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Editorial.

THE year now rapidly drawing to a close is an epoch marking one in various ways. For the world at large it marks the close of a wonderful century, for Australians the end of the old order of provincial separation and the beginning of the Commonwealth, and to our own little community it will be memorable as the end of the term of office of our first Head Master. Mr. Robson's connection with the school dates back to its foundation, nearly 12 years ago, and since then he has been its head and representative, has seen its gradual growth and the foundation of its institutions, of many of which he may

with justice say, "*Quorum pars magna fui.*" It is too often forgotten that mere numbers do not make a school, any more than bricks and mortar make a city, and that it is to the spirit which animates its members, and not to their numerical importance, that our attention should be turned if we wish to estimate its value. To lay the foundation broad and deep, that the future structure may be stable and enduring, to guide the various tiny rills in such a way that they will all meet to form the ever-growing stream, such is the work of pioneers and founders, and nowhere is the influence of the personal character of the chief guide and director

better seen than in the evolution of a school. We are arrogating to ourselves no undue praise when we say that the name of Church of England Grammar School boy has, even in these few years of our existence, come to be synonymous with manliness, truthfulness, and all the qualities that go to make up the character of an English gentleman. The endeavour has been throughout to imitate here, as far as local conditions would allow, the character and constitution of the Great Public Schools of the mother country, and, above all, to arouse in all our boys that devotion to duty, that simple Christian manliness which is the noblest result of educational effort. The very considerable measure of success we believe we have achieved, must be attributed in no small degree to the influence of the Head Master, to whom we are now bidding farewell. It has been his lot to preside at the foundation of our numerous institutions, to suggest some of them, and to give to all the powerful support of his aid and example. The boys of to-day who join the school and find its sports and pastimes, as well as its indoor work, governed each by its special rules, and yearly growing traditions, must bear in mind that all this was not the work of a day, and that it has required unremitting attention and no small labour on the part of their prede-

cessors to bring things to their existing state. To secure this result and to tend the growth of these institutions is a Head Master's special privilege, and we feel sure we only express the feelings of the school, both Past and Present, when we tender in their names the thanks of all to Mr. Robson for the manner in which he has done his part. In all our sports he has shown a sympathetic interest, and in that of rowing, his ability and experience as a coach have placed us in the proud position we hold to-day—a position we trust we shall always be able to maintain in the future. Among the benefits for which members of the School have to be grateful to Mr Robson, not the least is the manner in which, by placing in the class rooms pictures and works of art, the gifts of friends of the School, he has endeavoured to arouse and cultivate in our boys the aesthetic tastes too often entirely neglected in education, and thus to enable us to work amid pleasant and elevating surroundings. The feelings with which he is regarded by his past and present pupils, and by those who as masters have been associated with him in the work of the School, will receive practical expression at the close of the Term, when presentations will be made to him on behalf of the Old Boys' Union, the Present Pupils, and the Past and Present members of the Staff.

A Mormon Feast among the Maoris.

SOME time ago I chanced to pay a visit to a sheep station near Hawkes' Bay. The station was a very large and fertile one, intersected in places with narrow canons,

through which run small streams, some of which contain fish. The valleys in which these canons lie are covered with manuka, which resembles the ti-tree, and cabbage trees, whose leaves are highly prized by

the Maoris for hat-making purposes. So much for the description of the country. As regards the actual place itself, looking from a hillock about half-a-mile from the house, as far as the eye can see seems to be a mass of sheep of all kinds—Lincolns, Leicesters, half-breeds, etc. Near the homestead all the ground is under cultivation, and consists of fine orchards and vegetable gardens. The house itself is well-built and comfortable. About a mile away there is a Maori settlement on the banks of a narrow stream. A friend and I happened one morning to go in the direction of the Maori settlement, and as our attention was struck by seeing an unusual number of Maoris about, we went over to see what was happening.

On approaching, we encountered smells of cooking, and suddenly several figures, clad in white, emerged from the creek, which had been deepened until it was about 5ft. in depth. This naturally aroused our curiosity, and, on enquiring, we were informed that a Mormon baptising ceremony was taking place. The ceremony was as follows:—One of the elders was standing up to his armpits in the stream, and the candidates came forward singly, and were all completely submerged. This was followed by singing and music, after which the congregation proceeded to a "whare," or house, to hold the rest of the service. We also accompanied them, but did not seem to please them, until our guide drew our attention to the fact that we were wearing boots. This breach of etiquette was soon remedied, and we entered the "whare" and perceived a curious sight. At one end of the building sat the elders, and the candidates and rest of the congregation were seated all over the floor on flax mats.

Prayers were then offered up, followed by a hymn, that was well sung, the Maoris being very musical, although their songs are, as a rule, of a mournful character. The candidates were now called up, one at a time, by the elders. As they came forward they went into the middle of the ring, formed by the elders, proved their allegiance to their religion, and received the blessing of the seven elders—followed by an Amen from the rest. While this was proceeding, we noticed two Maori boys holding peeled wands in their hands. At first we thought these wands were like the bishop's staff, but we soon discovered that they were for a different purpose. A Maori lady overcome by the heat, went to sleep and began snoring. Immediately the wands were put to active use, and the snoring ceased for a time. Soon, however, other people succumbed, and had to be kept awake by the rod-bearers. During the service several short addresses were delivered by different enthusiasts. A disciple from Salt Lake City, a man sent out for special work among the Maoris, preached an eloquent sermon, exhorting them to sincerely observe the rules of Mormonism. We afterwards had a conversation with this gentleman, and we were not long arriving at a conclusion that he was a little bit of an impostor, although probably a Mormon. After the sermon came another hymn, and the service was then closed by the usual benediction. On coming outside the smell of the cooking was so inviting, that we decided not to go to the station, but to stop where we were. We strolled about watching the women preparing the feast. The Maori oven is as follows:—A hole, about a yard square and 2½ft. in depth, is dug in the ground, and the bottom lined with stones, over

which a large fire is lighted, until the stones become very hot. The ashes are then raked out and water poured in. Earth is shovelled in to the depth of several inches, and over this are placed fern leaves, on which the thing to be cooked is laid. Over all this are placed some more leaves, and on top a flax mat. Earth is then shovelled over all, and the cooking proceeds for about an hour. By this time the food is ready, and tastes really delicious. You can try this method for yourself, and you are sure to be greatly pleased with the result. There were all manner of delicacies—sucking pig, turkeys, eggs, mutton, fish, vegetables, etc. The fish consisted of eels, which had been caught in the creek, dried, and tied with flax into bundles of three. For vegetables

there were boiled cress, boiled nettles, and boiled thistles. By the time we had strolled round the open-air kitchen, and had inspected the minor "whares," it was time for the feast, and we were invited to take part. Although we had to eat with our fingers, and to squat in Maori fashion, we were too hungry to be particular, and did true justice to the repast, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Such is a Maori Mormon feast as we saw it. All the attributes of true Mormonism, however, are not for the Maoris, for colonial legislation prohibits plurality of wives; but such a hold and fascination has the religion, that a great number of the Maori race are more or less under its influence, and refuse to acknowledge any other authority.

University Public Examinations.

SENIOR—

	Eng.	Latin.	Fr.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Phys.	Trig.
F. L. E. Nash	—	B	B	C		C	—	—
R. S. Reid	—	—	B	C		C	C	C

JUNIOR—

S. H. B. Bradley	B	B	B	C	C	B	B	(M)
G. E. Browne I	—	B	B	C	C	C	—	(M)
E. L. Hutchinson	C	C	C	C	C	A	B	
K. Williams	C	C	C	C	C	C	—	
E. R. Way	—	C	C	A	C	B	—	

(M) Qualified for Matriculation.

Cricket.

The cricket authorities had considerable difficulties to encounter at the opening of the present season. There were serious blanks to fill up, our old captain (Holtermann), who had done so much for the team during the long period he was associated with it; Adams, whose usefulness with the bat was so often nipped in the bud by getting "run out;" Lomax, so useful behind the stumps; Hordern, whose success in bowling had been proved in many a hard-fought game; all had joined the ever-increasing majority of the old boys. Moreover, Reid I., a victim to football; McQueen, so serviceable a bat in the North Sydney C (3rd grade) team; and Reid II., were to be allowed for, and the material to draw from was young and inexperienced, so the prospects of success were not hopeful. Still, we had some left who might be expected to make a fair battle against opposing teams, Hickson and Fisher, who represented us in the All Schools match, and of whom the captain of the team stated "the former made up for his failure with the bat by his fielding, the latter proved himself the best all-round man on the side;" Black and Sayers, who have not batted so consistently this term, although they have done good work at times; Barton, whose vigorous play and consistent bowling have been very serviceable; and Way, who struck form in the King's School match, and secured the bat kindly presented by Mr. Hickson. Of the new members, Forsyth has improved considerably in batting and bowling; Kater, with his left-hand deliveries, has secured a number of wickets; Minnett, Williams, Black II., Allen, and Bullock have done their best

under trying conditions. On the whole, the result of the season so far has been satisfactory. We played an exciting game with S.G.S., leading in the first innings by 13, and losing on the second by three wickets. The Newington match was disastrous, but the luck of the weather was partly responsible; but our second innings redeemed our failure in the first. The King's School match was won by an innings and 16 runs.

