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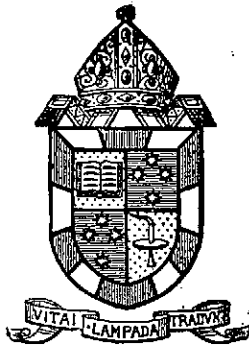
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Editorial.

EMPIRE DAY was celebrated at the School in a fitting manner. The excellent speeches given by the Head Master and the Rev. J. H. Rose must have made a distinct impression on the boys who heard them. The observance of Empire Day may be, and we hope will be, of real benefit in the School. This will depend, of course, upon the spirit in which the celebration is held.

If we should keep Empire Day in order chiefly to glorify the greatness, and flatter ourselves upon the extent

of the British Empire, it might seem that we had missed the lesson taught by the old Greek poet, as well as by our own Rudyard Kipling.

Aeschylus saw that when a nation or an individual became great and prosperous, they then were in danger of the sin of insolence or forgetfulness of the Powers above, which brought upon them disaster and ruin. And our own poet says:—

Far-called our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday,
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the nations, spare us yet;
Lest we forget!—lest we forget!

We must, if we would intelligently and profitably celebrate Empire Day, try to realise some at least of the reasons that have made the Empire what it is, and to remember the means by which the prosperity of our great nation may be established, and its progress ensured. Of the principles that have helped in the making of the British Empire there are three that may be easily remembered by those who read these words.

First, there is *industry*; and with this we must associate other qualities such as energy and perseverance. This is a very obvious point, and yet boys need to be reminded of it. The story of any of our States has names of men who have made us their debtors by the way in which they, by industry and energy, subdued the forces of nature and opened up our great country. We have in the Gardens the statue of Governor Philip, who refused to despair when the infant colony at Botany Bay was threatened with ruin, and who brought the inhabitants to the more promising sites of Sydney Cove and Parramatta. And we have the Explorers' Tree at Katoomba which reminds us how two years before Wellington fought at Waterloo, Wentworth, Blaxland and Lawson were finding a way over the Blue Mountains, that was to open up the plains of Bathurst and all the country to the West. There is here a tradition of work and perseverance for us to carry on.

Next we should remember *liberty*.

As Britons we are perhaps prouder of our liberty than of any other possession. We may recall Milton's great lines where he speaks of—

the Flood

Of British freedom, which to the open sea
Of the world's praise, from dark antiquity,
Hath flowed, "with pomp of waters un-
withstood."

This freedom includes liberty of person, and liberty of conscience. Having inherited this liberty, it must be our duty to guard it, and not only this, but to *use* it well. Boys who read these words will learn in later life the value of this great principle, and as they learn in school and in sports the lesson of self-control and respect for the feelings and the rights of others, they will be better able to use as citizens the freedom that has been won for them by their forefathers.

And thirdly there is the great principle of *righteousness*. It would ill become us to take credit to ourselves where this principle has been active in our public life. Yet if we would rightly learn the lessons of the past we must remember that it has been one of the chief factors in British history. We may rightly contrast, for example, the condition of the colonies founded by England with that of those founded by Spain. The higher ethical and religious standard of England has contributed in no small degree to the greater prosperity of her dependencies. Those also who have travelled in the East tell us that the success of Britain in commerce among Eastern peoples is largely due to the

recognised integrity of Englishmen. To say a thing "on the word of an Englishman" is in the speech of some Eastern peoples equivalent to giving one's "word of honour."

These principles we have briefly spoken of we all desire to see continuing strong and active in our national life. They depend upon the personal will of the subjects of the Empire, and we trust that as Empire Day comes round, boys may be led to think earnestly about them. It is

well that Empire Day will be associated with the memory of the great Queen, the record of whose life was a record of duty realised and duty fulfilled. To the influence of her life and character the prosperity of the Empire was during the last century in no small measure due, and we trust that her example may prove a permanent inspiration to the future citizens of the Commonwealth.

Anniversary Service Address.

Bishop Stretch took as his text: PHILIPPIANS III. 13, 14. *Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

He said it might seem a little curious, remembering on the part of old boys their relation to teachers and schoolmasters, to begin such an address with words which emphasised the beauty of forgetting what was past. But after all, for old boys, as well as for boys to come, the motto must ever be "Look forward." Don't be always fretting about the past, but remember that there is something better to come, and press forward!

Public interest had of late been greatly awakened in the

subject of education, and as a consequence our schools and schoolmasters had been subject to a large amount of adverse criticism. Some years ago it used to be said that the schoolmaster was abroad. The critic of the schoolmaster was now abroad, and knew very much better of course than the schoolmaster how his work should be done. All schools were having rather a hot time of it—but more especially the English Public Schools, and locally those schools such as this, which followed in the main the lines and traditions of the English Public Schools. Only in the last *Church Quarterly*, a paper which never indulged in jest, a writer concluded an article on Eton and education much in the fashion of the celebrated chapter on snakes in Ireland—that there were no snakes—by declaring that the boy leaving Eton knows nothing. Manifestly that could

not be altogether just; but when we found that in matters educational, Germany, France, and America touched the ceiling, while England was below the floor, it naturally made us seek for a reason for this state of things. The opinion of these amateur experts, or expert amateurs, seemed to be that our education, like other things, should be made in Germany, but when we turned to the French and German experts (who are not amateurs) we found them admiring a state of things in English schools which they could not achieve in their own, and warning us to beware of too much system. They had the system we lacked, but they lacked the spirit of liberty they would fain possess. We should be none the worse of more system, and we were gradually getting it, but the most perfect system would be dearly bought at the price of liberty. The boy turned out of our English Public School had in a wonderful measure the quality of initiative—the power of acting for himself—and when put in a difficult position would set to work with coolness and calmness, and a feeling that he had only himself to depend on, and accomplish his task in a much more satisfactory manner than those whose training had been more systematic, but less calculated to strengthen individuality. Every piece of machinery must be judged by its finished product, and the practical test to apply to this or any school was to ask what sort of boys did it turn out? This was a young school now, but as time

went steadily on, it would become an old school, and all the time it would be sending forth boys and men to carry its banner. He believed that the influence that passed into the community from the Great Public Schools year after year, was wholesome and invigorating to the whole community. If they would allow him to be somewhat reminiscent, he would go back 35 years, to the time when he left a school at which he had been for eight years, and ask what he took away from it as the result of his education there. For it was only by thus looking back that old boys—and he claimed to be a fairly old boy—could really estimate what they had gained in the pleasant hours that were given to cricket and football, and the less agreeable ones passed in wrestling with translation, or sincerely wishing that all the books of Livy or Euclid were missing, instead of only some of them. In the first place he thought he took away with him what he had already mentioned as a characteristic of the English Public Schools, a large sense of liberty, for they were very much trusted. Liberty was one of those grand things which must of necessity be accompanied by a certain risk, but we were content to take the risk, and thanked God, on looking back, that we had not allowed it to pass into a danger, for to use liberty rightly was the best discipline for man or boy. In the second place he was taught the importance of accuracy, and could later on understand the purpose of all those pre-

cise exercises which seemed such a weary and useless infliction at the time he was suffering from them. Whatever a man's career was to be, it was accuracy that gave the note of distinction, and separated the man who reasoned clearly, and exactly appreciated the difference between one thing and another from his fellow men. And herein he thought lay the chief value of examinations. They enabled us to see whether we were able to make the best of ourselves when called upon to do so. Next, he brought away with him from school a code of honour, which, if peculiar perhaps to the schoolboy, would compare favourably with that of the so-called "man of the world," who would leave his bills unpaid in order to settle what were termed "debts of honour." They learned to hate and despise lying and sneaking, and anything low and unclean. No doubt there was evil in schools, as in the world, but the healthy-minded boy shook it off as so much dirty water, and forgot its very existence. There was nothing clever in coarseness, nothing original, and to excel in it was to enter into competition with the gutter-snipe. And what religious influences did they get at school? Nowadays, students of psychology told them that a boy was naturally a religious animal. The healthy-minded boy did not talk of religion, but at the same time he had a religion which was without ostentation, perfectly wholesome, perfectly normal. His natural instincts only wanted opportunity to show that

he really did love Christ, and hate all that was impure; that he could be straightforward, noble, and upright, doing his duty fearlessly to God and man.

His one regret was that the schools did not furnish more candidates for Holy Orders, for, although there were no great prizes in the clerical profession, there were also no blanks, and it was, so far as he knew, the only calling in which instead of people looking for work they were looking for clergy. Even if a man did not rise to the top, as long as he conscientiously performed his varied duties he could serve God and his fellow men, nobly, truly, honourably, and uprightly.

