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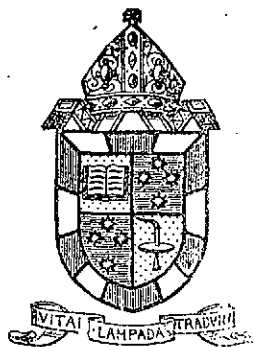
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Editorial.

HARPER'S Magazine has been devoting considerable attention to the much debated question "Is the English language becoming corrupt." Arguments on one side accept the statement as a fact and throw the blame upon the newspapers, which are usually the result of work done under the pressure of great hurry. They complain that new words and expressions are constantly being introduced, many of them being vulgarisms; they hold that our language should remain unaltered on the principle that what was good enough for our ancestors ought to be good enough for us. Nor is this pessimistic attitude by

any means new; in Swift's time the blame was put on the frequenters of the Court, the theatrical writers and the poets—now it is the newspapers.

The opposite views regarding the question point out that the more words and expressions (serving a useful purpose), introduced into a language the better, that a great many words are tried, but that a few are retained, viz., those which supply some want. Let us take as an example the word "mob"; what can we put in its place? yet it is a corruption of mobile vulgus. Again what is regarded as corruption in the case of one word is accepted in the case of others; e.g. we

say *lend* and *sound*, but *drownd* is a sign of ignorance and vulgarity. So we say *against*, *whilst*, *amongst*, but not *onced* (*wunst*), where the *t* is the same corruption.

The language of a people varies with the morality, intelligence, education, ignorance, etc., of the classes or individuals using it. The learned tend to become pedantic, the careless slovenly, the ignorant vulgar, while society displays affectation and say *shootin'*, *fishin'*, etc. It is argued that the mass of educated people decide what is corrupt, accepting words which supply a want and rejecting those which are useless or objectionable.

It behoves us to make our usage conform to the best usage and to do all in our power to prevent the introduction and spread of words and meanings which we deem objectionable on the score of inadequacy or impropriety.

Now if we examine the language of the Australian schoolboy of the present day, can we say that he does not fall short of the standard that ought to be expected of him? Even when he speaks fairly correctly, his ability to express himself on any subject is very limited, his choice of words is extremely narrow, and his variety of expression is conspicuous by its absence.

It rarely occurs to him to think out the exact word to fit the thought, to differentiate between a set of words such as *multitude*, *throng*, *gathering*, *concourse*,

assembly, *crowd*, *mob*, *assemblage*; any one would please him equally well. Moreover, in his ordinary conversation he is so accustomed to use vulgarisms that he forgets the fact of their being so, and is incapable of rising to a higher standard. He speaks of "*blokes*, *coves*, and *boskers*," his adjectives of quality are "*all-right*" or "*not bad*," his adverbs of degree "*awfully* and *jolly*," in a history paper he would probably tell you Wellington and Napoleon had a "*scrap*" or a "*mill*" at Waterloo.

This is a melancholy state of things, and if we remember that the educated class of the future springs from our school-boys of the present—the educated class which is to be the judge of what is properly or improperly used in our language—we must admit that our standard of English will deteriorate. So long as our boys do not realize this, but are ready to follow, not the educated, but the illiterate, feeling no loss of self-respect in using vulgarisms, no pride in expressing their thoughts in simple refined language, so long will this reproach be among us. The remedy for this is not easy to find; there is something wrong with our teaching of English. Still, a boy who can write copperplate in a copy-book, will often show up a wretched scrawl in his ordinary work, and he may be trained to express himself moderately well in an essay but sink back into his usual vulgarisms in his ordinary conversation.

The Boat Club.

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usual this is the busiest term in the years' work, and the task of getting a crew together to represent the School in the Regatta

has not been an easy one. Last term, of all those tried and tested for a place in the boat, six or seven were selected, and prospects were fairly satisfactory; but on

coming back after the holidays it was found that two of those would not be available, and that the stroke of the crew would not be able to row till after the Matriculation Examination. However, the following are in training at present:—Taylor, Park, Dean, Irving and Woodcock—and are at work in the old racer. If they will stick together and think only of the school they represent, we may be able to turn out a crew worthy of our traditions. They are a good powerful lot of fellows and rather inclined to try to do too much work, which only develops bad style and keeps the crew back. Busby is the cox at present and at times handles the lines well, he must watch the course he is steering a good deal better, and use his rudder less to do well. A crew of house boys has been out fairly often in the tub fours and on Saturdays may usually be seen up the Lane Cove. Newman, Hoskisson and Luscombe are shaping fairly. The day-boys are not so enthusiastic and regular as they might be, Edols, Doddmeade, Hutchison, Taylor, and others, should bedown much more often. Still, it is satisfactory to see a return to the old days when fellows were keen on getting a Four out after school and going for a long day on the water on Saturdays to camps on the Lane Cove.

At Easter we expect to go to Gladesville for the Annual Camp. When one has nothing else to think about but rowing,

and school-work is laid aside for the time being, one has time to think out his work then, instead of hurrying away after school to get in an hour's work and having to chance the possibility of a South-Westerly and impossible water.

The crew has a hard time before it, but the School past and present "Expects that every man will do his duty," as other crews have done in the past, and no doubt it will be theirs to realise the truth of the old saying, "there is no pleasure like work," and to feel the joy in the rattle of oars in the rowlocks that goes to the heart of every true wielder of the oar.

The boat-shed is now in excellent order, the Fours have had new riggers put on, the old oars have just been supplied with new leathers and buttons, the '98 tub is being overhauled, and a new tub is to be built by Chris. Nielsen, on heavier lines, more suitable than the old ones for tubing beginners.

Old Boys will be sorry to hear that the first school racer—the boat that won so many races and was never named, the string-test gig is no more; her bow, stern, and rudder, have been kept as mementos of the famous light-ship in which Trevor-Jones stroke, Barton 3, Jeanerret 2, and Wallace bow, made history for the Old School in '91 at the Riverview Regatta.

Football.

