S., Mr.

Sampson brought over a very similar team, which we just managed to beat. On this occasion Forsyth II. scored twice, Bilbrough converting one, and Bilbrough and Mjnett once each, making 14 points, while they reached 11 points. At our last meeting there was a really good exhibition of football on both sides, the collaring of all being good, Terry and Giblin III. deserving special mention for theirs and also that of the forwards. The combination of our backs was also good, except that Forsyth preferred to run straight across the field instead of ahead and then passing. There was a slight tendency amongst some of the biggest members of the team to play "rough." All should remember that this is in the highest degree unsportsmanlike, and further, is not football. Curiously enough both tries scored were by individual play, the first by Kater going round the blind side of the scrum, Bilbrough making a good attempt at goal, and the second, likewise by Kater, seizing an opportunity in a splendid manner and scoring in a fairly good position, of which Bilbrough took advantage, bringing the score to 6 to nil, which it still was when the whistle went. S.G.S. found our forwards too heavy for them, and got very done before the end of the game, but still tackled and played up pluckily.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

It will be impossible to give the characters of all those who have played for the final this season, as that would mean no less than 26. We give those who have played most regularly.

D. COWPER.—Started the season as forward, but has played back most of this term, is learning to collar and with practice will become a good kick, fearless in stopping rushes.

G. N. LARKIN.—Only came after the June holidays

and gave promise of turning out a useful wing three-quarter but had to play centre, collars well and when he gets off goes hard and straight, very slow at starting.

- S. H. O. HOLTERMANN (Capt.).—A good all round man, with plenty of dash and resource, always to be relied on.
- E. D. KATER (five-eighth).—A good tackler, and takes and gives a pass well, is lacking in dash, has played very little this quarter.
- A. D. W. FISHER (scrum half).—Picks up and saves well, and has a useful kick into touch, but does not pass smartly enough when attacking. Must learn to keep his eyes open for chances in passing.
- R. N. HICKSON.—Played scrum half the greater part of this quarter, passes well and smartly, and saves well, generally getting several marks, kicks fairly well, rather light and so got husted.
- N. G. GIBLIN (wing forward).—Fast and dribbles well, tries to pick up too soon, keeps an eye for a good opening.
- C. D. ABRAHAM (wing forward).—Fast and follows up well, but seldom collars his man or charges a kick down, is apt to kick too hard when dribbling.
- W. G. B. BOYDELL (forward).—A good solid hard-working forward, gets the ball well and can shove, follows up his hardest, and so makes up for his lack of pace, collars well, should keep his head up when he gets the ball.
- C. W. RUNDLE (forward).—In the front rank gets the ball well, and is good out of touch but has not enough variety, played very well as a wing three-quarter, a good drop and place kick.
- G. L. HOBSON (forward).—Very often played in front rank, but has not yet quite learnt to get the ball, shoves hard, and tries his best, gets the ball well out of touch.
- K. WILSON (forward).—Shoves hard, and follows up well, is learning to collar, rather clumsy with his feet.
- L. CAREY (forward).—Rather sluggish, but shoves fairly well, brings his man down well in the line out, and generally tackles well, did fairly as wing three-quarter, but is very slow.
- N. G. PATTISON (forward).—Is fast, but makes no use of his pace, and does not seem to know how to shove, comes round the scrum smartly, collars well, must keep his head,

N. W. ABRAHAM (forward).—Only came into the team well on in the season, fairly fast, might shove harder, should learn to tackle low, takes a ball well.

C. E. MURNIN.—Started as forward but finished as back, safe tackler in spite of going high, generally in the right place, left at June.

R. R. H. MOORE (three-quarter).—Fairly fast, and stops rushes well, did not kick enough, should keep his head, left during this quarter.

E. V. BOURKE.—Played back till Murnin took his place, when he went forward, works hard, and tries his best, left at June.

Cricket.

THE appearance of a cricket ball careering about, while the football still claims possession of the ground, reminds us that it is time to consider what losses we have sustained and with what material we are likely to be able to fill the vacant places in the Eleven.

Our prospects are not of the brightest; such players as White and Holdsworth are not made in a season and not too frequently made at all, and it will probably be some time before we may hope to develop players capable of wielding the bat like White, or with Holdsworth's command of the ball. Murnin too will be missed, not only for his wicket keeping, but also for the enthusiasm he always brought to the game. Hargrave, Kater, and Lyne complete our list, so that we must face the difficulty of supplying six places in the team, including a wicket-keeper.

Boydell has been elected Captain and he and Holtermann are our only bowlers of any experience, but Rundle, Hobson, and Fisher may develop with practice. Our batting does not promise too well at present. Holtermann played some good innings last cricket term, and, should Rundle and Fisher bat with confidence, we may expect good results from them. Hickson may take the wickets satisfactorily, and from Jaques, Reid, Way, Adams, Fischer II., Dent, Turton and Sayers we may unearth some latent ability. Lomax I. will probably gain a place, and, when he gets experience,

should prove of service to the team.

However, it is consoling to remember that a team which depends mainly on one or two exceptional batsmen or bowlers is not seldom defeated by a good average side, for a good bat will fail, and a good bowler has his day off; moreover, when every member of an Eleven feels that he is expected to make runs and not merely to keep the game going for someone else, he will generally rise to the occasion. Let us look forward then to seeing our Eleven working together, not so much striving for individual brilliancy as for the school they represent, seizing every opportunity of practising and learning the game, so that, if in the coming term we shall not be able to command success, we shall, at any rate, have deserved it.

Finally, batting and bowling will not win matches unless backed up by accurate fielding, and this has always been a weak point in our teams, mainly because of the difficulties we have laboured under.

Daily practice during the intervals will improve the team in judging and catching the ball, and every opportunity should be taken during practice on the North Shore Oval of gaining smartness and accuracy in ground fielding.

