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Editorial.

OUR present issue differs from its predecessors in a manner worthy of note, inasmuch as it contains the brief records of the lives of two of our members who have fallen in South Africa for King and country. We have no intention of recording here the particulars of their careers at School, or the sad manner of their early deaths. That has been done elsewhere, and we feel assured that although they are known only by tradition to the present members of the School, these notices will be read by all, both past and present, with a feeling of the deepest sympathy with their relatives in their loss, and not without a feeling

of pride that even so early in its history the School should have been able to show in the lives and deeds of its members that love of country and devotion to duty which will ever, we trust, characterise it. Our present wish is to bring under the notice of our readers the proposal to erect some memorial to keep their memories ever green among us, and to solicit the help of all in this direction. As the purpose of the memorial is to link their names forever with the history of the School, it is most fitting that it should take the form of some School institution of a permanent character that may keep before the minds of all who enjoy its

benefits the character of those whom their contemporaries judged worthy of such commemoration. The present idea is to erect a Library and Reading room for the use of all pupils—day boys and boarders alike—on the walls of which may be read the history of the School as it is written from year to year in the names of our leaders in study and in sport. There too will be inscribed the names of all who volunteered to help the mother land, both in South Africa and China, at an epoch in history which must ever remain notable as having for the first time given the world an object-lesson on the meaning of the term 'British Empire'. Such records are of great interest to all members and friends of the School, and will not, we may be allowed to hope, be destitute of value to the historian of the future destinies of our Commonwealth.

The only thing needed to enable us to realise our wishes is a liberal response on the part of all our members to the appeal for financial aid. To those who were contemporary with Rundle and Mair the object naturally appeals with special force; but it cannot fail to interest all who have at heart the honour of the School which these two so worthily upheld, and who are desirous of paying this tribute to their memory. It is therefore with a feeling of confidence that we ask all our readers to help us to the utmost extent of their power in our endeavour to benefit the present, while commemorating the virtues of the past, and to unite all together in a continuous record of our history preserved in a building consecrated by such honourable traditions as are associated with the names of our fallen comrades.

Our Holiday in Queensland.

WE returned late to School owing to a pleasant holiday on a Queensland sugar plantation. We had followed the usual course of non-sailors, and went overland to Brisbane. Some of the scenery on the way was charming, and almost reminded me of the Black Forest. The most beautiful vista was seen from the train as it skirted the edge of a mountain range near Toowoomba.

After Brisbane we had perforce to finish our journey by water. On the way we spent a few days in Townsville and climbed Castle Hill. Then the steamer took us through the lovely lake-like scenery of Hinchinbrook Channel to Lucinda Point.

There, we trans-shipped with our luggage to a quaint little tramway train, owned by the Sugar Company, and it took us to a small township named Halifax.

On the train two small youths nearly devoured us with their eyes; I have since wondered which gave them the most pleasure, our colors, our neckties, or our waistcoats, the two latter are certainly not common in Queensland. From Halifax we were driven to Ripple Creek by a man who has been on the plantation 16 years, and who took great delight in showing us the sights of the district.

We had only one more trans-shipment to make, and that was across the beautiful Herbert River to the Manager's house.

When we arrived the river was indeed lovely, but I have seen it lovelier still. In the quiet hush of a tropical evening, when the sun has set beyond the purple hills throwing broad rays up from behind them into the sky, it is indeed pleasant to stand on the banks and watch the calm river lined with a luxuriant growth of trees mirroring in its waters such a pure natural country scene.

We arrived at the house and received a warm welcome. Of the sugar-mill I can't say much here. It lies about half a mile away from the Manager's house, in the midst of many miles of cane.

The method of sugar-making is one intensely interesting to the novice. He sees the Kanakas toiling in the fields or at

the wood camp, where the trees are cut down to feed the furnaces. He sees the cane in various stages, sees it planted, chipped and stripped; sees it cut down to be in turn brought per tramway to the crushers of the mill. He notices again the organisation of the little community—the hospital—the Kanaka camp—and the various processes in the making of sugar. One could write quite an interesting little essay on life on a cane plantation. It is so different, so pleasant (to the new chum), and so complex.

We passed a most enjoyable six weeks there, and perhaps another time I will write about Queensland life from the stand point of my second visit.—[Please do so soon.—ED. T.B.]

Cricket.

A CASUAL visitor to the School during the last few weeks might have been struck with the idea that we had decided on placing Agriculture on the School curriculum; for day by day a supply of "picks of sorts" preserved almost perpetual motion until the ground assumed the appearance of a ploughed field. Large supplies of Chatawood soil and Bulli soil arrived, and the grass rising to the occasion has made remarkable progress already. The results give most satisfactory promise of excellent wickets to come, and of a lawn-like outfield whereon brilliant feats may be accomplished during the ensuing season. The first eleven will sadly miss A. Fisher who led the team last season and who with bat and ball and in the field will be hard to replace. Another old member of

the team E. Way has also joined the ever increasing majority, and Turton who might have been very useful this year, has, we are sorry to say, been a very unfortunate victim to football. However, Hickson with experience should develop into a good skipper, and the three places in the eleven should be filled from Allen II., Black II., Bullock and Hilder. We hope to see considerable improvement in the second team this year, as they as well as the Juniors will be taken in hand by Mr. Yarnold and will probably have a fair amount of practice on the turf wickets, so that they should give a fair account of themselves by and by. We must impress on all the necessity for regular practice, for by that alone can the game be learned and played, for genius in cricket, as in everything else, is the

"infinite capacity for taking pains," success is generally proportionate to the amount of effort expended. Every boy should feel that in practising and playing the game he is only doing his duty to himself, to his fellows and to his School.

Old Boys have done their work in the past and may justly expect of every boy now at School that he will do his best to uphold and improve upon the standard of former elevens.

The Athletic Sports.

THE tenth Annual Meeting was held on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, September 4th. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance large, and great interest was taken in the various events. The Bavarian Band added much to the enjoyment of the afternoon. The Senior Shield was won by J. F. Reid, C. J. Fenwick taking second place. For the Junior Shield the competition was very keen, E. H. Senior just winning by a point from H. L. St. Vincent-Welch.

The All Schools' event—220 Yards under 16, proved a great success, fourteen competitors representing four of the associated schools taking part, W. R. Angus of the S.G.S. won fairly easily, R. Matthews of the T.K.S. coming in second.

The Mile and Heats in the 150, 220, and 440 Handicaps were run on the N.S. Oval on the 29th and 30th of August. The Kick, Broad Jump, Senior and Junior, and preliminary contests in the High Jump and Throw were decided on the School Ground on the 24th and 31st of August.

The Committee tender their best thanks to friends who gave prizes and donations to the Prize Fund; to Mrs. Hodges for

distributing the prizes and to all who helped to make the Sports a success.

The Officials were as follows:—Committee, The Headmaster (President), Rev. D. Davies, R. N. Hickson (Hon. Sec.), C. F. Kater (Hon. Treas.), J. F. Reid.

Judges:—L. A. Baker, Esq., E. R. Holme, Esq., C. H. Linton, Esq., A. D. W. Fisher, Esq., The Headmaster, and Sergt. McKay.

Starters:—A. D. Hall, Esq., F. N. Frith, Esq.

Timekeeper:—A. H. Yarnold, Esq.

One new record was established, R. N. Hickson altering 59 yards the distance of A. B. S. White's kick in the Combined Meeting of 1897 to 60 yards 6 inches.

The School records therefore are now: 100 Yards, N. N. G. Levick, 10 3-5 secs.

(Combined Meeting) 1897.

220 Yards, N. N. G. Levick, 22 4-5 secs.

(Combined Meeting) 1897.

440 Yards, N. N. G. Levick, 54 1-5 secs. 1897.

880 Yards, C. D. Abraham, 2 mins. 11 2-5 secs., 1896.

One Mile, C. D. Abraham, 5 mins. 1 2-5 secs., 1898.

Throw, G. A. More, 110 yds. 1ft 7 in., 1895.

Kick, R. N. Hickson, 60 yds. 6 ins. 1901.

High Jump, N. E. Giblin, 5 ft. 4 ins. (Combined Meeting) 1898.

Broad Jump, A. D. W. Fisher, 21 ft. 1 in. (Combined Meeting) 1900.

120 Yards Hurdle Race, F. L. Meredith, 18secs., 1894; A. Ritchie, 18 secs., 1895; C. W. Rundle, 18 secs., 1898.

The various results were as follows:—

Kicking the Football—

Competed for on the School Ground on Saturday, August 24th.

R. N. Hickson...	...	1.
O. G. Dent I. ....	...	2.
J. F. Reid ....	...	3.

Distance, 60 yds. 6 in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—

R. N. Hickson ...	...	1.
J. F. Reid ...	...	2.

Distance 108 yards, 1 ft. 7 in,

But for the best throw dropping among the suspended sacks of the Obstacle Race, Hickson would most likely have put up a School record.

150 Yds. Handicap (over 14)—

C. J. Fenwick ...	...	1.
E. J. Moore I., 3 yds....	...	2.
F. A. L. Gunning 11 yds.	...	3.

Time 16 2-5 secs.