OUR prospects for the coming season are fairly encouraging. Of last year's team we shall still have Dean, Peach, Lawrence, Taylor,

Snell, Newman and one if not both the Dents, and while from last year's second team we may expect Hoskisson, Irving, Pennfather, Pockley and Way to

furnish us with forwards, and Milson, Russell-Jones, Gilles and Gate with backs to choose from. On the whole we may expect as strong a fifteen as last year's, and, though perhaps this is not saying very much in comparison with other School teams, there seems every reason to suppose that, taken all round, our opponents will be weaker than before. With our present numbers we should be able to put a team into the field that will perform creditably. It needs combined effort and an avoidance of the spirit which leads some to invent excuses for not playing because they fancy the team is going to be weak or because they have allowed themselves to be discouraged by our want of success last year.

The Rugby Union has arranged for a visit to Sydney of the crack New Zealand School team—that from the Te Aute College. Matches will be played against the University and the Combined Sydney Schools amongst others. Our intending visitors have a great reputation for hard, combined with skilful play, and it is expected that our Schools will have much to do to hold their own. The New Zealanders are almost entirely of Maori blood, and this, taken with the fact that football is played by them all the year round,—is sufficient guarantee of their ability to play the game.

We give their programme of matches in detail:—

June 4. v. School Team second in Competition.
 June 8. v. Sydney University.
 June 11. v. School Team first in Competition.
 June 15. v. Combined Sydney Schools.
 June 18. v. Combined Bathurst Schools.
 June 22. v. Combined State Schools.

The following are the fixtures for the coming season as at present arranged:—

Sat., Ap. 16 v. Kiora F.C.
 Sat., Ap. 23 (Schools' Regatta).
 Sat., Ap. 30 v. Aoma F.C.
 Wed., May 4 v. St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (N.S.)
 Sat., May 7 v. Old Boys.
 Wed., May 11 v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE (N.S.)
 Sat., May 14 v. Nondescripts.
 Wed., May 18 v. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (N.S.)
 Sat., May 21 v. Commercial F.C.
 Wed., May 25 v. THE KING'S SCHOOL (Parramatta).
 Sat., May 28 v. Elkington F.C.
 Sat., June 4 v. Petersham F.C.
 Sat., June 11 v. Wallaroy F.C.
 Sat., July 16 v. Waroo F.C.
 Sat., July 23 v. St. Luke's F.C.
 Sat., July 30 v. Commercial F.C.
 Wed., Aug. 3 v. The King's School (N.S.)
 Sat., Aug. 6 v. Kiora F.C.
 Wed., Aug. 10 v. Newington College (Stanmore)
 Sat., Aug. 13 v. Petersham F.C.
 Wed., Aug. 17 v. Sydney Gram. School (Out).
 Sat., Aug. 20 v. Aoma F.C.
 Sat., Aug. 27 v. Wallaroy F.C.
 Wed., Aug. 31 v. St. Joseph's College (Hunter's Hill).
 Sat., Sept. 3 v. Wentworth F.C.

Cricket.

WE had eleven left of the twelve who played in School Matches last term for this year's team. Black left at Christmas and Dent and King only played in one match each as they were working for examina-

tions. Gilles played in all the matches as a bowler, while Besnard and Massie were picked on two occasions as batsmen. Our first game against St. Joseph's College was a well-contested one, although we eventually won by seven wickets. Against

Newington College we won an exciting game. It was left to the tail to make enough runs to lead on the first innings. This they did ably—the chief credit belonging to the brothers Fitzhardinge. Newington College, thanks chiefly to a fine innings by Jones (138) gave us 185 to get in the second innings. For some time this number seemed too much, but the tail again came to the rescue, and we won by four wickets. We lost the King's School match by two wickets. On the Friday we batted twice on a bad wicket and led by a few runs on the first innings, while on Saturday T.K.S. had a good wicket for their second innings. Even then the result would possibly have been different but for a mistake on the umpires' part, which they both admitted and apologised for. Requiring 128 T.K.S. had lost 6 for 54, and then Barnes, who subsequently made 35, knocked a bail off with his body while playing a ball. Against S.G.S. we scored 250, and they, owing chiefly to a huge innings by Blaxland (170), made 309.

To neither our bowlers nor batsmen would it be right to give praise before the team was complimented on their fielding. We certainly had one poor fieldsman in each match, but the eleven, taken as a whole, fielded very well. Dean, whether behind the wickets or elsewhere, and Bullock, were distinctly good, while R. B. Minnett developed into a very good field. The batting of the team was more satisfactory than usual. Two or three of the best batsmen were not left to make all the score. Eight of the eleven each made at least one good score in the four matches. Dean and R. V. Minnett, although consistent, did nothing out of the way this term—the former's highest score being 42 and the latter's 82. In all

matches this season, Dean has aggregated 1182 runs—his highest score being 156. Duffy, R. V. Minnett and Allen have been the most successful bowlers. The first mentioned has headed the bowling averages for both terms, having taken in all 21 wickets at an average cost of 10 each. Minnett, for the season, is second on the list with 34 wickets at a cost of 13½ each.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

PLAYED at Hunter's Hill on Wednesday and Saturday, February 10 and 13. We won by seven wickets.

St. Joseph's College, winning the toss, went in and made 78. Kenna 19, Hughes 15 and Duffy were the only double figure scores.

We opened our first innings with Dean and R. V. Minnett, who put on 93 for the first wicket, but after that the wickets fell rapidly, and we were all out for 152—a comfortable lead of 74. Kenna's accurate leg-break bowling was chiefly responsible for the quick fall of our batsmen. He took five wickets for 67 runs.

In their second innings S.J. lost 1 for 11, and then Kenna and Gallagher took the score to 119—101 for the partnership. The third wicket fell at 192, but the remaining wickets only added a few to the score which reached 240. Kenna played an excellent innings for 102, and gave two chances. In the two-innings Allen took 9 wickets for 78 runs, Duffy 4 for 23, and R. V. Minnett 6 for 72.

Dean and Bullock started our second innings. The first wicket fell at 40 (Bullock 23)—Dean having made 11 in singles. R. V. Minnett and Dean took the score 121, when the latter retired with a score of 42. R. B. Minnett 33 and Duffy 8 took the score to the required number. Kenna again bowled well, but did not secure a wicket, and had 58 runs scored off him.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

1st Innings.

Kenna, b Allen	...	...	...	10
Hynes, b Allen	...	...	...	0
Self, b Allen	...	...	...	3
Riley, b Allen	...	...	...	0
Gallagher, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	7
D. Ryan, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	0
Gibbons, not out	...	...	...	7
Hughes, c R. B. Minnett, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	15
Duffy, l.b.w., b Duffy	...	...	...	14

Ryan, b Duffy	...	...	...	1
Prentice, c and b Duffy	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	78
R. V. Minnett	3 for	23		
Allen	4	38		
Duffey	3	2		

SCHOOL.

