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Editorial.

THE appearance of the present number of the TORCH-BEARER is coincident with a great event. And we know that we are but voicing the feelings of the School in employing our first few lines in offering our most graceful homage to our Lady Sovereign the Queen, and congratulating both herself and her Empire on the fact that she has now reigned over us longer than any of her ancestors and predecessors upon the throne. It is a constitutional privilege of schoolboys to be sportsmen, and rejoice in "records." And it is the hereditary delight of Britons to be loyal. So here let our loyalty and sportsmanship join hand in hand, and applaud with all respect and devotion the longest reign of the noblest head that ever wore the crown of England. And now let us turn from Her Majesty to a small, but we think we are right in claiming, a very loyal section of her subjects. For an account of what we have done we would refer our readers to the ensuing pages of

this number. We will only act as signposts. But we would like to claim attention for the report of the second half of the football season. We cannot congratulate ourselves on our position in the premiership matches, but we can congratulate ourselves and claim to be congratulated by all and several upon the improvement we have made since June. And the congratulation is, we venture to think, all the more deserved because we all knew that whatever efforts we made we could not very materially alter our position for the present season. But in spite of that we worked, and we have as a reward the keen satisfaction of knowing that we have set up for future years a high example of what discipline can do. And to have seriously disputed a victory with the present holders of the Championship, and drawn with The King's School is something at least to be proud of.

An account of the All Schools' Sports forms part of the present number. In this department our colours were lowered by the Sydney Grammar School, but we still have the pleasure of knowing that we improved, and that with a less liberal system of calculating points, on our last year's form. And we hope that not only ourselves, but the schools generally will continue to show improvement in this direction. Records are not as yet very brilliant, and it concerns the credit of the Schools of New South Wales to provide that mediocrity shall never prevail. We must not again lay ourselves open to the quiet sarcasm (or was it genuine ignorance ;) of a daily contemporary, and have attention specially drawn to an open high jump that did not reach five feet. Our own Sports will we hope show some good results, for the attainment of which we will recommend the unfailing specific of practice.

We believe that the Editorial of a School Magazine labours largely under the same disadvantage as the preface to a book. It is not unfrequently skipped. In the ordinary course of events the early numbers of the TORCH-BEARER will probably be as much hunted for as Egyptian papyri before it will again fall to the lot of the editors to congratulate their Sovereign on a record reign. But we sincerely trust that editors may not so seldom have to congratulate the School, as it has been our pleasant duty in this issue, on improvement in some department or other, and we would close with an injunction to our Cricket team to provide us with material of this nature for our December number.

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Forty Years Ago,

IT is pleasant when one has safely passed through difficulties to recall the circumstances under which they arose. Even hairbreadth escapes have had their charm in a consciousness that hereafter the pulse will beat quicker at their remembrance. We have not, however, to relate any marvellous adventures during this period in the expansiou of the North Shore. Nor do we think that there were at any time battles between the native tribes that frequented the North Shore fishing grounds and the white invaders. There must have been some luscious delicacies, from sharks to cockles, for the dusky braves—as the numerous "kitchen-middens" ‡ about the bays of the harbour testify. There are several to be seen within a short distance from us. On the neck of land which expands into Ball's Head are to be found rock carvings of sharks, etc.

Those who have now every convenience, including water, gas, and good roads, and every kind of convenience from railway to bicycle—and grumble on every possible occasion—little know the difficulties which beset the inhabitants forty years ago. The only made road was the Lane Cove Road leading down to Blue's Point, from which the steamers "Herald" and "Brothers" used to ply across to Windmill Street. To reach Milson's Point, where the "Ferry Queen" used to take passengers in fine weather, one had to do a considerable amount of rough walking and climbing. On arriving at the wharf he would probably find the steamer laid up for repairs or the water too rough for her majesty. The usual mode of crossing the harbour was then by watermen's boats which plied between the west side of Milson's Point and Dawes Point. Very frequently the boats were all at one side and the intending passenger required good lungs to "cooee" across from one point to the other. In rough weather the boats used to skim across under easy sail, and with skilful management were drier than the steamer. There were no penny fares, the waterman's charge being sixpence. Not unfrequently when a passenger paid his weekly subscription of two-and-six to the steamer on Monday morning he did not again see her until the following Monday.

The parishes of Willoughby, Gordon, Narrabeen and Manly were under the charge of one clergyman, still well remembered, the Rev. W. B. Clarke, who had to maintain a horse or two out of his scanty income to enable him to look after the territory entrusted to his care. He loved to call himself the Bishop of Barrenjoey. The track to Middle Head was most difficult to find, and all around and covering the North Shore were dense and in some places impassable thickets. The timber was of immense size. As soon as one landed from town he felt he was in the country. At night time the residents were obliged to carry lanterns in order to find the track and to look out for reptiles. The only church was the parish church of St. Thomas, now pulled down. It stood inside the site of the present structure on a bare patch of pipe-clay, the top soil of which had been removed to

‡ KITCHEN-MIDDENS—A name given to certain mounds along sea coasts, consisting of the cast away shells of cockles, oysters, etc., supposed to be remains of aboriginal banquets.

cover the rocks on which "Upton" was built. Now we see the close connection between the Church and School, for "Upton" is the site of our present C.E.G.S. The soil abstracted was far in excess of Naaman's mule's burden, and though, we have no doubt, that much grumbling takes place about the scanty soil on the playground, what would have been the case had not St. Thomas been deprived of his soil? As far as he is concerned had he no ground of complaint?

"Upton," originally a bungalow, was built by Commissary-General Miller. and in line with it was a house built by Commissary Walker—the site of the residence of Mr. T. A. Dibbs. Subsequently it was occupied by another Mr. Miller then by Mr. G. H. Howell (manager in Sydney of the Southern Insurance Company and secretary of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron) who died there. Mr. B. O. Holtermann, whose name is distinguished as the discoverer of the largest mass of gold in Australia, purchased the property, reconstructed and added to the house which he embellished with a tower, whence it was known as "Holtermann's Tower." The site commands such extensive panoramas as to suggest the construction of the tower. Mr. Holtermann spent considerable sums on photography and purchased the largest instrument he could obtain so as to secure a magnificent view of Sydney and neighbourhood which is still exhibited. After his death the property passed into possession of T. A. Dibbs, Esq. Messrs. Saddington and Edward Chisholm were the tenants of "Upton." It was afterwards sold by Mr. Dibbs to the Council of the School.

The name of "Upton" has been lost to the school but has been preserved in the name of a neighbouring house which has also taken unto itself the name of "Grange." What are especial features of a grange? Novelists and poets love to place their ghosts and apparitions in such houses. But the moat seems almost essential to make persons thrill. This is not in the contract, however, of the Water and Sewerage Board, so we must have the grange without the moat. Yet we have heard of the germ of a romance about old "Upton," where the sounds of revelry were one night disturbed by the noise of a rapidly driven carriage and pair. When the servant went to receive the new arrivals nothing was to be seen—carriage and all had disappeared. There was, however, a mysterious light seen in an outhouse, the key of which was in the main building. Whilst one went to fetch it another watched the light, by aid of which he averred he saw one or more persons of distinguished appearance. These vanished on the opening of the door. And "Upton" acquired the name of being haunted. The guests, we presume, carried the spirits away with them.

The present playground was the scene of a brilliant gathering of military on the second foundation of the volunteer movement. The local corps of riflemen received a gift of colours worked by their lady friends. The other corps—rifles and artillery with bands, etc.—were assembled to do them honour. The St. Leonards Company of Rifles distinguished themselves as marksmen. Amongst the survivors is our old friend Dr. R. D. Ward, who was always to the front with his rifle.