There is among our juniors a lot of very promising material, from which we shall be able to draw at no distant date. Bilbrough, Black I., Williams, Allen I., Kater, Minnett I., Forsyth I. and II., and Niall shape very well and show considerable knowledge and skill.

Result of the University Junior Examination.

JUNE, 1898.

	Eng.	Fr.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Phys.
L. N. Dent, I.	C	C	C	C	C	C	...
A. D. W. Fisher	C	C	C	C	C	C	...
S. A. L. Fisher	B	B	C	C	C	C	C
G. Gunning	B	C	C	C	...	C	...
C. E. Hale	C	C	C	C	B	C	...
G. L. Hobson	C	B	C	C	...	C	C
H. V. Jaques	C	B	C	C	B	C	B
E. D. Kater, I.	...	...	...	C	C	C	C
R. R. H. Moore, I.	C	A	C	A	B	C	C
R. S. Reid, I.	C	B	C	A	A	B	A (M)†
F. G. Simpson, I.	...	A	B	A	A	B	C (M)
G. T. Uther, I.	...	C	C	A	B	C	C
G. E. Vernon	B	A	B	B	B	C	... (M)

* Passed Matriculation according to old standard and are therefore entitled to present themselves for Matriculation next March in the subjects in which they did not reach the new standard.

† Physics Medal.

(M) Passed Matriculation.

Boat Club.

THE unusually large number of members in the Boat Club this term, gave promise of busy doings at the shed; but, unfortunately, through coughs and colds, to say nothing of measles and other obstacles, there has not been that regularity in practice which alone leads to success with the oar. However, there is to be a race for junior members of the Club in Fours the last week in term, boarders *versus* day boys, course about a 1-3rd of a mile, in which we shall expect to see some very fair form displayed.

The new tub arrived from Messrs. Jerram, of Melbourne, early in the term. A crew got up very early to row over for her to Darling Harbour, with the hope of returning in time for breakfast, but what with Customs' House officials and officialdom generally (which seems to be constituted so that no one can get his goods without seeing everyone connected with the Shipping Co., Customs and Wharf), they did not get back till 10.30, very hungry and not too pleased with their morning's outing.

There was quite a large gathering at the launching of the new pair. The School was invited to the ceremony, and afternoon tea was provided by the members of the Club. After Mr. Burnside, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Robson, had said a few words, in which he congratulated the Club on the possession of so fine a fleet of boats, and expressed the hope that the latest addition to it would be the means of producing many more Champion crews for the School, the boat was taken for her maiden

journey amid cheers for the '98 tub. Giblin I. and Cowper, cox. Bland, constituted the crew, and pronounced the boat a great success in every way.

We have to regret the loss of Murnin I. who left, and whose reign as Captain of Boats was, unfortunately, of so short duration. We have, likewise, to welcome Giblin I. as his successor to that important position, and we hope not to have to find his successor for some considerable time to come.

A letter has been received from our old friend Mr. Mahaffy, who so kindly helped in the coaching of the '95 crew. He congratulates the School on its meritorious victory last May, and impresses on us the necessity of keeping up that form by which we have achieved such successes in the past, and by the continuance of which alone we can expect to succeed in the future. Mr. Mahaffy is Deputy Commissioner in the Solomon Islands, and it is gratifying to find that he still takes a keen interest in our rowing.

Boys are reminded that by a rule passed last year, it is necessary for all who wish to take part in the "Trial Fours," and "Junior Pairs," in March next, to be members of the Boat Club and row next term.

The crews for the aforesaid Junior Fours are as follows, and ought to provide a very keen and exciting race:—

DAY BOYS.—bow, Moore; 2, Forsyth II.; 3, Uther; str., Murnin; cox., Newmarch II.
BOARDERS.—bow, Kater II.; 2, Terry; 3, Bilbrough; str., Grant; cox. Niall.

Athletic Sports

OUR Annual Meeting will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, October 12th. The School Events will be the same as last year and the Old Boys' race a handicap of 150 yards. It has not yet been decided what the visitors and the all schools events will be. In addition to the mile championship it was decided to run a mile handicap open to the whole school, and this was run off on the North Sydney oval on August 26th with the result that the limit men Cook II. and Giblin III. won as they liked. It was quite a treat to see the youngsters start off at a hundred pace and keeping it up for the whole length of the three laps. Abraham who started from scratch finished the distance in 5 mins. 1 2-5 secs, thus beating his 5 mins. 4 4-5 secs. of last year.

The School Records at present are as follows—

- 100 yards—N. N. G. Levick, 10 3-5 secs.
(Combined Meeting, 1897).
- 220 yards—N. N. G. Levick, 22 4-5 secs.
(Combined Meeting, 1897.)
- 440 yards—N. N. G. Levick, 54 1-5 secs.
(1897).
- 880 yards—C. D. Abraham, 2 mins.
11 2-5 secs. (1896).

One Mile—C. D. Abraham, 5 mins. 1 2-5 secs. (1898).

Throwing Cricket Ball—G. A. More, 110 yds. 1 ft. 7 ins. (1895).

Kicking Football—A. B. S. White, 59 yds. (Combined Meeting, 1897).

High Jump—N. E. Giblin, 5 ft. 4 in. (Combined Meeting, 1898).

Broad Jump—C. W. Rundle, 19 ft. 10½ in (Combined Meeting, 1898).

120 yards Hurdle Race—F. L. M. Mewether, 18 secs. (1894). A. Ritchie 18 secs. (1895).

It is to be hoped that some of the above records will be broken this year. Abraham ought to improve on the mile, Rundle on the broad jump, and Giblin in the high jump. Several are quite capable of lowering the 59 yards in the football kicking. Competitors should refer to old numbers of TORCHBEARER for hints for training.

Kicking Football Competition will take place in the school ground during the last week of term. The mile will be run on the North Sydney oval on Friday, October 7th, preliminary heats in the handicaps on Monday, October 10th, and throwing the cricket ball on Tuesday, October 11th.

