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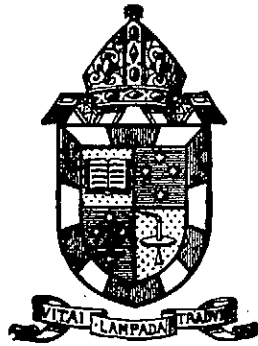
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### Editorial.

WE have heard so much during the past few months, both in the public utterances of the Prime Minister and in the press, of the necessity for military training, that there can be few readers of the *Torchbearer* who have not given some consideration to the subject. Although opinions are divided as to the necessity for making this training compulsory, no true Australian can fail to regard it as his duty to fit himself, as far as he is able, to be of service in the case of a call to defend his country. There are forty years of vigorous manhood before most of those who leave school at the age of 17 or 18, and in forty years many things may happen that may entirely change the present peaceful outlook.

In order that the boys of our school may have an opportunity of doing their share, it is proposed to enrol a company of cadets, which may join the battalion, which is being formed from companies of the Great Public Schools.

During the holidays all boys should carefully consider whether they will now give a portion of their time and energy to make the school corps one which will compare well with those of other schools. It must be borne in mind that while there is much interest and amusement to be derived from the musketry and from sham fights and from camps of instruction and so on, at the same time there is much work to be done, drill to be mastered, and discipline to be maintained.

A circular is to be sent to the parents of all boys during the holidays, containing information with regard to expense, which through the liberality of the Commonwealth Government will be extremely small; and it is hoped that next term a sufficient number of names will be enrolled to form a full company.

It should be remembered that a good record of cadet service will shorten the period of compulsory service in the Citizen Army, and as it is highly probable that boys who are now at school will find themselves compelled to go through that training, they will find it a great advantage to escape some of the service at a period when they can less easily afford the time.

Every boy should remember that by becoming an *efficient* cadet he is carrying out a duty which he owes

- (1) to his country by rendering himself more capable of fighting in her defence.
- (2) to his school by helping to send out a corps that will do her as much credit as cricket and football teams and crews have done in the past.
- (3) to himself, by undergoing a training which will benefit him body and soul.

He has only to undertake and carry out these duties in the right spirit to make them pleasurable as well as honourable.

### New Physical Apparatus for the Laboratory.

FOR the benefit of old boys, parents and the School at large, it will perhaps be not amiss to give some account of the additional physical apparatus purchased for the laboratory by the Head Master on his recent visit to England. It must be understood at the outset that when one is held in check in one's purchases by a cash limit, it becomes a delicate problem to fix upon the things only *absolutely* necessary, when all are necessary. The order list was designed to include instruments for illustrating most of the phenomena of sound, light, heat and general physics, but alas! in the performance of these many experiments, one cannot but think of the scores of others, denied by the exigencies of circumstance.

To start right at the beginning, there are the instruments for measurement of

length—metre rules, callipers, verniers, micrometer and spherometer screws reading to  $\frac{1}{1000}$  of a millimetre, which any boy in IV. C will tell you is  $\frac{1}{3000}$  of an inch. Then there is the opisometer, whose function of measuring curved lines is quite forgotten in the outburst of admiration at its strange name and weird appearance. There is a wonderful fascination in the realm of fluids, and one never tires of relating how Aristotle, with his goat-skin bottle, failed to recognise that air had weight, how Archimedes detected for the King of Syracuse the fraudulent practice of his goldsmith, and how Galileo broke the news gently to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, when the pumps for his costly new 50-foot fountains failed to raise the water more than 32 feet. When one sees the effect of these stories on a new form and marks the interest with which the

hydrostatic balance experiments are followed, one almost feels that the artesian water question is solved or is tempted to ask, "Is there any problem too great for the engineer of the future?" In the same department there are instruments for proving Boyle's Law and for measuring vapour pressures, while there is Regnault's hygrometer to tell us the humidity of the atmosphere besides numerous thermometers to acquaint us of its temperature. To make water freeze by its own boiling or by the evaporation of ether is always interesting, and so there are instruments for doing this, in addition to Carre's machine and Wollaston's cryophorus.

Water can be boiled by the warmth from the hand by the aid of the pulse glass, while Hope's apparatus is available to prove why a lake freezes only on the surface. There are levers and systems of pulleys, parallelograms and polygons of forces, and to finish off the general physics branch, that never failing source of amusement the Geryk air pump. You blow a little air into a bladder and, tying it up, put it under the jar of the pump. You remove the air from outside it and behold, it begins to swell visibly without any apparent cause. Then you have to answer a perfect volley of questions, and always the first two are, "Will it bust?" and "How long will it stay like that?" but perhaps this is only in return for the oft repeated stories mentioned above. Belonging to the air pump are paraphernalia for showing mercurial rain, a fountain in vacuo and, of course, the Madgburg hemispheres. These you exhaust and hand round for strength testing purposes, first to the little boys and then to the class, till some 1st XV., forward with a

mighty effort or a Jiu-Jitsu twist, succeeds in tearing them apart.

There are, too, the whirling table and its accessories, one of which helps you to understand why the earth is the shape of an orange, rather than of a cricket ball, and when you have grasped that fact, the gyroscope will tell you how the earth goes round the sun or why a top spins, whichever you like.

Coming now to the particular branches, there are first of all the instruments of sound; tuning forks mounted on boxes which respond to each other's vibrations without a hand being laid on them, and which, if warmed and then sounded together, give out a peculiar beating noise; a sonometer to prove the laws of vibrating strings and suggesting little experiments which might ruin any piano; metal mirrors to prove the laws of reflection of sound; Kundt's tube for measuring the velocity of sound, and, last of all, an extraordinary instrument for showing that two sounds may be added together and yet you get no sound at all.

In the realm of heat there are instruments for showing the expansion and conductivity of metals, a radioscope and a differential thermometer; tubes and screens for showing the reflection, radiation and absorption of heat; calorimeters for finding the specific heat of solids and the latent heat of steam, and a critical temperature instrument for the VIth. Then for experiments in connection with light, there is first of all an apparatus for proving the laws of reflection. Next comes the optical bench with its lenses, mirrors, screens and prism, and attached to it there is also a photometer. Colour can be studied by means of a small direct vision spectroscope, and the phenomenon of interference of light is illustrated by an

apparatus which shows Newton's Rings. With the osmometer and a few minor pieces this is the complete list of the apparatus. It will be noticed that several stock instruments are absent from the above list, for instance, there is no standard barometer, no siren or Savart's machine,

and no instrument for the study of polarised light. The work of the upper school in science has been made much more interesting and instructive by the use of these instruments, and it is hoped that it will be possible in the near future to fill up many important gaps in the equipment.

### At the Debatinge.

*Friday, March 8.*—I did this day hear the Debatinge in the Librarie. Without 'twas a wooing Aire. Mistress Tacite would have had me to walke, for the dryness hath ended and the Lawns doe seem to rejoyce. But I had promised my lord the Secretary to hear the young Lords and Gentry in their Debate.

'Tis said the Colony hath need of more Troupes. Some doe thinke it best the citizens be trained in Armes, not only such as of their free will offer, but all excepting none, and that they give up of their Time for three Years of their Life certajne few Monthes for martiall Exercises and to learne Matters of Warre. My lords accept not this, all of them. The Issue of their Debate bindes not to Action,—'tis a debate of the Academie,—yet I know not but this my lord or that one of the Gentry shall by his Speache ere long make the People to say which Waye they will have it.

My lord P., that spake first did urge that schoolyng for Warre be not of choyce but of Necessitie. He spake not so well as that first Time I heard him. 'Twas when the forraigne Ambassadors came and argued against my Lords about the Good of Civilization, my Lords somewhat doubtinge that, thinkinge it not all good. That was in the Greate Hall, with my

Lord President's Deputy in the Chaire, and not a few of the Nobles and Ladies hearinge. My lord P. spake then for the Honour of oure State and did speake excellent well. My lord did this day in his speache say true Things and he was very mat erial, but he did looke too much to his Paper. He maketh his sentences well and he doth use fine Conceits. I take much Pleasure to heare my lord when he hath well beaten out his Oile (I heard a Chaplaine say that Thyng telling me of a great Preacher at the Court).

The Lord President doth much affect these Debatinges. He desireth the younge Lords to practise themselves for speache to the Publique, for my lord seeth the State to become more and more popular. But my lord cometh not to these meet ings; the young Gentry, I know not how, be somewhat shamefast to stand to speak if my lord be there. My lord's wife is zealous for the State and doth much encourage the younge Lords. She did come in to-day and sitte on a bench with the Gentry, liking the rather to be not seen by the many, lest some be abasht in speakinge. My lady did say "hear" to one that spake, him indeed that needed no such hearteninge, for he hath spoke ofte, but the Sentence was juste, he sayinge it well.

My lord the Secretary did speake with a great Freedome. He did move me by his Gesture pointinge to their Names on the Wall that fought in the last unhappie Warre. I know not why, he did fear the Compelling of men to train for Warre — 'twas the compellinge he liked not. One of the old Nobles said after, that they ofte needed the Compellinge most that knew it not ('twas here mylady applauded). My lord the Secretary is very earnest. He doth use a Jest, but I like my lord best in the grave Parts.

Mr. Recorder did speake well. He studieth much, and he had not prepared himself for to speake. He did speake *ex tempore*. He is copious in Discourse. It is with Mr. Recorder like a River I saw last Yeare when I was with the Ambassadour. First I saw it spread out wyde and after I saw it flowe betweene high Walls of Rocke, when it was deepe and strong and I did think it very noble. Mr. Recorder carryeth Weight, the more when he doth containe his Discourse.

Mr P.—my lord, his Brother I saw not—did speak this day. It is generous the Way the younge Lords do clap their Handes loud to one that speakes new. Mr. P. did needs wait till their Plaudits

did stoppe. Mr. P. did speak brief but 'twill be well to have him of the right Party; for he doth speake as knowinge that to be true which he saith, and he seemeth to beleeve it will be so as he will have it

I did fix mine Eye-glasse when Mr. D. did stand to speake. He hath a Name known to me in my Readinge of historical Memoires. He looked much to his Paper, speakinge then firste to such a Companie, but that which was written was done with a Freedome, and he did say all to the Matter in Hand. That he said I recall not; 'twas the Manner I thinke of. He will speake ofte I hope.

My lords did resolve after the Speakinge done that it was Compellinge to be trained for Warre that was best. There were but few said "No" to it.

I did tell Mistress Tacite of that I heard the young Lords say. I feared she would have a pique to have walked alone, for she had doubted somewhat of them thus talkinge. She did agree with me there was no little Good in this Debatinge. 'Tis as Tully saith: *Non Res sed Spes* A triviall texte, but a juste.—FROM THE DIARY OF MR. TOBIAS TACITE.

### The N.W. Coast of Tasmania.

HAVING had the good luck to spend my Christmas holidays on the North West Coast of Tasmania, I am sending a few lines for the benefit of those who have never been there.

We went from Sydney to Melbourne by train, and to Burnie per s.s. *Oonah*. I was supposed to be a bad sailor, but I went to every meal and had a good tuck

in; moreover I had not the slightest feeling of sea-sickness all the way over.