The Old Boys' annual match, which was played last term, is reported in this issue of the *Torch Bearer*.

Our first competition match was against S.G.S., on the Redfern Oval, and as we had played but two matches, and about five members of the team were getting their first experience of school cricket in the first grade, we had no great hopes of success. We had first use of the wicket, and were unlucky in losing both Hickson and Black for a single each. Fisher 48, and Sayers 42 played well for their runs; and Barton, after a nervous start, opened out and showed a few minutes vigorous work, resulting in 34 runs, which included two 5's and five 4's. Forsyth got 13, and Williams 10, the innings ending with 169 runs. S.G.S., with five for 140, were all out for 156, mainly due to Hickson's bowling—four for 16—and we led by 13 runs. On the second attempt we lost Fisher and Black without scoring, and Hickson, who was shaping excellently, was caught behind for 33. Williams, with marvellous luck, reached 14; Sayers 13, Way 11, and Forsyth 10. Total, 120. A very exciting finish, three men being run out; and S.G.S. overtook us, with three wickets to spare. It was a very

interesting game, and we congratulate our opponents on the way they pulled the game out of the fire.

In our match with Newington College fortune did not smile on us, and with a score of 372 against us we could only tot up 12, made, according to one of the newspapers, "on a good wicket." To this we might reasonably reply that, while on equal conditions, our opponents were a stronger and more experienced team, winning the toss would probably have placed us in a favourable position. Mackay, Moses, and Hawken had a batsman's wicket to start on, and made good use of it. Then a heavy shower of rain followed, after which the bowler could not stand up, the ball was slippery, and fielding by no means easy, while the wicket played true enough, so that the second wicket did not fall till 258, and the third till 319. A change now came over the scene, the wicket began to take the ball, and the rest of the team could only make 53 runs, six Newington batsmen scoring 2 runs between them. We had to face this wicket in a very bad light, in which the ball was not conspicuous, and our score of 12 was not surprising under the circumstances. At the same time we readily grant the all-round play of our opponents was excellent, and they made good use of their opportunities. Next morning the wicket was considerably improved, and the School showed that under favorable conditions it could give a good account of itself. Fisher was bowled by a rather low one from Brown for 17, and Hickson and Black put on 102 runs before a separation was effected. Hickson's 72 was a fine exhibition of cricket, sound and effective, containing eleven 4's. Black, too, shaped in his best style for 49, and

when time was called we had lost seven wickets for 179 runs, and lost on the first innings by 360 runs. It would be an oversight not to compliment the School team on its plucky and determined fielding under such unusual difficulties, especially the younger members, who had not had such an experience before.

The match against the King's School was played at Parramatta, and, going in first, we made 226, of which Way contributed 50, Forsyth 45, Barton 43 (including two 5's and four 4's), Fisher 35, Hickson 12, Minnett 11, and Sayers 10. The King's School replied with 87, Body, Wright, and Philp reaching double figures. Barton, Fisher, and Forsyth divided the wickets, Barton taking four for an average of $4\frac{1}{2}$ runs each. In their second attempt the King's School scored 123, Futter 31, Rylie 24, Phillips 18, Body 16. Fisher and Kater each secured five wickets for 42 and 37 runs, respectively. The result was a win for the School by an innings and 16 runs.

We have not been able to play as many matches as usual this term, partly owing to the change in the arrangements for the All Schools match, which, furthermore, prevented our meeting the Riverview Eleven.

The New Zealand Mercantile and Loan team visited the School, and, batting first, knocked up 113 runs, Hughes, Caswell, and Carroll making highest scores. The C.E.G.S.—with the exception of Hickson, who went right through the innings for 39—shaped feebly, and our total was only 81.

The weather was cruelly hot when the I Zingari Veterans paid us a visit. The wicket was in perfect order, and we had 178 runs knocked up against us. Charlton

retired with 65, C. Lloyd made 45, Hemsley 25. Fisher and Hickson were absent playing in the Combined Schools match, and the new bowlers had a chance of distinguishing themselves. The School lost six wickets for 77, Sayers 34, Black 16, shaping well.

Against Mr. Hardie's team the School scored 224, Fisher being absent at the senior examination — Way (retired) 80, Black 29, Williams (retired) 25, Minnett 24, Black 14. Mr. Hardie's team lost nine wickets for 146 — Holdship 38, Small 37, and O'Donnell 26. Black took four wickets, Barton and Forsyth two each.

We had a very enjoyable game with the 'Varsity Veterans, and scored 182, to which they replied with 123. For the School, Hickson 48, Sayers 36, Black (retired) 33, Fisher 19; and for 'Varsity Veterans, Stacey (retired) 54, Dr. Maitland 16, R. Hickson 15, were the chief contributors. Kater took four wickets Fisher three, and Black one.

School v. Old Boys'.

OLD BOYS.

G. R. Clarke, b Black I.,	...	49
Hordern, c Black I., b Fisher	...	23
L. Clarke, c Kater, b Hickson	...	29
Merewether, retired	...	50
Harriott, c and b Forsyth	...	11
Kilgour, c Allen, b Black I.	...	4
Reid, c Fisher, b Forsyth	...	3
Barton, c and b Black I.	...	6
B. Clarke, not out...	...	11
Boydell, c Hickson, b Black I.	...	1
Purves, c Hickson, b Black I.	...	5
Sundries	...	16

Total... 208

Analysis of Bowling.

Black I.	5 wickets for 44 runs.
Forsyth	2 " " 25 "
Fisher	1 " " 35 "
Hickson	1 " " 39 "

Old Boys' won by 81 runs.

SCHOOL.

Fisher, c Hickson (sub), b. Merewether	...	32
Hickson, c and b Boydell	...	21
Black I., b Merewether	...	0
Sayers, thrown out	...	19
Way, c Williams, b Merewether	...	12
Forsyth, b Merewether	...	0
Williams, c Barton, b Merewether	...	4
Allen, c Fisher, b Clarke	...	11
Kater, c and b Merewether	...	5
Bullock, not out	...	3
Turton, c and b Clarke	...	0
Sundries	...	20
Total	...	127

Analysis of Bowling.

Clarke	2 wickets for 32 runs.
Merewether	6 " " 16 "
Boydell	1 " " 18 "
Hordern	0 " " 30 "
Reid	0 " " 9 "

School v. New Zealand L. and M. A. Co.

Played on School Ground.

Won by New Zealand L. and M. A. Co. by 36 runs.

NEW ZEALAND L. and M. A. Co.

1st Innings.

Duguid, c and b Barton	...	10
Hartigan, c and b Fisher	...	8
Carroll, bowled Kater	...	18
Caswell, b Kater	...	21
Hughes, c Way, b Fisher	...	40
N. Caswell b Fisher	...	1
Gilfillan b Kater	...	1
Cox, b Kater	...	2
Wright, c Wray, b Black	...	6
Jones b Barton	...	0
Claxson, not out	...	0
Sundries	...	11

Total... 118

Analysis of Bowling.

Barton	2 wickets for 29 runs.
Fisher	3 " " 30 "
Kater	4 " " 28 "
Hickson	0 " " 17 "
Black	1 " " 0 "

SCHOOL.

Hickson, not out	...	39
Fisher, run out	...	5
Black, b Hartigan	...	3
Sayers, c Gilfillan, b Carroll	...	3
Way, c Gilfillan, b Hartigan	...	7
Minnett, b Hartigan	...	6

Barton, b Hartigan	...	...	0
Williams, c and b Hartigan	...	...	0
Kater, c and b Hartigan	...	...	1
Turton, b Carroll	...	...	0
Allen I., b Hartigan	...	...	7
Sundries	...	...	11

Total 82

NEW ZEALAND L. AND M. A. Co.
2nd Innings.

Claxton, b Kater	...	...	12
Cox. l.b.w. b Black	...	...	6
Wright, c Way, b Turton	...	...	11
N. Caswell, b Kater	...	...	3
Jones, b Black	...	...	0
Hartigan, not out	...	...	16
Garroll, not out	...	...	7

5 wickets for 55

Analysis of Bowling.