1st Innings.				
Dean, l.b.w., b Hynes	...	...	...	39
R. B. Minnett, b Kenna	...	...	...	57
R. V. Minnett, c Gallagher, b Kenna	...	...	...	18
Bullock, b Hughes	...	...	...	2
Duffy, b Kenna	...	...	...	4
Allen, not out	...	...	...	6
Besnard, run out	...	...	...	1
R. Fitzhardinge, b Kenna	...	...	...	12
Gilles, b Kenna	...	...	...	0
T. Fitzhardinge, b Hynes	...	...	...	0
Goldfinch, b Hynes	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	152

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE.
2nd Innings.

Self, b Duffy	...	...	...	5
Gallagher, c R. V. Minnett, b Gilles	...	...	...	47
Kenna, c and b Allen	...	...	...	102
Hynes, c and b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	37
Riley, not out	...	...	...	14
Duffy, l.b.w., b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	8
Gibbons, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	0
Ryan, c Besnard, b Allen	...	...	...	0
Hughes, b Allen	...	...	...	2
Prentice, b Allen	...	...	...	0
A. Ryan, c Gilles, b Allen	...	...	...	2
Sundries	...	...	...	23
Total	...	...	...	240
R. V. Minnett	3 for	49		
Duffy	1	21		
Allen	5	40		
Gilles	1	36		

SCHOOL.

2nd Innings.				
Dean, h.o.w., b Hughes	...	...	...	42
Bullock, b Hynes	...	...	...	23
R. V. Minnett, b Hynes	...	...	...	56
R. B. Minnett, not out	...	...	...	33
Duffy, not out	...	...	...	8
Sundries	...	...	...	11
3 wickets for	...	...	...	173

SCHOOL V. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

THIS match took place at Stanmore on February 19 and 20. N.C. in their first innings compiled 216. The first wicket fell at 20, but Hicks and Taylor, by good cricket, took the score to 84, when the former was bowled by R. V. Minnett for 36. Taylor continued to bat nicely, and was within three of the century when he had the misfortune to get out. Of the tail, Gill 18 and Woodward 22 batted vigorously. R. V. Minnett took 4 wickets for 53, Allen 2 for 30, and Duffy 2 for 24. The fielding of the eleven was very clean and accurate. Bullock and Dean—especially the former—being perhaps the best.

Having about an hour to bat on Friday we lost 2 for 103. On Saturday the not-out batsmen, Bullock 41 and Minnett 41, soon were disposed of, Bullock was run out and Minnett bowled. Duffy batted nicely for 32, and 7 wickets were down with the score at 190. The brothers Fitzhardinge came to the rescue. The elder made 37 while the younger stone-walled for 35 minutes for 1 run. The innings closed for 242.

N.C., in their second attempt, lost 8 for 211, when they closed. Jones played a good and dashing innings for 138, and gave no chance with the exception of a difficult one of stumping. Requiring 186 runs to win we lost 6 wickets in getting them. Anning, of N.C., bowled his leg-breaks very well, and should be a good bowler in the future if he keeps his length.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

1st Innings.

Hicks, c Dean, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	36
Jones, c and b Allen	...	...	...	4
Taylor i, b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	97
Anning, c R. B. Minnett b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	0
Gray, c and b R. V. Minnett	...	...	...	9
Taylor ii, b Duffy	...	...	...	14
Hittmann, run out	...	...	...	1
Moffatt, b Duffy	...	...	...	1
Gill, b Allen	...	...	...	18
Woodward, l.b.w., b Bullock	...	...	...	22
Marr, not out	...	...	...	2
Sundries	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	216

R. V. Minnett	4 for	53		
Allen	2	30		
Bullock	1	37		
Duffy	2	24		

SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.	
Dean, b Anning	34
R. B. Minnett, b Taylor	5
R. V. Minnett, c Gray, b Gill	49
Bullock, run out	46
Duffy, b Anning	32
Allen, b Anning	9
Besnard, c Woodward, b Anning	0
J. Fitzhardinge, c Woodward, b Grey	39
R. Fitzhardinge, b Grey	1
Goldfinch, not out	2
Gilles, b Gill	7
Sundries	18
Total	242

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.	
2nd Innings.	
Hicks, b Allen	21
Jones, not out	138
Anning, b R. V. Minnett	10
Taylor i, b Bullock	10
Grey, b R. V. Minnett	0
Taylor ii, b R. V. Minnett	4
Moffatt, b Gilles	1
Gill, l.b.w., b Duffy	17
Woodward, b Duffy	0
Hittmann } did not bat	0
Marr. }	0
Sundries	10
8 wickets (innings closed) for	211

Duffy ... 2 for 29	
R. V. Minnett 3 ,, 53	
Allen ... 1 ,, 21	
Bullock ... 1 ,, 15	
Gilles ... 1 ,, 24	

SCHOOL.	
2nd Innings.	
Dean, h.w., b Anning	26
R. B. Minnett, c Hittmann b Gill	4
R. V. Minnett, c Marr, b Gill	34
Duffy, c Hittman, b Gill	54
Bullock, c Jones, b Grey	2
Allen, b Gill	26
J. Fitzhardinge, not out	13
R. Fitzhardinge, not out	0
Sundries	30
6 wickets for... ..	189
Won by 4 wickets.	

SCHOOL V. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

AFTER a fortnight's rain the weather cleared sufficiently to enable us to start our match with T.K.S. at the N.S. Oval on Friday, Nov. 26. T.K.S. won by 2 wickets.

Berrie won the toss and sent us in on a sodden wicket. We made 97, to which Dean contributed 23, R. B. Minnett 32, R. Fitzhardinge 12, and Bullock 10. Berrie took 4 wickets for 41 and Barnes 5 for 30 which included the "hat trick."

T.K.S. made 83. Barnes and Irving 15 each, and Thomson 16, scoring most of the runs. R. V. Minnett secured five wickets for 31 runs and Duffy 2 for 5.

We did little better in our second innings, which closed for 113. On Saturday morning the wicket was good. T.K.S. had lost 1 for 7 and required 121 more. Six wickets fell for 54 runs, and the seventh should have fallen at 55. Barnes, in playing back to a ball, knocked a bail off, but the umpires failed to notice it. Barnes made 35 and Berrie 50.

SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

Dean, c Champion, b Berrie	23
Bullock, c Thompson, b Body	10
R. V. Minnett, c Sandford, b Berrie	0
R. B. Minnett, c Ropkins, b Barnes	32
Duffy, c Brennan, b Berrie	8
Allen, c Bell, b Barnes	1
J. Fitzhardinge, c and b Barnes	0
King, c Berrie, b Barnes... ..	2
R. Fitzhardinge, not out... ..	12
Goldfinch, c Irving, b Barnes	0
Gilles, b Berrie	4
Sundries	5
Total	97

T.K.S.

1st Innings.

Barnes, b Bullock	15
Champion, b R. V. Minnett	1
Sandford, h.o.w., b R. B. Minnett	1
Bell i, b R. V. Minnett	0
Berrie, b R. V. Minnett	0
Irving, c Dean, b R. V. Minnett	15
Thompson, c Allen, b Gilles	16
Body, b Duffy	5
Ropkins, not out	5
Gregory, l.b.w., b R. V. Minnett	0
Brennan, b Duffy	4
Sundries	21

Total 83

R. V. Minnett	5	for	31
R. B. Minnett	1	"	11
Bullock	...	1	" 13
Gilles	...	1	" 2
Duffy	...	2	" 5
SCHOOL.			
2nd Innings.			
Dean, c Irving, b Brennan	...	...	3
Bullock, l.b.w., b Brennan	...	...	5
Duffy, c Thompson, b Brennan	...	...	12
R. B. Minnett, b Brennan	...	...	10
R. V. Minnett, b Barnes	...	...	17
Allen, b Berrie	...	...	13
J. Fitzhardinge, c Berrie, b Barnes	...	...	5
R. Fitzhardinge, c Ropkins, b Barnes	...	...	13
King, c and b Brennan	...	...	11
Gilles, not out	...	...	9
Goldfinch, b Barnes	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	12
Total	...	...	113
T.K.S.			
2nd Innings.			
Bell, b Duffy	...	...	5
Body, b Duffy	...	...	2
Thompson, c Gilles, b Bullock	...	...	22
Irving, b R. B. Minnett	...	...	6
Barnes, run out	...	...	0
Champion, b R. B. Minnett	...	...	0
Sandford, b Dean	...	...	35
Berrie, not out	...	...	50
Ropkins, l.b.w., b Dean	...	...	0
Gregory, not out	...	...	1
Brennan (did not bat)	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	10
8 wickets for	...	...	131
R. B. Minnett	2	for	16
Duffy	...	2	" 16
Bullock	...	1	" 16
Dean	...	2	" 10

SCHOOL V. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

WE met S.G.S. at North Sydney on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. S.G.S. won by 59 runs on the first innings.

R. V. Minnett won the toss and went in with Dean. The pair batted nicely and took the score to 78. The second wicket fell at 95, and then Bullock and Duffy put on 99 runs. The others did little. Dent was unlucky in being grandly

caught by Hill off his own bowling. The ball was driven at a terrific pace within a few inches of the ground, and the bowler can justly be proud of having made a very fine catch. Matthews took 4 wickets and Hill 5.

Blaxland and Manning opened the innings for S.G.S. Blaxland gave a chance at 40 at square leg, but after that banded every bowler where he wished until his score had reached the large total of 170. Manning made 59 and Fox 22. The innings closed for 309. Allen 3 for 46, Bullock 3 for 55, and Dent 2 for 2 were our most successful bowlers.

In our second innings we lost 4 for 161. R. V. Minnett 82 and Dent 22 added 76 runs without being separated.

SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

R. V. Minnett, b Hill	...	...	46
Dean, b Hill	...	...	40
R. B. Minnett, c Docker, b Hill	...	...	12
Bullock, b Manning	...	...	53
Duffy, c Walker, b Hill	...	...	44
Allen, c Docker, b Matthews	...	...	14
Dent, c and b Hill	...	...	1
Massie, not out	...	...	6
J. Fitzhardinge, b Matthews	...	...	8
Gilles, c Blaxland, b Matthews	...	...	5
Goldfinch, b Matthews	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	21

Total ... 250

S.G.S.

1st Innings.

Blaxland, b Allen	...	...	170
Manning, c Dean, b Bullock	...	...	59
Walker, c Duffy, b Bullock	...	...	12
Hall, c and b Bullock	...	...	2
Matthews, c Goldfinch, by R. B. Minnett	...	...	2
Docker, b Duffy	...	...	6
Fox, c Fitzhardinge, b Dent	...	...	22
Clayton, st. Dean, b Allen	...	...	0
Hill, c Dent, b Allen	...	...	7
Ward, not out	...	...	7
Bull, b Dent	...	...	2
Sundries	...	...	20

Total ... 309

Allen	...	3	for	46
R. B. Minnett	1	"	"	33
Bullock	...	3	"	55
Duffy	...	1	"	30
Dent	...	2	"	2

School:		2nd Innings.	
R. V. Minnett, not out	82
Dean; b Blaxland...	25
R. B. Minnett; c Matthews; b Walker	11
Bullock, c Walker, b Hill	10
Duffy, run out	0
Dent, not out	22
Sundries	11
4 wickets for 161			

BATTING AVERAGES IN COMPETITION MATCHES.

OCTOBER-MARCH, 1903-04.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Total.	Ave.
O. H. Dean	14	1	105	549	42.23
R. V. Minnett	14	1	82*	451	34.69
R. B. Minnett	14	2	81	354	27.83
E. V. Duffy	14	2	110*	297	24.75
H. Bullock	9	0	53	183	20.33
O. G. Dent	8	2	27	100	16.66
J. Fitzhardinge	11	3	39	109	13.62
R. Fitzhardinge	8	2	13*	65	10.83
R. C. King	6	0	27	52	8.66
R. K. Allen	11	1	26	77	7.70
D. A. Goldfinch	10	3	26*	35	5.00

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES IN COMPETITION MATCHES.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1904.					
	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Ave.
E. V. Duffy	42.7	10	128	12	10.66
R. K. Allen	54.9	11	193	15	12.86
R. V. Minnett	102	29	295	18	16.38
H. Bullock	35	6	136	7	19.44
R. B. Minnett	44	15	102	4	25.50
D. Gilles	29	6	116	3	38.44

The following also bowled:—O. H. Dean, 2 for 29; R. Fitzhardinge, 0 for 55; D. Goldfinch, 0 for 46; O. G. Dent, 2 for 2.