Arriving at Burnie at 5 a.m. we took the train to Ulverstone, and arrived at 8 a.m. The line runs very close to the sea, which is on the left, and the land on the right, and, in some places is simply built up from the shore. The land through which we passed is some of the richest on the North

West Coast. The chief products from that part are potatoes, oats, wheat, and many grasses: In some places the soil is so good that it is valued at £40 per acre, and produces upwards of 10 tons of potatoes per acre.

Our home during our sojourn at Ulverstone was "The Rectory." It is very well situated as regards view. In front is the River Leven, which is so tidal that it rises 10 feet as the tide comes in. To the right is the sea, with trees along the shore called Boobyallas, which are native trees, and form admirable windbreaks. Also on the right is the breakwater built of decomposed quartz brought from a neighbouring island. The left and behind is hill country all under cultivation.

There are many drives to be taken around here, one of which is the drive to Gunns Plains. The drive itself is about 16 miles long, and the land is a mixture of cultivated paddocks and untouched ones. The native bush about these parts is very thick, consisting mainly of tall gum and blackwood trees, with briar and bracken as undergrowth.

The Gunns Plains land (owned by W. Henry, Esq.) is the richest land on that coast for position. It is surrounded with hills and so is protected from cold winds and also has a slope towards the River Leven. The rainfall also there is good, but it has a great drawback in being so far from Ulverstone and the coast. However, that will soon be remedied, because they intend to lay a railway there.

Another trade is that of timber-getting. It is carried on mainly by a Mr. Hoggs. He has an old flat-bottomed punt, fitted with a boiler and stern wheel, which he calls his *Loongana*. Some distance up the Leven he has laid a railway inland for

the purpose of carting blackwood and other logs to the river where he takes the logs aboard the punt. The Gunns Plains people intend joining their railway to his and letting him carry their produce down the stream on his stern-wheeler. The reason why the *Oonah* and boats of her size cannot get into the river is because there is a bar at the mouth, which the local authorities are trying to get rid of. The largest steamer coming in is the *Orion*, 500 tons, and she can only come in at full tide.

On Gunns Plains Mr. Henry has three paddocks, adjoining one another, which are all under oats, and total up to 70 acres. He has the best crop of grey peas (for stock) he has ever seen, and the height in numerous parts is level with the top of his four feet fences. The two greatest pests on this coast are caterpillars and blackberries. At their worst, the caterpillars creep about in thousands from paddock to paddock, eating the tops off all the crops, and the blackberries are very hard to exterminate. A very strange thing is the rabbit; for the most part he is black and never damages the crop. This is probably due to the fact that he has plenty of grass to eat without bothering about the crops.

All the time we were there, I do not think we had a better trip than that to the Underground River. On the road we saw one snake, but it was too quick for us. The scenery was beautiful; high trees as straight as needles, and green crops, with the farm houses near by all went together to make up a beautiful picture. When we had lunched and started walking to the actual Underground River, we had to go through bush and a thick scrub of ferns up to our knees. However, when we arrived at the spot we were fully repaid

for our trouble in getting there. The water started by coming over little water falls into basins and all sorts of things, gathering speed all the time. After a little of this it went under some rocks, and ran along out of sight for about 50 yards, when it came leaping into view.

We had three trips up the Leven River, and found it lovely. On either side were the banks crowded with innumerable tree-ferns, &c., while in the distance could be seen the hills, studded here and there with cattle and dead trees. One time the water was so smooth that we could see the hills in the reflection, and, still more, the rows of potatoes on the hills. "Lobster Creek" is another pretty place, and is off

the Leven. It is a very small creek, is as cold as ice, and shaded by thick bush. The natural tree-ferns and trees from the bush, and the water running beneath is swarming with tiny young trout. Farther up the Leven is a cage which goes across the river overhead on wires. It is made for the farmers on one side to take their produce to the other, so as to get on to the road and take it to the town.

Altogether I have had a grand trip. We returned by Launceston, where we saw the Cataract Gorge, caught the *Loongana*, which is a turbine steamer, to Melbourne, where I saw some of my old chums, and finally back to Sydney in time for opening of term on 4th February. R iiiA.

### Tower Hill, Warrnambool.

**W**ARRNAMBOOL is a thriving town of some 5,000 inhabitants, on the Southern coast of Victoria, about 170 miles West of Melbourne. It stands on elevated ground, and commands an extensive view of open fields, which are excellent grazing land for stock, or, nearer to the town, of smaller cultivated areas, outlined with green hedges and rows of dark green fir trees. The land in the district is evidently of a most fertile character, and on examination the soil proves to be volcanic. The outcrop here and there is of basalt, and the soil is the rich-brown loam produced by the decomposition of basaltic rock. To the West of the town, on the horizon, is a gently-sloping hill, rising to a considerable height. This is the famous Tower Hill, which plainly was at one time the centre of great volcanic activity.

Many of the phenomena of volcanic action can be studied there.

The road by which I drove to the Hill gradually ascended through pleasant farm lands till we came to the summit. There the cutting on each side of the road revealed layers of volcanic ash. Then suddenly there opened at our feet a circular depression, some 8 miles in circumference—partly lake and partly marsh—the steeply-sloping sides being either tilled or pastured land. In the centre, reached by a causeway, rises an island some 2,000 acres in area, thrown into peaks and rounded hillocks, among which are plainly discernible the edges of two ancient craters. The irregular shape of this island, grassed from its edge to the tops of its mounds, the blue waters of the lake, the bright green of the grasses where the lake has receded, the prosperous



homesteads overlooking the ancient basin, the wide view over farm lands beyond the Hill as far as the line of coast, make up a picture that is one of the fairest in Australia.

The history of the Hill may be read in the rocks and soil surrounding the lake. The hills which encircle the basin are formed of layers of volcanic ash, the arrangement of these layers being plainly discernible in cuttings a few miles distant from the spectator. These layers consist of small pebbles containing the "steam holes" characteristic of volcanic rock, and numerous blocks of dark rock, light in weight, and plainly, from their appearance, blown from the surface of the ancient lava stream. Between successive layers of ash there is an occasional line of basalt representing a thin stream of lava.

The question naturally arises—does the large lake represent the area of the ancient crater? To that the answer is given by Prof. Gregory, who has carefully examined this interesting locality. "The centre of the volcano" he says, "has fallen in, forming a great basin, usually occupied by a lake. The basin is a true 'caldera,' formed by the falling in of the area round the original volcanic vent." The island in the centre is, of course, a mass of secondary volcanic cones, thrown up at some time after the original activity had subsided.

Thus have the fiery activities of ages ago, followed by the moulding action of rain and wind, prepared a landscape to charm the eye, rich pasturage for beasts, and abundant fruits for the service of man.

GEOLOGIST.

### Debating Society.

THIS term the Debating Society is in a very flourishing condition. Its success is largely due to its energetic Secretary, Boyce i. Interest is also aroused in view of the approaching return debate with Sydney Grammar School on April 10th.

The first debate was held on Friday, March 6th, in the presence of Mrs. Hodges, six masters, and 34 boys. The motion was that "Compulsory military training would be a benefit to the country."

Pulling i., who opened, referred to the injustice of the present system, and to the foolish views of the public on the subject. Every man should bear his own burden and the nation should not leave the burden to a few. The failure of the voluntary system is due to the increased demands of industrial life. He foresaw the loss of our possessions if we were not warlike, and said that the scorn of

later generations would fall upon us. Security from invasion was the chief advantage of conscription, and it devolved on Englishmen to keep up their former military glory.

Boyce i., in opposing the motion, declared that it was against the idea of freedom. Britons were always ready to take up arms in defence of their country. If compelled to take up arms, they would not be enthusiastic about it. Let them look at England's position. Australia was in England's keeping. European nations must have conscription; but was it to Germany's advantage as a nation? Compulsory military service took men's time, and especially that of young men. Boyce spoke also of the enormous drain on the country's resources. It would lie a great tax on Australia if she had to do it. There was no real danger of Australia's coming under the sway of any other nation while England retained supremacy of the sea. Therefore there was no need for conscription. The fear of invasion was only a bogey raised by military men, or the hallucination of a troubled mind.

Mr. Harris asserted that military training was a very excellent form of physical training, and that it would improve the morals of the race. Freedom teaches men to keep the laws. Military training would not be an infringement of the liberty of the British subject. The authorities would not order a man to undergo military service from a mere whim. Those unaccustomed to the use of a rifle would not be of much use in time of war. Australia thinks too much of sport. The volunteer system is inadequate to defend us.

Mr. Hales spoke of the evils of barrack life, in which there would be much tyranny and oppression, and where undesirable people would be met. Compulsory service is an evil, though possibly a necessary one. Australia might help in the defence of the Empire by contributing more to the Navy.

Pockley ii. made an excellent first attempt, and should develop into a valuable member of the Society. He said that England could snap her fingers at any nation. Nevertheless, he thought the view that conscription was a hardship a very mean one. England, in spite of her great power, was very lax in sending out her forces to protect us.

Digby i. also spoke well. "Australia for the Australians!" was a very weak cry unless it were backed up by an adequate supply of defenders. He asked with gloomy foreboding, "What would happen if the numbers of the trained soldiers were reduced?" Every true man ought to place the interests of country before his own.

Tozer also spoke for the motion, but his speech was not recorded.

Mr. Pulling rose only to correct a few errors made by the opposer. The latter had spoken of the freedom of the subject. There is no freedom of the subject, and it is not wanted. We should be willing to give up our liberty for the good of our country. Liberty is the reward of those who do their duty. It was of no use for a man to go fighting if he did not know how to fight. Let them read the letters of Lord Roberts, who was not at all pessimistic. It is better to have too many men than too few. Britons were altogether too confident.

Shand wanted to know whether all the money which people wished to spend on the Army could not be used to develop the land. The country would be very weak if all this money were taken away from her.

After Pulling's reply,

A vote was taken, and the motion was carried by 18 votes to 6.

At the second meeting of the Society the motion was "That there should be a White Australia." Four masters and 27 boys were present.

Digby i., in bringing forward the motion, said that Australia was founded by a white man, and was given to us as an inheritance. Foreigners like the Chinese ought not to deprive us of it. If Chinese got control of the country, they would inter-marry with Australians, which was not to be desired. Aliens, if brought in, should be turned out again when they were done with. There should be a greater population of whites in Australia. If the Chinese did come in, with their low morals and with no ideas of sanitation, a great degeneration would occur in the morality of the country. Digby also referred to the trouble with the negroes in America.

Shand, in opposing, asked, "Were the English a pure race?" Negroes, who are little better than monkeys, are not to be compared with the Chinese. The Chinese were desirable immigrants. It is better for us to take a Chinese population and treat them as equals than to be conquered by them. It is un-Christian to exclude the Chinese. It would be well for us to receive them as friends instead of enemies.

Anderson thought that Chinese should be allowed to come in, because there were many parts of the country where white men could not live. Chinese are law-abiding, and were influenced by the character and leading of others. They are always ready to pick up anything.

Pulling i. criticised the last speaker. Chinese picked up anything quickly. Quite so. A Chinaman would pick up anything he saw (if no one were looking!) They are quick, moreover, to pick up such games as "two-up." Ought Australians to be sentimental like the Opposition? It is not convenient to have the Chinese. Australia is not a refuge for all-comers.

Mr. Fidler thought a compromise should be made. Australia should not be overrun by Asiatics, but they should not be kept out altogether. There had been among the Chinese in Australia representatives of the better class of citizens and philanthropists, though we had had lower specimens. The Chinese, as a race, represented an extremely ancient religion of culture. Opium-smoking had been forced on them by the English. We wished for a free entrance for

missionaries into Eastern countries, and we should refrain from an exclusive policy.

