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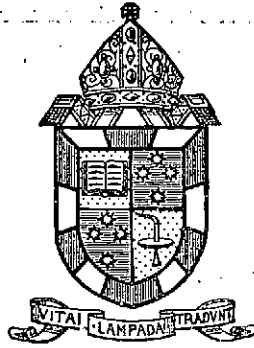
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Editorial.

OUR readers will remember that on the occasion of the opening of the Memorial Library in February the Hon. R. J. Black announced that the Council had determined to increase the efficiency of the school by the establishment of a gymnasium. We are pleased to inform our readers that their resolution has been carried out with business-like promptitude, and that this important institution has been in active operation during the term just closed, and with gratifying results. We have been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient and energetic instructor; who adds to a knowledge of and interest in

his work, an acquaintance with boys and their ways, derived from past experience, and who has already secured the respect and liking of his pupils. Under him we trust the gymnasium will have a long and successful career, and occupy its proper place as a School institution. We say a School institution, advisedly, for it has not been established for the benefit of a few experts, but for the improvement of the physique of the School as a whole. We have always as a School endeavoured to give physical training its fitting place in our curriculum, by the promotion of the national sports among our members; and now that a more systematic course of

instruction is available, we hope the present pupils of the School will show their appreciation of the provision made for them, a provision, the lack of which in days gone by has been deeply regretted by many old boys. There is no need at the present time to insist on the value of physical culture as a means to the production of the good all round man — *totus teres atque rotundus*—for the benefit and pleasure to be derived from it in itself, and the resultant moral and mental advantages are universally admitted. We would merely remind our readers that these advantages are not to be enjoyed by looking on at the work of others, however high a pitch of excellence they may reach, any more than ability to play cricket is to be got by the contemplation of test

matches. The object of a school gymnasium is not the production of a select few who can do astonishing feats of agility for the amusement or edification of spectators. Such things are better left to professional performers with outlandish names and no bones worth speaking of, and of these there is no lack. The real object is the improvement of the physique of the whole School, the substitution of upright carriage and alert movement for the slouching gait too often resulting from lack of attention to bodily development. In the hope that we shall soon see these pleasing evidences of its youthful vigour, we heartily commend our latest institution to our readers, and hope to have to record in future issues that it is meeting with the universal support it deserves.

Annual Speech Day.

THE Annual Speech Day took place on Thursday, September 24th. The School Hall was crowded, and a great number were unable to obtain admission. His Grace, the Archbishop, was in the chair, and the prizes were distributed by the Bishop of Newcastle.

Upon being called upon by His Grace, the Headmaster read the Annual Report, which was as follows:—

In the name of the School I take this opportunity of welcoming Your Grace on your return from your trip to England. We trust that the rest proved in every way as refreshing as you anticipated, and that you feel re-invigorated for the great work which is in your charge. I welcome also very heartily the Bishop of Newcastle, who has kindly undertaken to distribute our prizes to-day. We were much disappointed that an attack of illness prevented his coming to give the address at our Old Boys' service in

May. His Lordship is no stranger in North Sydney. He has many friends here, and his interest in our School is I know great.

I have received several apologies for absence to-day, and among others, from our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. F. Robinson. I cannot pass that without saying how much we owe to him this year for unbounded interest and support in every way, and how sincerely we all sympathise with him in this time of bereavement and sorrow.

I am happy to report that the past year has been characterised, in some respects at least, by remarkable development. The numbers in the School have increased considerably, and we are not far from the limit beyond which the Council consider it inexpedient to go with our existing accommodation. A year ago there were under 200 on our list, to-day there are 267.

In another direction we have established, I should suppose, a record in expansion. On our last Prize Day the foundation stone of the Memorial Library was laid by His Excellency the State Governor. Since then it has been com-

pleted, and no less than three other important additions have been made to our buildings. The Library and Class-room beneath it were finished early in the year, and opened by Brig. General Finn on February 6th. The response to the Old Boys' call was so hearty that the building was opened free of debt. By the help of friends and the proceeds of an entertainment last term, we have since been able to furnish the room and open it to the School as a Reading Room. I cannot adequately express my appreciation of the value of this splendid addition to our equipment now we are able to use it in this way. It has been said that a School without an easily accessible Library of at least 1000 vols., is scarcely a School at all: it is a dispensary without bottles, and a kitchen without a pantry. Well, we have recently reached our 1000, thanks to a gift of many volumes from Dr. Rundle, and they are as accessible as possible. Papers and magazines as well as books of all sorts are available upon the tables, and to many boys the hours spent in that room will be among the pleasant memories of their school days. The wisdom of those who decided on the form which the Memorial should take, has been fully justified, as well as their courage in attempting what would have appeared a formidable task in a larger school with many more years behind it. Another of our new buildings, the Gymnasium, was opened this term, and supplied what we had been sorely in need of. It has received a large amount of attention. The physical drill and gymnastics are under the control of Serg-Major Anderson, whose instructions are already bearing fruit in the straightening backs and improving physical condition of the boys.

Last year I alluded to the great inconvenience we were suffering, in having to use this room as a Dining Hall, Chapel and Big School. I was far from expecting that by this time we should have realised our hope of a separate Dining Hall, but a generous Council no sooner realised our difficulties than they removed them by providing the new Hall, which I hope you will presently inspect. This room is now used for School purposes only, as our Chapel and as a School Room. Of course a School of the kind ought to have a separate Chapel, but we must be content to wait until the generosity of some "pious founders" shall bestow on us the same kind of benefaction, with which the ancient seats of learning are so richly endowed.

I invite you to inspect our new Model Cottage

Sanatorium, erected for boys in the house suffering from infectious illness. It is up to date, and almost too inviting.

The Boarding accommodation in the School House has been fully occupied this term, and Mr. Davies has provided for the overflow, in his own house.

So far I have referred to our progress in what may be called "material" only, but I hope we do not delude ourselves into thinking that these advances are in themselves sufficient indication of real permanent development, unless we are progressing in other directions also. We must have moral and intellectual results as well, and I believe that in these respects we have advanced.

The June Examination was conducted by Committees of Masters instead of by Outside Examiners, as is customary. The large influx of new boys, more than 100 in the preceding 6 months, necessitated much reconstruction of forms and fresh grading, and no "outsiders'" reports could have been so serviceable to me as were those of my own colleagues who were thoroughly conversant with the situation. The results obtained in the University Examinations have shown that the educational standard of the School is steadily improving. In March eight candidates out of nine passed Matriculation, Williams taking the higher certificate. In the late Junior 10 out of 14 passed, two Matriculating; and that the standard was above last year's is shown by the fact that while the number of 1st and 3rd Classes remained the same, the number in the 2nd Class increased from 9 to 21. Our Latin, if not brilliant, was very sound, the 10 boys taking one 1st, seven 2nds, and two 3rds. All the candidates passed in Latin and in French, and 9 in English, and the average was 6 subjects apiece out of a possible 7, as against 5 last time, and under 5 the year before.

It has not been a tradition of the School, I regret to say, that boys after taking the Junior should read the Senior work. Matriculation, if not obtained in the first Examination, has been the subsequent aim; and the tendency has been to narrow our higher work within the limits of the five subjects required by the University for the Entrance Examination. In my opinion it is a mistake to imagine that a boy is fitted to take full advantage of University teaching when he has reached only Matriculation standard, and I feel strongly that attendance at School until the Senior standard is

reached, and time has been given to such subjects as History and English Literature, should be the rule and not the exception of those proceeding to degrees. Moreover, it should be recognised that whatever a boy's future is to be, when he leaves School he passes in large measure from outward control. His character and habits, and even the distribution of his work if he goes to the University, are then left largely to his own discretion, so that it is highly desirable that the controlling and educative training which he has at School should not be withdrawn before he has reached an age when he can stand firmly alone.

Among the doings of the Old Boys we have noticed the following:—

A. H. Yarnold, M.A., Sydney, in Greek and Latin Literature.

P. N. Aiken, graduate in medicine after a very successful course.

N. E. Giblin, degree in engineering, 1st of the year in mining, assaying and ore treatment.

R. C. Wilson, B. Sc. and B.E.

J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, passed 2nd year medicine *with credit*.

F. G. M. Simpson, passed 3rd year medicine *with credit*.

M. Dawson had a picture hung in the Roy. Acad. London this season, and has since been appointed to an important post in the London City Council. The London papers speak very highly of his modelling exhibit, illustrating the Holy Grail at the Annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts.

C. H. Ballantyne passed as Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

In Sports, Hopkins and Hickson have represented us in interstate cricket, and Turton in interstate tennis. A. D. Fisher has won the triple "blue" at Sydney University.

At this point I may be allowed a word of congratulation to our School cricketers. The Shield that hangs behind me is evidence that our anticipations of success in the G.P.S. Competition last year were not unfounded. The success was largely due to Hickson, our famous Captain during the first part of the season, and to Gordon Black, Captain in the second half. Hickson has already made a name in State Cricket. Black, son of our very staunch friend, and member of the Council, the Hon. R. J. Black, has been showing in England what Australian schoolboy cricket is like by compiling centuries in company with the veteran, W. G.

Grace, who presented him with a bat, and the ball with which he took 4 wickets for 6 runs in a high grade match.

The School was represented at the last P.S. Regatta, and although winning only 2nd place it was no disgrace to be beaten by such a crew as represented S.G.S.

I am sorry to have no victory to record for our Football team in the Schools Competition. The team was better all round and more even than last year, but lacked any brilliant player such as Kater or Hickson.

During the year a Commercial or Modern Form has been introduced, and is under Mr. Morgan, who came to us with an excellent record for work of the same kind done elsewhere. This Form is intended for boys who enter the School rather beyond the age when it would be profitable to begin Latin, and whose aim is a Commercial education. In the curriculum of this Form the time spent on Classics in other Forms is devoted to English. Short-hand and Typewriting are not included as Form work, for it seems far better that these subjects, in which practice is everything, should be left until later. At any rate I do not know of anybody here who has reached a stage at which he could profitably spare time for their practice at the sacrifice of other subjects which I consider far more important for his mental equipment.

