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Editorial.



THE passage of time be measured not by the mere lapse of days and months and years, but by the importance of the events which occupy them, truly a long period has elapsed since last the Editor of THE TORCH-BEARER was called to address his readers. In these few months the old century has given place to the new, another monarch reigns over us in place of her whom we so truly loved and so deeply revered, and our land from being one of a group of colonies has been raised to the dignity of a State of the Australian Commonwealth

—a Commonwealth born amid such auspicious surroundings as give fair ground for the expectation of rapid and harmonious development. When to these changes affecting all mankind, the widely scattered members of our Empire, and our own and neighbouring communities, we add that the School too, under a new Head Master, enters on another period of its history, we may well consider the present as for us especially the commencement of an epoch, and a time to consider what lessons we can draw from the past for our guidance in the future. So rapid has been the march of science, and so great the progress of material well-

being during the nineteenth century that it is hard indeed for those born in its later decades to picture to themselves the conditions of life at its commencement, or even at the beginning of the long and glorious reign that has so lately closed. So different was the life of the men of the early part of the last century from our own, so irksome would it seem to us, that a great gulf of time and not merely a century would seem to separate us from them. Yet all this marvellous advance resulted from learning from the history of the past to avoid its errors, and taking fullest advantage of the opportunities the present afforded. From us as the heirs of all the ages, and more especially of this remarkable age, more will be expected in proportion as our knowledge is increased by the experience of the past and our opportunities enlarged, and we must see that under these better conditions the rate of national progress is not only maintained but accelerated. But national progress is after all the sum of individual effort, and hence each and all of us can help in the great work by doing our duty, whatever it may be, in a whole-hearted, thorough and conscientious fashion, that the lamp may be handed on to our successors, not only undimmed; but glowing with ever brighter radiance. That Australians in general and Old Boys of this School in particular have not been neglectful of their duty in this respect towards the Empire to which we are all proud to belong, the records of the last year or two abundantly prove. It is for their successors, yet too young to take upon them the actual burdens of Empire to see that in the future the Imperial idea so characteristic of the closing years of the last century is never allowed to

suffer eclipse, but is rather brought nearer to consummation, and to show by similar practical devotion their loyalty to the King who now reigns over them, as did their predecessors to her who so long ruled them so wisely and so well. Their political life again will be lived in a less restricted area, and they must endeavour—to use a French expression—to shed their provincial skin, and remember that all are now Australians and that parochial differences have been buried in national union. The future stability of the Commonwealth rests in the political wisdom and conscientiousness of its citizens, and they cannot too early resolve for its sake to act always as seems best for its interests, putting aside all personal prejudices or predilections and determining, “because right is right, to follow right,” that these interests may be protected and maintained. We are not, of course, advising our readers to undertake the study, much less the solution of the difficult problems that must be faced in the coming years, but merely to form in youth the habit of dispassionately examining facts and forming their own conscientious conclusions after due deliberation and attention to the arguments on both sides. It is too often forgotten that the importance of education lies in the mental habits formed much more than in the information acquired, and surely no habit can be more valuable to the future citizens of a free Commonwealth than that of careful examination and calm and informed judgment. Just as our fore-runners in the Commonwealth and the Empire have handed down to us possessions to be maintained and principles of truth and liberty to be enforced and extended, so have the Old Boys of the

School entrusted to our keeping the good name their efforts have won for it. It is the bounden duty then of every member of the School to see that by no act on his part does its fair fame suffer. Whether in work or play, in the class-room and examination hall, or in the cricket or football fields, and on the river, his one thought should be that those who went before him strove hard to win a place and

a name for their School and that place and name he is in honour bound to do his utmost to maintain and advance. His ancestors have handed down to him an Empire founded on loyalty, truth, and liberty, which it is his privilege to inherit and maintain, while his predecessors in the School have left him an example of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty which it should be his delight to follow.

Annual Prize Day.

THE Annual Prize Day took place on Thursday, December 13th. There was a large gathering of friends of the School. The chair was taken by the Archbishop, and among others on the platform were His Honour Judge Backhouse, the Hon. R. J. Black, the Rev. A. Yarnold, Messrs. Uther, Trevor-Jones, Holme, &c.

Mr. Robson read a number of apologies for absence, and then in a few words touched with pathos and respect on the death of Mr. Edward Turnbull, a loyal master of the School and a thoroughly Christian gentleman. The Head-master then reviewed the work of the School for the past year, which, he was pleased to say, had attained a high state of efficiency. It had been his policy to encourage the School in athletics, and truly they gained the qualities that make up a good man. There were some 18 old boys of the School fighting for their country in South Africa and China, showing that the education received was not solely intellectual, but also physical—a training fitting the boys to take their place in the world as true men. There should be a

distinct church teaching associated with the School, and, he urged on them the desirability of getting a School Chapel. He pointed to the fact of there being two such chapels in Melbourne, and he asked them to remember, as his last request to them, that he would like to learn before he died that the School had a chapel of its own. In taking his farewell he said it had been his good fortune to always have under his charge good specimens of British boys, and it had been his endeavour to return them to their parents better than he received them. He had been associated with the School for 11½ years, and had, during that time, done a great amount of pioneer work before reaching the present settled condition. His successor was a man of high attainments, and, he was pleased to say, a friend of his, one for whom he had the greatest regard. He asked them to give Mr. Hodges the loyal support he (Mr. Robson) had received. He would always watch with interest the progress of the School, which must become one of the greatest in the colony. (Applause.) He bid them all farewell. (Cheers.)

The Archbishop then delivered the prizes, and wished Mr. Robson a hearty farewell, and God's blessing wherever he went. Cheers were given for "The Queen," "The Archbishop," and "The Head-master," &c.

The following was the prize list :—

Special prizes.—Divinity : Form IV. (His Grace the Archbishop), Bradley II.; IIIA., Dent I.; IIIB. (the late Canon Corlette), Shaw ; Remove, Minnett II.

Form Prizes.—V., Nash ; IV., Bradley II.; IIIA., Hartridge ; IIIB., Oatley ;

IIIB. (lower division), Linton ; Remove, Minnett II. ; IIA., Meredith.

Division Prizes.—Division 1, Reid 1.; 2, Hutchinson I.; 3, Hartridge ; 4, Bullock ; 5, Richmond ; 6, Nicholls.

The above prizes are adjudged on the work of the year ended June, 1900.

Rewards, chiefly given on the basis of good-conduct cards, for the year ending December; 1900 :—Bradley I., Martin, Adams I., Massie I., Taylor I., Taylor II., Cook II., Way II., King II., Lloyd, Moorhouse, and Watson.

A wheel to Jenolan.

WHILE recognising that in choosing a summer recreation the general run of schoolboys would probably select something with less graft in it than cycling, still I feel it may not be without interest to some to read of a pleasant little trip three of us took to the Caves last vacation. And should any be tempted to follow in our cycle tracks at midwinter they will have the benefit of our experience.

Taking matters easily it makes a nice two days journey each way, and allowing two days to see the Caves, one can be back in Sydney inside a week.

Before starting on a tour I should strongly advise joining the Cyclists' Touring Union, as the difference in treatment of members at the hotels is very noticeable.

There being not a single cycle shop between Parramatta and Bathurst, we were careful to take a plentiful supply of tools in case of accidents, and started off one Saturday morning with tight tyres and light hearts, and after a pleasant run

reached Parramatta in time for breakfast. Thus far the only excitement had been racing through the pleasant odours of Duck Creek. The next stage, from Parramatta to Penrith, was very good going, except for occasional punctures and sundry steep hills where the road is in a perpetual state of getting mended. The view of Prospect Dam, seen just after passing the old "Prospect Inn," is very pretty. As the hotel at Penrith kept a good table, and the landlady did not object to our unshipping our wheels in her best parlour, we rested there till two o'clock, when we started off again in a very contented state of mind. Crossing the Nepean Bridge, from which one has a splendid view of the river, we steered our mounts for Emu Plains, then on up the Lapstone Hill (which by the way we had to walk) and along the road that leads to Springwood along the higher levels. The mile posts along the Bathurst Road are extremely eccentric. In the first place they are not a mile apart, and what is

more, in some places there are two sorts of posts, one of old stone, measuring very large miles, and the other much smaller, and measuring shorter miles. For our part, we considered the small miles to be correct. At Lawson we stopped for tea, and indeed would have liked to stay the night but for the fact that our night gear had been sent on to Wentworth Falls. So, tea over, we had to push on again, and as the night was dark and we had but one lamp, we decided to walk. The lamp, which was of the acetylene type, naturally went out, and as I was unfortunate enough to be the owner, it fell to my lot to go down to a house near by to get it fixed up. An ominous barking on our approach did not tend to reassure me, and convinced the others of the necessity of staying with the bikes (on the safe side of the gate) while I went in. However we eventually reached Wentworth Falls only to find that we had to walk two miles further to the hotel; on reaching which we were very glad to get to bed at once.