The site of "Upton Grange" used to

be the scene of many a gay gathering of the society of the North Shore, when the "Archery Club" was in existence. Remains of the old "artillery" used at these gatherings may be found in many a house in the district.

So much for Upton of forty years ago, what will the annalist have to say forty years hence? *Vitai Campada Tradunt.*

Football.

AS the Captain said in his speech at the Reunion: "1896 will be known in our Football annals as the season of greatest contrast." The tone of deep dejection predominant in the football article of last issue must now give place to one of pleasure, and almost of satisfaction. It is true that every previous season the same change has been observable, but never before has it been so pronounced. The surpassing dreadfulness of our record in the first round has never been equalled, simply because our regular disadvantages have never been so cruelly accentuated by a persistent run of ill-luck. And now we have to add that never has our team shown up so well in the second round. The scores put up against us in the former series of matches reached the truly awful total of 113 points as against which, we could only get 11. The latter series, however, closes with only 23 points against us and 19 in our favour. Our position for this second half is not at all a bad one, being almost exactly equal to that of the runners-up in the Contest. The King's School not only played a draw with us but also gained the same number of Competition points and generally had results very similar to ours.

It cannot be said that this improvement was any surprise to us, nor would a still better record have been quite unexpected. For despite the crushing defeats chronicled last term it was then evident that we had plenty of good material to work upon and only required time for preparation, and a decent amount of freedom from ill-luck, to do really well. And so much was then definitely stated. This term the fates decreed we should have just what we wanted and even more. We got to work as soon as the other schools, and further had the great good fortune of experiencing no serious defection from the first team while almost all our competitors had been weakened by losing prominent men. Then, too, since it "never rains but it pours"—at least with us and in some particular senses—we got a couple of important and unlooked-for acquisitions. Osborne, who had won his colours in 1893, but had, since 1894, been away from the School, returned to us after June, while before the Competition matches re-commenced, White, who for many months had been blocked of all athletics owing to the injury he received last cricket season, felt able to turn out for football and to play regularly thereafter. Then again, all the others of whose services we were deprived last term as the result of petty accidents, were quite restored by the mid-winter holidays. And lastly, during the second round we did not lose even temporarily a single man from the team—

an absolutely novel experience for us and one which we should like to pass through many times more.

School began again on July 14th, and no time was lost in getting to work. After several practices had been held, a mixed team of University players came over and gave us a fairly hard and very enjoyable game, the result of which was in their favour. Some ten days later the University III, in another very profitable practice match, showed us that against good combination we had many points of weakness, and again we lost, this time somewhat heavily. The lesson was a valuable one and our fellows showed they had benefited by it when on August 6th we met a strong team of Strathfield men. Through slack play in the first half we lost the game by one point, but our play showed great improvement all round. After an interval of two days the Manly Federal Club visited us, and were beaten by the narrow margin of three points. During the following week, a couple of matches arranged had to be abandoned because our opponents could not get teams and so we next played St. Ignatius' at Riverview on August 15th. This game had been awaited with considerable interest because we hoped from its results to gain some idea of our strength. We had a good hard afternoon's work and the satisfaction of a comfortable win. After this we felt confident of rendering a decent account of ourselves against any other School team.

Our first Schools' Match was against Sydney Grammar School, and on Wednesday, August 19th, a large crowd of the supporters of each side, went out to the University Oval to see the game. During the first half, the play was mostly rather ragged, but still somewhat in our favour. However, after the interval, we kept up a steady attack, which yet resulted in only one score. Still we were contented with the win of six to nil.

On the following Monday, August 24th, was played the second Schools' Match, that against St. Joseph's College. Our opponents had been most unexpectedly beaten on the preceeding Friday by S.G.S., and making some alterations in their team, came to our ground with a desperate intention to win. Failing that, they knew they would lose all chance of first place in the Competition. The match was therefore an exciting one, for we were equally bent on victory, even though we had not an equal reason. The match was won and lost only in the last few minutes of play,—chiefly as the result of excellent goal kicking by St. Joseph's, and it will be remembered as one of the toughest struggles ever seen on our ground.

Two days afterwards, came the Newington Match, which took place at Stanmore on the College Oval. For some reason or other, the team played less satisfactorily than before. The backs were frankly disappointing, while the forwards, perhaps because too much fell to their lot, were less reliable than they had previously shown themselves. We did not lose by much, but the game, in contrast to that with St. Joseph's, gave the School little pleasure.

Aware of its shortcomings in this instance, the team made ready for a determined battle against The King's School on Wednesday, September 2nd. A couple of changes were made in the back division, which strengthened its defence, though, perhaps, somewhat at the cost of its attack; while the

rest of the team remained just as before. Owing to the fact that S.G.S. had beaten St. Joseph's, while Newington had done the same to King's, a great deal depended on the result of our match. If we won or even made it a draw, The King's School could be no more than runners-up for the Premiership. If we were beaten, they would tie for it with either St. Joseph's or Newington. With so much to win, and everything to lose, we knew they would play desperately, and for all they were worth. No ordinarily good defence would serve against the brilliant back play of our opponents, if once it were allowed to get properly going. So to our forwards and halves was committed the task of keeping the game close, and where our own strength lay. The result was a very hard fought match, in which our whole team played splendidly in defence, while the forwards and halves did excellently throughout. As a result, though we were unable to score ourselves, the best efforts of the King's team were also neutralised, and we had at least the satisfaction of not being beaten.

With the King's School match, the season always finishes for us as far as active work is concerned. Regarding its results so far as they have to do with us now—for the first round has already been dealt with—we may be proud of having contributed our fair share towards the interest of a particularly exciting half season. Never before has the issue of the Schools Competition remained in doubt up to the very last matches of the second series, nor have the competing teams in any previous round been so nearly equal in strength. We proved ourselves to be at most very little inferior to the winners, and we ultimately decided whither the Premiership should go. We may therefore feel on the whole content with the second round of the 1896 competition, but only as a step to something better. It is interesting here to notice that our prospects have never looked brighter. Although, doubtless a fair number of this year's team will leave us before next season, yet we may expect the late Second, which has been more successful than most of its predecessors, to furnish many valuable recruits for the coming First Fifteen. And in future years, the rowing difficulty will be considerably mitigated, if not quite removed. We are for these reasons justified in looking forward to 1897 with eager anticipation.

And there is more besides to make us feel confident in the future, as well as pleased with the immediate past. It has been evident for a long time that the present method of playing two wing forwards is the cause of much trouble and a check to proper scientific development in Rugby Football. New South Wales is in this respect far behind New Zealand and Queensland, to say nothing of Great Britain. This season, under the guidance of that expert in football, Mr. Wm. Warbrick, the Wentworth Club gave up wing forwards and played with three halves and an extra man in the scrum. From the very first the plan proved successful, and so when Mr. Warbrick, being a North Sydney resident, happened to get up some interest in the School as a local institution, he found himself bothered with queries as to how the new game should be played and then generously set to work to instruct us in it. During the first half-season our case was hopeless,

and even his admirable tuition had no effect. But in the happier time that followed, his splendid coaching surely told, and the pleasure and possibilities of the more modern method were soon revealed. Then we finally abandoned the older arrangement. Unfortunately we cannot flatter ourselves on having done our instructor justice or on having become clever exponents of the three-halves game, but we have at any rate got a fair idea of the better style of play. Next year, in all probability, most of our opponents will take it up, and we have thus the great advantage of being beforehand and not having to work up something quite new.