Old Boys' Union.

Notice of any change of address should be at once sent to the Hon. Secretaries of the Old Boys' Union, S.C.E.G.S.

Present members of the School are reminded of the following Rule:—*Boys in their last term at School may join the Union, but not be members till they have left.*

The following changes of address have been notified:—

L. J. Holdsworth, c/o Messrs. John Connell & Co., Sydney.

E. K. Wilson, Condong Mill, Tweed River, N.S.W.

H. W. Kendall, Braeside, Nelson Bay Road, Waverley.

A. McKnight, c/o Messrs. Stanway & Slack, Milson's Point.

The following have joined the Union since our last issue:—

C. E. Hale, Sydney Road, Willoughby.

C. E. Murnin, Kenilworth, Simmons Street, Balmain.

A. Sulman, Turramurra.

On the result of the ballot under Rule I. B., F. M. Osborne has been elected a member of the Union.

Harold Pockley writes from the Agricultural College, Lincoln, New Zealand:—

"I rather distinguished myself at the Scholarship Exame. in June. I entered for one of £20, and managed to carry it off, which was satisfactory, for it meant a lot of extra 'grind,' with late hours, etc. At the end of my First Year I managed to score five honour certificates, so that what was drummed into me at the S.C.E.G.S. was not all lost." He expects to get his diploma in December. We all heartily congratulate him on his success.

Eric Pockley has been distinguishing himself greatly at Tennis, by carrying off the Single Championship of Queensland in the recent tournament. He was a member of the N.S.W. Tennis Team which visited Brisbane. In the Double Championship, he and his partner got into the final, which was not finished, and has to be re-played in Sydney.

Gother Clarke is playing Tennis for the University B No. I. in the Badge Matches, and the team is leading in the competition and should about win it. W. J. Morson is playing for Holbrook in the same competition, and he and his partner have the best record in games played. R. Moodie has also been playing for Balmain in the same class, and H. E. Whitfeld for University B No. II.

J. N. F. Armstrong played for the Metropolitan Rugby Team v. The Country Districts, and also for the N.S.W. 1st XV.

F. W. Kendall, J. N. F. Armstrong, G. A. More and H. J. Gould are rowing in the University Senior Eight for the coming Pennant Race, and W. B. Clarke and C. E. Hale in the North Shore Maiden Eight.

A. B. S. White stroked St Paul's crew in the Inter-Collegiate Boat Race, and also played for St. Paul's in the Inter-College football matches.

A. J. Hopkins played for N.S. Wales v. Victoria in the Inter-colonial Lacrosse match.

G. R. C. Clarke has been elected Hon Treasurer of the Sydney University Cricket Club, and also one of the members of the Selection Committee,

W. B. Clarke has been elected Hon. Secretary of the North Sydney Cricket Club.

H. P. Harriott obtained third place in the recent Intermediate Law Examination.

Norman Wallace is now on a station, and his brother Donald has entered the City Bank at Newcastle.

E. K. Wilson has left Sydney for the Colonial Sugar Co.'s works on the Tweed River.

D. S. F. Wilson and L. F. Uther have got their diplomas at the Richmond Agricultural College, and are now gaining further experience in farming life, the former near Scone and the latter in Tasmania.

The Annual Cricket Match *v.* The School will take place on Saturday, September 17th, starting at 11 o'clock. The team is being picked by A. B. S. White, G. R. C. Clarke and N. Y. Deane, and White, in accordance with the rule, will captain the team.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day, a special meeting will be held in the School Hall, to receive and discuss the report of the sub-committee elected at the last general meeting to revise the Rules of the Union. This will be followed by a sing-song. It is to be hoped that as many as possible will make a point of attending.

The Annual School Sports will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, October 12th. The Old Boys' Handicap will be 150 yards, and entries should be sent in as soon as possible.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions for the year ending May, 1899:—

E. G. Abraham, G. N. Allen, T. S. L.

Armstrong, P. N. Aiken, F. C. B. Bland, W. A. Bull, C. H. H. Calvert, G. R. C. Clarke, D. Davies, N. Y. Deane, J. F. Fitzhardinge, O. E. Friend, F. P. Hopkins, J. R. Hargrave, C. E. Hale, D. T. Kitgour, J. E. R. McMaster, W. J. Morrison, R. Moodie, C. E. Murnin, G. Milbourne-Marsh, F. H. Needham, D. W. T. Osborne, F. D. Parton, H. C. Pockley, A. G. Powell, A. C. Pilkington, D. F. Roberts, G. W. Rundle, A. F. Ritchie, W. N. Stephens, E. M. Sullivan, A. Sulman, L. F. Uther, A. B. S. White, H. E. Whitfeld, J. M. Walker, A. H. C. Wayne, E. K. Wilson, J. B. Yeomans.

In the event of any mistake in the above list, kindly write to the Hon. Treasurer. Members are asked to send in their subscriptions as soon as possible. Complaints are occasionally made about the non-receipt of TORCH-BEARER, but members are reminded of the Rule "That no copies be sent till subscription is paid." The annual subscription (5s.) covers membership of Union, Prize Fund, and TORCH-BEARER.

The following is the draft of the rules presented at the Special Meeting of the Union on Saturday, September 17th.

I. A. DEFINITION OF OLD BOYS:—All boys who have finished their education at the School, or have left the School direct for business, or for any place of higher education.