The Heats were run off on the N.S. Oval on August 29th. In the first heat C. J. Fenwick (scratch) won easily in 18 seconds, F. A. L. Gunning (11 yards) being second, and K. N. Amphlett (7 yards) third.

In the second heat O. G. Dent I. (5 yards), just won from L. E. Giblin II. (9 yards) in 18 secs—H. B. Shaw (15 yards) being a good third.

In the third heat E. J. Moore I. (3 yds.) won fairly easily in 17 seconds, the other placed men F. M. Boydell I. (11 yards), A. N. Pye (13 yards) and L. Davies (14 yards) being close together.

In the fourth heat R. C. Adams I. (8 yards) just managed to beat, in 17 3-10 secs., W. E. Giblin I. (11 yds.), who was a couple of yards ahead of A. H. Richardson (8 yards).

The Final was a good race, very little separating the placed men.

440 Yards Championship and Handicap (over 14).

C. J. Fenwick I. (scr.)...	1.
O. G. Dent I. (5 yds)....	2.
I. F. Reid (scr.)	3.

The Heats were run on the N.S. Oval on August 29th—those competing for the championship, who started from scratch, not taking part.

The first heat was won by D. H. Roberts II. (40 yards) in 63 seconds, O. G. Dent I. (5 yds.), being a good second.

In the second heat W. E. Giblin I. (25 yds.) just beat R. B. Minnett II. (40 yds.) in 62 1/2 secs.—F. M. Boydell I. was a good third.

In the third heat the order was R. C. Adams I. (15 yds), A. N. Pye (35 yards), L. Davies (50 yds.), Adams winning easily in 62 1/2 seconds.

In the Final, Dent was leading till about 10 yards from the finish, when he was overtaken by Fenwick, who won by a couple of yards, Reid being some yards behind Dent.

One Mile Championship—

J. F. Reid ...	...	1.
O. G. Dent I. ....	...	2.

Time 5 mins. 17 secs.

One Mile Handicap—

R. V. Minnett I. (90 yds.)	1.
D. H. Roberts II. (120 yds.)	2.
T. T. King I. (170 yds.)	3.

Time 5 min. 6 secs.

The Handicap and Championship were run off together on the N.S. Oval on August 30th. The Championship was a very tame affair, but the Handicap proved one of the best contests we have ever had. Minnett ran extremely well, his handicap fully separating him from the scratch men at the end.

Broad Jump Championship—

J. F. Reid ...	...	1.
C. J. Fenwick I. ....	...	2.
C. N. Daley ...	...	3.

Distance 20 ft. 2 ins.

Competed on the School Ground on August 31st, and won easily by Reid.

Broad Jump (under 14).

E. H. Senior	1.
H. L. St. V. Welch	2.
N. E. Moorhouse	3.

Distance 15 ft. 8 in.

Competed on the School Ground on August 31st. Welch jumped 15 ft. 4½ inches, and Moorhouse 14 ft. ½ in.

High Jump Championship.

J. F. Reid	1.
G. H. Salwey	2.

Height 5 ft. 2 in.

In the preliminary contest Reid just won from Salwey, Daley and Terry being the other placed men. In the Final Salwey jumped 4 ft. 11 in.

120 Yards Hurdles' Championship.

J. F. Reid	1.
R. V. Minnett I.	2.
G. H. Salwey	3.

The first heat was won by Minnett with Salwey a good second; and the second heat by Reid, Pattison being some yards behind.

In the final Reid won fairly easily in the slow time of 19 3-5 secs.

100 Yards (under 14)—

E. H. Senior	1
R. M. Boydell II.	2.
H. L. St. Vincent Welch	3

Time 13 1-5 secs.

A very good race, Senior winning by a couple of yards.

100 Yards Championship—

C. J. Fenwick I.	1
J. F. Reid	2
E. J. Moore I.	3

Time 11 2-5 secs.

Fenwick won by about 2 yards, a yard between second and third.

High Jump (under 14)—

E. H. Senior	1*
H. L. St. Vincent Welch	1*
A. M. Lomax	3

Senior and Welch tied at 4 ft 4½ inches.

220 Yards (under 14)—

E. H. Senior	1
R. M. Boydell II.	2
H. L. St. Vincent Welch	3

Time 30½ secs.

Won fairly easily by Senior; second and third very close together.

100 Yards (under 12)—

F. A. Beadell	1
D. Williams II.	2
V. G. Bath	3

A close race (till about ten yards from the finish when Beadell drew away and won easily.

220 Yards Handicap (under 14).

N. E. Graham (18 yds.)	1
D. Williams II. (16 yds.)	2
A. Muir (15 yds.)	3

A very good race, which the limit men just managed to win, 6 to 8 being bunched together at the finish.

220 Yards Championship and Handicap.

F. A. L. Gunning (14 yds.)	1
C. J. Fenwick (scr)	2
J. F. Reid (scr.)	3

Time 25 secs.

Too many had been left in for the final, consequently Gunning with a clear spacemanaged to keep ahead of the scratch men and just won at the tape.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13)—

R. M. Boydell II. owes 4 yds I	1
N. E. Moorhouse (scr.)	2
P. A. C. Davenport (9 yds.)	3

A well contested race, Boydell winning by a couple of yards, two yards separating second and third.

100 Yards Old Boys' Handicap—

R. C. Wilson (7 yds.)	1
E. R. Way (10 yds.)	2
R. R. II. Moore (7yds)	3

The handicapping in both heats was particularly good, very little separating all competitors at the finish.

In the first heat Moore just beat Levick and in the second heat Wilson and Way were separated by inches. In the final inches separated the placed men.

All Schools' 220 Yards (under 16)—

W. R. Angus, S.G.S.	1
R. Matthews, T.K.S.	2
G. Gemmell Smith, T.K.S.	3

Angus won comfortably by 5 yards keeping well ahead from start to finish—a couple of yards separated the 2nd and 3rd men.

440 Yards Handicap and Championship (under 14).—

- O. B. Dibbs II. (30 yds). 1
- N. E. Graham (30 yds). 2
- D. Williams II. (35 yds). 3

A splendidly contested race the limit men just winning with little to choose between them. Welch starting from scratch won the championship with Way a good second.

Jockey Race in Sacks.—

- R. G. I. Dent ... } 1
- D. J. Grant ... }
- E. J. Moore I. ... }
- D. C. Macphail ... } 2

A very amusing race to onlookers. F. M. Boydell I., and T. T. King I., who came in first, were disqualified.

Flag Race—

- TEAM A. (Union Jack) 1
- Team consisted of—C. J. Fenwick I., R. C. Adams I., J. S. Monro, H. L. St. Vincent Welch, N. E. Moorhouse, F. A. Beadell, G. S. Dibbs I., N. H. Besnard.

A very popular race with the spectators, there being always a great deal of excitement in connection with it owing to the warm rivalry between the various teams.

Obstacle Race—

- D. J. Grant ... 1
- O. G. Dent I. ... 2

Over 60 started, all the obstacles were well negotiated and the race proved highly exciting and interesting.

The Committee desire to thank the

following for the gift of Prizes or Donations to the Prize Fund:—The Archbishop, Colonel Burns, T. A. Dibbs, Esq., Mrs. Merewether, The Hon R. J. Black, Old Boys' Union, T. H. Dent, Esq., W. B. C. Tiley, Esq., Messrs. Turner and Henderson, H. H. Massie, Esq., L. M. King, Esq., "In memory of S. B. Wallace," The Masters, Charles H. Grant, Esq., Mrs. E. J. Smith, W. U. Smyth King, Esq., W. H. W. Nicholls, Esq., Mrs. C. B. Boydell, The Headmaster, Mrs. Hodges, Trustees of late T. J. Hilder, W. Jardine Parkes, Esq., Mrs. Gunning, J. St. Vincent Welch, Esq., J. Rhodes, Esq., Ed. Kater, Esq., A. B. S. White, Esq., E. R. Holme, Esq., R. Hickson, Esq., J. Julian Moore, Esq., E. Beadell, Esq., Geo. Senior, Esq., Mrs. T. B. Dibbs, F. A. Davenport, Esq., J. F. Hoare, Esq., Mrs. J. A. Minnett, G. H. King, Esq., Mrs. Francis Adams, H. Meredith, Esq., Mrs. Broughton, N. F. Giblin, Esq., B. R. Lloyd, Esq., A. Newham, Esq., Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ed. Terry, C. A. Pollard, Esq., Messrs. Empson and Son, Mrs. W. A. Smith, H. V. Bath, Esq., C. E. Graham, Esq., Dr. Floyer, A. W. Tooth, Esq., F. T. Way, Esq., Mrs. Barnes.

Table of Points for Championships.

	Mile	100 yds.	440 yds.	Hurdles	H. J'mp	B. J'mp	Kick	Throw	220 yds.	Total
SENIOR.										
C. J. Fenwick I.	...	5	5	...	...	2	...	...	5	17
R. N. Hickson...	3	3	...	6
J. F. Reid	5	3	2	5	3	3	1	2	3	27
O. G. Dent I	3	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	8
E. J. Moore I	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
R. V. Minnett I	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
JUNIOR.										
R. M. Boydell II	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
A. M. Lomax	1	...	...	...	...	1
N. E. Moorhouse	1	...	...	...	1
E. H. Senior	...	5	...	...	2½	3	...	...	5	15½
H. L. St. V. Welch	...	2	5	...	2½	2	...	...	2	13½

ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET, 1901.