The Examination for Scholarships took place in December, and resulted in the election of Williamson from the Mosman Preparatory School to the Council's Scholarship for boys outside the School, and Dudley Williams to that for boys in the School. I have received a notice that the former, a boy of great promise, is leaving us at the end of the year, as his father is returning to England. It is a matter for much regret.

Stockdale, from St. John's, Darlinghurst, was elected to the Church Primary Scholarship from several competitors. It will be gratifying to many who are interested in those Schools to hear that the offering of our Scholarships is having a marked effect upon their standard of work. I have already received the names of several boys for the next Examination, and each year there has been an advance in the amount of work done.

Greenwood I was elected upon the nomination of His Grace the Archbishop to the Exhibition for the Sons of Clergy.

The time at my disposal does not admit of much reference to matters affecting Education

generally. We are expecting a visit shortly from Dr. Parkin, who has been selected by the Trustees of the Cecil Rhodes' will to visit our States, and attempt to arrive at a *modus operandi* for what seems an almost unworkable idea. The subject bristles with difficulties, and the only way out that has been suggested seems to be a subverting of the whole spirit of the will.

Educational reform is in the air. Our Schools are attacked as places where nothing but the obsolete is thought of or taught, and Schoolmasters are accused of being too self-satisfied and conservative to be able to contemplate any improvements in their methods. Our more advanced utilitarian critics would have us think exclusively of "what pays" more obviously and immediately, but we maintain that the modern methods if too generally substituted would not conduce to true education in its earlier stages, and would fail moreover to produce the intellectual strength and general assimilative power, which we know are found in those subjects which have stood the test of time.

Among latest innovations we are now threatened with the dethronement of Euclid as a teacher of geometry. The main objections are that he is not practical enough, and is too difficult for an age which prefers things made easy. When this and a few other difficulties in the way of the young Mathematician are removed, we are informed that he will proceed by leaps and bounds, and reach the integral calculus at the age of 15. The attack on Euclid is not new. I remember that 25 years ago we went through a similar experience. The Society for the Improvement of Geometrical Teaching invited one of the ablest Senior Wranglers of the century, Mr. Wilson (now Archdeacon Wilson) to compile a substitute for the old text book. A dozen or more attempts were made by others, but Mr. Wilson's treatise held the field for a time. It was introduced at Rugby, and after a year or two Mr. Wilson himself was among those who recognised the failure of the innovation, and a return was made under his authority to the Euclid text. I dare not presume to impugn the wisdom of the decision at which the great Universities have arrived on this matter, but I should fear it the less, if it did not appear evident that the utilitarian cry had affected the decision. The question arises whether in the new geometry much of the great value we derive from Euclid's method will not be sacrificed.

It never occurred to me in learning and teaching Euclid that the main object of the study was the investigation of the properties of triangles and circles, but that we had therein an exercise in consecutive thinking. To many it has been the chief instrument of training in the first principles of logic. Are not these efforts to make all learning easy, to find a royal road to learning which seem to be the tendency in all directions, likely to have an injurious effect on education. To take another illustration of the same influence. Many boys who have passed the Junior Examination in Latin have never opened a Latin dictionary. The words required for the particular set book of Cæsar or Cicero are collected at the end of the little text book. The book has to be "got up" and the easiest—most utilitarian—method is to have the real work done by someone else than the learner; and the training in research, judgment, and knowledge of words attained by the hunt in the dictionary is lost. This is one of the evils of Examination. I do not condemn them altogether for by no other plan yet discovered can we get the same amount of work from the average boy, but there is an element of loss, and we should recognise it.

It is time to make an end, but before I close I must thank my Council for the constant support they have afforded me during the year, and my colleagues for whole-hearted zeal for the good of the School, and for their unflinching goodwill and consideration shown to me. I am grateful to you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence here to-day. It is pleasant to see so many parents among you. May I beg for a continuance of your support and sympathy. The work of educating and training your sons is not ours only. The encouragement and influence of the home is the most potent that can be brought to bear on a boy, and I am pleased to receive help and suggestions, and even criticisms from parents, and I shall always make it my business to fall in, as far as possible, with your wishes. Many of you have shown a kind and generous interest in our work and games, and such help I very heartily acknowledge.

Before the prizes are distributed I wish to say a few words with reference to them. For the Archbishop's Divinity for Seniors we found it difficult to separate two, Dent i and Newmarch. Mr. Fisher, of Armidale, was kind enough to mark their papers again and with the same result. Both boys therefore receive a prize.

Dent ii deserves mention as running them close. Admiral Beaumont on leaving Sydney was good enough to forward a handsome volume of Mahan's Life of Nelson to represent his interest in us once more. The subjects selected for competition were the History and Geography of Australasia. Excellent papers were sent in by Smith i, who takes the prize. Mr. T. F. Knox, patriotically anxious that boys should study the Geography of their own land, of which he finds most boys he comes across woefully ignorant, very generously offered several prizes for knowledge of the subject. The paper set for the Admiral's prize was given throughout the School, and the prizes allotted to the most deserving. Very fair general knowledge was shown, considering that only short notice was given; but the effect will no doubt be what Mr. Knox hopes, to call more attention to the subject and ensure greater interest in it.

I am glad that the Arts are represented in our list. Mr. Daplyn has selected two of his pupils as deserving of special commendation and encouragement. The winner of the picture is fortunate in taking the most valuable prize of the day, most kindly donated by Mr. Daplyn.

The Photographic competition did not produce as many entries as we hoped for. Two, however, seemed good enough to be awarded prizes, and if boys are encouraged to take up, what if not a *fine* art, is at any rate an art, and bestow pains upon it, the end of those who offered the prizes will be answered.

The Archbishop in the name of the Council expressed thankfulness for

report of the progress of the School, and after some practical remarks to the boys on their work in after-life he apologised for having to vacate the chair owing to the Synod being in session, and he called on the Bishop of Newcastle to take his place, who amidst much laughter declared when the sun goes down the moon rises.

Having presented the prizes, His Lordship in a very happy address, spoke of school life as older people look back upon it in such circumstances as those in which he found himself then, and after congratulating the School upon its remarkable progress under the present Headmaster, whose success elsewhere he himself had closely watched, and of whose high reputation at Rugby he had personal knowledge, went on to urge upon the boys the necessity of their hearty co-operation with the Masters in the work of the School.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Newham, a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop was carried by acclamation. Cheers for the Headmaster, Mrs. Hodges, and Miss Hawtreay brought the proceedings to a close.

The Prize List was as follows :—

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Historical Subject (Admiral Beaumont's Prize) ...	Smith i
English History (Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C.) ...	Sinclair i
Science (Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C.) ...	Smith i, Irving
Church Catechism (F. W. Uther, Esq.) ...	Wells
Australian Geography (T. F. Knox, Esq.) ...	Duffy, Amphlett, Goldfinch ii, Brooks, Abbott
Repetition and Dictation (Old Boys' Union) ...	Duffy
(below Form III) ...	Busby
Drawing (Mr. Daplyn) ...	1. From the Cast Milson' iii
	2. From the Flat Lh rence ii
Carpentry ...	Broughton i Woodford
Photography (The Headmaster and H. H. Massie, Esq.) ...	Pockley, Minnett ii
Shorthand (Mr. Stuart) ...	Lomax

DIVINITY—FORM V (Given by His Grace the Archbishop)					{ Dent i	
					{ Newmarch i	
	IV. (	"	"	"	"	{ Sinclair i
	III A.	...	...	...	...	{ Calver
	III B.	...	...	...	...	{ Tozer
	III C.	...	...	...	...	{ Edwards i
						{ King ii
	U.R.	...	...	...	...	{ Huxtable
	L.R.	...	...	...	...	{ Traill
	II A.	...	...	...	...	{ Busby
	Modern.	...	...	...	...	{ Woodcock

FORM PRIZES.

(English Subjects, Latin, French).

V.	Bullock (Given by the Headmaster)	U.R.	Huxtable
IV.	Minnett ii	L.R.	Traill
III A.	Rich	II A.	Busby
III B.	Knox	II B.	Alison ii
III C.	Joscelyne	Modern.	Woodcock

DIVISION PRIZES.

(Mathematics).

Div. 1.	Minnett i (Given by the Headmaster)	...	6.	Greenwood i
2.	Minnett ii		7.	{ Gordon ii
3.	Lehmaier			{ Abbott
4.	Tozer		8.	Bocrhard
5.	Wood		9.	Stuart
			Modern.	Williams iii

Prizes for General Merit (based, in III A and below, upon Weekly Reports to the Headmaster).

V.	Dent ii	U.R.	Drybrough
IV.	Lumsdaine		Hall ii
	Dowling		Paterson
III A.	Pockley		Solomons
	Blight		Mitchell
III B.	Dent iii	L. B.	Finn
	Browne ii		Stilwell
	Sinclair ii		Hall iii
	Cummings		Sayers
	Williams iii		Thomson ii
III C.	Miller	II A	Buckland
	Stephenson		MacFarlane
	Curnow	Modern.	Challand
			Gate

School Entertainment.

During the second term the Memorial Library could not be brought into general use and serve the valuable purpose for which it was intended because there were no funds available to provide for it the necessary tables, chairs and newspaper stands, so it was decided to hold an entertainment in the School Hall to raise money to supply this want. The result was far beyond our expectations and satisfactory inasmuch as our Entertainment was voted by all to be very entertaining, parents and boys flocked to the Hall and filled it to overflowing, many being unable to obtain admittance, and, last, but not least, a sufficient amount was cleared to fit out the library adequately and comfortably. This successful undertaking which took place on Wednesday, June 17th, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Hawtrey and Mr. Walmsley were mainly instrumental in arranging and carrying through, while Mrs. Davies and Mr. Baker kindly helped us with some excellent vocal contributions.