For his efforts on our behalf, the gratitude of the School towards Mr. Warbrick should be and is very great. Almost every season we have been fortunate enough to gain the interest and co-operation of some good footballer. But never have we received such an amount of kindly attention as from Mr. Warbrick, whose very presence was stimulating and whose every word was valuable.

The Second Fifteen which suffered with the first in the preceding round, concluded its season very satisfactorily, losing only one match in the latter half. It contains some promising players, who have a good notion of the combined game, and may be relied upon to do very well in the First team of 1897. Uncertainty as to the umpiring, made it impossible for the Second to fully adopt the three-halves game, but at any rate one wing forward was dispensed with, and put into the scrum, while the other led a very roving life outside. Thanks chiefly to the quickness and pluck of the scrum-half, and the agility of the sole wing-forward, this plan succeeded very well, and approximated to the game played by the First.

The Third Fifteen in spite of being so unfortunate as to lose its centre three-quarter, and one or two others by the stern commands of unsympathetic doctors, managed to get through its matches very creditably indeed. Its one defeat was a narrow one, and due to bad kicking-at-goal. The success of this team shows that there is plenty of good material "coming on." It possesses several smart backs, and its forwards are hard workers, who with more knowledge of the game should prove useful in a higher team.

Leaving the discussion of the work, and promise of the season, there still remain a couple of very pleasurable events to be recorded. Great was the rejoicing in the School when the news was wired from the northern colony that W. J. S. Rundle, a not very "ancient" old boy had been selected as centre three-quarter for the Queensland Representative Fifteen. Jack Rundle—as he is still familiarly known by us—won his XV. Cap in 1893, and for the first half of Season '94 was our Football Captain, and played at centre three-quarter. When he left at the end of the second term of that year, his blazer was decorated with the three sets of letters, and now to his other athletic honours won at the School, he has added as an old boy, that of being the first to represent us in an Intercolonial Team. To see the Queenslanders play against New South Wales, quite a crowd of present members of the School went to the Cricket Ground. There our colours were conspicuous in various spots round the Oval, while, stimulated perhaps by the sight, Jack played splendidly for the honour of his colony, and the credit of the old School

Cap which he was proud to wear in preference to any newer mark of distinction.

It so happened that the tour of the Queensland team came to an end just as we were preparing to signalise the close of our own Season by the customary jollification, and so Jack Rundle was promptly put on the "distinguished guest" list for the Reunion. Unfortunately he was not able to come, and we had to regret that business compelled him to miss one of the jolliest sprees we have ever had. There is no doubt that the Football Reunion of 1896 was an unqualified success. As usual, the boys on the Sub-Committee took the affair in hand, and very modestly, they will admit that they did manage rather well. As usual too, the School responded effectively to the appeal for donations in money and kind. The Reunion of each year has always been an advance on its predecessor until now, the School can congratulate itself on having firmly established, by its own exertions controlled and guided by its own elected representatives, a really excellent and self-justified annual gathering. The division of the whole affair into two parts—a dinner and a sing-song secures a proper variety in the proceedings, and so removes all risk of tediousness. Again, an opportunity is given of first allowing the teams to foregather, and then drawing together the whole School, if not to eat and drink very much, at any rate to be exceedingly merry with them.

This year the Dinner was splendidly catered for and arranged. Not only did present members of the School proffer all sorts of delicacies, but contributions were also received from representatives of our past. Thus R. D. Hill, our last year's captain, knowing just what the Committee would like, sent down a weighty hamper from far-off Carrathool. And from nearer places came other equally welcome offers of assistance, till the Captain's heart rejoiced.

The decoration of the tables was kindly undertaken by Mrs. Robson, under whose tasteful hands the old boards took on quite a surprising air of festal grace and daintiness. The scheme of colour adopted was the familiar and appropriate Blue and White, and never have the School Colours been more cunningly represented. The general effect of the tables, commanded by the Boating trophies, embellished with artistically arranged flowers and pot plants, and brightened by the glint and gleam of silver and glass in the soft candle-light, was undeniably beautiful and a sight to remember.

Of the Dinner itself no description is necessary. As before, the invaluable co-operation of the Matron had been requested and willingly given, and that is equivalent to saying the feed was admirably managed and went without a single hitch. At its conclusion the captain gave first the toast of the Queen, and then with as little delay as possible—for the growing crowd at the windows showed that the rest of the school had arrived for the next part of the proceedings—he went on to the only other health to be proposed, that of The School. In his speech he spoke of the improved form shown by the First XV. in the latter part of the season and dwelt on the great contrast observable in this respect in 1896. Then he went on to mention many other things of football interest, becoming especially enthusiastic over our prospects in years to come.

The Sing-Song followed immediately upon the Dinner and was just as successful in its own way. The programme was listened to with much interest and joined in where necessary with a great deal of vigour.

During the interval allowed for on the programme the Committee intended to spring upon Mr. Warbrick, one of the guests of the evening, a little surprise in the shape of a presentation, subscribed to by members of the School. Unfortunately, owing to some unfavourable symptons manifesting themselves in connection with the injury he had rereceived some weeks previously, Mr. Warbrick was prevented at the last moment from coming to the Reunion, However, it was decided that Mr. Davies should be asked to go through the form of making the presentation, and that Mr. Holme should be commissioned to accept it on Mr. Warbrick's behalf. This was accordingly done amid much enthusiasm which showed the very kind feeling entertained by the School towards Mr, Warbrick, and the gratitude by which his coaching was accepted. After this interesting break proceedings were resumed, and became increasingly merry till about ten o'clock when the well-timed programme came to an end and all retired to a comfortable night's rest, though perhaps with a line from the Masters' Quartett ringing in the ears of some few who had reason to fear.—"Banish, Oh Banish, the thought of to-morrow."

THE SCHOOL MATCHES.

S.C.E.G.S. v. St. Ignatius College.—Played at Riverview on August 15th. Our team consisted of Murnin, full-back; G. W. Rundle I., Herring and Lyne, three-quarters; Bland, Abraham and White, halves; A. C. M. Gould I., E. K. Wilson I., Armstrong, J. Gould II., Sullivan, Harrison, Hopkins and Osborne, forwards. St. Ignatius won the toss and kicked with the wind which, however, helped them but little, as our forwards were too good for theirs and made the game to suit our necessities. During the whole of the first half we attacked vigorously, the excellence of the forward work and the sterling play of White at half, much more than compensating for the disadvantage of the wind. But the defence of the St. Ignatius team was very good, and their fine kicking more than once drove us a long way back. At length from a line-out from touch J. Gould picked up the ball and passing when tackled, it went to Armstrong, Wilson, Hopkins, and Osborne, the last-named touching down very near the posts. Armstrong added the extra points. After half-time we had to defend for a while, and Punch (St. Ignatius) from a loose scrum just managed to get the ball down on our line. The kick at goal was a failure, and the scores stood at 5—3 in favour of us. From this point St. Ingnatius played harder than before, but our team kept the game well in hand by increased effort. From a scrum in St. Ignatius 25, White passed to Lyne who by a clever run got over and scored, afterwards kicking a splendid goal from the try. Shortly after from about the centre of the field, White passed to Bland who sent on to Herring from whom the ball went to Lyne. The last-named very neatly dodging a couple of men got a bit in towards the centre and dropped a beautiful field goal. The whistle then blew leaving us winners by 14 points to 3.

