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Editorial.

**S**INCE our last issue the School has reached double figures; in other words, it has celebrated its tenth birthday. It is not for us in our editorial columns to trace in detail the growth of the School during these eventful years, but perhaps we may be permitted to indulge in a few reflections on the first decade of our existence.

Though the School is still young, it has already a record of which it has no cause to feel ashamed. In cricket, athletics, and above all in rowing, it has made its voice heard among its elder sisters, while

the successes of some of our old boys at the University have shown that the School work is sound. Moreover, it has not only given good scholars and athletes to the University, but it has sent out to the community at large some scores of men who honourably bear the grand old name of gentleman, and who, in their every day lives, are the best possible testimony to the good work of the School. The Old Boys' Union is a living and growing institution, and considering the necessarily limited number of persons who are eligible for membership, the roll of the Union compares very favourably with that of any similar society in Australia.

Of our old boys we may indeed be proud—and we are proud of them.

So much for the past—but what of the future? The boys who have worked for the School during the past ten years have handed on the torch to us who are here to-day, and it is for us to see that it is kept burning to be transferred in turn to our successors. No doubt, we are all proud of our School, and of her past achievements, but we cannot afford to lie on our oars and be content with a share of the glory reflected from the deeds of our predecessors; it is for us to try and do something ourselves for the School, and to leave a good tradition for those who come after us. A school is neither more nor less than what its individual members make it, and since the honour of the school is in the hands of the boys themselves, they must be doubly careful that no deed or word of theirs bring discredit upon it. It is after all the small things in life which matter, and apparently trivial blemishes may prove to be the

“Little pitted speck in garner'd fruit

That rotting inward slowly moulders all.”

The possible ways in which a boy may serve his school are so many that they cannot be mentioned specifically; the

possible ways in which he may harm it are also so many that he cannot be on his guard against each of them individually. Perhaps, the best rule is “avoid slackness in every thing,” and if all our readers take this as their motto there will be no cause to fear for the future progress and good name of the School.

We do not wish to imply that the present generation is degenerate; we merely wish to point out to our readers the danger of what is sometimes called “casualness” in any department of school life. In the classroom, in the playground, and on the river, a boy should always feel that his school is deserving of the best that is in him, and that it is his duty to serve her to the best of his power. Fitful bursts of enthusiasm will not make up for long spells of carelessness, and if the School is to take her proper place, either in work or in sport, every one of us must be prepared to do honest and steady work for her. We do not wish to inflict a sermon on our readers, but we hope that they will one and all resolve that if the School does not in the future keep the position she has won in the past it will at all events be no fault of theirs.

## Anniversary Day.

THE Special Service for Anniversary Day was held in the School Hall, on May 4th, and at its conclusion the Head Master briefly addressed the school in reference to the occasion. After alluding to the fact that we had now got into double figures, he said he thought we might all feel justly proud of the progress the School had

made during its short career, and especially of the character of the boys it had already sent forth to the world. To maintain this high character, and ensure continued progress ought to be the object of one and all, and this could only be attained by self-sacrifice on the part of each individual for the benefit of the whole school. Whether in work or in sports—where

such great opportunities for the exercise of this unselfish spirit were given—each ought to do his best by self-denial to advance the interests of the School, although the individual credit gained might be insignificant. Nor ought we to be cast down by occasional failures or disappointments such as every institution or individual must expect to encounter, but “Lift up our hearts” and do our work not only with vigour but with cheerfulness.

After referring to Bishop Barry, whom we must always regard as our founder, to the late Archdeacon King, whose interest in the early days of the School entitled him to our reverence and respect, and to our first Bursar, the Rev. H. L. Jackson, the Head Master concluded by quoting the Act of Parliament constituting the School, and asked his hearers to endeavour to make it in the words of the Act “a School of the highest type.”

### A Trip to the Barron Falls.

**T**HE river Barron rises in the mountain ranges which divide the eastern from the western watershed of Cape York Peninsula, and flows into the sea at Trinity Bay, on which the town of Cairns is built; and, at some six or seven miles from the eastern shore of the Cape the river takes a leap of 900 ft. from the table-land above to the deep gorge below, thus forming the Barron Falls.

The journey to the Falls until about eight years ago was a very difficult one, as the only approach was by rough tracks available only for foot traffic; but now that the railway is completed, the journey from Cairns can be comfortably accomplished.

The train follows the coastline northwards to a point, eight miles from Cairns, where it turns towards the frowning range of mountains on the left, at the same time beginning the ascent of the range. The puffing of the locomotive can now be plainly heard from all parts of the train, and in the occasional glimpses of sea and sky which we get through the dense cedar and beantree

scrubs, it can easily be seen that we are steadily moving upwards, while overhead the cuttings of the line can be seen on the sloping face of the range. Soon the first tunnel is passed, and we are informed that it is one out of 18 in a distance of 15 miles. Now the train is getting well up the range, and into the really difficult country. When the railway was being constructed all material had to be brought up by mule trains, as no vehicle could possibly have travelled, and, indeed, many mules were lost by making a false step.