On Monday morning, after many "tyre-some" misadventures, we got under weigh again. From Katoomba on the road is good, but the only thing of interest to be seen is the Explorer's Tree. From Mount Victoria, where we had breakfast, the road winds down hill through the Victoria

Pass, from which is a magnificent view of the great Kanimbla Valley, flanked by lofty blue mountains, which seem to melt away into space in the far distance. On passing through Hartley, as we found the local thermometer registered 119 deg., we filled our water bag at a tub, and if one can go by the amount of abuse we called forth, water is a very valuable commodity in these benighted parts. Lunch is obtained at Hampton at the first house on the right, after which there is a lovely stretch, which for road, gradient and scenery is unsurpassable in the whole trip. The mountains seem gradually to narrow in until at the Caves they tower above on every side in awful grandeur. The last five miles are down hill, and give a splendid chance of coasting. Arrived at the bottom, we passed through the archway to the Cave House, but we had only time to see a few of the splendid caves, as we arrived late and had to push on to Bathurst, but we "did" them next day. I may say that we found that a broken tube can easily be repaired temporarily by two grooved splints of wood placed round tube and firmly bound together.

We certainly did not break any time records, but we enjoyed ourselves and saw the country without "searching" in either sense.

Missionary Notes.

IN a letter to the Editor, the Bishop of New Guinea writes, "The Mission needs greatly extended support, if it is to do its work faithfully. Do you think the School could adopt some of our

New Guinea children? They cost £5 a year each. This gives the personal link." The Head-master has replied on behalf of the School, that we will contribute £5 a year for the maintenance of one of the

Mission children. To meet this and kindred objects an offertory will be made in School on the first Thursday in every month.

As the result of the Bishop of Melanesia's address in the School Hall last October, shares have been taken in the Melanesian ship to the amount of £8 18s, which has been forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer.

On Tuesday, the 19th of March, addresses were given in Hall by the Rev. H. M. Trickett (Organizing Secretary of the C.M.S.) and C. R. Walsh, Esq. (the Hon. Lay Secretary).

The Anglican New Guinea Mission will hold its 10th anniversary in August next. Its present staff consists of 34. It has the credit of having established the first light for navigators on the coast, and also of opening the first school for white children in the Possession. The greater part of the Book of Genesis, largely set up by a native Papuan compositor, will shortly be published in the Wedau dialect, and the Rev. Copland King, during his visit to Sydney, hopes to put through the Press a revised edition of the Wedau-English dictionary, a Wedau Grammar, and a dictionary of the River Mamba languages.

The Bishop of New Guinea, who gave an address in Hall a few months ago, has kindly sent us the following notes:—

Close to the Village Church at Wedau, the headquarters of the Anglican Mission in New Guinea, is a stone still held in great veneration, though not put to the same use as in years gone by. In the old fighting days recourse was had to it, and pieces chipped off and boiled in water. This water, when drunk by the fighting men, inspired them with courage for the conflict.

There is a curious tradition connected with death on the North-east coast of New Guinea, where the Anglican Mission is working. If anyone has

died during the day, the natives prefer to go to bed thirsty rather than replenish their water bottles at the spring, where, they say, the evil spirits resort at evening to wash their hands after their dark deed is done. For every death is attributed to the influence of an evil spirit.

The New Guinea natives, at any rate on the North-east coast, where the Anglican Mission has its sphere of operations, are no exception to the almost universal rule amongst barbarous peoples, which makes provision for the physical needs of the departed. When the corpse, doubled up in a mat, is laid in the shallow grave, some taro, a cooking-pot, and a few ornaments are placed on top of the body, being the dead man's provision for a journey. After a time, however, they are thought able to provide for themselves, for when the Volcano, Mount Victory, puffs up its smoke, the natives say, "There are the dead cooking their food!"

The Anglican Mission to New Guinea has done something to test the suitability of that large island for stock-raising. In company with two cows an Ayrshire bull was imported in 1897, whose dam was ROSINA, a cow never beaten in any of the many shows she took part in in Sydney. The bull has lately died, having left two stalwart sons, "New Guinea natives," to hand on his fame. The twelve head of cattle now at Dogura are in splendid condition, and go some way to prove that the grass lands of the Possession can be productively used for this purpose. The industry will undoubtedly develop as soon as the restrictions against introducing any stock from tick-infested Queensland are removed.

Some of the old fighting men, who, under the combined influence of Government and Missionary are now living peaceful lives in New Guinea, feel at times a measure of regret at the change that has taken place. "If the foreigners had fought us with spears and shields," said one of them to an Anglican Missionary not long ago, "we should not have been conquered. But they brought guns, and we could not see inside a gun, and it made a great noise, and we were frightened." Yet there is no sort of doubt that the natives are thankful for the substitution of peace and security for raids and harassing uncertainty. Lord Lamington, Governor of Queensland, in a recent speech in Sydney, said that on the occasion of his visit to New Guinea in 1898 he took some pains to inquire from the natives themselves which kind of life they preferred, and

they emphatically approved the present order of things.

The service rendered by the Mission Societies to the Government in such countries as New Guinea in the matter of interpretation of native dialects is not always realised. In 1895 in the Boianai district two men were tried for murder, and the Judge tried the case under difficulties. He was obliged to communicate with the prisoners and witnesses through an English-speaking magistrate, who spoke Motuan to a Taupoan policeman, who in his turn spoke his own language to the Boianai men. A conviction was secured, but neither witness nor prisoner were spoken to, or spoke, in their own language in the course of the trial. Since then the Anglican Mission has been working successfully in the district, and in the person of an English and Boianai speaking South Sea Islander supplies a ready-made interpreter to the magistrate whenever he visits these people.

The natives of the North-east coast of New Guinea are firm believers in irrigation. Near Bartle Bay, the headquarters of the Anglican Mission, is a remarkable work in the shape of an aqueduct or flume, which carries water from a swift-flowing mountain stream, high across the bed of an intervening stream, to the grass flats where the taro grows. The water runs in three hollow logs, which are supported by two sets of posts, on the top of which are cut figures of men by skilled native artists. The flume measures 80 feet from bank to bank, and is 30 feet above the bottom of the stream it crosses. Its water irrigates a large plain, on which the Wamira natives choose the cultivation plots from year to year. The structure is prehistoric, and often requires repair.

A necklace made of black ants is an article of adornment in New Guinea. The Anglican Mission there gives particulars of one, which measured over 11 feet long, and was composed of as many as 1800 bodies of ants. Three little pieces of shell and a dozen English beads were incorporated into it, and there was the native string holding it together, yet its weight only reached 2 drams, 2 scruples, 13 grains. These large black ants make big nests in the native gardens, and the native women and girls catch them, pull off their heads, bit off and swallow the other end, and thread the "thorax." The natives will readily sell such a necklace, as is described above, for a penny.

The season of Lent adds an interest to the following fasting customs among the natives of New Guinea, which the Anglican Mission reports. There are several different kinds of fasting, abstinence from pork being common to all. Men who touch a dead body must eat roast food, not boiled, and are, therefore, debarred from drinking the water in which food has been cooked. No animal food is allowed; water also is forbidden, and they prepare a drink by roasting young coconuts, and drinking the juice, first grating green ginger on the top. After the first severe fast, lasting several days, is over, boiled food may be eaten, but must not have salt or coconut added. Animal food, such as fish or ants, is allowed, but pork and wallaby are still for a time forbidden.

Children in New Guinea do not fast after the death of any of their relatives, except in abstaining from pork. They also wear mourning, which consists of an open-work bamboo armband, instead of the usual finely-plaited one. Mothers, fasting after their children's death, roast their food instead of boiling it, and abstain from pork.

In New Guinea a widow's fast exceeds all others in its severity. She remains for a week secluded in the house, from which the dead man has been taken, and her first duty on coming out is to procure food to make a feast in her husband's memory. Her clothing is hideous, the grass petticoat hanging in thick strips; from her waist instead of being finely shredded. She also blackens her forehead, and puts on her mourning armband and a necklace of Job's tears. When she goes to the spring for water, she must not take the usual vessel for carrying it, but must use the rough shell of a coconut, or a bottle or tin procured from the missionaries. Flesh meat is strictly forbidden, and her food is of the poorest quality. At the death-feast her food is placed between her lips by her friends. After about four of these feasts have been held, her fasting is over, though she mourns for her husband many months.

In the Anglican Mission to New Guinea natives preparing for Baptism keep at their own desire a fast preparatory to the reception of that Sacrament. It generally takes the form of abstaining during the previous month from boiled food, and from drinking the water, regarded as very delicious, in which the food is boiled.

The Old Boys' Welcome to Mr. Hodges.

THE last of the special gatherings of the Old Boys' Union, attendant upon the change in the Head Mastership, was held at the School on Thursday evening, 24th January, its object being to give the Old Boys an opportunity of being introduced to Mr. Hodges, who became, *ex officio*, from the date of his appointment, President of the Union. It was originally intended that proceedings should be of the pleasantly social character, of which the O.B.U. has afforded so many excellent examples in its past history, but on the 23rd the whole community was plunged into deepest mourning by news of the death of the Great Queen, in loyal reverence for whom the boys of the S.C.E.G.S., both past and present, have made the School-hall shake with their cheers, and have sung with all their hearts one of the best remembered verses in the School song. In token, therefore, of our fullest sympathy in the public grief, and because no one had any heart for mere enjoyment, the elaborate entertainment programme was given up, and the Old Boys were summoned by a brief notice in the papers to a simple and business-like special meeting. Unfortunately some little misconception was caused by this hurried and limited announcement of change of plan, and so perhaps the numbers present were rather less than they would otherwise have been.