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Donations	...	...	45	0	0	Prizes*	...	...	28	19	0
Sale of Programmes	...	...	2	9	2	Hire of Ground	...	...	4	4	0
Entries	3	16	0	Band	3	10	0
						Printing	8	5	6
						Engraving	0	16	0
						Stamps, &c.	2	15	3
						Sundries	1	12	3
						Cartage	0	16	6
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*Not including Prizes in stock.

D. DAVIES, for Hon Treas.

E. & O. E.

Examined and found correct.

W. McKAY, School Clerk.

School Notes.

TERM commenced on July 16 with 24 new boys. It will end on Thursday, September 26, when the prizes will be distributed by His Excellency Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, K.C.M.G.—the Archbishop taking the chair. School will re-open on Tuesday, October 8; at 2 p.m.—for new boys at 9.30.

A very interesting lecture was given in the School-hall on June 18th by the Rev. Copeland King, of the New Guinea Anglican Mission, on methods adopted by pioneer missionaries in their study of native dialects.

The Missionary and Hospital collection for this Term has realized £2 12s. 4d.

Great improvements are being made to the cricket ground and to the school buildings in general. There are also rumours that the Council meditate still further additions in the near future in the form of a gymnasium, etc.

C. F. Kater has obtained his 1st XV. colours.

The Seventh Annual Combined Athletic Sports of the Associated Schools will take place on the University Oval on Friday, September 27th. There is every prospect of a very successful gathering.

It has been resolved to build, if possible, a library and reading room in memory of old boys killed in the war. The Old Boys' Union have taken the

matter up and have appointed as joint treasurers the Headmaster and the Rev. D. Davies, who will gladly receive and acknowledge subscriptions from those interested in the scheme.

In the recent Junior Examination we passed eight boys; two (Hartridge and Roberts) obtained matriculation passes, and Bradley was prox. acc. for both the English and French medals. Full details are published in another column.

The following are the result of examination for special prizes:—Lower School, Writing and Dictation, K. B. F. Lumsdaine (Rem.); H. A. Parkes (II a). Mr. Uther's prize for Catechism, H. B. Shaw. Carpentry: Senior, A. H. Richardson. Junior, L. M. Rhodes. Old Boys' prize for History and Geography of Australia, H. A. Roberts, *prox acc.*, C. H. B. Bradley, and K. Williams, and a special prize was awarded to M. P. Smith.

The School Confirmation Classes will start on Friday, October 4th. Names of candidates must be given in as soon as possible to the Headmaster or Mr. Davies.

Considering the short time the majority of the boys have been learning carpentry—two terms only—the work has been most satisfactory. So far, the object aimed at has been merely to instruct the boys in the use of tools, the proper method of preparing the wood, and a few elementary joints; but more advanced work will be undertaken as the preliminary stages are passed.

In future it is proposed to hold an annual examination in drill at the end of Term II., and prizes will be awarded on the result of the examination. Particulars will be posted on the notice board.

A short memorial service took place in Hall on Thursday, September 19th, in connection with death of the American President. A short address was given by the Headmaster.

On Tuesday, September 24th, the following were admitted prefects after a special service in Hall:—R. N. Hickson, C. F. Kater, J. F. Reid, E. G. P. Sayers, K. Williams I.

New Guinea Notes.

The Anglican Mission Station at Boianai, New Guinea, has supplied its Church with *pews*. Some two years ago a violent hurricane struck the coast, and ruined a great number of large native canoes. These have recently been turned to good account. Each canoe when cut up has furnished four *pews*, and each pew will hold ten persons. Thus comfortable sitting accommodation has been provided for three hundred people.

Fancy waiting until the tide turned to see if

one's hair was tidy! Yet before civilisation reached New Guinea, bringing in its train that useful article, the looking-glass, the Papuans used to dig holes on the beach, border them with stones, and call them "mirrors." When high tide had filled the hole and retreated, they were able to approach and perform their toilette.

New Guinea is regarded by most Australians as a land far removed from their large centres of population. Yet as a matter of fact both

Port Moresby and Samarai are nearer to Brisbane via Cooktown than Thursday Island is, the three places being respectively—1388, 1433, and 1451 miles distant from Brisbane. And there is no point in the remotest part of British New Guinea oceanic waters as far from Brisbane and Cooktown as Normanton, which is 500 miles beyond Thursday Island, or 1951 miles from Brisbane.

There is an island off the N.E. coast of New Guinea which is said to possess a marvellous monster. His body is that of a serpent, but he has a man's face. The islanders are supposed to have built him a house and given him a wife. He has a young family, but they have not inherited their father's peculiarities. A young Catechumen from the Anglican Mission on the mainland went to see this monster, and returned with the news that it was only wood. The islanders, however, forbade him to touch it

When Sir W. MacGregor ascended Mount Victoria, the highest peak (13,000 ft.) of the Owen-Stanley range in British New Guinea, he was very anxious to secure Natural History specimens for the Australian Museums. Rations ran short, yet he kept his collector, Joe, with him throughout, though his appetite was objectionally rapacious. Very few birds were obtained, the most noteworthy being a lark, only one specimen of which was found. After the highest point had been reached, Sir William made enquiries of the collector as to specimens

secured, but found to his great disappointment that Joe and a friend had eaten two out of three new birds obtained on the mountain, one of the two being the lark!

The Fly River was in later years the scene of the labours in New Guinea of Mr. Chalmers. Some 50 miles up the river there is a village, the whole of whose inhabitants, though they number several hundreds, live in one house. The house, which is kept scrupulously clean, is a fine structure 520 feet long and over 30 feet wide inside. The men's and women's quarters are carefully divided one from the other. The mighty Fly River at 180 miles from the mouth sends down a stream of water sufficient to supply twice the present population of the globe with 60 gallons of water a day.

The Anglican Mission to New Guinea gives a prominence to industrial work. The printing press has been the means of discovering distinct talent in two young Papuans. The Mission hopes before long to turn out native carpenters, boatbuilders, and stockriders. Many, whose training has made them desire something more elevated than the ordinary village life, are forming a Christian village in the midst of a thousand acre cocoanut plantation. They grow their own food, plant coconuts, and as soon as these begin to bear will make and export copra, or the dried kernels of the nut, to the Sydney market, where it is used in the manufacture of soap and the oil cake, on which stock are fed.

Old Boys' Union.

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

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

The following changes of addresses have

been notified:—A. T. Carlisle, c/o. A. M.P. Society, Pitt-street, Sydney; J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, Standish, St. Leonards; W. G. King, 124 Victoria-street N., Potts Point; H. M. Barker, Woodlands, N. Sydney; C. W. H. MacArthur, c/o. L. and L. and Globe Insurance Society, Pitt-street, Sydney; O. Hargraves, c/o. L. and L. and Globe Insurance Society, Pitt-street, Sydney.

It has been decided to perpetuate the memory of Mair and Rundle by the erection of a Library and Reading Room. For this a sum of about £300 is necessary, and the committee of the O.B.U. confidently appeal to all Old Boys and friends of the Union to assist in bringing so laudable a scheme to a successful issue. The Hon. Treasurers of the Fund are C. H. Hodges, Esq., and the Rev. D. Davies, and they will be glad to receive and acknowledge any subscriptions sent to them. The list of subscriptions will be published in the next issue of TORCH-BEARER.

C. M. Fetherstonhaugh when he last wrote was in the Eastern Transvaal. He says that they have plenty of water and plenty of food, but no good fights, but are sniped at almost every day. He is in the 3rd Regiment N.S.W. Mounted Rifles, under Lieutenant Colonel C. Cox.

C. E. Murnin, after returning with the China Contingent, has sailed to S. Africa in the Troopship Orient. He hopes to obtain a commission in the Scottish Horse.

There has been of late a regular epidemic in the form of weddings among our Old Boys. We have already congratulated J. R. Hargrave and Lindsay Ballantyne, the latter of whom is the first to hold the proud title of father. We have now to offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to—

H. C. Pockley, who was married to Miss Rosie Turner on the 18th June; F. L. M. Merewether, who was married to Miss Sylvia Gore on the 31st July; and to W. B. Clarke, on his marriage to Miss Nellie Harriott on the 28th August.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following, for the year ending May, 1902:—T. S. L. Armstrong, L. N. Dent, C. J. I. Dent, H. J. Gould, C. W. H. Macarthur, H. Ireland, A. B. S. White, J. W. Gibson (2), D. T. Kilgour, Rev. D. Davies, N. G. Pattison, G. N. Larkin, W. J. Morson, B. H. O. St. John, E. R. Holme, V. Y. Deane, J. B. St. Vincent Welch, G. N. Allen, G. S. Cook (2), E. R. Way, D. H. Roberts, J. E. R. McMaster, F. G. Simpson, G. R. C. Clarke, O. E. Friend, A. E. Binny, A. T. Carlisle, R. C. Wilson, W. A. Bull (2), H. P. Harriott, A. D. Fisher, N. Y. Deane, W. G. King, G. E. Browne.