After going through more tunnels than most people could count, as they followed one another so quickly, the train passes close to a waterfall called Stoney Creek Falls. These falls are about 130 ft. in height, and the railway line is about half-way from the top, and so close to them that the spray sprinkles the carriage windows. We are now told that we are nearing the Red Bluff, and on looking out we see an immense mass of rock overhanging us. This, we find, is called the Glacier Rock, and although it looks rather dangerous, there is no danger of a slip, which is just

as well, since it is some 800 ft. above us. When we came to the Red Bluff no one asked any questions, for every one knew at once that this must be the place of which we had heard so much. Standing on the platform of the carriage we looked down on a sheer precipice of 400 ft., below which was another almost perpendicular drop of 800 ft., ending in the Barron Gorge.

The train slowly wound its way round the sharp curve, and we all breathed more freely when we had safely passed

this perilous part of the line. The climate here is quite different from that of Cairns, being very cool and pleasant. Camp-oven Creek, and then Surprise Creek, were crossed on high iron bridges, and the train was brought to a standstill at Kuranda, the station at the top of the Barron Falls, from which point visits can be made to the famous falls themselves as well as to other places of interest in the vicinity.

G B.S.

### Boat Club.

**F**OR the second time in our boating career we have this year sustained defeat in the race for the Schools' Championship. Our crew were undoubtedly fast and had shown staying powers in practice, and it was somewhat of a surprise to those who had watched the crew in training to see them go to pieces so soon in the race, however there is no use crying over spilt milk, the only thing to be done is to take our beating like sportsmen and determine to do all in our power to put on a crew next year that will win us back the proud title we have so often held, that of Head of the River. The second crew deserve some mention in that they rowed very well together but they were outdistanced by the Club crews they met in the Maiden Fours race. Although they did not win, the experience in racing gained, will be of inestimable value to those who will be available for next year's training.

Now a few words as to how we are to get a crew for next year. There has been an absence of Saturday rowing for a long

time, due in some cases to cricket and football matches being generally played on Saturday, but at the present time there are many boys in the school who are not playing football, and still there is no application for boats on Saturdays. Long distance rowing has in the past been the means of developing the best oars we have turned out, it does much to strengthen and form the rowing muscles; besides developing a habit, that when put to the test in a hard fought race is equal to the occasion. Six or eight weeks training will not make up for weeks of slackness and if we hope to be successful next year let us start at once and organize rowing parties for Saturdays to explore say the upper reaches of the Lane Cove River, and so take advantage of the many facilities our Boat Club offers to the good of the school rowing and all concerned.

#### CHARACTERS OF THE 1st CREW.

Bow.—G. N. LARKIN.—A very neat oar, apt to swing short and cocks his oar at times, so missing the beginning.

- 2.—E. D. KATER I.—Smart in getting his shoulders on to his work, but short in his swing and does not keep his hands up over the stretcher, and so rows his first part of stroke in the air.
- 3.—A. R. WILSON.—Has the making of a very powerful oar, is slow both with his shoulders and his hands, must sit up more at the finish of the stroke.
- Stroke.—IVO. CLARKE.—A good oar, but inclined to feather under water, smart with his hands and rushes the first part of his forward swing.
- Cox.—H. S. BLAND.—Steers well and takes an intelligent interest in his work.

- CHARACTERS OF 2nd CREW,
- Bow.—J. F. REID II.—An oar of great promise, but lets his back go at times and curls over the finish, will get over this as his back gets stronger.
- 2.—A. R. LOMAX.—A powerful but rough oar, keeps very good time, kicks his slide away, and so loses a lot of power.
- 3.—R. S. REID I.—A fairly neat oar, does not hold on with outside hand enough, so loses power, very fast with his hands.
- Stroke.—L. W. CAREY.—Good oar with long swing and very regular, must learn to sit up more at the finish and be faster with his hands.
- Cox.—R. G. K. WALEY.—Coxes well at times, apt to be inattentive.

## Rowing.

### THE CAMP OF 1899.

**A**S numerous descriptions of previous camps have already been given in the columns of the TORCH-BEARER I will not attempt to give by any means a detailed account of the one held during the recent Easter holidays. We started away from our shed in Berry's Bay on Thursday afternoon in high spirits, the 1st crew leading the way in the "Jeannette," the 2nd crew following in the old "Light-Ship," and the 3rd crew (the first one the School has ever had) bringing up the rear in the "Gertrude" with a tub pair full of oars, tool-chest and other necessary articles in tow.

Mr. Burnside went up in the stern of the 3rd crews racer (?) while Mr. Robson and Mr. Ramsay followed after dinner in the new pair, towing another pair oar kindly lent us by the North Sydney Rowing Club. Having reached Abbotsford we housed our boats in Dempsey's shed, which has been greatly enlarged since last year, and half of which was at our disposal.

The river crossed, we made tracks for Cashman's Bay View Hotel, which was to be our home for the next ten days, and found that our luggage which had been sent on in the morning had arrived quite safely. Everyone turned in early the first night directly after gruel, and as a result the early hours of the next morning were disturbed by cricket, etc., on the balcony.

As usual there was Service in Christ's Church, Gladesville, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, also on the other Sunday we were at camp.