The Scenes from Alice in Wonderland were a very great success; the small boys taken in hand by Mrs. Hodges and Miss Hawtrey acted their parts in a surprising manner, Brooks and Winchcombe being especially good, delivering their lines clearly and intelligently. Winchcombe who represented Alice in the one, and Busby the same character in the other scene, made very pretty little girls. Simpson as the Dormouse, was a little too squeaky to be heard distinctly, still, there was no doubt about their pleasing the audience.

The scenery painted by Mrs. Hodges and the dresses designed and executed by

Miss Hawtrey, added very much to the success of the Scenes.

In a dialogue in dialect, Mrs. Hodges as a farmer's wife, and Miss Hawtrey as her friend Jane, were highly successful, and, although it took us all our time to follow the dialect, the dialogue was carried on so excellently that all the points were grasped, and the audience enjoyed it so much that both ladies were enthusiastically recalled. Miss Hawtrey accompanying herself on the guitar delighted us all with a quaint old ballad—also in dialect—the chorus of which, after a verse or two, the audience picked up and—as the papers say—rendered valuable assistance. Mrs. Davies was in good voice and sang very sweetly.

Mr. Baker's songs are always sure of an enthusiastic reception, and his "Off to Philadelphia," as usual, provoked a lusty chorus. J. Challand and W. Roberts played piano solos which were well received, and E. V. Duffy's violin solo accompanied by Mrs. Hodges was vociferously encored.

Mr. Walmsley deserves great praise for the excellent work done in the three part songs by the School Musical Society. The parts were well balanced and the voices blended together wonderfully considering the short time available for rehearsals. Pinsuti's beautiful Spring song went particularly well, the variations of light and shade being well brought out.

The entertainment was brought to a conclusion with some conjuring tricks by Mr. Meikleham, who then reduced the audience to sidesplitting laughter by fixing most grotesque masks on three little boys, who, sitting on a bottle on top

of a table endeavoured to light one candle by means of another. The effect was too ludicrous for description, and most of us would have been in a state of collapse if there had been another mask to perform. The success of this entertainment encourages the hope that another one may be arranged before the Christmas holidays.

The programme was as follows:—

1. Piano Solo "Balancelle" (Paul Wachs) J. Challand. 2. Chorus—"Hail to the Bride" (Wagner) Members of the School Musical Society. 3. Scene—"the Mad Tea Party" (Alice in Wonderland). Mad Hatter, K. G. Brooks; March Hare, G. R. Hartridge; Dormouse, J. H. C. Simpson; Alice, K. E. Winchcombe; 4. Song, Mr. Baker. 5. Scene—"The

Battle" (Alice in Wonderland). Tweedle Dum, B. G. C. Simpson; Tweedle Dee, J. L. Drybrough; Alice, F. W. M. Busby. The Mad King, T. G. B. Dibbs. 6. Part Song—"The Fairy Maiden" (Gaul) Members of the School Musical Society. 7. Seance, Mr. Meikleham.

Second Part.

1. Violin Solo "Fantasia on Airs from Faust" (Gounod) E. V. Duffy. 2. Piano Solo "De Mühle" (Jensen) W. Roberts. 3. Song, Mrs. Davies. 4. Dialogue "The Geese" (A dialogue in dialect). Jane (a Farmer's Wife), Mrs. Hodges; Jane's Friend, Miss Hawtrey. 5. Part Song—"Spring Song" (Pinsuti) Members of the School Musical Society. 6. Seance "The Bottle Imp" Mr. Meikleham.

Cricket.

OF the thirteen who played in School Matches last season, we have seven left. G. Black, Kater, Williams, and Giblin have left, while Dent and Bland will not be able to spare the time to play Cricket this season, Minnett, our new captain, who was one of the best batsmen in the Schools last season, and who had the highest aggregate and average in school matches, should be, if he retains his old form, a very valuable man to his side. Allen, the only member of the team besides Minnett with colours should be of great use as a bowler. Of the others, Black, Minnett, ii., Bullock, Dean and Duffy should all make runs, and in addition the four last named can bowl.

We shall have good material from which to select a wicket-keep. Fitzhardinge i did

very well for the Second Eleven last season, showing good talent in taking a ball on the leg. In addition he is a batsman of the forcing order and can hit. Dean, if he were not required for bowling, would make a good wicket-keep, and will be of service in case of an accident during the progress of a match, and it is always a good thing in the course of a long innings to be able to give a wicket-keeper a rest.

There are still three vacancies. King and Fitzhardinge ii, as bowlers, have chances but the latter must learn to field.

The First Eleven have a full programme for the season, and will play more matches off the school ground than hitherto. This will enable the Second Eleven to play matches more frequently on turf. Although we shall regret having to give up some old fixtures, the time has come

when in the interest of school cricket, we shall have to play clubs who can provide a ground for one of the two matches.

The N. Sydney C.C. has been kind enough to grant us the use of the oval for four days a week. The first team will practice there on Mondays and Thursdays, and the second eleven on the same days at the school. On Tuesdays and Fridays members of both elevens will play at the oval.

Great improvements have taken place on the school ground. From the south touch-line to the Memorial Hall the Parramatta grass has been taken out, couch grass planted and the ground levelled. At the top of the ground more turf wickets are being prepared, and soon we shall have as many practice wickets as we require.

The following is a list of the fixtures for the season:—

1903—

Oct. 10—	Hawkesbury College.	...	H.
" 14—	University III.	...	O.
" 17—	I. Zingari Vets.	...	H.
" 21—	Commercial Bank	...	H.
" 23 }	S.G.S.	...	O.
" 24 }		...	
" 30 }	N.C.	...	H.
" 31 }		...	
Nov 4 }	S.J.C.	...	H.
" 7 }		...	
" 9—	Gladesville Hospital	...	O.
" 13 }	T.K.S.	...	O.
" 14 }		...	
" 18—	Vacant	...	...
" 21—	N.S.W. v. England.	...	...
" 25—	Vacant	...	...
" 28—	University III.	...	H.
Dec 2—	Combined Schools	...	...
" 5—	Old Boys	...	...
" 9—	Vacant	...	...
" 12—	"	...	...

1904—			
Feb. 3—	Vacant	...	...
" 6—	Nondescripts	...	H.
" 10 }	S.J.C.	...	O.
" 13 }		...	
" 19 }	N.C.	...	O.
" 20 }		...	
" 26 }	T.K.S.	...	H.
" 27 }		...	
Mch 4 }	S.G.S.	...	H.
" 5 }		...	
" 9—	I. Zingari Vets.	...	O.
" 12—	Vacant	...	...
" 16—	Commercial Bank	...	H.
" 19—	University Vets	...	H.
" 23—	University III...	...	O.
" 26—	Gladesville Hospital	...	O.

The following note appeared in a recent issue of a Sydney weekly:—

Gordon Black, the young Sydney Church of England Grammar School cricketer, who is on a visit to England with his father, the Hon. R. J. Black, has been very successful with both bat and ball.

He was invited by W. G. Grace to play with the London County C.C., and in his first match made 7 and 54. The Leviathan was so pleased that he told him to keep the bat, which he had lent him, as a souvenir of the match.

A few days later the young North Sydney cricketer, playing for the London County against Bradford, made 118, and, in conjunction with W. G. Grace, put on 246 for the second wicket, W. L. Murdoch being out first without scoring. When Bradford had made 240 for six wickets, W. G. handed the ball to the visitor, who got the remaining four wickets for 8 runs.

L. O. S. Poidevin, writing to a Sydney friend, speaks very highly of Black's batting:—"He has Reg. Duff written in many of his shots. He plays with the

bat as straight as a die, in real Duff fashion."

In the Hampstead v. Arkley match Black and Jessop contributed 126 of the 157 runs scored off the bat by Arkley.

Black's share was 63. He has just returned to Sydney and we hope to see him repeat his English successes in N.S.W. Cricket.

Football.

THREE of the team left us at June, Boydell, R. Brown and B. Moore, one three-quarter and two forwards. Snell, a new boy, went into the scrum, as did also C. Newman from the seconds. N. Lawrence took Bland's place at half and Bland went into the three-quarter line. Towards the end of the term we lost R. Adams, who had been in the team for the last three years. He left for the Agricultural College and this made it necessary for D. Roberts, captain of the seconds, to go in the team as a forward. Bland was again unfortunate this term; he broke his nose in practice two days before the match against T.K.S., and although he played against Newington and S.G.S., he had to retire during the St. Joseph's match as he received another knock. Black played in his place in the King's match. Fenwick replaced O. Dent in the S.G.S. match (Dent being down with influenza) and Meredith played in the forwards in one game.

Although no more success was met with than in the former two years, the team as such, was a decided improvement on our fifteens for some years back. There has been shown more concerted work, more unity of action, in fact more football. The scrum work towards the end of the season was decidedly good for the weight of the forwards, and their line and open work showed much improve-

ment, thanks in great measure to hints from Mr. E. R. Larkin of the Newtown club. Still the fault that has characterised our forwards in the past is still visible, although perhaps in a degree less marked; they do not work *all together*. At times two or three would come away with a dribble, or start a piece of passing. But where were the rest? Perhaps, however, the most noticeable weakness in the forward play is the omission to put the ball at their toes when tackled, or obtaining the ball in the line out, and this in spite of excellent object lessons from some of our opponents, the S.G.S. team for instance. With all that the forwards have no reason to be ashamed of their work in the competition matches. They held their own very fairly against, for the most part, heavier opponents, and heeled the ball to their backs very creditably on several occasions. The backs however as a rule did little or nothing when they got it, the only time when anything like dangerous passing rushes were got under way, being in the second half of the Newington match. This want of combination among the backs was of course due in a great measure to the fact that we could not hardly keep them together for two consecutive matches. In fact in no two school matches were the backs in the same positions, owing to the absence of one or other from illness. In the Newington

match alone, was the best lot available, viz., MacDonnell, Lawrence, halves; Dean, Dent, Bland, Giblin, three-quarters. A peculiar feature of the team's play was that the tackling, while very fair at the outset of the season, became steadily worse instead of better, though perhaps there was a partial recovery towards the end. The theory advanced to account for this is that the ground was this year worn almost bare owing to the trampling from an increased number of feet, and therefore, as in practice a disinclination to risk barked elbows and knees by diving hard, the knack of doing so became lost. Certainly the ground was of an iron hardness over the greater part of the field, but was that the only and all-sufficient reason?