In the event of any mistake, kindly write to the Hon. Treasurer. Members are reminded that their subscriptions for year 1901-1902 are now due.

Dr. E. O. Pockley has gone to England as Surgeon on the Aberdeen Liner Nineveh. He intends remaining some months at home.

H. W. Kendall is rowing in the University Pennant Eight.

A. D. Fisher played for the Metropolitan XV. v. Newcastle, and scored the only try of the match.

The annual cricket match, Old Boys v. The School, is to take place on the School ground on Saturday, December 7th. On the evening of the same date a meeting of the Union will take place in the School Hall.

Old Boys and friends of Jack Rundle, whose sorrow for him is mixed with pride in his magnificent record, will be glad to have the following complete and correct outline of his military career, published now, we believe, for the first time:—

William John Scott Rundle entered 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers) as Second Lieutenant October 11th, 1899; served in South African war with his regiment, of which he became Lieutenant May 11th, 1900; was present in the operations at Colesburg, at the relief of Kimberley, in the engagements at Paardeberg, Poplar Grove and Driefontein, the occupation of Bloemfontein, the engagement at Karee Siding, the crossing of Zand River, the advance on Johannesburg and Pretoria, the engagement at Kroonstad, the operations under Lieutenant-General French at Doornfontein, and was one of the only two officers of his regiment mentioned in despatches by Lord Roberts; was appointed A.D.C. to Brigadier-General Porter September 3rd, 1900, and to General French December 3rd, 1900; created local Captain December 10th, 1900, and Brevet-Major June 15th, 1901.

With the exception of a short period of captivity from July 7th to September 2nd, 1900, he met with no personal misfortune at all until July 19th last. On that date, while in command of Brabant's Horse, and with the advance guard, an attack was made on him by the enemy. He galloped up to his advanced scouts in order to steady the men, and soon had the Boers driven off. Unhappily he was struck himself by a stray shot at the very last moment and severely wounded in the head. Carried back to

Beaufort West, in Cape Colony, he died there on July 30th, and by direction of General French was buried with the full Military Honours accorded a Field Officer.

Of the many documents now in the hands of his family illustrating how Jack Rundle was regarded by his army comrades in his quality of soldier—the warmer personal tributes can, of course, scarcely be committed to print—one of the briefest, yet most typical, we are enabled by Dr. Rundle's kindness to give our readers. It is a telegram from that distinguished leader of mounted troops, Colonel Scobell, and was sent to Jack on June 17th last. It reads: "My best congratulations on your Majority, which must be about a record in the British Army." To that nothing need be added in a British community.

A friend has received a letter from Mr. Griffith, late chaplain to the Archbishop, from Bloemfontein, in which he writes of Mair as follows:—"He is now A.D.C. and Provost-Marshal to De Lisle, and is doing really splendid service. I liked his modest and sincere manner, and was struck by his keenness and ability, as far as I could judge, in his work. The credit of Sydney and of the C.E.G.S. appears safe in his hands."

Another friend has kindly forwarded the following extract from a letter from General De Lisle to Major Antill:—"Mair is doing well. I have attached him to the 6th, pending his being absorbed in one of the New South Wales contingents. If Lassetter would apply for him to fill a vacancy, I should be glad

for the boy's sake, though I should find it hard to spare him."

Mair's record was as follows:—He was appointed First Lieutenant in the No. 3 Company of the N. S. W. Garrison Artillery on June 30th, 1895, and resigned in September, 1899, when he proceeded to South Africa to offer for any military work that might present itself. On arrival at Capetown he obtained an appointment in the Rhodesian Light Horse, but, on proceeding to join his regiment, was blocked at Vryburg by the outbreak of hostilities, and returned to Kimberley. He there enlisted with the Cape Mounted Police, and remained in Kimberley until the Town was relieved on February 15th, 1900. He took part in the sortie in which Captain Scott-Turner was killed, on which occasion, out of 70 men of his company who were engaged, 49 were either killed or wounded. After serving with the Cape Mounted Police for about 18 months, during which period he was three times slightly wounded, he was employed as Staff Officer to Brigadier-General De Lisle (in place of Captain Watson, who has recently returned to Sydney), and was latterly serving with the 6th Mounted Infantry (Imperial). An official message received on June 19th stated that the engagement in which he was killed took place at Can Cans, near Reitz, on June 6th.

The following letter *re* Mair's last action is from Captain Craufurd, 1st Gordon Highlanders, who were attached to the Bedford Regiment, 6th Mounted Infantry (Col. De Lisle's Corps):—

Senekal, June 26, 1901.

I promised, from Kroonstad, to write and tell you of the fight in which your son was killed at the first halt. On the morning of the 6th, at about 3.30 a.m. Major Sladen took 100 of the 6th M.I. and 100 Australians as a small force ahead to ambush or surprise any Boers we might find, as convoys of them were known to be in the neighbourhood. We arrived at dawn at our day's camping ground and saw a Boer convoy just moving about a mile or a little more ahead. We formed on a broad front and charged down on them, galloping for about five miles till we reached the head. They fired from the waggons, but we disarmed them as we passed. We then packed the convoy in a central position on a low hill covered by some Kaffir kraals. Your son had gone off with Strong, of the Bedfords (also killed), to capture a large portion of the convoy, which had gone to the right, and they did not join us till about 10 a.m., very pleased at having taken so large a share in the capture. By 11 we had everything packed. We expected our main body to be up by this time, but finding no signs of them by midday we sent out 60 Australians of our 200 on patrol back, in case we had missed our way. At 12.30 we saw scouts in the other direction, which we took for men of Bethune's column, as we had heard his guns earlier in the day from that direction. I went out unarmed to warn them not to fire, as we had the convoy, and was taken prisoner by De la Rey's commando. My giving up my bandolier was the first intimation our fellows had. Meantime, from down the valleys, the Boers charged the convoy, firing in among their own women. Major Sladen, seeing them drive back the Australians at the far end of the waggons, shouted "Back to the kraals." Finlay, our adjutant, was hit doing this, and your son stopped to bandage his head. The Boers came up through the waggons and shot him through the chest—death being instantaneous—together with many other men who had failed to get to the kraals. From the kraals our fellows held them at 60 yards range for four hours till relief came up at 4.30. White, of my regiment, who had been captured and released, managing to get back and call them up. It is satisfactory to know that our casualties were not in vain, as owing to our men's pluck in holding the Boers practically the whole of a very important convoy was recaptured. I think you will see

from this that your son's death was as you could have wished—in battle, and practically sacrificing himself for a brother officer.

The officer commanding the B Squadron, 2nd Regiment, N.S.W.M.R., writing of G. L. Hobson, says: "He has proved himself not only a true soldier of His Majesty, but a true, gallant and honorable comrade. Of him I cannot speak in too complimentary terms. He is one of those exceptional men who, having once set their hearts to their work, are ready to do their duty through thick and thin." When again he is well enough to rejoin his regiment, I am sure he will continue to uphold the reputation he has already earned."

[Hobson, we are glad to know, has now entirely recovered from his wounds, and is again serving with his regiment. He has already been promoted to the rank of corporal.]

Writing from No. 13 Johannesburg Hospital, Hobson says:

Colonel Western's column captured five Boers the other day carrying explosive bullets. As soon as they were captured they took off their bando-

liers, one of which had my name on it, written both inside and out. It was torn through by a bullet, which first went through my arm and then through the bandolier. These were some of the men that were in the fight at Kerandersfontein. They were shot for carrying the explosive bullets. Western's column came into one of the stations along the line, and one of his men showed the bandolier to one of our company, who recognised it as mine Botha, De Wet and De la Rey held a conference on the Vaal River. This winter is playing up with the Boers right enough. All prisoners taken seem to be in a terribly ragged state. All troops serving out here on the 14th of this month are going to get the King's medal. Colonel Rawlinson's column captured 20,000 sheep the other day, and having nowhere to fix them up they destroyed them with the bayonet. 300 Boers derailed a train down by Klerksdorp, which was carrying the Australian mails, and burnt it. We have a number of the old Bushmen with our column who have taken on for another six months, instead of going home. I have heard a lot about them from the fellows out here who have been with them, and they say that they have done more good than any regiment over here. I have come across some of the nicest fellows I ever met among the English soldiers. I never saw a kinder-hearted lot. They will do anything in the world for you. I shall be very glad to get back on the veldt again. I have been in hospital long enough to last me 20 years, never having been laid up since I was a youngster.

Football.

THE season of 1901 is now a thing of the past, and it only remains to review its events. No great successes have been won; the nearest approach to a win was our draw with St. Joseph's—a curious result, for St. Joseph's also drew with the strongest School team; The King's School. Otherwise our closest match was our first meeting with S.G.S., when we were beaten by one point. With the exception of one match—the first, against Newington College—

no very severe defeat was received. Of that mention was made in last term's TORCH-BEARER. We were again pleased to welcome the Armidale boys from the north. We played them on the first Saturday of the holidays, and as several of the team could not wait the extra days, we were obliged to include Old Boys. The Armidale team preferred this arrangement to playing and winning against a weak team. As it was they won by 14—3.