The "hard work" side of the camp life was the same as in previous years but the social life was perhaps even gayer than ever before. Sing-songs every evening together with numerous other diversions made the time slip by very quickly. We had frequent visits from old boys and on the Friday before we came away Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Carey brought up a party of ladies to afternoon tea which we had in bush fashion on the Renwick

Estate at Abbotsford. On Saturday Mr. Hickson came up with a party of friends in the "Leila" to see the slow course rowed by the 1st and 2nd crews. Some excellent photos of the crews in motion were taken by him. Mrs. Hickson enter-

tained us at afternoon tea on board, which was much appreciated by the crews after their long row. On Monday, 10th April, we made a start School-wards again, everyone sorry to leave Gladesville and its pleasant associations.

## The G.P.S. Annual Regatta.

**T**HE Regatta was held this year on April 29th, and we were as usual favoured with glorious weather which is always so necessary to the success of harbour functions, consequently the steamers were well patronised with the friends of the competing schools and enthusiastic supporters of rowing generally. A number of launches including Mr. Dibbs' "Ena," and the "Leila," with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hickson on board, were present, and the Parramatta course presented a very lively appearance.

The Schools' race was naturally the great event of the day and the excitement was intense when the three crews got away to an excellent start, S.G.S. being slightly behind in the first hundred yards. However, when Gladesville was reached St. Ignatius, rowing with excellent dash and time, drew rapidly away leaving the two Grammar Schools to fight it out for second place. We were not rowing up to practice form, but appeared to be exhausted in the first half mile and incapable of anything like a sustained effort. Meanwhile the leaders began to take things somewhat easily, and slowly but surely S.G.S. crept up to the School crew, overtaking them at some distance from the post, which St. Ignatius reached with several lengths in hand. The win-

ners were a very strong and weighty crew and displayed considerable brightness and pace in the early part of the race, after which the other crews were not able to test their capabilities. We congratulate the St. Ignatius crew on their success.

The Maiden Eights only brought out two crews, the Glebe R.C. and Mercantile R.C., and a good struggle somewhat spoiled by bad steering resulted in a victory for the Mercantile crew.

The Senior Fours was a procession in favour of Sydney R.C., their opponents, the Glebes, had an accident and capsized, but pluckily got into the boat again and finished.

The Maiden Fours for which six crews competed was a splendid race, for a short distance our 2nd crew held their own, but the University well stroked by J. Gould took the lead only to give place to Sydney, then the Mercantile forged ahead and after a great battle just beat Sydney for first place, Balmain being a good third.

Financially or otherwise the Schools Association has good reason to consider the Regatta of 1899 a highly satisfactory one, and to Mr. Theo. Sampson, the Hon. Sec., is due the successful carrying out of the various events of the Programme.

The School Crews were as follows:—

1. ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE.

W. McGuren, 10 st. 5 lb., bow.

J. Carlton, 12 st. 11 lb., 2.  
 M. Gleeson, 12 st. 9 lb., 3.  
 D. O'Sullivan, 10 st., stroke.  
 S. Hogan, cox.

2 S.G.S.  
 R. C. McBurney, 10 st. 1 lb., bow.  
 J. C. Close, 11 st. 2 lb., 2.  
 G. W. Garvan, 11 st. 8 lb., 3.  
 D. C. Close, 10 st. 10 lb. stroke.  
 H. H. Maiden, 5 st. 3 lb, cox.

3. S.C.E.G.S.

G. N. Larkin, 10 st., bow.  
 E. D. Kater, 10 st. 3 lb., 2.  
 A. R. Wilson, 12 st. 1 lb., 3.  
 Ivo. Clarke, 10 st. 7 lbs., stroke.  
 H. S. Bland, 5 st. 3 lb., cox.

Won by 5 lengths, two lengths between  
 second and third. Time, 7 min. 20 sec.

## How we spent our Week's Holiday.

**M**ONDAY morning found us on board the Western Express at Redfern bound for the Jenolan Caves. Passing over the Blue Mountains by means of those great engineering triumphs the little and big Zig Zag, we at length in the early afternoon arrived at Tarana. Here a coach was waiting for us, but what generally is a very pleasant drive proved very tedious, for there had been a heavy fall of snow and the wind was bitterly cold, so we were not sorry when we were seated before the blazing logs at the hotel in Oberon. The evening passed by but too quickly, thanks to the yarns and experiences of goldfields given by a party of prospectors who happened to be in the hotel at the time. It seemed they were prospecting in the immediate neighbourhood and had discovered what they thought would prove a very valuable claim, which they invited us to inspect. As however, the Caves were our first object, we determined to leave gold prospecting for the time being, and pay our friends a visit on our return.

Next morning found us again on our coach, and we arrived at the Cave

House in time for the morning inspection. Two days were spent inspecting the wonders of the Lucas and the East and West Imperial, but as these have been described so often in the TORCH-BEARER, there is no need for us to do it again. Wednesday evening found us again in the hotel at Oberon and after a very early breakfast next morning we started on a visit to our friends the prospectors. We thought an hour or so would find us at Luck's Hall, our destination, but time passed and no trace of the gold finders! Fortunately we met a bushman who informed us that they had gone on to Mc-Aulay's Reef which was some eight miles away. Not to be baulked of our chance of seeing the wonders of the gold world we determined to go on, but hour after hour passed by without any signs of our destination. What was worse we had to carry our guns and could find nothing of any kind to shoot. We soon began to be very hungry and as nothing better could be found we had to try the virtues of gum leaves; which were certainly not too appetising, but still helped to ward off the pangs of hunger. At last about five o'clock patience was

rewarded and we saw in the distance the camp fire of our friends.