S.C.E.G.S. v. Sydney Grammar School.—Played at the University Oval on Wednesday, August 19th. Our team was the same as that which defeated St. Ignatius with the exception of Kater who was brought up from the second to play five-eighths. In the first half we had most of the attack though we made little out of our advantage on account of the forwards not working the scrum well enough. However, both Lyne and Bland were more than once stopped just outside our opponents goal, and White headed some good rushes that only just failed of their object. At last from a throw-in from touch near the S.G.S. line, Armstrong took the ball neatly and carrying it over scored first try. Lyne's kick was excellent in direction but fell a little short. After half-time the

forward work improved and we kept up a steady attack which called forth all the S.G.S. powers of defence. On two occasions Bland got well away in the 25 and crossed the S.G.S. line, but each time only a force resulted. Then White was pulled down within a foot of the line and had his pass knocked forward. Only for the fumbling of our backs we must have scored more than once, but chance after chance was thrown away. It was left to the forwards and scrum-half not only to make the game for the backs but to do all the scoring themselves. After several resultless passing rushes, Osborne safely took a very awkward pass and just struggled over the goal-line. Again the kick was a failure. During the rest of the second half we were unable to score again and the game ended in our favour by 6 to 0. Mr. Speers was referee. After this match colours were awarded to J. Gould II.

S.C.E.G.S. v. St. Joseph's College.—For this match a couple of changes were made in our back division, Rundle going to full-back from wing three-quarter, while Levick came up from the second to take his place, and Murnin went down. This alteration considerably strengthened our last line of defence, and proved on the whole satisfactory. After kick-off we began at once to press St. Joseph's and the forwards, holding together well against the superior weight opposite them, mostly got control of the ball. The two St. Joseph wing forwards paid every attention to White who nevertheless managed to give the backs plenty to do. Unfortunately with the exception of Lyne they seem unable to take the ball cleanly and many opportunities were thereby lost. From a scrum in the St. Joseph's 25 White passed to Lyne who ran well in before he was stopped and then centred to the forwards from among whom Osborne secured and got across. The kick was not a difficult one but was missed. After this the game became very hotly contested. Just before half-time as the result of a mull in front of our goal we had to defend very strongly, but the St. Joseph forwards got the ball and scored after a determined rush. The goal being kicked left the score 5—3 against us. After half-time the match resolved itself into a forward battle and our scrum seemed for awhile to slacken off just a little with the ruinous results that might be expected under such circumstances. In a very few minutes St. Joseph's had scored again, this time right out near the boundary. But Driscoll with a magnificent kick made that fact of no consequence, and our deficiency became seven points. Then our fellows roused themselves somewhat, but St. Joseph's came again and weak tackling among the backs gave them a rather easy try from which another good goal was scored. The remainder of the second half saw our work all round make steady improvement, and before long we were attacking for all we were worth. In quick succession Lyne dropped a goal from the field and Bland got a try from which latter the goal was missed. But though we came again and again we were kept outside by the vigorous defence of St. Joseph's, the game ended with the scores 15—10 against us. Mr. Sefton kindly acted as referee. After this match colours were give to G. W. Rundle I., F. P. Hopkins I. and A. C. M. Gould I.

S.C.E.G.S. v. Newington College.—Played at Newington on August 26th. Our team was the same as that which met St. Joseph's, but its play was not by any means so satisfactory. The fumbling noticeable before among the backs, in this game made them quite useless in attack, and very unreliable in defence. The forwards, too, seemed a little out of tune, and save in their touch-line work, were, during most of the time, rather disappointing. We were not beaten by much, but for all that there is little that is pleasant to remember about the game. In the first half we led off badly, and for some little time, Newington attacked but did not score. Then our forwards pulled themselves together and got the ball down into the N.C. 25, where it chiefly remained until the interval. But though we often looked dangerous at the line-out from touch and though the forwards sent the ball out pretty well, our attack was deficient in sureness and vigour, so nothing resulted and half-time found us without the advantage of wind or sun and with no score. The N.C. had not yet gained any points, but they succeeded to the advantage we had enjoyed and not utilised. Resuming the attack they got down into our 25 from which we found it difficult to move them. At last a rush to the centre seemed to have relieved us of immediate danger, when clumsy play in our centre gave Maiden a chance to intercept a pass which he swiftly did and then ran right through the field and over our line. Our backs

made only feeble efforts to stop his course. The attempt at goal failing we kicked out and a good return forced us to defend once more. And still once again most of our backs seemed unable to do more than feebly claw at a man who ran straight by them for Litchfield picking up from behind the scrum bustled right through the centre and though tackled well by the full-back on our goal-line, managed to fall over with the ball. The extra points being added by the kick, we were left in a minority of 8 to nil. However, after this, N.C. did no more scoring, and we had another spell of attack. One of our forwards marked and punted high into the N.C. 25, where Kater and Osborne following on well, flurried the man who should have taken the ball but dropped it. The former then snapped it up and ran straight for the goal-line. Coming to the full-back he gave a splendid pass to Bland who touched down close to the posts. The kick, though an easy one, was a failure, and the score stood 8—3. Continuing to press, White fed Lyne repeatedly, but he could not break through the Newington defence, and the forwards headed by Armstrong and Osborne, and White, made a number of good dashes which were fruitless. At no-side the score was unaltered, and we lost by 8 to 3. In a match in which the whole team cannot be commended, it is necessary to mention prominent individuals. Osborne and Armstrong played consistently well among the forwards, and Rundle among the backs. White at scrum-half proved invaluable, in defence doing an extraordinary amount of determined work.

Mr. Roberts was referee.

S.C.E G.S. v. The King's School.—Played on the top ground in the St. Leonards Park, on Wednesday, September 2nd. Unfortunately we were obliged to play our last match with King's on this uneven ground which is also unprotected from the encroachment of spectators. However, there was no help for it, the inconveniences had to be endured. On this occasion as the match was expected to be a close one, a large crowd turned up to see the fun and kept those in charge of the side lines very busy seeing that the field of play was left to the players. In consquence of the exertions put forth no harm to the game was caused by the onlookers but they were somewhat of a nuisance for all that. Our back team was rearranged for this match in consequence of the weakness shown against N.C. and in view of the fact that the best possible defence would be an absolute necessity, at least during some parts of the game against King's. So the 2nd centre three-quarter—Holtermann, was brought up to take that position, while Bland went out on the right wing three-quarter and Lyne came in to five-eighths. When the match began a strong breeze was blowing from the south, and the length of the ground being from north to south, the choice of ends was a matter of consequence. K.S. were fortunate enough to win the toss and have the advantage of the wind. As a result we soon had them down in our twenty-five and straining every nerve to score. But our forwards under the direction of Sullivan and with White working the scrum kept the game very tight and out alongside the more sheltered touch-line. At length our hard forward tackling, good dribbling and superior line work began to win us relief and gradually the ball was worked back and at last into the K.S. 25. From a scrum, ordered there as the result of a mark-kick improperly taken, White got well away and passed to Kater who sent the ball on to Lyne. The pass was not easy to get hold of but Lyne snapped it up smartly and running on was overtaken a few yards from the goal line and well tackled by J. Futter. We continued to attack hotly but the forwards in the general excitement lost their heads a little and forgot to give their backs enough chances. In the second half of the game the K.S. team played strenuously and did some brilliant work the combination of Manchee J. and F. Futter and Barton several times necessitating heroic efforts in defence. Our forwards still proved able to keep the game very close though they let it open out more in attack. From a scrum well within K.S. territory White passed towards Bland but Barton intercepting beautifully got right up the field to Rundle who accounted for him very effectually. After some tight work in the centre the ball was worked back again and Armstrong cleverly taking a throw-in from touch got well up the field and passed to Sullivan who sent on to Osborne who lost the ball. Again the forwards got going but over eagerness spoilt the rush. Still they persisted and Armstrong again broke away only to slip as he attempted to pass causing a scrum for throw-

forward. King's attempting to relieve by kicking gave White a chance for a mark which he took, afterwards punting well down the field to the K.S. full-back. More kicking followed among the backs and our forwards excitedly following on from offside lost us about forty yards. Then came some furious but well executed assaults on our line. One dash by Barton nearly gave Kings the long desired score but he had to run too close to the boundary and when he crossed the goal-line put his foot out of touch-in-goal, a very near thing for us. Then they came again and from a throw-in in our twenty-five Manchee bounced the ball in crookedly and running over was of course recalled. Then after some good punting by Lyne we got clear and White ran almost to the K.S. in-goal but was brought down and had his pass blocked. The rest of the game consisted of heavy forward work and the final whistle went without any score having been made on either side. Mr. Macmanamy as referee.