In club matches the results have been very fairly good. Perhaps the most gratifying were two wins against the Aoma team by 3—0 and 7—3.

Much better training was done in the second half of the season than in the first, and the play of the team showed decided improvement in consequence. Next season we hope to see still more done in this way. A run twice or three times a week is not enough. It is the systematic practice every day that tells, and some of the fifteen did not appear to realise this. On the other hand, there were some who rarely missed a day.

But allowing for possible improvement with harder work, the main cause of our weakness during the past season has lain in the lightness and inexperience of the team as a whole. For while we possessed several fairly weighty players of some years standing, quite half of the team were comparative novices at the beginning of the season. We have been further handicapped to a certain extent by the continual absence of some player or other from illness. For instance, Black only played in one school match during the second half; Terry was away from the King's and 'S.G.S.' matches; Taylor from the St. Ignatius and Newington; Reid from the St. Ignatius match. Burns and MacCabe were also away ill at various times.

The team which represented the School thus varied from time to time both in personnel, and as a natural consequence in the positions of the players. At first the team was:—Terry, back; Moore ii, Hickson, Black i, Fenwick i, three-quarter backs; Dent i, five-eighths; Kater, half back; Taylor i, Adams i, Turtón i, Sayers, MacCabe, Fenwick ii, Reid i, and Burns.

Afterwards Black, and then Hilder, took Terry's place when the latter strained his back, and for a time Sayers played as three-quarter. Kater played mostly at half, though finally as five-eighths, and in the Newington match put in a rattling game. Gunning was not successful at five-eighths, being too light, but at scrum half he played pluckily, and on the whole very creditably. Reid i played with success as centre three-quarter instead of forward in the last few matches, and proved a good scoring man. Dent i was rather a disappointment at five-eighths, but, playing as forward in the Newington match, he made us wish we had put him in that position before.

The team which ended the season was—Hilder, full-back; Terry, Reid i, Hickson, Fenwick i, three-quarters; Kater, five-eighths; Gunning, half; Taylor i, Adams i, Sayers, Fenwick ii, Pattison, Dent i, Burns, Meredith i.

The Second Team has not had a successful season from the point of view of matches gained. With regard to training, much the same applies to them as to the first team. Some required rounding up, others never missed a practice. The team was frequently broken up owing to the calls made by the first team, and by absences from illness. The backs were better than the forwards, and when Bland, Gunning, Black ii, and Salwey played together their passing was better than that of the first team. Hartridge's illness throughout the term robbed the second team—possibly the first fifteen—of a hard-working five-eighths. The great want was a full-back. The forwards improved towards the end of the season. Amphlett, Richardson, and Doddmeade should be possible recruits for the first

fifteen next year. The Third Fifteen and the Juniors have played several matches with varying success. In the Third Team, Roberts is a rattling forward, and Parkes is a very plucky full back. Moore is, though not a good footballer, proved a fast scoring wing three-quarter, while Cook is, perhaps, the best footballer in the team.

In the Combined Schools' match against University A team we had no representatives, Hickson and Taylor being emergencies. In the Second Schools' team against University B Hickson, Reid, and Taylor played, and the two first-named scored two of the three tries gained.

For the Schools' team against a Metropolitan fifteen—a match which had to be abandoned—Hickson and Reid were chosen, with Taylor as emergency.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

- R. N. HICKSON, Capt. (centre three-quarter)—A first-class kick; a sure tackler; a strong runner, but too slow getting away; takes the ball unerringly; as a centre, lacks skill in drawing his men and getting his pass in safely; as captain, had his team well in hand, worked hard, and thoroughly justified his choice. (Colours 1900.)
- D. TAYLOR.—Our best forward; plays in the front rank; always works at concert pitch; perhaps the hardest grafter in the team, never loses heart, and tackles, follows on, and dribbles in good style; chief fault, over eagerness, which leads him to grab the ball regardless of the fact that it happens to be in the scrum; though he was getting over this towards the end of the season. (Colours 1900.)
- F. C. KATER (scrum-half and occasionally five-eighths).—A sturdy tackler; a moderate but accurate kick; vies with Taylor in his claim to being the hardest worker in the team; can run strongly, but does not always recognise this; passes well; a valuable man on a side. (Colours 1901.)
- J. F. REID (forward)—Sometimes did very good work; a strong runner; could not make the most of his weight owing to his height as compared with the rest of the forwards; did not use his height as he might in the line out; as centre three-quarter did much better; can tackle, but too often allowed his man to pass.
- C. FENWICK (wing three-quarter)—A strong and fast runner; an accurate and good kick; though not a low tackler, a hard man to pass; would often collar two or three men in succession; not sufficiently impressed with the idea that the call of the school should be stronger than personal inclination.
- C. TERRY (wing three-quarter)—A splendid tackler, though apt to be disconcerted by a dodgy runner; a good kick, though apt to punt high rather than far; a difficult man to play to, as he did not always keep his place.
- G. SAYERS (forward)—Good in the line out and in foot work; follows up well; wants more determination in tackling, and must not sacrifice solid scrum work to shining in the open.
- R. C. ADAMS (forward)—A solid worker in the scrum, and hard tackler; clumsy, though an improving player in the open.
- O. G. DENT (five-eighths)—Clever at intercepting passes, but did not fit in well with the other backs; his proper place is forward, and in that position he did well at the close of the season.
- J. B. FENWICK (forward)—A good worker in the scrum; an unpretentious player, who did good work, especially in tackling, but needs more dash.
- J. BURNS (forward)—Though light, a hard worker, perhaps the most improved man in the team; gives promise of becoming a really good forward, especially in the open and the line out.
- L. F. HILDER (full-back)—Takes the ball safely; a good kick, though wanting in accuracy; weak tackler, but improving.
- G. G. BLACK (full-back and centre three-quarter)—Takes the ball well; kicks fairly; lacks dash in tackling and running.
- H. MEREDITH (forward)—Works well at times in the scrum, but needs keeping up to the mark; still, much improved in tackling and in the line out.
- J. MACCABE (forward)—Possessed of pace; follows up well; inclined to shirk the scrum for open work.

F. A. GUNNING (five-eighths and serum half)—Not a success as five-eighths, being too easily smothered; played some good games at scrum half, a position we expect him to fill in next year's team; punts well for the line.

W. S. PATTISON (forward)—Fast and willing, though inexperienced; a plucky tackler; poor at handling the ball.

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

Played at N.S. Oval, Wednesday, 31/7/01.

Referee—Mr. J. Costello.

C.E.G.S. kicked off against the wind, and St. Joseph's immediately began to press. Shortly after the start St. Joseph's backs started a passing rush which was stopped well inside School twenty-five. Here, Hickson was slightly hurt and play was suspended for a couple of minutes, and on resuming St. Joseph's came with a rush, but were stopped by some good tackling by Terry. However, St. Joseph's continued attacking, and C.E.G.S. had to force. Soon after the kick-off St. Joseph's were penalised for off-side, and Hickson punting, the ball was carried back by the wind, but Terry securing, kicked out of bounds. C.E.G.S. were awarded a free kick, and Hickson punted out. From the throw in S.J.C. rushed the ball to the centre of the ground, where it remained for some time in close ruck work. A few of the forwards, headed by Taylor, carried the ball to the College twenty-five, where Taylor kicked out. S.J.C. forced the game to the School twenty-five where C.E.G.S. were penalised for offside, and Baker failing at goal, the College forced. From this point the College started pressing very vigorously, but the School was relieved by a free which Hickson kicked out of bounds, and a good run from twenty-five to half-way by Fenwick I. St. Joseph's backs again came with a rush, but Terry intercepted, and kicked out. The School now began to press, chiefly through the instrumentality of Fenwick I, who, securing at the School twenty-five, got clear away, and outpacing his opponents, reached St. Joseph's twenty-five, where, having to dodge the full-back, he was collared from behind. St. Joseph's forwards now came with a dribbling rush to the other end of the ground, but the ball was returned out at half-way. Here, Hickson marked, and made an excellent attempt at goal. The kick off was followed by close work in the centre, and St. Joseph's were awarded a free for

C.E.G.S. lying on the ball. Punting, they followed on hard. Kater relieved. Soon after, S.J.C. marked near C.E.G.S. twenty-five, but Ruthven failed at goal, and the School forced. The kick off was followed by some fast work in the centre in which Fenwick I showed out prominently. Adams securing, punted high, and St. Joseph's marking, returned out at the School twenty-five. From the throw in, the forwards, with Reid to the fore, rushed the ball to the centre of the ground, but S.J.C. backs, by some excellent passing, carried the ball to the School line and scored; Baker failing at goal. S.J.C. 3—0. Soon after the kick off Fenwick made a promising run, but lost the ball. S.J.C. again pressed, but C.E.G.S. defence was too strong, and the half-time whistle went leaving S.J.C. in the lead by 3—0.