They were very glad to see us and we need not state that the feeling was quite reciprocated. We were soon squatted before the boxes which did duty for tables and were regaled with mutton just killed and hot damper. The former we could not do much with but we made great inroads into the damper and billy tea. Tales of experiences in pioneer life and some songs made the evening pass by very quickly and next morning found us examining the much vaunted claim, but instead of the big shaft and the picking up the nuggets, which our inexperience had dreamt of, we were shown some half dozen pieces of quartz with a few specks of some shining matter showing here and there. After thanking our friends for their kindness we set off across country to Tarana and arrived in time for lunch, but no sooner were we seated at table than our host informed us that if we were bent on sport it was time to start.

So off we went again in a buggy for some eight miles and there the horses

were left and we had a long scramble on foot. There was a nasty wind blowing but game was evidently plentiful, and when we stopped shooting we had eight hares and five wallaby skins. Unfortunately we were three miles from the buggy and what a tramp it was after our experiences of the last two days. When we got to the hotel we found our bags which had been left behind at Oberon had come on all right but there were no signs of our heavy overcoats and rugs, and we had to return to Sydney on the following day mourning their loss. However, the following epistle (the original of which may be seen by the curious on application to the Editor of T.B.) was received some days after:—

My Dear Sir, Mr.—

Sir,—I hav forwarded your coat to night boy the mail,—as left driving the coach, and thru that it as been neglected.

We ar all well hoping you are the same, we had A splinded day shooting on friday and thursday last I remain yours truly—

## Football.

**T**HIS season it was thought advisable in the interest of the school football not to play in the Competition matches. In the interest of football, in that forwards being continually over-weighted will at last lose spirit, and at all times are without opportunities for learning the game, further, the backs under these circumstances are always on the defensive, and never learn the aggressive part of the game. We therefore, though entering the

competition, forfeited our matches with S.G.S and T.K.S., and played a team composed of the second team forwards and first team backs. N.C. and St. Joseph's College we played as usual, and though defeated on both occasions, at least did ourselves no discredit.

Owing to the boat-race being somewhat later this year, and the football season opening earlier than usual on account of the visit of the English team, we opened the season before those rowing

in the boats were free; these were five in number. Under these conditions we played the Newtown Avenue F.C., and after holding them for some time, their superior weight and strength began to tell, and scoring 15 points in the last 10 minutes or so, they won by 24 points to nil. On the Thursday before the boat-race we played a 'Varsity team. We had some Old Boys to help us, and as the 'Varsity brought over several extra men, we took some of them, and played 16 or 17 a side. This also we lost by 14 to nil.

The season proper started as usual with the Old Boys' match on May 6th. It unfortunately happened that one or two of the Old Boys displayed a tendency to wrangle with their opponents, a spirit which though common enough in fourth or fifth grade football is scarcely what we expect from our Old Boys, especially when playing against the School. It all tended to their loss too, as the laws had to be interpreted in their strictness, and this meant that they, owing to the ignorance of the new and forgetfulness of the old rules by some of them, were frequently penalised. Under these circumstances, no less than 30, though some say 60 free kicks, being given to the School, the latter managed to win just on time by 13 to 12, almost for the first time since the match was started. Besides the match already mentioned, we have played two others against the 'Varsity, the first, on a Thursday, we lost by 9 to 4, when a little luck and the referee's ability to see through several bodies would have made the score 10 to 6 in our favour. In the other, on a Saturday, the school were somewhat upset by the referee, whose first attempt it was, he kindly assenting to take the post as we were in difficulty. The school team

must remember to play to the whistle and not to stand about appealing and let their opponents get away. This we lost by 21 to 13. We also played matches against Hawkesbury Agricultural College second team, and against a very scratch team brought by H. W. Kendall. The former after a close and pleasant game we lost by 6 to nil, a result that would have been very different if the kicking had been decent, a kick from a mark between the posts being charged down, and several other easy shots also being missed. The latter, some of the seconds playing against the school, we won easily, Holtermann scoring several times, and some others.

V. S.G.S.—The school matches opened with that against S.G.S., June 17th, at the N.S. oval, we played a team as stated above. Mr. Simmons refereeing. Play was very even for a considerable time, we having slightly the better of the game, being down on their goal line; once we were driven back by a penalty kick, another time Fisher made a poor shot from a penalty and they got relief from the drop out. Yet again some good kicking gained ground and we looked like scoring but Fisher ran back into the ruck. Then Gow cleverly intercepted a pass about halfway and easily passing the back scored first try (0-3). From kick off we again pressed and worked the ball down to 25. From a scrum there Hickson, passing wildly, sent a ball straight to Manning who ran clean away from our backs and getting past Hutchinson II. without much trouble, scored, this was converted (0-3). Once more we began to press and Kater put in a good run, but the ball coming out from the side of a loose scrum, Lindsay cleverly picked up and got down the line, Holtermann and Fisher both being on the ground. Kater slowed down or might have got him from behind as he dodged the back. This also was converted (0-13). The whistle shortly after went for half time, play being on the goal line. On resuming S.G.S. began to press and a bad mistake by Hutchinson II. let Burnett through (0-16). We worked back again, Kater and Fisher putting in a good run, but Taylor was out of his place. We continued to press, Kater doing good work, and Holtermann looking