After this match colours were given to Kater and Harrison.

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

2nd XV. v. Fairlawn Grammar School.—Played on our ground on July 29th, and won by 27—0. Tries were obtained by Kater (3), Yeomans (2), Levick, Ritchie, Parton, and Waine, but from the whole nine not a single goal was kicked. Our forwards simply did as they pleased in the scrum, and we really should have scored more heavily.

2nd XV. v. Newington II.—Played at Newington College on the 5th of August, and won by us after a very good game in which Ritchie scored the only points obtained in the match.

2nd XV. v. Scot's College I.—Played at Scots College ground on August 12th, and won by 33—6. For us Levick, Abraham and Herring scored two tries each, Aiken and Holtermann one each, while Boydell and Rundle II. kicked a couple of goals

2nd XV. v. Sydney Grammar School II.—Played on our ground on Wednesday, 19th August, and lost by 25 to 10, Aiken and Levick scoring for us, and goals being kicked by Holtermannn and Rundle II. Up to half-time we had the better of the game, and the score at the interval stood 10—8 in our favour. But after that the S.G.S. won comfortably.

2nd XV. v. Newington II.—Played on our ground on August 26th, and won by 16—3. Holterman, Aiken and Abraham scored tries, while Rundle II. kicked a penalty goal and two goals from tries.

2nd XV. v. The King's School II.—Played at Parramatta on September 2nd, and won by 26—10. In the first half owing to a slight knock received, one of our forwards had to leave the field, and the rest among whom were two emergencies did not settle down to work till nearly half time. When they did the game continued somewhat in our favour. Tries were scored by Herring (2), Clarke (3), Aiken (1), and Rundle II. kicked four goals out of six attempts. The play of Holdsworth at scrum half contributed a good deal towards the scoring though he did not actually get across the line.

THIRD TEAM MATCHES.

3rd XV. v. Australian College.—August 12th. Won by 20—8. Tries were obtained by Ritchie, Harriott and Yeoman's, and Friend kicked a goal.

3rd XV. v. S.G.S. Lower School.—August 19th. Lost by 10—6. Tries were got by Fuller and Westgarth I., but the attempts at goal were poor, and by their failure lost the match.

3rd XV. v. Newington III.—August 26th. Drawn, 3—3. Yeomans scored for us but no goal was kicked.

3rd XV. v. The King's School.—September 2nd. Won, 53—0. Though without a couple of their best men who had gone as emergencies with the 2nd to Parramatta the third scored a very easy win in this match. Tries were obtained by Moore (4), R. C. Wilson (2), J. Wilson (2), Jaques, Allen, Friend, Westgarth I. and Gunning, and goals were kicked by Friend and Hale.

The following tables show at a glance the season's records:—

FIRST FIFTEEN (School Matches).

Date.	Against.	Result.
May 20	Sydney Grammar School	Lost. 11—6
„ 27	The King's School	Lost. 51—0
June 2	St. Joseph's College	Lost. 40—0
„ 5	Newington College	Lost. 11—5
August 15	St. Ignatius College	Won. 14—3
„ 19	Sydney Grammar School	Won. 6—0
„ 24	St. Joseph's College	Lost. 15—10
„ 26	Newington College	Lost. 8—3
Sept. 2	The King's School	Drawn. 0—0

First half-season.

Total points: for, 11; against, 113.

Second half-season:

Total points: for, 33; against, 26.

FIRST FIFTEEN (Other Matches).

Date.	Against.	Result.
May 16	Old Boys' Team	Won. 16—9
July 24	An University Team	Lost. 19—10
August 4	University III.	Lost. 25—0
„ 6	Strathfield	Lost. 12—11
„ 8	Manly Federal	Won. 20—17

Total Points: for, 57; against, 82.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

Date.		Against.	Result.	
May	20	Sydney Grammar School II.	Lost.	26—0
,,	27	The King's School II.	Lost.	28—5
June	3	Newington College II.	Lost.	12—0
July	29	Fairlawn Grammar School	Won.	27—0
August	5	Newington College II.	Won.	3—0
,,	12	Scot's College I.	Won.	33—6
,,	19	Sydney Grammar School II....	Lost.	25—10
,,	26	Newington College II.	Won.	16—3
Sept.	2	The King's School II.	Won.	26—10

First half-season.

Total points: for, 5; against, 66.

Second half-season.

Total points: for, 115; against, 44.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

Date.		Against.	Result.	
May	20	Sydney Grammar School III.	Lost.	30—0
,,	27	The King's School III.	Won.	29—6
,,	30	The Australian College	Lost.	6—5
June	10	Sydney Grammar School (under 15)... ...	Won.	13—0
August	12	The Australian College	Won.	20—8
,,	19	Sydney Grammar School, Lower School ...	Lost.	10—6
,,	26	Newington College III.	Drawn.	3—3
Sept.	2	The King's School III.	Won.	53—0

First half-season

Total Points: for, 47; against, 42.

Second half-season.

Total Points: for, 82; against, 21.

THE FIRST FIFTEEN.

* SULLIVAN, E. M. (Captain). Forward. Strong and heavy, works hard in the scrum, fast in the open, and neat in handling the ball Tackling vigorous. Previously weak in dribbling but improved.

* OSBORNE, D. W. T.—Forward. One of the very best school forwards of the season. Tackling, and line work excellent. Dribbling very fine indeed. Scrum work clever but sometimes prejudiced by over-eagerness. Very determined and reliable.

* ARMSTRONG, J. N. F.—An excellent all-round forward wonderfully improved this year. Dribbled cleverly and never met a better man at the line-out. Tackled strongly and always made his weight felt in the scrum.

* WHITE, A. B. S.—Scrum half. Best we have ever had, and a really fine player, quite up to a high Senior Standard. Tackling, saving and kicking faultless. Strong runner, very clever with the ball, always used his intelligence, and played up to the limit of his physical powers.

* LYNE, J.—Wing three-quarter or five-eighths Very clever drop-kick, neat at handling the ball, skilful tricky runner and able to tackle well. Had his "off" days.

* BLAND, F. C. B.—Wing three-quarter or five-eighths. Very fast, and most difficult to get hold of when properly going. Could tackle really well. Often uncertain, and apt to fumble.

* WILSON, E. K.—Forward. Came on very fast during last half-season. Dribbling very good, tackling and following—on sometimes first-class and never less than decent. Sometimes injudiciously picked up instead of using the feet. Scrum work occasionally deficient.

* GOULD, H. J.—Forward. A good steady worker and always to be relied on. Determined tackler and kept on the ball. Good in the open, and was learning to dribble nicely.

* RUNDLE, G. W.—Three-quarter or full-back. Did lots of good defensive work for the team especially in latter position. Tackling excellent and kicking very good. Inclined to fumble and lacks coolness, but is determined, and should do very well after gaining a little more experience.

* HOPKINS F. P.—Forward. Willing, and spared no effort. Tackled strongly but sometimes got over-excited, and so made mistakes that a cool player would avoid.

