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Choice of a Profession.

There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will.

FEW things affect life more than the choice of a profession, made by us or for us by parent or guardian. Nowadays a boy has generally a voice in the matter, and should enter the line of life recommended him with the feeling that if it is not the flowery path he would have preferred, still it opens to him a fair prospect of success and happiness, without too many thorns. The decision, too, is made for life; if deliberately, it may be wrong; if rashly, it is almost certain to be so. There have always been men in every profession who

grumble at their own work unreasonably but there is no doubt that many men do choose a profession little suited to them in any way, when there was no reason why they might not have taken another. The want of will, or utter indifference has made them the slaves of circumstance for life; for, generally speaking, a man can no more change his profession, once entered upon, than a prisoner can change dress with his warder and go out duck-shooting with his gun. It is reckless gambling for any boy to stake his happiness for life on a mere passing whim.

The stuff a fellow is made of, and the circumstances in which he is born, are

the only limits to his choice. The man makes his circumstances, and the circumstances make the man. The stronger the man, the more he moulds, the less he is moulded by circumstances. This is both true of life generally, and of its crisis in a boy's life in particular. There was a day, just as is practically the case in India at the present time through the powerful influence of caste, when occupations were hereditary. A son naturally knows to some extent the ins and outs of his father's business, and often finds its adoption congenial; and again the father can generally exert more influence in his own line for his son's advancement than he can in any other. This is in many ways the opening most suited to an eldest son, and the one which will enable him to keep up family ties and friendships with most ease. Pursuits suggested by circumstances will arise in many other cases, and the danger is rather that fellows will drift into such openings without a thought than that they will fail to take advantage of them.

But in the majority of cases fellows must make their own way. The clever stars in these competitive days attain the haven of their wishes more easily than in olden days. There is plenty of room at the top of whatever tree they may choose to climb. With them there is no difficulty, but with the rest of us with moderate powers, the question is as perplexing as it well can be, and circumstances, as well as our own powers, must contribute to fix our lot. Of course, the fellow who throughout all his school days has done good honest work has much more command of the position than the lounge. If he has only done work without developing any decided inclination for any special profession, the father's or guardian's wishes must be followed. Anyone, how-

ever, worth his salt, should by the time this crisis in his life occurs, have formed some tastes, and weighed carefully the professions likely to be accessible to him, or some day the disagreeable facer comes "What are you going to do?" By tastes, fancies are not meant but permanent preferences. An active bustling life does not suit some men. A country life to others would seem stagnation. The up-country life is more fitting to some than the sedentary one of office work. The doctor should not only have quick insight and nerve, but a frame to stand night work. The Bar demands some powers of elocution joined to other qualities, and so on. In each and every profession there is one universal requisite; if life is not to be a misery, and that is, health of body. What buoyancy is to a vessel, health is to a man, and it is significant that the life-boat, which can ride the roughest seas, possesses it most. Every business has its Plimsoll's mark.

There is a cynical *nil admirari* spirit, a do-nothing, think-nothing spirit among some of our School boys. It is fashionable to call everything "shop" or "bosh." Many School boys affect an indifference to everything around them. The Anglo-Saxon's restless existence may not be an ideal one, but Oriental complacency will not do in our large cities. So little does it find favour that it is said that some firms at home, have absolutely refused to admit any Public School-boys to their offices.

In fine, everyone should thoughtfully plan his life. Probably, however carefully made, this plan will have to be modified, just as a general is forced by the enemy's movements to vary his own, and though in consequence his attack is little like his original plan, that long delayed flank movement wins the day.

Annual Speech Day.

THE Annual Speech Day took place on Tuesday, December 19th. The Archbishop of Sydney was in the chair, and the hall was fairly crowded with visitors. Among those present were His Honor Judge Backhouse (Chancellor of the University), the Rev. A. Yarnold, R.D., the Rev. R. Griffiths, Messrs. A. F. Robinson (President of the Chamber of Commerce), J. Trevor-Jones, F. W. Uther, R. J. Black, N. F. Giblin, H. H. B. Bradley, J. Armstrong, T. H. Dent, W. Hutchinson, etc., etc.

The Headmaster after reviewing the past year, and congratulating the School on the results of its work, went on to speak of the attitude which a School should take up with regard to the numerous examinations for which it was now necessary to prepare. He felt that the most valuable subjects were those which afforded most mental development, and he deprecated making the passing of examinations of more importance than the training to be gained in preparing for it. He reverted to the scheme of Commercial Education proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, and stated as his opinion that it would be better to leave to the School the duty of training the mind, and reserve the special business training till after boys had already entered offices. Before closing he remarked on the unexpected sphere of action that the war in South Africa had opened out for many of the old boys of the School, and in thanking the Archbishop for his presence on the occasion, took the opportunity of also thanking him for the warm interest he had ever shown in the School.

The Archbishop having distributed the prizes to the successful candidates, thanked

Mr. Robson for his kindly reference to his interest in the School, which, he assured them, was unabated. It was with a great amount of satisfaction he had heard the reports of the examiners. On such occasions as the present they were apt to get into self-congratulation, but they should remember they could not satisfactorily congratulate themselves without a thought of self-discipline and progress in the future. They should not be content with one victory, they had many battles to fight, and they should remember that they would sometimes have to face adversities, which, however, should only stimulate them to further victory. Because of reverses and checks they should not be downhearted, but just go on to the end. As he stood before them he felt what a great variety of elements were in the assemblage before him, and how differently each was concerned in different events. The lesson to be gathered was that while all had their several duties to perform they could be so helpful to one another that although they were individual soldiers in one army they could yet co-operate for the general good. He asked them to always remember the motto "*Spero meliora*," and by the grace of God hope for better things. He concluded by wishing the School all prosperity. (Cheers).

The proceedings were brought to a termination with three ringing cheers for the Queen, and cheers for the Archbishop, Headmaster, Masters, and the Ladies.

The visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, and subsequently inspected the School buildings.

The Prize List was as follows:—

SPECIAL PRIZES.

FORM V.	DIVINITY	(Sir E. Knox)	...	...	Nash
IV.	"	(His Grace the Archbishop)	...	...	Carlisle
IIIA.	"	(Sir E. Knox)	...	...	Bradley II.
IIIB.	"	(Sir E. Knox)	...	...	Bradley I.
REMOVE		(Sir E. Knox)	...	...	Bland

MUSIC Hickson

CARPENTRY (The Headmaster) Abraham }
 Roberts I. }

FORM PRIZES.

V.	Nash	IIIB.	Bradley I.
IV.	Way	REMOVE.	Black I.
IIIA.	Bradley II.	IIA.	Linton

DIVISION PRIZES.

1.	Reid I.	4.	Evens.
2.	Fisher	5.	Bullock II.
3.	Giblin I.	6.	Church.

The above Prizes were adjudged on the work for the year ending June, 1899.

Rewards on the basis of Cards for Good Work and Conduct awarded during the year:—

FORM V.—Jaques

IV.—Browne I.

Browne II.

Williams

IIIA.—Kater

Uther

Turton I.

Grant

Hartridge*

Martin*

Hordern*

IIA.—Nicholls*

FORM IIIB.—Giblin II.

Davies

Dent II.*

Allen II.

Oatley*

Moore

Roberts II.

REMOVE—Meynink

Taylor II.

Browne III.

Massie*

Gate*

* Awarded for work during half-year ending December, 1899.

The Examiners were the Rev. Canon Corlette, D.D. (for Divinity); W. H. Nicholls, Esq., B.A. (for Classics and French), and W. Newbery, Esq. (for Mathematics).

The Boat Club.

THE prospects this year seems fairly good. Though only one member of last year's first crew remains the whole of the second crew is available, together with some promising aspirants.

Since the close of the cricket season there has been a good deal of vigour displayed, with the result that the crew is now going fairly well.

