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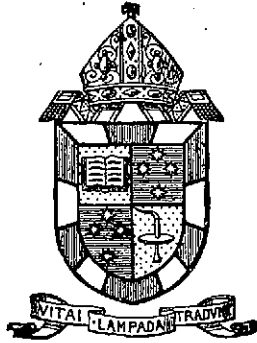
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**Editorial.**

**MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.**

AS there seems to be a good deal of misconception, both among parents and candidates, as to the new regulations for Matriculation, we append a summary of them. The object of the University in making the alteration was to raise the standard of its work and relegate to the secondary schools the work previously done in first year Arts, which was felt to be of scholastic rather than academic dignity. The old second year in Arts became the first, the old third the new second, and a third year as a higher level came into being. To make the change

effective and adapted to all faculties, the old Matriculation Examination of five compulsory subjects — Latin, French, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry — was abolished and a new examination introduced divided into two sections, A and B. Div. A comprises the compulsory subjects of the old Matriculation Examination with the addition of English, and in these all candidates must attain the standard of a "good pass" in the Junior Public Examination, *i.e.*, second-class in the three languages or the three mathematical subjects, or four second-classes altogether. The examination may be taken either at

the Junior Public Examination in June or at the March Matriculation, and by a recent amendment candidates for Science and Engineering may offer any two of the four languages specified—Latin, Greek, French, German—Latin being no longer compulsory for these faculties.

Div. B comprises a wide range of subjects, in which candidates must attain the standard of the Senior Public Examination, and the number of these higher subjects required varies according to the faculty the candidate desires to enter. For Arts two higher subjects are required one of which must be Latin. Law demands three, Latin being again obligatory. Medicine and Science require three, of which one must be a language; and in Engineering, Mathematics is naturally the compulsory subject among the three needed. This Division may at present be taken at the Senior Public Examination in November or at the March Matriculation, but will be restricted in future years to the former, except in cases where special leave is given to sit in March.

A most important point to be noticed is that all the necessary subjects must be passed at not more than two examinations, and all those at the higher standard at the same time. The higher standard, of course, includes the lower in any subject.

We desire to call the attention of parents to one or two points in connection with the above regulations, as cases have already occurred in which unavoidable delay has been caused through lack of acquaintance with the requirements of the University.

If a boy is intended for Arts or Law it is necessary for him to begin the study of Latin, and not be allowed to reach Junior

standard in other subjects before entering on the study of that language.

Again, it will be noticed that for Matriculation purposes a mere pass in the Junior Public Examination is not sufficient. The pass must be a "good one," and there is, therefore, nothing to be gained by sending a boy up when the best he can hope for is a bare pass. Should he fail to secure at least three B's in languages or Mathematics, or four B's altogether, his examination is fruitless from the standpoint of University Matriculation. Further, the difference in standard between the Junior and Senior Public Examinations seems to be very indifferently appreciated. The fact that the age limits for prizes at these examinations are seventeen and twenty-five respectively, and a comparison of the papers set should convince anyone of the absolute necessity for a considerable period of steady work between the two. An unfortunate tendency, foreseen as a possibility when the new regulations were under discussion, has manifested itself on the part of parents to enter their boys for the higher examination before they can be said to be qualified for it, and with a view to assist the "forcing" process—to limit the number of subjects taken by them to those essential for Matriculation B. From an educational point of view this is much to be regretted, and we believe that a little reflection will convince most parents that it is not only unfair to the boy, but also unwise from a financial point of view.

To illustrate what we mean, let us take the case of a boy who at the recent Junior Examination succeeded in passing Matriculation A, and is intended for Law or Medicine. To enable him to go up for Matriculation B at the Senior Examination next year, with any hope of success, he

decides to drop we will say English or French, and read only Latin and Mathematics and whichever of the languages he does not discard. At a most critical point in his educational career he abandons a subject to which he has devoted a large amount of time, just when he has reached the stage at which he begins to consolidate his knowledge and make it his for ever. Should he be lucky enough to pass in the required subjects, he to a certain extent defeats the intention of the Matriculation Regulations, and enters on his professional studies having received not a liberal education but a premature and one-sided development.