To sum up then, he thought a boy took away from such a school as this a mental equipment in fairly good order, a good, healthy body, and a disciplined will, together with a rational outlook on men and things. He was prepared to accept responsibility, and his brain, keen and alert, was ready to meet circumstances as they arose. An eminent English Bishop, and great educational authority, had lately compared the attitude of the Englishman and that of some of the inhabitants of the Continent towards a practical question. As far as theory went, he said, the Englishman was beneath contempt. While his competitors were covering sheets of paper with calculations at a speed proportioned to their racial instincts, the Englishman walked about, hands in pockets, and pipe in mouth, then began to

whistle, and finally sat down and did what was required. So long as we can turn out men capable of that, we need not worry much over our lack of system, for we have something more valuable to set against it.

The Old Boys' Union, linking as it did the past with the present, was a brotherhood, and as the brotherhood of a Church School it had the highest object of admiration in Our Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him all righteousness, truth, nobility, and everything that was great and grand. Someone in speaking of the school motto had said it was a sad one; as it spoke of death. But the Lamp of

Life was the sign of truth. Lessing said, if an angel came to him and offered in his right hand pure truth, and in his left hand the pursuit of truth, he would say to him—"Give me the left hand!" Truth was for God. The pursuit of truth it was that ennobled humanity. As long as they continued to so interpret their motto, he did not doubt that the school would continue to send forth true scholars and noble-hearted boys, who would become brave citizens and upright men, and that the State would be the better for their services, and the Church the better for the devotion of their lives.

The School Flag.

ON Monday, 8th. May, we celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of the foundation of the School. The occasion was made especially memorable by the presentation to the Prefects on behalf of the School of a flag, the gift of the Headmaster and Mrs. Hodges. Referring to this in the course of his Anniversary Address, Mr. Hodges reminded the boys that the flag was the visible symbol of their School and should represent to them the honoured traditions handed down to them by their predecessors, and that the sight of it should ever incite them to maintain the honourable reputation which the School even in its short history had succeeded in winning. Their flag should

be to them what his regimental colours were to the soldier, and it should be the earnest endeavour of each member of the School, from the oldest to the youngest; to see that by no act of his was it ever dishonoured.

On behalf of the School, Allen received the flag from Mrs. Hodges and expressed the great pleasure felt by all at the fitting manner in which Anniversary Day had thus been marked and their gratitude to Mrs. Hodges for her great general interest in the School and this special mark of kindness.

The School then assembled by Forms on the playground in sight of the Tower where, at a signal from Mrs. Hodges, the flag was unfurled and saluted by the School with three

hearty cheers, which were repeated vigorously in honour of Mrs. Hodges.

The new flag is of the same size and design as the old flag presented by Mrs. J. S. Harrison in 1892. It is some eighteen feet by twelve and bears the School Arms in the corner, ensign-wise, the fly being of blue and

white diagonal stripes. It became necessary to replace the original flag, which had suffered somewhat severely from the strong winds to which during its lengthened term of service its elevated position had exposed it.

Empire Day.

WEDNESDAY, 24th May, being the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Victoria, it was decided to observe the day in a suitable manner as the one universally accepted on which to celebrate the unity of the Empire. At morning chapel there were special hymns and special lessons for the occasion, and at 11.30 the whole school assembled in Hall, in order to hear an address from the Rev. H. J. Rose, a member of the School Council. The National Anthem was sung in full by all present, and the Head Master then addressed the School.

He said that those of us who were born somewhere in the middle of the last century, must ever connect that date with that greatest of Queens, Victoria. For 64 years, by more than two generations of men, the day was honoured as the birthday of that illustrious woman, under whose glorious rule so much was done towards developing and consolidating the British Empire. It was so long a "Red letter day," that it seemed impossible it could ever be quite ordinary, so that there was a special fitness in its having been selected as the day on which the whole Empire should unite in recognizing their oneness, and

especially in impressing on the rising generation the importance of realizing their duties towards the Empire to which they belonged. The Government had asked that the day should be in some way observed in schools such as this, as well as in State schools, and he was happy to comply with the request, by inviting one of our Council, the Rev. H. J. Rose, to address us on one of the subjects suggested as appropriate. Mr. Rose was with our Old Boys in South Africa, and could tell us something of our own country's loyalty to the flag and nation, having himself served there as Chaplain in the late war.

We were all of us so apt to become so absorbed in our own pressing, and ever present duties, that occasions like that, when our thoughts were directed to ideas outside our immediate surroundings were especially necessary and helpful. Each one of us would, before many years were past, be called upon to take his part in civic life, even if it were in no more prominent a way than by giving his vote at elections. We should be called on to show interest in our city or suburb, that is in Municipal affairs in our State, in the Commonwealth; and to-day we were reminded that beyond these duties there was another, a duty to the Empire, of which we formed a part as truly as we did of our city, State, and country. During the life time of many of us it was almost certain that very great and grave Imperial questions would be raised, and it was our duty to see that we did not fail to

respond to the call which would be then made upon us. We should find a certain minority who would tell us that we owed nothing to the Motherland, and that if all connection between her and us were severed, so much the better. He found it difficult to put himself at the point of view of such men. It was quite true that the actual practical links with the Mother country were few. One of the last acts of the great Queen, in September, 1900, was to sign the Australian Constitution, which came into effect on the first day of the new century. This Constitution was consistent with British tradition in giving the maximum liberty and freedom of action to the Commonwealth to manage its own affairs. What was left was little beyond the tie of sentiment, but sentiment in that connection was undoubtedly one of the greatest forces of the world. What was patriotism but sentiment? And the main object of the celebrations throughout the Empire that day was to quicken and strengthen that sentiment, because it was known that if the affection were there, the deeds by which we expressed that affection must follow when the necessity arose. It was within the memory of us all, how when the Mother country was in difficulties in South Africa, there was exhibited to the world a spirit of union for which in all history, ancient and modern, no parallel could be found. That was due to sentiment; for the sons of the Empire voluntarily gathered together as one, and the lesson was not lost upon the nations. Our own School had its share. We had it recorded in the Memorial Library, and so long as this School should last, the evidence of our loyalty would remain. That day would serve annually to keep alive the recollection of our past, and of the fact that some of the members of this School gave their lives for the Empire.

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home, though neither the one nor the other should stay there. For us, primarily, our patria was the School, and unless our patriotism was displayed in our small world in which we were now playing our part, there was not much hope that our love for our country and Empire would be a strong leading motive in our lives. In many of us

the sentiment of love for our School was strong. We showed it in our actions, which were the fruit of the patriotic virtues, fortitude, self-reliance, public spirit, self-sacrifice. These virtues were what were wanted in a true and noble citizen, and in no society was there such opportunity for the practice of those virtues as in the life of a Public School like this.

He would take the opportunity of stirring up all to a greater love for our School, to more self-devotion to its weal, to more interest in its work and games, and all that concerned it, and learning there what the patriotic spirit really meant, hereafter extend towards our country, and that Motherland from which we were sprung the same spirit of devotion.

The Head Master then called upon Mr. Rose to give an address.

Mr. Rose said that he had accepted the invitation which had been so cordially given with gratitude, and with some diffidence, as he felt that boys are rather apt to resent addresses, especially from outsiders, and on a festal day. He ventured, however, to claim that, in reference to this School, he did not stand in the relation of an outsider, as he had been for so many years a keen member of the Council, and also because he had been associated with members of the School during the South African war. He especially mentioned the name of Jack Rundle, who was his comrade in the Cavalry Division.

Mr. Rose first spoke of Queen Victoria, whose birthday had been most appropriately chosen for the celebration of Empire Day. The great Queen, on the one hand, had made the Crown a priceless force politically and socially, a force the more real and beneficial because indirect. On the other hand—largely through the late Sovereign's influence, the Crown had become a bond of union for all parts of the Empire. Races, the most diverse, governments from benevolent despotism to pure democracies found their centre of unity in the chief magistrate supreme over all estates of men.

Stress was next laid upon the debt we all

owe to England of the past—using the word England in its largest sense—the Anglo-Saxon stock with its admixture of Celtic, Danish, and Norman blood. Our very physical strength, our social and political freedom we drew from the clean, the self-sacrificing lives of unknown forefathers. It was further pointed out that the Mother Country had all along dealt with her children in a spirit of lavish generosity. The vast expenses connected with the dignity of the Crown, with the Army and Navy, with Diplomacy, are in the main ungrudgingly borne by her, and by her alone.