As the Editor cannot afford us much more space, we shall merely give a list of the other speakers. They were:—Huxtable, Hordern ii., Powell, Boyce i., Tozer, and Saddington.

The motion was lost by 12 to 16.

There has been another debate on the subject of "Professionalism in Sport." Twelve boys spoke. The Society declared itself against professionalism.

### Swimming Carnival.

THE Sixth Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Lavender Bay Baths on February 27th.

The entries exceeded those of any previous year, and the several events were keenly contested. Pennefather had a somewhat easy task in the School Championship, which he won for the second time. The races under 15 were well contested, but Musgrave came out winner of both Championship and Handicap.

The Relay Races as usual caused the keenest excitement. The S.C.E.G.S. team amid deafening cheers won the All Schools Relay under 16, with S.G.S. second, Scots College and High School being somewhat easily beaten.

The best finish of the day was between IIIA. and IIIB. for the Lower School Championship. Musgrave in the last lap had the start of Dibbs, who came through the water like a flying fish but just failed to make up the distance, and IIIB. were the winners by a touch.

The diving was exceptionally good and the judges had some difficulty in deciding, but finally awarded first place to Ross, and left Musgrave and Pennefather equal for second place.

L. Solomons, who has increased his pace considerably since leaving school, was the winner of the Old Boys' Union.

The races resulted as follows:—

Championship (under 15), 50 yards—

1st, Musgrave; 2nd, Voss ii.  
Time, 35 1-5 sec.

School Championship (100 yards)—

1st, Pennefather; 2nd, Spedding; 3rd, Dibbs.  
Time, 67 4-5 sec.

Handicap (under 14), 50 yards—

1st, Holdsworth (1 sec.); 2nd, Phelps (scr.)  
Time, 46 2-5 sec.

Old Boys' Scratch Race (50 yards)—

1st, L. Solomons; 2nd, O. B. Dibbs.  
Time, 25 9-10 sec.

All Schools' 200 yards Relay Race (under 16)—

1st, S.C.E.G.S.—Cansdell, Dibbs, Ross, Suttor.  
2nd, S.G.S.—Copleston, Mann, Sproule, Holmes.

Open Handicap (50 yards)—

1st, Gallop (10 sec.); 2nd, Bassett (12 sec.);  
3rd, Allport i. (11 sec.)  
Time, 39 2-5 sec.

Handicap (under 15) 50 yards—

1st, Musgrave (scr.); 2nd, Marsh ii. (7 sec.)

Upper School Form Championship—

Modern B—Cansdell, Cohen, Suttor, Throsby

Lower School Form Championship—

III. B—Musgrave, Ross, Bassett, Allworth.

Diving Competition —  
 1st, Ross; 2nd, Musgrave and Pennefather  
 (aeq.)  
 Back and Breast Stroke (50 yards on  
 breast, 50 on back)—  
 1st, Pennefather; 2nd, Dibbs.

Siamese Race—  
 Marsh and Gallop.

Duck Hunt—  
 Sayers.

### Boat Club.

THE doings at the Boat Shed, unlike those on the cricket and football fields, are comparatively little known to the bulk of the School, and while almost all are aware when Kater is in fine batting form, or Pockley is more full of tricks than usual, few have the opportunity of seeing Edwards stroking the crew, and fewer still can judge if his form be good or bad.

The School must look then for its rowing information to the April issue of the *Torch-Bearer*, in which the first public announcement of the personnel of the crews is made. The chapter about to be added to the history of the Boat Club, will, in many respects, be similar to previous chapters, but in one respect it will be very different. For while crews might come and crews might go, it was almost assumed that Mr. Hall would go on for ever, and yet this year the announcement is made that Mr. Hall has relinquished the position of master-in-charge and for the present Mr. Mackay has taken up the reins. For seven years Mr. Hall has been in charge of the Boat Club, and there is scarcely need to point out how well he has carried out that charge, for anyone

who has been to the shed, could not fail to notice, on every hand, evidence of his systematic care and attention to detail. Year after year crews have been coached with scrupulous care for the Schools' Championship, and time after time their only reward was a gruelling race and defeat. Those who know anything at all of sport know the disappointment of defeat and that the knack of swallowing it marks the sportsman, and to this it must only be added that the next year saw Mr. Hall again cheerfully preparing for the race. Unfortunately it is a tendency of the present age to judge sport solely by success in competitions, and though a team may have fought well and have just been beaten, in the eyes of many it is as nothing compared to the team which has won. To such as these then, who judge by success only, we may point out the crew of 1906. To those who have not yet shut their eyes to the other phases of sport, besides mere winning, we may say that if Mr. Hall's crews did not always win their races, they were always taught to row and to meet defeat as sportsmen should. One more thing must be chronicled in this chapter, and that is that Mr. Hall took over the shed with a comparatively few

boats and has left it in possession of quite a fleet.

The School will be glad to hear that though Mr. Hall has given up the charge of the Boat Club, he has not altogether severed his connection with it, and is often to be seen at the Shed giving crews the benefit of his coaching ability. Mr. Ramsay too has very kindly consented to again coach our crews, and in spite of early morning rows with his senior eight and 8 o'clock dinners when he visits us, he has devoted two afternoons to our coaching and has promised to join us in our Easter encampment.

Now for something of the rowing. There were left from the crews of last year Edwards, Williams i., Snook and Pockley i., while there was also Marsh, who has rowed for two or three years without gaining a seat in the boats, and in addition, Massie, Hordern i., and Tucker i. had been tubbed and coached up to row on slides. Williams unfortunately became seriously ill and is still absent from the School, and Pockley i. decided not to row, so that our resources were taxed to find men to fill these seats. There was Park who had done a good deal of fixed seat work, and Sayers and McDonald who were quite new to rowing, and from these three it was decided to fill up the crews. Owing to cricket practice, Massie, Sayers and McDonald were available only two days a week, so that the work was a good deal hampered, and in the case of the latter two, progress was slow. One four has been training daily throughout the term, but the arrangement of the men has varied; for while Edwards, Massie, Hordern i. and Marsh i. were the crew on Tuesdays and Fridays, on Mondays and Thursdays Tucker was to be seen in the

No. 3 seat. On Saturday afternoons the last mentioned four put in some longer work than usual by rowing as far as Riverview and back. Since cricket finished, training has been more consistent, and on March 28th two fours and a tub pair found their way to Riverview to view the St. Ignatius' Regatta. Although nothing has been finally decided upon up to date, and work at camp may upset all calculations, we give the seating of the crews as at present constituted :-

First crew.—C. H. Edwards, (stroke); R. J. Massie (3); A. R. Hordern (2); C. M. Marsh i. (bow).

Second crew.—C. W. Snook (stroke); W. E. Tucker i. (3); and a (bow) and (2) from R. L. Sayers, K. V. McDonald, and A. G. Park.

The coxswains most likely to have charge are P. Day and W. Webster.

This year strangely enough another change has to be noted. Cashman's Bay View Hotel at Gladesville has recently changed hands and the crews are to train this time from Beatson's Gladesville Hotel. In the final stages of training the great difficulty is for the coach to keep up with the crews, for fast launches are scarce. This want will, however, be obviated this year, for arrangements have been made with Mr. C. Moseley, whereby his new motor launch "Skedaddle" will be available for coaching purposes.

The race will be decided on Wednesday, April 29th, on the Parramatta course, and the crews go into quarters on Thursday, April 16th. We invite old boys who are interested, to visit us on the river during training operations and we assure them of a hearty welcome.

## Football.

THE time has come round again for the bat to be laid aside and conversation, to turn on football. The deeds of the previous season are recalled and the heroes of them, and the question at once arises—Who are to fill the places of those who have left? The gaps of course are many, but not more numerous than in other years, while there are many aspirants ready and willing to fill them. To speak more particularly, there remain of last year's 1st XV. Merewether i., Sayers, Edwards, Pennefather and Tucker i. in the forwards, and Pockley i. McDonald, and Pockley ii. in the backs. For the vacant positions in the forwards, there should be keen competition amongst Massie, Dodds, Manning, MacDonagh i., Barden, Macintyre i. and Park. The gaps in the backs will prove harder to fill. For the five-eighth position we look to a' Beckett, who is new to our football fields. The three-quarter positions should be filled from the following:—Marsh, Nickoll, Pountney and Macintyre ii., while in the absence of Kater, McDonald will be given first trial as half. The second fifteen this season will be quite a new lot and there should be plenty of chances for those wishing to distinguish themselves. Those who seem to have most chance for positions in the seconds at the time of writing are: Pulling i., Cansdell, Tucker ii and iii., Maclean i. and ii., Francis, Irving, Jones, Smith i. and iv., Greive, Sendall, Merewether ii., Boyce i., Macintyre iii., Ross i., Hardie i. and ii., Garbett, Digby i., Voss i., Haxby, a'Beckett ii, Bechtel; Minty, Trenerry i. and ii.; Arnot, Garland, Warden and Cowan. Enough names have been mentioned above to constitute two teams and perhaps others more deserving

have been inadvertently omitted, so that when the 2nd XV. has been selected a formidable array, on paper at least, should be left over for the 3rd team. And now to turn attention to the junior ranks, where we hope to see many a champion of the future, this year do battle for anything from the 4ths to the 9ths. Already 120 names have been entered for the Colour Competition, so that unless many have given in their names in the first wild frenzy of enthusiasm, to be withdrawn at the thought of hard knocks and introductions to mother earth, the success of this competition should be assured. The practice days for 1st and 2nd XV.'s will be Monday and Friday, while the Colour Competition matches will be decided as follows:—A Grade, Tuesday and Thursday; B Grade, Monday and Thursday. It is hoped that in making dentists' appointments, arranging music, dancing, boxing, Jiu-Jitsu and the other lessons which are at once the apology of the grafter and the stand-by of the shirk, these practice days will be borne in mind, for where competition is so keen the places go only to those who work for and win them.

If a summing up of the season's prospects be required, let it be then that the opportunities are many, the players are enthusiastic, and if we do not win many matches it will not be for want of trying.

This term a few matches will be played commencing on April 4, but the first school match will not take place till May 6, when we are to meet St. Ignatius' College at Riverview.

It is intended, as in the past two seasons, to have printed programmes of the matches, but to do duty until these are ready we give below a list of the earlier fixtures:—

April 4, 1st XV. v. Wayfarer F.C., School Ground  
2nd XV. v. Keira F.C., School Ground, 2  
p.m.  
April 11, 1st XV. v. Town Hall F.C., School  
Ground; 2nd XV. v. Norwood F.C., School  
Ground, 2 p.m.  
April 15, 1st XV. v. University 3rd XV., School  
Ground.  
April 30, School v. Old Boys; 2nd XV. v. 3rd  
XV.  
May 2, 1st XV. v. Kaitara F.C., School Ground;

2nd XV. v. Culwulla F.C., School Ground,  
2 p.m.  
May 6, 1st XV. v. St. Ignatius' College, River-  
view; 2nd XV. v. The Scot's College, Rose  
Bay.  
May 9, 1st XV. v. Taralga F.C., School Ground;  
2nd XV. v. Barker College, School Ground,  
2 p.m.  
May 13, 1st XV. v. Newington College 1st XV.,  
North Sydney; 2nd XV. v. Newington Col-  
lege 2nd XV., North Sydney; 3rd XV. v.  
Newington College 3rd XV., North Sydney.