In the case of the candidate for Arts the result is even more serious. The natural result of "hustling" in his case is inability to take full advantage of his first year lectures—a pretty certain failure at the December examination, necessitating a continuance of work under our most trying climatic conditions until March, when, if he be lucky enough to get through his "post-mortem" examination, he at once enters on the work of his second year, without any period of rest after a hard twelve months' work. Such a strain at the period of adolescence is eminently undesirable and calculated to produce serious results, and if failure at his December examination necessitates private coaching, and possibly means having to take the first year over again, the expense to the parent is very much greater than that involved in allowing the boy's education to proceed on sound and normal lines, and letting him enter the University in such a state of intellectual development as will admit of his taking his examinations as he ought to do "in his stride" and without undue exertion. A further objec-

tion to the limitation of the number of subjects to the minimum lies in the risk of failure in any one of them. Thus if a candidate requiring three higher subjects takes only that number and fails in any one it will in future mean another year's work till the following Senior, or at least continuous work till the following March, should the University grant permission to sit then in such cases—which, we trust, it will not do.

The safest and wisest course for candidates for all faculties is to accept the new regulations in the spirit as well as in the letter, to continue their full curriculum, take the Senior Examination at its proper time in the second year after their Junior, and thus qualify for admission to any department of the University.

If this course is followed, Mathematics will be taken as a subject at the Senior Examination, and the successful candidate may then omit Mathematics from his Arts course. But we desire to emphasise the danger of endeavouring to secure this privilege without taking up Mathematics as a higher subject. To comply with the conditions of Section 8 of the Regulations for Arts, the candidate must gain a first-class in three Higher Language subjects at the Senior or Matriculation B Examination, must attend two Language courses in his first year, and obtain distinction in these subjects at his First Year Examination. The folly of abandoning Mathematics as a Senior subject in the face of such stringent requirements seems very evident—especially as the neglected subject has in the event of failure to be once more read up and taken in the following year, to the detriment of language subjects, in which the candidate presumably desires to specialise.

### University Junior Examinations, 1908.

#### Form IVa. and Div. 3.

	†	Eng.	French.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	
R. C. Anderson ...	A (2)	A	A	B	A	A	B	(M)
A. C. Arnot ...	A (2)	B	B	A	A	B	B	(M)
F. C. Bechtel ...	C (4)	A	C	C	C	B	C	
G. M. Chambers ...		B	B	B	C	C		
D. G. Clark ...	A (2)	A	B	A	A	C	B	(M)
E. H. Dodds ...	B (1)	B	C	C	C	C	C	
A. D. Macfarlane ...	A (2)	B	C	C	A	A	B	(M)
R. O. Middleton ...	C (4)	B	C	B	B	B	C	(M)
C. V. McCulloch ...	C (1)	B	B	B	C	C	C	(M)
J. G. A. Pockley ...	C (1)	A	B	C	B	C	C	(M)
C. W. L. Powell ...	A (2)	A	A	A	A	A	A	(M)*
C. S. Ross ...		—	C	C	B	—	B	‡
B. G. C. Simpson ...	B (4)	C	B	B	A	A	A	(M)
D. H. Slade ...	C (1)	B	B	C	B	C	B	(M)
P. E. Voss ...	B (4)	A	B	B	A	A	B	(M)
G. W. E. Walker ...		B	A	C	B	A	C	(M)
R. G. Ward ...	A (2)	B	C	C	B	B	C	

#### Form IVb. and Div. 4.

B. M. Arthur ...	B (2)	B		C	C	C	C	
L. S. Beckett ...	B (2)		C	C	B	A	C	
E. Bennett ...	B (2)	B		C	C		C	
W. H. Bray (Div. 3) ...		B	C		A	B	C	
C. H. Edwards ...	C (2)	B			C	C		
G. H. Francis ...	C (1)	B	C	B		C	—	
K. M. K. Fletcher (M.A.) ...	C (5)	B	C	—	B	C	C	
L. C. Hutchinson (Div. 3) ...		C		C	C	C	C	
H. M. Greenwood ...	C (1)	A		B	C	B	C	
R. C. Irving ...		C	C	B	C		C	
R. T. S. King (IVa.) ...	B (1)	A	B	C	C	C	C	
G. M. Marsh ...	B (2)	C	C		B		C	
C. C. Minty (IVa.) ...	B (3)	B	A	A		C	C	
E. B. Nelson ...	B (2)	C	C		C	C	C	
R. L. Sayers ...	C (1)	B		C	C			
C. T. Studds ...		C	C	C		C		
V. V. Williams (IVa.) ...	B (2)	B	B	B		C	C	
E. Bennett—"A" Drawing.								

