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Editorial.



**E**XAMINATIONS are at present very much in the air, and we feel it our editorial duty to express our sympathy with those who have to undergo the ordeal—likewise with the examiners who have to allot to each his proper place in the alphabetical ranks of merit. The system of examinations as a means of estimating comparative ability has doubtless many points of weakness, and the examinee of many A's need not flatter himself that in the more searching test of real life he will continue to hold the lead of the letters of lower value, for much patient merit may

lie as yet undeveloped among the humble C's, or even in the failures. But after the average amount of growling at "hard luck" (was it not ever the privilege of Britons to growl?) most of us will admit that as the readiest means of testing in a short space of time the ability of a large number of candidates to answer questions, the system is probably as good as we can get, and metes out a rough measure of justice to all. If the worker has been steady and conscientious throughout, it will show in the results; if it has been of the nature of a death-bed repentance during the few weeks or months preceding the examination, after a policy of

doing as little as could be done without unpleasant consequences for some years before—the sinner meets but with his due reward, and for him we have scant sympathy. If he be wise he will learn from his failure the precious lesson of thoroughness and earnestness in all his work, and this will be of much more value to him than many examinations.

But an undoubted evil in many cases of having to prepare for some special test is the cramping and narrowing tendency exerted on the general intellectual development of the candidate, who feels constrained to limit his range as much as is permitted and confine his attention only to what will "pay" in his examination. Having so often already had occasion to deplore in these columns the lack of intellectual interest and neglect of general reading among our members, we need hardly say we sincerely regret this further limitation of their already restricted mental horizon. That it is a necessary consequence of preparation for examinations we emphatically deny; for the mere acquisition of the required amount of knowledge ought to create the desire for further information, but that the feeling does exist no one conversant with school life will hesitate to admit. Were it left to the candidates, we fear in many cases they would follow the line of least resistance, and merely take up, say the subjects of matriculation. As, under present regulations, this would mean the exclusion of their own language—surely not the least glorious part of their imperial heritage—the result would be doubly deplorable. The plea is, of course, that to reach the standard they have to give all their time to some half-dozen subjects, at some of which they have been working for years; but if, as we said above, the

work during these years had been conscientious, the attainment of the standard required should be very much a matter of course. Herein we believe lies the weakness, and the remedy is in the hands of the boys themselves, who must cultivate self-reliance more, do more for themselves, and expect less to be done for them. Let them make up their minds from the first to do thorough, painstaking work, and to discard for ever the "good enough" theory, and, when their turn comes for examination, they will find the strain of preparation is not such as to require them to deprive themselves of all the instruction and amusement that such an institution as our School Library offers them. Now that it has found a fitting habitation, we trust to see it much more extensively used than it has been so far, and we also hope to see at an early date the start of a School Museum—the work "of the boys, by the boys, for the boys"—to adapt the democratic maxim. The development of the mind by general reading and the training of the powers of observation in the pursuit of "natural knowledge" are as real and important parts of education as the more formal lessons of the class-room. We have pointed out how in their later years at school boys may have more leisure for general reading — by doing more thoroughly the work of earlier years. Even in the case of those who have not acted up to this in the past it is surely possible by a little extra exertion to find time for some reading outside the limits of their daily work, and to these older boys we strongly appeal to remedy this serious defect in the School. But we would also ask our younger readers whose time is not so fully occupied with work, to give some at least of their leisure to mak-

ing acquaintance with the many books suited to their years to be found on the Library shelves. As a preliminary step to a general reform—reform like examinations being at present much in evidence—we hope to see the list of subscribers

greatly increased next term, and to have the pleasure of reporting in consequence a considerable addition to our already very respectable and representative collection.

### “Babby.”

**W**HEN I was a pupil there it was a quiet country school of some 30 or 40 boys, chiefly sons of rich squatters, friends of the head master, a genial man, who loved his boys, and won their love in return, coupled with profound respect. I did not have many play-fellows, being, I am afraid, rather “stuck-up,” as school-boys say. But I *did* have one little chum—which makes me write this story. Little “Babby” was a tiny insignificant mite who came to school from nowhere and left school to go no one knew where. In class he never moved a muscle or spoke a word, except to answer his master and his answer was always right. Poor little fellow! he was clever, and therefore hated. He never took part in sports; he was never seen with a bat in his hand never seen kicking a football. He always stood apart, and watched the others play, with a look of utter weariness, and almost of despair, which made me champion him against the jibes and taunts of his hard-hearted school-fellows. Many were the insults that stung his tiny heart into a sense of humiliation and wounded pride. He was even kicked and jostled at times, and I once soundly thrashed a big bully for knocking a prize-book out of his hand, and rolling it in the dust. He bore all this with meek and almost saintly

patience. Never once did I hear a word of protest or complaint issue from his lips, although many a time I saw him secretly crying. But little “Babby” was not without character. He would have made as good a man as any other boy at the school. His nature was simply crushed by bigger and more unfeeling boys.

His parents were poor, and could not dress him like the rest, who never failed to seize this pretext for insulting and even molesting him—when I was not near.