### Cricket.

SEASON 1907-08 has ended, but hardly satisfactorily to us, for in the first half of the season we were beaten three times, and this term once. One of our losses was against an unquestionably weaker team, while the two matches with Sydney Grammar School were well and evenly contested. The team, although slightly weaker on paper this term, showed better form than last term. Nine batsmen showed good form, while Massie regained his old form with the ball and Kater developed into a first rate bowler with deceptive flight. It may seem strange that one should sum up bowling by mentioning only two bowlers, but since St. Joseph's College only made 90, Newington College 13, The King's School 76, and Sydney Grammar School 124, there was little need for more than two bowlers. Jacob, however, during the whole season has done good service, and has bowled the second greatest number of balls, but he did not get much chance this term owing to Kater's success and the low scoring of opposing teams. Anyone taking but a casual interest in school cricket, will, no doubt, think that wicket-keeping has been our weak point. This is not so. For after the first match a

good wicket keep was discovered in Holden, who, however, was not allowed to play this term on account of his health. We were again fortunate in securing a good wicket-keep in Traill.

The first three School matches of this term were won easily, but in the fourth we were just beaten S.G.S. Having won the toss, our captain naturally elected to bat, but nevertheless he found one end of the wicket to be bad owing to overwatering. We were dismissed for 79, due partly to the state of the wicket and to excellent catching. S.G.S. in their turn lost 7 for 43 before lunch, but after the interval the wicket improved, and although the eighth wicket fell at 45, their total reached 124. Notwithstanding the improved wicket, we should have probably won had not the ninth wicket been missed at 52.

#### SCHOOL. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

We played S.J.C. at the North Sydney Oval No. 2, on February 29th and March 2nd. The School made 527. Tozer compiled 216 in 5 hours 35 minutes. He hit 29 fours and gave a chance at 238. It was a characteristic innings—slow and patient—and would have been considerably larger but for long grass in the outfield. Nickoll played a free, hard-hitting innings for 63, while Boyce played a very streaky innings for 57. Massie made 37, which included a large number of singles

owing to most of the field being stationed on the boundary, and three powerful sixers—one off the fast bowler Hynes. Cameron took 4 wickets for 100, Tier 2 for 125, and Quinn 2 for 52.

S.J.C. lost 1 for 19 before play ceased for the day. On Monday they had to bat on as bad a wicket as can be imagined. Their total of 90 was good under the circumstances. Baker played a good defensive innings for 17 not out. Massie bowled 20 overs, 11 maidens, for 15 runs and 4 wickets, Kater took 3 for 18, and Nickoll 2 for 19.

SCHOOL.

Merewether, c Baker, b Cameron	... 6
Tozer, c Marien, b Cameron	... 261
Boyce, run out	... 57
Kater, c Fennell, b Baker	... 28
F. P. Macintyre, c and b Quinn	... 25
Massie, b Tier	... 37
Francis, b Tier	... 0
Nickoll, c Tier, b Cameron	... 63
Jacob, c Whealy, b Cameron	... 17
D. Macintyre, not out	... 13
Trall, c Coolahan, b Quinn	... 0
Sundries	... 20
Total	... 527

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Cameron 4 for 100, Tier 2 for 125, Hynes, 0 for 61, Fennell 0 for 55, Baker 1 for 39, Quinn 2 for 52, Glazier 0 for 31, Marien 0 for 18, Whealy 0 for 14, Crowe 0 for 12.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Crowe, c Francis, b Nickoll	... 9
Glazier, b Massie	... 4
Tier, c Massie, b Nickoll	... 6
Quinn, b Kater	... 11
Baker, not out	... 17
Fennell, c Boyce, b Kater	... 5
Coolahan, st Trail, b Kater	... 1
Marien, c Tozer, b Massie	... 4
Cameron, b Massie	... 5
Whealy, b Massie	... 1
Hynes, c Kater, b Merewether	... 8
Sundries	... 19
Total	... 90

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Nickoll 2 for 19, Massie 4 for 15, Jacob 0 for 17, Kater 3 for 18, Merewether 1 for 2.

SCHOOL V. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

We defeated T.K.S. at Parramatta, on March 7th, by 2 wickets and 348 runs. Batting first,

T.K.S. made 76, to which Biddulph contributed 26 not out. Massie took 5 for 30, Kater 3 for 23, and Merewether 1 for 7.

The School made 424 for eight wickets. F. P. Macintyre made 104 in 90 minutes, Kater 108 in 2 hours 40 minutes, and Francis 62 not out in 45 minutes. Tozer scored 48 and Boyce 42. Smith took 2 for 61, and Metcalfe 2 for 75.

THE KING'S SCHOOL.

Browne, b Massie	... 1
Walford, l b w, b Kater	... 14
Smith iii., run out	... 6
Metcalfe, c Jacob, b Kater	... 6
Watt, b Massie	... 0
Gardiner, b Merewether	... 1
Bundock, c and b Massie	... 3
Biddulph ii., not out	... 26
Reynolds, b Massie	... 6
See, c Trall, b Massie	... 0
Biddulph i., c and b Kater	... 11
Sundries	... 2
Total	... 76

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Massie 5 wickets for 30, Kater 3 for 23, Nickoll 0 for 9, Merewether 1 for 7, Jacob 0 for 6.

SCHOOL.

Merewether, c Brown, b Smith	... 8
Tozer, c Gardiner, b Biddulph i.	... 42
Boyce, h.o.w., b Smith	... 48
F. P. Macintyre, c Biddulph ii., b Metcalfe	104
Kater, c and b Walford	... 108
Massie, b Metcalfe	... 4
Nickoll, c Reynolds, b See	... 13
Jacob, c See, b Reynolds	... 2
Francis, not out	... 62
I. Macintyre, not out	... 0
Trall, did not bat	... 0
Sundries	... 33
Total	... 424

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Smith 2 wickets for 61, Biddulph i. 1 for 54, Metcalfe 2 for 75, See 1 for 44, Reynolds 1 for 13, Walford 1 for 44.

SCHOOL V. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

The match with N.C. took place at Stanmore, on March 14th. Winning the toss, we batted on an inferior wicket, and made 231. Boyce, with his happy luck still attending him, made 63, but gave four chances, and Tozer 21. Wickets then fell rapidly. Seven were out for 134, and eight



for 150, when Francis and D. Macintyre made a stand and took the score to 231. The former played a vigorous innings for 69 (two chances), and the latter 20 not out (two chances also). From the number of chances given, it will be seen that had N.C. taken them all, our score would not have assumed its moderate proportions. Morris took 5 for 42, and Meek 2 for 59.

Play was discontinued shortly after lunch, and was not resumed till Monday, owing to heavy rain. Then on a damaged wicket N.C. were dismissed for 13. Kater secured 6 wickets for 6 runs, and Massie 4 for 4.

## SCHOOL.

Tozer, b Gill	21
Boyce, c Brewer, b Morris	63
F. Macintyre, c Prescott, b Morris	9
Merewether, c Saunders, b Meek	6
Kater, thrown out	4
Massie, c Prescott, b O'Rielly	8
Nickoll, c Prescott, b Meek	0
Francis, c Prescott, b Morris	69
Jacob, b Morris	3
I. Macintyre, not out	20
Traill, b Morris	0
Sundries	28
Total	231

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**—Morris 5 wickets for 42, Meek 2 for 59, Jekyll 0 for 32, Gill 0 for 20, Saunders 0 for 9, O'Rielly 1 for 35, Brough 0 for 6.

## NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

## First Innings.

Gill, b Kater	1
Morris, c Traill, b Kater	0
Prescott, b Massie	1
Brough, c Boyce, b Kater	0
Meek, b Massie	4
Jekyll, b P. Macintyre, b Kater	0
Brewer, c Tozer, b Kater	0
Wipple, c Kater, b Massie	1
O'Rielly, b Massie	0
Perry, c Massie, b Kater	0
Saunders, not out	3
Sundries	3
Total	13

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**—Massie 4 wickets for 4 runs, Kater 6 for 6.

## Second Innings.

Gill, run out	5
Morris, b Francis	4

Prescott, c Merewether, b Jacob	1
Brough, b Jacob	0
Meek, c Kater, b Francis	0
Jekyll, not out	15
Brewer, c Merewether, b Nickoll	2
Wipple, h o w, b Massie	7
O'Rielly, not out	2
Sundries	17
Seven wickets for	53

## SCHOOL V. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The game with S.G.S. was played on March 21st at the North Sydney Oval No. 2, and after an exciting low scoring match, we were beaten by 45 runs.

Kater won the toss, and batted. The wicket proved to be wet at one end, which accounted for the low scoring on both sides. Tozer's wicket was the first to fall. The fast bowler, bowling to the bad end, broke right across the wicket and took his leg stump. F. Macintyre (31) and Kater (18) made a useful stand, and Francis and Nickoll also got into double figures. Macintyre was very well caught at silly mid-wicket by Fisher off a good stroke, and Nickoll shared the same fate at the hands of Farrar. The innings closed for 79. Barbour took 5 wickets for 24, and H. R. Gregg 3 for 9.

S.G.S. in their innings lost wickets rapidly, and at the luncheon interval 7 wickets were down for 42. After lunch the wicket had much improved, but with only 2 runs added Broughton was run out, and at 52 N. Gregg was missed in the slips. The score was then taken to 84 before the ninth wicket fell. The last wicket raised the total to 124. Massie took 4 wickets for 37, Kater 4 for 26, and Jacob 1 for 25. Kater made a mistake in taking himself off after lunch. He was howling a good length, and by his previous efforts had established a lively respect from the batsmen. Tozer and Boyce each made an excellent catch. In our second innings we had lost three wickets for 122 before rain stopped for the day.

## SCHOOL.

## First Innings.

Boyce, c H. Gregg, b Green	1
Tozer, b Lamrock	0
F. P. Macintyre, c Fisher, b Barbour	31
Kater, c Fisher, b Barbour	18
E. Merewether, c and b Barbour	0
Massie, c Lamrock, b Barbour	2
Francis, c Farrar, b Barbour	11

Nickoll, c Farrar, b H. Gregg ...	11
I. Macintyre, b H. Gregg ...	2
Jacob, b H. Gregg ...	0
T. Merewether, not out ...	1
Sundries ...	2
Total ...	79

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Lamrock 1 wicket for 24 runs, Green 1 for 20, Barbour 5 for 24, H Gregg 3 for 9.

Second Innings.

E. Merewether, c and b Lamrock ...	17
Tozer, not out ...	52
F. P. Macintyre, c and b Barbour ...	33
Massie, b Fisher ...	5
Kater, not out ...	8
Sundries ...	7
Total ...	122

Three wickets for ... 122

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Barbour, c Jacob, b Kater ...	5
H. Gregg, c P. Macintyre, b Massie ...	5
Fisher, c Boyce, b Kater ...	5
Lamrock, b Massie ...	0
Broughton, run out ...	10
Sheldon, c Nickoll, b Kater ...	2
Farrar, c Tozer, b Kater ...	0
Green, c Kater, b Jacob ...	6
N. Gregg, c Francis, b Massie ...	19
Lloyd, l b w, b Massie ...	42
Grieve, not out ...	19
Sundries ...	11
Total ...	124

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Massie 4 wickets for 37 runs, Kater 4 for 26, Jacob 1 for 25, Merewether iii. o for 21, Nickoll o for 4.