† History (1), Physics (2), Greek (3), German (4), Geography (5).

\* Medals for English and Physics.

‡ Partly absent from Examination.

## Speech Day.

FOR once we were favoured with perfect weather, and the marquee was filled to overflowing with parents and friends of the School to witness the distribution of prizes by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales. Additional interest was added to the ceremony by the fact that this was the last occasion on which many of us would have the pleasure of seeing Sir Harry Rawson, and an unmistakable note of regret at saying farewell to one who has so well and worthily discharged the duties of his high office was evident throughout the proceedings.

His Excellency, was received by a guard of honour formed from G. and K. Companies of the 3rd Battalion Senior Cadets, under the command of Captain Pulling. The guard was composed of five officers, Sergeant-Major Cooke Russell, and 80 others of all ranks; the officers being Captain Pulling, Lieutenants Harris, Wilshire, Tozer, Pockley.

The Governor inspected the cadets, and was afterwards good enough to express himself as highly pleased with their smart and soldier-like appearance. Considering the short time that has elapsed since the formation of the corps, and the numerous difficulties in the way of weather and deficiency of accoutrements that have impeded its progress, we think the School is to be sincerely congratulated on the success achieved.

His Excellency presided, and called on the Headmaster to present his Annual Report. Mr. Hodges, before doing so,

read a letter from the Admiral expressing regret at his and Lady Poore's inability to be present owing to absence from Sydney, and then proceeded as follows:—

YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

With great pleasure and much appreciation of your kindness in coming, we welcome your Excellency. By coming to-day you have afforded another illustration of the way in which your Excellency is always prepared to sacrifice personal comfort to what you conceive to be your duty, and to help in a cause which you believe to be advantageous to the welfare of the State. The putting of duty first is a difficult lesson to learn for all, and your example in this respect has been so manifestly powerful that it causes us the deepest regret that its active influence is so soon to be lost to us. That your Excellency may have your reward in the enjoyment of many years of quiet peace and rest after your strenuous life, must be the desire of us all.

From among the number of those who have always been present with us on these occasions, we miss with much regret one who, from the School's earliest days, was its staunch friend and helper, as a member of the Council and for some years its Treasurer—Mr. Uther. Himself a man to whom might be applied that fine old-fashioned word God-fearing, he was ever zealous in the cause of religious education, and for many years presented a prize for Church Catechism, believing, as he often said, that no better foundations for instruction in duty to God and man could be laid down than are there contained. By his will, Mr. Uther bequeathed a sum of money to provide for the continuance of this prize.

Before proceeding with my Report, I desire to express my appreciation of the faithful and efficient manner in which Mr. Corfe, ably seconded by Mrs. Corfe, carried through the difficult task of administrator during my absence; also of the loyalty displayed by the Staff, boys and parents, in the support accorded him. Mr. Corfe's

difficulties were increased by the breaking down in health of our much-valued colleague, Mr. Linton; but thanks to the devotion of the Staff—and especially of Mr. Pulling and Mr. Harris—his work was carried on with vigour, and the School owes them a debt of gratitude for willingly taking an extra burden upon their shoulders. With much thankfulness we welcomed Mr. Linton back at the beginning of the year restored by his rest, and able to resume his invaluable services to the School. I also wish to record my gratitude to the School Council for granting me a long leave last year. The strain of the previous years had been considerable, and rest and change became necessary—more, perhaps, on Mrs. Hodges' account than my own—and I am happy to say the desired end was achieved. Although the holiday was in every way a success, it was with feelings of great pleasure that we found ourselves again in the old School, where our hearts' interests are centred.