One day the class was rather noisy. Someone threw a pen at Babby. The master looked round and was surprised to find Babington out of his place. The culprit was pale with fear, (It was the bully whom I once drubbed). “Who threw that?” There was a deathly silence. “Was it you, Babington?” The little chap grew very nervous and went pale. He caught the bully’s eye glaring surreptitiously at him, threatening rough treatment if he played the traitor. “Was it you, Babington?” Babby burst into tears. “Yes, sir,” he gurgled, in the intervals of violent sobbing. “Come to me afterwards,” and the class was astounded. The bully looked greatly relieved and went on working. My mind was made up; I knew it was wrong to “preach,” so

I let Babby interview the master, trusting in the latter's indulgence, especially as this was Babby's first offence. School was out. I went up to the Bully and told him to follow me. He had sense enough to obey. I led him to a grassy patch, and told him to take off his coat, taking off my own as well. I doubled up my fist and struck him straight and hard on the forehead. He staggered and fell, and was taken to the master. I was called for and received the worst caning I have ever had. Babby was let off, and the whole thing faded out of the School's memory.

A week later, Babby was marked absent. I wondered what was the matter, and went in search of him. He was

away for several successive days. I found his home—a ramshackle cottage, the worse for age. His mother said he was very ill. I asked could I see him? All I saw was a pale face, withered and shrunken frame, lifeless eyes, which brightened a little when he recognised me.

I will not dwell further on Babby's story. I saw that our master was deeply agitated on hearing the news of his death. He ordered the cadets to accompany the funeral—A squad of 20, under a sergeant, who was no other than the Bully. As we marched before the coffin with reversed arms, I glanced furtively at him, and I think I rightly guessed his feelings. I have known him since, and he has not turned out a bad fellow.

### The Boat Club.

**T**HERE was an unusual amount of difficulty in getting a crew together for this year's Schools Race, among other things a lack of anything like suitable material, and it was very late before those selected could be got together. Adams had rowed in the previous race; so had Dent, but he had not been in a boat for almost a year, and moreover was not available till after the Matriculation Examinations. Bullock and Taylor were beginners, and the former was playing in the Eleven until the Competition matches were ended.

The material was good, but a crew cannot learn to row a race in less than six weeks, and, without a good foundation, they lost a lot of valuable time in learning to sit their boat. In fact it was not till the day we went to camp at Gladesville that they showed confidence and ease.

The camp at the old rendezvous, Mr. Cashman's hotel, included Adams, Taylor, Bullock, and Dent, as the crew, Grant as cox., Park as emergency, Busby as extra cox., and Mr. Hall and C. Fetherston haugh as coaches. The daily routine consisted of a swim in Gladesville Asylum baths, which Dr. Blaxland kindly allowed us to use, tubbing at 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. A lot of steady work was done; the crew, sticking to their work splendidly, improved very rapidly and promised beyond expectation. Then Bullock had to drop out of the boat for several days owing to a bad hand, which was lanced on the Saturday, just seven days before the race, by Dr. Blaxland, whose skilful treatment enabled him to return to the boat on Tuesday. Meanwhile Park had occupied Three's seat and did it extremely well, but of course the swing and balance

of the boat was upset, and the result was a lot of unsteadiness, and, rush forward on the slide.

Our opponents were St. Ignatius College and Sydney Grammar School, the former were racing at the Riverview Regatta before our crew were on slides, the latter contained three of the last year's crew with a new "bow" who had rowed in the second crew. Their rowing in the race was excellent, the time and swing perfect, showing what a standard might be reached by crews if they could keep together for a fairly long time. Their uniformity contrasted in a very marked way with all the other crews at the Regatta. In the Junior Senior Fours they simply paddled right away from the two club crews. We congratulate them and Mr Savigny most heartily, not only on their victories but on their excellent form, which delighted all rowing enthusiasts at the Regatta.

As for the race, S.G.S. were slow off the mark. Riverview started well at a quick stroke, while the School crew, after getting a few feet ahead in the first three strokes, dropped down to 34 at once and checked their boat by rushing forward. S.G.S. shot away, crossed over in front of the other crews and soon left them a long way astern. After Gladesville the School crew overtook and got the lead of St. Ignatius, and a great struggle for second place was fought out; our cox. watching the other crew too closely made far too much use of his rudder, and a long series of efforts on the part of Taylor was always responded to by the Riverview stroke, and the post was reached with C.E.G.S. only half a length to the good. For an inexperienced crew they had stood the strain of a hard fight to a finish wonder-

fully well, and considering they were handicapped by having to carry a heavy cox., the opinion was generally expressed that they had worthily represented the School. That they were beaten by the S.G.S. crew is certainly no discredit to them. Most of the coaching in camp was done from the old racer, and we wish to express our appreciation of the services of the Old Boys (A. Fisher, S. Reid, C. Hale), who took a seat in the boat and helped the coaches in their work.

Mr. Murray-Prior also, an old S.G.S. oarsman, very kindly assisted us in case of need. In the earlier training Ernest Giblin turned up at the shed night after night and on Saturdays, and gave us very valuable assistance, and we specially thank our old friend, Mr. Ramsay, who has had a share in the coaching of so many of the School crews for giving the crew the benefit of his long experience. We should have been very glad indeed to have had his assistance more frequently. C. Fetherstonhaugh devoted himself in a very whole-hearted manner to the work right up to the Regatta, and the 1903 crew will long remember his great helpfulness throughout their hard training. The Easter Camp was a great success in every way; Mr. and Mrs. Cashman know exactly what is necessary, so that we were all very comfortable; we had little in the way of amusement, but all worked very happily together, and the crew realised probably for the first time that "there is no pleasure like work." The new racer, built for us by Mr. Chris. Neilsen, is all that could be desired, and we hope she will carry the School flag to the front as often as the old "Racer without a name." Mrs. Hodges has kindly allowed her to be called "The Sibyl."