BATTING AVERAGES IN SCHOOL MATCHES.

Season 1907-08.

Batsmen.	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Avg.
C. J. Tozer ...	10	1	261	556	61.77
†C. Hosking ...	7	3	52*	172	43.00
G. H. Francis ...	5	1	69	152	38.00
I. D. Macintyre ...	4	3	20*	35	35.00
R. C. M. Boyce ...	8	0	63	245	30.62
F. P. Macintyre ...	10	1	104	273	30.33
E. S. Kater ...	9	0	108	265	27.22
J. O. H. Nickoll ...	6	0	63	131	21.83
‡D. Williams ...	3	1	26	43	21.50
†G. S. Hall ...	7	0	77	135	19.28
E. R. Merewether ...	10	0	88	172	17.20
R: J. A. Massie ...	8	1	37	106	15.14

Batsmen.	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Avg.
L. H. Jacob ...	8	1	17	27	3.85

The following also batted:—Fisher, 0 and 4; Sayers, 3\*; Traill, 0 and 0; †Holden, 0, 0, 3\*.

\*Not out.  
†Left at Christmas. ‡Unable to play after Christmas.

BOWLING AVERAGES IN SCHOOL MATCHES.

Season 1907-08.

Bowler.	Overs	Md. s.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
T. G. W. Fisher ...	18.6	4	42	8	5.25
E. S. Kater ...	63.3	12	178	18	9.88
R. J. A. Massie ...	176.1	42	387	37	10.45
C. Hosking ...	28.4	7	112	7	16.00
L. H. Jacob ...	111	28	346	14	17.57
J. O. H. Nickoll ...	35	8	81	4	20.25
E. R. Merewether ...	50.5	14	127	6	21.16

The following also bowled.—Francis, 2 wickets for 28 runs; Tozer, 2 for 63; Williams, 1 for 51; Macintyre, 0 for 9; Sayers, 6 for 3; Hall, 0 for 3; T. Merewether, 0 for 21.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

(Colours, in order of Seniority)

KATER, E. S.—One of the best of School batsmen in form; did not strike his best form this season; very capable captain in placing his field; developed into a good slow length bowler; a good field anywhere.

TOZER, C. J.—A good steady batsman, with sound defence; has been the most prolific run-getter this season; excellent fieldsman at point.

MASSIE, R. J. A.—A good left-hand bowler; has increased in pace, and is practically tireless; as a batsman he has great hitting powers, but not enough patience; much improved fieldsman.

MEREWETHER, E. R. H.—A good batsman, with an unimpressive style; has a good out-of-the-ground drive; very reliable catch in the out-field, and useful change bowler.

JACOB, L. H.—One of the most accurate length bowlers we have had; his best ball is one which nips and keeps low; safe field, but poor batsman.

(Alphabetical.)

BOYCE, R. C. M.—A dashing, though rather unsound batsman; has some excellent-strokes, but interlards them with bad ones; a good fieldsman, with infinite promise.

FRANCIS, G. H.—A promising batsman, with good driving power; sound fieldsman, and fair length bowler.

HOLDEN, R. A.—A promising wicket-keeper, with plenty of grit and determination; poor bat; did not play this term, on account of ill-health.

MACINTYRE, F. P.—A good batsman, with strong driving power; not troubled with nerves; a good fieldsman; and as a wicket-keeper he is very good on the off side, but weak on the leg.

MACINTYRE, I. D. A promising batsman, and rather poor fieldsman.

NICKOLL, J. O. H.—A medium-fast bowler; bowls a good length, and keeps them outside the off stump; good field, and a very fair hard-hitting, driving batsman.

TRAILL, R. J.—A good wicket-keeper; takes the ball almost as well on the leg as the off side of the wicket; fair bat, although he did nothing this term.

*(Left at Christmas.)*

FISHER, T. G. W.—A promising bowler; brought the ball down from a great height generally, with good length, and a slight off-break; fair field, but poor bat.

HALL, G. S.—A good batsman, with plenty of strokes, his best, perhaps, being a lightning-like cut; good field.

HOSKING, C. W.—A left-hand batsman, with good hitting powers, but with poor defence; a good fieldsman, and fair fast-medium bowler.

#### 2ND XI.

The Second Team have repeated their performance of last term exactly. They have won against the 2nd XI's of the King's School and Newington College and lost to S.G.S. Curiously enough, we beat S.G.S. in a non-competition match last term and again this term. The team must either consider themselves unlucky or recognise that S.G.S. play up harder in competition matches. McDonald captained the team right through the season. This is a rare thing to happen in the 2nd

XI., for generally the captain is either adjudged unsatisfactory by the team, and is compelled to resign, or he is promoted to the 1st Team. The captain may therefore flatter himself that he has held office—justly, the writer thinks—for a longer time than any of his predecessors.

Taking a general review of the season, the point that stands out most prominently is the leg-break bowling of Merewether iii. In every match he has been a success, and were he not so young, he would certainly have figured in the higher grade. While writing of leg-break bowlers, Trenerry should be mentioned. He is little inferior to Merewether.

The 2nd XI. have been fortunate in unearthing a natural wicket-keeper (*not* the manufactured article, who stands there pluckily, getting his body bruised and his fingers injured) in the person of Lillyman, a brother of the North Sydney wicket-keeper. Right through the season, McDonald, Garland, and Merewether ii. were the most consistent batsmen, while Macintyre i., Throsby, and McDonald were successful as bowlers.

#### COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. T.K.S. 2nd XI., who made 184 (Brown 53, Westroff 31, Mitchell 30, Robertson 20). Sayers took 3 wickets for 9, R. Merewether 4 for 57, and Throsby 3 for 24. School 214 (H. Merewether 42, McDonald 29, Hardie 29, A. Adams 23, Throsby 18). Robertson took 4 for 60. Won by 30 runs.

v. N.C. 2nd XI., who made 110 (Thompson 28, Bever 17). R. Merewether 6 for 35, Throsby 3 for 28. School 149 (Throsby 39, R. Merewether 26, W. Trenerry 37 not out, Sayers 16). White took 7 wickets, and Best also bowled well. Won by 39 runs.

v. S.G.S. 2nd XI. School 122 (Sayers 35, W. Trenerry 18). Scott (3), Ritchie (4), and Ross (3) took the wickets. S.G.S. 205 (Farrar 81, Scott 37). Trenerry took 4 for 53, and Busby 2 for 9. Lost by 83 runs.

## NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. N.C. 2nd XI. School 146 (H. Merewether 22, Macintosh 27, McCulloch 28). N.C. 71 (Thomson 19, Morris 14). R. Merewether 8 for 27, and McDonald 2 for 28. Won by 75 runs.

v. Hawkesbury College 2nd XI. School 207 (Sayers 37, Garland 44, McDonald 40, Throsby 24). H.C. 98 (Connell 25). Won by 109 runs.

v. High School 1st XI., who made 33. R. Merewether 3 for 20, Throsby 5 for 9. School 113 (Garland 43, Macintosh 24). Won by 80 runs.

v. St. Joseph's College 2nd XI., who made 112 (Thorpe 33). School 136 (H. Merewether 45, Sayers 34, Busby 21, I. Macintyre 20). Won by 24 runs.

v. S.G.S. 2nd XI., who made 154 (Sheldon 34, Bray and Buckle 30 each). Adams i. 4 for 36, and Throsby 5 for 42. School 218 for 8 wickets (Garland 24, McDonald 40, Busby 22, Adams ii. 40 retired, I. Macintyre 47 retired). Won by 2 wickets and 67 runs.

v. High School 2nd XI., who made 109 (Deane 41). R. Merewether 9 for 29, Adams ii. 1 for 1. School 198 (Throsby 32, Adams ii. 47, Adams i. 26). Won by 89 runs.

## JUNIOR CRICKET.

## 3RD XI.

v. St. Aloysius'. Lost by 64. School 60 (Arnott 21). St. Aloysius' 124. Williams iii. 3 for 28, Smith 3 for 21, Barden 2 for 20, Ward 1 for 26.

v. S.G.S. 3rd. Lost by 5 wickets and 13 runs. School 77 (Barden 25 not out, Trenergy ii. 16, Williams iii. 13). S.G.S. 5 for 90. McPhillamy ii. 3 for 49, Williams iii. 1 for 8.

v. St. Ignatius' 3rd. Drawn. School 105 (Trenergy i. 25, Ward 24, Williams 14, Arnot 11). St. Ignatius' 4 for 7. Trenergy 3 for 42.

v. S.G.S. Lower School. Won by 22. School 81 (Ibbott 22, Barden 12, Boyce ii. 10). S.G.S. Lower School 59. McPhillamy 6 for 27, Barden 3 for 19, Ross 1 for 0.

v. N.C. 3rd. Won by 135. School 168 (Barden 39, McCulloch 33, Trenergy i. 28, Lillyman 16). N.C. 33. McCulloch 6 for 13, Trenergy i. 4 for 9.

v. Barker College. Lost by 7 wickets and 57 runs. School 76 (Fraser 23, Williams 13), B.C. 3 for 133. Barden 2 for 31, Ibbott 1 for 2.

v. Methodist Boys' Institute. Drawn. School 8 for 201 (Ross 47 retired, Arnott 40, Barden 30, Ward 18, Boyce ii. 15, Fraser 14, Ibbott 13). Institute 7 for 115. Mackay, Barden, Ward, and Arnott, 1 wicket each.

v. N.C. 3rd. Won by 127. School 9 for 190 (Boyce ii. 52 retired, Barden 27, Williams 19, Arnott 17). N.C. 63. Mackay 7 for 26, Barden 1 for 19, Boyce 1 for 0.

Captain : Barden i.

## 4TH XI.

v. St. Ignatius' 4th. Lost by 26. School 36 (Tiley 12). St. Ignatius' 62. Suttor i. 6 for 20, Ibbott 3 for 31.

v. T.K.S. 4th. Drawn. School 3 for 149 closed (Suttor 49 not out, Middleton 16). T.K.S. 3 for 73. Garbett 2 for 14, Tiley 1 for 4.

v. S.G.S. Junior XI. Lost by 9. School 91 (Garbett 39, Arnott 24). S.G.S. 100. Arnott 6 wickets, Middleton 2, Garbett and Fraser 1 each.

v. N.C. 4th. Won by 7. School 42 (Trenergy i. 14). N.C. 35. Garbett distinguished himself by getting all 10 wickets for 14 runs.

v. T.K.S. 4th. April 3rd.

Captain : Trenergy ii.

## 5TH XI.

v. Barker College 2nd. Lost by 5 wickets and 16 runs. School 55 (Gregory 20 not out). B.C. 71 for 5 wickets. Suttor 3 for 32, Gregory 2 for 22.

v. N.C. 5th. Won by 100 runs. School 7 for 121 (Grainger 30 retired, Gregory 21, Suttor 14). N.C. 21. Suttor 5 for 4, Playfair 4 for 15.

v. T.K.S. 5th. Won by 13 runs. School 57 (Gregory 28, Grainger 16). N.C. 44. Gregory 5 for 20, Grainger 5 for 12.

v. N.C. 5th. Won by 61 runs. School 135 (Grainger 42, Playfair 33 retired, Loder 16). N.C. 74. Grainger 4 for 32, Haydon 3 for 11, Loder 2 for 2.

v. T.K.S. March 28th.