The following are the Characters of the team:—

- †O. G. DENT I. (Capt).—A much improved player, especially in tackling. Is fast; at times tries to run too far himself. A good kick though not always successful in finding touch. At his best in the early part of the season when his defensive work was invaluable. (Centre three-quarter).
- †R. C. ADAMS I.—A hard working, bustling forward. Valuable to the team and might have been more so if he had used more judgment.
- *H. S. BLAND.—At the beginning of the season was playing a fine game at half, but after accidents to his knee and nose, never seemed himself. A heady player who does a large amount of "saving."
- *H. BULLOCK.—His first year at the game; has picked it up quickly. Very good in line-out. Fair dribbler and good punt. Should become a first-class forward when on more familiar terms with the game.
- *R. DENT II.—A most useful forward. Good front rank man. Plays the game from start to finish and though never brilliant always does sound work.
- *W. MacDonnell.—In the second part of the season, became a really clever scrum half.

His kicking was always useful, his tackling much improved and he was generally on the ball. At times gave his tongue too much rein.

- K. AMPHLETT.—A useful front row forward. Dribbles well; improved in tackling.
- †F. BOYDELL (centre three-quarter)—Takes ball well, good kick. At times tackles well.
- †R. BROWN (forward)—An improved player, fair tackler; worked hard on the whole.
- O. H. DEAN (wing three-quarter)—Takes the ball well; good kick with either foot. At times brilliant in attack; fair tackler; inclined to leave his position.
- J. FITZHARDINGE (Forward).—Picked the game up well. Good in line-out. Needs more determination in tackling.
- L. GIBLIN (wing three-quarter)—Is fast, though light; much improved in tackling. Uncertain in taking the ball.
- N. LAWRENCE (Half)—Though small, a clever player. Tackles well, good kick.
- †B. MOORE (forward).—Disappointing after the first few matches. Fast and keeps on the ball well.
- C. NEWMAN (forward)—Follows on well; at times does good tackling, through rather light for a first team.
- N. PEACH (full-back).—Takes the ball cleanly and returns well. Can tackle, though frequently lacks dash in this. Should do well in time.
- G. SNELL (forward)—Weighty, though rather slow. Did good work at times and should be useful next season.
- K. TAYLOR (forward)—Another novice at the game. Always plays hard and follows up well. Should be very useful when he learns more.
- † Colours 1902. *Colours 1903.
‡ Left at June.

The following are the results of matches.

v. T.K.S.—Lost 36—5. Dean cleverly intercepted a pass and ran more than half the length of the field and scored.

v. N.C.—Lost 15—0. Our backs were chiefly at fault in this match. Bland was not himself

and one or two tries were obtained on the wing owing to our backs not keeping position.

v. S.G.S.—Lost 23-0. Dent i. was away from this match, and again it was our backs that chiefly failed.

v. St. Joseph's College.—Lost 25-0. Lawrence was away from this match, and Bland was disabled during the game, so that Black and Pollard—a third team man—were put in. Our back division was consequently quite dis-

organised and the score was probably larger than it otherwise would have been.

v. Manly Federal II.—Lost 14-3.

v. A University Team—Lost 8-5.

v. Wentworth. Lost 16-6.

v. Eikington. Won 3-0.

Several club matches were abandoned owing to the New Zealand fixtures.

House v. School—(1st Match)—School won 3-0. (2nd Match)—School won 14-0.

The Athletic Sports.

THE twelfth Annual Meeting was held on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, September 9th. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a record attendance. All the events were keenly contested, and the finish in several of the races was so close that the judges had the greatest difficulty in deciding the winner. The Senior Shield was won by O. G. Dent, for the second time, with 22 points, R. V. Minnett scoring 18 and J. F. G. Fitzhardinge 15 points. R. C. Hobson and V. G. Bath made a good fight for the Junior Shield, the former winning by one point.

The Mile and heats in the 100, 220, and 440 yds Handicaps were run on the North Sydney Oval on the 3rd and 4th of September. The Kick, Broad Jumps and preliminary contests in the high jump and throw were decided on the School Ground on the 2nd and 5th of September.

The Committee tender their best thanks to friends who gave prizes and donations to the prize fund; to Lady Rawson for kindly distributing the prizes; to the various officials and to Messrs. Julian L. Moore and R. K. P. Hickson for their kind assistance in time-keeping and judging; to Capt. Davidson of the Fitzroy

Stevedore Co. and Mr. J. Wrixton for the loan of materials for the Obstacle races.

The Officials were as follows:—Committee, The Headmaster (President), Rev. D. Davies, H. S. Bland (Hon Treas.), H. Bullock, O. G. Dent, (Hon Sec.), L. E. Giblin, R. V. Minnett, K. Taylor.

Judges:—Messrs. L. A. Baker, J. F. Elphinston, E. R. Holme, C. B. Fidler, O. H. Linton. A. H. Yarnold and R. R. P. Hickson.

Starters:—Messrs. H. H. Dixon, F. N. Frith, A. D. Hall.

Timekeepers:—Messrs. Julian L. Moore, W. Morgan, R. G. H. Walmsley.

One new record was established by H. L. St. Vincent-Welch with a high jump of 5ft 5 in., beating N. E. Giblin's 5ft 4 in., which has stood as a school record since 1898. Welch further improved the record by jumping 5ft 5½ in. at the Combined Meeting. The records therefore are as follows:—

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 min. 11 2-5 secs., 1896.
 One Mile, C. D. Abraham, 5 min. 1 2-5 secs. 1898.
 Throw, G. A. More, 110 yds. 1 ft. 7 in., 1895.
 Kick, R. N. Hickson, 69 yds. 1 ft. 9 in., (Combined Meeting) 1901.
 High Jump, H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, 5 ft 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., (Combined Meeting) 1903.
 High Jump (under 15), H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, 5ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 1902.
 Broad Jump, A. D. W. Fisher, 21 ft. 1in., (Combined Meeting) 1900.
 120 Yards Hurdle Race, F. L. Merewether, 18 sec., 1894; A. Ritchie, 18 secs., 1895; C. W. Rundle, 18 secs., 1898.

The various results were as follows:—
 (The number in brackets is the number of entries for the events).

2 Kicking the Football (10).

O. G. Dent	...	...	...	1
O. H. Dean	...	...	...	2
E. V. Duffy	...	...	...	3

Distance, 58 yds. 2 ft. 8 in.

2 Throwing the Cricket Ball (11).

H. Bullock	...	...	...	1
F. S. McIntosh	...	...	...	2
O. G. Dent	...	...	...	3

Distance, 95 yds. 0 ft. 4 in.

Bullock's first throw was several yards further, but as he threw before the judges were ready there was some uncertainty as to the exact place where the ball fell the throw was not counted.

3 100 Yards' Handicap, over 14 (43).

O. H. Dean, 1yd.	...	...	...	1
W. W. Fenwick, 2yds.	...	...	...	2*
R. V. Minnett, 2yds. behind	...	...	...	2*

Time, 11 4-5 secs.

1st Heat—W. P. Hutchinson, 3yds., O. J. Taylor iii, 5yds., H. G. Broughton i, 1yd. Won by 1yd. in 11 4-5 secs. $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. between 2nd and 3rd.

2nd Heat—C. L. Pollard, 7yds., E. V. Dodde-meade 7yds., A. N. Peach 3yds. Won by 2yds in 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs, $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. between 2nd and 3rd.

3rd Heat—L. E. Giblin 1yd. behind, R. G. Fitzhardinge 7yds., C. O. Newman 2yds. Won by 1yd. in 11 2-5 secs., inches separating the other two.

4th Heat—H. Bullock 1yd., won by 1yd. from C. C. Linton 10yds. in 11 1-5 sec.

5th Heat—O. H. Dean 1yd., W. W. Fenwick 2yds., L. C. J. Broughton ii 4yds. Won by 1yd. in 11 secs.

The final was won by Dean by a few inches, the others being all close up—five coming in a bunch.

4 100 Yards' Handicap, under 14 (17).

R. C. Hobson	...	...	...	1
T. A. Playfair	...	...	...	2
V. G. Bath	...	...	...	3

Time, 14 secs.

1st Heat—R. C. Hobson, won by inches from F. A. J. Beadell in 13 1-5 secs. V. G. Bath and J. Finn a good third.

2nd Heat—R. Richardson, won by a foot from T. A. Playfair, in 13 2-5 secs. O. C. Keyte i and C. H. Mocatta i a yard and a half behind.

5 100 Yards Handicap, under 12 (28).

G. S. Hall iii, scr.	...	...	...	1
F. W. M. Busby, scr.	...	...	...	2
J. P. Abbott, 6yds.	...	...	...	3

Time, 14 secs.

1st Heat—G. S. Hall scr., D. B. Fitzgerald 6yds., R. B. Cowan 6yds., G. J. McIntosh ii 5yds.; won by 6 inches in 13 2-5 sec. a yard between the others.

2nd Heat—F. W. M. Busby scr., J. P. Abbott 6yds., J. K. Eaton. Won by 6 inches in 13 3-5 secs.

3rd Heat—J. V. Milson ii 7yds., W. L. Foggitt 6yds., P. E. Royle 8yds. Won by a foot in 13 4-5 secs., 3yds. between 2nd and 3rd.

4th Heat—H. C. Cullen 6yds., R. B. Willmot ii 5yds., H. A. Garvin i 5yds. Won by a foot in 14 2-5 secs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. between the others.

6 100 Yards Handicap, under 14 (43).

C. E. M. Woodford, 6yds.	...	...	...	1
L. A. Fogg, 4yds.	...	...	...	2
C. H. Mocatta i, 6yds	...	...	...	3

Time, 13 2-5 secs.