We propose to go into camp as usual at Gladesville for the Easter holidays and shall be glad to see our friends there.

The Captaincy of the Boat Club, vacated by Ivo Clarke, who left in

December, has been filled by the election of Reid I.

It was found impossible to hold the Trial Fours this term owing to the shortness of time available for training for the race, but it is hoped that the event may take place at some time during the year.

The Boat Club has an especial quarrel with the plague. Owing to the diversion of all the ferry traffic to Circular Quay we suffer more than before from the wash of passing steamers, a trouble that will be more noticeable when the crew get into their light ship, as they shortly propose to do.

Carmen Remigii.

Sing ho for the breeze and the sun kissed seas,

Sing hey for the pace we go,
The splash of the oar and the fast receding shore,

And the joys of a rattling row ;
The boat beneath our feet,
The smoothly sliding seat,
The comments of the coach so soft and low.

Sing hey for the spring of the oar we swing,
Sing ho for the strong pull through,
'And the nicely measured pace (just the thing before a race);
And the long steady swing straight and true.

"Shoulders over with a jerk ?
Get those legs on to their work ;
Hands away !" yells the coach to the crew

Sing hey ! for it's grand when the race is at hand.

And the crews at the start are all lined.
"Go!" there's a splash and a madly racing dash,
Rowing 40 at our oars we grind,
Then we slow it down at last,
When the first wild rush is past,
While the barrackers are howling loud behind.

For the sport, sing hey, of the race that day,
For the good winning boat sing ho !
Let the other tiring crews show like sportsmen how to lose,
And cheer for the conquering foe.
As we row back to the shed
As we sing the boat o'erhead,
For a well fought battle won, sing ho !

F.G.M.S.

Cricket.

AT the close of the Cricket Season we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on our performances which show that we have made great progress and have reached a high standard in School cricket.

In Competition matches we have won one game and lost two, but in all we have given such a good account of ourselves as to have earned the respect of our opponents, and of all who were fortunate enough to witness the games. After all it is not merely a question of winning or losing, but of playing the game in the true sportsmanlike spirit in which it should be played, of showing skill with bat and ball, and of working in the field as though everything depended on each individual effort. Our batting has generally been from the standpoint of School cricket distinctly good; almost every member of the team on various occasions has performed really well, Fisher, Hickson, Holtermann, Sayers, Black, Hordern, Barton and Macqueen have all shown good performances; in bowling Hordern with 112 wickets, and Fisher with 83 have both done sound work, and have been well backed up by Holtermann, Barton, Hickson and Black.

There has been, too, a standard of work in the field which we have never hitherto reached; and in this as in other respects our opponents will readily acknowledge that we have made a very fair effort to succeed, and this is, perhaps, the most important point of all.

In all other matches we have a good record; some very good games were played, and on several occasions victory was secured by a narrow majority after an exciting finish, notably, in our first

match with the Varsity Veterans, when Hordern took 6 wickets in two successive overs, and we won the match by 6 runs. Our match with St Ignatius College took place immediately after our return to School in February, and before either side had time to get into form, the River-view team being more handicapped than ourselves, still our rapid scoring in the 2nd innings, after a comfortable lead on the first, proved our ability to make runs quickly—283 runs in about two hours for the loss of 6 wickets being indicated by the board.

We had very pleasant matches and good games with the Nondescripts, University Veterans and Mr. J. Hardie's Wednesday team.

The Second Eleven promised to be very weak, most of them being too young and too small; however, towards the end of the term they made rapid progress, and their win against the Newington College 2nd XI. was a very creditable one. Forsyth II. did really good work with bat and ball, in fact, the lion's share, as his day's work included 50 runs and 8 wickets. Minnett II., for his size, has an excellent idea of the game and should grow into a sound batsman, and, perhaps, a fair bowler.

The 3rd XI. and Juniors have done well in their matches, and there is among them a lot of cricket talent.

Without wishing then to appear in any way unduly proud of ourselves, we hope we can look back on the work of the present eleven with the satisfaction that there has been no sign of retrogression, but that on the contrary there is undoubted evidence of progress.

We cannot conclude without expressing

our appreciation of the encouragement that members of the eleven have received from friends of the School who have taken an interest in their doings in the field, and we desire to acknowledge the following trophies presented during the term :

Mr R. J. Black, bat for highest score in the matches v. S.G.S. and N.C., won by G. Sayers 79.; also trophies won by Fisher and Hordern for bowling in the Competition matches. C. G. Hodgson, Esq., bat, won by R. N. Hickson, 54 v. S.G.S. Mr. R. Hickson, bat, for highest score v. N.C., won by A. Fisher 61. Mr. H. H. Massie, bat, highest aggregate of runs made during the season in all matches, won by A. Fisher with 541 runs. Mr. A. D. Hall, bat, won by G. Black, 75 v. T.K.S.

The King's School match on the North Shore Oval was an excellent game from start to finish, and the excitement of the first day's play was enjoyed by a large number of spectators. Although we won by 10 wickets there was by no means such a superiority of one team over the other; the King's School adopted the only course possible, and boldly taking every risk to get the runs were easily disposed of on a good wicket—a lead on the first innings gives a great advantage. T.K.S. batting first made 252 runs—a very satisfactory score too—White, F. Futter and Lord played good free cricket, attacking the bowling with confidence and vigour. Hordern captured 7 wickets for 76 runs, Fisher secured only 2 wickets, but kept an excellent length and was treated with respect by the batsmen. As usual in the School matches our first men shaped indifferently, they were nervous and inclined to take liberties with the bowling before settling down, and 5

for 58 gave little hope of success. However, Holtermann, with one of his invaluable defensive innings, stopped the rot, and with Black, who was making his debut in Competition matches, put a different face on the game, more than 120 runs being put on before Holtermann's departure. Macqueen, too, played extremely well, and the score gradually rose. At last Black was run out with 75 to his credit; he had played a really fine innings, his strokes all round being clean and well placed, and his defence excellent. He received a great ovation from the King's School team, who showed a sportsmanlike appreciation of his maiden effort. There were still 21 runs to get when Reid joined Macqueen, and they both realised their responsibilities, defying every attack of the bowlers, till, with a fourer, Reid made the winning stroke amid great excitement; just upon time his partner was caught, and we had a lead of 10 runs. The two sides put up 512 runs in the day, which shows the vigour put into the batting. Next morning T.K.S. set to work to get runs as quickly as possible, but Fisher's bowling was too accurate to allow liberties to be taken, so with 9 wickets down for 96, they closed and sent us in. Hickson and Hordern played with great caution for some time, and Richards, who had done a great deal of heavy work with his fast deliveries, tired perceptibly, and the runs came more rapidly. Hickson was very vigorous at times, and when the 86 runs required were obtained, had scored 48 to Hordern's 15. It was a fine exhibition of School cricket on both sides, and our opponents played a hard plucky game till the last ball was bowled, and the match lost and won.

The S.G.S. match resembled that with T.K.S., except, that we were on the wrong side. It was a stubbornly contested game, characterised by rather nervous, but extremely careful, and slow cricket, contrasting noticeably with the former match; in fact, it was not till about 11.30 on Saturday morning that our opponents reached our score; and when the stumps were drawn at noon, the first innings of each side was completed. Holtermann won the toss, and again we started badly, and rather unluckily, losing two wickets, Hickson and Fisher, for 13. Horderu and Holtermann showed a lot of defensive play, and Black repeating his T.K.S. form contributed a very nicely made 57. Sayers started nervously, but improving, gave evidence of being a really good School bat; his strokes were particularly clean and well timed, and his 79 was a meritorious effort. Macqueen's 29 was also a good innings, but, like several others, he lost his wicket by recklessly going at balls right off the wicket and better left alone. Our score of 234 was a fair performance, but not good enough against S.G.S. batting on such a wicket, although for a long time the result was in doubt. Harris was disposed of cheaply for 22, and Close for 12; but Elder brought about our downfall. He was somewhat fortunate in the earlier part of his career and had some narrow escapes, but afterwards played a fine innings, showing great care and determination, and, though lacking variety of strokes, scored rapidly off every loose ball. He is just the batsman to steady a collapse or pull a game out of the fire, and his 146 not out places him high among our School batsmen. Though we lost by 3 wickets and

59 runs, our team had not been disgraced, for, to quote one of the umpires, "It was a treat to watch the match." Our bowling was put to a severe strain; more than 30 maiden overs being sent down. Horderu kept a good length, and Black bowled well at times but was inclined to get very short. Fisher, Barton, Holtermann and Hickson, too, kept pegging away against the strong defensive batting. Our team showed marked improvement in the field; Holtermann setting a brilliant example to his side. Barton and Fisher put in a lot of good work, while Sayers and Black left little to be desired.