Black	1 wickets for 15 runs.
Barton	0 " 10 "
Turton	1 " 18 "
Kater	2 " 4 "
Williams	0 " 9 "

School v. I. Zingari Vets.

Game drawn. Played on School ground.

I. ZINGARI VETS.

Docker, c Barton b Forsyth	...	...	0
Charlton, retired	...	...	65
Hemsley, c Sayers, b Barton	...	...	25
C. Lloyd, c Way, b Forsyth	...	...	45
Rabett, c Forsyth, b Sayers	...	...	0
Walford, c Way, b Forsyth	...	...	9
Smith, run out	...	...	7
H. Evans, c Allen, b Way	...	...	6
L. S. Lloyd, b Kater	...	...	1
Owens, not out	...	...	6
Halligan, c Forsyth, b Barton	...	...	12
Sundries	...	...	2

Total 178

Bowling Analysis.

Forsyth	3 wickets for 38 runs.
Barton	2 " 43 "
Sayers	1 " 9 "
Way	1 " 28 "
Kater	1 " 38 "
Black I.	0 " 17 "

SCHOOL.

Sayers, c Halligan, b Hemsley	...	...	34
Black I., run out	...	...	16
Way, b Hemsley	...	...	5
Barton, b Smith	...	...	3

Forsyth, lbw b Smith	...	...	1
Kater, b Hemsley	...	...	0
Minnett, not out	...	...	6
Williams, not out	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	9

Total for 6 wickets 77

School v. S.G.S.

Played at Redfern Oval on October 26 and 27.
SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

Fisher, c Harris, b Close	...	...	48
Hickson, c Cotter, b Allen	...	...	1
Black I., c Hinton, b Cotter	...	...	1
Sayers, c Cotter, b Ross	...	...	42
Way, b Ross	...	...	0
Barton, st. Bubb, b Close	...	...	34
Forsyth, b Cotter	...	...	13
Kater, lbw, b Close	...	...	0
Williams, not out	...	...	10
Minnett, c Gilchrist, b Cotter	...	...	0
Turton, b Cotter	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	19

Total 169

Bowling Analysis.

Cotter	4 wickets for 26 runs.
Ross	2 " 22 "
Close	3 " 40 "
Allen	1 " 21 "

S.G.S.

1st Innings.

H. Harris, c Fisher, b Kater	...	...	16
R. Harris, c Way, b Fisher	...	...	1
Manning, c Forsyth, b Barton	...	...	22
Close, c and b Hickson	...	...	46
Hinton, c Minnett, b Forsyth	...	...	7
Bubb, not out	...	...	33
Jones, b Forsyth	...	...	7
Ross, run out	...	...	0
Cotter lbw, b Hickson	...	...	1
Gilchrist, b Hickson	...	...	4
Allen, lbw, b Hickson	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	19

Total 156

Bowling Analysis.

Hickson	4 wickets for 16 runs
Forsyth	2 " 31 "
Fisher	1 " 29 "
Barton	1 " 25 "
Kater	1 " 26 "
Black I.	0 " 10 "

SCHOOL.	
2nd Innings.	
Hickson c Bubb, b Cotter	33
Black I., b Allen	0
Fisher, b Cotter	0
Williams, c Bubb, b Cotter	14
Sayers, lbw, b Cotter	13
Barton, c Manning, b Allen	0
Forsyth, b Cotter	10
Way, lbw, b Cotter	11
Kater, b Cotter	1
Turton, c and b Allen	5
Minnett, not out	0
Sundries	33
Total	120
1st innings	169
2nd innings	120
Grand Total	289

S.G.S.	
2nd Innings.	
R. Harris, b Fisher	6
Close, run out	1
Manning, run out	8
Cotter, c Hickson, b Barton	24
Hinton, run out	13
H. Harris, not out	27
Bubb, b Barton	0
Ross, b Fisher	23
Allen, not out	32
Sundries	10

Total for seven wickets	144
Bowling Analysis.	
Barton 2 wickets for 24 runs	
Fisher 2 " 58 "	
Hickson 0 " 46 "	
Forsyth 0 " 5 "	
1st innings	156
2nd innings (for seven wickets)	144

Grand Total ... 300
 S.G.S. won by three wickets and 11 runs within a few minutes of time.

School v. Newington College.

Played on North Shore Oval, on 2nd and 3rd of November.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.	
1st Innings.	
Mackay, lbw b Hickson	127
Moses, b Fisher	37
Hawken, st Turton, b Forsyth	124

Brown, c Turton, b Kater	46
Finau, c Black i, b Kater	0
Gregg, b Hickson	20
Millican, c Black i, b Hickson	0
McCourt, c Fisher, b Hickson	1
Redgrave, c Minnett, b Forsyth	1
McVicar, not out	0
Prescott, b Forsyth	0
Sundries	16

Total ... 372

Bowling Analysis.	
Hickson, 4 wickets for 52 runs.	
Kater 2 " " 42 "	
Forsyth 3 " " 85 "	
Fisher 1 " " 77 "	
Barton 0 " " 45 "	
Black i 0 " " 38 "	
Way 0 " " 9 "	

SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.	
Black i, c Finau, b Brown	0
Forsyth, c Moses, b Finau	0
Fisher, b Finau	0
Turton, b Finau	3
Hickson, b Finau	0
Way, c Finau, b Brown	7
Sayers, b Brown	0
Barton, st Mackay, b Finau	0
Black ii, not out	0
Minnett, b Finau	1
Kater, b Finau	0
Sundry	1
Total	12

2nd Innings.	
Hickson, c Prescott, b Moses	72
Fisher, b Brown	17
Black i, b McVicar	49
Forsyth, b Brown	0
Sayers, b Finau	12
Barton, b Finau	6
Way, c Brown, b McVicar	7
Black ii, not out	1
Kater, not out	0
Sundries	15

Total for 7 wts ... 179

School v. The King's School.

Played at the King's School on November 9 and 10.

SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.	
Hickson, c and b Futter	12
Fisher, c Stiles, b Body	35

Black I., st Wright, b Ryrie	3
Sayers, st Wright, b Body	10
Forsyth, c Debenham, b Ryrie	45
Barton, c Phillips, b Ryrie	43
Way, run out	50
Kater, b Ryrie	1
Minnett, c Philp, b White	11
Black II., c and b Body	2
Allen, not out	0
Sundries	14
Total	226

T.K.S.

1st Innings.

Wright, c Minnett, b Barton	13
White, lbw, b Forsyth	1
Ryrie, c Black II., b Forsyth	0
E. Body, c and b Barton	19
Lord, b Barton	0
Phillips, c and b Barton	12
Futter, c and b Fisher	6
Stiles b Fisher	5
C. Body, c Sayers, b Fisher	9
Debenham, not out	1
Philp, c Forsyth, b Fisher	10
Sundries	12
Total	88

Bowling Analysis.

Fisher 4 wickets for 37 runs	
Barton 4 " 17 "	
Forsyth 2 " 23 "	

T.K.S.

2nd Innings.

Wright, c Hickson, b Fisher	3
White, b Fisher	3
Ryrie, st Hickson, b Kater	24
E. Body, c and b Fisher	16
Lord, c Black I., b Fisher	2
Phillips, b Fisher	18
Futter, st Hickson, b Kater	31
Stiles, b Kater	10
C. Body, b Kater	0
Debenham, b Kater	2
Philp, not out	1
Sundries	12
Total	122

Bowling Analysis.

Kater 5 wickets for 37 runs	
Fisher 5 " 41 "	
Barton 0 " 29 "	
Forsyth 0 " 3 "	

The School won by an Innings and 16 runs.

School v. Mr. Hardy's Team.

Played at North Shore Oval, on November 15th.

SCHOOL.

Hickson, c Small, b Hordern	0
Way, retired	80
Black i, c and b Hardie	29
Sayers, b Redgrave	1
Barton, b Kedgrave	2
Forsyth, lbw b Clarke	12
Williams, retired	25
Minnett, run out	24
Black ii, lbw Hardie	14
Kater, c Massie, b Hardie	8
Allen, not out	1
Sundries	28
Total	224

MR. HARDIE'S XI.

Massie, b Black i	3
Small, retired	37
Clarke, b Black i	6
Cooper, b Black i	0
Hickson, b Barton	0
Holdship, c Barton, b Forsyth	38
O'Donnell, c Black i, b Forsyth	26
Macqueen, c Williams, b Black i	7
Hordern, lbw b Barton	8
Redgrave, not out	45
Hardie	0
Sundries	9
Total	179

School v. Varsity Vets.

Played on School Ground.