## THE CREW.

K. Taylor (str.), 10st. 4lb.  
 H. Bullock (3), 11st. 2lb.  
 R. Adams (2), 11st.  
 O. G. Dent (bow), 10st. 6lb.

## CHARACTERS OF THE CREW.

- K. TAYLOR (stroke)—Should develop into a good oarsman. Has many of the qualities essential for a stroke. Finishes slide too soon and gets his body out of position through trying to do too much work. The forward swing of the body is faulty.
- H. BULLOCK (3)—Would have done well with longer training. Was on the slides too soon. When he learns to get his shoulders over at the beginning will probably row hard with good length.

R. ADAMS (2) (B.C. Captain)—Very much improved. Does solid work, but is much too quick forward on the slide, with a tendency to tumble with his hands low over the stretcher. His enthusiasm for the sport of rowing has kept the Boat Club going under difficult conditions.

O. G. DENT (bow)—Unfortunately owing to his hurried training was on to slides before developing body-swing, so that much of his power is lost by his shooting the slide and having to finish with the arms instead of the legs and shoulders. Hard and willing worker at all times.

GRANT (cox)—Very useful with an inexperienced crew, as he understands his business, and usually steers a good course.

PARK (emergency)—Should make a good oarsman next year. Has been extremely useful to the crew.

## Football.

**E**IGHT of last year's team were available at the commencement of the season; four backs, O. Dent, Bland, Giblin and MacDonnell; and four forwards, Adams, Amphlett, R. Dent and Moore. M. Boydell and R. Brown were brought up from the second team, Taylor and Bullock took up the game for the first time, and from among the newcomers we were able to pick out Fitzhardinge as a forward and Dean as a three quarter. After experiments with both Mac Donnell and R. Black we hit upon N. Peach as full back, and though small and light he performed very satisfactorily. The regular team was as follows; full back, N. Peach; three-quarters, Dean, M. Eoydell, O. Dent, L. Giblin; halves, MacDonnell, Bland; forwards, H. Bullock, K. Taylor, B. Moore, R. Adams, J. Fitzhardinge, Amphlett, R. Dent, R. Brown. O. Dent was elected captain, and the team was coached by Mr. W.

Howe, late captain of the Glebe Club. The practice games between the first and second teams were on the whole, very satisfactory. The attendance was much better than had been the case for years, and training was, as a rule, carried on thoroughly.

With the exception of one match, against T.K.S., the team performed very fairly, and gave their opponents a good game though they were not strong enough to win any school matches. Though there was no star of the quality of Hickson or Kater, the team played together better than for some seasons past, and on occasions the passing of the backs was really brilliant. In scrum work and on the line out the forwards generally did good work, and several of them showed a good pace in following on after a kick. Their weakest point was tackling, notably in the King's School match. Adams is almost the only one who tackles low and

hard. The footwork too is capable of much improvement, Amphlett being the only man who dribbles at all well. R. Dent developed into a rather good header and was generally well on the ball although he has not much pace. He needs to tackle much harder. Brown occasionally did good tackling and line work. He did not always, however, follow the game sufficiently. Fitzhardinge performed very well for a beginner at the game and soon picked it up. He was fast in following on but generally failed to go hard at his man, with the result that he generally let him get his kick in. The same applies to Amphlett in following a dribble. Bullock did very good work, especially when it is remembered that it is his first season. He was very fairly successful in smothering the opposing half and is learning to take part with the backs in passing. His line work was often very good. He is too often inclined to hesitate when he has the ball, due, no doubt, to his imperfect knowledge of the game. He must learn to tackle low and not kick so hard in dribbling. Taylor, another new man, plays a hard game and keeps on the ball, but suffers like Bullock from not knowing the game. Moore showed excellent promise at the beginning of the season, and it can be said fairly safely that, at that time, he was our best forward. He was always on the ball, tackled well, and took the ball on the line out well. He was not however, so prominent towards the latter part of the half. Taking the backs in order, Peach deserves much credit for his work at full back. He tackles surely, takes the ball with few mistakes, and kicks well with either foot, generally finding touch. Though too young and light to be first class yet, he

gives promise of making a really excellent full-back. Our captain, O. Dent, is a much improved player at centre-three-quarter, has learnt to tackle in dashing style, to use his pace in running and to draw his man. He can kick well, but does not use his line sufficiently. Boydell is another much improved player. As outer centre he tackles very fairly well and is fast, at times, he fumbles rather, but his chief weakness is slowness in starting, in consequence of which he often does not keep pace with Dent in order to receive the pass. Both Dean and Giblin show promise as wing three-quarters. Dean kicks well with either foot. He is dashing in attack, though in defence he is too much inclined to tackle high and does not show sufficient pluck in falling on the ball to stop a dribbling rush, being fond of indulging in speculators. Giblin's tackling has improved, though not by any means perfect. He has plenty of pace. Both he and Dean need to practice passing in more frequently. MacDonnell at scrum half shows his best work in obstructing the opposing half. In fact he is over eager in this direction. He was frequently penalised for being off-side and was too often away from the back of the scrum when the ball came out on his own side. He might go in more for punting over the scrum. Bland at wing-half is one of the most thorough footballers in the team. He draws his man and gets his pass in well, kicks well with either foot and does a lot of tackling. In early part of the quarter he was the soundest man of the side, though after an unfortunate injury to his knee he lost a good deal of his dash, and this praise must be granted to O. Dent.