About seventy gathered round and about the table in the hall, and when the formal introduction and welcoming of the President was over, lingered still for a couple of hours chatting among themselves and with Mr. and Mrs. Hodges. Altogether

the meeting, though strictly confined to Old Boys and purposely conducted in the quietest manner possible, was one of the most successful in the Union's records.

Proceedings began a little after the time appointed, the head master stating as his apology for lateness in taking the chair, that he had had to see the parents of a new boy. The Union forgave him, with a sympathetic shudder, for the feelings of that new boy, unspeakable though not unfelt by many a quite old one. And then followed the speeches.

The Secretary, whose thoughtful care had provided a fine portrait of Her Majesty as appropriate to the dominant feeling of the assemblage, first explained the alterations made for the evening by his Committee, and expressed the hope that they met with the full approval of the Union, which had given many proofs in the sentiments and actions of Old Boys that they had well learnt their lessons of loyalty to Queen and country under their former Chief. Mr. Davies' statement was cordially received, and then Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge, a senior Vice-President, offered Mr. Hodges a warm welcome to the School and the *ex officio* Presidency, on behalf of the whole body of Old Boys. Speaking briefly, and straightforwardly, he admitted the strangeness of the relationship between the representative of the past and the new ruler of the present in the School, but assured Mr. Hodges of the Old Boys' desire to know him and to support him in his work for the sake of the School to which they had been and would remain attached.

Mr. G. H. Devonshire spoke for the

masters of bygone times, and drew a happy analogy—of course with a modest *si parva*—between the respective positions of the nation and of the School—both beginning a new era under new heads, both demanding the fullest exercise of the best qualities of their members that all might be well with them.

After a few more words in the same capacity from Mr. E. R. Holme, who had the advantage of having seen more of the new President than most Old Boys, Mr. Hall was asked to speak for the Present Staff. Having just returned from his holiday in the far South he was strange as any to the new conditions, but made it evident that Mr. Hodges would have the loyal and confident support of his masters in whatever he set about doing.

The speech of the Headmaster-President, in reply, came straight home to his hearers. Telling them that though he would most gladly address them as "My dear Old Boys," he was very sensible that pleasure belonged of right to another, and that he himself could only go so far as to call them "Dear Old Boys," he thanked all who had spoken for their kindness and encouragement, and said he felt he should soon be happy and at one with them. Already more than one member of the Union had given him assistance he valued in undertaking the duties of his new office, and he welcomed, and would look for, the support so generously offered by all. He had never expected so good a meeting, even under more favourable conditions; and felt that if he could leave behind him at the end of his term of office evidence of having maintained the high character claimed for the School under his predecessor in the last issue of TORCH-BEARER, he could go well satisfied. Then he went on to speak

of various aspects of the School and his policy in regard to it, and made a particular appeal to the Old Boys to trust him, even if they could not follow him all the way, to believe that he was doing all he did with the sole object of the good of their common cause, and to speak their own thoughts to him if they felt they would like to do so. Allowing for example, that athletics had never had too large a share of attention, he might find it necessary to work certain modifications in subordinating them to the greater interests of the School, and if so he hoped to be able to count on their confidence and support.

Mr. Hodges' speech was not long, but space permits no more than an indication of its general tone. He carried the meeting with him throughout, and the confidence for which he asked was fully won, and will not lightly be withdrawn. There was a hearty spirit in all the proceedings that promises well for the future relations of the Headmaster and the Old Boys, based as these will be on the good feeling that existed with Mr. Robson, to whom numerous references were made by all the speakers. A few light refreshments had been provided by the Committee, with the kind co-operation of Mrs. Hodges, whose presence was specially requested after the business of the meeting had been disposed of. About the supper-tables, and generally dispersed through the room, the Old Boys had many opportunities of conversing with both Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, and probably not one went away without having a few minutes' talk with them. The gathering thus achieved its object thoroughly well, and has left many pleasant memories behind, as well as a heightened expectation of future occasions on which the Old Boys and Headmaster will meet.

Boat Club.

IN point of numbers, the Boat Club has started the new century under excellent auspices, the roll amounts to just forty, and several of the new members are shewing form of a very satisfactory nature which augurs well for the future success of the Club. The Trial Fours were rowed on Tuesday, March 5th. Four crews entered for this, our only club event in the way of racing.

The crews were as follows

Reid II., stroke.	Fisher stroke.
Fenwick I., 3	Adams I., 3
Meredith I., 2	Turton I., 2
Hartridge, bow	Williams I., bow
Cox., Bland	Cox., Lomax

Kater, stroke	Taylor, stroke
Uther, 3	Terry, 3
Sayers 2	Fenwick II., 2
Gunning, bow	Dent I., bow
Cox., Hall	Cox., Grant

In the first heat Reid's crew beat Fisher's crew after a hard and well contested race by about two lengths. Fisher's crew lacking condition.

In the second heat Taylor's crew met Kater's, with the result that Taylor won by about a length and a half. The race was an exciting one until three parts of the course had been covered, when Taylor's crew drew ahead and won without difficulty.

The final heat was marred by a foul and the race was ordered by the umpire to be rowed again. This was done on the following Friday, March 8th, and resulted in a very even race; the boats were never more than a length apart and after a ding-dong, exciting, and fast race Reid's crew managed to pass the post only half a length ahead of Taylor's.

Mr. R. R. P. Hickson very kindly came

to our aid and provided the s.s. "Eva," from which an excellent view of the racing was obtained. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges were on board, the former acting as Umpire, while the latter kindly provided refreshments and otherwise looked after those on board. The weather was kind to us, and Berry's Bay presented a surface that would delight the most fastidious of racing men.

The task of picking a crew to represent the School at the All Schools' Regatta is of more than average difficulty. There is an abundance of good material but as yet undeveloped and so consequently untried.

We shall, however, have the services of Reid II., who has twice before trained and in last year's successful crew rowed bow; he goes over 13 stone this year so will in all probability occupy No. 3 thwart. Taylor who has been shewing very good form on a fixed seat, will be the probable stroke. He has a long swing and bids fair to uphold this most important position both as regards form and pluck. Adams I. is rowing two, and will have the responsibility of backing up stroke in every possible way. Kater will occupy the bow seat.

The veteran Bland will for the fifth time handle the ribbands, and will doubtless drive his team with his accustomed skill. We wish the crew every success in the hard training that is before them and which is so absolutely necessary to the attainment of success in racing.

It is with regret we record the loss of our Captain Reid I. who rowed 3 in last year's crew and has done so much for the success of the Club during his occupancy of that office, we wish him all success in

the future. He leaves us to go to the University where we hope to see his name prominent in future "Varsity Crews."

The Club has lost the services of Mr. Robson who did so much towards the success attained by our crews in the past, and the coaching this year will be done by Mr. R. G. Burnside who is again in charge

of the Rowing. Camp is to be as usual and promises to be a very large and successful one, 10 boys having already given in their names. The only difficulty that presents itself to the authorities is the matter of coaching, but we hope to arrange this satisfactorily with the aid of Old Boys.

Cricket.

THERE has been a certain amount of inconsistency in the Badge matches this term. C. F. G. S. defeated T. K. S.; S. G. S. won against us and succumbed to T. K. S.; Newington College has held its own throughout; while St. Joseph's College has also entered the competition. Our batting has been good, but uncertain. Never has the School team included so many good batsmen, but rarely did more than two or three shape well in the same matches. We have won two matches and lost two. Hickson has played some fine innings, notably against St. Joseph's College under trying circumstances, and in all and various matches he has made over 1000 runs during the season. Fisher, Hickson and Black represent the School in the Combined Schools' Match v. Rushcutters Bay Trustees' Team.

OUR first match this term was played on the School Ground on February 9th against the Nondescript C.C. Fisher and Minnett were absent, and Hickson acted as captain. In Kater's first over two wickets fell—W. Hickson and Garnsey. Gaden was well taken by Black off Way. H. V. Jaques was let off in the long field, and showed his appreciation by hitting up 63 by clean vigorous strokes over the school and the neighbouring

fences. Fred. Merewether, our old cricke captain, played well in spite of a bad hand, and C. Jaques, C. Rundle, G. Westgarth, and Armstrong kept the score going, the last wicket falling at 165, of which C. E. G. S. Old Boys contributed 113. Kater and Black each secured 4 wickets. With the exception of Hickson and Sayers, our team made a poor stand against Garnsey's bowling, backed up by W. Hickson's brilliant work behind the wickets, and we were all out for 71, losing the match by 94 runs.

NONDESCRIPTS.

1st Innings.

Hickson, c Sayers, b Kater	...	...	0
Garnsey, b Kater	...	...	0
Gaden, c Black I., b Way	...	...	2
H. Jaques, c Allen II., b Black I.	...	...	63
Merewether, c Hilder, b Black I.	...	...	13
Warden, c Kater, b Black I.	...	...	7
Riley, c Way, b Black I.	...	...	3
C. Jaques, b Kater	...	...	17
Rundle, c Hickson, b Kater	...	...	22
Westgarth, not out	...	...	19
Armstrong, c Black I., b Hickson	...	...	15
Sundries	...	...	5

Total 165

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Cvrs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Kater	10	0	46	4
Way	5	0	31	1
Hickson	7.4	3	9	1
Black I.	8	0	54	4

O. E. G. S.

1st Innings.