B Any boy excluded by I (A) may, unless the committee find serious objections, be admitted in the following manner:—

(a) A ballot shall be held by all the members, one blackball in ten to exclude, and the management of the ballot to be left to the com-

- mittee, who shall take steps to secure that every member shall have an opportunity of recording his vote.
- (b) A record shall be kept by the committee of anyone so admitted, fully stating his claims to membership.
- II. No boy who has been expelled from the School shall come before the Union for admission, except on the application of the Head Master for the time being, in which case he shall be eligible under I (B)
- III. All masters, past and present, may become members.
- IV. Boys in their last term at School may join the Union, but not be members till they have left.
- V. The committee may elect to honorary membership any gentlemen, not being Old Boys, occupying official positions in connection with the School, or showing particular interest in the School.
- VI. The committee shall have power to refuse any member's subscription, the member having the right to appeal to the next general meeting of the union.
- VII. The subscription from all ordinary members shall be five shillings per annum; which shall cover membership, Torch-Bearer and Prize Fund.
- VIII. Subscriptions shall be payable each year on May 4th, and any member who shall not have paid his subscription within three months from that date shall thereby forfeit his membership.
- IX. The subscription of new members shall be payable within three months of the date of their admission as members, provided that the first subscription of any member admitted during the three months previous to May 4th, be considered to become due on that date.
- X. (a) The officers shall consist of a President, 2 Vice-Presidents, 2 Hon. Secretaries (one of whom shall act as Treasurer,) and 9 ordinary members of Committee, of whom not less than 2 must be elected from those members who have been in attendance at the School within the previous three years—6 to form a quorum.
- (b) The head Master for the time being shall be *ex-officio* President.
- XI. The Secretaries shall keep a register of all addresses of members of the Union, and members are responsible for notifying any change of address to the Secretaries.
- XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:—
- (1) In the Lent Term number of the TORCH-BEARER each year, the Secretaries shall publish a return of the attendance of members of Committee at Committee Meetings held since the last Annual Meeting.
- (2) At the Annual Meeting nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year shall be received.
- (3) Should the number of candidates nominated for any office not exceed the number of officers required, the President shall forthwith declare the members so nominated duly elected.
- (4) Should the number of candi-

dates nominated for any office exceed the number of offices required, a ballot shall be held in the following manner.

Within ten days from the Annual Meeting, the Secretaries shall send round to every member of the Union whose address is registered voting papers, in the following form:—

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION.

The following candidates have been nominated for election as Vice-President, Secretary, or Committee man as the case may be.

Voters must erase the names of not more than 1, 2 or 3, as the case may be (a), and not less than 1, 2 or 3 as the case may be (b), and return the papers unsigned to the Secretaries O.B.U., C.E.G.S. North Sydney on or before (a date not more than three weeks from the date of the Annual meeting) in sealed envelopes with their names signed inside the flap of the envelope.

NOTE. (a) The number standing here to state the number of candidates nominated in excess of the number required to be elected.

(b) The number standing here to state the number of candidates required to be elected

(5) These envelopes shall be opened by a scrutineer who shall have been appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting and the voting papers handed without being unfolded to the Secretaries who shall count the votes.

(6) The names of successful candi-

dates shall be notified in the next number of the TORCH-BEARER.

(7) Until a new Committee is elected the old Committee shall continue to act as executive of the Union

(8) No voting paper shall be received from any member of the Union whose subscription for the current year remains unpaid, and members whose subscriptions remain unpaid at the time of sending out the voting papers shall be notified accordingly and their attention drawn to this rule.

XIII. For the present there shall be Two Annual Re-unions.

(A) A dinner to be held in Sydney on a date and at a place to be fixed each year by the Committee.

(B) A smoke concert after the Old Boy's cricket match.

XIV. (A) There shall be a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Union; such fund to be used only in cases of absolute necessity.

(B) In the event of any surplus arising from the sale of tickets for the Old Boys' Dinner, or from any entertainment promoted by the Union, such surplus shall be devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

XV. In all Old Boys' Union matches against the School, the Old Boys' Team shall be captained by the last available captain of that branch of sport who has left the school, provided that he be a member of the Union.

XVI. Prizes shall be awarded annually to present members of the school.

(A) For some event in the Annual Athletic Sports Meeting.

(B) For the Trial Fours at the Annual Regatta.

(C) For an essay, to be written under such conditions as the adjudicator shall decide, on some subject connected with the History and Resources of Australia, the subject to be notified at least three months before the date of competition. The adjudicator of the Prize to be the Headmaster, and the Hon. Secretaries (for the time being) of the Union.

XVII. The TORCH-BEARER shall be the official organ of the Union, and

all notifications and acknowledgments of the receipt of subscriptions, shall be made by TORCH-BEARER only.

XVIII. The objects of the Union are to unite as much as possible, past members of the S.C.E.G.S. with the present, by means of

(A) A properly kept Register of Old Boys.

(B) Supporting School Institutions.

(C) Arranging Cricket and Football Matches, and

(D) By promoting its interests in every way.

The G.P.S. Combined Sports Meeting, 1898.

THE Fourth Annual Championship Sports Meeting in connection with the Great Public Schools of N.S.W. took place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, September 10th. Owing to counter attractions, and the prevailing measles epidemic, the attendance was poor, but the Sports in all respects, except financially, were a complete success. Everything passed off without a hitch, and for this the thanks of the Association are mainly due to Mr. Barbour, of the S.G.S. The Sports were under the auspices of the N.S.W.A.A.A., and all the officials were appointed by them. Messrs. W. B. Alexander and A. Morgan acted as judges; Messrs. W. T. Kerr, S. J. Wyatt and C. H. Oakes as timekeepers; Messrs. B. Harrison and W. A. Horsfield as clerks of the course; Mr. R. Coombes as starter; and Mr. E. S. Marks as referee. The Central Committee consisted of Messrs. G. P. Barbour, C. A.

Buchanan, Rev. D. Davies, with S. Powell as secretary. The Broad Jump, Kicking the Football, Throwing the Cricket Ball, and the preliminary contests in the High Jump took place in the morning, with Messrs. Bode, Corr, Pilkington, Sampson, Savigny and Williamson as judges.