On resuming S.J.C. kicked off, and an exchange of kicks took place, resulting in the ball being kicked out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. From the throw in C.E.G.S. made a forward rush, but kicking the ball too hard, a St. Joseph's man picked up and made a good run, but was well collared by Kater. Here S.J.C. took a mark and punted out of bounds. Hickson, securing from the throw in, tried to run, but was smothered by half-a-dozen. Then the ball was sent out and remained in and out of touch for some time on the S.J.C. twenty-five. From a throw in Hickson marked, and making a long kick the ball went over S.J.C. line, who forced. Gunning secured and returned the kick off well. The School now pressed hard, and a passing rush by Hickson and Terry nearly resulted in a score, but Terry was pulled down. However, the ball rolled over the line and St. Joseph's forced. From a throw in Ruthven broke away, but at half-way he accidentally passed forward. The ball was forced towards S.J.C. line, where they were awarded a free kick, and punted out of bounds. Close work in the centre followed, until a St. Joseph's man secured and kicked to Terry who punted out. Sayers securing from the throw in, passed to Kater, to Terry, who went out at S.J.C. twenty-five. From a scrum in the centre, the College forwards carried the ball to the School twenty-five, where it was kicked out. From a kick by S.J.C. Kater marked, and punting high, the forwards followed on and pushed Ruthven out of bounds. Shortly afterwards C.E.G.S. forwards made a dribbling rush, with Taylor in the van, but S.J.C. relieved by punting out. The College, in their turn, now pressed, but Kater relieved by punting out from a mark. S.J.C. backs now

made a couple of determined rushes, but Terry relieved by kicking. Here Adams, breaking away from the ruck with the ball at his toe, picked up, and running to the other end of the ground he passed to Taylor, back to Adams, and then back to Taylor again, who scored in the corner. Hickson failed to convert. 3—3. Shortly after the kick off the School again started pressing, and a S.J.C. man intercepted but lost the ball. St. Joseph's now carried the ball to the School twenty-five, but Hickson, by a splendid punt, returned to the opposing twenty-five. Here S.J.C. were awarded a free. Soon afterwards Adams marked, and S.J.C. backs securing from his kick, made a couple of dangerous passing rushes, which were well stopped by Hickson and Fenwick. The play from here on was very fast, but neither side succeeded in scoring, and the no-side whistle went leaving the score at 3 all.

Of the School backs Hickson and Fenwick, and of the forwards Taylor, played best, while Ruthven played a great game for S.J.C.

C.E.G.S. v. T.K.S.

Played at N.S. Oval, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1901

Referee—Mr. Harrington.

The ground was wet, and as it rained soon after start, the ball was slippery. C.E.G.S. kicked off from the southern end and Ryrie returned. Hickson returned and T.K.S. kicked out of bounds. Then followed a lot of line work between T.K.S. twenty-five and half-way. From a throw in King's made a dribbling rush but Fenwick stopped it. From a scrum T.K.S. made a passing rush and kicked out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. Shortly afterwards C.E.G.S. were awarded a free and Hickson kicked out at half-way. From the throw in T.K.S. forwards came with a rush but Reid kicked out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. Here some close ruck work took place, and a K.S. man failing to take the ball from a kick it went out on T.K.S. side of half-way. C.E.G.S. forcing the ball to T.K.S. twenty-five Hickson kicked over the line and T.K.S. forced. Soon after the kick off Ryrie did a good bumping run but lost the ball before he had gone far, and it was kicked out at half-way. From the throw in T.K.S. marked and kicked out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. C.E.G.S. were relieved by Kater, who kicked to half-way, where a T.K.S. man slipped in taking the ball, but Futter picking up ran to near the School line,

where he was hauled out by Reid. Some fast work up and down the ground resulted in Fenwick being forced out at T.K.S. twenty-five. Then T.K.S. made a good passing rush, in which Ryrie figured prominently, but lost the ball. Shortly afterwards T.K.S. were awarded a free for off-side and Hilder returned out of bounds. From the throw in a scrum resulted, and getting the ball out, T.K.S. made a good passing rush which was smothered at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. C.E.G.S. in their turn, by some good passing, carried the ball past T.K.S. twenty-five, where Ryrie stopped them, and the ball was kicked out. Hickson securing from the throw in, made an excellent attempt at goal, but missed by a few feet. T.K.S. forced. C.E.G.S. returned the kick off out at half-way. From the throw in T.K.S. made a dangerous rush but it was well stopped by Fenwick. Then C.E.G.S. were awarded a free and Futter started a run, but before he got far he was upset by Fenwick II. Some close play up and down the ground followed, and T.K.S. being awarded a free for off side, kicked out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. From the throw in T.K.S. made a passing rush, but Hilder secured and kicked out near the School line. The ball was carried to the twenty-five flag where T.K.S. sent it out. Soon after C.E.G.S. were awarded a free and Hickson punted out at half-way. From a scrum Debenham ran to C.E.G.S. twenty-five where Kater upset him. The most notable feature of the play at this period was a good run by Fenwick I. T.K.S. wing three-quarter responded with a fast run, but Hickson's tackling was too good. However, T.K.S. continued to press and Futter scored near the posts. The attempt at goal was a failure. T.K.S. 3—0. Hickson's kick off was well returned, but Kater, by a good kick, sent the ball out past half-way. Here the School were awarded a free, and Hickson kicked out at T.K.S. twenty-five. The ball was forced back to half-way, where Kater secured from a scrum and running round the blind side found touch near T.K.S. twenty-five. This was followed by a good deal of line work near the centre. From a scrum in midfield Ryrie got away, and when tackled, passed to Smith, who ran in and scored behind the posts, while C.E.G.S. were waiting for his pass. Ryrie converted. T.K.S. 8—0. Half-Time. Second Half. T.K.S. kicked off, but Sayers returned well, and the ball went out at half-way. This was followed by close work and scrum near the centre of the ground, and the ball was forced to near the

School line, where it was carried out. C.E.G.S., by good forward play, carried the ball out at T.K.S. twenty-five. T.K.S. forwards forced it back to half-way, where it was kicked out. Here C.E.G.S. made a dribbling rush but Rylie picked up and returned out at half-way. Then T.K.S. began to press, and several scrums followed one another in quick succession near the home line. But C.E.G.S. was relieved by a free kick and Hickson kicked to the School twenty-five. Scrums followed, and from one of them a K.S. back secured and after a good run scored. The try was not converted. 11-0. The kick off was followed by an exchange of kicks, the ball eventually going out near the School line. Here C.E.G.S. were awarded a free and Hickson, by a splendid kick, sent the ball out near half-way. T.K.S. then made two determined rushes, and the second one resulted in a try. The kick went wide of its mark, 14-0. Soon after the kick off Hickson intercepted, and following on, took the ball to half-way, where it rolled out. The next notable feature of the play was a passing rush by T.K.S., but they lost the slippery ball well inside the School twenty-five. Here Reid kicked to near half-way, and Dent following up kicked a little further, when T.K.S. kicked out. The throw in was followed by line work and scrum near the centre of the ground, and T.K.S. breaking away after a good start, scored. Rylie converted. 19-0. From the kick off the ball was sent out at half way and was followed by a great deal of close line work near the centre. Macabe marked and kicked out of bounds. From the throw in T.K.S. made a good dribbling rush, but C.E.G.S. were relieved by Hickson. But King's were not to be denied, and made a great passing rush, Rylie scoring and then converting. 24-0. Rylie returned the kick off out at half-way. This was followed by unexciting ruck and line work until the whistle went, leaving T.K.S. winners by 24-0.

For the first half hour of the game C.E.G.S. held their own well, and even had a slight advantage, but in the second half T.K.S. superior condition told and enabled them to have the game pretty well as they liked. Rylie seemed to frighten our forwards, time after time running right through the whole lot of them.

For C.E.G.S. Kater and Hickson played a splendid game all through, and Fenwick I during the first half. Of the forwards Taylor and Reid played best.

For T.K.S. Rylie played a magnificent game, feinting and dodging to the best effect.

S.C.E.G.S. v. ARMIDALE SCHOOL.

June 22nd.

(From the *Armidalian*.)

The Armidale school won the toss, and the Church of England Grammar School kicked off. Willing play was shown on both sides, but the ball was at once worked into the C.E.G.S. twenty-five. Finley started towards the line with the ball beneath his arm, but was not allowed to pass. T.A.S. got the ball out of a scrum, and Garland scored. White failed in his kick for goal. 3-0.

On resuming the ball was punted backwards and forwards across the field, but ultimately gravitated into the C.E.G.S. twenty-five. Scrums now became the order of the day, and T.A.S. forwards heeling out well, Finley sent the ball to R. Richards who ran strongly, but unfortunately went out of bounds. From the line-out the C.E.G.S. players worked the ball towards T.A.S. line. A scrum was then ordered in T.A.S. twenty-five, and Kater getting possession of the ball, scored a well-earned try. No goal resulted. Scores 3 all.