Those of us who have charge of secondary education realise that we have for some time been moving in the direction of reform in our system. There is a certain amount of discontent respecting our lack of organisation and standards, more or less well-founded. Mr. Board, the Under-Secretary for Education, has brought forward once more the matter of forming an Educational Council, and his recommendations have during the past week been considered by a large number of teachers in the higher schools. I am unable in this Report to say much about the subject, but I think the movement is in the right direction, and that an authority should exist for the supervising of secondary education, and for the registration of teachers and schools. Mr. Board would have for the Council a body composed of representatives of his Department, the University, and the Schools. An alternative scheme suggests the forming within the University of a new Faculty of Education, under a Professor, and would place secondary education in its hands. For testing and inspection purposes this plan seems to present fewer difficulties than the other, but it includes no organisation for registration. Some compromise between the two schemes seems to be desirable.

The University examinations have recently been attacked with some violence in our newspapers, but I am not aware that the critics have suggested in their place any system which would serve as an equally strong stimulus to effort on the part of our pupils. In the seductive atmosphere of Sydney we can spare no stimuli. It is true that these

examinations impose an amount of restraint upon our curriculum, but it is to be feared that a go-as-you-please policy would soon degenerate into hobby-riding. If a "leaving certificate" could be substituted for some of the many tests for which boys require special preparation, our hands would certainly be freer. But this remark applies more particularly to our upper forms. Up to the age when the junior is usually taken—15 to 16—much specialisation is undesirable, and the subjects of study "imposed" on us by the University are those necessary for the foundation of a liberal education, an end we are bound to keep in view; and had we complete control of our programme, I do not know which of these subjects we could exclude, nor how it would be possible, with the limited number of hours at our disposal, to include others.

The School has been thoroughly examined twice during the year, and our prizes have been awarded partly upon the results.

In the Senior University Examination last November, three candidates were successful in passing the higher Matriculation, and in March five passed in Division A and one in Division B. At the recent Junior Examination our results were remarkably good. The number of candidates, 36, was a large increase on any previous entry; all, with one exception, took up the six subjects for Matriculation A, and as a seventh subject, History or Science; 34 obtained certificates, with an average pass in six subjects, and Powell brought us the medals for English and Science and seven first classes. As the entries for English were more numerous than for any other subject, 1,231, this must be regarded as a high testimonial to our teaching of the mother tongue. Nor was Powell's case of one boy happening to be especially good, for almost all did well. It is only fair to Mr. Hall, who is responsible for this part of the work, to give the English record, in which 32 passed, with eight A's and medal, 18 B's, and six C's. In Physics we were represented by 11 boys, who took five A's and medal, five B's, and one C. These results were obtained without a single lesson being given to any boy outside the regular school lessons in these subjects. I draw attention to these facts because such successes are often set down to special coaching and cramming, and I wish also to demonstrate that we cannot be accused of neglecting either English or Science, subjects which are falsely supposed to be treated in Schools like this, with a certain amount of indifference.

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following elections to Scholarships have been made during the year.—Senior Scholarship, Boyce i. and Pulling i.; Council's Junior Scholarship for boys in the School, Pulling ii.; for boys not at the School, Dixon. Regg was elected to the Exhibition for Sons of Clergy, on the nomination of the Archbishop. No candidate presented himself from the Church Primary Schools for the Scholarship set apart for their benefit. I have pointed out before that our Scholarships are provided entirely from the School Funds at a cost of about £300 a year. It is an excellent use of money, but it is badly wanted for other purposes, and I trust that in time this burden will become lighter by the founding of Scholarships by the wealthy members of the community. I have recently received a very generous gift of £200 from a friend, who gave it under the condition that he remains anonymous, to start a Bursary Fund for those who could not come here without assistance or for those whose parents might not be able to keep them here without it. He believes that others who could help will realise the great boon that such a fund would confer, and trusts that a considerable addition may be made to his donation by those who think with him. I wish I could feel more sanguine of the effect of this appeal, but although magnificent bequests and gifts have been made to the University, our Schools have received scarcely any endowment, and the gift I have just announced is the first of the kind in the twenty years' life of the School.