SCHOOL.

Hickson, run out	48
Fisher, c and b Stacy	19
Black i, retired	33
Way, b Davis	15
Sayers, stpd Maitland, b Davis	36
Barton, b Davis	0
Williams, c Hickson, b Davis	1
Minnett, c Sinclair, b Davis	5
Black ii, stpd Maitland, b Davis	3
Kater, b Stacy	8
Bullock, not out	0
Sundries	8
Total	176

VARSITY VETS.

Marks, c Black i, b Fisher	10
Hart, c Black, b Fisher	5
Carjill, b Kater	0
Purves, b Kater	7

Maitland b Black i	16
Stacy, retired	54
Kendall, c Sayers, b Black i	6
Hickson, b Fisher	15
Davis, b Kater	0
Sinclair, b Kater	0
Jaques, not out	2
Sundries	7

Total ... 122

Analysis of Bowling.

Kater	4 wickets for 34 runs.
Fisher	3 " " 31 "
Barton	0 " " 15 "
Black i	2 " " 32 "

School won by 54 runs.

School v. St. Josephs College.

St. Joseph's College won by 37 runs.

Played on School Ground. Nov. 28th.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

1st Innings.

Grant, c and b Kater	6
Dunn, b Barton	26
Kuthven, b Fisher	0
Baker, not out	63
Byrnes, c Black I, b Kater	12
Farrell, lbw b Barton	7
Long, c Kater, b Barton	3
Sutton, c Way, b Barton	4
Quigley, c Williams, b Fisher	12
Grogan, b Forsyth	10
Collins, st Hickson, b Forsyth	3
Sundries	12

Total ... 158

Analysis of Bowling.

Kater	2 wickets for 35 runs.
Fisher	2 " " 31 "
Forsyth	2 " " 38 "
Barton	4 " " 30 "
Black I.	0 " " 15 "

THE SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

Hickson, st Long, b Ruthven	43
Black I., b Ruthven	12
Fisher, c Dunn b Ruthven	9
Sayers, b Grogan	2
Way, lbw b Grogan	1
Barton, st. Long, b Ruthven	13

Williams, lbw b Ruthven	8
Forsyth, c Grant, b Ruthven	13
Black ii, b Collins	4
Minnett, c Sutton, b Ruthven	1
Kater, not out	0
Sundries	15

Total ... 121

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

2nd Innings.

Ruthven, st. Hickson, b Black...	3
Dunn, b Way	4
Grant, c Forsyth, b Black	20
Long, b Black	6
Quigley, c Kater, b Black	0
Byrnes, not out	2
Grogan, c and b Black	5
Farrell, not out	3
Sundries	4

Total, 6 wickets for 47

Analysis of Bowling.

Black I. 5 wickets for 23 runs.

Way 1 " " 14 "

Forsyth 0 " " 6 "

2nd XI. v. Barker College, 14/11/1900.

Barker College 1st innings, 62 (Fitzhardinge I., 20, Smith 6, Montgomerie 7, Owen not out 6). C.E.G.S. 1st innings, 106 (Dent I., 35, Salwey 16, Allen II. 13, Hilder 11 not out. C.E.G.S. won by 44 runs.

2nd XI v. Newington College 3rd XI. N.C.

1st innings 72 (Inveraricy 25, Reid 11, Mather 6. C.E.G.S., 1st innings 71 (Minnett ii 9, Dent i 16, Allen ii 19, Fenwick i 9). Won by N.C. by 1 run.

3rd XI v. S.G.S. 3rd XI. C.E.G.S. 1st Innings, 106 (Giblin 11, Broughton 32 retired, Boydell 26, Davies retired 13). S.G.S. 1st Innings, 66 (Bain 9, Barker 7, Trebeck 8, Pitt 7, Giblin 8, Dibbs, not out, 6). C.E.G.S. won by 40 runs.

27th October, 1900, played at S.C.E.G. School, between C.E.G.S. 2nd XI and S.G.S. Lower School 1st XI. C.E.G.S 37 (Bullock i 11, Allen i 10), S.G.S. 81 (Gair 34, Ducker 12). Allen ii 6 wickets for 41 runs, Hilder 2 wickets, Minnett 2 wickets. Won by S.G.S. by 44 runs.

Old Boys' Union.

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

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

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

R. J. Adams, Hawkesbury College, Richmond.

The presentation to Mr. Robson by the Old Boys and the Past and Present Members of the Staff, will be made at the School, on Friday next, December 14th, at 8 p.m. All subscribers are asked to make a point of being present.

C. W. F. P. Roberts is still in Ireland on a visit to friends, and the latest news from him is that he is much improved in health and fast recovering strength.

Mr. W. McKay has the full sympathy of all Old Boys in the bereavement he has just suffered in the death of his daughter.

A. F. Ritchie and Stuart Wilson have articles of a technical nature on agricultural matters in the current number of the Hawkesbury College Magazine.

C. F. Fiaschi is returning from South Africa by the Harlech Castle, and will be in Sydney before this number is published.

The name of R. W. Cliff is to be added to the names of Old Boys in South Africa. Cliff is in the Cape Artillery, and a letter from him appears in this issue.

H. W. R. Chadwick has been invalided Home from the Cape, and has been sent to the Hotel Cecil and Eastbourne by the organisation headed by the Countess of Dudley. Much medical attention has cured the left hand; and the latest news is that the right hand is still under treatment, there being still hope of recovery. Want of prompt treatment had brought on blood poisoning, and he was very ill for weeks, and was fully expected to lose his hands. He is now very anxious to get back to his troop again.

Dr. E. O. Pockley has been representing N.S.W. in the Intercolonial Tennis v. Victoria. A. J. Hopkins has played for the N.S.W. XI. v. the Colts, and has been picked to play for the XI v. the other Colonies. G. R. C. Clarke played for the Colts, and was also picked to practice for the N.S.W. XI. N. Y. Deane scored 90 in the recent Inter-district Match, and 67 for N.S. Electorate v. Paddington. H. V. Hordern has been playing for the N. Sydney first XI. D. H. Cowper has been transferred from the Armidale branch of the C.B. Co. of Sydney to W. Maitland.

R. B. Richmond has entered the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney's Bank at Canowindra. J. R. Hargrave has started as an accountant at Wollongong, and W. K. Dawson has purchased a ship chandler's business, and is trading under

the name of Mitchell & Co. (the original owners), in Pitt Street, near Circular Quay.

A. Blake and N. G. Pattison have been in town for a holiday, and have paid frequent visits to the School. Joe Gibson is also once more in Sydney.

All Old Boys will be sorry to hear that Mr. Turnbull has been very ill, and has undergone an operation in the Sydney Hospital.

R. G. Burnside has been appointed City Organist. We wish him every success in the appointment.

H. B. Harriott has passed the second section of the Final Law Examination, and E. Ireland the third section.

Subscriptions have been received for the following in reply to a letter from the Old Boys' Union:— F. A. Adams, J. R. Adams, D. T. Kilgour, G. A. More, L. A. Minnett, W. G. B. Boydell, O. Hargrave, T. H. Dent, L. N. Dent, C. J. T. Dent, C. W. H. MacArthur, W. G. Rundle, A. H. Yarnold, W. J. Morson, W. B. Clarke, H. P. Harriott, C. S. Maddrell, G. R. C. Clarke, G. Milbourne-Marsh, Stuart Wilson, R. B. Crisford, A. Sulman, G. N. Larkin, A. R. Lomax, H. L. Lomax, A. T. Carlisle, Ivo Clarke, J. N. F. Armstrong, G. L. Hobson, W. A. Bull, G. H. Vernon, A. J. Senior, J. F. Fitzhardinge, N. Trevor-Jones, N. Y. Deane, A. G. Gunning, A. Fischer, D. F. Roberts, H. J. Gould, G. E. Browne, J. B. Yeomans, C. E. Hale, C. W. Rundle, M. L. Clarke, J. M. Walker, J. W. Gibson, N. G. Pattison, L. Holdsworth, N.

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The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions for year ending May, 1901:— T. S. L. Armstrong, E. D. Kater, H. E. Whitfield, F. L. M. Merewether, J. F. Fitzhardinge, J. B. Yeomans, F. G. M. Simpson, A. B. S. White, H. L. Lomax, G. Milbourne-Marsh, D. Davies, N. Y. Deane, O. E. Friend, C. W. Rundle, A. D. Campbell, A. J. M. Simpson, A. D. Blaxland, N. G. Pattison, J. W. Gibson, B. H. O. St. John, A. Blake, R. Barton, J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, R. C. Wilson, L. A. Minnett, J. E. R. McMaster, H. C. Pockley, Ivo Clarke, G. A. More, W. H. Wilkinson, A. T. Carlisle, D. T. Kilgour, E. O. Pockley, H. Ireland, D. F. Roberts, H. W. Kendall, C. E. Hale, W. J. Morson, G. R. Wilson, A. Fischer, W. G. B. Boydell, A. R. Lomax, F. A. Adams, J. R. Adams, H. V. Jaques, O. Hargrave, F. A. A. Russell, D. H. Cowper, F. P. Hopkins (2).