The Championship was won easily, as was anticipated, by the S.G.S., for with such a team as Stewart, Lindsay, Browne, Webb, for the Sprints and Hurdles, there was not much chance for any other school obtaining points in those events. As will be seen in the table of points, records were established in the 440 Yards and in the High Jump. A. H. Stewart, in the former, with 53 2.5 secs., taking the place of H. A. Jones with 53 4.5 secs. in 1897, and N. E. Giblin in the latter with 5 ft. 4 in., to the 5 ft. 3 in. recorded by C. H. Brown in 1895. All the times were good, considering that the competitors had to contend with a strong N.E. wind,

The Championship goes to the School which gains most points in open events and team races. The points for the Mile Team Race are 8, 4, 2; and, for the 440 Team, 5, 3, 1. All other Championship events count 3, 2, 1; to be increased to 5, 3, 1 if the standard be reached in the following:—100 yards, 11 1-5 secs.; 220 yards, 24½ secs.; 440 yards, 56 secs.; Mile, 5 min. 10 secs.; Hurdles, 19 secs.; High Jump, 4 ft. 11 in.; Broad Jump, 18 ft. 6 in.

The old method for judging the Football Kicking was changed to the following: The kick was from a fixed point towards a fixed line 50 yards distant, and between two posts on this line 15 yards apart. Each competitor was allowed three place and three drop kicks,—every kick that crossed the line between the posts counted one point, and an additional point was added for each of the longest place and drop kicks.

In the accompanying table, etc., the various initials stand for the following Schools: T.K.S., The King's School; S.G.S., The Sydney Grammar School; N.C., Newington College; C.A., Coorwull Academy; A.S.A., The Armidale School; A.S.C., All Saints' College, Bathurst.

The holders of the records are as follows:—

100 Yards—N. N. G. Levick, S.C.E.G.S., 10 3-5 secs., 1897.

220 Yards—N. N. G. Levick, S.C.E.G.S., 22 4-5 secs., 1897.

440 Yards—A. H. Stewart, S.G.S., 53 2-5 secs., 1898.

120 Yards Hurdles—W. Lindsay, S.G.S., 18 1-5 secs., 1897.

One Mile—H. A. Jones, S.G.S., E. M. Barton, A.S.C., 5 min. 3 secs., 1897.

Broad Jump—N. J. Smith, A.S.C., 21 ft., 1897.

High Jump—N. E. Giblin, S.C.E.G.S., 5 ft. 4 in., 1898.

Throw—N. J. Smith, A.S.C., 115 yds. 2 ft. 11 in., 1897.

Kick—E. A. Barton, T.K.S., 63 yds., 1397.

Our representatives were the following:—

100 Yards—H. L. Lomax, S. H. O. Holtermann, C. W. Rundle.

220 Yards—C. D. Abraham, H. L. Lomax, S. H. O. Holtermann.

440 Yards—C. D. Abraham, N. W. Abraham, S. H. O. Holtermann, N. W. Turton.

One Mile—C. D. Abraham, N. W. Abraham, G. L. Hobson, N. W. Turton.

120 yards Hurdles—C. W. Rundle, R. S. Reid.

Broad Jump—H. L. Lomax, C. W. Rundle.

High Jump—N. E. Giblin, R. S. Reid, C. W. Rundle.

Kicking Football—W. G. B. Boydell, S. H. O. Holtermann, C. W. Rundle.

Throwing Cricket Ball—S. H. O. Holtermann, H. L. Lomax, C. W. Rundle.

100 Yards, under 13—H. S. Bland, I. E. Giblin, B. Rundle.

220 Yards, under 15—A. H. B. Bilbrough, J. E. Forsyth, C. Terry.

High Jump, under 15—G. F. Allman, A. H. B. Bilbrough, J. E. Forsyth.

Last year we found fault with our long distance runners for want of condition; this year our Mile contingent came to the post in good fettle, and deserve every congratulation on the way they finished. The brothers Abraham came in first and second in the 440 yards Handicap, just before the Mile race, and but for over-

exerting themselves in this, the elder brother should have won the Mile, for the time, 5 min. 9 3-5 secs., does not compare with his School record of 5 min. 1 2-5 secs. Giblin won the High Jump in great form, making a new record both for the School and the Association. Rundle, with 19 ft. 10 1/2 in., also made a new School record for the Broad Jump. At the last moment Pattison took the place of Holtermann in the 440 yards, and the latter did not start in the 100 or 200 yards owing to illness, but won the Throw with 106 yds. 0 ft. 10 in. Allman and Forsyth did very well in the High Jump, under 15, both being equal for third place, with a jump of 4 ft. 6 in.; Bilbrough did well in only being beaten by Buchanan (S.G.S.) and Colls (N.C.) in the 220 yards, under 15. Giblin III. and Rundle II. ran in very good style in the 100 yards, under 13; they were defeated by much older competitors, and if they prepare themselves as well as they did this year they need not be afraid of coming to the front at the next meeting. It is a pity that some of our older sprinters will not take a lesson from the Juniors in the way of training.

In the Old Boys' 150 yards Handicap, N. Levick was our only representative, though Hill had entered and was thought of as a likely winner with 10 yards start. It was a great race between Levick (scr.) and N. Ebsworth (2 yards), the result being a dead heat. In the final, Levick had a walk over, Ebsworth not starting. Levick's time was 16 1/2 secs., which was 1/2 sec. slower than against Stewart last year.

The results were as follows:—

1. Kicking the Football—	
C. S. Browne, S.G.S.	1
J. F. Bossley, T.K.S.	2
A. F. Crago, T.K.S.	3

Browne, with the longest drop, 56 yds. 1 ft. 18 in., and one place kick over the line, scored three points. Crago, with the longest place, 55 yds. 2 ft., tied with Rundle. Harris and Bossley, two points each. The kick-off resulted as above, with the exception of Browne's drop the kicking was distinctly below the average.

2. Throwing the Cricket Ball—

S. H. O. Holtermann, S.C.E.G.S.	1
A. Brown, N.C.	2
W. Lindsay, S.G.S.	3

Distance, 106 yds. 10 in. The throwing all round was good, five throwing over the 100 yards.