The ball was soon worked towards the C.E.G.S. line, and scrums and line work followed each other in rapid succession. Here J. White came along with a rush, but nothing resulted from it. Gradually the ball came nearer the C.E.G.S. line, till a scrum was ordered a few yards from it. Then T.A.S. men got the ball out quickly, and Garland to whom H. White passed the ball, scored a second try. J. White kicked the goal. 8-3. A few minutes after K. Richards secured the ball from a line out, and crossed the line. No goal. Score, 11-3. Then the whistle sounded for half-time.

A minute after resuming, J. White took the ball and ran from half-way to within five yards of the line, where he was successfully tackled. Then Finley started a rush, but the C.E.G.S. men proved equal to the occasion. T.A.S. players still kept the ball in their opponents twenty-five, and both sides were thoroughly warm to their work. The tackling on both sides was good, although T.A.S. had slightly the better of it in that respect. Backward and forward the ball swayed, although never more than a few yards. Occasionally a mark relieved the monotony, but no scoring was done this way. T.A.S. pressed hotly towards the line, but a force saved the situation for C.E.G.S. Richards again started for

touch-line, and then passed to Nivison, but the latter was brought down by a C.E.G.S. man. A free kick was awarded to T.A.S., and J. White kicked a good goal. 14-3.

J. White again started a run and passed to Garland, who sent it on to K. Richards, but the latter could not score this time. A line-out and a scrum followed, and then Garland getting the ball made a rush and took it to within three yards of the line. More scrums and line work followed and C.E.G.S. were compelled to force. Finley made a last dash towards the scoring line, but a C.E.G.S. man brought him down. The whistle sounded, leaving the Armidale School winners by 14-3.

C.E.G.S. v. FORT-SREET TRAINING COLLEGE.

July 24. Won 17-0.

Much improved form was shown in this match, especially by the forwards. The first try was got after a first-rate piece of passing, in which Hickson, Kater, Gunning, Terry, and Black took part, Black showing good judgment in running outside Terry and acting for the time being as wing three-quarter, and being ready for the pass when it came.

The second try was the result of a strong run of Hickson's through the whole back team. 6-0. Half-time. Hickson dropped a first-class penalty goal from about half way. 9-0.

The third try was got by Terry from a clever take in the line out. Hickson kicked a goal. 14-0.

The fourth try was the result of good passing to Terry on wing. No goal. 17-0.

C.E.G.S. v. ST. IGNATIUS.

July 27. Lost 20-7.

Taylor, Reid, Black, and Dent were away. The School kicked off against the wind. In returning the kick St. Ignatius were penalised for not giving ten yards. Moore followed the kick on and blocked the return. The ball was heeled to St. Ignatius backs and a long kick followed which Hickson marked. St. Ignatius replied to his kick by a good dribble, spoilt presently by a knock-on. Scrums followed in our twenty-five, and St. Ignatius showed some fine passing, which was stopped by some strong tackling, Terry being prominent in this. Not to be denied, St. Ignatius tried the other wing, and at length Barry scored

The goal made the score 5-0 against us. After the kick off Moore mullied the return and the ball went out at half-way. Sayers then came through with a dribble and Terry kicked well for the line. St. Ignatius then came again with their passing, but Terry and Hickson in the centre tackled man after man. St. Ignatius then marked right in front of goal and Gleeson put the ball over. Score 9-0. Kater returned the kick off by a punt which found the line about three yards from the goal line. St. Ignatius began to dribble back but Fenwick I took a smart mark. An exchange of kicks took place and St. Ignatius forced. Hilder returned the drop out well. St. Ignatius showed good passing out to the wing but Fenwick tackled safely. Shortly after, Kater marked and sent the ball out at half-way. A free was then awarded the School and St. Ignatius ran the ball back, finishing up with a high punt to Hilder at full back. He took the mark safely, with St. Ignatius charging down on him. Way then shone out by dashing through the ruck and carrying the ball some twenty yards down the field. St. Ignatius replied with some clever passing, but Hickson, Kater, and Moore in succession tackled well. Hickson sent the ball out by a long kick. Gradually it was worked back and St. Ignatius made several fruitless attempts to drop goals. Towards the end of the first half St. Ignatius attacked by forward rushes or passes among the backs and time after time the ball was sent back by long kicks. Finally, however, an excellent piece of passing enabled Barry to race in. No goal was kicked. After the drop out the return kick was forced, and half-time was called with the score 12-0 in favour of St. Ignatius.

The second half began with hard play in the centre of the ground. Hickson then made a dash to the twenty-five and the forwards following up well took the ball to St. Ignatius line. Scrums followed on the goal line and the ball went into touch. Hickson cleverly took the ball from the line out and dashed over. No goal was kicked. Score 12-3.

Shortly after the drop out a free was awarded St. Ignatius and Hickson ran the ball back and finished with a good kick. A five yards scrum soon followed as St. Ignatius had carried the ball over their line. Gleeson punted over the scrum but Hilder returned by a long kick. The forwards now came with a great dribble and Terry made a rush for the line but was held up a yard in front. Gradually it was worked back, but again returned by a kick which went over the line and St.

Ignatius forced. The drop out did not go far and Kater ran and passed to Hickson who dropped a good goal. Score 12—7.

Hickson and Terry put in some long kicks after kick off and Terry, following his up, blocked the return. St. Ignatius then gained ground by a kick over the scrum, and Fenwick dribbled back. St. Ignatius kicked to Hilder who, being pressed, passed to Terry, who found touch. A long kick sent the hall back and scrums followed in our twenty-five. Finally we forced. St. Ignatius began to get their passing going and Terry saved us by a splendid tackle. Some loose play ensued and St. Ignatius, after good following up, scored. Gleeson got the try and kicked a goal from it. Score 17—7. St. Ignatius gained another try shortly before time. The ball came out like a flash from a scrum about ten yards from our line and the half-back dashed away, passed smartly, and a try was scored before the scrum had broken up, a very clever piece of work. No goal followed. Score, 20—7. against us, and this was the final result.

Our forwards showed much improved form in this match although they were too light to get the ball often from the scrum. The backs, without exception, kicked well for the line, Fenwick being as successful as any. In the first half the St. Ignatius passing was first rate, hardly a single pass went astray. In the second half the game was very even, their passing not being so dangerous.

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

August 8. Won, 7—3.

A hard match very evenly fought out. Our forwards played a very creditable game and held their own with the heavier men opposed to them. Hickson scored a try for us in the first half by a strong run after some passing. The Aoma's try was also gained in the first half after a hot attack. The score at half-time was 3 all. In the second half Hickson dropped a smart goal from the field which put us ahead, 7—3, and no further scoring took place. Larkin and Way (Old Boys) who reinforced the team as Taylor and Black were away, did excellent service. Reid and Adams showed improved form. Kater and Hickson, as usual, played a thoroughly solid and useful game. Altogether, the result was very gratifying, as Aoma had beaten most of the other schools.

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

Played at Sydney Cricket Ground, 14/8/01.

Referee—Mr. Chapman.

Sayers kicked off and Eckford returned out near half-way. Shortly afterwards C.E.G.S. were awarded a free kick, and Hickson failed at goal. From a scrum following the kick off Close broke away, but before he got far he was tackled by Sayers. Here S.G.S. forwards made a dribbling rush and Moore picked up but was smothered. From the scrum the ball was passed to Eckford who ran round but was upset by Dent. The ball was then kicked out near the School line where S.G.S. were awarded a free but Eckford failed at goal. C.E.G.S. forced. Hickson kicked off and Deery returned out at C.E.G.S. twenty-five. Here numerous scrums took place, and Close breaking away passed to Button who, going very fast, scored near the posts. Eckford converted. S.G.S. 5—0. Sayers kicked off and S.G.S. returned out at their own twenty-five. Here C.E.G.S. were awarded a free and Hickson made a splendid attempt at goal from the boundary line; but owing to the wind the ball missed by about a foot. From the kick off the ball went out of bounds. From the throw in the ball went to Reid who did a good kick but did not find touch, and S.G.S. returned out of bounds. The throw in was followed by close work in the centre of the ground. S.G.S. forwards now broke away and rushed the ball to near the School line where Hickson marked and kicked out past our twenty-five. After some ruck work the ball was carried to past C.E.G.S. twenty-five and then back again to half-way where S.G.S. were awarded a free but the kick was a weak one and only gained them a few yards. However, they were not to be denied, and carried the ball well inside the School twenty five, and from a scrum the ball was passed to Hinton who ran round and scored in the corner. Eckford failed to convert. S.G.S. 8—0. The next notable feature of the play was a good passing rush by C.E.G.S., in which Kater, Hickson, and Reid were prominent, Reid being tackled hard at half-way. The ball was then carried across the ground where S.G.S. were awarded a free, and they kicked out near the School line, where a scrum followed the throw in. Here C.E.G.S. were awarded a free kick and Hickson found touch near half-way. Then an exchange of kicks

took place and the ball went out at School twenty-five. From the throw in S.G.S. made a passing rush but it was stopped before it had gone far. Then C.E.G.S. were relieved by a free and Hickson kicked out of bounds. The ball was again forced to near the School line where a scrum resulted and the ball went out of bounds. This was followed by several more scrums in the same place. Shortly afterwards S.G.S. were awarded a free and Eckford kicked a goal. S.G.S. 11-0. Sayers kicked off and Cobcroft returned to Kater, who sent it out. Soon afterwards the School were awarded a free and Hickson kicked out between half-way and the opposing twenty-five. This was followed by some close work in the centre and C.E.G.S. were awarded a free. Kater kicked out at half-way and then the whistle went for half-time leaving S.G.S. with a lead of 11-0 in the first half.