Hickson, c Westgarth, b Garnsey	20
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Black I., lbw, b Rundle	0
Sayers, c Westgarth, b Garnsey ..	30
Way, st Hickson, b Garnsey	6
Williams, b Warden	0
Allen I., c H. Jaques, b Warden ..	5
Kater, b Garnsey	0
Black II., b Warden	4
Turton, b Garnsey	0
Hilder, not out	0
Allen II., c C. Jaques, b Garnsey ..	0
Sundries	6
Total	71

S.C.E.G.S. v. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

OUR first competition engagement for the present year was played on the North Shore Oval on February 15 h. Our visitors were the King's School team, and, as the weather was so damp, we were fortunate in finding that the wicket was not so bad as expected. C.E.G.S. batted first, and Fisher and Hickson found it necessary to use the utmost care, as the ball was apt to get up occasionally, so that the play was slow. Hickson's wicket fell when he had compiled 26, and Turton, filling the breach, put on 20 runs in much improved style. Black I. joined Fisher, and the score was taken from 89 to 136 before a separation was effected. Fisher's contribution of 53 was a good performance on such a wicket. Black I. also shaped well for his 25. Way started well but ran himself out at 11. Williams showed excellent defence, and stayed in while over 50 runs were added, though his running between the wickets left much to be desired. Allen I., too, played with care and judgment, and was very severe on the leg balls. Minnett's innings was sound and attractive, giving promise of good things to follow. Unfortunately he lost his wicket in attempting a short run. The innings ended with the total of 211, which was very satisfactory considering the state of the wicket. The earlier batsmen might have batted more vigorously, but of the junior members, Turton, Williams, Allen, and Minnett showed a great advance in their play; still, a lot of runs were lost through want of judgment in running between the wickets.

The King's School sent out Ryrie and Phillips to the bowling of Fisher and Kater; both fared badly, Ryrie being caught by Way off Fisher, who s-kendily caught Phillips off the last ball of Kater's third over. Lord and Futter made a good

stand, carrying the score to 56, when Fisher dislodged Lord's stumps with a fast ball from the off. Futter, after starting vigorously, settled down to very steady play till, tempted by Kater's slows, he mis-hit one, which was splendidly taken by Hickson. Body made a good stand, finishing up with a 5 and a 4 before Fisher found his leg stump. Stiles was the only one of the others to reach double figures, the total result being 125. As the wicket was unplayable next morning, the match ended in a win for C.E.G.S. on the first innings by 86 runs. Fisher, Kater, Black, and Hickson shared the bowling, which, though some good catches were held, was not backed up by the field as it ought to have been.

C.E.G.S.

1st Innings.

Hickson, b Futter	26
Fisher, c Verge, b Futter	53
Turton, b Verge	20
Black I., c Wright, b Futter	25
Sayers, c Lord, b Futter	3
Way, run out	11
Williams, b Futter	17
Black II., b Ryrie	0
Allen I., b Futter	13
Minnett, run out	19
Kater, not out	0
Sundries	24
Total	211

T.K.S.

1st Innings.

Ryrie, c Way, b Fisher	0
Phillips, c Fisher, b Kater	4
Lord, b Hickson	29
Futter, c Hickson, b Kater	46
Wright, c Allen, b Black I.	9
Debenham, c Minnett, b Hickson ..	4
Body, b Kater	18
Doyle, c Black I., b Kater	1
Stiles, not out	12
Jackson, b Fisher	0
Verge, run out	0
Sundries	10
Total	125

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Ovrs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	11	1	25	3
Kater	13½	1	46	4
Black I.	5	0	30	1
Hickson	8	2	14	1

C.E.G.S. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

This was a most interesting match for various reasons. It was St. Joseph's first appearance in the Schools' Competition; it was the first match played on their new ground at Hunter's Hill—a ground, by the way, which promises to become equal to any school ground about Sydney—although for our match it was far from satisfactory, the wicket requiring a heavier roller on it, the outfield being covered with long grass; and there were practically no boundaries. All this, however, is to be remedied. On Wednesday, February 20th, the match was started on a wet wicket, not altogether in favour of the bowlers, and St. Joseph's score of 115 was a good one. Ruthven played a good innings for 49. C.E.G.S. lost 2 wickets for 13, Black unluckily falling a victim to a ball which rose very high. On the following Saturday our team collapsed in the most unaccountable way, and the wicket could not be blamed for much of it; and, with a miserable total of 29, we had to follow on. Fisher and Way failed again, and matters looked bad. However, Hickson and Black took charge, colliared the bowling, and put a better aspect on the game, although the long grass made scoring slow, the hardest drives bringing only ones or twos. Unfortunately Black was run out by an excellent piece of fielding, and Sayers and Minnett, after shaping well, threw away their wickets through impatiently trying to *slay* straight balls to leg. Dent played well for 8; Williams, Allen, and Turton made a poor effort, and, with 127 to our credit, Kater, the last man, joined Hickson, who kept punishing all the bowlers alike. The combination proved irresistible. Kater played very sound careful cricket, scoring occasionally, while Hickson continued to drive and glance and cut, keeping the ball always along the ground. The hardest drives rarely reached the bank, and only 2 could be run; in fact, in all his long score there was not a single 3, and only ten 4's, and, when he was finally caught by Ruthven, the last wicket had added 109 runs to the score, which is probably a record for the last wicket in school matches. Kater was not out for a well-made 23. Hickson's 139 was worth nearer 200 on any cricket ground. Hickson, Black, and Kater had saved the situation, as our total of 236 left a good margin, while there were still two hours to play. Could we get them in time, or should we lose on the first innings?

The school team took the field with the deter-

mination to settle this question satisfactorily, and they did. Fisher bowled a maiden over, then Kater went on at the other end, and, as he had hardly recovered from the exertions of batting, he was replaced by Black, who immediately surprised Dunn by bowling him round his legs. Baker was soon smartly stumped by Turton off the same bowler. Fisher meanwhile was bowling with great judgment from the other end, and in one over sent the stumps flying with three consecutive balls (the hat trick). Kater now took the ball from Black, and the last five wickets failed to add to the score of 33, which left us the victory by 117 runs. Fisher's bowling analysis showed 12 overs, 7 maidens, 8 runs, and 5 wickets. Black took 2 for 11, and Kater 3 for 12.

Fisher is to be congratulated on the plucky way he and his team pulled the game out of the fire; he handled his team well, and bowled admirably. Black, Kater, and Hickson also performed extremely well and undoubtedly won the match for the school when success appeared scarcely possible, and in spite of the failure of the rest of the eleven. Still, the conditions were somewhat trying to the less experienced members of the team, who, however, might have been expected to rise to the situation.

S.J.C.

1st Innings.

Dunn, b Fisher	...	...	...	4
Byrnes, b Kater	...	...	...	6
Hynes, b Kater	...	...	...	0
Loneragon, c Way, b Fisher	...	...	...	3
Ruthven, st Turton, b Black	...	...	...	49
Long, c Turton, b Hickson	...	...	...	13
Baker, b Hickson	...	...	...	16
Murray, c Fisher, b Kater	...	...	...	7
Sheerin, c Hickson, b Kater	...	...	...	6
Casey, c Turton, b Kater	...	...	...	1
Collins, not out	...	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	...	9

Total 115

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	16	5	30	2
Black	5	0	21	1
Kater	16	3	36	5
Hickson	9	3	19	2

C.E.G.S.

1st Innings.

Hickson, c Casey, b Ruthven	...	...	12
Turton, c Casey, b Byrnes	...	...	0

Black, c Long, b Collins	...	...	1
Fisher, c Baker, b Collins	...	...	4
Sayers, b Ruthven	...	...	5
Way, run out	...	...	1
Minnett, b Collins	...	...	0
Williams, b Ruthven	...	...	2
Allen, not out	...	...	0
Dent, c Murray, b Ruthven	...	...	0
Kater, c Long, b Ruthven	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	4
Total	...	...	29

C. E. G. S.

2nd Innings.

Hickson, c Ruthven, b Byrnes	...	...	139
Fisher, c Loneragon, b Collins	...	...	1
Way, c Casey, b Collins	...	...	4
Black, run out	...	...	24
Sayers, b Ruthven	...	...	10
Turton, c Baker, b Collins	...	...	0
Minnett, c and b Collins	...	...	3
Williams, b Ruthven	...	...	0
Dent, c Casey, b Collins	...	...	8
Allen, b Ruthven	...	...	0
Kater, not out	...	...	23
Sundries	...	...	24
Total	...	...	236

S. J. C.

2nd Innings.

Dunn, b Black	...	...	6
Baker, st Turton, b Black	...	...	13
Byrnes, b Fisher	...	...	2
Ruthven, b Fisher	...	...	4
Hynes, b Fisher	...	...	1
Loneragon, not out	...	...	3
Long, b Fisher	...	...	0
Murray, b Fisher	...	...	0
Sheerin, b Kater	...	...	0
Casey, c and b Kater	...	...	0
Collins, b Kater	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	4
Total	...	...	33

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	12	7	8	5
Kater	7	3	10	3
Black	5	1	11	2

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

A GREAT game, with a lot of fine play on both

sides, was the outcome of our meeting with S.G.S. on the North Shore Oval on March 1st and 2nd. The weather was most favourable for cricket, and the ground was in excellent order. Winning the toss, Fisher took Hickson with him to open proceedings, and both men timed the ball well and played good, safe cricket. When he had put together 20, Hickson was clean bowled. Turton did not last long, and Black joined Fisher, and runs came steadily till 3 wickets for 112 saw Fisher out for 39. Sayers and Black made a great stand, the latter quietly punishing anything loose, while the former jumped out and drove Allen repeatedly. The score was carried from 112 to 203 when, by a misunderstanding, Black started to run, and, in turning round, slipped and fell, reaching the crease just too late. This was bad enough, but immediately afterwards Way repeated the same performance with like result. These mishaps somewhat upset the batting which, so far, had fairly collared the bowling, when Sayers fell a victim to one of Allen's slows, after a fine, free innings of 72. The wickets fell rapidly, and the total, which promised so well, only reached 258. This was a good score, but against S.G.S. it is generally needed, and so it proved.