Speaking of the play in general during the first half of the season, it may be said that the team was at its best shortly after

Easter, that is a week or two after the team was got together after the absences caused by rowing. The best play, perhaps, shown in the Newington match, when both forwards and backs played a determined and withal fairly skilful game. As the term went on, increasing weakness was evident in tackling, especially amongst the forwards. If more determined efforts in this direction had been shown, the score in the King's School match would not have been nearly so large. Another fact which needs impressing on both forwards and backs is that they have feet, and in football are expected to use them. All the backs can kick and should use the line much more. With one or two exceptions the forwards never seem to think of dribbling. Nothing is harder to stop than a concerted dribbling rush of forwards. Even in putting the ball to the toe, in the line out, or on being tackled, some members of the team are inexcusably slow.

V. Newington College. Lost 9-3. This was a hard-fought match from start to finish. Newington played with the wind first half and scored 9 points, a try by Elliott, gained by a good piece of intercepting. Vesper kicked a goal from it, and also kicked a goal from a mark. Our forwards got the ball very well from the scrum, and the backs showed some smart passing. But for the excellent tackling of the Newington back, Curlew, we should have scored on more than one occasion. He played a sterling game throughout. In the second half Giblin kicked a penalty goal, but we could not score again. A line must be given the forwards for their all round play. In no match did they show to better advantage. Bland and Dent played a good game among the backs, and Dean made several brilliant dashes. MacDonald did a good deal of hard work.

V. Sydney Grammar School. Played on North Sydney Oval. Lost 15-3. S.G.S. had the wind during the first half, in which they scored six points, one try being the result of a good piece of passing out to Monie on the wing. Our forwards held their opponents in the scrum. In the loose

the dribbling of the S.G.S. forwards was the chief cause of their superiority, though their line work was also clever. However, taken all through, the game was very even in this half, and our backs showed some good passing when the ball came out. Too often, though, MacDonald was not there to take it when it did. For the first ten minutes of the second half, the game was again even and hard fought. Dean ran through the line out from about the S.G.S. 25 yards line, and by a smart run scored near the corner. No goal was kicked, so that the score was 6-3 against us. As time went on the energy of the forwards died away, and S.G.S. scored two more tries, one of them in a rather easy fashion, our team appearing to expect the whistle to go. Manning also kicked a penalty goal as the result of Moore's taking the ball off-side. Adams, Bullock and Amphlett, among the forwards, and Bland and Dent, among the backs, played a good game. Mr. E. T. MacMahon refereed.

V. St. Joseph's College. Lost 14-0. Played at Wentworth Park. Giblin had an injured foot and Black took his place on the wing. For the third time in succession Dent lost the toss and we played against the wind in the first half. The game was a slow one till half-time, both sides seeming rather "put off" by the strange ground. In the first half St. Joseph's scored eight points; two tries were scored by Long. The first was a rather lucky one. The play had been all on the south side of the ground, and the ball was kicked to Reach at full-back. He punted for the northern boundary, but as the ball did not quite find touch, Long caught it and ran down the wing and scored, having had only one man to pass. Our forwards did not display much dash; among the backs Dent did splendid work. The second half was more lively. Duffy (St. J.) scored from scrum half by clever play, and our opponents also scored another try by a good piece of passing. Although we attacked on various occasions, we were unable to score. Mr. Kearey was referee.

V. T.K.S. Lost 61-0. The team has itself to thank for this large score. All through the match the tackling was weak, it being unusual to see a determined low tackle, and though we were out-weighted and outmatched, the score ought to have been decidedly smaller, and would have been if the forwards in particular had not rested content with stretching a deprecating arm or two towards the man with the ball. Otherwise the team worked well. The forwards held up the scrum very fairly and followed on well, and some

of the kicking was good. The King's School goal kicking was very accurate, only two or three being missed from so many tries.

RESULTS OF CLUB MATCHES.

V. Technical College (Woolclassers). Won 8-0. Dean scored a try and kicked a goal from it, and Peach i scored a try.

V. Boys' Brigade O.B.W. Won 8-3. Dean scored a try, kicked a goal from it, and kicked a penalty goal.

V. University Wednesday Team. Draw, 5 all. Dean scored a try, and Dent i kicked a goal.

V. Old Boys. Won 20-6. Dent i (2), Peach i (2), and Adams scored tries. Dent i kicked a goal from a try and a penalty goal.

V. Aoma F.C. Lost 25-0.

V. Commercial F.C. Lost 18-3. Bullock scored a try.

V. Technical College (Engineers). Won.

V. Hawkesbury A.C. Won 14-8. Dent ii, Reid and Brown scored tries. Dent i kicked a goal from a try, and Dean a penalty goal.

V. Technical College (Woolclassers). Lost 16-5. Amphlett scored a try and Dean kicked a goal.

V. Elkington F.C. Won 6-3. Peach scored a try and Dean kicked a penalty goal.

The Second Fifteen at the beginning of this season gave promise of doing better than they have done.