BATTING AVERAGES IN COMPETITION MATCHES.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1904.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Total.	Ave.
R. V. Minnett	8	1	82*	302	43.74
O. H. Dean	8	0	42	232	29.00
R. B. Minnett	8	1	57	164	23.43
E. V. Duffy	8	1	54	162	23.14
O. G. Dent	2	1	22*	23	23.00
H. Bullock	8	0	53	151	18.87
R. Fitzhardinge	5	2	13*	51	17.00
R. K. Allen	6	1	26	69	13.80
J. Fitzhardinge	6	1	39	65	13.00
D. Gilles	5	1	9*	25	6.25
D. A. Goldfinch	5	1	3	5	1.25

The following also batted:—R. King; 11 and 2; N. Besnard; 1 and 0; H. Massie, 6*

NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

V. Nondescripts. School, 185 (R. V. Minnett 67 retired, Bullock 54, R. B. Minnett 14, and Allen 10). Nondescripts 5 wickets for 121 (Gould 32, Way 22, Hawken 21, and Maxwell 14). Allen took 3 wickets for 39 runs, and R. V. Minnett and Gilles each took 1 for 29.

V. Zingari Veterans. Zingari Veterans, 8 for 177 (Wentworth 34*, Lloyd and Smith 27 each, Hemsley 25*). R. V. Minnett took 7 wickets for 61 runs, and Bullock 1 for 28. School, 6 for 100 (R. B. Minnett 29 retired, Dent 38 retired, and Allen 12 retired).

V. N. Sydney Veterans. N.S. Vets., 191 (Grey 65*, Tedder 30, Diamond 19, and Dr. McKinnon 17). R. B. Minnett 5 for 48, Allen 2 for 65, and Mr. Walmsley 1 for 4. School, 7 for 339 (R. B. Minnett 103 retired, Bullock 92, R. V. Minnett 42, Allen 34 retired, Massie 24*, Mr. Walmsley 18, and Dent 15). The School made 339 in two hours.

V. Commercial Bank. School, 151 (Allen 35, Duffy 24, R. B. Minnett 19, Gilles 12). Moore took 7 wickets and Warden 3. Commercial Bank, 7 for 282 (Scott 100 retired, Lloyd 36, Warden 38*, and Ryrie 32). Dent took 3 wickets.

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI. have lost their three competition matches, but all the games have been well and evenly contested. Besnard, Massie, Edwards, and Gate as batsmen are promising, while Edwards, Massie, and Cousens may develop into bowlers. Russell-Jones improved behind the wickets, and did well for a novice.

MATCHES

V. N.C. 2nd XI. School, 1st innings 83 (Massie 1 30, Gate 16, Russell-Jones 11). N.C., 84 (Gale and Parker 11 each, Alexander and Lumsdaine 12 each, and Newman 18). School 2nd innings 166 (Massie 71, Edwards 37, Russell-Jones 11, and Gale 10). N.C. 2nd innings 196 (Decoque 70, Lumsdaine 22, Parker 25, Cuthbertson 18, and Ramsey 24). Massie, Edwards, Gate, and Charlton did most of our bowling. N.C. won by 2 wickets and 31 runs.

V. T.K.S. 2nd XI. We made 97 and 84. (Gate 32 and 25, Besnard 23, Pennefather 28, Edwards 15), Massie 1 26). In the second innings Body did the hat trick. T.K.S., 131 and 3 wickets for 75 (Bowman 51, Jude 50* and 32*,

Ririe 16, and Metcalfe 16). Charlton, Besnard, and Edwards did most of our bowling. T.K.S. won by 7 wickets.

V. S.G.S. 2nd XI. Our team made 106 and 5 for 166 (Besnard 42 and 24, Fitzhardinge ii 16 and 25, Edwards 37, Charlton 10 and 19*, and Jones 13 and 13). S.G.S. 152 (Ruse 20, Manning 32, French 37, and Keele 16). Fitzhardinge, Edwards, and Gale got wickets. S.G.S. won by 46 runs.

3RD XI.

The third team have been very fairly successful in their matches this term up to date. They have beaten Newington Thirds, Barker College Seconds, and S.G.S. Thirds, and lost to T.K.S. team. This last match should have been against T.K.S. Third at Parramatta, but owing to some mistake the third team was not prepared to play, and to avoid disappointing our team an eleven was hastily collected, which proved too good for us, chiefly owing to some vigorous hitting by Metcalf. Newington was beaten by 7 wickets mainly through the bowling of Barnett and Peach. Perhaps the most creditable performance was the win against the S.G.S. III. by 86 runs—132 to 46. Barnett performed well both with bat and ball. There still remain three matches, two against S.G.S. Lower School and one against Newington III. Detailed account:—

V. T.K.S. mixed team. T.K.S., 105; C.E.G.S., 65 (Tozer 19 not out, F. Hall i 15, F. Martin ii 11). Lost by 40 runs.

V. N.C. III. N.C. III. 34 and 93. C.E.G.S. 107 and 3 for 24 (Way 22, Tozer 20, Barnett 16, F. Hall ii 15). Bowling: Peach 7 for 36, Barnett 7 for 33. Won by 7 wickets.

V. S.G.S. III. S.G.S. 46; C.E.G.S. 132 (Barnett 46, Peach 22, Tozer 15, Bath 13 not out). Bowling: Barnett 5 for 18, H. Adams i 5 for 20. Won by 86 runs.

V. Barker College II. Barker College, 73; C.E.G.S. 8 for 10 (Barnett 23, Way 14, Hall ii 11). Bowling: Peach 8 for 22. Won by 2 wickets and 29 runs.

4TH XI.

V. T.K.S. IV. Lost by 3 wickets. C.E.G.S. 77 (Dixon 25, Solomons 27). T.K.S. 7 for 78.

V. N.C. IV. Won by 36 runs. N.C. 63. C.E.G.S. 99 (K. Hardie i 33, Bath 12).

V. N.C. IV. Won by 10 runs. N.C. 30; C.E.G.S. 40. Charles did great execution with the ball.

V. T.K.S. IV. Lost by 26 runs. T.K.S. 2 for 86 (innings closed); C.E.G.S. 60 (Bath 17, Briggs 13).

5TH XI.