Speaking as a Church of England clergyman, in a Church of England School, Mr. Rose added, I cannot help saying that the cause of freedom, social and political, the cause of Empire owes much to the great Communism to which we belong. The Great Charter of English liberties, the continual manumission of slaves throughout the Middle Ages, the frequent resistance successfully made to the ferocity of unscrupulous kings and barons, these things were done in no small measure through the leadership of the Clergy of the Church of England.

And how shall I help England in return for all that she has done in the past? This was the question, continued Mr. Rose, which we might all well ask ourselves on Empire Day. The answer is not far to seek. The mother asks no heavy tributes from her children. Why, even the expenses of the South African contingents were mainly borne by her. She simply asks from us that we shall use to the full all the privileges and blessings she has lavished upon us.

The speaker then went on to refer the responsibilities which belong to all connected with this School. Much of its tone and influence must come from the Head

Master and the staff, who were nobly doing their part—but, after all, the traditions—the general tone and atmosphere must come from the boys.

“*Vitai lampada tradunt.*”

A School like this can do a work in a direction of building up State, Commonwealth, Empire, which the State schools cannot do—excellent though the teaching in such schools undoubtedly was. The *men* of the future must not be merely machines crammed with book or other learning. what we want are men who know life, and who know how to lead. Examinations only cannot produce them—but a School like this, with its manifold training on the river, on the football and cricket field, in chapel, as well as in the class room, a School like this can give us the men we want.

Concluding, Mr. Rose said he hoped that more and more parents and boys would recognise the advantage of going through the one school from bottom to top. This was the way to get one's influence felt and realised, and also to receive the full blessing which the School itself can give. It would be something, in days to come, to feel that for us there can be but one school, the “Best School of All,” and that we have all of us done something in the direction of handing it on, in other words, we have contributed our share, by self-sacrifice and purity of life, towards building up and making yet stronger the British Empire.

Mr. Baker then sang “Rule Britannia,” with chorus given heartily by the whole school. Cheers were given for the King and Empire, Mr. Rose, and the Head Master, and the School was dismissed for the day.

Boat Club.

THE 1905 Regatta has been held, and we have failed once more to bring back the Schools' Championship; but we have done the work, and fought a good fight, and though beaten, the crew was not disgraced. Our chances were considerably lessened by our having to start after Xmas to get a man to fill bow's seat—a big undertaking in so short a time, especially with the Matriculation to be successfully accomplished in the meantime; moreover, owing to the S.G.S. cricket match, which was postponed three times, the crew could not be got together till very late. On the other hand, we had to meet in St. Ignatius a very fine crew, the same crew that represented them last year, and such a crew as can only be made by long working together. The race was rowed against wind and tide, which would account for the slow time. At the start St. Ignatius got a lead, and the pace to Gladesville was very fast. There we were almost level with them, and well in front of S.G.S. At Cabarita Riverview just held their position in spite of repeated efforts on the part of C.E.G.S., while S.G.S. had dropped further astern. Here the struggle began to tell on our crew; the bow-side showing more lasting power, kept driving the boat off her course, and the cox was compelled to use the rudder hard against them, which took a lot of pace out of the boat. Tennyson was reached without the position of the crews

being altered, but as our opponents were able to increase their rate of striking to 35 or 36, while C.E.G.S. could not get above 31, St. Ignatius shot away to the post four lengths ahead, and S.G.S. came up to second place. Thus ended what was perhaps the best struggle for the Schools' Championship that has so far been witnessed.

The winners were a splendid crew, and deserved the congratulations showered upon them, and to hold them so long as our crew did was a very good performance indeed.

We desire to offer the heartiest thanks of the School to our old friend Mr. Allan Ramsay, of the Leichhardt Rowing Club, who for the last fortnight devoted himself entirely to the crew, and to whose efforts the excellent form and undoubted pace of the crew was due.

Thanks to Keith Williams, splendid work was done in camp by "the Mudpunchers," Willcox, Haydon, Williams II. and Alison I. Their fixed seat work in the Tub Four was one of the most pleasing sights on the river—certainly an unusual one, and cheerful honest work it was, showing promise of excellent results in the future.

The Boat Club is in a flourishing condition now, and seven or eight crews are preparing for the Tub Pair events to be held at the end of the term.

Mr. Chris Nielsen has altered the second racer, making her centre-

seated, and a fin renders her easier to steer. The new Tub Four is not quite ready yet.

Among the lesser lights who have yet to grow to rowing proportions, are—Alison I., Williams I., Chester, Pockley III., Willmot I., Snook, Garden, Smith I., and Bray.

The most promising of the new men are—Mackellar, Edwards I., Martin, Marsh, Moors, and Nettleton, but a lot of steady work will be necessary to get them into shape; however, some of them are sticking to their practice, and may come along presently.

It is proposed to hold Scratch Fours next term, over a course of about half-a-mile, and about four crews should compete. The Tub Fours will be used for the events.

THE CREW.

	st.	lbs.
Pockley, F. G. A. (bow) ...	10	0
Luscombe, J. A. (two) ...	10	0
Dean, O. H. (three)...	11	6
Irving, S. C. (stroke) ...	11	2
Busby, F. W. M., (cox.), weight 5 st. 5 lbs.		

THE ROWING CAMP.

The '05 Camp may be pronounced a great success in every way, and as far as numbers are concerned, it was the most successful we have had for some years; the weather, too, was all that could be desired. Fifteen of us went up, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Mackay, and myself as coaches, the crew, with Edols as emergency, the "Mudpunchers" consisting of—Willcox, Haydon, Williams I., and Alison I., and Richardson as extra cox. Our flotilla consisted of two lightships, a tub four, and two tub

pairs, in which we arrived safely at Dempsey's on Thursday afternoon, 20th April, and having housed the boats, we made our way to our old quarters at Cashman's Hotel, which we found very much improved by the addition of two good bedrooms, and a bathroom upstairs.

The routine of work was just as usual, run or swim before breakfast, tubbing afterwards, and in the afternoon work in the fours, and dry-swinging—that joy of joys—before bed.

Mr. Mackay was leader of the amusements, and after tea the singing of the "Orchid" and the "Toreador," with the school song and the boating song as a grand finale. It would have made the composers' hair turn grey had they heard it, certainly it did not lack enthusiasm and vigour, especially the latter.

The sporting element was more rife than usual, and Euchre, German Whist, and Bridge were freely indulged in, especially by the coxswains, who should have set a better example. Fishing lines were not very much in demand this time, though one or two did try their luck in two feet of water at the pontoon, but because there was not a shark ready to swallow the bait before it reached the bottom, they decided that fishing is not such an exciting amusement as they had been led to believe by Mr. Hall's little yarns.

On Tuesday, April 25th, the Chief and Mrs. Hodges brought a launch party up, and on the Thursday

following Mrs. Busby, and some other "Mothers" came up and saw some of our life in camp, and the crews at work, and delighted we were to have them, and very appreciative of the kindly interest they showed in our work. We have also to thank G. H. Salwey for coming and rowing in the coaches' boat two or three times, and R. N. Bray, and several other Old Boys for paying us a visit, and also the Superintendent of the Gladesville Hospital for again placing the baths there at our disposal.

The coaching of the crew was done entirely by our old friend Mr. Ramsay. Mr. Mackay was a most valuable acquisition, both for his sound advice, and, even more so, for the way he kept the whole camp alive.

Mr. and Mrs. Cashman, as usual, looked after us splendidly, and nothing was left undone which could in any way add to our comfort.

On Monday, May 1st, all went home excepting Mr. Ramsay, the crew, and myself. We stayed on for

the few days before the race, and though it was much quieter than when camp was in full swing, we were all very sorry when our jolly holiday came to an end. On the Wednesday preceding the race, the Bronzewing, with a number of masters, boys, and friends of the School came up to see the crew do their final course, which they did in the good time of 8 min. 13 sec.

In conclusion, I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior Crew for the very pleasant holiday I had as their coach. They unselfishly gave up their holiday to the cause of school rowing, and came up to camp simply for rowing's sake, doing all the hard work without any of the excitement of the race to follow. I think the future rowing of the School is very safe in their hands, and if more would follow their patriotic example it would not be long before we should again occupy that position which used to be our pride—Head of the River.

K. W.

Football.