Until the last few moments our match with Newington College looked almost a certainty for us, but, by a brilliant effort, our opponents proved that a game is never lost until it is won, and even our team experiencing the disappointment of unexpected defeat could not help admiring the plucky and skilful play that gained the victory for Newington. C. E. G. S. were sent in first on a wicket which owing to the rain was rather difficult and 180 runs on it was as many as could have been expected, Fisher although rather fortunate put up a very useful 61. Macqueen 29, Holtermann 23, Adams 15 and Sayers 13 were the only others who reached double figures.

Although the wicket had improved, Newington was disposed of by Fisher and Horderu for only 113 runs. Mackay 59 alone making any stand.

Our second innings score of 132 on a good wicket was not satisfactory considering the effort on a difficult wicket the previous day. Fisher again did most of the work with a well made 52.

Newington had now two hours to play and 200 runs to make and they attempted

it with such determination that, in spite of every effort on our part, they made the runs within a few minutes of the time, amid a scene of enthusiasm and excitement. We heartily congratulate them on their meritorious win. Hickson secured 5 wickets for 53 in second innings.

In our first game with the Nondescripts, we lost 4 wickets for 134 against 6 wickets for 128. H. Merewether's 36 not out being made in his most vigorous style.

When the Nondescripts again visited us we won rather easily. Our total 171 included Black 48, Holtermann 30 retired and Fisher 33. Our visitors fared rather badly, Hordern and Fisher disposing of them for 44 runs.

In February we met Mr. J. Hardie's Team, but as we had not had time to get into form, the batting was very poor, Lomax leading with 23, and we could only get 114 to 276. However, we took our revenge later on by beating a fairly strong team under Mr. Hardie by 181 to 169. Macqueen, Sayers, Reid, and Hordern were chief scorers for us, while Mr. H. H. Massie 44 and K. Quist 32 best represented Mr. Hardie's Team.

We played University Veterans twice also, the first match we won by 6 runs after an exciting game, and the second was a draw. Our total was 194 of which Hordern contributed 65 retired and the Veterans lost 9 wickets for 134.

Mr. R. J. Black played with the School Team and was responsible for 12 runs.

This match which concluded the term's cricket was played on the School ground; the turf laid down some time ago being as usual quite satisfactory, in fact it has

been of great service for our Saturday matches.

Our match with the Olympian C.C. was hardly satisfactory as the visiting team consisted of only 6 or 7 players; and assisted by Kater, Bullock I. and Bullock II. they could only make 42 runs against 181 made by our team. Fisher and Hordern bowled for us, the former securing 7 wickets for 11 runs. Charlie Rundle played with the School team in this match.

Our 3rd team with a few of the 2nds played the Barker College 2nds on the School ground on March 28th, the turf was somewhat wet and slippery; Barker College scored 85 runs, Allen II. and Bullock divided the wickets, The School's batting was first rate, Minnett II. making 40 in fine style, Forsyth I. 26, Minnett I. 17. We won by 49 runs, our total being 134.

2nds v. Scots College at C.E.G.S. Scots turned up at 3 o'clock and left off at 5, with the result that the match was drawn. C.E.G.S. 202 (Williams 42, Minnett not out 32, Forsyth 37, Turton 29, Allen I. 19.) Scots College 3 for 46.

2nds v. S.G.S. Lost. C.E.G.S. 42 and 43. (Forsyth 20, Minnett 10, Bullock I. 13. S.G.S. 132. (Forsyth 3 for 39, Kater 6 for 33.)

2nds v. Newington. Won, C.E.G.S. 181 and 6 for 97, Forsyth 56, Minnett II. 34, Black II. 16, Kater 15, Allen I. 14, Allen II. 20, Bullock I. 11, Forsyth I. 27.) Newington 143, (Forsyth 8 for 37)

3rds v. S.G.S. Lower School 2nds. Won. C.E.G.S. 119. (Giblin II. 22, Broughton 17, Adams III. not out 17, Boydell I. 15, Massie 20. S.G.S. 34, (Broughton 6 for 6, Giblin II. 2 for 10 Adams 2 for 5.)

C.E.G.S. v. Nondescripts.—
(Played at C.E.G.S. Drawn.)

c.e.g.s., 1st Innings.	
Fisher, c and b Merewether	10
Hordern, b Holdship	33
Hickson, retired	30
Holtermann, c and b Merewether	4
Sayers, not out	32
Black I., not out	13
Lomax I.	
Adams I.	
Barton	} did not bat.
Macqueen	
Reid I.	
Sundries	12
Total for 4 wickets	134

NONDESCRIPT, 1st Innings.

Gardiner, l.b.w., b Fisher	14
Johnson, c Macqueen, b Hordern	19
Rundle, c Holtermann, b Hordern	0
Holdship, run out	24
Mr. Pilkington, h.o.w., b Hordern	5
R. Hickson, b Barton	12
H. Merewether, not out	36
Williams, not out	12
Sundries	6
Total for 6 wickets	128

Bowling Analysis.

Hordern	3 for 60
Barton	1 " 20
Fisher	1 " 25
Holtermann	0 " 15

C.E.G.S. v. Mr. Hardie's Team.—Lost.

c.e.g.s., 1st Innings.

Fisher, b O'Donnell	10
Hickson, b O'Donnell	3
Sayers, l.b.w., b Cooper	18
Holtermann, st. ——— b, Cooper	0
Black, c Darling, b Hardie	13
Lomax, b Hardie	28
Adams, c Redgrave, b Jacobs	1
Barton, not out	18
Macqueen, c and b Hardie	0
Reid, c ———, b Jacobs	9
Kater, st. ———, b Hardie	0
Sundries	4
Total	114

MR. HARDIE'S TEAM, 1st Innings.

Casey, b Fisher	6
Clarke, retired	72
Brown, c MacQueen, b Hickson	22
Cooper, retired	42
J. Punch, c Reid, b Barton	48
O'Donnell, b Barton	9
Redgrave, not out	46
Hardie, b Barton	1
Kerr, c Black, b Barton	1
Darling, b Barton	7
Sundries	22
Total	276

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	1 for 51
Barton	5 " 79
Hickson	1 " 16

C.E.G.S. v. St. Ignatius. Won.

(Played at C.E.G.S.)

c.e.g.s., 1st Innings.

Fisher, c Oxenham, b Clifford	7
Hickson, l.b.w., b Clifford	22
Sayers, b O'Sullivan	1
Holtermann, l.b.w., b O'Sullivan	4
Black, b J. Gleeson	10
Lomax, c O'Sullivan, b Clifford	8
Barton, not out	53
Way, c and b Clifford	21
Adams, c Clifford, b O'Sullivan	6
Reid, c Oxenham, b Clifford	1
MacQueen, c O'Sullivan, b J. Gleeson	2
Sundries	10
Total	145

ST. IGNATIUS, 1st Innings.