1st Heat—R. J. Drew 4yds, won by inches from C. H. Mocatta i 6yds, in 13 secs., T. A. Playfair 2yds. behind, a good third.

2nd Heat—R. Richardson 1yd., won in 13 2-5 secs. by a foot, F. A. Beadell 2yds behind, C. R. Mitchell 5yds, K. S. Low 8yds., close together.

3rd Heat—C. E. M. Woodford 6yds., L. A. Fogg 4yds., R. C. Hobson 2yds. behind, G. S. Hall iii 1yd. Won in 13 2-5 secs. by 6in., a foot separating the others.

4th Heat—F. W. M. Busby 2yds., R. W. L. Boyce 4yds., E. M. Macfarlane 7yds. Won by inches in 13 1-5 secs, 1½yds. between 2nd and 3rd.

7 440 Yards Handicap Championship, over 14 (40).

W. E. Boylan, 30yds.	...	...	1
R. V. Minnett i, scr.	...	...	2
C. C. Linton, 40yds.	...	...	3

Time, 57 1-5 secs.

The Championship competitors started from scratch, the order being R. V. Minnett, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, O. G. Dent.

1st Heat—W. E. Boylan 30yds., A. N. Peach 15yds., L. Lehmaier 40yds., A. D. Milson i 45yds. Won by 5 yds., 8yds. between 2nd and 3rd.

2nd Heat—R. G. Fitzhardinge 30yds., H. Bullock scr., D. Gilles 20yds., W. P. Hutchinson 30yds. Won by 3yds., the same distance separating the others.

3rd Heat—C. C. Linton 40yds., won by 10yds. from W. W. Fenwick 10yds., with B. S. Dowling i 35yds. and G. S. Irving 25yds. some ten yards behind.

4th Heat—C. L. Pollard 30yds., O. H. Dean 5yds., W. P. Hall i 20yds., R. G. I. Dent ii 20yds., all close together.

8 220 Yards Handicap, over 14 (46).

O. H. Dean, 2yds.	...	...	1
C. L. Pollard, 15yds.	...	...	2
W. P. Hutchinson, 17yds.	...	...	3

Time; 25 secs.

1st Heat—W. P. Hutchinson 17yds., won by 3yds. from R. W. Russell-Jones 7yds., with W. P. Hall i 12 yds. close behind. Time, 25 1-5 sec.

2nd Heat—A walk-over for C. L. Pollard 15yds., and J. Hay 12yds.

3rd Heat—W. E. Boylan 15yds., won by a yard from W. W. Fenwick 5yds., in 25 2-5 secs. R. G. Fitzhardinge was a good third.

4th Heat—H. G. Broughton i 2yds., C. C. Linton 21yds., A. S. Curbow 24yds. 1½yds. separating 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Time, 25 4-5 secs.

5th Heat—O. J. Taylor iii 12yds., won by 1½ yards from G. H. Dean 2yds., in 26 secs. D. Gilles 10yds., a foot behind.

9 220 Yards Handicap, under 14 (32).

C. E. M. Woodford, 15yds	...	...	1
R. J. Drew, 10yds.	...	...	2
K. S. Low, 22yds.	...	...	3.

Time, 28 3-5 secs.

1st Heat—Won easily by R. J. Drew in 28 secs.; E. M. Macfarlane 17yds., C. H. Mocatta i 14yds., G. S. Hall iii 3yds, all close together.

2nd Heat—R. Richardson 3yds., won by 2yds. from A. K. Joscelyne 15yds., in 27 secs. F. A. Beadell scr. a good third.

3rd Heat—F. W. M. Busby won by 4yds. in 29 1-5 secs., R. C. Hobson scr., G. K. Davenport ii 10yds., B. M. Arthur 17yds., all close together.

4th Heat—C. E. M. Woodford 15yds., won by 2½ yards in 28 4-5 secs. from K. S. Low 22yds., T. A. Playfair scr. a good third.

10 One Mile Handicap and Championship (41).

J. F. G. Fitzhardinge i, scr.	...	...	1
R. V. Minnett, scr.	...	...	2
R. L. Stockdale, 120yds.	...	...	3

Time, 5mins. 7secs.

Fitzhardinge won by 3 yards, ten yards separating Minnett and Stockdale. The others came in in the following order: W. E. Boylan 90yds., D. H. Roberts i 90yds., G. C. Way 50yds., W. P. Hutchinson 120yds., R. G. I. Dent ii 50yds., A. T. Edols 120yds., O. G. Dent i scr.

11 Broad Jump Championship (11).

H. Bullock	...	...	1
J. G. Fitzhardinge	...	...	2
O. G. Dent	...	...	3

Distance, 18ft 6in.

12 High Jump, under 14 (9).

R. J. A. Massie ii	...	...	1
V. G. Bath	...	...	2
L. A. Fogg	...	...	3

Height, 4ft. 2½in.

13 High Jump Championship (11).

H. L. St. Vincent-Welch	...	...	1
O. G. Dent	...	...	2*
L. E. Giblin	...	...	2*

Height, 5ft. 5in.

On the Sports day Welch cleared 5ft. 4½in., but in the preliminary contest he jumped 5ft. 5in., a very fine performance for a boy under 16. This constitutes a new School record. He improved on this jump at the G.P.S. Combined Meeting when he cleared 5ft. 5½in., thus making an All Schools' record.

14 Broad Jump, under 14 (12).	
R. C. Hobson	1
V. G. Bath	2
F. S. Hall ii	3
Distance, 14ft. 8in.	
15 120 Yards Hurdles Championship (11).	
O. G. Dent i	1
J. F. G. Fitzhardinge i	2
R. V. Minnett i	3
15 High Jump, under 12 (4).	
F. W. M. Busby	1
G. S. Hall ii	2
V. G. Bath	3
Height, 3ft. 10½in.	
17 100 Yards Championship (11).	
R. V. Minnett i	1
O. H. Dean	2
O. G. Dent i	3
Time, 11 2-5 secs.	
18 100 Yards, under 12 (11).	
G. S. Hall ii	1
F. W. M. Busby	2
J. L. Digby	3
Time, 14 2-5 secs.	
19 220 Yards, under 12 (6).	
G. S. Hall ii	1
F. W. M. Busby	2
D. B. Fitzgerald	3
Time, 30 1-5 secs.	
20 220 Yards, under 14 (13).	
R. C. Hobson	1
V. G. Bath	2
F. A. Beadell	3
Time, 30 1-5 secs.	
21 220 Yards Championship (8).	
O. G. Dent i	1
R. V. Minnett i	2
J. F. G. Fitzhardinge i	3
Time, 25 secs.	
22 All Schools' 150 Yards, under 16 (16).	
C. L. Cranswick, T.K.S.	1
G. Norrie, T.S.C.	2
R. Strahorn, T.S.C.	3
Time, 17 secs.	
1st Heat—C. L. Cranswick, G. Norrie, R. W. Russell Jones (S.C.E.G.S.). Time, 17 secs.	
2nd Heat—R. Strahorn, G. McNamara (T.K.S.), A. W. Matthews (S.G.S.) Time, 18 secs.	

23 Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap (18).

G. H. Salwey, 7yds.	1
H. V. Jaques, 4yds.	2
C. Murnin, 10yds.	3
Time, 10 1-5 secs.	
1st Heat—H. V. Jaques, C. Murnin, L. Murnin, 9yds. Time, 10 3-5 secs.	
2nd Heat—G. H. Salwey, C. D. Abraham 2yds, C. E. Hale scr. Time, 10 2-5 secs.	

24 Jockey Race (70).

J. Finn	}	1
R. W. Russell-Jones		
F. W. M. Busby	}	2
H. R. Cousens		

25 Flag Race, 2000 yds. (100).

- 1 H. G. Broughton's team, with Irish flag
- 2 O. H. Dean's team, with Royal Standard
- 3 L. E. Giblin's team, with Scotch flag

26 Obstacle Race, under 14 (64).

G. S. Hall iii	1
E. S. Hall ii	2
O. C. Keyte i	3

27 Obstacle Race, over 14 (62).

C. E. Rich	1
H. C. Day	2
A. N. Peach	3

Both the Obstacle Races furnished a great deal of amusement, and were very well contested. The only drawback was the difficulty in negotiating the first obstacle (the tarpaulin) owing to the large number competing.

The Committee desire to thank the following for the gift of Prizes or Donations to the Prize Fund:—Mrs. Francis Adams, W. J. Adams, Esq., W. L. Alison, A. N. Barnett, Esq., Thos. Bernard, Esq., Mrs. Broughton, O. C. Bullock, Esq., Mrs. Brooks, T. W. F. Busby, Esq., T. Buckland, Esq., Albert Borchard, Esq., The Hon. Dr. Cullen, H. L. Cousens, Esq., John Charles, Esq., T. J. Chariton, Esq., Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Christie, Frank A. Davenport, Esq., W. H. Dean, Esq., T. A. Dibbs, Esq., John Dixon, Esq., T. H. Dent, Esq., E. Digby, Esq., J. W. Eaton, Esq., F. A. Edols, Esq., F. J. Doddemeade, Esq., Messrs. Farmer

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Points Scored for Senior Shield

Competitors.	Mile.	100 Yards.		440 Yards.		Hurdles.	High Jump.	Broad Jump.	Kick.	Throw.	220 Yards.		Total.
	5 3 2	5 3 2	5 3 2	5 3 2	5 3 2	5 3 2	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1	5 3 2	5 3 2	
O. G. Dent	2	2	2	2	5	1½	4	3	1	5	22		
R. V. Minnett	3	5	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	18		
J. F. G. Fitzhardinge	5	—	3	3	—	2	—	—	—	2	15		
H. Bullock	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	3	—	—	9		

O. H. Dean, 5 (2nd in 100, 2nd in Kick); E. V. Duffy, 1 (3rd in Kick); L. E. Giblin 2 (2nd aeq. in High Jump, 3rd aeq. in Broad Jump); F. S. McIntosh, 2 (2nd in Throw); H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, 3 (1st in High Jump).