THE first half of the season is now practically over, and a glance through the results of matches will show that in all teams defeats have been more numerous than victories. Perhaps, with so many points scored against us, it would be considered pre-

sumptuous to call the 1st XV. a defensive team, and yet on the whole the tackling has been good. The line kicking by the backs has perhaps been their strongest point, but even here there is a tendency to overdo things and kick where often it is the game to run. The forwards have

been the stronger division of the two, and against Warroo their scrum work was really good, and the heeling quick and clean. The footwork is not quite sure enough yet. In both backs and forwards alas, passing appears to be a lost art, and the very few tries obtained at once shows that the team has little pretensions to an attacking side, and to attack is the secret of success in football. The failure to score may be set down chiefly to (1) neglecting to back up (2) not running hard when chances offer (3) inability to handle the ball.

All that has been said above of the 1st XV. applies just as much to the lower teams with this addition that the 3rds and sometimes the 2nds do not like tackling. To tackle successfully one must go low and hard, but some members of the teams prefer the finger to the shoulder tackle.

The 2nds have certainly improved, and have commenced to pass the ball about in the backs. One rush in particular against S.G.S. was very fine, and quite as good as anything the 1sts have done. In Kater, Playfair, Dibbs, and Moors the 2nds have some fine material, whilst the forwards are well led by Linton, Bowly, Richardson, Hagen, Stockdale and Welch.

The 3rds have scarcely had enough matches to work up any combination, but they are too easily satisfied, and are just as happy to lose by only a few as to win. At least that was their attitude in the match with S.G.S. 3rd. They were

beaten badly by T.K.S. 3rd, a team that was certainly no heavier, if as heavy, as themselves.

Until our teams, be they 1st or 6th, adopt a more robust style of play and regard a draw as something infinitely less than a win, they will never succeed against opponents who play to win. Bath, Blaxland, Dixon, Hall i, Taylor i and Kemp should make an excellent back division next term, while Mere-wether i, Barling, Macdonald, Solomons and Blake are the nucleus of a heavy pack.

The 4th, 5th and 6th have really done best of all, and the interest they have displayed is second to none. It would hardly be fair to single out a few names where all deserve it, yet some merit special mention, notably Holden, Smith v, Sayers, Boyce i, Milson i, Campbell ii, Hall ii, Sendal ii, Goulstone, Ferguson, Jones iv, Gordon i, Pockley ii, and Shephard. When one sees boys like this playing their games, it makes it harder to believe that there are really big, healthy fellows in the School who go through it without doing a hand's turn to help win a match, and whose only claim to remembrance is per medium of the detention book. It is cases like these that make one think of compulsory sports.

Monday, May 8, v Old Boys.—Played on School Ground and won 11-9. The Old Boys had a strong team, including Murnin and C. F. Kater, but, as is usual in such matches, their condition towards the close was not perfect. For the first time the School had its full side, and the presence of

the crew lent additional weight to the pack. The game was very fast throughout, and might have been won by the Old Boys had not Murnin dropped the ball as he was going down for a try. Longwill and Irving scored tries for the School, Dean converting one and also kicking a penalty goal.

May 10th, v. *Newington College*. Lost 8-0. Played at North Sydney Oval, Mr. T. Pauling referee.

This was our first School match, and the second with our complete team. School kicked off, and at once commenced a hot attack. From a line out Russell-Jones set his three-quarters moving, and a quick succession of passes took the ball to N.C. territory. From a scrum the backs were again set in motion, and in trying to beat the full-back Dean was well tackled by Dey and fell with the ball. After this play became quieter for a time. In the first ten minutes the School pack got the ball from the scrum more often than N.C., though it did not come out cleanly enough to be of much use. N.C. pack, however, shook together and began to get the ball from the scrum with the result that we had to stop some good passing by Newman and Coates. Our forwards, apparently satisfied with their efforts so far, began to slacken, and twice let Macdonald break away badly from the line out. Up to this point the line kicking on both sides was good, Dey and Coates showing out for N.C. and Russell-Jones, Way and Dean for the School. N.C. worked the ball down to our line where a scrum was formed. The ball was heeled smartly to Newman, who whipped it out on the blind side, and before Marsh and Haydon were aware of it; Parker had scored. This bit of play demonstrates the folly of turning one's back upon the ball. Coates failed at goal, and half-time arrived shortly after, the score being N.C. 3, S.C.E.G.S. nil.

Immediately after the commencement of the second half, N.C. worked the ball to our 25, and a scrum was formed in front of goal. Newman secured the ball, was tackled and let go, again he was tackled and again let go, this time with a clear walk over the line. Coates converted, and the score was 8-0 against us. Our men

seemingly realised their position and took a turn at attacking. The backs began to pass, but not with the accuracy of the first few minutes of the game. The halves were not happy, and with slow heeling and faulty handling the three-quarters passed at a stand-still instead of on the move. Longwill broke away from the line out several times, but on picking up found himself unattended. Fitzhardinge was noticed several times dribbling alone, but there was not that working in a body, which makes forward play successful. N.C. defended well and returned our attack, the whistle eventually sounding with the ball in neutral territory. N.C. forwards, as usual, proved very good scrummers, and in open work Paul, Cuthbertson and Millett stood out. Amongst their backs Newman, Coates and Macdonald played well together, while Dey was very sound at full-back. Longwill, Fitzhardinge and Pennefather were the pick of our forwards, while Dean, Russell-Jones and Laurence were the best of the backs. Way, playing on the left wing, had little opportunity, and Dibbs was far too slow. Marsh, at full back, was mediocre. Haydon, at centre, was the greatest disappointment, and failed to show anything like the form he displayed in the earlier matches.

May 15th, v. *St. Joseph's College*.—Lost 22-3. Played at North Sydney Oval, Mr. E. E. I. Body referee. This match had been postponed from May 3 on account of the Boat Race. S.J.C. were without Prentice, and we were without Longwill, who sprained his wrist on the previous Saturday, his place in the pack being taken by Quinn. Haydon was moved to the wing and Way took his place at outer centre.

From the outset St. Joseph's began to attack, and though School disputed every inch, it was apparent that they were a considerably weaker side. From a long throw out on our line Dean broke away and punted to Convery, the full-back. The latter, when tackled by Dean, dropped the ball, and his forwards coming up and taking it offside, we were awarded a free, from which Dean kicked a good goal. Scores—S.C.E.G.S. 3, S.J.C. nil. The latter returned to the attack, but by getting quickly

to the man with the ball we managed to clear our lines on several occasions. S.J.C. were getting the ball more often from the scrum, and at times our pack was pushed back bodily. Although there was a good deal of disparity in the weights, this alone would not account for our pack being pushed about at will. The only other inference is that they were not all pushing. From a series of passing rushes the ball at length came to O'Neill, who was tackled by Haydon. The latter, however, let him go, and O'Neill running on hard, scored. Scores—S.J.C. 3, S.C.E.G.S. 3. S.J.C. continued to attack, and Duffy, getting the ball near the line, was the next to score. Just before half-time another try was obtained, and when the whistle went the score was S.J.C. 11, S.C.E.G.S. nil.

The second half opened with S.J.C. still aggressive, their forwards proving very powerful in the loose rushes. In the line out work our forwards too often made no attempt to secure the ball, so that Beigley, Matthews and Walsh were free to pass back to the halves. This style of attack is one of the hardest to check when once started, and in the present instance yielded two more tries. Finally O'Neill secured the ball, and dashing past our forwards within a yard of the boundary, scored a good try in the corner. This was really the only time when School shirked its tackling. Beigly, with a fine kick, converted this try, and the whistle then sounded, leaving S.J.C. victors by 22 points to 3. Although the score was large it was well distributed throughout the game, and at no time was there that rapid scoring of tries which denotes the demoralised side. St. Joseph's are a stronger team than we were led to believe, and from front row to full-back play the game hard and fast. What was most noticeable in their forward play was the manner in which the forwards stuck together in the rucks and in the following on. As scrummers they were solid but relied more on walking over the ball than on smart heeling. In fact our front row very often hooked the ball only to be pushed back over it. In the backs Duffy, O'Neill and Shiels kicked well, and were very fast in the passing rushes. Except in

the scrum and in the long lines out our forwards played well. Marsh was uncertain and made several bad mulls, one of which cost us a try. Dean played his best game, and Laurence and Russell-Jones stopped rush after rush, a task of no mean order against such hard ruckers as the St. Joseph's pack.

May 17th v. S.G.S.—Drawn, no scores. Played at North Sydney Oval, Mr. J. W. G. Powell referee.