* GOULD, A. C. M. Forward. Slow but powerful and with a good reach. Useful at line out and could tackle and pass well.

* KATER, E. D.—Five-eighths. Worked fairly into the combination. Passed and kicked well. Tackling sometimes weak.

* HARRISON, E. F.—Forward. Work not uniformly good and reliable, but could play a hard game.

HERRING, E. E.—Centre three-quarter. Promised well, but proved rather disappointing. Could pass and tackle and take the ball decently, but sometimes went unaccountably wrong.

LEVICK, N. G.—Wing three-quarter. Fast, and goes about his work in proper style. Lacking in coolness, and inexperienced. Should do well.

* Holders of team colours.

THE SECOND FIFTEEN.

Murrin, full-back; Aiken, Holtermann, Ritchie, three-quarters; Clarke and Holdsworth, halves; C. Abraham I., wing-forward; C. W. Rundle II., Boydell, Hobson, Parton, T. Dent, I. Harriott, Waine, N. E. Giblin I., forwards.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

J. E. Forsyth II., full-back; G. M. Westgarth I., R. C. Wilson II., Moore, three-quarters; Gunning and Yeomans, halves; Jaques, wing-forward; Mosely, Blaxland, J. Wilson IV., Hale, Allen, Friend, Cope, Keys, forwards.

Cricket.

SPRING coming—the swallows reappear, and with those interesting visitors we say good-bye to football and revel in cricket, with emotions expressed more calmly but probably felt more deeply, at least, by those whose appreciation of the game has been considerably developed. The excitement of a game of football is too intense, one has scarcely time to estimate at its full value the various plots and counterplots of the game; before us in rapid succession passes a sort of panorama, now the closely packed and swaying scrum, and now "chance, and craft, and strength, in single fights," till the final blast of the umpire's whistle rescues the unfortunate ball. Cricket on the other hand is a sort of "linked sweetness long drawn out." What could be more thoroughly enjoyable than to bat and bowl and field on a beautiful green sward in the bright sunshine with the air gently stirred by the cooling breeze? Every cricketer knows the thrill that comes when he has bowled just the ball that was wanted, or made a good catch, or timed the ball to a nicety and sent it rolling to the fence. The old player too, though he has been compelled reluctantly to give up cricket for Bowls, feels the old sensations again, as he watches the younger generation bringing out the fine points of the game.

There was little time lost by the cricket authorities in getting to work this term. On Wednesday, September 2nd the football season closed with our matches against The King's School. On the following day the pitches were uncovered, the nets were up, and bats and balls very much in evidence.

Our prospects for next term are distinctly satisfactory; of our last term's Eleven only one (Purves) is missing, and there is considerable choice in filling his place.

Our captain, White, who has a brilliant batting record so far, has quite recovered from the injury he received during his innings against Newington; Armstrong should be a good vigorous bat, Hopkins possesses excellent defence but is still too cramped, Holdworth is likely to give bowlers a lot of trouble, in Levick we have a very promising bat, he hits very hard and clean, but must stand up to his work. Sullivan, Dent, Holtermann and Bland are all showing considerable improvement. Rundle I. is still too stiff, this can be overcome only by practiec.

Our bowling too may be really good. Dent and White were very successful in the last terms matches, while Holtermann who was brought up into the team for the Newington match, obtained 5 wickets for 15 runs, while Levick, Armstrong and Holdsworth are fair change bowlers. There are a number of others to draw from; Allen is shaping well; Lyne, Gould and Harriott have all played in the first team. Clarke who has returned to us from Uppingham, promises to develope into a good bat, he has some good strokes and with practice should become very useful, has a fair idea of bowling and fielding. Arrangements have been made for the Eleven to practice on the North Shore Oval on Mondays, but this is not nearly sufficient,

as it means that, for the whole of the half season, we can practice only six times on turf. It is the best we can do at present, but it is a great disadvantage to labour under.

S.C.E.G.S. v. I. Zingari Veterans.—Our opening match was played on the School ground on Saturday 12th September. In the absence of White, Armstrong captained the team and won the toss, the arrangement being made that we should bat for 1½ hours, and the Veterans for an hour and a quarter.

Allen made 9, then Armstrong and Hopkins carried the score to 63, and retired for 24 and 27 respectively. Levick quickly compiled 19 by good free hitting. Holdsworth and Holtermann retired both shaping nicely. With 106 to make, our visitors sent in Messrs. C. Lloyd and Hodgson to the bowling of Dent and Holtermann, but the Veterans were evidently not in practice and were all out for 86. H. Palmer being absent. The School won by 20 runs.

The following are the scores :—

C.E.G.S.

Hopkins, retired	27
Allen, c Halligan, b Smith	9
Armstrong, retired	24
Holdsworth, retired	1
Clarke, c Christian, b Palmer	0
Bland, c Fairfax, b Palmer	4
Sullivan, c Smith, b Radford	1
Levick, h.o.w., b Palmer	19
Holtermann, retired	6
Lyne, not out	12
Dent, not out	0
Sundries	3
Total	106

I. ZINGARI VETERANS.

C. F. Lloyd, b Holtemann	14
C. G. Hodgson, b Dent	14
N. McLaurin, c Hopkins, b Dent	14
Christian, c Hopkins, b Holtermann	1
L. F. Lloyd, b Dent	0
W. B. Fairfax, run out	6
Radford c Hopkins, b Dent	8
M. R. Halligan, c Levick, b Holt'mn.	4
Smith, b Levick	19
T. B. Fairfax, not out	3
H. Palmer, absent	0
Sundries	3
Total	86

Dent took 3 wickets for 39. Holtermann, 3 for 42. Levick, 2 for 2.

Athletic Sports.

OUR Fifth Annual Meeting will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The events will be the same as in the programme for last year, with the exception that a wheel-barrow race (pairs to be declared on the ground) is substituted for the three-legged, and there will be a form flag race, of which the following is a description :—The different forms will be handicapped, and six members of the form will make up the team. Any form may enter one or more teams. The captain of the form will arrange his team behind the starting line. Each captain will then toe the starting line with the left foot, holding their respective flags aloft in the right hand. On the start being given, the captain should make off, touch the tape placed at a distance of 100 yards from the starting post and then make for home. On passing the post they hand the flag to number two of their respective sides, who should at once make off, touch the tape, return to the starting line, and hand the flag to number three of their side. Number three, four and five do the same, and the number six who brings the flag home first will win the race for his side.

There seems to be some doubt amongst some of the competitors as to how the tug-of-war should be decided. The following are the rules given by the

A. A. A., and which will be followed at our Sports Meeting:

The teams shall consist of equal numbers of competitors.

The rope shall be of sufficient length to allow for a "pull" of twelve feet, and for twelve feet slack at each end, together with four feet for each competitor; it shall not be less than four inches in circumference and shall be without knots or other holdings for the hands. A centre tape shall be fixed to the centre of the tape, and six feet on each side of the centre tape two side tapes shall be affixed to the rope. A centre line shall be marked on the ground, and six feet on either side of the centre line two side lines parallel thereto. At the start the rope shall be taut, and the centre tape shall be over the centre line, and the competitors shall be outside the side lines.

The start shall be by word of mouth. During no part of the pull shall the foot of any competitor go beyond the centre line. The pull shall be won when one team shall have pulled the side tape of the opposing side over their own side line. No competitor shall wear boots or shoes with any projecting nails or points of any kind. No competitor shall make any hole in the ground with his feet or in any other way before the start. No competitor shall wilfully touch the ground with any part of his person but his foot. If more than two teams compete, the final heat shall be won by two pulls out of three.