C. Maker, c Fisher, b Black	0
Power, b Fisher	1
P. Gleeson, b Barton	35
H. Oxenham, c Hickson, b Black	12
J. Gleeson, h.o.w., b Barton	32
D. O'Sullivan, b Holtermann	4
M. Gleeson, b Fisher	0
R. Douglas, b Holtermann	0
Clifford, b Holtermann	2
Barry, not out	0
Murray, c Fisher, b Holtermann	0
Sundries	3
Total	89

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	2 for 22
Black	2 ,, 33
Barton	2 ,, 14
Hickson	0 ,, 11
Holtermann	4 ,, 4

c.e.g.s., 2nd Innings.

Hickson, b.P. Gleeson	62
Sayers, c Murray, b Douglas	31
Fisher, l.b.w., b Barry	3
Barton, b J. Gleeson	72
Holtermann, b J. Gleeson	40
Way, not out	34
Black, c and b Gleeson	7
Lomax, not out	26
Adams	} did not bat
Reid	
Macqueen	
Sundries	8
Total for 6 wickets... ..	233

C.E.G.S., v. The King's School.
T.K.S., 1st Innings.

White, b Fisher	76
Wright, b Barton	11
F. Futter, c Lomax, b Hordern	60
Ryrie, l.b.w., b Hordern	23
Body, c and b Hordern... ..	0
Phillips, c Holtermann, b Hordern	0
Lord, c Holtermann, b Hordern	47
V. Futter, l.b.w., b Fisher	4
Doyle, c Holtermann, b Hordern	4
Stiles, c Black, b Hordern	2
Richards, not out	5
Sundries	20
Total	252

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	2 for 29
Hordern	7 ,, 76
Barton... ..	1 ,, 55
Black	0 ,, 12
Holtermann	0 ,, 7
Hickson	0 ,, 43

T.K.S., Second Innings.

White, c Read, b Fisher	4
F. Futter, c Hickson, b Fisher	9
Byrie, run out	14

Body, b Fisher	14
Phillips, not out	12
Lord, c Barton, b Fisher	4
V. Futter, l.b.w., b Barton	7
Doyle, c Sayers, b Barton	8
Stiles, c Hickson, b Fisher	6
Richards, b Fisher	6
Sundries	12

Total 96

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	6 for 32
Barton... ..	2 ,, 43
Holtermann	0 ,, 13

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Fisher, b Richards	28
Hickson, c and b Richards	9
Sayers, b Body	0
Hordern, b Richards	4
Holtermann, b Richards	50
Barton, b Doyle	1
Lomax, c Stiles, b Richards	4
Black, run out	75
Adams, run out	9
Macqueen, c Lord, b Body	28
Reid, not out	12
Sundries	42
Total	262

C.E.G.S., 2nd Innings.

Hickson, not out... ..	48
Hordern, not out	15
Sundries	25
Total for no wickets	88

C.E.G.S., v. St. Joseph's. Lost by 36.

(Played at St. Joseph's.)

St. JOSEPH'S, 1st Innings.

Dunne, c Adams, b Hordern	5
Donneley, run out	6
Byrnes, c and b Fisher	13
Ruthven, c Adams, b Hordern	12
Baker, b Hordern	6
Grant, c Sayers, b Barton	11
Farrell, not out	20
Quigby, b Holtermann	10

Sutton, c Holtermann, b Fisher	15
Collins, b Fisher	0
Andrews, c Macqueen, b Fisher	12
Sundries	13
Total	123

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	4 for 22
Hordern	3 ,, 54
Barton	1 ,, 25
Holtermann	1 ,, 10

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Hickson, not out	38
Hordern, b Donneley	3
Fisher, c Grant, b Collins	12
Black, c Dunne, b Collins	2
Holtermann, l.b.w., b Grant	19
Barton, c Ruthven, b Byrnes	6
Macqueen, c Byrnes, b Ruthven	11
Lomax, b Ruthven	0
Sayers, not out	11
Adams, l.b.w., b Ruthven	2
Reid, b Collins	3
Sundries	13
Total	120

ST. JOSEPH'S, 2nd Innings.

Farrell, b Hickson	8
Byrnes, st. Lomax, b Hordern	1
Grant, b Hordern	9
Donneley, c Reid, b Hordern	3
Dunne, c Adams, b Hordern	4
Ruthven, c Hickson, b Fisher	36
Quigby, b Fisher	17
Baker, b Fisher	5
Sutton, not out	5
Andrews, run out	1
Collins, c Sayers, b Barton	7
Sundries	11
Total	107

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	3 for 28
Hordern	4 ,, 30
Holtermann	0 ,, 13
Barton	1 ,, 17
Hickson	1 ,, 7

C.E.G.S., 2nd Innings.

Lomax, c and b Collins	25
Reid, b Collins	6
Hickson, run out	0
Fisher, c Dunne, b Donneley	5
Holtermann, b Donneley	2
Barton, b Donneby	2
Macqueen, c Farrell, b Collins	9
Sayers, c Grant, b Collins	0
Hordern, b Donneley	8
Adams, not out	10
Black, run out	3
Sundries	3
Total	74

C.E.G.S. v. Nondescripts. Won.

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Hickson, c Holtermann, b Merewether	9
Hordern, b Rundle	0
Fisher, c Jaques, b Holdship	33
Black, c Pilkington, b Rundle	48
Holtermann, retired	30
Barton, b Rundle	0
Macqueen, c Futter, b Rundle	4
Sayers, run out	12
Lomax, b Johnson	3
Adams, b Johnson	0
Reid, not out	3
Sundries	29
Total	171

NONDESCRIPTS, 1st Innings.

Holdship, c Holtermann, b Fisher	3
J. Futter, b Hordern	10
C. Jaques, c Holtermann, b Fisher	0
Rankin, run out	6
H. Merewether, b Hordern	0
Armstrong, b Fisher	0
H. V. Jaques, b Hordern	5
A. C. Pilkington, b Fisher	9
C. Rundle, c Holtermann, b Hordern	0
Speer, not out	0
Johnson, b Hordern	2
Sundries	9
Total	44

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	4 for 17
Hordern	5 ,, 18

NONDESCRIPT'S, 2nd Innings.

Johnson, c Reid, b Hordern	...	...	8
Speer, b Hordern	...	...	2
H. Jaques, l.b.w., b Hordern	...	...	6
Pilkington, b Fisher	...	...	2
Rundle, not out	...	...	13
C. Jaques, not out	...	...	14
Holdship			
Futter			
Rankin	} did not bat.		
H. Merewether			
Armstrong			
Sundries	...	...	7
Total for 4 wickets	...	...	52

Bowling Analysis.

Hordern	...	...	3	20
Fisher	...	...	1	19

C.E.G.S. v. S.G.S. Lost.

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Hickson, b Cotter	...	...	2
Hordern, c Bond, b Close	...	...	21
Fisher, c Cotter, b Allen	...	...	8
Black, c Rogers, b Cotter	...	...	57
Holtermann, c Bond, b Hinton	...	...	16
Barton, c Elder, b Hinton	...	...	0
Sayers, c Hinton, b Johnson	...	...	79
Adams, run out	...	...	4
Macqueen, c Hinton, b Johnson	...	...	29
Lomax, c Harris, b Elder	...	...	1
Reid I, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	17
Total	...	...	234

s.g.s., 1st Innings.

Harris, c Sayers, b Black	...	...	22
Close, c Lomax, b Fisher	...	...	12
Elder, not out	...	...	146
Manning, b Hordern	...	...	14
Johnson, c Fisher, b Hordern	...	...	3
Griffiths, b Holtermann	...	...	5
Rogers, c Holtermann, b Fisher	...	...	46
Hinton, b Black	...	...	34
Bond, not out	...	...	1
Cotter	} did not bat		
Allen			
Sundries	...	...	11
Total for 7 wickets	...	...	293

Bowling Analysis.