After the pushing about which our forwards got in the St. Joseph's match, it was obvious that more weight was required in the pack, and with this end in view Francis and Linton were replaced by Quinn and Mackellar. The three-quarter line was also strengthened by the reappearance of Milson, who took Dibbs' place on the wing. What little wind there was favoured S.G.S. and right at the commencement of the game they attacked strongly, and with a couple of passing rushes were quickly on our line. Leslie, in particular, was very dangerous, and on one occasion was hauled down by Dean and Haydon, when only a foot from the line. From the resulting scrum some fumbling by Greenwell and Mathews enabled our halves to use their feet and the ball was cleared to half way. The tackling on both sides was quick and hard, and this served to keep the game close. S.G.S. made several attempts to open up play from the scrum, but our backs got to their men quickly, and nothing noteworthy resulted. By forward rushes and judicious use of the touch lines we gradually worked into an attacking position. From a long throw out well within the S.G.S. 25, Pocklev secured and passed to Dean, who instead of dashing for a try on the open side, turned and kicked the ball out of bounds from where it had just been thrown in. S.G.S. relieved and soon worked the ball to our territory, where in some passing work Sinclair slightly injured his knee. Our backs, using the line, gradually worked the ball into S.G.S. territory, but when there, seemed disinclined to run. On one occasion Russell-Jones did fool his way through and went hard for the line. He was not followed, however, and the effort was

brought to an end by Harris tackling him. Half-time then arrived without a score from either side.

Commencing the second half it was plain that S.G.S. meant if possible to open up the game, for they punted high and followed on at every opportunity. Our backs, too, endeavoured to pass, and once Milson broke away to the full back, but in attempting to punt over the latter's head, kicked the ball into his chest. Beyond this and a hard run by Leslie, the half was not interesting. Both teams appeared to slacken their efforts, and neither looked like scoring. The whistle sounded soon after, leaving the game drawn. For S.G.S. Farrar, Richardson, Clayton, and Macintosh were the best of the forwards, whilst Leslie, Harris and Mathews played best in the backs. All our forwards played well, Longwill, Pockley and Adams being about the best. Haydon did better than in the previous matches, his tackling being much sounder, though he is yet rather slow in starting. Dean played very poorly, and failed to use the few chances that were given him.

May 20th v. *St. Ignatius' College*.—Lost 17-3. Played at Riverview, Mr. Armstrong referee.

Fitzhardinge, Pennefather and Laurence were away for this match, their places being taken by Bowly, Lehmaier and Kater.

Playing with the wind first half, St. Ignatius put up 11 points, made up of 2 tries and a goal and a penalty goal. Conlon scored the first try from a scrum, about 15 yards from our line. Both Russell-Jones and Way hung off to intercept the pass, and Conlon was allowed a straight run through. On changing round we were more successful, and by punting and following on Dean was enabled to score a try. St. Ignatius added two more tries and crossed our line a third time, but Mackellar was handy, and with a smart bump turned a certain try into a force. The game finally ended with the score 17-3 against us. Conlon and Hughes played best for Riverview, whilst for us Longwill, Lehmaier, Irving, Mackellar, Adams, Dean and Kater played best. Milson and Marsh were both very uncertain in fielding the ball.

May 24th v. *T.K.S.*.—Lost 25-4. Played at Parramatta, Mr J. W. G. Powell referee.

In this match we were without Fitzhardinge, his place in the last row being taken by Pockley, while Francis was brought back from the 2nds to play in the front row. In the first half our men played well, and although T.K.S. often got the ball, our backs, by playing close up to them, spoilt the passing rushes. However, Body, with a very strong run, did burst right through our forwards, and a score resulted. T.K.S. 3 points, S.C.E.G.S. nil. T.K.S. full back once or twice proved uncertain, and by playing to him and following on, our backs gained ground. Gradually we worked the ball to T.K.S. line, and just in front of the goal we were awarded a free. Dean took the kick, and although "no charge" was called he failed to put the ball over. Soon after Dean took a mark, and by a fine kick from half way, Irving kicked a goal. S.C.E.G.S. 4 points, T.K.S. 3. T.K.S. now in the rear, came at our line with plenty of dash, but half time sounded with the scores unaltered. On recommencing, T.K.S. rushed the ball to our line, and getting the ball from a succession of scrums, made onslaughts on our goal. It was noticeable that our backs did not play on to the man so smartly as in the first half, consequently it was not long before a score resulted. Getting the ball from a scrum, Champion sent it to Irving, to Body, to Rurie, then to Sheridan, who with a nice turn in, beat Haydon, and scored. The score was now 6-4 against us. Two more tries were obtained, and for a long time the score was 14-4.

Irving (S.C.E.G.S.) followed on consistently, but was not backed up sufficiently to do much good. Quinn was conspicuous for his inactivity, and several times T.K.S. broke away from the line out through men being unmarked. Our forwards were not getting across to help the backs tackle, and some of T.K.S. forwards were coming into the passing rushes, so that in the last 10 minutes 3 more tries were scored, the final scores being 25-4 against us.

T.K.S. proved very quick heelers, and most of the forwards, particularly King, Body and Gardiner were clever at the passing work. Irving and Champion played

well together, whilst Body and Sheridan were always dangerous in the three-quarter line. It seems hard to credit that we led at half time, and were yet beaten so easily in the end. Instead of the team playing harder to retain its lead, there was a general slackening off, T.K.S. in the meantime playing harder. Marsh was very good in the first half, but uncertain in the second. Dean and Way were fair in the first half, Haydon played fairly, but had a tricky man opposite him in Sheridan. Laurence and Russell-Jones tackled and stopped rushes very well right through. In the forwards Irving, Pockley, and Adams were the most conspicuous.

RESULT OF CLUB MATCHES.

- 1st XV. v. Othello F.C.—Won 22-nil.
 v. University 2nd XV.—Lost 24-3.
 v. Womerah F.C.—Lost 22-3.
 v. University 3rd XV.—Lost 14-8.
 v. Kuringai F.C.—Won 22-3.
 v. Stanmore F.C.—Lost 16-0.
 v. Old Boys—Won 11-9.
 v. Wallaroi F.C.—Lost 26-0.
 v. Warroo F.C.—Lost 6-3.
 v. St. Luke's F.C.—Lost 12-5.
 v. Nondescripts—Drawn 6-6.
- 2nd XV. v. Womerah F.C.—Lost 36-0.
 v. Newington College 2nd—Lost 18-0.
 v. Culwulla F.C.—Lost 14-0.
 v. St. Joseph's C. 2nd—Lost 22-0.
 v. Holwood F.C.—Lost 57-0.
 v. T.K.S. 2nd—Lost 36-0.
 v. S.G.S. 2nd—Lost 18-8.
 v. Euralla F.C.—Drawn 5-5.
 v. The Scot's College 1st XV.—Lost 6-0.
 v. Wentworth F.C. 2nd—Lost 3-0.
- 3rd XV. v. N.C. 3rd—Lost 30-0.
 v. S.G.S. 3rd—Lost 9-0.
 v. T.K.S. 3rd—Lost 31-0.
 v. Warringah F.C.—Lost 9-8.
 v. St. Aloysius College—Won 13-6.
- 4th XV. v. N.C. 4th—Lost 17-13.
 v. S.G.S. Lower School—Lost 11-4.
 v. Warringah F.C.—Lost 9-3.
 v. S.G.S. Lower School—Lost 10-0.
 v. Barker College—Won 21-0.

- 5th XV. v. N.C. 5th—Lost 14-0.
 v. St. Leonards P.S.—Won 9-3.
 v. S.G.S. Lower School—Lost 6-3.
 v. Barker College 2nd—Won 8-3.
 v. Barker College 2nd—Won 8-7.
 v. S.G.S. Lower School—Won 9-6.
 v. T.K.S. 4th—Lost 28-0.
 v. St. Leonard's P.S.—Lost 9-5.
 v. St. Aloysius' College 2nd—Won 22-0.
- 6th XV. v. North Sydney Preparatory School—Won 17-0.
 v. T.K.S. 5th—Lost 29-0.

News has just been received that the projected visit of the Armidale School has been abandoned, owing to their inability to get a team together. This is a great disappointment to us, and no doubt to them also, as we were looking forward to a good match on Thursday, 15th June. In order to fill the gap, a match, Day Boys v. Boarders, been arranged.

The Combined Schools Teams to meet University at the University Oval on 15th June, have been selected, and we have one representative in the 1st XV. and two in 2nd XV. Our only other player up to Combined Schools standard is Longwill, and it is unfortunate that a place was not found for him.