The team is a fairly good one, and with regular practice and training should be more successful next quarter. The practices must be regular and not inter-

mittent. And as the team is rather light the members should endeavour to play a fast game, which cannot be done if some member of the team is away.

Of full-backs we have a great dearth at present, but the three-quarters are improving—their play in the match against S.G.S. II being excellent.

The forwards are too slack in following on, with one or two exceptions: on several occasions tries could certainly have been obtained if proper backing up had been done.

The following is a list of matches up-to-date.

Cathedral Choir	...	...	...	Won 8-6
Orlando F.C.	...	...	...	Lost 9-0
Newington II	...	...	...	Lost 18-0
R. Reid & Co.,	...	...	...	Won 18-8
Sydney Grammar School II	...	...	...	Lost 15-3
The King's School III	...	...	...	Won 16-9
Scot's College I	...	...	...	Lost 32-0

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

III. v. N.C. III. Lost 36-3.

III. v. N.C. IV. Lost 14-12.

III. v. T.K.S. IV. Lost 8-7.

III. v. Scot's College II. Lost 11-8.

III. v. S.G.S. IV. Won 3-0.

IV. v. N.C. V. Lost 11-0.

IV. v. T.K.S. V. Lost 6-0.

Juniors v. S.G.S. Juniors. Won 9-0.

Juniors v. S.G.S. Juniors. Won 6-3.

Juniors v. Brooksby. Won 32-0.

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 addresses to list of

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D. Taylor, Newstead, Raglan Street, Mosman.

E. Terry, Blayney.

N. W. Turton, Ernieville, Walker Street, N. Sydney.

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\*J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, Standish, St. Leonards.

A. A. Wilson, 224 Alfred Street, N. Sydney.

\*A. B. S. White, Mosman.

G. T. Uther, c/o Messrs. Fraser, Uther and Co., Spring-street, Sydney.

The Annual Meeting of the Union took place in the new Committee Room at the

School on Friday, May 1st, and there was a good attendance of members. The chair was taken by the President (Mr. C. H. Hodges): The annual report was read by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. P. Harriott) and adopted on the proposal of Mr. R. N. Hickson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Kendall. The Committee reported a satisfactory increase in membership, but were again compelled to ask members to be more regular in payment of their subscriptions.

Congratulations were offered to the various members of the Union who had specially distinguished themselves during the preceding year, and also to the School on the continued increase in the School roll and the building of a gymnasium.

The completion and opening of the Memorial Library was reported, the Committee attributing the success of the undertaking chiefly to the efforts of the directors, to whom are due the thanks of the Union and School.

The balance-sheet, which showed a credit of 4s 11d, was read by the Hon. Treasurer (Rev. D. Davies) and passed on the motion of Mr. H. V. Jaques, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clarke.

The following motion was then moved by Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge and seconded by Mr. N. Y. Deane, and carried unanimously:—"This Union desires to thank Mr. M. L. Clarke for his loyal services as an Old Boy in gratuitously designing the Memorial Library, with the character and appearance of which the Union is very much pleased; and acknowledges very gratefully the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Jeaffreson Jackson, F.R.I.B.A., after the departure of Mr. Clarke for South Africa, in the preparation of the plans and the personal supervision of the work without fee or

remuneration, to the great architectural benefit of the School and the complete satisfaction of the Union and the subscribers." That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Mr. M. L. Clarke and Mr. Jackson.

Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge then moved as *per* notice:—"That the office-bearers of the Union shall be the Headmaster, who shall be a member of all Committees. A President, who shall be elected annually from amongst the members of the Union, the Headmaster not to be eligible, and no member to be eligible who has not previously been a committeeman. All Presidents on expiration of term of office shall become *ex-officio* Vice-President for life, and shall be eligible for re-election as President, except that no member shall be President for two years in succession. A Secretary, a Treasurer, and ten ordinary members of Committee, who shall be elected annually from amongst the members of the Union, and of whom one shall have left School within twelve months from date of election."

After a long and interesting discussion, during which the Headmaster warmly approved of the motion, the following amendment was moved by Mr. A. D. Hall, and seconded by Mr. W. A. Bull, and carried unanimously:—

"That the discussion of the first three clauses of the motion be postponed until some future date, as the Union is of opinion that the time is not yet fully ripe for the proposed changes, and that three months' notice be given of the opening of the discussion."

On the motion of the Rev. D. Davies, seconded by Mr. H. P. Harriott, it was resolved:—

"That an Honorary Auditor be appointed from among the members of the

Union, such auditor not to be a Vice-President or member of the Committee."

The election of officials for the year 1903-4 then took place, and resulted as follows:—

Vice-Presidents: Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, Messrs. W. B. Clarke, N. Y. Deane, E. R. Holme, H. W. Kendall.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. P. Harriott.

Hon. Treasurer, Rev. D. Davies.

Committee: *Two*, (to represent those who had left the School within the previous three years), Messrs. A. D. Fisher and R. N. Hickson. *Seven by post* ballot, Messrs. W. A. Bull, J. F. Fitzhardinge, N. Trevor-Jones, C. H. Linton, C. W. Rundle, F. G. Simpson, A. B. S. White.

The following motion was passed on the proposal of Mr. W. B. Clarke, seconded by Mr. A. D. Hall:—

"That any member of the Union may move any alteration in the Constitution or Rules of the Union on giving *three* months' notice of his motion to the Secretary, and the Union shall have power to deal with any such motion at the first general meeting held after the expiration of such period of three months."