V. N.C. V. Lost by 2 runs. N.C. 71; C.E.G.S. 69 (Sayers 29, Chapman 10). Bowling: Throsby 5 for 22, Burt 3 for 4.

V. T.K.S. V. Drawn. C.E.G.S. 63 (Charles 16); T.K.S. 7 for 49.

V. N.C. V. Lost by 65 runs. N.C. 98; C.E.G.S. 33.

V. T.K.S. V. Lost by 3 runs. T.K.S. 48; C.E.G.S. 45.

6TH XI.

V. N.C. VI. Lost by 87 runs. N.C. 115; C.E.G.S. 28 (Beadell 10).

V. T.K.S. VI. Lost by 10 runs. T.K.S. 43; C.E.G.S. 33 (D. Williams ii 15).

V. T.K.S. VI. Lost by 2 wickets and 108 runs. T.K.S. 8 for 122; C.E.G.S. 14.

7TH XI.

V. N.C. VII. Lost by 8 wickets and 11 runs. C.E.G.S. 92 (A. Clark ii 26, Woodruff 16, Day 15, Humphry 10); N.C. 2 for 103.

V. T.K.S. VII. Won by 17 runs. C.E.G.S. 51 (Joscelyne 15, Boyce 11); T.K.S. 34. Finn took 7 wickets for 9.

V. T.K.S. VII. Tie. C.E.G.S. 73 (J. Mocatta i 18, Tucker not out 15; T.K.S. 73).

8TH XI.

V. N.C. VIII. Won by 3 wickets and 7 runs. N.C. 15 and 45; C.E.G.S. 36 and 7 for 31 (Saddington 8 not out and 9 not out). Finn took 11 wickets.

V. T.K.S. VIII. Won by 51 runs. C.E.G.S. 79 (Hagen 22, P. Davenport i 13); T.K.S. 28.

UNDER AGE MATCH.

V. Wahroonga Preparatory School. Won by 59 runs. C.E.G.S. 101 (J. Massie ii 20, Tozer 25, J. Pockley iii 20, F. Hall ii 13). Wahroonga Prep. School 42.

The Swimming Carnival.

THE Second Annual Carnival took place at the Lavender Bay Baths, on Thursday, March 24th, and proved a great success. This was mainly due to Mr. Karl Berg, the Instructor and to C. G. Kemp and G. Snell, members of the Sub-Committee. The School Championship was won by G. Snell; that for boys under 12, by J. C. Ross. During the afternoon a very interesting exhibition of fancy swimming was given by the Instructor—his robing and disrobing, the Catherine Wheel and Monte Christo feat being loudly applauded.

The Programme was as follows:—

Championship under 12 (33 yds.)—

- 1 J. C. Ross ii
- 2 T. G. B. Dibbs ii.

Won by five feet.

All Schools' Championship (100 yds.)—

- 1 A. D. Hill, S.G.S.
- 2 L. B. Dibbs, S.G.S.

Won by 4 feet, in 1 min. 11 2-5 secs.

The first heat was won by Hill by 3 yards; The second by G. Snell (S.C.E.G.S), by 4 feet, J. S. Phillips (S.G.S.) being second; the 100 Yards Championship of the School was held in conjunction with this race and won by G. Snell.

Handicap, under 14 (33 yds.)—

- 1 G. J. Buckland ii 17 secs. start
- 2 R. P. Preston I " "
- 3 D. le B. Gainford 4 " "

Won by 4 yards.

The first heat was won by Buckland by a touch from T. C. Weedon (4 secs.), K. G. Low (2 secs) being third; the second heat by W. H. Goulstone (scr.), by a yard from Preston, Gainford being a close third.

Handicap (66 yards)—

- 1 A. D. Newmarch ii 13 secs. start
- 2 J. T. M. Dixon 13 " "
- 3 O. B. Dibbs i 7 " "

Won easily.

The first heat was won by E. V. Dodde-meade (33 secs.) by a touch, Dibbs being second and R. J. Drew (5 secs.), 3rd; the second heat was won by 2 feet—the order being Newmarch, Dixon, A. N. Peach (7 secs).

Neatest Header—

- 1 H. C. Day, 19 points
- 2 O. B. Dibbs i, 15 points
- 3 C. R. Throsby

66 Yards (Scratch)—

- 1 F. S. Garvin
- 2 H. C. Day

Won by 2 yards.

Sack Race (33 yards)—

- 1 J. T. M. Dixon
- 2 R. J. Drew

Old Boys' Race (66 yards)—

- 1 J. Milbourne-Marsh
- 2 C. E. Murnin
- 3 K. Brooks

Won by 2 yards.

Under Water Swimming—

- 1 G. Snell
- 2 H. C. Day

Won by a foot. Distance 31 yards.

Blindfold Race—

- 1 O. B. Dibbs i
- 2 A. N. Peach

Fancy Costume Race (33 yds.)—

- Fancy Costume 1 T. G. B. Dibbs ii
(Samoan Belle).
2 R. J. Drew
(Good Night).

- Race 1 A. N. Peach
2 H. C. Day.

This race was most interesting—some of the costumes notably those of the winners and O. B. Dibbs i and A. N. Peach, being particularly good.

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 annual re-union of Old Boys will take place on May 6th, 7th and 8th.

On Friday, May 6th, at 8 p.m., the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at the School. Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m., Annual Football Match v. the School, 7 p.m., Annual Dinner. Sunday, May 8th, 7.30 p.m., Anniversary Service in School Hall.

Old Boys who wish to play in the Football Match are asked to send their names to the Hon. Secs. or to the selectors of the Team (Rev. D. Davies, A. D. Fisher, R. N. Hickson, C. F. Kater), not later than Saturday, April, 30th.

Tickets for the Annual Dinner may be obtained from any member of the Committee or from the Hon. Secs. At the request of several Old Boys the Committee have fixed the price of tickets at 5s. each. Old Boys who intend to be present are particularly requested to inform the Hon. Secs. not later than Wednesday, May 4th, so that there may be no difficulty in catering. The Rev. D. Davies, Messrs. W. B. Clarke and H. W. Harriott have been appointed a sub-committee to make all arrangements with regard to the Dinner, and they will be glad to receive any suggestions from members of the Union.