Black	...	...	2	for 57
Holtermann	...	...	1	36
Hordern	...	...	2	74
Fisher	...	...	2	56

C.E.G.S., v. Mr. Hardie's Team. Won.

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Hickson, c Macqueen, b O'Donnell	...	...	3
Hordern, b Holdship	...	...	27
Fisher, c Hardie, b Quist	...	...	6
Black, c Massie, b Quist	...	...	2
Holtermann, l.b.w., b Quist	...	...	0
Sayers, b Holdship	...	...	38
Macqueen, c and b Quist	...	...	48
Adams, b Quist	...	...	0
Reid, c Holdship, b Quist	...	...	33
Lomax, l.b.w., b Quist	...	...	14
Barton, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	10
Total	...	...	181

MR. HARDIE'S TEAM, 1st Innings.

T. Watson, c Barton, b Hordern	...	...	12
A. Clark, b Fisher	...	...	9
J. Punch, st. Lomax, b Hordern	...	...	0
E. W. Holdship, c Lomax, b Hordern	...	...	7
H. Massie, c Barton, b Fisher	...	...	44
P. O'Donnell, b Hordern	...	...	1
K. Quist, c Sayers, b Black	...	...	32
A. H. Holdship, c Lomax, b Barton	...	...	10
S. Redgrave, run out	...	...	23
Hardie, not out	...	...	10
Sundries	...	...	21
Total	...	...	169

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	...	...	2	for 30
Hordern	...	...	4	58
Barton	...	...	1	37
Black	...	...	1	24

C.E.G.S., v. Newington College. Lost.

C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.

Fisher, c Brown, b Finau	...	...	61
Hordern, c Finau, b McVicar	...	...	1
Hickson, c Brown, b Finau	...	...	3
Black, b Brown	...	...	0
Sayers, b Finau	...	...	13
Macqueen, c Mackay, b Brown	...	...	29
Holtermann, b Brown	...	...	23

Adams, c Finau, b Brown	15
Lomax, b Brown	2
Barton, run out	1
Reid, not out	0
Sundries	32
Total	180

C.E.G.S., 2nd Innings.

Macqueen, run out	6
Hickson, c Brown, b Finau	0
Fisher, l.b.w., b Brown	52
Black, b McVicar	12
Hordern, c McCourt, b Finau	0
Sayers, b Moses	11
Holtermann, b Gregg	9
Adams, c Shannon, b Finau	21
Lomax, b Finau	0
Reid, not out	3
Barton, b Gregg	0
Sundries	18
Total	132

NEWINGTON 1st Innings.

Mackay, c Holtermann, b Fisher	59
Moses, c and b Hordern	14
Hawken, b Fisher	0
Brown, c Lomax, b Hordern	2
Finau, c Holtermann, b Fisher	2
McVicar, b Hordern	6
Gregg, c Black, b Hordern	5
McCourt, c Hickson, b Hordern	3
Channon, b Hordern	0
Thompson, not out	6
Redgrave, b Fisher	5
Sundries	11
Total	113

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	4 for 15
Hordern	6 " 54
Barton	0 " 18
Black	0 " 6
Hickson	0 " 9

Second Innings.

Mackay, not out	70
Moses, run out	8
Hawken, c Holtermann, b Hickson	49
Brown, c Lomax, b Barton	63
Finau, c Fisher, b Hickson	18
McVicar, c Black, b Hickson	13
Gregg, c Hordern, b Hickson	37

McCourt, b Fisher	0
Channon, c Macqueen, b Hickson	7
Thompson } did not bat	
Redgrave } did not bat	
Sundries	8

Total, 7 wickets ... 203

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	1 for 75
Barton	1 " 36
Hickson	5 " 53
Holtermann	0 " 27

C.E.G.S. v University Veterans. Drawn.

C.E.G.S. 1st Innings.

Fisher, c Marks, b Stacey	9
Hickson, b Marks	1
Hordern, retired	65
Black, c Pilkington, b Marks	14
Sayers, b Corfe	17
Holtermann, b Corfe	17
Mr. Black, c Gibson, b Gregson	12
Macqueen, not out	23
Adams, b Gregson	0
Barton, b Gregson	13
Forsyth, c Tange, b Corfe	17
Sundries	6

Total ... 194

UNIVERSITY VETERANS 1st Innings.

Gregson, c Barton, b Hordern	21
Cawknis, b Fisher	0
Haden, c Hickson, b Hordern	16
Tange, retired	35
Stacey, retired	21
Gibson, c Holtermann, b Hickson	22
Pilkington, b Black	0
Marks, not out	0
A. J. Corfe, b Black	0
— Corfe, c Sayers, b Black	0
Maitland, not out	8
Sundries	10

Total, 9 wickets for 134

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher	1 for 26
Hordern	2 " 36
Hickson	1 " 29
Black	3 " 29

C.E.G.S. v Olympians.

C.E.G.S. 1st Innings.

Hordern, c and Middleton	5
Hickson, run out	26
Black, b Barber	23
Rundle, c Jenkins, b Middleton	23

Fisher, b Middleton	...	...	13
Sayers, retired	...	...	32
Lomax, not out	...	...	20
Macqueen, b Kater	...	...	2
Adams, retired	...	...	22
Reid, b Middleton	...	...	0
Barton, b Middleton	...	...	25
Sundries	...	...	19

Total ... 181

OLYMPIANS 1st Innings.

Total	...	42
Fisher	...	7 for 11
Hordern	...	2 ,, 12

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. of Inngs.	Times N. Out.	Hgh. Score.	Aggregate.	Average.
Black	19	3	72	365	22.81
Holtermann	29	2	50	478	18.38
Fisher	31	—	61	541	17.45
MacQueen	12	1	48	191	17.36
Hickson	34	3	72	537	17.32
Sayers	32	5	79	445	16.18
Hordern	31	1	65	444	14.8
Barton	27	8	72	242	12.73
Way	18	2	34*	199	12.43
Reid	11	4	33	70	10.
Lomax	28	4	28	232	9.6
Adams	30	4	45	202	7.76

* Signifies Not Out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	Wkts.	Runs.	Average.
Hordern	39	470	12.05
Fisher	31	419	13.51
Hickson	8	179	22.37
Holtermann	6	137	22.83
Barton	15	400	26.6
Black	8	429	53.62

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

*S. H. O. HOLTERMANN.—Captain—and “a right good captain too”—a good careful bat, in better form with the ball this term. In the field covers a lot of ground at

mid-off with precision and accuracy, always sure and often brilliant.

*A. D. W. FISHER.—A much improved bat; secured the highest aggregate of the season. A good bowler, with fair length and pace, dangerous on a helping wicket; a good field.

*R. N. HICKSON.—A good vigorous bat with a lot of good strokes when set, but sometimes inclined to take liberties with the bowling too soon; second in aggregate; places well and runs well between the wickets. A useful change bowler; usually safe and reliable field.

*H. V. HORDERN.—Slow bowler with good length, working from the leg, very persevering, has secured 112 wickets, has good defence, scores rather slowly but is improving; fair field.

R. G. BLACK.—A very taking bat, hard to shift, and possesses a number of good strokes. Has played several very valuable innings this term. A very promising leg-break bowler, much improved in the field.

G. P. SAYERS.—Becoming a really good batsman, with good strokes all round the wicket when set, has improved a lot in fielding but still a little uncertain in catching.

E. S. BARTON.—Batting spoilt by being nervous at the start, when going bats freely. A good medium change bowler, and a safe hard-working cover-point.

J. MACQUEEN.—A much improved bat, has played some very good innings, has a good pull stroke and fair defence, rather careless field.

R. J. ADAMS.—A very fair bat, with a long reach and fair strokes, extremely unlucky, pulls and hooks too much, lacks judgment in running between the wickets, improved but uncertain field, catches well at times.