Harris and Close opened S.G.S. batting, and Close nicked his first ball from Fisher into slip's hands. Unfortunately it was dropped, and the mistake proved expensive, for Close, batting beautifully, made the most of his opportunity, adding 108 to the score before Black found a way into his wicket. It was a fine exhibition of cricket, and, besides increasing the score so materially, it broke the bowling up for the other batsmen. Harris's 38 was nicely made; Jones's innings of 66 was a useful one, and Broughton shaped really well for his 50. The innings closed for 333, S.G.S. winning by 75 runs after a good match, in which we paid dearly for our mistakes. Fisher, Black, and Kater divided the wickets, while Hickson, who bowled really well, was unsuccessful.

C. E. G. S.

1st Innings.

Hickson, b Cotter	...	...	20
Fisher, c Blaxland, b Allen	...	...	39
Turton, b Allen	...	...	5
Black, run out	...	...	74
Sayers, b Allen	...	...	72
Way, run out	...	...	4
Reid, c Gilchrist, b Manning	...	...	0

Minnett, b Cotter	1
Kater, b Cotter	0
Williams, c Rogers, b Cotter	14
Dent, not out	6
Sundries	23
Total	258

S.C.S.
1st Innings.

Harris, c Turton, b Black	38
Close, b Black	108
Jones, b Fisher	66
Manning, run out	12
Rogers, c and b Fisher	0
Eckford, c Reid, b Kater	19
Broughton, not out	50
Cotter, b Kater	0
Blaxland, b Fisher	2
Gilchrist, b Fisher	5
Allen, c Hickson, b Black	16
Sundries	17
Total	333

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	31	8	78	4
Kater	26	4	74	2
Black	21	3	94	3
Hickson	15	2	61	0
Reid	3	0	9	0

S.C.E.G.S. v. I ZINGARI VETERANS.
OUR match with 13 Veterans arranged for March 6th at Rushcutter's Bay Oval collapsed owing to a mistake regarding the ground. On the following Saturday, March 9th, the Veterans visited the school. Fisher, winning the toss, sent in the weaker bats early. Bullock-shaped very well for 18, as did Dent for 17, and Sayers for 22. With 9 wickets for 93, Fisher joined Reid II., and, when we closed at 4.30 p.m., they had added 88 runs (Fisher 50 not out, Reid 31 not out). Radford, who bowled really well, took five wickets, and Docker two. Fisher in his first over secured Preedy. Docker and Wentworth were partners till Hickson bowled the former for 29. Black soon afterwards beat Wentworth; Halligan put on 30, and, when time was called, the Veterans had lost 5 wickets for 108.

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

Hickson, b Radford	3
Bullock, b Docker	18

Black, lbw, b Radford	5
Dent, run out	17
Williams, b Radford	2
Kater, b Docker	0
Sayers, c Smith, b Radford	22
Way, b Radford	1
Minnett, c Hill, b Owens	2
Reid, not out	31
Fisher, not out	50
Sundries	30

Innings closed.—Total for 9 wickets ... 181

ZINGARI VETERANS.

1st Innings.

Preedy, c Minnett, b Fisher	3
Docker, b Hickson	29
Wentworth, st Reid, b Black	21
Halligan, not out	30
Lloyd, c Fisher, b Hickson	4
Hill, b Fisher	2
Smith, not out	12
Radford	
Scarvell	
Hemsley	Did not bat.
Owens	
Sundries	7

Total for 5 wickets ... 108

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	7	1	23	2
Kater	6	1	27	0
Hickson	9	0	25	2
Black	5	0	23	1

S.C.E.G.S. v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

ON the dates fixed for the match with Newington College the rain made the ground unplayable; so, on the following Friday, March 22nd, the team visited Newington and went in first. The bowling of Brown and Finau was extremely accurate. The wicket was good, though one end played rather low at times; but our batting, even allowing for the excellence of the bowling, was not so good as might have been expected. Hickson played an excellent innings for 44, and had rather hard luck in snicking a ball on to his wicket. Sayers was similarly unfortunzate. Of the others Reid was the only one to reach double figures. The last wicket fell when the score was 83. Newington made 173 (Mackay 51 and Brown 52); the rest of the team contributed 40, while sundries amounted to

no less than 33, for which there was little excuse. Fisher bowled right through the innings for 35 runs and 3 wickets. Black bowled 6 overs for 20 runs and 5 wickets. In our second innings another bad start was made, Hickson, Dent, and Black being out for 14 runs. Fisher added 8, Sayers 19. Reid and Way now stopped the collapse, putting on 90 runs before a separation was effected. The former played a really fine innings for his 55; the latter gave one of his occasional displays of free and vigorous batting. Williams and Minnett, with 9 and 10, respectively, shaped fairly well, the total for the innings reaching the respectable score of 183. Newington had 93 runs to get, and lost 3 wickets in the attempt, thus winning by 7 wickets. The fielding of Newington was excellent; C.E.G.S., excepting Turton behind the wickets, was fairly good; Hickson and Fisher brought off several fine catches in the field. Our team was well beaten, Newington proving their superiority, and upholding their claim to the first position among school teams for the first round of the Competition. Nevertheless, our batting in the first innings was not up to the mark, and a sundries' account of 33 in the first innings can hardly be excused.

C.E.G.S.

1st Innings.

Hickson, b Finau	44
Fisher, b Finau	8
Black, b Brown	0
Sayers, b Finau	0
Reid, c Mackay, b Brown	10
Way, b Brown	3
Minnett, b Brown	2
Williams, b Brown	0
Dent, not out	5
Kater, b Finau	0
Turton, b Finau	4
Sundries	7
Total	83

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

1st Innings.

Mackay, b Fisher	51
Moses, b Fisher	14
Gregg, c Way, b Kater	0
Finau, c Hickson, b Fisher	0
Brown, c Hickson, b Black	52
McCourt, run out	7
Millican, c Reid, b Black	8
McVicar, b Black	1

Redgrave, c Fisher, b Black	1
Savidge, b Black	0
Tye, not out	6
Sundries	33
Total	173

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	23	6	35	3
Kater	12	1	58	1
Black	6	0	20	5
Hickson	6	0	29	0

C.E.G.S.

2nd Innings.

Hickson, b Finau	1
Dent, run out	1
Black, b Brown	9
Fisher, c McCourt, b Redgrave	8
Sayers, b Brown	19
Reid, c Savidge, b Finau	55
Way, b Brown	46
Williams, c Savidge, b Finau	9
Minnett, b Brown	10
Turton, c Mackay, b Finau	5
Kater, not out	1
Sundries	19
Total	183

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

2nd Innings.

Mackay, c Fisher, b Black	21
Gregg, c Hickson, b Fisher	36
Finau, c Hickson, b Kater	13
McCourt, not out	16
Moses, not out	2
Sundries	6
Total for 3 wickets	94

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Fisher	13½	6	23	1
Black	6	1	28	1
Kater	7	0	25	1
Hickson	3	1	11	0

S.C.E.G.S. (mixed team) v. T.K.S. 5th at C.E.G.S., February 16th. Won by 9 wickets.
S.C.E.G.S. 2nd XI. v. S.G.S. Lower School, 1st XI. at C.E.G.S., March 6th. Game drawn in favour of S.G.S.—152 to 55 for 9 wickets.

S.C.E.G.S. v. S.G.S. 2nd XI. at C.E.G.S., March 2nd. Game drawn. S.G.S. 239, C.E.G.S. 3 for 74 (Bullock I. 43 not out.)

S.C.E.G.S. 2nd XI. v. Newington College 2nd XI. at C.E.G.S., March 23rd. Lost. C.E.G.S. 72, Newington 124 for 8 wickets.

S.C.E.G.S. 2nd XI. v. T.K.S. 2nd XI. at C.E.G.S., 13th March. Lost. T.K.S. 145 C.E.G.S. 54.

S.C.E.G.S. Juniors v. Brooksby, at C.E.G.S., March 23rd. Lost. School 56, Brooksby 91.

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 will take place on Saturday, May 4th. The football match v. The School will start at 3 p.m. Members of the Union who wish to play must send in their names to the Hon. Secs. not later than Saturday, April 27th.

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

A. D. Fisher, H. W. Kendall, and C. W. Rundle have been appointed a sub-committee to select the team to represent the Old Boys' Union, and the management of the dinner is in the hands of Russell Barton, J. F. Fitzhardinge, and the Rev. D. Davies.