On Saturday, May 2nd, the Annual Football Match took place against the School XV.

The game was very even during the first half, but the condition of the School team told in the second half, and they won fairly easy by 20 to 6. Notwithstanding several counter attractions, quite a record gathering of friends and Old Boys assembled to witness the match, and partook of the hospitalities of Mrs. Hodges and Miss Hawtrey at afternoon tea in the School-hall.

In the evening the Annual Dinner took place at the A.B.C. Café, and the

following were present:—Mr. C. H. Hodges (in the chair), F. C. Adams, W. A. Bull, G. T. Balcombe, G. E. Browne, E. Bullock, W. G. B. Boydell, R. N. Bray, S. H. B. Bradley, W. B. Clarke, Ivo Clarke, R. W. Carey, L. N. Carey, C. H. Calvert, R. B. Crisford, N. Y. Deane, V. Y. Deane, L. N. Dent, D. Davies, W. K. Dawson, H. H. Dixon, J. F. Fitzhardinge, A. D. Fisher, C. N. Frith, G. Gunning, H. P. Harriott, C. E. Hale, E. R. Holme, E. F. Harrison, A. D. Hall, T. Hudson, R. N. Hickson, O. Hargrave, D. T. Kilgour, H. W. Kendall, H. V. Jaques, N. Trevor-Jones, G. N. Larkin, C. H. Linton, G. Milbourne Marsh, W. J. Morson, H. Meredith, C. E. Murnin, C. H. MacArthur, A. H. Moseley, M. C. Moseley, J. E. R. M'Master, R. Moodie, A. Newham, H. Nicholls, F. D. W. Oatley, J. W. Purves, J. F. Roberts, H. A. Roberts, J. F. Reid, C. W. Rundle, F. G. Simpson, G. H. Salwey, G. T. Uther, A. A. Wilson, R. G. H. Walmsley, R. C. Wilson, E. R. Way, A. H. Yarnold. Apologies were received from Mr. L. A. Baker and Dr. E. O. Pockley.

The toasts were: "The King," proposed by the President; "The School," proposed by Mr. E. R. Holme and responded to by Messrs. A. D. Hall and H. V. Jaques; "The Union," proposed by Mr. A. D. Fisher, responded to by Mr. W. A. Bull; "The President," proposed by Mr. F. G. M. Simpson, replied to by Mr. C. H. Hodges; "The Hon. Treasurer," proposed by Mr. N. Y. Deane.

A Smoke Concert brought the evening to a close. The following took part:—Messrs. R. G. H. Walmsley, M. C. Moseley, S. N. Stevens, Roberts, Harrie Wilkie, Walsh.

To give more time for the speeches at the dinner, it has been suggested that it

would be an advantage to do away with the Smoke Concert and have one or two songs during the toast list instead. The Hon. Secretaries invite the opinion of members on this point.

The annual gathering was brought to an end with the Anniversary Service in the School Hall. Notwithstanding the heavy rain there was a very good attendance. The service was a very hearty and successful function. The address was given by the Bishop of Bathurst, who very kindly volunteered to take the place of the Bishop of Newcastle, who was taken ill during the afternoon, and it will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. The service was taken by the Rev. D. Davies, the Headmaster reading the lessons, and Mrs. Hodges presiding at the organ.

The name of J. Mair is inscribed on the Memorial Fountain erected at Hay to perpetuate the memory of the local district volunteers, who lost their lives in the South African war.

G. T. Balcombe has been elected a member of the Union in accordance to rule IB.

W. N. Stephens, after a holiday in Sydney, has again returned to Fiji. He is a new neighbour to E. Staten, who is doing well with tobacco cultivation and manufacture.

Congratulations to Mr. L. A. Baker on the birth of a daughter; and to Holtermann and Woolcott on entering into the marriage state.

Congratulations to A. H. Yarnold on obtaining his M.A. degree; and to C. W.

Rundle in passing the first section of the final Law Examination. H. M. Barker has left the University to become articled to Mr. W. M. Barker, Solicitor.

By a recent cablegram we hear that M. Dawson has had a picture hung at the Royal Academy. So far no particulars are to hand. Last year Dawson had a water-colour accepted by the Academy, but this was not hung. A very good photograph of him was recently published in the *World's News*.

A. D. Fisher is playing for the University in the electorate football matches, and W. G. Boydell and C. E. Kater have also played for the same team in some of the matches. C. E. Murnin is playing for the Eastern Suburbs, and J. E. Forsyth for the Western. C. W. Rundle was asked to play for the Eastern Suburbs, but has resolved not to play football this season. All were sorry to hear of Fisher's accident in the Eastern Suburbs match v. The University, but he is getting all right and will most probably shortly be in his place again in the team.

J. N. F. Armstrong rowed in the Sydney University Eight which won the Inter-University Race on the Parramatta on June 6. C. E. Kater rowed in the St. Paul's crew in the Inter-College Four-oared Race.

Dr. E. O. Pockley is playing for the University No. 1 in the tennis competi-

tion, and Dr. G. R. C. Clarke for Newcastle.

#### MARRIAGES.

WOOLCOTT-CHATFIELD.—On May 12th, at Christ Church, North Sydney, Alfred Harold Woolcott to Letitia Chatfield.