3. 100 Yards (under 13)—

C. Abbott, T.K.S.	1
A. Gurdon, S.G.S.	2
R. D. Walker, S.G.S.	3

Won by 2 yds., in 14 2-5 secs. The heats were won by Abbott in 13 4-5 secs., Seld and Gurdon in 13 3-5, the wind preventing better times. Bland and Rundle ran in the final, as there were only three in the heat.

4. 150 Yards Handicap—

H. Bruxner, 4 yds., A.S.A.	1
F. J. Body, 7 yds., T.K.S.	2
L. McCredie, 10 yds., T.K.S.	3

Won by inches, the first four finishing in a bunch.

5. 440 Yards Championship—

A. H. Stewart, S.G.S.	1
C. D. Abraham, S.C.E.G.S.	2
A. Scott, A.S.A.	3

Won easily, in 53 2-5 secs., thus beating H. A. Jones' record of last year by 2-5 sec.

Second Division—

C. S. Browne, S.G.S.	1
D. C. Close, S.G.S.	2
N. W. Abraham, S.C.E.G.S.	3

Time, 58 2-5 secs. S.G.S. won the Team Race with 8 points, S.C.E.G.S. being

second with 19, and T.K.S. third, 26 points.

6. High Jump (under 15)—

J. Terry, T.K.S.	...	...	...	1
A. Morris, S.G.S.	...	...	...	2
G. E. Forsyth	} S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	3
G. Allman.		...	...

These four were left in from the morning, the two former clearing 4 ft. 8 in. Morris was unable to clear this in the afternoon. Our two representatives broke down at 4 ft. 7 in.

7. 120 Yards Hurdles—

W. Lindsay, S.G.S.	...	...	...	1
T. W. Jennings, C.A.	...	...	...	2
K. Mackenzie, S.G.S.	...	...	...	3

Won easily, in 18 2-5 secs. S.G.S. had all their three representatives in the final.

8. Broad Jump—

A. H. Stewart, S.G.S.	...	...	...	1
G. Campbell, S.G.S.	...	...	...	2
C. W. Rundle, S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	...	3

Stewart cleared 20 ft., Campbell 19 ft. 1 1/2 in., and Rundle 19 ft. 10 1/2 in., only 1 1/2 in. dividing the three. Rundle had bad luck in overstepping the line by about an inch in his best jump.

9. 220 Yards (under 15)—

S. H. Buchanan, S.G.S.	...	...	...	1
A. Colls, N.C.	...	...	...	2
A. H. B. Bilbrough, S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	...	3

The first two drew out at once, and a good race ensued up to a dozen yards of the post, Buchanan eventually winning by a couple of yards. Bilbrough finished 10 yards behind second. Time, 25 3-5 secs.

10. 100 Yards—

A. H. Stewart, S.G.S.	...	...	...	1
C. S. Browne, S.G.S.	...	...	...	2
H. E. Webb, S.G.S.	...	...	...	3

A splendid race, Browne leading till within a few yards of the tape, when Stewart came up and secured the verdict by a couple of inches. Time, 11 secs. Stewart and Browne won their heats in

11 secs. and 10 4-5 secs. respectively. The slow times are accounted for by the strong wind blowing almost down the course.

11. 440 Yards Handicap—

C. D. Abraham, scr., S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	...	1
N. W. Abraham, 25 yds., S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	...	2
D. C. Close, 15 yds., S.G.S.	...	...	...	3

Abraham running with excellent judgment made his effort and came through his field about 20 yards from the post, and won by a couple of yards, Close being well up. Time, 54 2-5 secs.

12. 150 Yards Old Boys' Handicap—

N. G. Levick, S.C.E.G.S., scr.	1
N. Ebsworth, T.K.S., 25 yds.	...	...	...
G. M. Rowohl, S.G.S., 10 yds.	...	...	...

Of the 18 entrants, only half a dozen turned out. N. Ebsworth, who was out of training, refused to run off, leaving Levick to walk over. Time, 16 1/2 secs.

13. Obstacle Race—

E. A. Cochrane, S.G.S.	...	...	...	1
D. McRae, T.K.S.	...	...	...	2
A. Gurdon, S.G.S.	...	...	...	3

The two first took the lead at once, with Gurdon well up, Their places changed at the various obstacles, but Cochrane getting through the suspended sacks very quickly, won easily.

14. High Jump—

N. G. Giblin, S.C.E.G.S.	...	...	...	1
J. W. Jennings, C.A.	...	...	...	2
K. G. Richards, A.S.A.	...	...	...	3

Giblin, who jumped in very good style, cleared 5 ft. 4 in., thus creating another record. Jennings cleared 5 ft. 3 in., but Richards did not improve on his morning performance of 5 ft. 2 in.

15. 440 Yards Visitors' Handicap—

A. Wilkins, F.L.H., 16 yds.	...	...	...	1
E. Brown, W.H., 18 yds.	...	...	...	2
E. F. Moates, S.H., 15 yds.	...	...	...	3

Won by 2 yards, with the third well up.

Time, 53 1-5 secs. A large field started.

16. 220 Yards—
 A. H. Stewart, S.G.S. ... 1
 E. H. Webb, S.G.S. ... 2
 K. Mackenzie, S.G.S. ... 3

A good race, won by a yard, in 24 secs.

17. 150 Yards Handicap (under 15)—

- A. Colls, N.C., 4 yds. ... 1
 S. Buchanan, S.G.S., scr. ... 2
 N. Richards, S.G.S., scr. ... 3

Buchanan, who won his heat in 18 secs., as against Colls' 18½, just failed to get up to Colls, Richards a yard or two behind. Time, 18 1-5 secs.