## CADET CORPS.

A feature of the year has been the inauguration of a Cadet Corps. I found on my return that the military authorities had removed all the obstacles which made us hesitate in the past, and I issued a circular to ascertain the views of the parents, and met with a hearty response. In May, 100 cadets were enrolled, and our 1st Company was gazetted as G Co. of the 3rd Battalion of Senior Cadets. Since that time many more have joined, and we hope next term to have two full companies. Captain Pulling and Mr. Harris and Mr. Wilshire have devoted much time and trouble to organising the Corps, and thanks to their efforts and to the enthusiasm of the boys themselves, we were able to put in an appearance at the review held during the visit of the American Fleet, in company with the rest of the battalion formed entirely of the Great Public Schools, and gained some compliments for our marching and turn-out. We had had

various difficulties to contend with, such as uniforms not forthcoming from the contractors till the last moment and three weeks' wet weather, when parades were impossible. On the other hand, we have had much cause for encouragement. With his reply to the original circular, Mr. Burton Dibbs sent a cheque for shooting prizes, and this was followed by the gift of a magnificent Challenge Shield for annual competition among our own Corps, from Mr. Venour Nathan, an Old Boy. The Council, too, have given all assistance in their power, and have voted a sum for the erection of an armoury, miniature range, and offices. This building is now in course of erection, and will be ready next term. The distance from Randwick Range is a drawback to our shooting practice, and as yet we have been supplied only with carbines for drill purposes. We have, however, obtained a loan of a few rifles with which to begin target practice, and a team can now visit the range on Saturday mornings. There can be no doubt that if the Cadet work is continued in the Great Public Schools with the same thoroughness and enthusiasm with which it has been begun, it will prove a lasting benefit not only to the boys who have been members of Senior Cadets, but to the Commonwealth. We have had to face some difficulties with regard to the interference of parades with work-time and with other sports, but so great a benefit is worth some sacrifice, and I think we have reduced the losses to a minimum by a slight readjustment of work on one day in the week.

At the end of last term we lost an old servant of the School by the resignation of Mr. McKay, who has done valuable service in various offices, and latterly as School Clerk. Failing eyesight compelled him to retire, and so another of the links with the opening years of the School has been broken. All generations of boys will sympathise with their old friend in his affliction, and miss him regretfully when they look for him in his place. The vacancy caused by his retirement has been filled by Sergeant-Major Cooke Russell, who after being trained in the Scots' Guards, and having had many years' experience of active service with Lord Kitchener in Egypt and South Africa, had charge of Senior Cadets in Queensland. He has been of great service in assisting the officers in the instruction of the Corps.

## CHAPEL.

It is just two years since we initiated our effort to build a School Chapel, and I wish I could report more progress in raising the funds necessary for the purpose. Our appeal to the friends of the



School received a fairly liberal response, but in a foundation as young as ours, there are not many of our members in a position to subscribe large sums, and we must therefore look for assistance to others who have the means and the will to give it. Our present position is that we have adopted a plan to carry out which will require £3,500, and we see our way to about £2,000. It seems pitiable that in a School of this kind, a religious foundation of a great Church, suitable provision for worship should be long delayed for the lack of one or two thousand pounds. Public prayer and worship are an integral and essential part of the educational ideal at which we aim, and our present arrangements make reverence and reality in worship very difficult of attainment. The value of the Chapel and its services was very strongly brought home to me in England, when I had the privilege of being present on several occasions at Public School services, especially at Rugby. Many Old Boys were present on the Sunday following Speech Day, in the Chapel where Dr. Arnold was buried. The memorials to him and to many famous old Rugbeians on its walls must, independently of the prayers, hymns, and sermons, and all associations of the place, have a powerful and stirring influence on all who habitually worship there, not less than on those who find themselves back again, as I did, after many years' absence. Some lines of Whittier on "The State" which I recently came across express aptly the co-ordination that exists between the School work and the religious exercises—

"The riches of the Commonwealth  
Are free strong minds and hearts of health;  
And more to her than gold and grain,  
The cunning hand and cultured brain.

She heeds not sceptics' puny hands  
While near the School the Chapel stands;  
Nor fears the blindest bigots' rule  
While near her Chapel stands the School."

Next year we complete our second decade, and it would be a very proper form of celebration to lay the foundation-stone of our Chapel, and I trust that by the kindness and generosity of some of our wealthier citizens we may be able to accomplish this.