The teams are as follow:—

1st XV.—Full-back, Dean (S.C.E.G.S.); three-quarters, Leslie (S.G.S.), Shiels (S.J.C.), Body (T.K.S.), Coates (N.C.); halves, Champion (T.K.S.), Duffy (S.J.C.); forwards, Clayton (S.G.S.), Friend (T.K.S.), Phillips (T.K.S.), Prentice (S.J.), Gardiner (T.K.S.), Mathews (S.J.C.), Beigley (S.J.C.), Paul (N.C.)

2nd XV.—Full-back, Convery (S.J.C.); three-quarters, Sheridan (T.K.S.), Hunt (S.G.S.), O'Neill (S.J.C.), Lord (S.J.C.); halves, Mathews (S.G.S.), J. M. Irving (T.K.S.); forwards, Richardson (S.G.S.), S. C. Irving (S.C.E.G.S.), Meek (N.C.), Carmody (S.J.C.), Godson (T.K.S.), King (T.K.S.), Farrar (S.G.S.), Pockley (S.C.E.G.S.)

Emergencies — O'Callaghan (S.G.S.), Newman (N.C.), Cuthbertson (N.C.)

Old Boys' Union.

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

The following changes have been notified:—

Reginald Black, Dental Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

W. G. B. Boydell, Maryville, Gympie.

W. A. Burcher, Irish Lords, Mossgiel.

M. L. Clarke, Box 113, P.O., Bloemfontein, S.A.

L. Cadell, C/o W. Cadell, Esq., Stock and Station Agent, Quirindi.

E. J. Cole, Ilkley, Gordon.

V. Y. Deane, c/o Messrs. Cowdery and Cowdery, Licensed Surveyors, Molesworth Street, Lismore.

T. H. Dent, Bank of N.S.W., Lismore.

O. E. Friend, Mount Tenandra, Galargambone.

W. P. Hall, Branksea, Johnston Street, Balmain.

R. N. Hickson, Belcoo, Lindfield.

C. F. Kater, Mumblebone, Warren.

K. N. Niall, St. Paul's College, Darlington.

N. G. Pattison, 76 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst.

The Annual Meeting of the Union took place on Friday, May 5, at the School, the President, Mr. C. H. Hodges, being in the chair. The Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. P. Harriott, and adopted. The Balance Sheet

was read by the Rev. D. Davies and passed. The Hon. Treasurer pointed out that there would have been a much greater credit balance than shown if the plan of past years had been carried out. It had been the custom to pay all subscriptions paid in advance into the current account of the year. The sum of £5 paid in advance for 1906 to 1908 and included in the balance sheet of 1904 was refunded, and the Union has now a capital account of £24 12s. 6d. in the Savings Bank of N.S.W.

The election of officials for the year 1905-6 resulted as follows:— President: Mr. C. H. Hodges, (ex-officio). Vice Presidents: Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, Mr. N. Y. Deane, Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge, Mr. A. B. S. White. Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. P. Harriott. Hon. Treasurer: Rev. D. Davies. Hon. Auditor: Mr. C. H. Linton. Twelve nominations were received for members of committee, so that a post ballot was necessary. This has resulted in the following being elected:—G. G. Black, H. Bullock, W. B. Clarke, O. G. Dent, A. D. Fisher, H. V. Jaques, D'Arcy F. Roberts, C. W. Rundle, Keith Williams.

At the end of the Meeting the members adjourned to the School Dining Hall, where they were entertained by Mr. Hodges.

The Annual Report was as follows:—

S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Union.
ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report and takes the opportunity of congratulating the Union on the sustained success and steady increase in numbers of the Union. While there have previously been well over 100 members this is the first occasion upon which the Treasurer has been able to report that over 100 have paid their subscriptions.

During the year a vacancy occurred on the Committee, owing to Mr. E. R. Holme leaving on a visit to Europe, and your Committee elected Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge to fill the vacancy. Another member of the Committee, Mr. R. S. Reid, has lately left for Rhodesia but no one was elected in his stead.

The Annual Smoke Concert, Cricket and Football Matches have been held during the year and full accounts of these as well as detailed reports of the doings of Old Boys have appeared in the TORCHBEARER, which is regularly sent to all paid up members of the Union.

Prizes have been awarded during the year in connection with the Athletic Sports and the School Essay.

The Union offers its hearty congratulations to the School upon its various successes during the year and notes with pleasure the continued increase in the numbers of the School.

The Committee regrets to report the death of Mrs. Robson, the wife of our first President and old Headmaster, to whom the Union offers its sincere sympathy.

The Union offers a cordial welcome to the new members of the School staff who have joined since the date of our last report. Congratulations are also offered to the various Old Boys who have distinguished themselves during the year both in sports and in the more serious business of life. Their list has now become so long that it is impossible to refer to individuals.

During the year a preparatory school in connection with the School was opened at Mosman. This school has met with great success and it is with great pleasure that the Union congratulates Mr. Yarnold (him-

self an Old Boy and prominent member of the Union) in whose charge the school is upon this success.

The Committee has to thank for his services, Mr. K. Williams, who during the absence of our Hon. Secretary, was appointed as Acting-Secretary of the Union.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Annual General Meeting for the revision of the Rules of the Union presented their report to a meeting of the Union, and the rules so revised were adopted by the Meeting. It is hoped to publish the rules in the next issue of the TORCHBEARER.

Your Committee has held four meetings during the year and the following is a record of the attendance thereat:—H. Bullock 3, H. V. Jaques 3, C. W. Rundle 4, G. G. Black 4, W. B. Clarke 4, C. E. Murnin, Rev. D. Davies 4, K. Williams 4, E. R. Holme, R. S. Reid 1, H. P. Harriott 2.

In resigning their office your Committee would urge upon each individual member of the Union the desirability of using his influence to further the interests of the Union and the School, and by taking an active interest in the Union, to increase its sphere of usefulness.

H. P. HARRIOTT,

Hon. Sec.

6/5/05

BALANCE-SHEET, MAY 1904-05.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	1	18	7
Subscriptions for 1905 ...	24	5	0
Subscriptions for 1904 ...	0	5	0
Tickets sold for Dinner ...	19	10	0
Tickets sold for Smoke Concert	3	0	0
	48	18	7
	£	s.	d.
Expenses Annual Dinner	21	6	2
Expenses Smoke Concert	6	10	11
Stamps ...	2	6	5
Printing and Stationery ...	3	19	6
Torchbearer ...	6	12	0

Prizes for Essay and Sports	3	3	0
Refund of advances in balance-sheet, 1904	5	0	0
Balance in hand	0	0	7
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	48	18	7
Capital A/c	£	s.	d.
Benevolent Fund	11	3	6
Life Member	4	4	0
Subscriptions paid in advance	1906	6	15
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" "	1908	0	15
" "	1909	0	5
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E. and O.E.	24	12	6

D. DAVIES, Hon. Treas.

Audited and found correct,

C. H. LINTON.

The Annual Dinner took place in the new ballroom at the A.B.C. Cafe on Saturday, May 6th, and there was a very good attendance of Old Boys. The only guest was Mr. Allan Ramsay, who has for so many years been closely identified with the School Rowing. The toasts were: "The King," proposed by the President; "The School," proposed by Messrs. A. J. Kelynack and H. Bullock and responded to by Messrs. I. G. Mackay and O. G. Dent; "The Union," proposed by Mr. A. Newham and responded to by Messrs. A. D. Fisher and Dr. F. G. M. Simpson; "The President," proposed by Messrs. H. V. Jaques and K. Williams and responded to by Mr. Hodges. "Absent Friends" was proposed by Messrs. H. P. Harriott and G. Milbourne-Marsh, who recounted the

doings of Old Boys now located in nearly every quarter of the globe, and Mr. Davies in supporting the toast pointed out how much they were all indebted to Mrs. Hodges, who, ever since she came to the School, had taken such a warm interest in everything connected with the School and the Old Boys. "For Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought the Dinner to a close.

The Committee have already received several suggestions for the carrying out of next year's Dinner. These will be considered by the new Committee and ample notice will be given to members of their decision.