Captain : Grainger.

## 6TH XI.

v. T.K.S. 6th. Won by 6 wickets and 21 runs. School 4 for 77 (Lindsay 39, Walker 20). T.K.S. 56. Walker 3 for 10, Hill 2 for 17, Parkes 2 for 1.

v. N.C. 6th. Won by 61. School 106 (Loder 33, Cooper 31, Parkes 18). N.C. 61.

v. Highfield College. Lost by 96. School 31 (Walker 8 not out). Highfield College 127. Cooper 3 wickets, Hill 2.

v. T.K.S. March 28th.  
Captain: Voss. ii.

7TH XI.

v. St. Clement's Choir. Won by 109. School 130 (Loder 40, Smith 15). St. Clement's 21. Smith 6 wickets for 8, Hill 2 wickets.

v. T.K.S. 7th. Match lost; scores also.

v. T.K.S. March 28th.  
Captain: Smith ii.

8TH XI.

v. T.K.S. Lost. School 27 (Te Kloot 10).

v. T.K.S. March 28th.  
Captain: Barton.

### DISTRICT CRICKET.

This term was marked by the inauguration of District Cricket, the competing districts being:—Senior—Hornsby Line, Mosman (including Neutral Bay), North Sydney, and two House teams; Junior—the same districts, plus one House team. This movement has proved successful beyond all anticipations. The principal objections to Form Cricket have always been—(1) The necessity to bolster up the weaker and younger teams with unwieldy handicaps, which were generally valueless, especially to the lowest forms; (2) the impossibility of cultivating anything like *esprit de corps* in view of the frequent changes of the *personnel* of forms, resulting in making the foe of yesterday the friend of to-day; (3) the frequent inability of some forms to raise eleven flannelled representatives; and (4) the necessity of bracketing the numerically weaker forms to make one team. The new system has completely removed all these purple patches, and so far has raised only one retaliatory difficulty: the classification of non-descripts. Unless a Senior and a Junior

XI. can be raised, consisting exclusively of them, it will always be perplexing to know exactly what to do with these transmarine willow-wielders.

On the whole, the quality of the District Cricket this term has been good. The batting and bowling were often excellent, and seldom really poor. The fielding was decent, except for accuracy and smartness of return, this branch being rarely really good, and often atrocious. There was only one bright example of wicket-keeping, and he has already been ruthlessly snatched up by Mr. Frith into the loftier realms of School cricket. The majority of the wicket-keepers nearly always spoil chances for smart and effective work by over-eagerness. The *Torch-Bearer* strongly recommends embryo Kelly's to first *take and keep* the ball before removing the bails, and, among other things, to stand *behind* the wicket when waiting for a return.

As regards actual results, in the Senior Competition, North Sydney have practically appropriated the Cup. However, the local team has by no means monopolised all the honours, some very good fights having been put up on different occasions by all teams.

The Junior Competition is not yet in a sufficiently advanced stage to warrant any comments.

In allotting the points below, the Senior match Hornsby v. Mosman was counted a draw, in view of the impossibility of playing all the remaining matches in the time at our disposal.

#### POINTS.

SENIOR—Hornsby Line ...	0	0	1	
Mosman ...	1	0	1	
North Sydney ...	2	2	2	
House A ...	1	2	2	0-5
House B ...	3	0	0	

JUNIOR—Hornsby Line ...	0	0			
Mosman ...	1				
North Sydney ...	2				
House ...	1	2			

(0 represents a loss, 1 a draw, 2 a 2-point win, 3 a 3-point win.)

Since writing the above, both competitions have been completed, the points being as follows:—

SENIOR.					Total.
Hornsby ...	0	0	1	0	1
Mosman ...	1	0	1	1	3
North Sydney ...	2	2	2	2	8

House A ...	1	2	2	0	5
House B ...	3	0	0	1	4

JUNIOR.				
Hornsby ...	0	0	0	0
Mosman ...	1	2	2	5
North Sydney ...	2	0	1	3
House ...	1	2	1	4

The Senior match, Mosman v. House B. was also counted a draw, the result either way being immaterial to the final result.

Congratulations to North Sydney (Senior) and Mosman (Junior).

### Old Boys' Union.

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Union will be held at the School on Thursday, 30th April, 1908, at 8 p.m. sharp.

#### BUSINESS:

1. Report and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Officers.
3. General.

The 13th Annual Dinner will be held at the A.B.C. Café on Friday, 1st May, at 7:30 p.m. It is hoped there will be a large gathering of Old Boys to welcome our President on the occasion of his return from England.

At a later date tickets for the Dinner, price 5/- each (to be returned if not required), will be sent to all financial members of the Union.

The Annual Football Match against the School will take place on Thursday, 30th April. Members desiring to play should send in their names to the Selectors,

c/o the Hon. Secretary, before Thursday, 23rd April.

The Annual Anniversary Service will be held in the School Hall on Sunday, 3rd May. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of Old Boys. The preacher will be the Vicar General.

Old Boys will note that the Committee have arranged the Annual Dinner, the Annual Meeting, and the Football Match in the same week as the G.P.S. Regatta, April 29th. Several country members have suggested this arrangement in the past, but till this year the Committee have been unable to carry out the idea.

R. Black has qualified as D.D.S. in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and has started the practice of his profession at 205 Macquarie Street.

G. G. Black has left the Bank of New South Wales, and is gaining station experience at Abington, via Armidale.

Lindsay Clarke has returned from South Africa, where he has been practising his profession of architect at Bloemfontain for the last five years, and is now resuming his practice in Sydney in the Commercial Bank Chambers, corner of Margaret and George Streets.

Norman W. White has passed his first year for the D.D.S degree in the North Western University, Chicago. He obtained 90 per cent. in most of his subjects.

The Editor has received a letter and some post cards from R. S. Reid who promises to write an article descriptive of life in Bolivia, South America. The post card was a photograph of some Llamas, which Reid describes as "most useful animals, for we depend on them for fuel for all purposes except in the blacksmith's forges, where charcoal is used. There are no trees nor vegetation of any kind near here. Twenty miles away gnarled stunted trees keep us supplied with charcoal. In La Paz, sixty miles away, are a few gum trees, but it is 2,000 feet lower than this, which is 14,000 feet above sea level. The Llamas carry from 50 to 100 lbs. each, and live on practically nothing—any stray clump of furze on the mountain sides is sufficient to keep them in condition."

Sincerest sympathy is felt for J. E. Taylor on the death of his father, who has been ill for some weeks; with the family of J. E. R. McMaster, who died after a very short illness on December 13th; and with the brothers Uther and their family on the death of Mr. Uther.

C. H. B. Bradley and A. H. Moseley have left the Alexandra Hospital for Children—the former has gone home to

continue *research* work and the latter has started the practice of his profession at Gloucester.

E. H. Wright writing from Stafford, England, says that he has been for some time on the staff of the works assisting on Siemen's new system of train lighting. He had a most interesting trip to Nuremberg and also had been over the German works of his firm, where some 8,000 men are employed. He journeyed back by the Rhine, and stopped some time at Cologne and Rotterdam, and had a most enjoyable time at both places.

Congratulations to I. D. Armitage, D'Arcy F. Roberts and C. A. Laurence on joining the army of benedicts.

Hearty congratulations to H. McWilliam on being ordained last Advent by the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale. McWilliam is licensed to the Cathedral Parish at Grafton.

G. A. N. Woodcock has been transferred from Harwood Island to Broadwater on the Richmond.

Les. Broughton has left the Richmond Agricultural College, and is now at the Wagga Experimental Farm, where he purposes to stop for six months and then go on a station at Walgett.

L. A. Minnett represented N.S.W. v. English XI, and distinguished himself by taking 7 wickets for 130. He also played in the Noble Benefit Match for the Rest of Australia v. The Australian XI.

It will be noticed that the North Sydney Cricket Club is leading in the three grades, and that the School is well represented. A. B. S. White, N. Y. Deane, A. J.

Hopkins, L. A. Minnett, and R. V. Minnett are playing with the 1st; and H. M. Barker, V. Y. Deane, R. G. H. Walmsley, J. O. Harris with the 3rd.

N. W. Turton and G. P. Sayers are playing tennis for North Sydney in the "A" competition, and Dr. E. O. Pockley for Burwood.

C. J. I. Dent has been transferred from the Bank of New South Wales, Moree, to the Bank of N S W., Warialda

O. G. Dent is now resident at Moore Theological College, and is in his final year

Among the successful candidates in the recent final law examination for solicitors we note the names of R. G. I. Dent (Section 2), E. R. Way (Inferior Courts).

At the N.S.D.S.C. the 100 yards Championship was won by L. Solomons (1 min. 2½secs), and the 50 yards Junior Championship by T. B. Dibbs (31⅔secs).

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions from the following, for year ending May, 1908:—A. B. S. White (life), J. F. Fitzhardinge (life), D'Arcy F. Roberts (life), O. E. Friend (life), F. P. Hopkins (life), The Head-Master (1909), H. B. Allen, Rev. I. D. Armitage, E. N. Allen, C. P. Allen, R. K. Allen, C. D. Abraham, G. N. Allen (1911), L. A. Baker, G. B. Boydell, Dr. C. H. B. Bradley (1910), A. D. Blaxland, G. G. Black, W. A. Burcher, G. B. Browne, H. Bullock, G. D. Briggs, H. M. Barker, G. E. Browne, R. W. I. Boyce, L. C. J. Broughlon (1909), L. Cadell, H. F. Clarke, A. T. Carlisle, Ivo Clarke, D. G. Campbell, W. B. Clarke, C. H. Calvert, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, J. A. H. Cox, Rev. D. Davies,

C. J. I. Dent, O. G. Dent, R. G. I. Dent, H. H. Dixon, N. Y. Deane, V. Y. Deane, B. S. Dowling, J. K. Eaton, J. Edie, A. T. Edols (1910), A. D. Fisher, R. G. H. Fotheringham, L. A. Fogg, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, J. W. Gibson, F. A. L. Gunning, G. Gunning, L. E. Giblin, W. E. Giblin, J. O. Harris, E. S. Hall, W. P. Hall, G. B. Haydon, A. D. Hagen, O. Hargrave, H. P. Harriott, J. W. Hayne (1911), H. V. Hordern, E. R. Holme, G. L. Hobson, A. D. Hall, W. P. Hutchinson, H. Ireland, H. V. Jaques, E. D. Kater, F. C. Kater (1911), Dr. H. W. Kendall, D. T. Kilgour, R. C. King, C. C. Linton, C. H. Linton, K. Lumsdaine, L. Lehmaier, A. R. Lomax (1909), A. M. Lomax, I. L. Longwill (1909), G. A. More, J. E. R. McMaster, R. A. L. Macdonald, H. H. I. Massie, W. J. Morson, L. A. Minnett, H. H. J. O. Marshall (1911), R. Martin, R. C. Moodie, G. Milborne Marsh, R. B. Minnett, R. V. Minnett, C. E. Murnin, H. C. H. Nicholls, T. A. Playfair, Dr. E. O. Pockley, F. G. A. Pockley, J. L. Pulling, K. Quinn (1911), E. H. Rutledge, C. W. Rundle, J. F. Reid, R. S. Reid, K. C. Radford, H. A. Roberts, Reg Roberts (1909), D. H. Roberts, R. W. Russell-Jones, E. H. Slade, G. P. Sayers, L. Solomons, O. J. Taylor (1910), J. E. Taylor (1909), E. Twynam (1911), N. W. Turton, G. T. Uther, Dr. G. H. Vernon, G. C. Way, C. M. Warden, K. Williams, G. A. N. Woodcock, W. H. Wilkinson (1909), H. N. Wilkinson, H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, R. C. Wilson (1909), Max. E. Wright (1912), P. A. Wright (1909), A. H. Yarnold (1910), I. G. Mackay, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson.