Junior Shields.

Competitors.	100 yards	220 Yards	440 Yards.	High Jump.	Broad Jump	TOTAL.
	5 3 2	5 3 2	5 3 2	3 2 1	3 2 1	
R. C. Hobson	5	5	2	—	3	15
V. G. Bath	2	3	5	2	2	14

F. A. Beadell, 2 (3rd in 220); C. H. Edwards, 3 (2nd in 440); F. S. Hall II., 1 (3rd in E. Jump); L. A. Fogg, 1 (3rd in High Jump); R. J. A. Massie, 3 (1st in High Jump); T. A. Playfair, 3 (2nd in 100 yards.)

UNDER 12.

G. S. Hall, 12 (1st in 100, 1st in 220, 2nd in High Jump); F. W. M. Busby, 9 (2nd in 100, 2nd in 220, 1st in High Jump); J. L. Digby, 4 (3rd in 100, 3rd in 220); B. O. Wade, 1. (3rd in High Jump.)

ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET, 1903.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations	57	4	6	Prizes*	42	14	4
Sale of Programmes...	6	10	1	Stamps, Stationery and Ex-			
Entries	12	15	6	change	3	6	6
				Material, Cartage, and Sund-			
				ries	3	3	6
				Band	3	10	0
				Hire of Ground	4	4	0
				Printing	11	2	6
				Engraving	0	12	6
				Balance	7	10	9
	£76	10	1		£76	4	1

*Does not include Swimming Carnival Prizes.

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D. DAVIES,
for Hon. Treasurer.

G.P.S. Championship Sports' Meeting.

One of the most successful meetings I have participated in was the Annual Championship Games of the A.A.A. of the Great Public Schools at the University Oval last Friday, September 25th, for the weather was delightful, the sport excellent and full of interest, and the management well-nigh all that could be desired.

Proceedings opened in the morning with the decision of the football kick, cricket ball throw, and running broad jump, and the thinning out of the numerous competitors in the high jumps.

Among the boys under 15 years. D. A. M. Goldfinch (S.C.E.G.S.), N. E. Moorhouse and F. S. Phillips (S.G.S.), and W. Norman (N.C.), qualified for the high jump contest. In the afternoon, when they got together, a start was made at 4 ft. 1 in., and Goldfinch won at 4 ft. 9 in., whilst Moorhouse and Phillips tied for second place at 4 ft. 8 inch, and Norman cleared 4 ft 7 in. The winner had the best style.

In the football kicking several boys, as is usual, performed in no way up to their own college reputations. L. M. Smith, of the King's School, proved the winner. The throwing of the

cricket ball was wonderfully good, all the placed boys getting over 100 yards. L. G. McIntosh (S.G.S.), the winner, who threw 112 yds. 1 ft. is an exceptionally fine cricket-ball thrower—good for well over 100 yards any day. W. F. Matthews (S.G.S.), E. B. Berrie (T.K.S.), and C. Leslie (T.S.C.), are also boys capable of 100 yds. or over.

The running high jump for seniors was contested by a warm lot of schoolboy jumpers. In the morning trials A. R. Buckland (C.A.), H. L. St. Vincent-Welch (S.C.E.G.S.), and H. See (S.G.S.), were each successful in clearing 5 ft. 3 in., and they qualified for the afternoon jumping. Buckland, the graceful jumper from Cooverwill Academy, still goes straight in. He has a fine natural spring, but hardly takes enough run. Welch, who won in the "under 15" class last year with the great leap of 5 ft. 0½ in., comes in from the left. At his college sports the other day he cleared 5 ft. 4½ in., and was expected to win the championship. He runs rather too hard at his jump, and takes off too far out as a consequence, clearing the bar with a flying leap. See is a jumper of a

different stamp. He comes in from the right, and, with more experience, should develop into a fine leaper. After the "jump-in" at 4 ft. 6 in., Buckland in turn cleared 4 ft. 11 in., 5 ft. (second try), 5 ft. 1 in. (third try), 5 ft. 2 in., and failed at 5 ft. 3 in., a height he is easily capable of clearing. Welch cleared the bar at 4 ft. 10 in., 5 ft., 5 ft. 2 in., 5 ft. 3 in., 5 ft. 4 in. (second try), 5 ft. 5½ in. and failed at 5 ft. 6½. See cleared 4 ft. 10 in. (second try), 5 ft. 1 in., 5 ft. 2 in., 5 ft. 3 in., 5 ft. 4 in., 5 ft. 5½ in. (second try) and failed at 5 ft. 6½ in. Both were tired at the finish, but both had well beaten the record. See and Welch may be complimented.

The 100 Yards was run in heats. In the first R. Lord (S.J.C.) caused a surprise by well-beating Angus (S.G.S.) and H. Osborne (T.K.S.). He won by a yard in 11 secs. In the second heat we got another surprise, when G. L. Brown of Cooverwall Academy, ran away from F. B. Smith (T.K.S.), and C. P. Stewart (S.G.S.). Brown hoisted 11 secs. Looking at the running caused many to vote Lord a good thing for the final, but Angus unexpectedly turned the tables on him, whilst Brown beat the pair. It was a rattling finish, Brown winning by half a yard, whilst Angus' strong finish put him a foot ahead of Lord.

F. B. Smith (T.K.S.) who cleared 21 ft. 4 in. at the King's School Sports, was voted "a good thing" for the running broad jump, in which the runners had insufficient run and had to jump against the breeze. He duly won, his two last jumps being 20 ft., and 19 ft. 11½ in. O. H. Woodward (N.C.) cleared 19 ft. 6 in., C. P. Stewart (S.G.S.) 19 ft. 3¾ in.

The 120 Yards Hurdles was expected to be a "tit-bit," and so it proved. In the first heat Stewart (S.G.S.) was so far ahead of S. Iverarity (N.C.) and H. C. Osborne (T.K.S.), that, after falling over the fifth hurdle, he was able to get up and then win easily in 18 45 sec. A. R. Cobcroft (S.G.S.) and F. B. Smith (T.K.S.) were the fancied ones for the next heat. Cobcroft, who hurdles in first-class style, simply ran over the holder of the title in 17 1-5 sec. In the final Smith gave us a better and truer sample of his form. Cobcroft was quickest down from the first hurdle, but then Smith, going for all he was worth, took a hand. He led over the second, third fourth, fifth, and sixth flights, and actually rose the seventh first; but Stewart, who had raced up level, was down first, and with Smith touching the

ninth flight, Stewart went on and won well by 3 yds. in the smart time of 16 1-5 sec.—a schools' record, beating W. Lindsey's 16 3-10 sec., done in 1899. Cobcroft was a yard and a half behind Smith. It was a great race.

The "Quarter" is easily told. W. R. Angus at once sailed to the front, and, despite fine finishes by Osborne (T.K.S.) and Fitzhardinge (S.C.E.G.S.), the Grammar School crack won by 5 yds. in 53 sec.—a tie with Nigel Barker's school record in 1901. Angus again had Osborne as runner up in the furlong event which he won by 4 yds. in 23 2-5 sec.

The Mile produced a fine race until a furlong from home between M. H. Blaxland and J. D. Goldie (both of S.G.S.), when Blaxland sprinted away and won by 15 yds in 4 mins. 51 3-5 secs.—a schools' record, beating Imray's 4 min. 52 3-5 sec. in 1901. Goldie ran a game race, as did E. C. Norris (T.S.C.), but in the winner they met a miler considerably above the average.

The flag race, (Teams of 8 under 15) as usual, was a source of great excitement; S.G.S. came in 1st, N.C. 2nd, and S.C.E.G.S. 3rd.

The Championship was won easily by the Sydney Grammar School, the King's School being second and the S.C.E.G.S. third. In addition to the Championship events several handicaps were run, all of which were closely contested.

The above is an abridged report taken from *The Referee*.

The meeting was controlled by officials appointed by the N.S.W.A.A.A., whilst the Rev. D. Davies, W. S. Corr, and G. P. Barbour acted as a Central Committee with W. F. Matthews as Hon. Secretary. As the above report shows, the arrangements were all that could be desired; this was mainly due to the untiring efforts of Mr. G. P. Barbour the Chairman of the Association. Our points were won by H. L. St. Vincent Welch, who tied for first place in the High Jump, D. A. M. Goldfinch, first in the high jump under 15; J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, 3rd in the quarter; J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, R. V. Minnett, H. Bullock and O. G. Dent 3rd in quarter team race; and the under 15 team also

won third place in the flag race; G. S. Hall was second in the second heat of the 100 yards under 12, and T. A. Playfair second in the third. On the whole we can congratulate ourselves on winning third place in the championship, but our poor show in the kick was a source of

great disappointment, and especially so the failure of our representatives in not starting for the mile. In this event, although we had not much hope in winning first place from the S.G.S., yet we had a very good chance of taking second place.

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.

Complaints are continually made by members that they do not receive the TORCH-BEARER. In reply the Hon. Secretaries of the Union say that the magazine is sent to all paid-up members and to paid up members of the past year for the first six months of the current year. The fault is therefore with the Post Office. THE TORCH-BEARER is published on the last day of each term except the third term when it is published during the first week of the October term, in order to have an account of the Annual Prize Day. Members who do not receive their copies within a week of the above times are requested to notify the Hon. Secretaries when a second copy will be posted.

The following changes of address have been notified:—

C. A. Brown, "Littleham," St. Marys
C. M. Fetherstonhaugh, "Tuppal," Tocumwal.

R. C. Adams, Experimental Farm Bathurst.
S. C. Maddrell, "Bail Vida," via Bowning.
O. E. Friend, "Ulamambi," Coonabarabran.
C. E. Murnin, "Yenera," Yarranabbe Road, Darling Point.
L. N. Murnin, "Yenera," Yarranabbe Road, Darling Point.
A. B. S. White, "Mt. Edgecombe," Milner-st., Mosman.
A. A. Wilson, "Chelsea," Waters Road, Neutral Bay.
R. C. Wilson, c/o Sons of Gwalia Lt., Leonora, W.A.