The following were present at the Dinner:—

The Headmaster, Messrs. A. Newham, A. Ramsay, C. P. Allen, G. T. Balcombe, H. Besnard, L. A. Baker, E. Bullock, H. Bullock, G. G. Black, G. E. Browne, G. D. Briggs, H. M. Barker, J. A. Carlisle, H. Crisford, Ivo Clarke, W. B. Clarke, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, Rev. D. Davies, O. G. Dent, H. H. Dixon, J. F. Elphinston, A. D. Fisher, F. N. Frith, C. B. Fidler, J. F. Fitzhardinge, L. E. Giblin, R. N. Hickson, H. P. Harriott, W. P. Hall, J. O. Harris, H. V. Jaques, A. J. Kelynack, E. D. Kater, F. C. Kater, H. W. Kendall, D. T. Kilgour, G. N. Larkin, C. H. Linton, R. Moodie, W. J. Morson, G. Milbourne-Marsh, I. G. Mackay, H. Meredith, C. E. Murnin, R. V. Minnett, W. MacDonnell, H. Nicholls, R. L. Newmarch, D. W. T. Osborne, F. D. Oatley, F. Peach, N.

Peach, J. L. Pulling, N. G. Pattison, H. A. Roberts, D. F. Roberts, E. H. Rutledge, C. W. Rundle, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, S. Simpson, G. H. Salwey, G. P. Sayers, K. Taylor, D. Taylor, C. Terry, G. T. Uther, H. N. Wilkinson, A. Woodcock, E. H. Wright, K. Williams, A. A. Wilson. The President apologised for the absence of Messrs. N. Y. Deane and A. D. Hall. Mr. E. R. Holme also wrote from Paris, expressing regret at being absent, and wishing every success to the Dinner.

The Anniversary Service took place on Sunday, May 7th. There was a large gathering and the service was a very hearty and successful function. Bishop Stretch's address was greatly appreciated and at the request of several Old Boys a report of it is given in another column. The service was taken by the Rev. D. Davies, the Headmaster reading the special lessons, and Mrs. Hodges presiding at the organ. The offertory which amounted to £6 15s. 9d. was given to the Hospital and Mission Fund. At the close of the service a large number of Old Boys and their friends met in the Dining Hall on the invitation of Mrs. Hodges and partook of light refreshments.

On Monday, May 8th, the Annual Football Match was played against the School XV. The Old Boys lost by 9 to 11. Their team was as follows :—Back, W. Macdonell; three-quarter backs, L. E. Giblin, F. Peach, R. V. Minnett, N. G. Pattison; half backs, E. D. Kater, F. C. Kater

(Capt.); Forwards, R. G. I. Dent, H. Meredith, D. W. T. Osborne, C. E. Murnin, G. Snell, W. N. Stephens, K. Taylor, A. A. Wilson. There was a large gathering of Old Boys and friends who were entertained by Mrs. Hodges at afternoon tea. The Committee of the Union on behalf of Old Boys take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Hodges for her kindness and hospitality during the Annual Re-Union.

K. N. Niall has been elected a member of the Union.

In the last issue the name of R. Martin was omitted from the list of Old Boys at the University. Martin passed first year Arts last December and is now in his first year in the Medical School.

W. G. B. Boydell is now in No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire Mine at Gympie. His brothers Mervyn and Max have passed the Matriculation Examination of the Melbourne University and the former is at a Business College in Melbourne and the latter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

W. A. Burcher has left Leaton Grove and is now at the station Irish Lords, Mossgiel. He speaks very highly of the condition of the country in that direction at the present time, but he adds that all the stations are very much under-stocked.

V. Y. Deane is with the Messrs. Cowdery, Licensed Surveyors, at Lismore.

G. D. Briggs is in the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Office, and C. E. Murnin is at Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson and Co.'s wool stores, Circular Quay.

T. H. Dent has been transferred from Newcastle to the N.S.W. Bank at Lismore.

C. F. Kater has left Murralla to join his brother at Mumblebone.

We have to express our sincerest sympathy with the Adams family on their recent sad bereavement.

Congratulations to R. Bray on rowing stroke to the N.S.W. Interstate Eight on May 13th; and to J. F. G. Fitzhardinge on running a great half-mile race in the Inter-Varsity Sports Meeting and taking second place.

J. M. Grant came down with the Queensland Eight as a reserve man for the Inter-state Race.

H. Bullock and A. D. Fisher are playing for University A in the electorate football contests and C. E. Murnin for the Eastern Suburbs. R. N. Hickson, who was playing for North Sydney, has again injured his knee, and is not likely to play again during this season.

Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, N. Y. Deane and R. Moodie are playing for the Chatswood "A" Team in the Badge Matches; Dr. E. O. Pockley for Carlton; G. P. Sayers for Sydney No. III. L. E. Giblin plays for Chats-

wood in the B. Class and H. H. Dixon for Drummoynne.

H. V. Hordern, G. G. Black, L. A. Minnett, and R. V. Minnett play baseball with the Chatswood team, and H. M. Barker with North Sydney.

Congratulations to H. Wilshire, Norman Cox, and L. F. Uther, on their respective marriages since our last issue.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions from the following:—For 1905, N. Y. Deane, A. D. Fisher, R. N. Hickson, G. A. More, F. D. W. Oatley, S. Simpson, A. H. Yarnold.

For 1906—The Headmaster (to 1909), G. N. Allen (to 1907), L. A. Baker, G. D. Briggs, W. G. B. Boydell, H. Bullock, E. Bullock, W. A. Burcher, G. G. Black, R. Black, A. T. Carlisle, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, E. J. Cole, L. Cadell, Rev. D. Davies, E. V. Duffy, O. G. Dent, R. G. I. Dent, V. Y. Deane, H. H. Dixon, C. Fetherstonhaugh, O. E. Friend (to 1907), H. P. Harriott, J. W. Gibson, L. E. Giblin, W. E. Giblin, H. V. Jaques, E. D. Kater (1908), A. J. Kelynack, D. T. Kilgour, G. N. Larkin, C. H. Linton, R. Martin, G. A. More (to 1908), O. Milford, W. J. Morson, K. N. Niall, F. D. W. Oatley, D. W. T. Osborne (1907), F. Peach, N. Peach, Dr. E. O. Pockley (1908), D. F. Roberts, G. P. Sayers, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, G. Snell, J. E. Taylor, K. Taylor, H. Wilshire, A. A. Wilson, H. N. Wilkinson, A. Woodcock, P. A. Wright, E. H. Wright, K. Williams, J. B. Yeomans.

Articles of Constitution of the Old Boys' Union.

(As adopted at a Special General Meeting, held on April 12th, 1905).

1. The name of the Union shall be the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Old Boys' Union.

2. The Objects of the Union shall be:—

(a) To unite as far as possible the past members of the School with the present.

(b) To keep the Old Boys of the School together.

(c) To support School Institutions.

(d) To hold re-unions and other social functions.

(e) To arrange and carry into effect athletic contests with the School.

(f) To promote the interests of the School and Old Boys in every way.

3 (a) The following shall be eligible for membership:—

I. All past members of the School who have completed their school education at the School.

II. All masters of the School past and present.

III. Any person elected under the provisions of Articles 3 (b) or 3 (c)

(b) Any person who has at any time been a member of the School but is not eligible for membership may, if nominated by at least two members of the union and if elected at a general ballot of all members of the Union to be held at such time

and place as the Committee may appoint, become eligible for membership. On any such ballot one dissentient vote in every ten ballot papers sent in shall exclude such person from membership.

(c) The Committee may from time to time by motion, of which 14 days notice has been given, passed without a dissentient voice, elect as an Honorary Member of the Union any person not otherwise eligible for membership, but no such person shall hold any office in the Union nor shall he be entitled to vote in any proceedings of the Union.

4 (a) The subscription to the Union (including subscription to the TORCHBEARER) shall be as follows:—

I. For life members £4 4s. 0d.

II. For ordinary members 5/- per annum payable in advance on 4th May in each year.

(b) The subscriptions of new members shall be payable within three months of the date of their admission as members, provided that the first subscription of any member admitted during the three months previous to May 4th be considered to become due on that date.

(c) Membership of the Union shall be subject to the approval of the Committee, and the Hon. Treasurer, by direction of the Committee, shall have power to refuse the subscription of any member or of any person eligible for membership, but any such member or person shall have the

right to appeal to the next General Meeting of the Union.

(d) The Hon. Treasurer shall give notice that his subscription is due to any member who has not paid such subscription within three months of the date when the same shall have become due, and if such subscription shall not have reached the Hon. Treasurer within 14 days of the sending of such notice such member shall thereby forfeit his membership of the Union, but the Committee may if it think fit upon his application re-instate such member.

(e) The Committee may, if it think fit, direct the Hon. Treasurer to return to any ordinary member his subscription for the year then current, and on the return of such subscription such person shall cease to be a member of the Union, but shall have the right of appeal to the next General Meeting of the Union.