Boys continually ask "what is the best way to train for a race?" As the holidays come before the Sports the following few hints taken mostly from the "Badmington" and other volumes on athletics, may prove useful;—

The best practice for a 100 yards race is to have continual bursts of thirty yards or so with another man who is as good or rather better than yourself. Striving to keep pace with a better man, or to cateh a man in front whom you can catch, involuntarily forces a man to do a little better than his previous best if he is capable of it. A man should never practise sprinting alone; he becomes sluggish, and can never really tell whether he is doing well or ill. After half-a-dozen of these spins he should take a few minutes' rest and then run the full distance or a burst of 70 or 80 yards before he goes in to have a rub down.

If he is training for a longer distance he must of course accustom himself to longer trials, but as a general rule for all practice it may be laid down that a man should very rarely run a trial for more than two-thirds of the distance for which he is training.

In short sprints, the start is, of course, almost half the battle, and a man should be continually practising a start and a ten yards' run. If no pistol is handy it is not a bad device to fling a stone over one's head and start as soon as it is heard to fall to the ground.

In training for a mile, the object is firstly to be able to last the full distance, and secondly, when able to last all the way to gradually increase the pace throughout, being careful to keep it as uniform as possible. A trial or two may be started, but ought not to be completed if likely to put a strain on the competitor. As good a way as any is to run several quick half-miles and slow three-quarter miles, alternately, only running every other day. Running a mile twice only before the day is sufficient. Walking

exercise is strongly recommended for strengthening the leg muscles without overstraining the competitor.

As to Jumping.—For the broad jump practice should begin at least three or four weeks before the competition and should be indulged in daily. As a rule four or five jumps per day are enough, more than this is liable to make a man stale. The length of run up to the jump is a matter of taste, but 40 yards will be generally found a convenient distance A great authority on long jumping gives as advice :—Don't jump too much ; when you do jump use all yonr pace, never alter your stride. and jump *much higher* than you feel inclined to.

For the high jump the following hints are given :—Don't run too hard at the jump, trust to the last three strides to get up sufficient pace, and take off about half the height of the jump from the bar.

As to diet, all authorities agree on good plain food and to drink as little as possible. Try and restrain the craving of thirst. Half a pint of liquid three times a day ought to be sufficient, unless a cup of cocoa be added in the evening.

The G.P.S. Combined Sports' Meeting.

THE Second Annual Championship Sports in connection with the G.P.S.A.A.A. took place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, September 5. There was a large attendance including the Governor and Vice-Regal party, and everything passed off most satisfactorily, thanks to the management of Mr. Geo. P. Barbour, of the Sydney Grammar School. The Sports were under the auspices of the N.S.W.A.A., and all the officials on the day were appointed by them. The Championship was won very easily by the Sydney Grammar School, and they deserve every congratulation on their great victory. It is to be hoped that the Committee will another year find it advisable to devote two days to the meeting, all heats, &c., to be decided on the first day. All the competitions on one day is too much an exertion for some of the boys.

Our representatives who performed quite as well as was expected of them took second place in the Championship, with a score of 30 points, beating last year's record, when they won first place by four points. It was very satisfactory to find them placed in all events, except two.

Our representatives were the following :—

100 yards—F. C. B. Bland, and N. G. Levick.

220 yards—F. C. B. Bland, N. G. Levick. and J. Lyne.

440 yards—C. D. Abraham, F. C. B. Bland, and J. Lyne.

440 Team Race—C. D. Abraham, F. C. B. Bland, H. J. Gould, J. Lyne.

One Mile Team—C. D. Abraham, T. D. Hopkins, J. Lyne, E. K. Wilson.

120 yards Hurdles—A. Ritchie, A. B. S. White.

Broad Jump—F. C. B. Bland, E. E. Herring.

High Jump—E. F. Harrison, E. E. Herring, N. G. Levick.
Kicking Football—J. N. F. Armstrong, J. Lyne, A. B. White.
Throwing Cricket Ball—J. N. F. Armstrong, H. G. Harriott, N. G. Levick.
100 yards under 15—H. D. Cowper, H. V. Jaques, C. W. Rundle.
440 yards under 15—N. W. Abraham, A. D. Blaxland, H. D. Cowper.
150 yards under 13—H. M. Barker, W. Glen, H. D. Walker.

The results were as follows :—

100 Yards (under 15).
C. W. Rundle, S.C.E.G.S. (1)
G. D. Midleton, T.K.S. (2)
C. McCrae, S.G.S. (3)
Won by 6 inches in 12 1-5 secs.

440 Yards.
H. Gould, S.G.S. (1)
H. A. Jones, S.G.S. (2)
C. D. Abraham, S.C.E.G.S. (3)
Won by 2 yards in 54 secs.

Kicking the Football.
J. Lyne, S.C.E.G.S. (1)
S. Simmonds, N.C. (2)
J. N. F. Armstrong, S.C.E.G.S. (3)
53 yards 3 inches.

150 Yards Handicap.
C. Campbell, S.G.S. (1) 9 yds.
G. Campbell, S.G.S. (2) 12 ,,
C. Smith, C.A. (3) 13 ,,
Won by a yard in 16 1-10 secs.

100 Yards.
A. H. Stewart, S.G.S. (1)
N. G. Levick, S.C.E.G.S. (2)
F. C. B. Bland, S.C.E.G.S. (3)
Won by 1½ yards in 11 1-10 secs.

150 Yards (under 13).
J. V. Hienton, S.G.S. (1)
J. H. McLaughlin, S.G.S. (2)
W. Glen, S.C.E.G.S. (3)
Won by 5 yards in 19 1-5 secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.
N. J. Smith, A.S.C. (1)
C. S. Browne, S.G.S. (2)
R. M. Holt, A.S.C. (3)
108 yards 4 inches.

440 Yards (under 15).
G. D. Midleton, T.K.S. (1)
C. McCrae, S.G.S. (2)
H. W. Street, S.G.S. (3)
Won by a yard in 62 secs.

Broad Jump.
N. J. Smith, A.S.C. (1) 19 ft. 3 in.
F. C. B. Bland, S.C.E.G.S. (2) 18 ft. 11 in.
A. H. Stewart, S.G.S. (3) 18 ft. 9 in.

440 Yards Handicap.
W. Buchanan, (35 yds.) S.G.S. (1)
E. K. Wilson, (35 yds.) S.C.E.G.S. (2)
E. M. Sullivan (25 yds.) S.C.E.G.S. (3)
Won by 8 yards in 53 1-5 secs.

220 Yards (under 15) Handicap.
D. C. Close (6 yds.) S.G.S. (1)
J. V. Hinton (8 yds.) S.G.S. (2)
27 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.
W. P. Lindsay, S.G.S. (1)
A. Ritchie, S.C.E.G.S. (2)
H. Mackenzie, S.G.S. (3)
19 secs.

440 Yards Team.
S.G.S. 7 points (1)
S.C.E.G.S. 16 ,, (2)
A.S.C. 23 ,, (3)

Mile Visitors.
J. F. McGuinnes, D.H., 130 yds. (1)
J. Kelly, S.H., 95 yds. (2)
Won by 10 yards in 4 min. 28 secs.

150 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.
S. N. Stevens, S.C.E.G.S., 10 yds. (1)
O. A. Smith, S.G.S. scratch (2)
E. A. Pettitt, S.G.S., 5 yds. (3)
Won by a yard in 16 2-5 secs.

High Jump.
W. P. Lindsay, S.G.S. (1)
E. F. Harrison, S.C.E.G.S. (2)
A. H. Stewart, S.G.S. (3)
4 feet 11½ inches.