#### BIRTH.

Dent. — February 29th, at Aylesbury, Summer Hill, the wife of Leslie N. Dent—a daughter.



## MARRIAGES.

Armitage-Toogood.—On December 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Balmain East, by the Rev. Canon Archdall and the Rev. F. C. Williams, Isaac Duncan Armitage to Edith Corkhill Toogood.

Laurence-Alphen.—On November 23rd, at St. John's Church, Ashfield, by the Rev. T. J. Heffernan and the Rev. A. Yarnold, Charles Albert Laurence to Ina Rubye Alphen.

Roberts-Fitzhardinge.—On March 5th, at Christ Church, North Sydney, by the Rev. D. Davies, D'Arcy Falconer Roberts to Joan Margaret Yeomans Fitzhardinge.

JOHN ERNEST ROSS MCMASTER,

Born February 21st, 1879.

Entered the School, February, 1894.

Left 1897.

Died, December 13th, 1907.

FREDERICK WILSON UTHUR,  
Member of School Council from 1891.

Died, March 11th, 1908.

### School Notes.

TERM I. ended on April 10th and Term II. started on April 13th. Easter vacation will start on Friday, April 17th, and the School will re-open at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, April 27th. An entrance examination will be held on Monday, April 27th, at 9.30 a.m.

A very hearty welcome home was given to the Head Master by the School on his first official appearance among us on the opening day of Term. On his entering the Hall the School rose to greet him with three such whole-souled cheers as have seldom been heard in our familiar meeting place. Three more for Mrs. Hodges were given with equal vigour, and we fancy from the warmth of his reply that Mr. Hodges was left in little doubt of the sincere pleasure it gave us all to see him in our midst again, so thoroughly recruited by his holiday.

In his opening address the Head Master thanked the School for the kindness they had shown in greeting him on his return, and the loyalty with which they had supported Mr. Corfe in his duties as Acting Head Master.

Staff and boys alike were also very pleased to welcome Mr. Linton back again amongst us on the first day of Term, his health quite restored after his visit to England.

Shortly before the end of last Term a presentation was made to Mrs. Corfe on behalf of the boarders to show their appreciation of the devotion to their welfare she had shown during her residence at the School. The gift chosen was a complete tea service engraved with the School arms, and the presentation was made by Merewether i. We trust both Mr. and Mrs. Corfe will have pleasant recollections

of the time they spent with us, and we can assure them the School will ever retain in kindly remembrance their zeal for it and their earnest endeavours to further its interests.

The following new boys joined this Term:—R. B. Allport, H. F. Barden, K. Bayley, H. P. Christie, L. Cohen, S. T. V. Cole, S. S. Cornwell, W. D. H. Craig, A. C. Elliott, J. A. Elliott, T. G. Gilder, H. V. Gillies, J. K. Hardie, R. K. Hardie, A. B. Hardie, T. D. Haydon, J. W. Holdsworth, L. R. H. Irvine, E. J. Johnson, H. G. Jones, C. V. R. King, J. F. Leake, F. L. W. Lindsay, N. E. Lillyman, J. A. Loveday, R. W. Milbourne Marsh, H. Miller, R. A. Miller, D. H. McBurney, Eric J. McKimmin, Ernest J. McKimmin, C. L. Neill, C. L. Regg, C. A. Scott, R. K. Scott, L. V. Seaton, E. R. Sinclair, H. Martin-Smith, C. S. Smith, P. L. Suttor, W. D. M. Thompson, D. A. Tindale, C. Williams, B. Walford, W. Webster, C. J. Welford, S. U. White.

The following have left:—S. E. Blight (Sub-Prefect Junior 1905, Matric. 1906, Senior 1907, Hon. Sec. Debating Society), C. E. Rich (Prefect, Junior 1905 M., Senior 1907, 1st xv. Colours), C. W. Sinclair (Sub-Prefect, Junior 1906 M, Senior 1907), T. G. W. Fisher (Junior 1907, 1st xi.), W. L. Foggitt (Junior 1907 M), G. S. Hall (Junior 1907, 1st xi. Colours, G.P.S. xi. 1907), C. R. Mitchell (Junior 1907), W. H. Porter (Ch. Schools Exhibitioner), J. A. H. Cox (1st xv. 1st Crew), R. H. Capel (1st xv. Colours) C. W. Hosking (Junior 1907, 1st xi., 1st xv. Colours), R. J. Hutson (2nd Crew), R. G. Allen, A. N. Bartholomew, H. E. Bentley, W. T. Burrows, K. G. Binnie, A. Binnie, R. A. Charlton, J. D. Carson, D. le B. Gainford, J. N. Graham, R. J. Gordon, C. S. Dalrymple-Hay, M. B. Hordern, J. R. M.

Leemon, J. Leslie, J. S. Mehan, D. A. Mehan, J. E. Matthews, C. W. Northcott, P. E. Royle, W. Ryder, J. M. Sheppard, J. Ure Smith, T. E. Tolhurst.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. F. W. Uther, which occurred at Strathfield on the 11th March. Mr. Uther was a member of the School Council from 1891 to the date of his death, and for many years acted as Honorary Treasurer to the Council. In that position he did much useful work for the School, and will always be gratefully remembered as one who laid the foundation of the financial management of the School on sound lines and evidenced his interest in it by the prize for Church Catechism with which his name has been associated for many years. We desire to offer the sincere sympathy of the School to his family in their sorrow.

We acknowledge with thanks donations to the Chapel Fund from the following:—Mr. Venour Nathan (£5/5/-), Mr. D'Arcy F. Roberts (£5/5/-), and the following additional subscriptions per the Head Master from England—Mr. C. G. Steel (£3/3/-), Mr. R. Whitelaw (£2), Mr. W. N. Wilson (£1). The total received and promised to date is £1,951 13s. od. Next year the School will celebrate its twentieth anniversary, and it is to be hoped that a special effort will be made by parents and friends so that the foundation stone of the Chapel can be laid on our Anniversary Day.

The Anniversary Service will be held in the School Hall on Sunday, May 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Vicar-General.

We note with pleasure that additional interest is being taken in the Debating Society. Owing to the fact that Blight (Hon. Sec.), Rich and Sinclair (members

of Committee) had left, a meeting was held to fill the vacancies. Boyce i. was elected Hon. Sec., and Pockley ii. and Digby i. and Shand were added to the Committee. A debate has been arranged with S.G.S. for April 10th, at which it is hoped there will be a good attendance. The team to speak is composed of Boyce i., Pulling i., Pockley ii., Anderson and Digby i. The subject is, "Is more to be gained from reading or from observation?" The School has chosen the side that we can gain more by observation. An interesting debate is anticipated. It is to be held at S.G.S., and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members of the School to support the speakers.

At the Senior Examination in November, S. E. Blight obtained a "B" in English and Ancient History and a pass in Latin, Greek, Geometry and Trigonometry; C. E. Rich, a "B" in French and a pass in English, Latin, Algebra and Trigonometry; C. W. Sinclair, an "A" in Algebra and Geometry, a "B" in French and Trigonometry, and a pass in Latin.

In March the following qualified in Division "A" of the Matriculation Examination:—E. G. Garland, C. R. R. Huxtable, D. Macintyre, R. J. A. Massie, J. C. Shand; L. H. Jacob qualified for Engineering, Arts, Law and Medicine.

On Thursday, February 27th, an admission of Prefects and Sub-Prefects was held in the Library. The following were admitted as Prefects:—R. C. M. Boyce, C. A. Pennefather, R. J. A. Massie, E. R. H. Merewether; and the following as Sub-Prefects:—C. W. L. Pulling, C. H. Edwards, K. R. Traill, C. M. Milbourne-Marsh, N. W. Manning, W. E. Tucker, J. M. Maclean, J. L. Digby, C. R. R. Huxtable.

The prizes in connection with the General Knowledge Paper in December have been awarded to Tozer, Childe, Minty and Stokes. From the press notices of the paper which appeared during the vacation, it would appear that the questions set were regarded with very general approval and excited considerable public interest. We congratulate the compiler on his continued success in finding new varieties of useful and practical questions. Perhaps the publication of answers would enhance the interest shown in the paper and might even add to the gaiety of the nations.

At the request of a large number of boys in the middle school it was decided to form a Junior Debating Society. A meeting was held in the Library, at which the following officials were elected:—President: Mr. Harris; Vice-Presidents: Mr. Davies and Mr. Pulling; Hon. Secretary: Dibbs; Committee: Cummings, Macintyre iii., Newmarch, Tucker iii. It was decided to hold debates fortnightly on Friday afternoon, and the first was fixed for Friday, 10th April. Subject: "District cricket is a better game than form cricket." It is hoped that a large number will take part and that the Society will prove a valuable feeder to the Senior Debating Society.

On Friday, February 21st, the Rev. J. O. Feetham, the Principal of the Bush Brotherhood gave a very interesting address in the Hall on the work of the Brotherhood. Mr. Feetham's address was received with great applause, and great laughter was frequently caused by the anecdotes which he introduced.

Mr. Wilshire has received word from Messrs. Bell & Sons, London, to the effect that they have printed and forwarded the second edition of his French Grammar. The

book, which has been thoroughly revised and provided with particular and general vocabularies, will probably be ready for use next term.

The bats presented by Mr. H. H. Massie for the highest aggregate in School 1st and 2nd xi. matches have been won by C. J. Tozer (1st xi.) and K. McDonald (2nd xi.). Tozer was also presented with a bat by the Head Master for his score of 261 v. St. Joseph's College.

Cricket Colours have been awarded to E. R. H. Merewether and L. H. Jacobs

A subscription list for the Noble Testimonial was put on the notice board, and a sum of £8 1s. od. was subscribed which has been sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the fund.

At the General Sports Meeting of February 10th, Edwards was elected Captain of boats without opposition *vice* Willcox left. At the same meeting Macintyre ii., Sayers, à Beckett, Macdonald, Hordern i., Snook and Nickoll were elected members to the General Sports Committee.

### The Memorial Library.

THE Library Committee consists this term of Mr. Fidler, Tozer, Boyce i., Pulling i., Pennfather, Williams i., Kater, Huxtable, Maclean.

We are indebted to Mrs. Hodges and some of the Masters for the following notices of new books.

#### NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

Wyllie, himself a distinguished sea-painter, and Associate of the Royal Academy, has given us an interesting "*Life of Turner*," the greatest of landscape painters. The book describes his early life and education, and gives interesting glimpses of him at work, with the history of many of his pictures; but as his life apart from his painting was not very full of incident, a good deal of the volume is taken up by lists of his works with date of production. It is profusely illustrated by photographs of his pictures, and an excellent portrait of Turner as a young man forms the frontispiece. Wyllie's description of Turner differs strikingly from that of John Ruskin, who wrote "*Modern Painters*" chiefly in order to shew Turner's superiority to any painter who ever lived. For example, Ruskin says that he was neglected and unappreciated all his life; Wyllie tells us how the father, a London barber, recognised his genius, and gave him all the advantages of education in his power, and how throughout his career he was able to earn good sums by his art. He had admirers in plenty, though he had also critics and even enemies.

Again, Ruskin insists on Turner's consummate power of seizing and expressing the truths of Nature, both in his drawing—especially of rock, tree, and cloud—and also in his handling of colour; while Wyllie describes his trees as conventional and academic, and his drawing, his light and shade, his tone and colour as always incorrect, and often flagrantly wrong. They are at one, nevertheless, in their profound admiration of Turner. Wyllie, after all this fearless criticism, declares him to be "in the very front of all as a painter," and proceeds to give his reasons for this judgment. The book is well worth reading to those who love art and desire to learn something of one of its greatest exponents. It is interesting to read that the father of our last Admiral, Major Fawkes, was one of Turner's greatest patrons; perhaps the finest collection of his paintings, except that in the National Gallery, is that still to be seen at Farnley Hall, the family seat of the Fawkeses.

"*The Man-Eaters of Tsavo*."—The average Australian boy wants nothing better than good tales of sport, and if he has ever read any such tales to equal Colonel Patterson's experiences in East Africa among the man-eating lions, he has indeed been fortunate. Colonel Patterson was engaged as an engineer on the construction staff of the Uganda railway, and his camps of workmen were disturbed by the roaring of lions, which grew so fearless as to enter the tents and carry off a victim almost every night. It is almost impossible to believe the narrative, which, however, is told with becoming modesty. No doubt the book will be in great demand.

"*A Mother's Son*" (by B. and C. B. Fry).—"You think sport is good training for a boy?" asks the mother who has been left a widow by an accident in the hunting field. "The best in the world," answers the captain, otherwise "long" Crawford. He and Lord Matschley were the boy's godfathers—both ardent enthusiasts of the good old English country life. The mother and the godfathers put their heads together and keep the lad up in the high level of a noble life. The boy takes naturally to the healthy out-of-door life of a British gentleman and athlete—and we have his passage through an old-fashioned school and Oxford. His ardent love for his mother never cools. In time he achieves his ambitions, which are "to play for England," "to win the blue ribbon of the Grand National"—and "to die for England." His threads of life are interwoven with those of a girl, who will be liked even by the grossest girl-hater. She and the mother coach the lad in sports. There are several thrilling chapters, one in particular peculiarly apropos the present time, descriptive of an historic match *versus* Australia, in which the hero in company with the mighty Grace does battle for England. The sporting details throughout the book are evidently written by past masters of sports. It is a clean, healthy book, and one can but endorse the wording of the telegram, sent to the hero's mother on receipt of intelligence from South Africa—"Be proud of him. A glorious end to a glorious life."

The creator of Sherlock Holmes, the author of the "White Company," "The Refugees," "Micah Clarke," and "Rodney Stone," has given boys many a delightful hour, and the name of Conan Doyle on the cover of a book is generally sufficient to recommend it to them. However, only members of the Upper School had better accept his invitation to enter in "*Through the Magic Door*," the door which shuts off all the cares of the outer world, and leaves you in the company of silent comrades, the great books of the great writers of the past. It is a book in which a Sixth Form boy will at once become absorbed, and which will well repay the time spent on it.

Any boy who can appreciate a joke without being told it is a joke, will appreciate the delightful story of the "*Daft Days*" (Neil Munro), in which one cannot help being deeply interested in the little orphan from Chicago, the Uncle and Aunts and the house-maid from Colonsay, and the blending of Scottish and American humour. It is an excellent book.

"*Hilma*" (W. J. Eldridge) depends on incident and succeeds in holding your attention—in fact it is hard to put the book down when once you have taken it up.

"*The Great Plot*" (William Le Queux) is a tale of Nihilists. English people, whom one would not expect to belong to such a political party, by strange circumstances, become members of it. The book contains several mysteries, which it is impossible to guess, but which are unravelled in a natural way, though this is done only in the last chapters. The book should prove particularly interesting to him who thinks he has power as a detective.

"*Fair Margaret*" (H. Rider Haggard) is a book that may be well recommended to those who look for a story which is full of exciting incident. The story contains characters which are strongly drawn, such as Peter Browne, the strong, silent, Englishman; John Castell, a Jew who is true to his religion in spite of the terrors of the Inquisition; Morella, a mixture of the villain and the knight; while Fair Margaret and her cousin Betty and the Spanish woman Inez are each splendidly drawn in their particular roles.

"*The Weavers*" (Gilbert Parker) is a most interesting—one might say fascinating—book; it is fascinating in the development of the character of David Claridge, the Quaker. Suddenly launched from a sequestered hamlet of England into the midst of the political life of the Egypt of 50 years ago, with all its crooked Oriental paths, he succeeds in doing the task he set himself by sheer force of integrity of character. Besides the hero, there are several other persons, each of whom is worthy of study in his or her particular way. In brief, this is a book to be highly recommended to one who would read something above the usual standard of modern novels.

The author of "*William Jordan, Junior*," has succeeded in being original but, perhaps, interesting only to the blasé reader, who is always cynically eager to find that the unfortunate hero is at last getting in some small measure the success he deserves. One naturally expects in the end that Jordan the younger will write verse superior to Virgil's. But in spite of his great classical knowledge he fails ignominiously, and one admits reluctantly that the name "Luney," which his friend Dodson gave him, was more than half deserved. The most interesting character apart from Mr. Dodson is, perhaps, the Schoolmaster, who has managed a school unaided for seventy-four years (his age being ninety-six). How pathetic it is to note his ever increasing infirmities, his ever diminishing school, the hard-heartedness of the boys as his senses gradually leave him, till finally the bailiffs come to remove the last stick of furniture—his desk—and find him seated there dead with but one pupil—Jordan!

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## Correspondence.

Blenheim,  
25th February, 1908.

MY DEAR EDITOR,

We are starting on our home journey overland to-morrow, after a very pleasant stay of three weeks in Blenheim. I have been hoping from day to day that I might have had some fishing experiences worth communicating to the *Torch-Bearer*. It would have been such a good excuse for once more expressing my great thankfulness to the Council, Staff, Old Boys, boys and all connected with the S.C.E.G.S for their loyalty to me during my pleasant time at the school. When I first suggested the idea to my wife she at once exclaimed "Oh do write something and say how often I think of their great kindness and consideration to me." I am, sorry, how-

ever, that the weather has been so exceptionally dry and the rivers so low that the fishermen have not been very keen to go out. You might be glad to know of this beautiful Wairau Valley with its 100 miles of river full of fish, and how it is reached by any one starting from Sydney.

We left Sydney at 2 p.m. on 25th January and reached Wellington on the 29th at 8 a.m. We crossed over to Picton which is in the South Island the same day. It is a four hours' run through beautiful scenery. Blenheim is 14 miles from Picton, and trains run three or four times a day. You can generally reach Blenheim the same day as you arrive in Wellington.

I have had one day's good fishing in the Wairau. My son had arranged with Mr. Knowles of Wairau Valley to give me

a day. It was my first experience of minnow fishing. Mr. Knowles is a champion with the rod and a most unselfish sportsman. His great desire was that I should kill my first big fish, and he always gave me the best of the water. It was not very long before my shouts proclaimed that I had hooked a game one. You know the first sensation I expect—a leap out of the water, the awful moment when you think he is off, then the joy when you know again he is still there. When I had finally landed a good five pounder I suppose I felt as proud as Lee Pulling must have felt when he knew that he had won all those medals. I killed another  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., but that was all that fell to my share. Mr. Knowles landed 11, the largest 6 lbs. and the smallest  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., all brown trout and caught with the phantom white bait. There are plenty of rainbow trout in the river, but we did not get amongst them that day.

I landed one rainbow trout,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., on another day when I went out alone to a very comfortable and quiet accommodation house kept by Mrs. Green at Kaituna on the banks of the Wairau, about eight miles from Blenheim. Very good fishing can be had from there, and I can strongly recommend the house as a fisherman's home.

Yours very truly,  
C. C. CORFE.

The Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd,  
Dubbo, December 12th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—

I had just got back from an 18-days' round through the bush district lying between Gilgandra and the Warumbungle Mountains, when, on going to do accounts with our Treasurer, I found that the Church of England Grammar School had very generously sent a gift of £2/2/- to

our funds. I hope I may be allowed through your columns to tell the boys of the School how grateful we are, and how warmly I thank them in the name of the Brotherhood for their very kind and welcome help.

I have time only to write a very short letter, and hope to send a better one after Christmas.

I had some exciting times on my first journey. There had been rain in the mountains so heavy as to exceed anything since 1874. In one place there were gin. in a few hours, and anything up to 3 or 4 was pretty common. We only just got through a gluepot near Gulargambone by walking through the water. We crossed the Castlereagh a few hours before it came down in a flood bigger than has been seen for 30 years. If we had been a little later, it would have been a case of "Rusticus expectat dum defluat amnis," though, of course, the time to wait would not have been quite so long as it was for Lucretius' Rustic.

After the rains, the tracks were fearful, just heaps of sand, gravel, brushwood, and general rubbish, with great rifts and gullies which tried the sulky's springs to the limit, I think. We only broke one trace, and soon mended it with wire.

In the Warumbungle Mountains we had a delightful time, being lent horses to ride, and covering a lot of ground. There was a First Communion at a farmhouse at 7.30 one morning. Some who were not yet confirmed came to the service, and asked me to try and come to them as often as I could to give them instruction, so that they might be confirmed as soon as possible. There are many things like that which make me very happy in the work of our Brotherhood.

I have just been unpacking 13 tin-lined cases, which have at last arrived after a



long struggle with the Customs at Sydney, in which they have scored slightly, and I am off on another big round for Christmas services to-morrow.

I have the pleasantest recollections of

my visit to the School, and look forward to another.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN OLIVER FEETHAM.

### School Calendar.

1908.

- Feb'y. 3rd.—Entrance Examination for New Boys.  
 " 4th.—First Day of Term I.  
 " 13th.—Meeting of the General Sports Committee.  
 " 15th.—1st XI. v. St. Ignatius College. Won,  
 " 21st.—Address in Hall by Rev. J. O. Feetham, M.A.  
 " 27th.—Admission of Prefects.  
     Annual School Swimming Carnival.  
 " 29th.—1st XI. v. St. Joseph's College. Won, 527—90.  
 March 6th.—Meeting of the Debating Society.  
 " 7th.—1st XI. v. The King's School. Won, 424—76.  
 " 14th.—1st XI. v. Newington College. Won, 231—13.  
 " 20th.—Meeting of the Debating Society.  
 " 21st.—1st XI. v. Sydney Grammar School. Lost, 79—124.  
 " 26th.—Meeting of the Debating Society.  
 " 26th.—Junior Test Examinations begin.  
 " 30th.—First Football Practice.  
 April 10th.—Debate, S.C.E.G.S. v. S.G.S. Literary and Debating Society.  
 " 10th.—Last Day of Term I.  
 " 13th.—Term II. starts.  
 " 16th.—Easter Vacation commences.

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