Second Half.

S.G.S. kicked off but it was brought back and there was a scrum at half-way. Soon afterwards Close marked inside half-way and Eckford failing at goal Hickson kicked out near half-way. Here there was a scrum and Kater securing kicked out past half-way. From the throw in Hickson marked and punted out well inside S.G.S. twenty-five. The ball was forced back to the twenty-five flag where close line and ruck work followed. After the ball had been carried up and down the field, chiefly along the line, the ball went out near S.G.S. line. A scrum followed the throw in and Deery getting offside the School were awarded a free but Hickson failed at goal. Moore returned the kick off out at half-way and it was followed by scrum and ruck work. Button, breaking away, then made a dangerous run, but was well stopped by Hilder. Here Taylor broke away with the ball at his toe but the ball went out at half-way. From a throw in Fenwick secured and did a good run and he was stopped well inside S.G.S. twenty-five. From a scrum here the ball was passed to Reid who, after a fast run scored behind the posts. Hickson converted. S.G.S. 11-5. Soon after the kick off S.G.S. forced the ball over C.E.G.S. line and Hilder forced. Hickson's kick off went out of bounds and the ball was brought back. Close returned the kick off and Hickson kicked out of bounds at half-way. This was followed by scrums in the centre and S.G.S. were awarded a free but Close did not kick over his mark. Scrum. Then S.G.S. began pressing, but the School defended well and they were rewarded by getting a

free kick and Hickson kicked out at half-way. After some fast open play between the twenty-fives a dangerous S.G.S. rush was well stopped by C.E.G.S. This was followed by a scrum on the School line, and Close securing, scored in the corner, and Eckford failed to convert. S.G.S. 14-5. Close returned the kick off out at half-way. Here Cobcroft did a good run but was shoved out near the corner. From the throw in Close secured and ran over the line but was held up. From the five yards scrum Goldfinch secured and scored. He failed to convert the try. S.G.S. 17-5. The kick off was kicked forward and there was a scrum at half-way. This was followed by an exchange of kicks. Then S.G.S. made a passing rush with Close and Eckford to the fore, but they were well stopped by Fenwick. C.E.G.S. replied by a good passing rush in which Hickson and Reid took the chief part. The play from this period to the end was fast but there was no further score, and the whistle went leaving S.G.S. winners by 17-5.

C.E.G.S. forwards in the first half wanted combination but in the second half they played better. The three-quarters were strengthened by Reid, who played centre, but as in T.K.S. match, Terry's sound tackling was much missed. Hickson and Kater for the backs, and Taylor in the forwards, played a great game. For S.G.S. Close and Eckford played best.

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

August 21. Lost 12-6.

Referee—Mr. Harrington.

Taylor was absent in this match. We played with the wind in the first half and scored two tries, one the result of a clever run by Kater who feinted to pass, the other after some passing from Gunning to Kater, Hickson, and finally Reid, who scored. No goals were kicked. At half time we had scored 6-0.

Newington made more use of their advantages in the second half and scored four tries; two by Brown, who proved as hard to stop as ever, one each by Millican and Barker. Putting it shortly we were pushed over in the scrum, and when the ball got fairly out, Brown, Millican, and Barker, playing brilliantly together, were hard to stop. Barker's try was a splendid piece of work. Brown started away, and when

blocked, passed to Millican, who continued the run at full speed and looked like scoring till Hickson mowed him down from behind. As he fell he sent a pass out hard and true to Barker who was racing along at his side, and the latter dashed over the line. Kater played a great game for us, and the forwards in the open held their own. Mention may be made of Richardson who made his debut in a first teams' match and acquitted himself very creditably.

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

August 24. Lost, 23-6.

Fitzroy brought over a strong team to avenge their defeat of last term and did so decidedly. Their pack was excellent and in the open they were always fast on the ball. Their back play though not as good, their forward was still good. Hickson and Bullock scored for us.

C.E.G.S. v. ST. CLEMENTS.

August 17. Won, 45-6.

The St. Clement's team turned out to be too weak for us. The game needs no description. Reid was tried at centre three-quarters and did so well that he was continued in that position for the remainder of the season.

II. Team v. St. Joseph's III. Lost, 35-3. (Salwey try.)

II. Team v. T.K.S. III. Lost, 17-8. (Moore ii try, Salwey goal from try and penalty goal.)

II. Team v. S.G.S.L.S. I. Lost, 23-3.

II. Team v. S.G.S.L.S. I. Lost, 11-0.

III. Team v. N.C. Draw. No Score.

III. Team v. S.G.S. L.S. II. Won, 38-0.

III. Team v. S.G.S. IV. Lost, 17-3.

IV. Team v. N.C. Lost, 16-0.

IV. Team v. S.G.S. Lost, 10-5.

Junior Examination Results, 1901.

	Eng.	Fr.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Phys.
Hartridge, F. S.	A	B	B	B	B	C	A (M).
Roberts, H. A.	A	B	B	B	C	B	A (M)
Bradley, C. H. H. B.	A	A	A	—	C	B	A *
Giblin, W. E.	B	B	B	C	C	—	B
Martin, R.	C	C	B	—	C	C	C
Reid, J. F.	B	C	C	C	C	—	
Sayers, G. P.	B	C	C	B	B	C	
Uther, G. A.	B	C	C	—	C	—	C

(M) Matriculated.

* *Prox. Acc.* for English and French Medals.

School Calendar.

1901.		
June	18	Address in Hall by the Rev. Copeland King.
	19	Death of J. Mair, in South Africa.
	21	Last Day of Term.
	22	1st XV v. Armidale School. Lost 14—3.
July	16	First Day of Term.
	24	1st XV v. Fort Street Training College. Won 17—0.
	27	1st XV v. St. Ignatius' College. Lost 20—7.
	30	1st XV v. St. Joseph's College. Drawn 3—3.
	30	Death of W. J. S. Rundle, in South Africa.
August	3	1st XV v. Aoma. Won 7—3.
	7	1st XV v. T.K.S. Lost 24—0.
	10	1st XV v. St. Clement's F.C. Won 40—6.
	14	1st XV v. S.G.S. Lost 17—5.
	21	1st XV v. N.C. Lost 12—6.
	24	1st XV v. Fitzroy. Lost 23—6.
Sept.	4	Annual Sports Meeting.
	16	Examination for O.B.U. Prize.
	19	Memorial Service in Hall for President McKinley.
	24	Admission of Prefects.

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JOHN MAIR.

Born October 27th, 1876. Entered the School 1890. Prefect 1892. 1st XI. 1891-92. 1st XV. 1891-92. 2nd Crew 1892. Senior Examination 1892. Left 1893. N.S.W. Per. Garrison 1895 to 1899. Killed in action at Graspan, S.A., June 6th, 1901.

MAIR's name comes early on the School records, and to those who can remember him as a schoolboy the thought of his early death will be more than ordinarily painful. We can remember his honest laugh, his frank and fearless bearing, and how, no matter what we spoke of, his eyes ever met ours. He was a true schoolboy in every sense of the word, and grew up as the true schoolboy ever grows up, into a true man. His admission as a prefect dates before the time of the Prefect Book, but it was with pride that we learnt shortly before his death, from one well qualified to speak, that the "good name" of the School was safe in his hands. We cannot grudge his life to the needs of his King and Empire, but we cannot fail to deeply mourn his death and hope that the reality of our kindred sorrow may be some slight comfort to those who loved and mourn him more than ourselves.

In all ages the soldier's death has been held to glorify a man; it would be ours to number among our alumni those whom such a death have our heroes, and has chosen to head the roll with names in which the lapse of time may add, but it is the duty now of each to ensure that his School may ever revere.

RUNDLE came to us from The King's School, and in him we owe the sister school a debt hard to repay. Ever to the forefront in everything concerning the School's well-being, whether in the field and on the river, or in the more serious work of influencing those about him, he left an imprint on the school that may be hard perhaps to definitely read, but one that no years, we trust, may efface. He did his duty honestly to the School and fulfilled the ideal, more than once set before its boys, of striving to make it the better by his presence in it. His life with us was flawless; his short career in his country's service has been without fear and without reproach. He was near and dear to us; he was nearer and dearer to others and to their sacred grief we offer the slender consolation of our true and heartfelt sympathy.



WILLIAM JOHN SCOTT RUNDLE.

Born March 20th, 1876. Entered the School, January 1893. Prefect April 1893. Captain of Cricket 1894. Captain of Football 1894. 1st Crew 1893-94. Left July, 1894. Killed in action at Beaufort West, S. A., July 30th, 1901.

more than any other. A few years ago we could scarce have thought that had renowned. But God in His providence has seen fit that we too should cannot but feel a thankful pride. We know not what other names the could his name someday be entered there, it will be likewise a name which