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

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

LORD ROBERTS' farewell general orders to the Army will form a fitting introduction to our series of war letters in this issue. It was as follows —:

"I will never forget the noble work by the Colonials of all branches of the service, performed under circumstances absolutely unique in the annals of war, inasmuch as, without rest for a year, regardless of weather, frequently clad only in rags, and without boots—time not permitting to refit—they were continually fighting invisible enemies, marching with incredible speed over enormous distances, enduring hardships and suffering without murmur, and with cheerfulness, and exhibiting conspicuous humanity."

General Hutton who was in charge of the Colonial Mounted Infantry Brigade has returned to England, and in an interview he declared that all the officers in S. Africa placed a very high value upon the services of the Australian Mounted Rifles.

As so much has been heard of Lord Roberts' speech to the Colonial Forces at Pretoria, on Oct. 13, and as little publicity has been given to it, the following report of it will be of interest to our readers.

"Officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the colonial forces, over-sea and local, it has often been my lot to thank men of the regular army for the work they have done, but I never before had the pleasure of thanking volunteers for splendid work done in the field side by side with the regular troops. I am the first Field Marshal who has ever commanded an imperial army. What you have done forms a page of history which will never be forgotten by Great Britain."

Here Lord Roberts broke down. After a moment's pause to recover his composure, he continued:—"As you all know, the war as a war is over. There are no more great battles to be won, no more large towns to be taken. The war has degenerated to a guerilla warfare, which is the most annoying part of every campaign. The Boers realise that there is no hope, and that the end is very near. I was speaking the other day to Commander D. Jetsen, who, before surrendering

to General Paget, wished to be allowed to go up to Koomatipoort, to see if the town was really in our possession, and, further, if it was true that a quantity of Boer guns and ammunition and stores had been destroyed. I was consulted on the matter, and at once consented. He went to Koomatipoort, and satisfied himself, with the result that on his return he surrendered, with all his commando. We have 12,600 prisoners now, and I am daily receiving letters begging me to release them. There is still much to do, and if we all set to work, it will not take us very long to do it. Now, what I want to say is that many of you, indeed all of you, have had a rough time. Some, I see, have only just come from the hospital. All of you left homes and positions to show your loyalty, and to bear your part in this unprovoked war. There is no doubt that in many cases your return is anxiously awaited, and you are looking forward to the reception to be accorded you on your return, which you so richly deserve. But if the Boers heard you were going to leave the country, the departure of so many mounted troops, which have proved themselves the mainstay of the British army, would give renewed courage, and even hope. There are many of you whose business calls are urgent, and others whose health has broken down, who, of course, must return home. The rest of you, I hope, will remain, and help us to bring this state of affairs to an end."

Then, turning to the Australians, Lord Roberts added, "I can fully realise the yearnings you all have to return to those who are near and dear to you, and who are counting the hours till your return. But what I would ask of you is to stay a bit longer, and I should feel greatly indebted to you. Good-bye."

E. D. KATER.

Rheeboksfontein Farm, Vrededorf, August 4: We have been out with a flying column now for 5 days, chasing Boers. Yesterday we caught them in a bed of a river and opened fire on them from three sides with 15 pounders, &c. We shelled them for 30 minutes, when they all cleared over the kopie on the other side. We had one killed. When the Boers had gone the M. I. went and burned three farms on which they had been firing. The women and children stood by watching their homes being burned. It must have been terrible for them for they had lived there for years. Everything of value was taken by the soldiers. The place was burned because the man had leave to stop in the house, but was not there. A shell from a 15 pounder when it bursts in the

air, seems to stop for a moment and then burst into a ball of fire and it throws some 200 bullets which will kill up to 400 yards. I have three and a piece of shell and a spent Mauser which I will keep as a memento of my first battle. To-day we are in camp, waiting for supplies and for the 2nd. Brigade, when we are to go and attack De Wet, whom they seem to have pretty well surrounded.

While I write the women are over at their burnt farms collecting what they can. We have commandeered all their cattle, sheep, &c., so how they are going to live I don't know. I am sheep skinner to our lot so I get the pickings—I am off to skin two. Last night we had fried chicken but no salt—sugar is very scarce. Next time I come out I will not carry so much clothing but more to eat. My sword which I have to carry, is of so much use that I could not pull it out if I wanted to, as the blade is bent from chopping wood. Wire cutters are the chief things here as the country is all marked off with barbed wire just like a draught board. Sleeping out at night was at first hard work but now I sleep from the time I go to bed till I get up at 4.30 to stand to arms. I never was better in my life. Where we are now camped we have to kick the stones out of the way to make a bed, and my word it is hard then.

KRUGERSDOOP, August 26: Since my last letter we have been having very exciting times chasing De Wet. When after him we met Lord Kitchener and he sent our squadron on as a flying column—my word it was flying. We started on Sunday morning at 4 a.m. and marched all day and night till 10 p.m. on Monday night. Then we started again at 2 a.m. on Tuesday morning and in the dark we ran into De Wet and got 7 out of 8 men on advance scout. We had rather a good fight with him there and I was under fire for a long time. I now know what bullets hitting around is like. One came so close that, where it struck the rocks and left the nickel case whilst the lead went on, I was able to put my hand and get it and I am keeping it in my glass case. After that we were sent as a relief column to relieve the Bushmen who were surrounded. On our arrival the enemy disappeared without our firing a shot. The Bushmen had made a very good stand. They had entrenched themselves and burrowed under the ground and held out for 11 days against great odds. When we left them and got in here we found that 800 Boers had, the day before, given the Town 6 hours to surrender. Two girls here got a wounded soldier and knocked his brains out—they are both prisoners. This is a very

pretty Town—all the streets areavenued with gum trees which grow up quite straight, and the houses are all picturesque places built with red and white bricks. There is a fine monument in the Town, to which every loyal Boer had to carry and throw a stone when they gained their independence. The people were very glad to see us as they were afraid of the Boers who had given them time to surrender. When we got in about 4.30. I had been on the march since 3.30. in the morning with nothing to eat except a piece of biscuit, so you can guess I willingly gave 2/6 for a feed of mutton and peas. Some of this country is very rich indeed and some would not feed a goat. Oranges grow in great quantities only we are not allowed to pick them, which is a lot of rot, as the M. I. simply live on loot, while we have to be content with small rations of biscuits.

I am not surprised that Dr. Jamieson got cut up here as the place the Boers had him was in a regular death trap. I am writing this letter while watching our horses graze a dry grass—poor brutes, they have had a rough time of it lately. We are not allowed to go down the Town, but I am going this afternoon, so if you should read of my court-martial you will know I risked it for some jam and bread which I have not had for the last two months.

The following extract taken from a private letter from one of the officers of the 6th Dragoon Guards (the Carabiniers) to a friend of the Editor of T. B. will be read with interest. Writing from Pretoria, in June, and referring to a Boer ambush he writes: "One patrol of A squadron went down the road. The Boers had concealed themselves on a hill on the left of the road and allowed the first patrol to get past hoping to bag the whole Brigade. Somehow they were discovered and opened a terrific fire, which reached the guns and staff who were all coming down the road in single file. My troop got as far as a farm about 500 yards from the hill when firing began, so we had to dismount and start firing shortly too, but it was pretty warm. However we managed to clear them out, but it was touch and go, for if the leading patrol had not found them, the whole Brigade would probably have been cut up. My Major and Captain both had their horses shot, and we had three men killed and six wounded. General French was delighted with the way our regiment behaved and congratulated us all yesterday. He mentioned three officers Rundle, Watson and much to my surprise myself. *It was due however to Rundle that the situation was saved.* The next day we got through the

most of the pass and the day after we had another uneventful march which brought us within sight of Pretoria, which had then surrendered to Roberts.