18. Mile Team and Championship—

- L. Harrison, T.K.S. ... 1

- C. D. Abraham, S.C.E.G.S. ... 2
 E. Hall, S.G.S. ... 3

These three took the lead before the end of the first lap, which was run very slowly. In the second lap, Hall succeeded in making the pace somewhat brisker, but fell back before the last lap commenced, when Abraham and Harrison took the lead, and ran almost stride for stride up to the tape, Harrison getting the verdict by 1 ft. Time, 5 min. 9 2-5 secs. Abraham made a great mistake in not making the pace hotter, and then at the finish, if he had run straight for the line as soon as he could see it, instead of keeping behind Harrison's shoulder, he might have reversed their positions.

A Thing or Two on Measles.

MEASLES is a disease; a mean, low disease that sneaks up when you're not thinking, and jumps on you when you're not expecting. When you're getting measles you say, "Aha! won't I have a feed of beef-tea and things!" When you've got measles you say, "Boo-hoo!" and you starve yourself.

There is a saying that "love is like the measles." I go further, and say that love is the measles, or, in other words, that if you've got measles you must be in love; and I prove my statement as follows:—

Suppose you've got *measles*. Measles

is an *inspiration* (in=into, spiro=to breathe), for if a chap has measles and he breathes and you breathe his breath, you get measles too, because they are breathed into you.

∴ Measles is an *inspiration*; and an inspiration is a *clever thought* (this article is an inspiration); and a clever thought is a *bright idea*.

∴ If you've measles, you've a *bright idea*. But a *girl* is a *bright-eyed dear* (bright idea).

∴ If you've measles, you've "a girl."
 ∴ You're in love.—Q.E.D.

F. G. S.

The following Table gives an Analysis of Points gained by each School, and also a summary of the points gained during the last four years.

	Total Points.									
	1888	1887	1886	1886	1886	1886	1886	1886	1886	1886
	106	109	109	105						
T.K.S.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.G.S.	2 & 1	3	2	5, 3, 1	5	1	0	0	0	0
N.C.	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.S.A.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
S. & E.G.S.	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	2	5	1
Times etc., in 1888	secs. 13 4/5	secs. 25 3/5	ft. in. 4 8	secs. 11	secs. 24	secs. 53 2/5	mi. ec. 5 9-3/5	Team Race. 440 yards.	One Mile. 1	Team Race. 140 yards.
Times etc., in 1887	secs. 10 3/5	secs. 22 4/5	secs. 53 4/5	secs. 5 3	ft. in. 5 0	ft. in. 21 0	secs. 18 1/5	secs. 63 10	yd. in. 115-2-11	ft. in. 106-0-10
Times etc., in 1886	secs. 11 1/10	secs. 24 2/5	secs. 64	secs. 6 11-4/5	ft. in. 4 11 1/2	ft. in. 19 3	secs. 19	secs. 53.7	secs. 108-0-4	ft. in. 99-0-0
Times etc., in 1885	secs. 10 4/5	secs. 24 1/5	secs. 64 4/5	secs. 5 20	ft. in. 5 3	ft. in. 17 5	secs. 19 3/10	secs. 62 0	ft. in. 99-0-0	ft. in. 99-0-0

A Dream.

IT was one Friday night, we had been having a "spree" in the study, during which I had eaten "not wisely but too well," and I made my way up to the dormitory with a cold, heavy feeling in my —, well, it wasn't in my heart. I got into bed, and after a time I slept and dreamt. Here is my dream:—

I thought that I was in Ancient Rome; I was in an empty street, and felt very hungry (I can't understand that after my confession above).

I walked along the street till I came to a house on which was painted, "Panis lac et ova." I managed to get the meaning, and at once decided to go in and appease my hunger; but it struck me I had best first think what I would say. I leant against a post, and had got as far as "Quanti panem das," when I looked in and saw a girl, and, at the same time, perceived that I only had pyjamas on. I fled in dismay; when just as I was going round a corner, I was seized by someone. I looked, and saw a man with a helmet and breastplate, and very little clothing on. He dragged me along roughly. I mentally decided that he was a "bobby," and that I was being taken before a "beak," though on what charge I couldn't think, unless it was for "trotting round corners." At length we came into a large room, full of venerable old men seated in ivory chairs. I noticed one old chap, in a larger chair than the others, with a tin plate hanging round his neck, on which was inscribed, "T. Livius, Esq., Rex Gentis Fabiae." My escort brought me to a halt, and old Livius stood up and

said to me: "Hic homo dicit te esse speculatorem"; "Go hon! he's only kiddin' you—I mean—I mean—is est mendax, Monsieur," I said (I didn't know the Latin for "Sir," so I used the French).

Then old Livius said, "Quod nomen est tuae patriae?"

"Alba," I answered.

"Ergo tu es Anglus?" he asked.

"Pardon, Monsieur, non Anglus sed Angelus," I replied.

He stared at me? then he asked, "Quod nomen est tibi?"

I paused for a moment, then answered, "Mercurius."

The whole assembly started from their seats. Old Livius uttered an exclamation, then throwing his hands up he screeched, "O Mercuri, veniam da nobis! O Mercuri, mane nobiscum! O Mercuri, si tu nobiscum manebis, nos tibi agros aedesque dabimus!" He paused. I didn't understand a word he said; but, as he seemed to expect an answer, I blurted out the first thing that came into my head, and shouted "Actum est de exercitu!"

He took no notice, but went on:

"O Mercuri, nos tibi conjuges dabimus."

"Bis dat qui cito dat," I hazarded.

—"O Mercuri," he resumed, "nos tibi dabimus conjuges—unam, duas tres—"

"Quo plures eo hilariores," I stammered, remembering a favourite phrase of my headmaster's.

Old Livius ceased suddenly; then he shouted, "Loquitur nobis O Mercuri" (I

know the verb "loquor," so I managed to understand that I was to speak).