A. R. LOMAX.—Useful wicket-keeper, works hard and has improved very much, bats too carefully in big matches, is powerful and should be, in time, a free forcible bat.

R. S. REID.—Can bat steadily and can hit very hard, has played well occasionally, notably v. T.K.S., works hard in the field but is not sound and reliable.

*Has Cricket Colours.

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.*

Alterations and additions to list of members published in April 1898 and March 1899. (†opposite name denotes in former lists but with new address):—

†C. S. Binny, c/o Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Sydney.

†F. C. B. Bland, c/o National Cash Register Co., George Street, Sydney.

†H. C. Blaxland, The Grammar School, Townsville, Queensland.

†W. A. Burcher, Leaton Grove, Upper Bankstown.

†G. S. Cook, Agricultural College, Richmond.

†C. J. Cope, "Bakyangi," Gordon.

†Jas. G. Edie, c/o Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Sydney.

†O. E. Friend, c/o Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 18 Birchin Lane, London, E.C.

†J. W. Gibson, c/o "Dudley," 487 Alfred Street, N. Sydney.

†E. R. Holme, "Te Whare," Trafalgar Street, Petersham.

†E. Ireland, "Clandeboye," Wentworth Road, Strathfield.

†H. V. Jaques, "Wyoming," Petersham.

†E. D. Kater, "Allora," Bayswater's Road, Darlinghurst, Sydney.

†J. McKnight, c/o Messrs. Mackenzie and Co., 4 O'Connell St., Sydney.

†H. McWilliam, Brisbane Street, N. Sydney.

†L. A. Minnett, "Nenagh," Willoughby Street, N. Sydney.

†Douglas Parton, "Brondesbury," Booth Street, Balmain.

†H. C. Pocklèy, Coraki, Richmond River.

†C. W. Rundle, 9 "The Mall," Glebe Point, Sydney.

†S. Simpson, "Burindi," Barraba via Tamworth.

†W. N. Stephens, Nausori Mill, Suva, Fiji.

†J. H. Wilson, } Longarm, Manilla.
†G. R. Wilson, }

The annual Re-union will take place on Saturday, May 5th. The football match v. The School will start at 3 p.m. Members of the Union who wish to play must send in their names to the Hon. Secs. not later than Saturday April 28th.

Tickets for the Annual Dinner (4s. each) to be held on the night of the Football Match, may be obtained from any member of the Committee.

S. H. O. Holtermann, H. W. Kendall and A. B. S. White have been appointed a sub-committee to select the team to represent the Old Boys' Union, and the management of the Dinner is in the hands of Russell Barton and the Rev. D. Davies.

The Annual Meeting will take place immediately after the Dinner, and this will be followed by the usual Smoke Concert at which some professional talent will give assistance.

The Hon. Secs. will receive at or before the Annual Dinner nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year. The officers for the current year are as follows:—President, Headmaster (ex-officio); Vice-Presi-

dents, Russell Barton and E. R. Holme, Hon. Secs., G. R. C. Clarke and Rev. D. Davies; Committee, F. C. Adams (left '92); W. A. Bull ('95), N. Y. Deane ('93), J. F. Fitzhardinge ('94), H. W. Kendall ('94), G. A. More ('96), N. Trevor-Jones ('93), F. G. Simpson ('99), A. B. S. White ('98). Of the Committee *two* must be elected from those members who have been in attendance at the School within the previous *three* years.

If the number of candidates nominated for any office do not exceed the number of officers required, the President will at the Annual Meeting declare the members so nominated duly elected. But if the members so nominated exceed the number of officers required, then voting papers will be sent to every member of the Union within ten days from the Annual Meeting; these to be returned to the Secretaries within one calendar month of the date of the Annual Meeting.

Old Boys are reminded that the Annual All Schools' Regatta will take place on the Parramatta River on Saturday, April 28th.

J. F. Fitzhardinge has been admitted as a solicitor, and E. O. Pockley has obtained his M.B. and Ch.M. degree. We heartily congratulate them on being the first Old Boys to obtain admission to the privileges of these learned professions. Fitzhardinge is in his father's office and Pockley is a House Surgeon in the Prince Alfred Hospital.

C. E. Hale and G. A. More are rowing in the N. S. W. Intercolonial Eight, and H. W. Kendall is one of the reserve men.

O. E. Friend has left in the S.S. India

on a trip to Europe. He intends being away about eighteen months.

The list of Old Boys at present at the University are as follows—F. C. Adams, 3rd year medicine; J. N. F. Armstrong, 1st year Engineering; P. N. Aiken, 3rd year Medicine; W. G. B. Boydell, 1st year Mining; G. R. C. Clarke, 4th year, Medicine; N. E. Giblin, 1st year Mining; H. J. Gould, 2nd year Mining; H. V. Jaques, 1st year Arts; H. W. Kendall, 3rd year Medicine; J. Lyne, Mining; A. C. Mack, 2nd year Mining; G. A. More, 3rd year Mining; A. H. Moseley, 1st year Arts; G. W. Rundle, 1st year Medicine; F. G. Simpson, 1st year Medicine; A. B. S. White, 3rd year Arts; R. C. Wilson, 3rd year Science.

The brothers G. R., J. H. and K. Wilson have taken Longarm Station, Manilla, and are now consequently neighbours to F. G. and S. Simpson at Burindi.

The "Sergeant's Purse" amounted to £20 2s. 6d. All Old Boys will be glad to hear that he has again joined the School as Clerk and Carpentry Instructor.

BIRTHS—At Penzance, Chatswood, February 15th, the wife of G. H. Devonshire of a daughter.

At Cartref, Bay Road, North Sydney, March 18th, the wife of the Rev. D. Davies of a daughter.

All members of the Union will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. F. A. A. Russell, which occurred at Turramurra, on 24th ult. Mr. Russell has the deepest sympathy of his fellow members in his sad bereavement.

In cricket Old Boys have been well to the fore this season. A. J. Hopkins has headed the bowling in Intercolonial matches with 12 wickets for an average of 12 runs each. In batting he had an average of 40.7. He made 36 and 48 not out v. Queensland; 86 v. South Australia at Adelaide, and 52 against the same colony in Sydney; and against Victoria at Melbourne he got 44 runs. For Rest of Australia v. Australian XI. he scored 61 in the 2nd innings. G. R. C. Clarke in the 2nd innings of N.S.W. v. Tasmania took 4 wickets for 35 runs.

In Electoral Cricket Matches all wickets were bowled by Old Boys in three matches for North Sydney. A. G. Reid and Hopkins took all Central Cumberland wickets in both innings; Clarke, Reid and Hopkins all the wickets v. the Glebe; and Hopkins and Clarke all wickets v. Burwood. A. J. Hopkins scored 103 N. Sydney v. Redfern; 92 v. Burwood and has an average of 33 for 9 innings and a bowling average of 37 wickets for 13 runs each. N. Y. Deane scored 54 v. S. Sydney, 62 not out v. Redfern and has an average of 55 for 6 innings. G. R. C. Clarke has a batting average of 28 for 4 innings and a bowling average of 14 wickets for 19 runs each; he made top score (67) v. Glebe and took 5 wickets for 17 runs. A. G. Reid has a bowling average of 8 wickets for 14 runs each.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, for year ending May, 1900—T. S. L. Armstrong (4), A. Blake (2), H. C. Blaxland, G. R. C. Clarke, G. S. Cook, C. J. Cope, D. Davies, J. F. Fitzhardinge, O. E. Friend (2), J. W.

Gibson (2), H. J. Gould, G. Gunning, E. Ireland, H. Ireland, E. D. Kater (2), H. L. Lomax, J. E. R. McMaster, H. McWilliam, F. L. M. Merewether (2), G. ilbourne-Marsh, L. A. Minnett, R. Moodie, W. J. Morson, C. E. Murnin, F. H. Needham, D. W. T. Osborne, F. Osborne, D. F. Roberts, G. W. Rundle, S. Simpson, W. N. Stephens, A. Sulman, B. H. O. St. John (4), N. Trevor-Jones, J. M. Walker, A. B. S. White, H. E. Whitfield (2), A. H. Yarnold, J. B. Yoemans.