4 (f) The Committee shall have power to expel any life member from the Union, and such life member shall thereupon forfeit his subscription but shall have the right to appeal against such expulsion at the next General Meeting of the Union.

5. The Officers of the Union shall consist of:—

- I. A President.
- II. Five Vice-presidents.
- III. An Hon. Secretary.
- IV. An Hon. Treasurer.

V. Nine ordinary members of the Committee of whom not less than two must be selected from those members who have been in attendance at

the School within the previous three years.

VI. An Hon. Auditor.

6. The Headmaster for the time being shall be ex-officio President of the Union. The Vice-presidents shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The members of the Committee shall be nominated each year at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be elected by a general ballot of all members of the Union to be held as soon as possible after such Annual General Meeting under the direction of the President.

7 (a) The nomination of candidates for election to any office in the Union shall be proposed by a financial member of the Union and seconded by another financial member. Nominations may be sent to the Hon. Sec. by post, and such nominations if the nominees consent to be nominated shall be declared by him at the Annual General Meeting. Should the number of candidates for any office not exceed the number required to be elected, the Chairman of the meeting shall forthwith declare the candidates nominated to be duly elected.

8 (a) The Committee (of whom 5 shall form a quorum) shall manage the affairs of the Union, and shall meet at least once in each School term. The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

(b) Until a new Committee is elected the old Committee shall con-

tinue to act as executive of the Union.

9 (a) If any member of the Committee or officer of the Union, except the President or Vice-Presidents or Hon. Auditor, fail to attend three consecutive meetings without a written explanation to the satisfaction of the Committee, his seat shall thereupon become vacant.

(b) In the event of any vacancy occurring amongst the officers of the Union, the remaining members of the Committee shall have power to elect a member of the Union to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

10. A General Meeting shall be held in each year at such time and place as the Committee may from time to time determine. At the Annual General Meeting the Hon. Sec. shall present a report of the work of the Union for the previous year, and shall in such report furnish a return of the attendance of members of Committee at Committee Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting, and the Hon. Treasurer shall present a balance-sheet certified by the Hon. Auditor showing the financial position of the Union.

11. The Committee may at any time convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which 7 days' notice at least shall be given to all members of the Union, and shall on an application in writing signed by 7 members of the Union specifying the proposed business convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, of

which meeting and of the business proposed to be transacted 14 days' notice shall be given to all members of the Union.

12. At any General Meeting of the Union 12 financial members shall form a quorum.

13. The Hon. Secretary shall keep a register of addresses of all members of the Union, and members shall be responsible for notifying their addresses and any change therein to the Hon. Secretary.

14. All notices required by these Articles shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given if posted directed to a member at his address as appearing on the Register.

15. There shall be a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Union, consisting of such moneys as the Committee may from time to time vote from the funds of the Union, and of any moneys which shall be specially donated to this fund; and such funds shall be applied in case of necessity for the benefit of any member of the Union in the discretion of the Committee or any sub-committee appointed by the Committee for that purpose.

16. The subscription of life members and the amount to the credit of the Benevolent Fund shall be treated as capital, and shall be placed to the credit of the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for the time being on joint account in the Savings Bank of N.S.W., the annual interest on such account to form part of the general funds of the Union. Provided that on the death or expulsion

of any life member the amount paid by such member as life subscription shall be treated as forming part of the general funds of the Union.

17. The TORCHBEARER shall be the official organ of the Union, and all proceedings of the Union shall be published therein.

18. Any proposed amendment of or addition to these Articles (including the present Article) shall be delivered to the Hon. Secretary in writing at least 4 weeks before the date of the meeting at which it is proposed to consider such amend-

ment or addition, and the Hon. Secretary shall give at least 14 days' notice of such proposed amendment or addition to all members of the Union.

19. The decision of the Committee on the construction or interpretation of the Articles and their decision on any matter not specially provided for by the Articles shall be conclusive and binding on all members of the Union unless and until such decision shall have been overruled by a Special General Meeting.

School Notes.

THE present term will end on Friday, June 17. Term III will start on Tuesday, July 11, at 2 p.m. New boys will be examined on Monday, June 10, at 2 p.m.

The following left last term:—O. G. Dent (Senior Prefect, Capt. 1st XV. colours, 1st XI. colours, 1st Crew colours, Senior Athletic Shield, Hon. Sec. Athletic Sports, Combined Schools XI, Pockley Prize 1904, Matriculation 1905). W. H. Preston (Sub-Prefect, Matriculation 1905). I. R. Simpson, (Junior 1904, Matriculation 1905), G. H. Sinclair (Junior, 1904, Matriculation 1905), D. R. Munro (Sub-Prefect, Matriculation 1905, School Mile Record, G.P.S. Mile, 1904). R. V. Pennefather (1st XV). L. Cadell, R. E. Ellerton, L. C. Paine.

The following joined this term:—L. Ekin, A. A. E. Flint, B. G. Granowski, V. H. Granowski, A. L. Holt, C. Karius, H. S. Kirkland, F. R. Litchfield, J. F. Litchfield, M. Mackellar, E. R. H. Merewether, H. A. H. Merewether, D. Nettleton, W. D. Ponsford, W. Ryder, N. W. Uhr.

The Annual School Musical and Dramatic Entertainment will take place at the School of Arts on Thursday, June 15, at 8 p.m. The proceeds will be for the extinction of the debt on the School Memorial Library which amounts to £8 15s.

The Annual Confirmation Service will be held at Christ Church on Tuesday, November 28th. Classes will start early next term.

The subject for the Admiral's

Prize is, (1), "The Struggle for Freedom" (Walter Murdock's Austral History Readers). (2), "Mac-auley's Essay on Clive."

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 6th. The events will be as last year with the addition of a half-mile race. The open event will be 120 Yards Hurdles Race.

The Education Committee of the Victoria League offer three prizes for Historical Essays to be competed for by the pupils of Secondary Schools in N.S.W. Each essay is limited to 2,000 words, and competitors must be under 17. The subjects are, for the Victoria Prize, "Expansion of Britain under Queen Victoria." William Pitt Prize, "William Pitt, the methods he used to preserve the balance of power in Europe." Bourke Memorial Prize, "The advance of Australia in the last century.

D. R. Munro passed the Law Matriculation recently held at the University.

O. H. Dean has been picked for the 1st XV. of the G.P.S. Combined Team, and S. C. Irving and F.G.A. Pockley for the 2nd XV. in the matches v. the University to be played on Wednesday, June 14.

The numbers at the Preparatory School show a steady increase. The present total at the end of the third term since the commencement of the School is just fifty. On Empire Day the School assembled at the usual time in the morning and after a patriotic address from the Headmaster, cheers were given for the King and for the Flag. The rest of the day was given as a holiday. One result of the day's celebrations was that the boys determined to have an Empire Flag of their own, and most of the money for that purpose has already been subscribed.

In addition to many kindnesses shown to the School by Mr. R. R. P. Hickson, we have now to thank him for a valuable addition to our stock of flags, in the form of ten Union Jacks, &c., which will be of great use for decoration purposes.

School Calendar.

April	10—First Day of Term II.
"	19—1st XV. v. University F.C. Lost 22—0.
"	21—May 1st—Easter Vacation. Rowing Camp at Gladesville.
"	29—1st XV. v. Stanmore F.C. Lost 16—0.
May	5—Annual Meeting O.B.U.
"	6 { Annual Dinner O.B.U.
"	{ G.P.S. Regatta.

May	7—Anniversary Service in School Hall.
"	8 { Presentation of New Flag to School by Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Old Boys' Football Match. Won 11—9.
"	10—1st XV. v. N.C. Lost 8—0.
"	13—1st XV. v. Wallaroi F.C. Lost 26—0.
"	15—1st XV. v. St. J. Lost 22—3.
"	17—1st XV. v. S.G.S. Draw 0—0.
"	20—1st XV. v. St. Ignatius' College. Lost 17—3.
"	24 { Empire Day. Half-Holiday. 1st XV. v. T.K.S. Lost 25—4.
"	27—1st XV. v. Warroo F.C. Lost 6—3.
June	3—1st XV. v. St. Luke's F.C. Lost 12—5.
"	5—Prince of Wales' Birthday. Whole Holiday.
"	6—University Junior Examinations start.
"	8—School Examinations start.
"	10—1st XV. v. Nondescript F.C.
"	14—G.P.S. Football Match v. the University.
"	15 { 1st XV. v. Armidale School. Annual School Dramatic Entertainment.
"	16—Last Day of Term II.

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