A. C. M. GOULD.

"Ottoshoop, otherwise Malmani, September 3. We have had a lot of fighting, nearly every day for some four or five weeks. It is very exciting work. I suppose you have seen by this time about our engagement at Elands River. We attacked them on Sunday (I think it was about the 6th). After all day's fighting we had to retire. Then on Monday night they attacked us in camp, and we had to make a running fight of it. This go, the "battle of Vaalkop," or "Wondersfontein," also lasted nearly all day. We had a rough time of it. Started off from camp on Sunday at about 4 o'clock in the morning. Riding all day long, excepting when we had to dismount to fire or attack any place. No dinner or tea. When we had to retire, we made a forced march, and were riding until past 1 o'clock next morning (Monday). Fed horses and lay down to sleep. Up again at 4 o'clock, and in the saddle from 5 all day until 7.30 p.m. Then some tea of bully beef and two biscuits. Saddle up at a little after 8 o'clock, and off to Zeerust. It was a quarter to 4 on Tuesday morning before we reached camp, and that without a halt all the time. The horses and men were knocked up. Every man Jack of us went to sleep in the saddle time after time, and would wake up with a start. I myself saw about 20 men fall off their horses; so you can see we did not have an easy time of it. I had my horse shot under me on Sunday, and on Monday had two bullets go through my haversack. We had a little fighting back to this place, and then returned to Mafeking. Out a couple of days after with more men and guns. We drove the beggars before us past Zeerust. Methuen came up behind them, and we had them between two fires. The fighting now is all towards Litchenburg way, and we have had some sniping every day. Lord Methuen is in camp with us at present. Later.— We made a big attack on the enemy yesterday. The lyddite shells are frightful things. They smash up rocks and send them flying like bits of paper. One shell yesterday killed 49 Boers. We captured in all about 300, and goodness only knows what their loss in casualties was. It was a great surprise to them. I am out of the go today, but can hear the big guns booming while I write. It makes you wish you were out with them. I must tell you I have been transferred from F into B squadron now, to fill up a vacancy

caused by Sergeant Kelly's death. It is a very good squad, and the captain, O'Brien, is one of the finest fellows in the world. About our return, there is a great deal of discussion as to whether we are to stop on our 12 months or not. I think the war will soon be over, and that then it will be "Home, Sweet Home." Majors Le Messurier and Miller reckon we are sure to be back for our Christmas dinner. A few nights ago Corporal Cameron, Rose, and your humble servant set out at 8.30 p.m. and got right through the enemy's lines, found out where they had their cossack posts and sentries placed, and had a look at their camp, and got back safe and sound by 2.30 in the morning. We got highly complimented by everyone over it. A week ago we had the biggest storm I ever saw. Hailstones as big as eggs, and there we were out in it. It lasted for about four hours. Of course we were wet through, and as we have no extra clothes had to let the things dry on us. We were all bruised more or less, and the horses were a good deal knocked about. It was a frightful night; there were about 8 men killed, and about 60 sent to the hospital through it. Hurrah! We are ordered out to make a flank attack, so must wind up this note and get my horse saddled."

E. C. NEWELL.

Ottoshoop, September 7:— We have for the last week been holding an outpost two miles from here, the best camp we have been in, but got relieved this morning and returned here. There is a rumour about camp (think it is true) that we—that is, B Squadron—remain here and garrison this place, while the other squadrons go on. There are a certain number of us to be taken to make up the other squads, so B is almost beggared. Mr. Greig, one of our lieutenants, has been made commanding officer, and I am trying to go with him. He has promised to take me, if allowed. The prospects of a farm in Rhodesia are not much. They either sell or rent 3000 acres, at 1s. 6d. per morgen (including surveying, etc.); or £5 5s. per annum for five or seven years. When you quit, they demand 10s. per annum. They either sell at cost price 50 breeding cattle, or by four annual instalments 5 per cent. on unpaid instalments, or halves with them (R. S. A. Company), and they retain ownership of the cattle. They also desire your services for five or seven years, for which they pay you £25 per year, and you are liable to be called to arms, or for training or drill, and when you are being drilled they pay you 5s. a day. I have looked at the

offer all ways, and fail to see how a fellow could manage to get on, as Rhodesia is inconvenient to markets, etc., and the cost of living very dear. The other colonial troops go home next month, I believe, and we all wish we were going with them, but suppose will have to stay our 12 months. Will put a "Kruger" shilling in this letter. A "K." penny is worth 30s., and are very hard to get. I intend to get a couple of gold pieces. Had a severe storm here the other week, and it played "Old Harry" in Mafeking, overturning waggons and trucks, also blowing houses down.

Friday, September 8.—I have to stay here, as we drew lots, and, of course, I had to stay, like the unlucky beggar that I am. Am writing this in a tent, which I made this morning out of bamboos and two blankets. It is first rate, I can tell you. My table is a box of Sunlight soap, and my pen is an African sapling with a nib tied on, and my writing is not so bad after all, is it?

September 14.—We moved from our outpost on Tuesday, and are now camped by the creek under some large willow trees. Captain Ryrrie, of A Squadron, I.R., was seriously wounded in the fighting the other day. We are all sorry for him. He was very popular with all. I have just returned from taking horse to Captain Gibson, and am going to have my tea, consisting of tinned beef, golden syrup, tea and damper.

September 17 (Sunday).—Did a good bit of writing last night for the minister, helping to write out some hymns, as he is short of books. We have not heard anything about shifting from here yet.

September 19.—We went for a swim this morning in a new place. It was lovely, the only thing wrong with it is that a few snakes have a swim too. The officers of the various regiments here are trying to get up some sports, which *might* come off next week. There is a rumour about camp that we go home on 27th of next month, but I for one do not believe it. We are too good for scouting, etc., for them to get rid of us in a hurry.

September 26.—We are still here. Am learning flag signalling now; Mr. Gibson is teaching me. It might be useful any time, as the code is the same as used in the Telegraph Office. Have to do a bit of patching to-night, as the knees are out of my pants. Am afraid to touch the other parts, as they might fall to pieces. You know, of course, we belong to the Rhodesian Field Force, and there is some talk of our going back to Rhodesia, as they say we are in Africa to defend that part. The place we are at now is very rich in gold, but

it is very fine, so fine that you would throw the quartz away and think it worthless. If my mate and I could only get the place we want here, we would be satisfied to stay here without going home first.

September 31.—Heard heavy artillery firing this morning about seven or eight miles away, but it has stopped now. It is either Lord Methuen or Douglas having a scrap. Yes. I have had some fighting, and think it quite enough to last me my lifetime. The flies are simply horrible—twice as bad as Australia. Three of us bought a ham and cooked it, and only had one feed off it, the flies carried it away. Arc getting all the horses clipped, because of the vermin.

October 9.—There is hardly any news to hand, except that all colonial troops are to go home except the Imperial Bushmen, who have to stay in South Africa, but we are not quite sure yet. We are all anxious to go home. The officers are of opinion that we stay, and Fort Tuli is our destination. You have heard, I suppose, that the Rhodesian pay has been stopped from all colonials except the Imperial. They asked for volunteers for the police out here, and such a lot sent in their names that they think it better to keep the lot, instead of paying the police 7s. as they intended doing. Had a new issue of uniform the other day, which was about time. The column is expected to arrive here this week; they have been out a good while now. Expect to have some fighting here when the column is coming in, as they will drive the Boers on to us. The chaps in the Post Office say that we will not get any more mails here.

"Cape Artillery, Modder River, October 30th, 1900. After being out on active service over 12 months, I saw my first shot fired October 25 at Jacobsdal, O.R.C., or, to be more correct, I heard it, for I couldn't see where the firing came from at all. I expect you read about it in the papers; although it was only a small affair it was a big disaster for Capetown troops. About 50 men of Capetown Highlanders and one of our guns, with 10 men and about 16 Orange River Colony Police, were sent to garrison the town about a fortnight ago. I didn't go with that gun, but was left behind in Modder with our other gun. The Capetown Highlanders were camped in the middle of the market square, and the Cape Artillery and O.R.C. Police in a house, with the gun in the square, under the windows, and the horses, etc., in the yard at the back. The Boers got into the houses of the inhabitants who were all rebels in the night, leaving their horses for the most part in the river bed (Reit) on the right of

the town and behind the town on the left. They opened fire at daylight from almost every house, and over every wall all round the square, about 200 Boers in all, and peppered the Artillery and Police barracks, their intention being to get hold of our gun. The Highlanders were practically murdered, as it was impossible for them to show their noses outside their tents, a number of them being killed in their blankets before they could move. This lasted from daylight till about 2 in the afternoon, when relief arrived from the Modder river. —I was of a scouting party for the relief column, which consisted of a sergeant, myself, and two others of the Cape Artillery, all acting as scouts with about 50 men of the Capetown Highlanders and a few Cape Police. We left Modder River about 9 a.m., and reached Jacobsdal at 2; a number of the Boers when they saw us coming cleared out to the back of the town, and all of them ceased firing. We four Cape Artillery and one Cape Police were directed to go forward, and draw their fire (a pleasant occupation). The Boers allowed us to get right into the town, which we did at a gallop, before they let fly, and then things did hum for a while, firing coming from everywhere. As soon as we reached our own men in the town, it cheered them up, so that they all rushed out of the house, and charged up the square. The Boers scooted like the deuce in all directions, and disappeared over the hills at the back of the town—only one of ours killed and another scratched, your truly all O.K. The Highlanders camped in the square lost out of a total of 50 men 14 killed and 14 wounded, the total losses being 16 killed and 14 wounded, and the Boers only lost about two men, so you can see what a one-sided affair it was. One of the Boers killed was Commandant Bosman, who has been fighting since Belmont. Our man killed was Driver Rodgers, wheel-driver on my gun, and brother to Major Rodgers, of the Diamond Fields Horse. He deserved the V.C., as he lost his life trying to assist a wounded Highlander into cover.