like scoring, but our efforts lacked combination. At length the forwards brought relief by a good dribbling rush which Taylor might easily have stopped by falling on the ball, thus reaching our 25. They continued to press and finally Harris got round the scrum and scored (0-19). We then went off with a rush and prevented the return. Fisher got away and passed to Turton who, however, did not attempt to run and clung to the ball instead of passing to any of those near him. This was our best chance as the majority of our men were up and no one in front; they then forced us back chiefly by forward play, and eventually Garde got away from a line out, the backs scarcely making an effort to trouble him, and scored (0-22). Then Webb picked up near our 25, and, going very fast, swerved inwards past the back, who let him go, and scored close to the posts. The shot at goal, though an easy one, was unsuccessful (0-25). Some even play followed and then Garde crossed the line once more but Holtermann held him up. The whistle then went for no side.

*V. T.K.S.*—Played at Parramatta, Thursday, May 25th, Wednesday being Queen's Birthday. We played a team composed as stated above, two of their back division also being away. Mr. Waugh acted as referee. During the first half the forwards, if anything, more than held their own, and the backs showing good combination and getting in some useful kicks, we attacked for the greater part of the game. Holtermann especially was in excellent form, and scored the only try of this half by a splendid run. This was unconverted. In the second half Kater scored after a good run from halfway, thus giving us a lead of 6 to nil. T.K.S. then scored through Ryrie, who, after a run along the line, scored near the posts. White converting this brought the score to 6-5 in our favour. The game was then very even till ten minutes or so before the end. Then Body scored twice in quick succession on both occasions coming round the blind side of the scrum, the fault of the wing-threequarter. This gave the victory to King's School by 11-6.

*Versus N.C.*—Played on N.S. Oval, Wednesday, May 31st. The referee appointed by the Association being unable to come and the substitute failing to turn up, Mr. Pilkington acted as referee.

N.C. were without five of their usual team. This was the first time our team met a full school team and much doubt was felt as to whether our forwards were strong enough to hold them, but it was in our back division and not our forwards that we were lacking.

Brown winning the toss decided to defend the northern goal. In the first half the play on both sides was rather lifeless, the forwards playing very sluggishly. From the first our forwards worked the ball into Newington territory, but the backs did not seem to know what attacking was, Kater being out of his place and in his attempt to get back fumbling badly. N.C. raced it back but Jaques relieved by a serviceable screw punt. From the throw out we returned to the attack and this time the backs were more in their places. The ball after going to Hickson to Kater to Holtermann and Fisher was lost by Jaques who overran Fisher's pass. From a throw in a Newington forward rushed the ball well into our half, when McVickars getting clean away beat Kater and Larkin, and scored between the posts. (0-3). Shortly after this the whistle went for half time.

On resuming play Newington had the advantage of a slight wind and Brown at once made use of this by long punts for the line. By means of these kicks we were quickly put on the defensive but Hickson relieved by a nice punt from the blind side of the scrum, but we did not seem to be able to hold the Newington rushes in check and they again attacked when Brown, getting a pass from a throw out, got over the line by his weight, taking Holtermann over with him. This was converted (0-8). Again the Newington forwards got the ball from the scrum and McVickars scored his second try (0-13). Shortly after this Brown who was taking a more active part in the game scored his second try which was converted (0-16), and soon after with the ball in mid-field the whistle sounded for no side.

*V. St. Joseph's College.*—Played at Hunter's Hill, Saturday, June 10th. This match was started very early, our team going up by the 1.15 boat, and the Association referee did not arrive till the next one. Consequently he could not undertake his duties till half time.

Holtermann, winning the toss, played with the sun at his back. Fisher returned the kick off to touch at halfway. Thence the Joseph forwards rushed the ball into our territory where Hickson relieved by a useful kick. Lomax, jumping high, took the throw in and passed it to Reid thence to Kater, who, however, muffed the pass, and the School forwards, being slow at getting round, St. Joseph's forwards got the ball and made for the line. Some very good passing then took place and the wing-threequarter was just grounding the ball when Holtermann bumped him and he lost it. Fisher took the kick off and the centre three-

quarter returned. From the throw in the St. Joseph's forwards rushed the ball over our line and scored the first try (0-3). The opposing forwards being in a bunch at one side of the ground Fisher did a short kick, and getting the ball, kicked down the boundary where Lomax and Jacques following on hustled the full back and scored our first try (3-3). After the kick off the ball went out of bounds at our 25 flag and one of their men bouncing the ball, ran in untaekled as the line umpire continued to hold his flag up. This was converted, the School once more illustrating the danger of not playing to the whistle. Then the whistle went for half time, scores 8-3 in St. Joseph's favour.

On resuming we had the help of Larkin, having hitherto played with 12 men, and Holtermann came up to wing-half, Larkin going full back, where his sound tackling was of great use to us; the association referee also arrived. Soon after the kick off Kater got the ball and running through the forwards sent to Holtermann and he to Jacques who ran to the full back, but instead of passing turned his back and allowed himself to be collared, thus throwing away an almost certain chance. The rest of the play was fairly even, but not very remarkable, the most noticeable thing being the great number of free kicks given. Play was very fairly fast, both sides attacking in turn, but the defence was too good, and nothing further was scored, St. Joseph's being victorious by 8-3.