I stood up in my place, and started off as follows:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

"Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, I ——" I was interrupted by cries of "Non comprehendimus"

I scratched my head in dismay; I didn't know enough Latin to express much, and—ah! I remembered a rhyme I had heard. It was not very good Latin, but still it was all I could think of, so with magnificent elocution I chanted:—

"Is ab ille-eris ago,
Fortibus es in aro ;

Oh ! nobile themis trux,
Si vatis sinum pes an dux."

I insert a translation for non-Latin scholars:—

"I say, billy, 'ere's a go,
Forty 'busses in a row ;
Oh, no, billy, them is trucks,
See vat is in 'em, peas and ducks."

As I ended, I turned and made for the door. As I reached it I was seized by my big toe, and down I came with a bang.

I awoke with a start, and found myself on the floor. I had been toe-stringed. Don't eat heavy cake after a hard afternoon's work at Latin translation. This is soundest advice.

School Notes.

THE following have left since our last issue:—L. J. Holdsworth (1st XV., 1st XI.); G. H. Vernon (junior exam.: matric.); O. F. Ash; E. V. Bourke (1st XV.); C. E. Hale (1st XV., 1st Crew, Prefect); G. Gunning (Prefect, 2nd XI. 2nd XV.); C. Murnin (Prefect, Capt. Boats, 1st Crew, 1st XV., 1st XI.); A. J. Senior (1st XV.); G. T. Uther (junior exam.); H. H. Marshall (2nd XI.); A. Sulman, E. R. Southouse, W. S. Rylands, N. C. Love.

The following joined this term: Form V.—H. L. Lomax. Form IIIa.—E. Bullock, G. N. Larkin, H. P. Christmas, R. Martin, A. R. Lomax. Remove—L. Davies, F. D. W. Oatley, F. A. L. Gunning, H. Bullock, J. F. Wyly. Form IIa.—A. D. Newmarch, Form IIb.—O. S. Cook, J. T. Church, D. Gilles, C. C. Linton, E. H. Senior, L. B. Wyly.

The Annual Sports Meeting will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Wednesday, October 12th.

N. E. Giblin I. is captain of Boats *vice* Murnin left, and W. G. B. Boydell, captain of Cricket *vice* White left.

D. H. Cowper has been elected to the vacancy in the Boat Club sub-committee, Boydell to the Football, and A. D. W. Fisher I. to the Cricket sub-committee. J. Clarke, R. S. Reid I., and K. Wilson I. have been elected members of the General Sports Committee.

1st XV. colours have been awarded to G. N. Larkin, K. Wilson I., and D. H. Cowper.

Mr. Whitfeld has undertaken the editorship of the TORCH-BEARER *vice* Mr. Linton resigned.

The Examination for the Old Boys' Union Prize on the History and Geography of Australia, has been postponed to the end of next term.

The death was announced on August 22nd, of Kenneth Richard Chisholm, at the age of 19 years. Chisholm was at the school from October, 1893, until June, 1895, when owing to failing health he left us for King's College, Goulburn. He will be remembered as a frequent performer at School Concerts.

In the recent Junior Examination all the candidates sent up by the School passed. One boy who had been sent up at special request of parents, failed. Reid I., Simpson I., Vernon, obtained matriculation passes, and Dent I., Fisher I., Jaques, Moore I., and Uther I., would have obtained matriculation passes according to the old standard, and are there-

fore entitled to present themselves for matriculation next March in the subjects in which they did not reach the new standard, which requires honours in either mathematics or classics.

Our total passes were as follows:—

	A	B	C
Classics	3	9	17
Mathematics	6	9	19
Physics	1	1	6

and the Physics medal was won by Reid I.

The School breaks up this term on Friday, September, 23rd, and re-opens on Tuesday, October 4th.

A new tub pair arrived from Melbourne on the 23rd July, having been built to the order of the Boat Club by Messrs. Fuller and Jerram. It was launched on the 26th of July, and will be known as the '98 tub.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the TORCH-BEARER.
Dear Sir,

I think it would be an excellent thing if a "Debating Society" were formed at the School under the auspices of the TORCH-BEARER sub-committee; I am sure fellows would soon take an interest in it, and it would be both instructive and amusing.

Yours, etc.,
"DEMOSTHENES."

[We gladly welcome this suggestion. For no one can doubt that much profit as well as pleasure can be gained from a Debating Society, or that it is desirable to learn to express one's thoughts in public with tolerable ease and intelligibility. The idea is excellent, and it only remains to be seen if the boys have enough enterprise to take the matter up. We shall be happy to receive any suggestions from members of the School.—Eds. T.]

S.C.E.G.S. Calendar.

June	11	1st XV. v St. Joseph's Coll. Lost, 21 to 10.
June	17	Last Day of Term.
June	18	1st XV. v. Armidale School. Lost, 34 to 3.
July	12	First Day of Term.
July	16	1st XV. v. Mr. Hickson's Team. Won, 6 to 3.
July	19	General Sports Committee. Giblin I. elected Captain of Boats.
July	20	1st XV. v. University III. Won, 10 to 6.
July	23	New Tub arrived from Melbourne. 1st XV. v. St. Ignatius' Coll. Lost, 3 to 8. 2nd XV. v. St. Ignatius' Coll. II. Lost, 3 to 10.
July	26	Launch of New Tub.
July	27	1st XV. v. University III. Lost, 8 to 10.
August	3	1st XV. v. St. Joseph's Coll. Won, 9 to 0.
August	10	1st XV. v. T.K.S. Lost, 60 to 0.
August	17	1st XV. v. S.G.S. Lost, 53 to 3.
August	24	1st XV. v. N.C. Lost, 6 to 18.
August	25	General Sports Committee. Boydell elected Captain of Cricket.
August	26	Mile Handicap won by O. S. Cook II.
August	27	1st XV. v. St. Leonards F.C. Lost, 13 to 20.
Sept.	10	G.P.S. Combined Athletic Sports Meeting. S.G.S. Champion School.

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