Jacobsdal was practically relieved by five men,

as the rest of the column didn't come into the town for quite an hour after us. We were, I believe, mentioned for it in the officer's report on the affair, so taking it all round I am pleased with myself. We are expecting an attack here at any time. The place is practically surrounded, but it may not come to anything."

CHINA.

O. W. GILLAM.

Tientsin, September 23.—Last Wednesday 300 of our men were ordered to the river to assist the Russians and others to capture a fort, which they had been trying to take from the Boxers for three months. We left camp at 5 p.m., without tea, taking a supply of biscuits, preserved meats, etc., in our haversacks, and our water-bottles filled. After marching five miles, we embarked on two lighters, with 800 Sikhs, 500 Italians, and 500 pack mules. Each man carried his blankets, and this, together with accoutrements and ammunition, was tiring. We had to stand up all night, while the lighters were being towed, and at 6 a.m. had a drink of water and a biscuit, and started on an 18-mile march across a treeless plain, as flat as a billiard table. The heat was awful. At noon we halted for an hour, and drank water from a stagnant pool. We followed close behind the Sikhs, who had been joined by 800 more, and 60 Chinese-English troops, the latter being the finest walkers in the world. In the afternoon we marched an hour, with 10-minute spells for rest. Twenty-five Sikhs fell exhausted on the ground before the men would give in. The next water-hole we halted at contained three dead Chinamen, but we drank the water through our filters for all that. By this time I could not speak, and only determination kept me up. Eventually we arrived within three miles of the fort, just in time to see the last two shots fired, and learnt that the Austrians, Russians, Germans, and Japs had taken the fort after little resistance, the casualties being less than 100. We had marched 18 miles and eaten only a biscuit since the day before, only to find we had missed the fight.

G.P.S.A.A.A. Combined Sports Meeting.

THE Seventh Annual Sports Meeting took place on the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Friday, September 21st. Early in the

morning the rain came down in torrents, but luckily for the Sports, the clouds cleared away, and though at times the wind was bad, on the whole it turned out

a pleasant day. There were about 5000 people present; and the high standard of excellence in athletics was fully maintained. Every School in the Association was represented. Three records were beaten, viz: the mile, the broad jump, and the kick; three were equalled, viz.: the 100 yds., the 440 yds., and the high jump; and the time of the 100 yds. in the second heat was faster than the championship of the Colony. In the high jump six competitors cleared 5ft. 2in., E. L. Hutchinson among the number. Hutchinson, but for a mistake of one of the judges, should also have been awarded second place in the first heat of the hurdles, and thus be entitled to compete in the final. In the broad jump no fewer than four passed 20 feet. A. D. Fisher cleared 21ft. 1in., and in each of his attempts exceeded 20 feet. Fisher came second in his heat in the 100 yds., N. Baker (N.C.) winning in the rare time of 10 2-5 secs.; but in the final Fisher, from a good start, won by inches in 10 7-10 secs. In the 220 yds. Fisher again came to the fore, running a dead heat with J. B. Sandilands (A.S.A.) in the good time of 23 secs. The 220 yds. under 15 discovered a future record-breaker in R. W. Angus (S.G.S.), who negotiated the distance in 25 secs. The mile championship was a grand race between S. Imray (S.G.S.), G. B. Holt (T.K.S.), and E. J. Channon (N.C.). Imray and Holt for the last 200 yards raced home neck and neck, and Holt at the finish fell under the worsted, whilst Imray breaking it won amidst great excitement in 4 min. 52 secs. A flag team race of 1600 yds. was run for the first time, and its success was so pronounced that in all probability it will be inserted in future programmes, and count for the championship.

The results of the various events, taken from *The Referee*, were as follows:—

KICKING THE FOOTBALL (Record held by E. A. Barton, 63yds).—P. S. Anderson (The Armidale School), 66yds 6in, 1.

HIGH JUMP (Record held by N. E. Giblin, 5ft 4in)—E. L. Hutchinson, J. V. Hinton, L. F. Thompson, K. M'Phillamy, J. Quigley, and J. Trollope each cleared 5ft 2in in the trials. Final: J. V. Hinton (S.G.S.), 5ft 4in, 1; L. F. Thompson (S.G.S.), and J. Trollope (N.C.), 5ft 3in, dead heat.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Record held by A. Brown, 118yds 1ft 1in).—A. H. Brown (N.C.), 110yds 2ft 7in, 1; A. D. Fisher (S.C.E.G.S.), 98yds 2ft 6in, 2; M. Finau (N.C.), 3.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP (Record held by N. J. Smith, 21ft).—A. D. Fisher, (S.C.E.G.S.), 21ft 1in, 1; J. V. Hinton (S.G.S.), 20ft 6½in, 2; H. G. Allen (S.G.S.), 20ft 4½in, 3.

100YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP (Record held by E. H. Webb, 10 2-5sec).—First heat: P. S. Anderson (A.S.A.), 1; L. D. Robertson (T.S.C.), 2. Won by a yard. Time, 10 7-10sec. Second heat: N. Barker (N.C.), 1, A. D. Fisher (S.C.E.G.S.), 2. Won by three yards. Time, 10 2-5sec. Third heat: E. Cochrane (S.G.S.), 1; V. Futter (T.K.S.), 2. Won by one and a half yard. Time, 11sec. Final; Fisher, 1; Barker, 2; Cochrane, 3. Fisher got away best, and, holding his own to the end, won by three inches; a yard between second and third. Time, 10 7-10sec.

HIGH JUMP, under 15 years (Record held by L. F. Thompson and G. O. Lord, 4ft 11in).—A. R. Buckland (C.A.), 4ft 7in, 1; G. Trollope (N.C.), 4ft 6in, 2; B. Rundle (S.G.S.), 4ft 5in, 3.

100YDS (under 13) CHAMPIONSHIP. First heat: B. L. Cohen (S.G.S.), 1; R. M. Boydell (S.C.E.G.S.) 2. Time 13sec. Second heat: C. L. Crauswick (T.K.S.), 1; C. Morris (S.G.S.), 2. Time, 13 1-5sec. Final: Crauswick, 1; Cohen, 2; Morris, 3. Time, 13 1-5sec.

440YDS. HANDICAP.—O. A. Ireland (S.G.S.), 25yds, 1; B. R. French (S.G.S.), 30 yds, 2; J. Mackay (N.C.), 25yds, 3. Won by five yards; two yards between second and third. Time, 54sec.

120YDS. HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP (Record held by W. Lindsay, 16 3-10sec).—First heat: G. U. Garvan (S.G.S.), 1; P. S. Anderson (A.S.A.), 2. Time, 18sec. Second heat;

H. G. Allen (S.G.S.), 1; B. Walker (C.A.), 2. Time, 19 2-5sec. Final: Anderson, 1; Allen, 2; Garvan, 3. Time, 18 1-5sec. Garvan fell at the last hurdle when leading, or would have won.

220YDS. (under 15) CHAMPIONSHIP.—R. W. Angus (S.G.S.), 1; G. Emmet (N.C.), 2; F. J. Holt (T.K.S.), 3. Won by seven yards; two yards between second and third. Time, 25sec.

150YDS. HANDICAP.—Final heat: L. D. Robertson (T.S.C.), 4yds, 1; A. Jones (S.G.S.), 16yds, 2; B. R. French (S.G.S.), 3. Close finish in 16 2-5sec. There were 106 entries for the race, in seven heats.

440YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP AND TEAM RACE—(Record held by A. H. Stewart, 53 2-5 sec.).—First division: N. Barker (N.C.), 1; G. U. Garvin (S.G.S.), 2; V. S. Futter (T.K.S.), 3. Won by one and a half yard; a yard between second and third. Time, 53 2-5sec. Second division; H. Munro (S.G.S.), 1; E. Cochrane (S.G.S.), 2; A. Prescott (N.C.), 3. Won by two yards; one and a half yard between second and third. Time, 56 1-5sec.