The following Old Boys have been playing in electorate and first-class cricket during the season:—J. N. F. Armstrong, R. Black, G. T. Balcombe, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, T. H. Dent, N. Y. Deane, R. N. Hickson, H. V. Horder, A. J. Hopkins, A. B. S. White. Armstrong, Balcombe and Fisher have been invited to represent Sydney University in the Inter-University match at Melbourne. Fisher made 114 for the University v. Waverley and in his innings he hit a ball to the top of the large shilling stand at the Sydney Cricket Ground. It is said that this is the only occasion on which this feat has been performed. Hopkins has been picked in the N.S.W. XI v. Queensland and Dr. Clarke and N. Y. Deane as emergencies.

F. C. Adams has taken his M.B. and Ch. M. and is now at the Sydney Hospital. A. D. Fisher and H. V. Jaques have qualified for their B.A. and J. N. F. Armstrong for his B.E. F. G. M. Simpson passed his fourth year Medicine *with credit*.

E. F. Harrison has obtained a commission in the N.S.W. Regiment of the R.A.A.

C. H. Calvert and E. F. Harrison played in the N.S.W. XI in the recent Military match v. Victoria; and R. Black and T. H. Dent in that representing the N.S.W. Banks v. Victoria.

W. H. Wilkinson is now managing Messrs. Capper and Sons' vineyards at Cote D'or, Pokoglin.

A. B. S. White is in the Patriotic Assurance Co.

G. A. More has won the 120yds swimming championship of Tasmania.

H. Ireland has returned from England and has now started practice as a Solicitor at the Australasia Chambers, Martin Place (opp. the Post Office).

K. Williams has entered on his articles to Messrs. Minter, Simpson and Co., Solicitors; and C. P. Allen to Messrs. Abbott and Allen.

H. C. Blaxland has left the Melbourne Grammar School, and is now Head Master of the Bega Grammar School. All Old Boys wish him every success in his new position.

The annual G.P.S. Regatta will take place on the Parramatta River on Saturday, April 23rd.

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. R. 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, L. A. Minnett, H. P. Harriott, A. B. S. White, H. McWilliam, G. T. Uther, O. E. Friend, R. C. Adams, A. Sulman, O. Hargrave, E. Twynam, J. F. Fitzhardinge, A. J. M. Simpson, G. Milbourne-Marsh, R. Moodie, A. T. Carlisle, J. B. Yeomans, V. Y. Deane, G. P. Sayers (2), C. A. Brown, N. G. Pattison, E. Wright, R. Martin, N. Y. Deane.

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<i>Anton, Rev. P.</i> ...	827	English Essayists.
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<i>Brock</i>	876	Biography of Havelock.
<i>Bryant</i>	830	Poems.
<i>Besant and Rice</i>	52D	By Celia's Arbour.
<i>Burns</i>	74A	Poems.
<i>Carlyle</i>	831-831D	Cromwell's Letters (5 vols.)
<i>Cavendish</i>	832	On Whist.
<i>Cervantes</i>	845	Don Quixote.
<i>Crabbe</i>	833	Tales and Minor Poems.
<i>Creeasy</i>	123A and B	History of England. (2 vols.)
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<i>Depping</i>	834	Wonders of Bodily Strength.
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<i>Freeman, E. A.</i>	732A	Growth of the English Constitution.
<i>Gautier, T.</i>	831	Wanderings in Spain.
<i>Grant, Jas.</i>	223A and B	Scottish Cavalier (2 vols.)
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Harper's Magazine, 14 vols. (presented by Miss Arnold).

School Notes

THE present Term will end on Thursday, March 31st. The School will re-open on Monday, April 11th, at 2.30 p.m. New boys will be examined at 9.30 a.m.

We offer a hearty welcome to Mr. J. O. Harris, M.A. (Tasmania) who has joined the staff this Term.

The following new boys joined this term:—E. N. Allen, G. J. Buckland, A. V. Clark, E. G. Coward, D. C. D'Arcy-Irvine, C. Deane, S. L. Ellis, W. S. Farmer, J. B. Garden, C. D. Goyder, S. Grainger, N. Grainger, A. D. Hagen, H. F. Kingsmill, H. G. Lane, J. A. Luscombe, D. McAllister, A. McAllister, G. H. Muirgrave, N. E. Nash, E. B. Nelson, D. Parkes, G. W. Pitt, W. H. Preston, B. C. Pockley, J. G. Pockley, R. B. Randell, F. L. Reichenbach, G. S. Richardson, R. C. Ross, J. H. C. Ross, A. C. Ross, J. V. Saddington, W. C. Savage, H. L. Sendall, S. N. Sendall, W. S. Sharland, W. H. Sheppard, A. O. Smith, R. Smith, C. W. Snell, C. R. Strange, D. C. Sturrock, J. C. Taylor, T. W. Tennant, W. Travers-Jones, W. E. Tucker, R. G. Ward, L. L. Williams, D. A. Williams, P. A. Wright, B. G. Wright-Jackson.

The following left at the end of last term:—H. B. Allen, K. N. Amphlett (Sub-Prefect, 1st XV.), C. E. Garton, J. L. Granter, C. O. Hawker, F. Williamson (Junior Scholar), E. H. Wright, H. S. Bland (Prefect, Hon. Treas. for Sports, 1st XI., Cox 1st Crew, 1st XV. Colours, Law Matric.), A. W. Broodbank, K. G. Brooks, H. G. Broughton, W. W. Fenwick (1st XV),

A. M. Lomax (Junior Exam.) C. W. Fowler, R. Stockdale (Church Schools Scholar), G. J. McIntosh, R. Black, (Sub-Prefect, 1st XI. Colours, Junior Exam.), H. A. Parkes, D. H. Roberts (Prefect, 1st XV., Junior Exam.), C. E. Woodford.

The following were admitted Prefects on March 11th:—R. Martin, K. Taylor (in absence), R. K. Allen, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge. On the same date the following were admitted Sub-Prefects:—R. B. Minnett, E. V. Duffy, A. Woodcock, H. L. St. Vincent-Welch.

The following were successful in the last University Matriculation at the Sydney University:—H. W. Adams, R. G. I. Dent, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, G. le B. Gainford, R. Martin, R. D. Newmarch, K. Taylor. H. Bullock passed the entrance to law, medicine, and science. Bullock, Fitzhardinge, Gainford and Martin have entered the University. H. S. Bland who passed the Law Matriculation last November, has also entered the University, being in residence at St. Paul's College.