Our match with St. Ignatius unfortunately fell through this term. The first match arranged for May 13th was scratched by us owing to the threatening weather, as last year's wetting seemed to bring out the measles, and the other only vacant dates were impossible owing to the Junior Examination, and the early departure of some of the St. Ignatius team. We hope, however to meet them twice next term.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Armidale School who are making another trip to Sydney this year, and though not so strong as last year they will doubtless give a good account of themselves. They play T.K.S. on the 16th, us on the 19th, and S.G.S. on the 21st. We wish them all luck, and a pleasant trip. A combined team from the Schools played the Varsity at the Oval on Thursday, June 8th. The team was as follows:—Johnston (S.G.S.), back; Lindsay (S.G.S.); Brown (N.C.), Webb (S.G.S.), threequarters; Futter (T.K.S.), (five-

eighths; Manning (S.G.S.), wing-half; V. Harris (S.G.S.), half; Bossley, Holt, Harrison, Newton (T.K.S.), R. Harris, Garvan (S.G.S.), Hawken and Hoskisson (N.C.), forwards; Emergencies, threequarter, Millican (N.C.); half, Body (T.K.S.); forwards, Cambage (T.K.S.), Barton (S.G.S.) and Campbell (St. Ignatius). Of these Millican, Cambage and Barton played in place of Webb, Holt and Harris. The Varsity won by 13-7. As may be seen we had no one in the team, which was only natural as we are not playing in the competition, and to get in, one would have to stand out far above the others even to be considered. This, perhaps, accounts for the smallness of the attendance, from the School, at the match, less than 30 availing themselves of the opportunity of seeing good class football.

In conclusion, our team generally showed the results of want of practice and besides lacked condition, on several occasions going to pieces at the end of a game, through the want of it. This has been latterly due to the weather, but there was no such excuse earlier in the term. This lack of practice shows itself especially in our frequent failure to score although pressing for a considerable time. Another point should be mentioned and that is that good place kicking would have changed the result of several matches.

The Seconds have not played many matches, and have lost such as they have played, never having arrived on the ground with their full complement of men. Their matches were, two, versus Scots College 17-3 and 28-0. Some of the Firsts playing in the latter to fill vacant places, and even then playing two short. Versus St. Ignatius 58-0, and versus S.G.S. Lower school First 17-0. The same fault was noticeable in all the matches, namely want of practice. The Thirds being nearly identical with the Juniors, have only played one match, against S.G.S. Lower School Second which they lost, by 32-0.

The Juniors have played two matches against S.G.S. Juniors in the morning. The first of these was very scambly, and very little football was shown and we won by two tries and a goal (11 point) to three tries (9). The second was a much better exhibition of football, the collaring all round being good, especially that of the Grammar School full back, one tackle of his being especially worthy of notice. This we again won by 11 to 9, the Grammar School scoring their last try just on time.

## 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.*

The following have joined the Union since the last issue:—G. S. Cook, Agricultural College, Richmond; C. J. Cope, "Bakyangi," Gordon; C. W. Rundle, 9 "The Mall," Glebe Point.

The following changes of address have been notified:—W. N. Stephens, Nausori Mill, Suva, Fiji; H. McWilliam, Brisbane Street, North Sydney; J. McKnight, care of Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., 4 O'Connell Street, Sydney; J. W. Gibson, care of "Dudley," 487 Alfred Street, North Sydney; H. C. Pockley, Coraki, Richmond River. E. K. Wilson, Broadwater, Richmond River.

N. Trevor-Jones and M. C. Mosely have passed sections in the recent final law examinations.

H. C. Pockley has purchased a farm on the Richmond River, not far from L. C. Jeanneret's place, and is going to settle down there at once.

The following are the averages of Old Boys playing in electoral matches during the last cricket season:—G. C. C. Clarke, 17·33 runs for 9 innings, and 26 wkts. for 15·65; N. Y. Deane, 23·25 runs for 9 innings, and 6 wkts. for 26; A. J. Hopkins, 77·37 runs for 10 innings, and 26 wkts. for 16·34; A. B. S. White, batting average, 68, bowling 15 runs per wicket.

E. O. Pockley plays tennis in A No. 1 team for the 'Varsity, and G. R. C. Clarke in A No. 2 team.

N. Y. Deane, W. J. Morson and R. Moodie play in the B Competition for North Sydney, and H. E. Whitfeld for University B.

G. A. More plays football for the 'Varsity A team. J. N. F. Armstrong who was playing in the opening games has been forced to retire owing to an injury to the knee.

H. J. Gould stroked the Sydney 'Varsity Eight in the recent Inter-University Contest.

A. J. Hopkins and J. Lyne play Lacrosse for North Sydney "A" Team.

We all congratulate L. A. Baker on the birth of his daughter, which took place "Wyuna," Turramurra, on April 13th; also F. A. A. Russell on his marriage to Miss Bowie Wilson, which took place at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, on Tuesday, April 18th.