WHITE-PITT.—On May 13th, at St. John's Church, Milson's Point, by the Rev. D. Davies, Alfred Beecher Stewart White, to Adèle Julia Pitt.

HOLTERMANN-GRIFFITS.—On June 3rd, at Christ Church, North Sydney, by the Rev. D. Davies, Sydney Hermann Oschar Holtermann to Ada Griffiths.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following for the year ending May, 1904:—Messrs. D. W. T. Osborne, G. A. More, Dr. E. O. Pockley, Rev. D. Davies, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, The Headmaster, Messrs. C. H. B. Bradley, R. S. Reid, D. Taylor, F. C. Adams, H. V. Jaques, R. N. Hickson, F. G. M. Simpson, W. G. B. Boydell, W. J. Morson, R. C. Wilson, F. D. W. Oatley, C. H. Linton, E. B. Holme, G. E. Browne, C. P. Allen, C. W. Rundle, E. Bullock, J. E. R. McMaster, C. Terry, D. T. Kilgour, H. M. Barker, H. Nicholls, J. Burns, N. W. Turton, H. Shelley, O. F. Ash, J. W. Gibson, D. F. Roberts, H. A. Roberts, J. F. Reid, C. H. Calvert.

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

Library.

The following books have been added to the Library lately :—

12A	Anon	...	Life for a Life
769	Anon	...	Ned Locksley
768	Banks, Mrs. G. L.	...	The Manchester Man (3 vols.)
771	Grant, Sadi	...	Diamanelen
594A	Melville, Whyte	...	Digby Grand
770	Sue, Eugene	...	The Wandering Jew

The above books the gift of Mrs. Massie, senr.

Also—

—	Abbott, J. M.	...	Plain and Veldt
769	Arnold, Matthew	...	Essays in Criticism
721A	Bachelor, Irving	...	D'ri and I
763	Bindlass, Harold	...	In the Niger Country
759	Clifford, E.	...	Father Damien (presented by C. H. Hodges, Esq.)
—	Conor, Ralph	...	Glengarry Days
762	Dawson, A. J.	...	African Nights Entertainments
162H	Doyle, Conan	...	The Hound of the Baskevilles.
661A	Gras, Felix	...	The White Terror
760	Hewitt, H. H.	...	Athletics
274F	Hope, Anthony	...	The Dolly Dialogues
761-761E	Ruskin	...	Modern Painters (presented by Miss Winifred Dibbs).
452A	Smiles, S.	...	Life of George Stephenson (presented by C. H. Hodges, Esq.)
—	Oxley, J. MacDonald	...	L'Hasa at Last
753D	Johnston, Mary	...	Audrey
764	Neufeld, Chas.	...	A Prisoner of the Khalifa
765	Sykes, Ella	...	Through Persia on a Side Saddle
—	Old Times, Extracts from old Sydney Newspapers		Knowledge, complete set (presented by Mr. E. M. Moors).

Prefects and Committees, Term II., 1903.

PREFECTS.—O. G. Dent, H. Bullock, R. G. I. Dent, R. V. Minnett, H. S. Bland, and R. C. Adams.	GENERAL SPORTS COMMITTEE.—All Masters and Prefects (ex-officio), and Minnett ii, Brown iii, and Shaw.
SUB-PREFECTS.—K. Taylor, R. Black, R. K. Allen, D. H. Roberts, K. N. Amphlett, L. E. Giblin, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge.	CRICKET SUB-COMMITTEE.—Mr. Frith, Minnett i, (three vacancies).
	FOOTBALL SUB-COMMITTEE.—Mr. Yarnold, Dent i (capt.), Adams i, Bland and Amphlett.

BOAT CLUB SUB-COMMITTEE.—Mr. Hall, Adams i (capt.), Taylor, Bland, (one vacancy).

TORCHBEARER SUB-COMMITTEE.—Mr. Davies, Dent i, (two vacancies).

LIBRARIANS.—Mr. Yarnold, Bland.

HON. TREASURER FOR SPORTS.—H. S. Bland.

HON. SECRETARY FOR SPORTS.—O. G. Dent.

ATHLETIC SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE.—Rev. D. Davies, R. C. Adams, H. S. Bland, O. G. Dent, (two vacancies).

### School Notes.

**T**ERM will end on Friday, the 19th inst., and the School will re-open on Tuesday, July 14th, at 2 p.m. New boys will be examined on Monday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

The following new boys entered in April:—E. N. Birks, A. W. Broodbank, H. F. Clarke, R. B. Cowan, H. C. Day, J. L. Digby, J. T. M. Dixon, K. S. S. Dowling, A. T. Edols, L. Furst, F. S. Garvin, G. M. Goldfinch, D. A. M. Goldfinch, R. A. Goldring, R. J. Gordon, C. W. Greenwood, H. M. Greenwood, R. C. Hobson, C. Hope, O. C. Keyte, E. G. Keyte, G. J. McIntosh, N. Shannon, S. M. Short, C. A. Syme, S. G. Warden, K. E. Winchcombe.