The Annual Cricket Match v. The School will be played on the first Saturday in December (December 5th). Old Boys who wish to play are asked to send in their names to the Hon. Secretaries not later than the 21st of November. Details re the Annual Smoke Concert will be posted to members in a few days.

Several Old Boys have started well in Electorate Cricket. A. J. Hopkins, R. N. Hickson, N. Y. Deane, R. V. Minnett (present boy), are playing for North Sydney and A. D. Fisher for the University. Dr. G. R. C. Clarke and T. H. Dent are playing for Newcastle.

N. W. Turton represented N.S.W. in the Inter-State Tennis Match v. Queensland.

R. N. Bray and R. C. Empson are rowing in the N. Sydney Senior Fours for the Championship in the forthcoming N.S.W. R. Association Regatta.

R. C. Wilson has gone to W. Australia to gain practical experience in the Sons of Gwalia Mine. J. Purves and A. C. Mack have also gone to West Australia, while H. J. Gould has gone to Cobar.

J. M. Stokes is accountant to the Sons of Gwalia, Ltd., W.A., while his brother H. Stokes is a mine surveyor in the same colony.

M. Dawson, Mat as we all knew him, has been appointed to an important position in the London County Council Architect's Department. He is now employed on the new Arts and Crafts Schools which are being built at a cost of something like £100,000, near Southampton Row. The picture of his which was hung at the Royal Academy was a water colour of the interior of the Baptistery of St. Mark's. The London papers speak highly of an exhibit of his in the Arts and Crafts School. It was a relief of 4 x 3 from the version of the Holy Grail (O.E. Legends). The various symbols in it are mostly of early christian origin. He had also a smaller one hung last year at the New Gallery, Regent Street. Hearty congratulations to Dawson on his success.

A very interesting illustrated article on the School, appears in the October number of Dalgety's Review—a further notice appears under School Notes.

C. D. Abraham has started as an Estate Agent in Miller Street, near the junction with Blue's Point Road.

A. Wildridge who has completed his engineering course with Messrs. Hutson and Co., The Clyde, Glasgow, has returned to Sydney and is now an engineer on the Empire, the new "E. and A" Mail Line boat.

C. M. Fetherstonhaugh is busy at present with shearing at Tnppal, Tocumwal.

R. C. Adams is at the Bathurst Experimental Farm.

Dr. G. R. C. Clarke has resigned his post as Medical Superintendent of the Newcastle Hospital, and is taking up a private practice at Wahroonga.

W. S. McLeod is a Catechist with the Rev. A. C. Corlette at Kogarah. From private sources we hear of very good work having been done by him in the Armidale Diocese. He is reading for his Th. L., and is preparing for Holy Orders.

It is with extreme regret that we have to announce the death of two of our Old Boys, Donald Cargill Wallace and Surrey Houghton Burton-Bradley. The respective families have the sincerest sympathy of all Old Boys in their sad bereavement. Old Boys also tender their sincerest sympathy to G. E. Browne and his brothers and to R. S. and J. F. Reid on the loss of their fathers and to J. Lyne on the loss of his mother.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following for the year ending May,

1904 :—Messrs. D. W. T. Osborne, G. A. More, Dr. E. O. Pockley, Rev. D. Davies, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, The Headmaster, Messrs. S. H. B. Bradley, R. S. Reid, D. Taylor, F. C. Adams, H. V. Jaques, R. N. Hickson, F. G. M. Simpson, W. G. B. Boydell, W. J. Morson, R. C. Wilson, F. D. W. Oatley, C. H. Linton, E. R. Holne, G. E. Browne, C. P. Allen, C. W. Rundle, E. Bullock, J. E. R. McMaster, C. Terry, D. T. Kilgour, H. M. Barker, H. Nicholls, J. Burns, N. W. Turton, H. Shelley, O. F. Ash, J. W. Gibson, D. F. Roberts, H. A. Roberts, J. F. Reid, C. H. Calvert, L. A. Minnett (2), H. P. Harriott, A. B. S. White, H. McWilliam, G. T. Uther, O. E. Friend (4), R. C. Adams, A. Sulman, E.

Twynnam, J. F. Fitzhardinge, A. J. M. Simpson (2), G. Milbourne-Marsh, A. T. Carlisle, J. B. Yeomans, V. Y. Deane.

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

MARRIAGES.

Maddrell-Turner.—On June 27, at St. John's Darlinghurst, Spencer Coghill Madrell to Birdie Turner.

Wilson-Eyles.—On February 18, at Adelong, W. A. Wilson to S. V. Eyles.

Osborne-Mair.—On June 11th at St. James' Church, Sydney, D'Arcy Wentworth Towns Osborne to Dorothea Mair.

Donald Cargill Wallace,

BORN SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1879.

Entered the School, 1891.

Left, 1897.

.. DIED JUNE 23rd, 1903. ...

Surrey Haughton Burton Bradley,

BORN AUGUST 11TH, 1885.

Entered the School, 1896.

Left, 1901.

DIED JULY 31st, 1903.

The Library.

THIS term the Memorial Hall was thrown open as a Reading Room, and has already proved a most valuable addition to the School apparatus. Although some doubts were felt at first, it has been shewn that boys can use the benefits of such a room without abusing them. There has been very little indeed to complain of on this score. The library is open for reading purposes from 12.30 to 1.40, from 3.40 to 6, and from 6.30 to 7 on week days, also all day on Saturdays and on Sunday afternoons. In addition to the morning papers, the Sydney Mail, Town and Country, the B.O.P., Chums, Windsor, Pearson's and Wide World Magazines, and the Model Engineer and Electrician are also taken, while friends supply us with the Graphic, Maclure's, Munsey, the Strand, London, and Royal Magazines, the Australasian and the Pastoralists Review. Some 150 volumes are always available for reference purposes, and the lending library now numbers 1060 volumes.

We have to thank Mr. Winchcombe and Mrs. Roberts for presents of books.

The following books have been added since last issue :—

788	<i>Aitchison</i>	Lord Lawrence (Rulers of India).
777	<i>Avebury, Sir John Lubbock</i>	The Pleasures of Life
32D	<i>Ballantyne</i>	The Big Otter
782	<i>Bleakley</i>	More Tales of the Stumps
793	<i>Brooks</i>	Abraham Lincoln (Heroes of Nations)
808	<i>Broome</i>	Harry Treverten
794	<i>Cozzens</i>	The Marvellous Country
799	<i>Cremer</i>	Hanky Panky (Conjuring)
784	<i>Dawnt</i>	With Pack and Rifle
798	<i>Du Charillu</i>	Stories of the Gorilla Country
720A	<i>Eliot</i>	Daniel Deronda.
720B	"	The Mill on the Floss
785	<i>Ellis</i>	Down the Mississippi
785A	"	Footprints in the Forest
785B	"	Camp Fire and Wigwam
785C	"	Ned in the Woods
785D	"	The Hunter of the Ozark
785E	"	The Last of the Trail
785F	"	Ned on the River
196C	<i>Fenn</i>	Planter Jack
804	<i>Ferres</i>	His First Kangaroo
789	<i>Fielding</i>	The Southern Light
219B	<i>Gould</i>	Germany (Story of the Nations)
778	<i>Hamerton</i>	French and English
776	<i>Hasluck</i>	How to Make and Fit Electric Bells
781	"	Photographic Cameras
779	<i>Hegan</i>	Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch

263H	<i>Henty</i>	...	...	...	A Knight of the White Cross
796	<i>Hooper</i>	...	...	...	Wellington (Men of Action)
278	<i>Hughes</i>	...	...	...	Livingstone (Men of Action)
316F	<i>Kingston</i>	...	...	...	Old Jack
805	<i>Laurie</i>	...	...	...	Axel Ebersen
810	<i>MacLaren</i>	...	...	...	Physical Education
811	<i>Malleon</i>	...	...	...	Lord Clive (Rulers of India)
808	<i>Meunier</i>	...	...	...	Hunting Adventures
803	<i>Morfill</i>	...	...	...	Russia (Story of Nations)
795	<i>Pattison</i>	...	...	...	Milton (Men of Letters)
802	<i>Pickering</i>	...	...	...	In the Press Gang Days
637B	<i>Raine</i>	...	...	...	A Welch Witch
810	<i>Richardson</i>	...	...	...	Ralph's Year in Russia
786	<i>Houdin, Robert</i>	...	...	...	Secrets of Stage Conjuring
797	<i>Rosebery</i>	...	...	...	Pitt (English Statesmen)
806	<i>Thursfield</i>	...	...	...	Peel (English Statesmen)
780	<i>Trent</i>	...	...	...	Progress of the United States
787	<i>White</i>	...	...	...	Robert E. Lee (Heroes of Nations)
801	<i>West</i>	...	...	...	Jack's Mate
783	<i>Wishaw</i>	...	...	...	The Virginian

School Scholarships.

AN Examination will be held at the School, commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, December 10th and 11th, 1903, for the purpose of electing to the following scholarships:—

- (1) One Church Primary School Scholarship of £17 17s. per annum. Open to all boys who have been for two years at a Church Primary School.
- (2) Two Council's Junior Scholarships of £20 per annum. Candidates to be members of the Church of England, not over 14 years of age. One of these Scholarships is open to boys who have been not less than a year in the School. Candidates for the other must not have entered the School at the time of the examination
- (3) An exhibition for the sons of clergy in the Province of New South Wales. The value is £20 per annum, and nomination rests with the Archbishop.

The Scholarships will be tenable for three years should the holder's work and conduct justify an annual renewal.

Papers will be set on the following subjects:—

1. English.
2. Latin (to the end of the Passive of Regular Verbs).
3. French (to the end of the Regular Verbs).
4. Arithmetic.
5. Algebra (up to and including Simple Equations).
6. Euclid, Book i.