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

The Hon. Secs. will receive at or before the Annual Dinner nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year. The officers for the current year are as follows:—President, Headmaster (*ex-officio*); Vice-Presidents, J. F. Fitzhardinge, Dr. E. O. Pockley; Hon. Secs., G. R. C. Clarke and Rev. D. Davies; Committee, Russell Barton (left '93), N. Y. Deane ('93), E. R. Holme, H. W. Kendall ('94), G. A. More ('96), C. W. Rundle ('98), N. Trevor-Jones ('93), F. G. Simpson ('99), A. B. S. White ('98). Of the Committee *two* must be elected from those members who have been in attendance at the School within the previous *three* years.

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

Old Boys are reminded that the Annual All Schools' Regatta will take place on the Parramatta River on Saturday, April 20th.

Change of Address.—S. A. L. Fischer, Oland, 104 Victoria-street, Potts Point, Sydney; G. H. Vernon, Wendover, Hornsby; D. H. Cowper, c/o C. B. Co., Sydney, West Maitland; G. H. Devonshire, 1 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London; T. H. Dent, Bank of N.S.W., Napier, New Zealand.

We clip the following notes from the N.Z. DAILY TELEGRAPH of March 4:—
 "With a delightful afternoon and good wickets, cricketers were enabled to thoroughly enjoy their favourite pastime on Saturday, and some of the matches were productive of somewhat remarkable results, notably the senior fixture Scinde v. United A, in which the Scindians scored a signal triumph over the hitherto unbeaten A's, due mainly to the fine bowling performance of Dent, who captured the whole ten wickets in United's second innings for 18 runs—a really splendid result. Dent also treated the bowling with scant respect." Hearty congratulations to T. H. Dent on his fine display.

Lieutenant C. W. P. F. Roberts (late of the N.S.W. Lancers), who was invalided home from South Africa, has obtained a commission in the Queen's 4th Hussars, and is now on his way to join his regiment. By cable we had heard that he had the honour to represent New South Wales in the Queen's Funeral Procession. We publish an interesting letter from him giving an account of the Procession.

H. P. Harriott has left Messrs. Abbott, Vindin and Littlejohn, solicitors, and has assigned his articles to Messrs. Cope and Co.

Congratulations to J. R. Hargrave on his wedding. He is the first Old Boy to join the army of benedicts, but we hear that several others intend shortly to follow in his footsteps.

We clip the following from the Sydney DAILY TELEGRAPH:—

"LIEUTENANT W. J. S. RUNDLE.

"Private advices from South Africa state that Lieutenant W. J. S. Rundle, now of the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers), and late of the New South Wales Lancers, has been appointed aide-de-camp to the dashing leader of the Cavalry Division, Lieutenant-General J. D. P. French. Lieutenant Rundle, who is a son of Mr. G. E. Rundle, of Rooty-hill, went to Aldershot with the New South Wales Lancers, and on October 11, 1899 the notable day upon which hostilities started in the Boer war—was given a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the Carabiniers. He went with his regiment to South Africa, and rapidly won recognition from his superiors in command. With less than two years' service he was made 1st lieutenant and appointed to Major-General Porter's staff. As an aide the dashing young Australian won frequent mention for valuable services rendered, and when Major-General Porter's brigade was disbanded, Lord Kitchener, on December 6, 1900, appointed him aide-camp to Lieutenant-General French. His late comrades of the New South Wales Lancers are especially well pleased at the early and considerable measure of success achieved by Lieutenant Rundle."

The next extract is from one of the Sydney weeklies:—"A narrow escape was that of Lieutenant Jack Rundle.

Jack—so his friends claim—was born lucky; even in minor matters he always came out on the right side, and his appointment to a crack regiment in England and so to South Africa helped to intensify this reputation. He became a tremendous favourite with his men, who had just as great a belief in his good fortune. However, things seemed on the turn when he was captured with most of his company by the Boers. After a time they decided to liberate the men and not the officers, and Jack's Tommies rigged him up in a private uniform, and he talked Cockney with the best of them. When a final inspection was ordered, the resourceful Tommies dug a grave in the courtyard, and, covering Rundle with bags and sand, buried him for four hours, while arrangements were made for the march after the numbers were taken. Then Jack was resurrected, and managed to get out with his men in safety and make off. Here his luck was in again, the first regiment he met being his own at a short distance from the prison. His four hours' in the grave with a meagre air-supply he describes as something awful.

The following 'Old Boys' have joined the Federal Contingent for South Africa: Second Lieutenant J. E. F. Coyle, Second Lieutenant J. G. Edie, Second Lieutenant E. D. Kater, Second Lieutenant C. F. Featherstonhaugh, G. L. Hobson, A. H. C. Waine, and A. F. Richie.

P. Potts, who came home invalided, has returned to South Africa to join his regiment at the front.

Dr. E. O. Pockley has left the Prince

Alfred Hospital, and has taken a trip on one of the China mail-boats as medical officer.

Old Boys will be glad to know that N. Y. Deane has recovered from his serious illness. He is at present away in the country. M. L. Clarke has also been laid up with a poisoned foot, but is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mr. Devonshire left last month for London, where he intends practising. He received special votes of thanks from the N.S.W. Rowing Association for the great assistance he had rendered that branch of sport, and also from the G.P.S. A.A.A., of which he had been hon. secretary for six years. The latter association owes not a little of its popularity at the present time to Mr. Devonshire's work in the past. Several representatives of the O.B.U. and of the School were on board to wish him and his family *bon voyage* and every success in his future career.

We heartily congratulate the following Old Boys: M. C. Mosely, on passing his Final Law and being admitted as solicitor. N. E. Giblin, on winning the Slade Prize for Practical Chemistry at the Sydney University and M. Dawson, on being bracketed for first place for the Soane medallion and the £100 prize attached to it. The subject for the year was a club-house in a large city. The English BUILDING NEWS, in a long criticism on the designs sent in, states that there were "22 competitors, and of these 'Ars' is unquestionably the most able design." Dawson is now in Florence or Rome, where he intends to

study for a time and then return again to London.

N. E. Giblin has won the Slade Prize for Practical Chemistry, and obtained 2nd class honours in Descriptive Geometry and Mechanical Drawing.

W. J. Morson was 1st in the 1st class in Mining Chemistry (2nd year Mining Engineering.)

R. C. Wilson obtained 2nd class honours in Mineralogy.

G. A. More has obtained his B.E., R. C. Wilson his B.Sc, and J. W. Purves has passed the Mining Course (as non-matriculated.)

The following are the Old Boys at the University:—

1st year Arts: A. D. W. Fisher, E. L. Hutchinson, W. G. King, H. M. Barker.

2nd year Arts: H. V. Jaques.

3rd year Arts: A. B. S. White.

1st year Medicine: I. St. Vincent Welch, J. B. St. Vincent Welch, C. F. Fiaschi, A. H. Moseley.

2nd year Medicine: F. G. M. Simpson, G. H. Vernon.

3rd year Medicine: H. W. Kendall.

4th year Medicine: F. C. Adams, P. N. Aiken.

5th year Medicine: G. R. C. Clarke.

1st year Engineering: R. S. Reid, J. N. F. Armstrong.

2nd year Engineering: W. G. B. Boydell, N. E. Giblin, R. C. Wilson, B.Sc.

3rd year Engineering: H. J. Gould, A. C. Mack.

Mining (not regular course): J. Lyne, W. J. Morson.

The Editor intends binding Vols. VI. to X. of TORCHBEARER in one volume, uniform with Vols. I. to V. Only a

limited number will be bound, so that Old Boys who desire to obtain copies must send an application at once to the Editor. The price will be 5s. per copy.

A meeting of Old Boys was held in the School Hall on the evening of the 14th December to bid a formal farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Robson, and at the same time to present him with some testimony of the esteem in which he was held by them. This took the form of a valuable gold watch and chain, the former suitably inscribed. The O.B.U. was well represented. The presentation was made by J. F. Fitzhardinge, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Union. Mr. A. Kelynack, who spoke as a past master and member of the O.B.U., in a very able speech testified to the regard in which Mr. Robson was held by all Old Boys. In the course of his speech he said that Mr. Robson was ever actuated, in the administration of the School, by the highest educational ideals, and that he himself had the kindest recollections of his association with him as head master. Mr. Baker, as representing the present staff, spoke feelingly of the severance of Mr. Robson's connection with the School. Mr. Robson, in the course of his speech in reply, thanked the Union for their kind remarks concerning him, and for the valuable gift, which he would always very highly prize, and he hoped that they would give his successor the same loyalty as they had always shown to him. At his suggestion the following motion was passed unanimously: "That all Old Boys at the War be made full members of the Union for a twelvemonth after their return without payment of the ordinary subscription."

The following names were left out from the list of subscribers to the Testimonial Fund acknowledged in our last issue:—
Russ Barton, H. C. Pockley.

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WAR LETTERS.

(C. W. F. P. ROBERTS.)