Team Race:—

S.G.S.	(1)	...	Total, 12 points.
N.C.	(2)	...	14 "
T.K.S.	(3)	...	25 "

100YDS. OLD BOYS' HANDICAP.—First heat: C. E. Hale (S.C.E.G.S.), 8yds, 1; W. Lindsay (S.G.S.), 3yds, 2; E. M. Westgarth, (S.G.S.), 9yds, 3. Won by half a yard; two feet between second and third. Time, 10 1-5sec. Second heat: C. D. Abraham (S.C.E.G.S.), 6 yds, 1; W. Buchanan (S.G.S.), 4yds, 2; E. J. H. Waters (S.G.S.), 7yds, 3. A grand finish. Time, 11sec. Final: Lindsay, 1; Buchanan, 2; Westgarth, 3. In a slashing finish Lindsay won by three or four inches; a foot between second and third. Time, 11sec.

FLAG RACE (boys under 15).—The King's School team, 1; Sydney Grammar School, 2; The Scots College, 3; Newington College, 4. A most exciting contest. Won by a foot.

220YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP (Record held by N. N. G. Levick and E. H. Webb, 22 4-5sec).—J. B. Sandilands (A.S.A.) and A. D. Fisher (S.C.E.G.S.), dead heat; N. Barker (N.C.), 3. Sandilands got away in a straggling start. A

dead heat; a yard between second and third. Time, 23sec.

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RACE (Record held by L. Harrison, 5min. 1sec).—S. Imray (S.G.S.), 1; G. B. Holt (T.K.S.), 2; E. J. Channon (N.C.), 3. Imray led throughout, forcing the pace, with Holt and Channon hanging on. At the bell Channon dropped back, and the other two came away. Two hundred yards from home Holt drew up to Imray, and they ran locked together until the home turn, when Imray kept close in and Holt ran wide. Both were clean run out, but struggled in the gamest manner. Ten yards from the worsted Holt was just in front, but in a final dive at the tape he fell under it, and Imray, breaking it, got the award. Time, 4min. 52 sec.—a Schools' record.

Team Race results:—

S.G.S.	1,4,6,11	...	Total, 22 points.
N.C.	3,5,10,13	...	31 "
T.K.S.	2,7,9,13	...	31 "

100YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP OF N.S.W.

Prizes, medals (Holder, Stanley Rowley).

H. Henderson, South Sydney A.A.C. ... 1
W. Lindsay, East Sydney A.A.C. ... 2
S. S. Middleton, N.S.W. A.A.A. (Goulburn) 3
They moved well together, but Henderson soon took charge, and finishing strongly, won by a yard from Lindsay, who beat the Goulburn representative by two feet. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

The results of the day's contests represented in points scored by each school were as follows:—Sydney Grammar School, 44; Newington College, 27; Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 16; The King's School, 13; The Armidale School, Armidale, 12; Coorwull Academy, 3; The Scots College, 1; St. Joseph's College, 0; St. Ignatius College, 0.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1892, The King's School; 1893, The King's School; 1894, The King's School and Scots College, equal; 1895 (first regular combined meeting), Sydney Church of England Grammar School; 1896, Sydney Grammar School; 1897, Sydney Grammar School; 1898, Sydney Grammar School; 1899, Sydney Grammar School.

The following table will give the records of the times, etc., done at the various Meetings held by the G.P.S.

	100 yards under 13	220 yards under 16	High Jump under 16	100 yards.	230 yards	440 Yards	1 mile	High Jump.	Broad Jump	120 Yards Hurdles.	Kicking Football.	Throwing C. Ball
1900	secs. 13	secs 25	ft. in. 4 7	secs. 10 2/5	secs. 23	secs. 53 2/5	mi. sc. 4 52	ft. in. 5 4	ft. in. 21 1	secs. 18	y.f.in. 66 0 6	yd ft.in. 110 2 7
1899	12 4/5	26 1/6	4 11	10 2/5	22 4/5	54 1/5	5 1-4/6	5 2	19 6 1/2	16 3/10	66 2 11	118 1 1 1/2
1898	13 4/5	25 3/5	4 8	11	24	53 2/5	5 9-3/5	5 4	20 0	18 2/5	66 1 11	106 0 10
1897	..	..	..	10 3/5	22 4/5	53 4/5	5 3	5 0	21 0	18 1/5	63 0 10	115 2 11
1896	..	..	..	11 1/10	24 2/5	64	5 11-4/5	4 11 1/2	19 3	19	63 0 7	108 0 4
1895	..	..	..	10 4/5	24 1/5	54 4/5	5 20	5 3	17 6	19 3/10	62 0 0	99 0 0

School Notes.

THE present term will end on Thursday, December 13. The prizes will be distributed by the Archbishop on that day. The School will re-open on Tuesday, January 29.

As will be seen from the Editorial, Mr. Robson has resigned the head mastership of the School, and the Council have appointed as his successor Mr. Chas. H. Hodges, M.A. Our new head master took his degree at Oxford in 1876, having obtained a first-class in moderations and also in finals. He was assistant master at Radley from 1876 to 1879, and at Rugby from 1879 to 1888. In 1888 he was selected first head master of Townsville Grammar

School by the Bishop of North Queensland (now Bishop of Newcastle), and has held that position till the present time.

We regret to have to announce the death, on November 12, of the Rev. Canon Corlette, D.D. Dr. Corlette acted as our School Examiner in Divinity during the present and last year.

An address was given by the Bishop of Melanesia, in the School Hall, on October 29. He dealt mainly on the great contrast in the ways of the Islanders before and after the introduction of Christianity among them, and he gave some very telling anecdotes illustrating his points. The

lecture will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. The Bishop afterwards greatly increased his popularity by taking part in the cricket practice, and showing that he had lost none of his old skill or interest in the game. Shares in the Melesian ship have been well taken up at the school.

E. S. Barton has been awarded his first XI. colours.

The bat presented by the Hon. R. J. Black for the highest score v. N.C. was won by R. N. Hickson, with 73 runs in the second innings; and that presented by Mr. Hickson for highest score v. T.K.S. by E. R. Way, with score of 50 in the first innings. A. D. Fisher and R. N. Hickson were picked to represent the Combined Schools v. Burwood Electorate, and G. G. Black as emergency. Fisher made 50 (the highest score for the schools). R. N. Hickson made 142 (not out) for North Sydney II. v. Redfern.

At the recent G.P.S. Combined Sports Meeting, A. D. Fisher won the 100 yards, the Broad Jump (a record—21ft. 1in.), and ran a dead heat for first place in the 220 yards in '23sec.

The Hon. R. J. Black has been elected a member of the School Council, vice J. de V. Lamb, Esq., deceased. This announcement will be read with delight by all members of the School, past and present, for Mr. Black has always taken the keenest interest in all our doings, and has been at all times a most interested and enthusiastic spectator at the School games.

In the recent Sydney University senior examination, F. L. E. Nash obtained a pass in arithmetic and geometry, B's in French and Latin, and second-class matriculation honors in French; and R. S. Reid obtained a pass in arithmetic, geometry, trigonometry, physics, and a B in French.

Mr. Bernside has been appointed City Organist for November and December.

The annual Confirmation will take place at Christ Church on Sunday, December 16, at 3.30 p.m. As 15 members of the School are to be confirmed, it is to be hoped that there will be a good gathering of Past and Present Boys on the occasion.

School Calendar.

1900.		
October	2	First Day of Term.
October	17	1st XI v. Chatswood District. Lost, 81—120.
October	18	St. Luke's Day.
October	20	1st XI v. I. Zingari. Drawn, 6 for 77—178.
October	26-27	1st XI v. S.G.S. Lost by 3 wks. 169 and 121, 156 and 7 for 134
October	29	Address by the Bishop of Melanesia in School Hall.
November	1	All Saints' Day.
November	2-3	1st XI v. N.C. Lost, 12 and 7 for 178, to 372.

November 9-10	1st XI v. T.K.S. Won by innings and 20 runs.
November 12	Whole Holiday for Prince of Wales' Birthday.
November 14	First Day of Senior Public Examination. Three Candidates.
November 15	1st XI v. Mr. Hardie's Team. Won, 224—179.
November 24	1st XI v. University Vets. Won, 174—123.
November 28	1st XI v. St. Joseph's. Lost, 121—6 for 158.
November 30	St. Andrew's Day.
December 5	1st XI v. Mr. Garvan's Team.
December 13	Annual Speech Day. Last Day of Term.

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