The Annual Re-Union took place on Saturday, May 6th. In the afternoon the usual football match took place against the School team. The Union were represented by J. Lyne (capt.), W. K. Dawson, E. Ireland, R. M. Rose, C. W. Rundle, W. H. Wilkinson, C. D. Abraham, H. W. Kendall, C. E. Murnin, W. A. Bull, A. H. C. Waine, J. W. Purves, R. V. James, N. E. Giblin, A. H. Moseley, M. Dawson. After a very even game the result was a victory for the School by 13 to 12; a detailed report of the match will be found in another column. Afternoon tea was provided in the School Hall, and a good number of ladies and friends of the School were present.

In the evening the Annual Dinner took place at the A.B.C. Café at which the following were present:—The Headmaster (in the Chair), C. D. Abraham, F. C. Adams, P. N. Aiken, L. A. Baker, R. Barton, L. Bowyer, W. A. Bull, R. G. Burnside, W. G. B. Boydell, C. H. Cal-

vert, G. R. C. Clarke, M. L. Clarke, W. B. Clarke, G. S. Cook, Rev. D. Davies, M. Dawson, W. K. Dawson, N. Y. Deane, T. H. Dent, G. H. Devonshire, D. P. Evans-Jones, C. M. Featherstonhaugh, J. F. Fitzhardinge, O. E. Friend, H. J. Gould, N. E. Giblin, A. G. Gunning, C. E. Hale, E. E. Herring, E. R. Holme, H. Ireland, E. Ireland, A. J. Kelynack, H. W. Kendall, D. T. Kilgour, J. Lyne, G. Milbourne-Marsh, G. A. More, W. J. Morson, A. H. Moseley, M. C. Moseley, C. E. Murnin, F. D. Parton, H. C. Pockley, J. W. Purves, D. F. Roberts, C. W. Rundle, G. W. Rundle, F. G. Simpson, A. J. Senior, W. N. Stephens, S. N. Stevens, B. H. O. St. John, N. Trevor-Jones, H. E. Whitfield, A. H. C. Waine, A. B. S. White, W. H. Wilkinson, P. C. Wilson. Apologies for absence were received from C. H. Linton, A. C. Pilkington and F. A. A. Russell.

As usual the only toasts were: "The Queen," proposed by the President. "The School," proposed by A. J. Kelynack, and responded to by H. W. Kendall, A. B. S. White, E. R. Holme and W. H. Wilkinson; "The President," proposed by H. C. Pockley, and responded to by Mr. Robson.

The tables having been cleared, the Annual Meeting took place, and the following Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary, W. A. Bull:

To the members of the S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Union: Gentlemen,—In presenting the Fifth Annual Report, your Committee have to congratulate the Union on the steady increase in members. Two years ago there were 100 on the roll, now there are 157.

The annual football match v. the School resulted in a drawn game, each side scoring 8 points. The Old Boys' race at the

School Sports was won easily by H. J. Gould; and the Cricket Match resulted in favour of the Union by 270 runs to 85.

Prizes have been presented during the year for one of the events at the School Sports, for the Trial Fours, and for a paper on Australian History and Geography. This last was won by Bradley I., and the Examiners report that the work sent in was very good, they being particularly pleased with the result.

Your Committee note with pleasure the accession of E. R. Holme, to the ranks of the School Council, and feel particularly grateful to the Diocesan Synod for filling the vacancy with a member of the Union, who, ever since he joined the School, has never wearied of working in every way for its advancement.

Full reports of doings of members have been given in the "Old Boys" column in the TORCH-BEARER, the official organ of the Union, and in order to make this as complete as possible your Committee urge members to send items of interest to the Hon. Sec. for publication.

At the request of certain members your Committee have had under consideration the advisability of allowing Old Boys to become life members of the Union, and they offer for your consideration the following suggestions:—

(a) That Old Boys may become life members of the Union, the subscription to be four guineas.

(b) That all sums derived from the above be put out at interest, and be regarded as capital account the interest only derived from such account to be used for current expenses of the year.

Your Committee also desire to bring before you the following amendment to the rules of the Union:—

"That instead of the usual concert after the annual cricket match, a harbour excursion, or some such entertainment, be given, open to all friends of the Union."

Your Committee are indebted to the Old Boys' Unions of The King's School, St. Joseph's College, St. Ignatius' College, and All Saints' College (Bathurst) for complimentary tickets for various socials in the course of the year.

On the evening of the annual cricket match a general meeting was held for the revision of the rules of the Union. A

The Hon. Treasurer in account with the S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Union, year ending May 3rd, 1899.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance as per last account ...	7	16	9	Prize for Athletic Sports ...	1	10	0
Members Subscriptions, as per published list ...	15	5	0	Cups for Trial Fours ...	3	5	0
				For School Essay ...	2	2	0
				Torch-Bearer ...	3	0	6
				Printing ...	1	10	0
				Stamps ...	1	17	4
				Stationery ...	0	3	7
				Balance in hand...	9	13	4
	£23	1	9		£23	1	9

Benevolent Fund £9 16s. 4d.  
Audited and found correct,  
4/5/99 G. R. C. CLARKE.

D. DAVIES,  
Hon. Treasurer.

The Report and Balance-Sheet were received and adopted on the motion of H. C. Pockley, seconded by B. H. O. St. John.

N. Trevor-Jones introduced a motion re forming an Old Boys' Rowing Club. He explained that arrangements could be made with the School for use of the shed and boats, and he asked all those who wished to join to send in their names to him.