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

The following is a full list of Old Boys in the Transvaal with the various N.S.W. Contingents:—

C. W. F. P. Roberts (Lieutenant in the N.S.W. Lancers), C. F. Fiaschi (trooper in the Lancers), C. Potts (trooper in the Lancers), C. M. Fetherstonhaugh (trooper in Mounted Infantry), R. V. James (private in Bushmen's Corps), J. Wilson (trooper in Mounted Infantry), W. J. S. Rundle (Lieut. in 6th Dragoon Guards—The Carabineers), J. Mair (in Rhodesian Horse); and A. C. M. Gould, K. Mackenzie, E. C. Shaw, E. V. Bourke and A. G. Powell are in camp with the Imperial Bushmen.

Among the volunteers left behind for want of Bush experience, etc., were M. L. Clarke, W. A. Burcher, G. A. More, E. D. Kater and A. Binny.

The following extracts from the war correspondents will prove interesting to Old Boys:—

The *Evening News* correspondent writes: "The officer who has the reputation of being one of the smartest scouts in

camp here is young Lieutenant W. J. S. Rundle, late of the N.S.W. Lancers, and now holding an Imperial commission in the Carabineers 6th Dragoon Guards. Young Rundle this morning was chosen by the General to perform the difficult task of accurately ascertaining the enemy's movements, and performed his mission so well that he was heartily complimented on its success. Accompanied only by one orderly, he left camp at 4.30 a.m., and proceeded in a northerly direction towards where the road from Hanover to Colesburg crosses to Plattsburg. Taking up a position on a kopje, which commanded an extensive view, Rundle watched for hours, and located the whole force, though the extreme caution of the enemy rendered this task very difficult, and sometimes he would have to watch a certain spot for ten minutes before a head would appear above the stones, while single sentries marked the position of the guns, which are so skillfully concealed that they are quite invisible from this side. When Rundle arrived the day was still young, and the Boers were engaged in shooting buck. He was particularly struck by the way the Boer horses are trained to carry out their masters' wishes. When a buck was sighted the rider would jump to the ground throw down the reins, and stalk him for half a mile or so, the quiet beast remaining stock still until rejoined by his master. Young Rundle's mission was rendered all the more difficult from the fact that he had to remain perfectly concealed while watching every movement of the enemy, and this he succeeded in doing admirably."

Writing from the Kimberley Club, February 19th, Rundle states:—We left Colesberg some time ago about 10 days

I should think, went in the train as far as Orange River and then marched straight for Kimberley, which we relieved two days ago. We had some very stiff fighting at Modder River, but pushed our way through and marched 100 miles in four days, fighting off and on the whole way. We had an awfully rough time of it as we had no transport with us (that is the advanced lot) and had to carry food and forage on the horse we were riding, both food and forage were very short, so you can imagine how I enjoyed a good square meal when we arrived here. The people here seem to have had a very rough time of it, although I think some of them lived pretty well, having put in stores before the seige began. I think I was the first man to shake hands with anyone out of Kimberley as my troop was sent on about three miles in front as advance guard on Kimberley; they were glad to see us, poor people, and nearly pulled us off our horses when we met. I wanted very much to go into Kimberley that night with my men but the General would not let me. We did not get much rest, as next morning at 3.15 we were out to drive the Boers over the Vaal River which we did after a bit of fighting. I saw any amount of dead Boers and some of them were quite boys not more than 14. Our horses are very much done up but I believe they are going to move us on tomorrow towards Mafeking.

Under the heading "An Heroic Action" Mr. A. B. Paterson the war correspondent of the *S. M. Herald* writes as follows (Dec. 17th):—

Yesterday afternoon Captain Jackson of the 7th Dragoon Guards was out with a patrol and while reconnoitring a kopje near the railway line was shot by a party

of Boers concealed among the rocks. The patrol wheeled at once and retreated about 500 yards, when the captain dropped from the saddle. The Boers kept up a heavy fire on the party the whole time. Meanwhile troopers Fiaschi and Macpherson, of the N.S.W. Lancers, were going out to join their patrol, and when they heard the firing and saw the retreat they rode over to see what was happening. They joined the three Dragoons and they all went back together to pick up the fallen man while the bullets still rattled around them. They dismounted, and lifted the dying man on to his horse, but he could not stand the shaking, and they lifted him down and actually carried him about a quarter of a mile in their arms while under fire the whole time. It was a most extraordinary thing, how they escaped being shot. He was quite conscious, but only said "I feel so tired, shade my eyes." He died in their arms. The conduct of our two troopers in going in under heavy fire and helping to carry the wounded man out in their arms is very highly spoken of, and will do the squadron no end of good in the eyes of the rest of the force.

The following are extracts from C. W. F. Palmer Roberts (Lieutenant in Lancers). The Heron referred to is the Old Sydney Grammar Boy, a brother of Eden Heron.

Rendsburg, Jan. 4th, 1900.

Last Tuesday night a train came in with four days' supplies of everything, horsefeed and all, even chocolate and rum. About three hours after it had been left ready for unloading, one of the station porters went down the line and could not find any sign of this train. He reported this to headquarters, and next

morning a small party of our men under Jim Osborne and Heron, went out to look for it, and they found it about five miles down the line, right in front of the Boer position. It had evidently been *let go* from here, and as there is a slight incline all the way, it had rolled down without any trouble. The enemy had then blown up the line this side of it, and made it impossible to bring it back; so the whole squadron was sent out at lunch time to hold the trucks from the Boers until they could be unloaded and the stuff carted back. We advanced in open order until we got up to them. Then the Boers commenced firing, and we made a rush and got the horses under a ledge of rock, just high enough to cover them. We then dismounted and advanced about 100 yards and lay down and fired on them. The Boers opened fire on us with their big guns and the Maxim Nordenfeldts, which fired 7 1-lb. Shells in 5 seconds; we had to retire under what cover we could find. Some got behind the trucks and some under or inside, any where they could find shelter. Jim Osborne and I took our men back to the horses in case they got loose. The Boers got the range to a T and kept up a hot fire all day. Nothing came to support us except a few Infantry who got in the way and seemed scared out of their lives.

When the Boers found we would not shift they steadied the fire a good deal until evening, when they started with every gun and rifle they had; the shells burst splendidly. They would drop a bit short and the splinters would fly over our heads, which were just about two feet below the surface.

I must say the shriek of a shell bursting is not a very pleasing sound, but we got quite used to it. The Maxim Nor-

denfeldt fired 21 shells in succession into the train and set it on fire.

Just as the sun went down and it began to grow dark, some of the Boers' sharpshooters crept down on our right flank and did a lot of damage. I was sitting in front of one horse and he was shot clean through; the poor beast stood up for about five minutes then fell with a groan.

Another horse was shot dead, two men wounded, and one Infantry-man who was with us was shot clean through the chest. As soon as it was dark enough, the order was to retire, and as quickly as possible; the other two wounded men were well enough to ride, but this poor Infantry-man could not move and we had no stretcher. I had some rum which I poured down his throat and it saved his life, because he was able to sit on his horse while I held him on and another fellow led his horse.

After our holding this train for six hours and 40 minutes of shot and shell fire, they let the Boers have all the remainder of the stores without trying to stop them.

Potfontein, Jan. 29th, 1900.

This is the next place we have had to camp, some of the others being fearful, and with next to nothing to eat. Banjo Paterson, Heron and myself have each got a captured Boer pony which we keep for our own amusement. They are very hardy little things and we have trained them ourselves.