London, February 8th.—I expected to be on my way to India by this time, but I do not, or at least the ship does not, leave until the 14th, and the Government has given me the option of going to Marseilles, but I don't know yet what I shall

do. Last Saturday the Queen's funeral procession passed through London, as you know; Osborne and myself represented the old regiment, and I appeared for the last time in public in the uniform of a N.S.W. Lancer, and great was the reception we received. I thought the public would have forgotten what a N.S.W.L. uniform was like, but they very soon showed how well they remembered it, and one could hear exclamations all round as we passed, and squeaks of pleasure from the female and juvenile portions of the crowd. I don't know what Osborne had said to him, but, for my own part, I had some very flattering and complimentary (?) remarks made to me on account of the uniform I wore. All the colonials were drawn up in the quadrangle of the Colonial Office, and some hundred men, with about 25 officers, were present. We were marched off across St. James's Park, and after a desperate fight with the mob in King Street, leading into St. James's Street, where we were fairly mobbed, in spite of police and the soldiers who were trying to line the streets. This pleasant little episode ended in our having to turn and face the crowd, which was rushing on us, and, with the police, try and keep them back until reinforcements, in the shape of Hussars (mounted) arrived and drove them back by riding straight at them, and trusting to the weight of their horses doing the rest. Well, we got to our position in St. James's Street (leading from Pall Mall to Piccadilly) feeling very sore, knocked about, and, in spite of the extreme cold and no overcoats, dreadfully hot and uncomfortable. We stood in our position from 10 till 11.40, when the signal came for the procession to move on along the route which, of course, the papers have explained. As far as seeing the procession was concerned, those who took part in it saw very little indeed beyond those troops who were in close proximity; but, as we marched along in slow time, we saw much more of the extreme beauty of the decorations, which were either white and purple or black and purple drappings, with, in many instances, very beautiful mottoes. But the most wonderful sight of all was the immense crowd which stretched right down the whole length of every side street, and in the park they must have been over 100 yards deep; in fact, as far as your eye could see, it was nothing but a solid mass of faces. There was not a single bit of bright colour to be seen anywhere; everyone, from the wealthiest to the poorest, wore the deepest mourning. It was more than anyone's life was worth to

go out with the least bit of colour on. Several people who, shortly after the Queen's death, still kept their coloured clothes on, were mobbed; one case happened in the city, and a girl was mobbed; they tore her dress to pieces, and she had a police escort to take her home. Well, to continue: We marched along to Paddington Station, where we saw the funeral train waiting, and passed right through to the other side, where we were halted in the Marylebone Road, and dismissed. [This was afterwards explained to be a mistake on the part of the authorities.—Ed TORCH-BEARER.] Even here, a long way from the route, the crowd was very dense, and it was almost impossible to move along. They might have allowed us to line the inside of the station, especially as there was not a single man there, and then there was ample room for us; we were simply marched along and dismissed. Some of our poor colonial troops, who were really not fit to undergo so much hard work, were bundled back to Shorncliffe, and had all the fatigue for nothing but the honour of taking part in the procession. Of course I saw nothing more than the men, but that was my own fault because I chose to take part to represent old N.S.W. for the last time, and for the honour of taking an active part in the funeral of the greatest and grandest Monarch the world has ever seen. I could have had a good seat if I had liked, or I could have lined the streets, either of which would have enabled me to see the whole procession; but still, I think I had chosen the better part, and I am sure you will agree with me.

(C. F. FETHERSTONHAUGH.)

Johannesburg, August 14.—We are having a spell here for a few days. Most of the horses in our lot are knocked up, and, as we are all in rags, they sent about a hundred of us here to be remounted and re-allotted. We left the regiment at Welvedviend, on the railway, about 70 miles north-west. We have been on De Wet's tail for the last few weeks, and have had several skirmishes and fights. He is without doubt a wonderfully smart fellow, the best of them all. When we left Welvedviend, Kitchener was after him, and I only hope he will get him. We will follow in a day or two, as we always seem to be in demand, and there is no doubt Colonel De Lisle thinks very highly of us. We have been with him since we left Kroonstadt. He is a splendid man, knows his work thoroughly, and does not know what fear is. Our force is called the Sixth Mounted Infantry.

We joined them under De Lisle; they are fine fellows, and we get on really well. To-day I got a lot of papers from you, so I am well set up. A little while ago we were glad to cadge bits of old papers to read from, and we used to get off our horses to pick up an old sheet. Now we are up to our knees in paper. It is getting warmer every day. We are to be fitted up from head to toe here, and paid too, so I shall not have a bad time of it if I stay a day or two. We do well enough on the march; we are good foragers, I can tell you. . . . Shells are no joke. I'd rather have the bullets, although we can see and hear shells coming, and, if there is cover when on foot, you can take it. The pom-pom is the nastiest kind of shell, as there are always five or six, quicker than you can count, at intervals of ten yards or so, and they whip round quick and lively. The Boers are more frightened of them than of anything else. . . . This dealing out passes to the Boers is a farce; they clear out for a day or two's fighting, and then step home again, and De Wet does not worry about passes.

I write from the Soldiers' Home here, a fine big place (an old hotel). I have not been into town yet, waiting for clothes. You never saw such a ragged crew as we were when we arrived. You could not tell that some were soldiers at all. Pants were at a premium, and boots too. I had to wear an overcoat to go into town, as a back view of me was not too good.

This is a great place for mines, and hundreds more will be started when the war is over. I received a couple of tins of Bovril lozenges the other day; they are very good. I hope we get good horses here; they seem to think crocks good enough for Mounted Infantry. [*Daily papers report that Lord Kitchener saw some crocks going to the Mounted Infantry, and sent them back with orders that the Mounted Infantry were to pick the best horses they could get.*—Ed., T B J] You can't beat the Imperial Artillery; they are not frightened at anything. I am A1, as usual.

Pretoria, August 30.—We were not long at Johannesburg. We joined the rest of the regiment here. We are camped a couple of miles out of Pretoria. We got a lot of remounts—no Argentines, thank goodness. They are not a bad lot; the best we have had yet. Colonel Knight is trying to get all our regiment together again, and men we have not seen for months come rolling in. We left two of our officers at Johannesburg, Lieutenants Anderson and Garvan. We lost poor

Harriott at Diamond Hill, and Captain Hilliard has been invalided to Australia, so that means four officers out of C Company. Lieutenant Osborne (Foxlow) is with us again.

Nov. 10, Kronstaadt.—Came on here from Bothaville yesterday, about 30 miles. I shall be off again as soon as we get some remounts. We talk of getting back to Australia by the New Year; but I have my doubts.

We got on De Wet a few days ago near Bothaville and captured all his waggons and Cape carts and a lot of horses and mules, six guns, viz., three Krupps and twelve pounders, lost by the British at Colenso, and another gun captured by the Boers at Sanna's Rest. It seems Le Gallais came suddenly on De Wet's laager about half-past five in the morning and found himself within 300 yards of the laager. There were too few of them to do more than hold their own, as the Boers numbered 1500. Le Gallais opened on them with shrapnell at close quarters, and at one time I believe it looked as if Le Gallais' guns would be lost. He himself and Col. Ross were shot down, and our fellows, about 80, galloped up at a critical time and got to business. Col. De Lisle started us off under Col. Knight when he heard the firing in the early morning, and we had about 10 miles to do at our best. The British were hard pressed as we "cut in." De Lisle came up a little later, and we surrounded the Boers who had remained in the laager, and they surrendered about midday. You never saw such a wreck as the laager was in, dead and wounded Boers and horses lying all over the place, and saddles and swags, and wickered waggons and carts all about, and no wonder, as our guns were firing shrapnell at 300 yards. Le Gallais was killed—a grand soldier—and Col. Ross died of his wounds, and about 40 men wounded and 6 killed. The bulk of the Boers got away early in the day, and we made 100 prisoners, and some 30 Boers were killed and a number wounded. De Wet, as usual, cleared out early, but we shook him up a bit anyway. Steyn also, I hear, got away with De Wet. The Boers had been just starting in to breakfast when Le Gallais opened on them. Col. Knight, in consequence of Le Gallais and Col. Ross' deaths, was in command of the force pending Col. De Lisle's arrival, and was complimented by the latter on the way he had handled his men. N.S.W. were complimented next day by Gen. Knox, and Col. De Lisle in his despatches to Lord Roberts said that it was chiefly owing to the dash of the N.S.W. men that the guns were captured.

It is very jolly here (Kroonstadt) as you can have everything you want at decent prices. They paid us £5 each this morning. It's awfully hot now and very few trees to get under. I am A1.

Witkop, 23th November.—We left Kroonstadt a week ago and camped at Rhenister Kop for a week. The First Contingent left us there for home. While at Rhenister we had three men killed and one wounded and several taken prisoners, but they were let go again. We used to send out patrols every day, but the Boers nearly always largely outnumbered our men, and used to come at us boldly, with the result that we had to clear quick and lively. A lot of our fellows had a bad time, and among them was my mate. They ran into a lot of Boers in khaki whom they took to be Australians, but they were soon undeceived. The men in khaki dismounted and opened fire on them, and several of our men were badly wounded. About three days afterwards we were out on patrol and got into another warm corner. The Boers attacked our rearguard, which happened to be us, and things were very brisk for a quarter of an hour. So you see we have not quite finished yet. I expect we shall have a cut at them in a day or two. We have been over this country hundreds of times. General French is somewhere round here. He is the man for them. We are being reinforced in a day or two. C squadron is quite strong again; two troops of about twenty each; but there are not more than 130 of us left now, out of about 900. We cart tents with us now, which makes things very comfortable, as we generally have a thunderstorm every afternoon.