The election of officers for the coming

copy of the amended rules has been sent to every member of the Union.

In resigning our trust into your hands, we would earnestly urge upon you the usefulness of the Union, and claim that though as yet a society in its infancy it has fully realised all that could be expected of it.

We have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

6/5/99

D. DAVIES,

W. A. BULL, } Hon. Secs.

The Balance-Sheet is as follows:—

year then took place, which resulted as follows—President, The Headmaster (*ex officio*); Vice-Presidents, R. Barton and E. R. Holme; Hon. Secretaries and Treasurer, G. R. C. Clarke and Rev. D. Davies; Committee, F. C. Adams, W. A. Bull, N. Y. Deane, J. F. Fitzhardinge, H. W. Kendall, G. A. More, N. Trevor-Jones, F. G. Simpson, A. B. S. White.

The new rules as suggested by the outgoing Committee were passed, and a Smoke Concert then took place at which

the following took part, F. G. Simpson, S. N. Stevens, E. R. Holme, W. B. Clarke, C. H. Calvert, A. J. Kelynack, J. Lyne, M. C. Moseley. A very successful gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the Queen." The financial result of the Dinner was a profit of eight shillings which has been added to the Benevolent Fund.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions since the last issue:—For year

ending May, 1899: G. A. More, R. Barton, W. H. Wilkinson, E. E. Herring; and for 1899-1900: H. L. Lomax, G. S. Cook, T. S. L. Armstrong (4), D. F. Roberts, G. W. Rundle, N. Trevor-Jones, G. Gunning, H. J. Gould, B. H. O. St. John (4), W. N. Stephens, J. W. Gibson (2), C. J. Cope, O. E. Friend, F. H. Needham, A. Blake (2).

In the event of any mistake in the above list, kindly write to the Hon. Treasurer.

### The Library.

The following books have been added to the Library this term:—

Owd Bob ... ..	Ollivant
The Fatal Gift ... ..	Frankfort-Moore
The Cruise of the Cachalot	Bullen
The Ebbing of the Tide ... ..	Becke
The Mystery of the Laughlin Isles	"
When London Burned ... ..	Henty
St. Bartholomew's Eve ... ..	"
Wulf the Saxon ... ..	"

Through Russian Snows ... ..	Henty
By Right of Conquest ... ..	"
With Clive in India ... ..	"
For the Term of his Natural Life (Second Copy).	Marcus Clarke
Fights for the Flag ... ..	Fitchett
The Gospel writ in Steel ... ..	Paterson
Comrades in Arms ... ..	Amyand
Irish Humour and Character	McDonagh

### School Notes.

**M**R. D. P. Evans-Jones, B.A. (Syd.), has joined the Staff for this Term, vice Mr. W. Dick, B.A., resigned.

The Junior Examination started on Monday, June 5th. Eight candidates were sent up, all taking Matriculation subjects.

The School Examination started on the 12th June, and will continue till the 23rd, when we break up for the mid-winter vacation. The Examiners are The Rev. Dr. Corlette (for Scripture), W. Newbery, Esq., M.A. (for Mathematics),

W. H. W. Nicholls, Esq., B.A. (for Classics, French and English).

L. W. Carey and A. R. Lomax have been awarded football colours.

The usual service and address were given in Hall on Anniversary Day. The usual holiday was postponed to the following week.

The collection in aid of the New Guinea Boat Fund amounted to £2 4s. 9d., and this has been sent to the Hon. Treas. Since then a few small sums have been collected in addition.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of TORCH-BEARER.

Dear Sir,

Might I suggest through the TORCH-BEARER that the "Football Re-union" of a few years back should be reinstated

next term as a "Sports Club Re-union." If my suggestion is carried out I am sure it will be appreciated by many, including  
Your humble servant,

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## School Calendar.

1899.		
March 30 to		Annual Rowing Camp at Gladesville.
April 10)		
April 10		First Day of Term.
April 22		1st XV. v Newtown Avenue F.C. Lost 24—0.
April 27		1st XV. v. University. Lost, 14—0.
April 29		N.S.W. G.P.S. Annual Regatta.
May 3		2nd XV. v. Scot's College. Lost 14—3.
May 4		Anniversary Day.
May 6		Past v. Present. Won by Present, 13—12.
May 10		2nd XV. v. S.G.S. Lower School 1st XV. Lost 17—0.
May 10		Half Holiday instead of on Anniversary Day.
May 11		1st XV. v. University. Lost 9—4.
May 13		2nd XI. v. St. Ignatius. Lost.
May 17		1st XI. v. S.G.S. Lost 25—0.
May 20		1st XV. v. University. Lost 26—13.
May 24		Queen's Birthday. Whole holiday.
May 25		1st XV. v. T.K.S. Lost 11—6.
May 27		1st XV. v. Hawkesbury A.C. Lost 6—0.
May 31		1st XV. v. N.C. Lost 16—0.
June 3		2nd XV. v. Scots' College. Lost 26—0.
June 5		Junior Examination commenced.
June 10		1st XV. v. St. Joseph's College. Lost 8—3.
June 14		School Examinations commenced.
June 19		1st XV. v. Armidale School. Lost 12—0.

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