The other day we had a race between the three for a prize which is to be given to the winner when we reach Pretoria. I am happy to say my pony won after a very exciting ride, so I am looking forward to our entry into Pretoria. We

have a friendly Dutch farmer who supplies us with fresh milk and a few cucumbers and beans, etc., at a very moderate price, and we send down every morning for these luxuries, so you see while we stay here we live like "fighting cocks." We have *rolled oats* and brown sugar and fresh milk for breakfast, so you can imagine how we three enjoy ourselves.

"Arundel Camp," Feb. 5th, 1900.

We arrived at Slingersfontein at 12.30 p.m., and slept by our horses all night. In the afternoon we got orders to leave early next day for Arundel, where we are now. To-morrow we leave at daybreak for Naauwport, where we entrain for Orange River, and, of course, you can imagine how pleased we all are, because we will be on the flying column which is going to relieve Kimberley, and we are to be under General French who is in command of the Cavalry. He said he was very pleased to know that we were going, and congratulated us highly on the good work we had done, and told us he was very pleased to have us under his command again.

Our Infantry have all been mounted on cobs and are going to take our place at Slingersfontein.

The Victorians have to remain to do a fortnight's mounted drill, and they are awfully jealous of our fellows going to the front.

Sometime ago I was patrolling with a few men, and saw in the distance some Boer ponies and mules. We thought we would take them and were riding towards them, when we were fired at from a direction where we knew there were no Boers. One bullet whizzed over my head and the others scattered the dust under my horse's legs; we turned back

towards camp and retired when one of the Carabineers galloped up and apologised, saying they had taken us for Boers, with the felt hats. It was a close shave, but since that orders have been issued for all

Colonials to wear helmets.

In our next number we hope to publish further extracts from letters of Old Boys at the front.

School Notes.

THE Annual Speech Day took place on December 19th. The prizes were distributed by His Grace, the Archbishop of Sydney; details will be found in another column.

His Honor Judge Backhouse, A. F. Robinson, Esq. (President of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce), and the Rev. R. E. Goddard have joined the Council of the School *vice* Judge Wilkinson, C. O. Burge, Esq., and the Rev. S. S. Tovey, resigned.

We welcome this term A Boulger, Esq., who has joined the School as House Master, and the Sergeant who has been re-appointed as School Clerk and Carpentry Instructor.

E. T. Carlisle was one of the successful candidates in the recent A.M.P. Examination, and he is now at the Head Office of the Society. W. G. King passed the recent Matriculation Examination at the Sydney University, but is taking a trip home before entering on his University course.

The following have left since our last issue:—E. T. Carlisle (Junior Exam., 1899); C. J. I. Dent (Junior Exam.,

1899); G. N. Larkin (Prefect, 1st XV. and 1st Crew colours); H. V. Jaques (Prefect, Hon. Treas. for Sports, 1st XI. colours, 1st XV., Junior Exam., 1898, Matriculation 1899); W. G. King (Junior Exam., 1899, Matriculation 1900, 2nd XV.); Ivo Clarke (Prefect, Captain Boats, 1st Crew); N. W. Abraham (1st XV.); J. T. Church (2nd XV.); J. M. Grant (1st XV. 2nd XI.); C. Middleton (1st XI.)

R. S. Reid has been elected Captain of Boats *vice* Ivo Clarke, left; A. R. Lomax, Hon. Treasurer for Sports, *vice* H. V. Jaques, left; and A. D. Fisher acting Captain of Football.

We have to thank the following friends of the School for the various trophies enumerated below:—R. J. Black, Esq., bat for highest score in matches v. S.G.S. and N.C., won by G. P. Sayers (79 v. S.G.S.), and trophies for greatest number of wickets in Competition matches, won by A. D. Fisher and H. V. Hordern; C. G. Hodgson, Esq., bat for 1st 50 in Competition matches, won by R. N. Hickson (54 v. S.G.S.); R. Hickson, Esq., bat for highest score v. N.C., won by A. D. Fisher (61); H. H. Massie, Esq., bat for highest aggregate made in

all matches, won by A. D. W. Fisher with 541 runs; A. D. Hall, Esq., bat for over 50 runs, won by R. G. Black (75 v. T.K.S.)

H. V. Hordern took 112 wickets during the season for 1374 runs, and A. D. Fisher 83 for 1069 runs. The highest aggregate of runs was made by Fisher with a total of 541, R. N. Hickson being only 4 runs behind. Scores of 50 and over have been made this term by Fisher (61 and 52), G. P. Sayers (79), Hordern (65), S. H. O. Holtermann (50), R. G. Black (75 and 57), E. S. Barton (53 not out and 72), Hickson (62) Playing for University Veterans v. I. Zingari Veterans Hickson contributed 79 by vigorous cricket.

The Annual Football Match v. The Old Boys' Union is fixed for Saturday, May 5, and the Annual Schools' Regatta for April 28th.

The Boat Club Camp will be held as usual at Gladesville for the Easter Holidays.

Sub-Committees for Term I., 1900:—
Cricket, S. H. O. Holtermann (Capt.), A.

R. Lomax (Hon. Treas.), A. D. Fisher, R. N. Hickson, H. V. Hordern; Football, S. H. O. Holtermann, (Capt.), A. D. Fisher (Acting Capt.), L. W. Carey, R. S. Reid, R. N. Hickson, A. R. Lomax, Mr. Pilkington; Boats, R. S. Reid (Capt.), A. R. Lomax, L. W. Carey, J. F. Reid, Mr. Burnside; TORCH-BEARER, R. S. Reid, A. R. Lomax, A. D. W. Fisher, F. L. Nash, C. F. Kater, S. Hartridge, Rev. D. Davies; Library, C. F. Kater, S. Hartridge, Mr. Baker.

On Wednesday, February 14th, the Bishop of New Guinea gave a very interesting address in the Hall to the School and some visitors, on his work in the mission field of New Guinea. The visitors were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs. Robson.

Mr. Burnside has just returned after an absence of some months from the Colony. We are pleased to say that he has come back in excellent health, after a most enjoyable trip to the Old Country, by an unusually interesting route of which we hope to have something to say in our next issue.

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

- 1900
- Jan. 31 School re-opened.
 - Feb. 3 1st XI v. Nondescript C.C. Drawn, 4 for 134; 6 for 128.
 - 7 1st XI v. Mr. Hardie's Team. Lost by 162 runs.
 - General Sports Meeting. R. S. Reid elected Captain for Boats. A. R. Lomax Hon. Treas. for Sports.
 - 10 1st XI v. St. Ignatius College. Won by 56 runs. 145 and 6 for 283; 89.

Feb.	14	Lecture in Hall by Bishop of New Guinea.
	16 } 17 }	1st XI v. T.K.S. Won by 10 wickets. C.E.G.S. 262 and none for 88; 252 and 96.
	21	1st XI. v. St. Josephs. Lost, 120 and 74; 123 and 107.
		2nd XI. v. Scots College. Drawn, 202; 3 for 46.
	24	1st XI. v. Nondescript C.C. Won, 171; 44 and 4 for 52.
	28	Half Holiday to witness departure of Bushmen's Contingent.
March	2 } 3 }	1st XI. v. S.G.S. Lost by 3 wickets and 59 runs. 234; 7 for 293.
	7	1st XI. v. Mr. Hardie's team. 181; 169.
	10	1st XI. v. Olympians. Won, 139 runs. 181; 42.
	16 } 17 }	1st XI. v. Newington College. Lost by 3 wickets. 180 and 132; 113 and 7 wickets 203.
	17	St. Patrick's Day, Public Holiday. Saturday detention excused.
	21	1st XI. v. University Vets. Drawn, 194; 9 for 134.
April	5	General Sports Meeting. A. D. Fisher elected Acting Captain of Football.
	12	Last day of Term.

Owing to want of space the article "A holiday among the New Zealand Glaciers" has been held over till the next issue.

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