The country is green everywhere now, and good feed for the horses. We get two meals lately, and I have all your letters and lots of papers and cuttings, including the old TORCH-BEARER. In saying good-bye to A and E. Squadrons Col. De Lisle said that the N.S.W. Mounted Rifles and their comrades, the West Australians, had practically made his corps, and gained for it the proud and honourable name it had achieved. It was generally admitted that the 2nd M.L. Corps had done magnificent work in this campaign, and the credit of that rested chiefly with the Australians. It might be that he might meet some of the men in Australia—a land which bred splendid horses and produced fine men. He desired to shake hands with every man of them.

Kronstadt, Dec. 11.—Came in here yesterday from one of our usual expeditions, bringing in about 20,000 sheep and 2000 head of cattle,

Leaving again to-day for a few days out towards Lindley. I am A.I. Pretty hot here.

INVASION OF CAPE COLONY BY THE BOERS.

De Aar, Cape Colony, Dec. 23.—You will be surprised to hear that we are down here. About four days ago we got orders to "enrain at once for the South. Several thousand Boers have crossed the Orange River and we are after them. I do not think they will do much business, but they will get plenty of forage, etc. We expected to spend Christmas at Winburg, but we shall spend the festive occasion on the "Veldt." It's quite different down here to the Orange River Colony, no grass at all, nothing but karoo bush, on which stock seem to do well. There are big square shaped kopjes standing straight up out of the veldt. The ground gets very boggy after the rain. There has been a great deal of fighting the last week or two all over the place. The Boers are having a rally. Knox has given De Wet a sultry time of it. I wish we had been with him. De Wet keeps his followers up to the mark with the most awful lies.

Near Beaufort, 7th January, 1901.

Since leaving De Aar we have had some of the hardest marches for a long time, following up the Boers who used to take all the horses and forage from all the farms ahead of us and of course leaving nothing for us. The result is a terrible loss of dismounted men. A convoy met us here last night and we clear out again to-day.

On the 17th we shall have served a year. We spent Xmas at Britstown; had a fight next day. Colonel Knight has led us splendidly lately. The guerilla fighting seems to suit him, and he has done wonderfully well with the regiment.

Clanwilliam, Cape Colony, 26 January—We came down to Picquet Biny Road from Beaufort West in the train, about 70 miles from Capetown a fortnight ago. We had a turn after Heitzog's command. We have done some heavy work over rough country. The N.S. Wales men are doing patrol work over a big stretch of country. A little sniping is going on. The Boers did a great march down here from the Orange River. We can see the sea from the top of some of the big hills. There are a great number of farms in this district, all Dutch, and a great many if disloyal. We do very well having plenty of grapes and water-melons, tons of them all round. This town is a pretty little place surrounded by hills, so is Picquet Biny. I met Jack Rundle again to-day he is adjutant of Brabant's Horse, and they all came in yesterday under Colonel Bethune. Mair is with another column. I have not seen him, he is with a machine gun.

The country round here is beastly, nothing but everlasting sand and very heavy for our horses. I have my pony still, but he is very leg weary. I have only had two horses for the last five or six months.

School Notes.

TERM commenced on January 29 with 32 new boys. The present term will end on Thursday, April 4, and the School will re-open on April 15, at 2 p.m.—for new boys at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. Wright will leave at the end of the term, having been appointed to a mastership at the Townsville Grammar School. We congratulate him on his appointment, and wish him every success in his new sphere of work. His successor

will be Mr. A. H. Yarnold, B. A., who will be heartily welcomed as the first Old Boy who has joined the staff. Another familiar face that will make its re-appearance next term will be that of Mr. W. McKay, who has been re-appointed Drill and Carpentry Instructor.

The Rev. A. Yarnold, who has been Rector of our Parish Church for the last 19 years, has been appointed Rector of St. John's, Ashfield, in succession to the late Canon Corlette. Mr. Yarnold will

sever his connection with Christ Church on Easter Tuesday. He will be greatly missed by the members of the School who have had the privilege of his ministrations. All boarders and many day boys have been presented by him for confirmation, and he carries with him to his new sphere the best wishes of the School, both past and present.

In the recent Matriculation Examinations at the Sydney University the following were successful:—R. S. Reid (Engineering), G. E. Browne, E. L. Hutchinson, E. R. Way, K. Williams. Reid and Hutchinson are entering the University this term, as also is A. D. Fisher, who had already obtained his matriculation pass.

N. E. Giblin has won the Slade Prize in the Sydney University for Practical Chemistry, and obtained 2nd class honour in Descriptive Geometry and Mechanical Drawing; W. J. Morson was 1st in the 1st Class in Mining Chemistry (2nd year Mining Engineering); R. C. Wilson obtained 2nd Class in Mineralogy; G. H. More obtained the B.E. degree, and R. C. Wilson the B.Sc. degree; J. W. Purves also passed the Mining Course as a non-matriculated student; M. Dawson was bracketed with two others for the Soane Medallion and the £100 prize attached to it; M. C. Moseley has passed the Final Law and has been admitted as Solicitor.

Great improvements were made to the School cricket ground, path, &c., during the Christmas holidays. The studies, &c., were also done up, and a Common Room was made for the use of small boys.

In the Commonwealth Sports, open to all the Colonies, Fisher was second in the broad jump (won by H. H. Hunter, M.G.S., 21ft. 11in.); second in the 440 yds. (won by N. Barker, N.C., in 53 15 secs.); second in the 100 yds. (won by N. Barker, N.C.); and E. L. Hutchinson was second in the hurdles (won by H. H. Hunter, M.G.S., in 17 3-5 secs.) In his second jump Fisher covered 21ft 7½ in., but unfortunately it was declared "no jump." Counting points as in the G.P.S. Combined Meeting, 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd, New South Wales G.P.S. scored 28 to the Victorian Schools 25.

In an account of the "breaking-up" one of the local papers, in reviewing the history of the School, has the following note:—"The training attained has been productive of success in the world's great field of battle. In commerce, in law, in many callings, and in the ranks of fighting men in South Africa, have the graduates of the School played an honoured, if not conspicuous, part."

During the Christmas holidays a party from the Wanganui College stopped at the School to view the Commonwealth Celebrations. They had a very pleasant time by all accounts and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. Andrews, who was in charge of the party, writing from Wanganui to thank Mr. Hodges, has among many other interesting items the following, which will be read with interest by rowing men and all true sportsmen:—"We achieved a glorious victory at the Regatta yesterday by winning our annual race against the Town club by *two feet*! I was awfully pleased by Murphy (you

may recollect him?) He was stroking our crew, and just at the start one of our opponents caught the crabbiest of crabs, and fell back and lost his oar. So Murphy eased off till the others had recovered themselves, and then started even again. He is a blunt sort of creature, and merely remarked that 'he'd sooner lose than win like that'—for which he is now a hero!"

At the annual meeting of the G.P.S. A.A.A. the Hon. R. J. Black was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Association.

G. G. Black I, C. D. Kater, E. G. F. Sayers, and E. K. Way have been awarded their 1st XI. colours.

The bat presented by the Hon. R. J. Black for the highest score over 50 in the S.G.S. match was won by G. G. Black I. with a score of 76.

The 1st XI. presented a bat to R. N. Hickson for his score of 139 v. St. Joseph's College.

At the General Sports Committee Meeting held on 26th March, R. N. Hickson was elected captain of football, *vice* A. D. Fisher (left), and J. F. Reid captain of boats, *vice* R. S. Reid (left). Taylor I. and Turton I. were elected to fill vacancies in the Football Sub-Committee, and Sayers in the Boat Club Sub-Committee. Adams I, Dent I., Williams I. were elected to vacancies in the General Sports Committee.

A. D. Fisher, G. G. Black, and R. N. Hickson have been picked to play for the G.P.S. in the annual match v. the Rushcutter Bay Trustees on Wednesday, the 3rd inst.

The Sports Committee beg to thank Messrs. T. A. Dibbs, T. B. Dibbs, C. H. Hodges, W. R. Sayers, and the Hon. A. J. Gould, and the Old Boys' Union for donations for the Trial Fours Cups; and to Mr. Ed. Kater for a donation towards the Cricket Ground.

School Calendar.

1900.		
Dec.	13	Presentation to Mr. Robson in School Hall, by Present Boys. Annual Speech Day. His Grace the Archbishop in Chair.
	14	Presentation to Mr. Robson by Old Boys' Union in School Hall.
1901.		
January	1	C. H. Hodges, Esq., Headmaster, <i>vice</i> E. I. Robson, Esq., resigned.
	22	Death of the Queen.
	24	Meeting of O.B.U. in School Hall to welcome Mr. Hodges.
	29	First Day of Term—32 new boys.

February	9	1st XI. v. Nondescripts.—Lost 71 to 165.
	15 }	1st XI. v. T.K.S.—Won 211 to 125
	16 }	
	20 }	
	23 }	1st XI. v. St. Joseph's College.—Won 29 and 236 to 115 and 33.
March	1 }	1st XI. v. S.G.S.—Lost 258 to 338.
	2 }	
	5	Trial Fours, Berry's Bay.
	9	1st XI. v. I. Zingari Vets.—Drawn, 181 to 5 for 108.
	19	Missionary Address by the Rev. H. W. Trickett and C. R. Walsh, Esq.
	22 }	1st XI. v. N.C.—Lost 83 and 183 to 173 and 3 for 94.
	23 }	
	26	General Sports Committee: R. N. Hickson elected captain of Football, <i>vice</i> A. D. Fisher, left; and J. F. Reid, captain of Boats, <i>vice</i> R. S. Reid, left.
April	4	Last day of Term.

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