The bats presented by Mr. H. H. Massie for the highest aggregate in competition matches, have been awarded as follows:—1st XI, O. H. Dean (549 runs), R. V. Minnett being second with 451 runs; 2nd XI., H. Massie (165 runs), who just beat N. Besnard by five runs. In addition to the above the Sports' Club have to thank Mr. Massie for a donation of £2 2s. for the purchase of trophies for the winner of the School Championship in the Annual Swimming Carnival.

Cricket Colours have been awarded to H. Bullock, E. V. Duffy and O. G. Dent. Bullock and Dent have thus won their Triple Colours.

We have to thank Major Knox for several photographic blocks of the School, some of which we print in this issue. The two views of events at the Annual Athletic Sports' Meeting are from photographs taken by E. R. Knox.

We have to thank Miss Constance Arnold, of North Sydney, and Mrs. and Miss Woodcock, of Brisbane, for valuable presents to the Library. Miss Arnold

has given us thirteen bound volumes of Harper's Magazine, and, from Mrs. Woodcock we have received Huxley's Life and Letters, and Hoare's Evolution of the Bible, and from Miss Woodcock, Sven Hedin's "Through Asia."

The Anniversary Service will be held in the School Hall on Sunday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The Preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Goulburn.

The Annual Schools' Regatta will be held on the Parramatta River on Saturday, April 23rd. Tickets for the steamers may be obtained at the School.

Correspondence.

Dear Sir,—

FOR those who want to spend a good holiday, I highly recommend a trip to the Snowy Mountains. I must admit that it is an expensive one, and few would be able to do it unless they are good bush riders and ready to live on about two hard cakes and a few junks of salt beef a day. This might sound very poor fare, but it is only for two days that you suffer this inconvenience. I will give an account of my trip, and those desirous of visiting Kosciusko may follow in my steps. We left Sydney by the Southern Mail at 8.50 p.m. and arrived at Cooma the following morning. After breakfast we proceeded to Jindabyne, a distance of some 30 or 40 miles, arriving the same evening. Next morning we each hired a horse or pony (being particular what kind we got) and after ploughing through the Snowy

River and then the Threadbow, (the former being about 100 yds. broad) we started on an abrupt ascent. But this was not the actual peak itself. We had yet about 30 miles to go, nearly all climbing. With the pack horse and guide on ahead, (I have not mentioned the guide before, but all the same it's absolutely necessary to have one) and our three horses jogging along behind, we gradually made our way along to a very rough but level track of land a couple of miles long, and here, I can promise you, we made up for lost time. I don't think I ever held to a horse so tightly in all my life before. I bent down and "let it go." At about 5 that evening we arrived at a little hut called Bett's Camp, (Pro bono publico) 9 miles from Kosciusko. Here we stayed the night intending to go up the peak the next day, but alas, when day dawned it was pouring with rain and

the thunder roaring. Shall I ever forget the horrors of that day? Words cannot describe it, but, as usual, next morning it was a beautiful sunshiny day. At 5 a.m. we got up and made our way to the peak. It was bitterly cold and although it was mid-summer, here and there could be seen patches of snow. At last we arrived, after a stiff climb, at the highest point in Australia—Mount Kosciusko. What a view! Too beautiful to describe, that's all I can say. The old observatory was still there, but is now deserted. I can't describe our trip back, but I think it might well be called "rough riding."

W.E.K.

To the Editor of the TORCHBEARER.

Dear Sir,—It has often crossed my mind that this School ought to have a cadet corps, or failing that, a rifle club. All the other big Schools of N.S.W. have them and I don't see any reason why we should not have one as well. Friends of mine have often wondered why we lack this important feature in our School, for it is only right to teach every boy to "defend his native country." I say every boy, but he should certainly be old enough to carry a rifle and drill with it. You could safely draw a line at the age of twelve and allow no boy younger to be a member of the corps, as in my experience, once you get members younger than twelve the corps is spoiled.

I think we could pick some "good shots" out of the School, and we would then be able to compete with others.

Yours, etc.,

H.S.

To the Editor of the TORCHBEARER.

Dear Sir,—May I ask for a few lines in this issue to write to you about the advantage of having more Form Cricket than we have at present. Boys who do not play cricket regularly with the School are enticed to have a game with the result they begin to like the game and by degrees turn out good players.

To encourage this I would propose next season (although it is a long way off) to arrange competition among the Forms and to handicap them according to their abilities.

Another thing (I hope you will not mind me mentioning, as it has appeared before) is the swimming bath and tennis court that "Critic" proposed. I am sure that if boys were asked to subscribe to either of these things, they would readily do so.

As regards the ground, a square in the opposite corner to the gymnasium would be a suitable place for the swimming bath and where "Critic" proposes for the tennis court.

BELIEVER.

School Calendar.

Feb.	2nd	1st Day of Term.	
	6th	1st XI. v. Nondescripts.	Drawn. School 183 and Nondescripts 5 for 129.
	10th	1st XI. v. St. Josephs' College.	Won by 7 wickets. School 158.
	13th		and 3 for 173. St. Joseph's 78 and 240.
	19th	1st XI. v. Newington College.	Won by 4 wickets. School 242 and
	20th		6 189 for N.C., 208 and 8 for 211 (innings closed).
	26th	1st XI. v. The King's School.	Lost by 2 wickets. School 97 and
	27th		113. T.K.S. 83 and 8 for 128.
March	4th	Monthly Offertory for Mission Fund.	
	4th	1st XI. v. S.G.S.	Lost by 56 runs. School 250 and 4 for 163, and
	5th		S.G.S. 306.
	9th	1st XI. v. I. Zingari Vets.	Drawn. I. Zingari 158 and School 6 for 106.
	11th	Admission of Prefects.	
	12th	1st XI. v. North Sydney Vets.	Won. 7 for 339, to 191.
	16th	1st XI. v. Commercial Bank.	Lost. 151, to 7 for 282.
	19th	1st XI. v. University Vets.	Lost. 113, to 7 for 230.
	23rd	1st XI. v. University III.	Won. 7 for 233, to 78.
	26th	1st XI. v. Gladesville Hospital.	Lost.
	31st	Last Day of Term.	

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