The following boys have left since our last issue:—C. P. Allen (1st XI., Sub-Prefect), G. D. Ardill, K. A. Besly, G. G. Black (Prefect, Capt. 1st XI., Matric. 1903), R. M. Boydell, J. D. S. Chapman, F. A. L. Gunning (Sub-Prefect, 1st XV., Junior 1902, Matric. 1903) E. D. Hordern, C. F. Kater (Senior Prefect, Capt. 1st XV., 1st XI., 1st Crew, G.P.S. Combined XV., Junior 1902, Matric. 1903), C. A. Lawrence, E. D. M. Marsh (1st XV., 2nd XI., Swimming Championship), J. S. Munro,

E. J. Moore (Matric. 1903), J. T. Milne, H. C. H. Nicholls, F. D. W. Oatley (Sub-Prefect, 2nd XI., 2nd XV. Junior 1902, Matric. 1903), L. Peach (2nd XI., Matric. 1903), L. G. Plummer, H. F. A. Peach (1st XV.), H. A. Roberts (Prefect, 1st XV., Admiral's Prize, Old Boys' Prize, Junior 1901, Matric. 1903), T. Rodgers, K. Williams (Capt. of School, Prefect, 1st XI., 1st Crew, Junior 1903, Medical Matric. 1903), N. T. Wilson.

The annual Confirmation will take place at Christ Church on Tuesday, December 8th. Candidates should give their names to the Headmaster or Mr. Davies as early as possible next Term.

The examination for the "Admiral's Prize" will take place early next Term. The subjects will be: (1) Australasian Geography; (2) History of Australasia (Jose's History of Australasia); (3) Ransome's "India and our Colonies."

The examination for the Catechism Prize, presented by Mr. F. W. Uther, will also take place next Term.

The Anniversary Service was held in Hall on Sunday evening, May 3rd. The preacher was the Bishop of Bathurst,

who very kindly volunteered to take the place of the Bishop of Newcastle, who was taken ill in Sydney during the afternoon. The offertory was allotted as follows:—£5 to the Townsville Disaster Fund, and £2 13s 5d to the Hospital and Mission Fund.

On May 4th there was a service for admission of Prefects. The following were admitted:—H. Bullock, R. G. I. Dent, R. V. Minnett, H. S. Bland, and R. C. Adams, as Full Prefects, and K. Taylor, R. Black, R. K. Allen, D. H. Roberts, K. Amphlett, L. E. Giblin, and J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, Sub-Prefects.

A half-holiday was given on Monday, May 4, being the School Anniversary Day, and on Wednesday, June 10, to give the School an opportunity of being present at the opening of the Royal North Sydney Hospital.

Mr. Masters, of Messrs. Baker and Rouse, assisted by Mr. Keys, gave a most instructive lecture in the Old Laboratory on May 29th, on printing and developing methods in photography. This will most probably lead to the formation of a Camera Club. Mr. Hodges has offered a prize, open to the School, and Mr. H. H. Massie another prize, open to junior boys, for the best set of six photographs to be sent in before the end of next Term.

The new Dining Hall is nearing completion, and the Gymnasium is well in hand, and will be finished before the beginning of next Term.

The hon. treasurers of the Memorial

Hall regret that owing to some accounts not having been sent in they are still unable to publish a full balance-sheet. Friends who have promised subscriptions are kindly asked to send them in as soon as possible. An entertainment will be given in the School Hall on Wednesday, June 17th, in aid of the furnishing fund. The hon. treasurer begs to acknowledge a subscription of £1 from the Rev. J. H. Maclean towards the fund.

Football colours have been awarded to H. S. Bland.

Past and present members of the School noted with pleasure the name of Mr. A. H. Yarnold among those who took the M.A. degree at the recent University examinations.

A match was played on Monday, June 8th, between the Possibles and Probables of the team to represent the Great Public Schools against University. Dent was first emergency for the Probables, while Bland, Bullock, and Adams were our representatives in the Possibles. The result was a win for the Probables by 12 to 3.

The Athletic Sports Meetings of the various Schools will be held in future as follows:—

S.G.S., 1st Friday in September.

S.C.E.G.S., Wednesday after 1st Friday in September.

T.K.S., Wednesday after 2nd Friday in September.

N.C., 2nd Saturday in September.

Combined Meeting, Friday before last Monday in September.

Our Annual Meeting will therefore be held this year on September 9.

## School Calendar.

April	2	1st XV. v. Technical College. Won 8—0.
	4	1st XV. v. Boys' Brigade. Won 8—3.
	9	Last Day of Term.
	9 to	Annual Boating Camp at Gladesville.
	30	Last Day of Term.
	22	1st XV. v. "A" University Team. Draw 5—5.
	25	G.P. Schools' Regatta.
May	2	1st XV. v. Old Boys. Won 20—6.
	3	School Anniversary Service in Hall.
	4	Service for Admission of Prefects. Half holiday.
	6	1st XV. v. St. Joseph's College. Lost 14—0.
	9	1st XV. v. Aoma F.C. Lost 30—0.
	13	1st XV. v. Newington College. Lost 9—3.
	16	1st XV. v. Commercial F.C. Lost 18—3.
	20	1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Lost 15—3.
	29	Lecture by Mr. Masters on Printing and Developing Photographs.
	30	1st XV. v. The King's School. Lost 61—0.
June	3	1st XV. v. Technical College. Won 12—3.
	6	1st XV. v. Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Won 14—8.
	9	Junior Examination commences.
	10	1st XV. v. Technical College. Lost 16—5.
	10	Half Holiday. Opening of Royal North Sydney Hospital.
	15	1st XV. v. Elkington F.C. Won 6—3.

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