Candidates need not have reached the prescribed limit in any of the above subjects, and in awarding the above Scholarships, allowance will be made for age.

In the event of no fit candidate presenting himself for (1), the Scholarship will be thrown open.

A testimonial of good character from

Heads of Schools, and a statement as to age from parents, must be presented by all Candidates.

Names of Candidates to be sent to the Headmaster before December 1st. Any further information may be obtained from him.

School Notes.

TERM ended on Thursday, September 24th, and the School reopened on Tuesday, October 6th.

We beg to offer a hearty welcome to Mr. W. Morgan, of the London University, and to Mr. C. B. Fidler, B.A., of the Sydney University, who have joined us this year; also to Sergt-Major Anderson, our new Drill and Gymnastic Instructor.

The following table is interesting as showing an increase in numbers during the last three years:—

	Term I.	II.	III.	IV.
1900	—	—	—	83
1901	105	109	126	122
1902	166	183	196	205
1903	242	244	267	—

Under the title of "A Popular Institution," a very interesting illustrated article on the School appears in the October number of *Dalgety's Review*. Photographs are given of the main building, the interior of the Memorial Library, the Headmaster, general view of the School buildings from the play-ground, two views from the School Tower, and

four snap-shots taken at the Athletic Sports' Meeting on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The following joined in July:—F. O. Bayley, D. V. Boulbee, L. C. J. Broughton, G. W. Broughton, H. R. Cousins, H. C. Cullen, S. B. Everett, W. B. S. Fell, J. W. S. Fell, D. B. Fitzgerald, W. L. Foggitt, R. G. H. Fotheringhame, K. A. Fraser, C. E. S. Garton, W. H. Goulstone, C. W. E. Hawker, G. C. Hawker, A. S. Hopkins, A. W. Jacob, E. G. Jacob, H. P. Keatinge, F. A. Pemberton, T. A. Playfair, W. Roberts, G. Snell, C. P. R. Studds, O. J. Taylor, J. E. Taylor, F. S. Willmot, R. B. Willmot.

The following have left:—R. C. Adams (Prefect, Capt. of Boats, 1st Crew, 1st XV.), H. C. Browne (Junior 1903), C. A. Brown (1st XV.); J. D. Burt, L. Davies (Junior 1903), C. E. Graham, F. Guise, G. R. Hardridge, F. M. Boydell (Junior, 1903, 1st XV.), R. R. Moore (1st XV.), J. Maccatta, J. C. S. Newman, C. J. Parkes, C. S. Ross, N. W. White, R. E. Williams.

The results of the Junior Examination was as follows:—

- R. BLACK, passed in English, French, Arith., Geom., Latin (B).
 F. M. BOYDELL passed in French, Latin, Arith., Geom., Physics.
 H. C. BROWNE passed in English, French (B), Latin (B), Arith. (B), Alg. (B), Physics (B).
 L. W. DAVIES passed in English (B), Latin (B), French, Arith. (B), Alg. (B), Geom., Physics.
 A. M. LOMAX passed in English, French, Latin, Arith. (B), Geom., Physics.
 R. MARTIN passed in French, Latin (B), Arith. (B), Alg. (B), Geom.
 R. B. MINNETT matriculated with a pass in English (B), French (B), Latin (A), Arith., Alg., Geom., Physics.
 D. H. ROBERTS passed in English, French, Latin (B), Arith., Alg.
 H. B. SHAW matriculated with a pass in English (B), French (B), Latin (B), Arith.; Alg. (A), Geom., Physics.
 K. TAYLOR passed in English, French, Latin (B), Arith., Geom., Physics.

In addition to the usual Special Prizes Mr. T. F. Knox gave five additional prizes for Australian Geography. Papers were set throughout the School, on the whole, with satisfactory results. The prizes were awarded to Goldfinch ii, Duffy, Amphetlet, Brooks, and Abbott.

The prizes offered by the Headmaster and Mr. H. H. Massie for the best set of six photographs produced very little com-

petition. This was perhaps owing to some misunderstanding as to the time when the photographs were to be sent in. Those sent in were very creditable. The prizes were awarded to Pockley and Minnett ii.

The School entertainment realised, after the payment of all expenses, £27 3s. This has been expended on the purchase of chairs, tables and reading stand for the Library. The Library Committee beg to thank the Headmaster for the large centre table, and Mr. Karl Berg for the School Shield, which was painted and presented by him.

The Mission and Hospital Offertory amounted to £37s. 10d.

The annual Confirmation will take place at Christ Church on Tuesday, December 8th. The classes have already been started, but additional names will be received if given in at once.

R. V. Minnett has been elected captain of cricket vice G. G. Black left, and L. E. Giblin and K. Taylor to fill vacancies on the Athletic Sports Sub-Committee.

The Committee of the Memorial Library beg to acknowledge a donation of 10/6 from Mr. E. Staten.

A member of Lower School to his mother on the eve of Speech Day: "Remember, mother, you are not to *whistle* or stamp your feet to-morrow, for the Chief won't like it.

School Calendar.

1903.		
June	17	School Entertainment.
	18	Last Day of Second Term.
July	14	First Day of Term.
	22	House v. School F. Match. Won by School 3—0.
	29	1st XV. v. University Wednesday Team. Lost 8—5.
August	1	1st XV. v. Manly Federal II. Lost 14—3.
	5	1st XV. v. T.K.S. Lost 36—5.
	8	1st XV. v. Wentworth F.C. Lost 16—6.
	12	1st XV. v. N.C. Lost 15—0.
	19	1st XV. v. S.G.S. Lost 28—0.
	22	1st XV. v. Elkington F.C. Won 3—0.
	26	House v. School. School won 12—0.
	29	1st XV. v. St. J. Lost 25—0.
September	9	Annual Sports Meeting.
	11	Examination for Admiral's Prize.
	14	Examination for Knox Prizes.
		" Catechism Prize.
		" Old Boys' Prize.
	24	Annual Speech Day.
	25	G.P.S. Combined Sports Meeting.
		Last Day of Third Term.
October	6	First Day of Term.

Correspondence.

(To the Editor of the TORCHBEARER).

Sir,—In congratulating the Schools on at last having a Gymnasium as an accomplished fact, a fact which has been wished for and hoped for by many of the boys in the past, it might be advisable to look a little further.

Under usual conditions, the Gymnasium frequently savours of a selfishness, which it is wise to guard against, and in a manner to which special attention may be drawn, and this is the intention of my letter. It will be admitted that certain boys are naturally much better fitted

physically for the exercises and so forth to be found in a Gymnasium, than the majority of their fellows, so that unless these latter are gradually brought into the fit and proper condition of strength and agility required, they will find themselves outstripped in the various feats by their more muscular and active companions, and in consequence lose heart and shun the Gymnasium, and so to this section (which unfortunately is the majority) it would become a bugbear instead of being the pride and glory of every boy in the School.

It is surprising to what an extent systematic exercise, now known as physical culture, has caught on in England and America, and what splendid results are achieved by simple perseverance, not only by the young but also by persons of all ages. Now if we wish to get the boys of less robust physique (I speak feelingly, they are generally the book workers) first instil into them the idea of developing their frame and their muscles, and what boy is there who does not wish to pride himself on his muscularity? Then set them to work on an easy series of dumbbell exercises, in varying degrees according to age and strength, not forgetting the wonderful effect which the mind has in aiding the development, for one of the main features of this system is the concentration of the will on those muscles that are brought into play by each of the series of exercises, and it is an undeniable fact that this will reflect back on the mind, for as the body gains in strength so does the strength of will proportionately increase with such a training. As a preliminary to the latest course of physical culture, there is a series of what are known as "free movements and breathing exercises," which lay a splendid foundation for the harder work, and act as a great relaxative. The former give the body suppleness and agility, besides keeping the internal organs in good order, and the latter make one feel the great benefit in deep and systematic breathing, both from a general health point of view as well as make one better able to perform any physical effort.

Of course it would be useless to endeavour to do anything in this direction without a competent instructor, but whoever the Gymnastic Instructor may be, it should be a *sine qua non* that he is fully

acquainted with this phrase of physical training, for as the knowledge is obtainable in Sydney, nothing really stands in the way. Particular stress is laid on the point of instruction, because it is surprising that notwithstanding how carefully one may follow written directions, in most cases the really essential little details are missed.

It may not be generally known that for some considerable time the standard of physique for the British Army has been decreasing with almost each decade, and statistics show that the general health of the Army stationed in England has in like manner depreciated. Perhaps the principal reason for these results is that in days gone by the Army was drawn mainly from the rural and labouring classes, but as Great Britain has developed such vast manufacturing communities, collected into immense towns, the population has lost the greater part of its vigor and physique, together with its harder and more open-air existence.

Although this degeneration is not to be feared, for many a year, in this our bright and sunny land, yet it is a well-known fact that unless a city has a steady supply of health and vigor flowing into it, in an almost incredibly short space of time, its inhabitants would peter out in mind and body. So the city-bred boys have perhaps more to gain from physical culture than their country-reared cousins. We Australians seem prone to run to length when left to climate and nature, and though indisputably tough and hardy, yet we lack that actual power of more sturdy nations. With, however, a course of physical culture in youth, and once started a few minutes daily will keep it going, our frames will be broadened and will develop more weight.

The last but not the least important point from a School-training point of view is the moral as well as physical benefits derived by the boys from a Gymnasium and the various courses of exercises gone through in it. For by strengthening both mind and body, boys' manly qualities are brought more to the fore, and they gain in will-power to combat all petty tyrannies and invidious temptations which beset schoolboy life.

Yours, etc.,

AN OLD BOY.

[As showing the interest taken by Old Boys in our School institution, we gladly publish the above letter, and at the same time assure "An Old Boy" that Sergeant-Major Anderson is fully alive to the importance of the points to which attention is drawn in his letter, and will be pleased at any time to receive any suggestions from former members of the School that may tend to increase the efficiency of the Gymnasium.—
ED. T.B.]

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