440 Yards Obstacle.
F. C. V. Lane, S.G.S. (1)
A. C. McCrae, S.G.S. (2)
1 min. 32 secs.

220 Yards.
A. H. Stewart, S.G.S. (1)
N. G. Levick, S.C.E.G.S. (2)
H. Gould, S.G.S. (3)
Won by 2 yards in 24 2-5 secs.

One Mile Team Race.
S G.S., 15 points (1)
T.K.S., 47 points (2)
S.C.E.G.S. 49 points (3)
Time, 5 mins. 11 4-5 secs.

The Committee of the Sports beg to thank the following for prizes presented for the various handicaps (the association medals being awarded for Championship events) :—

Messrs. A. H. McCrae & Co., F. Lassetter & Co., D. Jones & Co., Turner and Henderson, Holdsworth, McPherson and Co., the N.S.W. Rugby Union, and the Masters of the Combined Schools.

The following is a summary of the points scored in the Championship events for 1895 and 1896. The records for the English Public Schools are also given, and it is to be hoped that at our next meeting, the N. S. Wales Schools will equal or better them. Unfortunately the full list of English School records for '95 and '96 is not to hand.

	100 yards under 15.	440 yards Champion.	Kicking Football	100 yards Champion.	150 yards under 13.	Throwing Cricket Ball	440 yards under 15.	Broad Jump.	120 yards Hurdles.	440 yards Team Race	High Jump	220 yards Champion.	Mile Team Race	Total 1896	Total 1895
Newington College	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
The King's School	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	22
Syd. Ch. of Eng. Grammar School	3	1	3 and 1	3 and 1	1	0	0	3	3	4	2	3	2	30	26
All Saints College, Bathurst	0	0	0	0	0	3 and 1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	11	—
Cooerwull Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Scot's College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Sydney Grammar School	1	5 and 3	0	5	3 and 2	2	2 and 1	1	5 and 1	8	3 and 1	5 and 1	8	57	19
Time, etc., 1896	$12\frac{1}{5}$	54	yd. in. 53 7	$11\frac{1}{10}$	$19\frac{1}{5}$	yd. in. 103 4	62	ft. in. 19 3	19	—	ft. in. 4 $11\frac{1}{2}$	$24\frac{2}{5}$	$5.11\frac{4}{5}$	—	—
Time, etc., 1895	—	$54\frac{4}{5}$	62 0	$10\frac{4}{5}$	$21\frac{1}{5}$	99 0	—	17 5	$19\frac{8}{10}$	—	5 3	$24\frac{1}{5}$	5.20	—	—
English Public Schools	—	$53\frac{2}{5}$	—	$10\frac{2}{5}$	—	102 12	—	22 0	$16\frac{4}{5}$	—	5 $4\frac{1}{2}$	—	4.48	—	—

Old Boys Union.

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

THE following have been notified since the last issue: J. H. Wilson, Bundabella, Brewarrina.

The following are now at the Agricultural College, Richmond: E. Heron, N. Cox, E. Twyman, A. Parkes, Spain; L. F. Uther, and D. S. F. Wilson.

The following has joined to the Union since our last issue: J. W. Purves, St. Malo, Ridge Street, North Sydney; F. A. A. Russell. C. M. Fetherstonhaugh. c/o Nessrs. Dalgety & Co., Sydney.

There is very little to chronicle about the doings of the Old Boys. We all heartily congratulate W. J. S. Rundle on being picked to represent Queensland in the Intercolonial Football match, and also S. N. Stevens on winning the Old Boys' 150 yards handicap in the Combined Schools Athletic Sports and N. Cox winning the Championship at the Agricultural College. G. R. C. Clarke has been elected on the selection Committee of the Sydney University Cricket Club.

J. H. Wilson (Peter) in a letter to the Hon. Sec. wrote, "If you saw me walk into the School grounds you would not know me, being so small when at school, but I am now a six footer, and bring the scale down at something near twelve stone."

T. S. L. Armstrong writing from Coongoola, Queensland, suggests the formation of a S.C.E.G.S. Club on the same lines as the old Scotch Collegians Club, Melbourne, only on a smaller scale." We hope in the near future to see this accomplished, but for the present it would be quite impracticable.

N. A. W. Conolly in a letter from Bedford Grammar School (England) writes, I am leaving school this term and am entering one of the hospitals. The School is sending a boat (VIII) to Henley this year to compete for the Ladies Challenge Plate. I have got my colours for bow. We are fairly fast but do not expect to beat Eton who are as good as ever this year Radley are a very heavy lot and a few weeks ago averaged 12 stone all through the boat The Yale crew are very heavy but the general opinion is that they will have no chance at all against either the Leander VIII., or New College, Oxford, who were head of the river at Oxford, and who were exceptionally fast and well together. The School Sports this year were exceptionally good, and we broke the record for the Public Schools with a long jump of 22 feet. Our School XV. has not been beaten by any others for more than eight years, and are very strong. The 1st XV. played matches against Oxford and Cambridge "A" teams. Each contained seven blues, and the Cantabs two internationals. They beat the School, but only by one goal, and one try to nil, which was very creditable.

Will other Old Boys follow the example of the above, and send us some account of their doings?

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The Hon. Treasurer will be glad to hear from members, if there is any mistake in the above list.

The School Athletic Sports take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, October 14. Entries for the Old Boys' Handicap close on Tuesday, October 6th.

Present members of the School are reminded of the following rule:—

Boys in the last term at School may join the Union, but not be members till they have left.

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

1896		
June	17	Combined Schools *v.* University F.C. Lost 17 to 16. Our representatives: E. M. Sullivan and J. N. F. Armstrong.
June	19	End of Term.
July	14	1st day of Term. No. on Roll: 34 boarders and 94 day boys. C. E. Robin, Esq., B.A., and K. ff. Swanwick Esq., B.A. join the staff, vice F. A. A. Russell, Esq., B.A. resigned.
July	29	2nd XV. *v.* Fairlawn Grammar School. Won, 29 to nil.
August	4	1st XV. *v.* University III. Lost 30 to 3.
August	5	2nd XV. *v.* Newington College II. Won 3 to 0.
August	6	1st XV. *v.* Strathfield F.C. Lost 12 to 11.
August	8	1st XV. *v.* Manly Federal. Won, 20 to 17.
August	12	2nd XV. *v.* Scot's College. Won, 34 to 6.
		3rd XV. *v.* Australian College. Won, 23 to 8
August	15	1st XV. *v.* St. Ignatius College. Won, 14 to 3.
August	19	1st XV. *v.* S.G.S. Won, 6 to 0.
		2nd X.V. *v.* S.G.S. II. Lost, 25 to 10.
		3rd XV. *v.* S.G.S. Lower School. Lost, 10 to 6.
August	24	1st XV. *v.* St. Joseph's College. Lost, 15 to 10.

August	26	1st XV. *v.* Newington College I. Lost, 8 to 3.
		2nd XV. *v.* N.C. II. Won, 26 to 3.
		3rd XV. *v.* N.C. III. Drawn, 3 to 3.
August	27	J. de V. Lamb, Esq. elected Member of Council *vice* J. St. Vincent Welch, Esq., resigned.
September	2	1st XV. *v.* T.K.S. Draw, 0 to 0
		2nd XV. *v.* T.K.S. II. Won, 26 to 10.
		3rd XV. *v.* T.K.S. III. Won 51 to 0.
September	5	Combined Schools Athletic Sports' Meeting.
		S.G.S. Champion School.
September	12	1st XI. *v.* I. Zingari Veterans. Won 106 to 86
		Annual Football Supper and Reunion.
September	19	1st XV. *v.* Old Boys. Won, 105 to 79,

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