#### RECREATION AND GAMES.

Time does not admit of more than a passing reference to other activities in which progress might be chronicled. The Debating Society has flourished under Mr. Hales' direction, and a Junior Society initiated by Mr. Harris and confined to boys in the Lower School has already settled many

important questions of State. There is no better test of a School's vitality than the continued interest and loyalty displayed towards it by those who have been its pupils and who still recognise their membership after leaving. The Old Boys' Union, thanks largely to the zeal of Mr. Davies and the Secretary, Mr. A. B. S. White, with increased numbers and life membership, has given constant support and help in all possible ways.

Empire Day was celebrated with enthusiasm, and marked by a noble address by Professor MacCallum, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, as also to the Vicar-General for preaching at our Anniversary Service.

There is a matter of especial interest to the boys, "and grown-ups too," which must not be omitted in this Report. I am aware that some people think that games occupy too much attention in School life. As regards the world at large, to many of us, the present attitude towards sports must appear to be one of exaggeration almost amounting to mania. Games, instead of being valuable means for building up character and manliness as well as physical power, have become an end in themselves. But with us they are regulated by an Association of Schoolmasters, and no extra time is given to them without the sanction of the Association, with the approval of the Headmasters, and as evidence that a healthy condition of equilibrium exists among us here at the present time, I should like to point out how many boys most conspicuous in games are our best workers in School.

We entered the Cricket Competition as the former year's champions, and although we had an excellent team, we lost our pride of place, and fell to third in the list.

I remember your Excellency telling us on the occasion of your last visit that your favourite game at Marlborough was football, and you advised the boys to pursue the game enthusiastically. At that time we were about at the bottom of the list, with no tradition of victory. You will be pleased to hear, Sir, that during the past season our team has not been defeated in any match, and in the Schools Competition we have won the Shield, scoring 21 points to the next 16, and the Cup graciously offered by your Excellency for the Football Competition. It will be an additional pleasure to the Captain to receive it from the donor's hands.

The credit of this performance is mainly due to the excellent coaching of Mr. Mackay and to the

institution by him of Colour Competitions for junior boys, in which he considers the backbone of our football lies. Mr. Mackay has also been responsible for the boating, and with similar success. In one of the finest races ever witnessed on the river, against crews considered by competent judges to be the best the Schools have ever produced, our boat secured the trophy in the Schools Championship. We are under great obligation to our old friend Mr. Allan Ramsay for this victory, and as an acknowledgment of his services to the rowing for many years, the Old Boys of the School joined us in presenting him with a gold chronometer on the occasion of the School Concert in June.

In concluding my Report, I think that I may be allowed the opinion that there has been evidence of good effort on the part of the boys in work and play during the year under review.

We have received the same amount of generous support from friends as in past years, for which I tender sincerest thanks.

I rejoice to see so many parents present to-day, and value their interest and co-operation in our work more than I can express. I would venture to implore them to bring up their boys at home ever to put duty before pleasure. There are occasions when absence from School and remission of work is granted for reasons I cannot recognise as sufficient, and it is thus that a slack view with regard to duty may be fostered, though perhaps unconsciously.

To the Staff I am under an ever-increasing debt of gratitude for willing help in all directions, which I can never repay, and, finally, I once again thank your Excellency for coming to distribute our prizes, and by so doing adding the weight of your influence in the great cause of education.

At the conclusion of the Headmaster's report, the Archdeacon called upon His Excellency to distribute the prizes to the recipients mentioned in the list appended.

The Governor then addressed the meeting, and more especially the boys, in a speech which will, we are sure, be remembered as one of his happiest and most characteristic utterances. It had all the straight from the shoulder breeziness—if such a phrase may be allowed—that we have been taught to look for from His

Excellency, and we are much mistaken if his words to the School are not productive of serious thought and good result in his attentive audience. He told us he took great interest in education and in schools, and had fond recollections of his own days at Marlborough. He urged the boys always to keep in mind the word their Headmaster had impressed upon them—duty; to be proud of their country, and remember that in that country they would one day have the position of rulers, as their votes would control its destinies. He had travelled far and had never seen a country of such magnificent promise, and he asked them to be worthy of it and to regard their votes as a sacred trust, and to let nothing except the excuse of sickness prevent them from registering them. Three maxims in regard to the conduct of their lives he would give them:—(1) Never say anything you would not like your mother and sisters to hear; (2) never do anything you would not like your mother and sisters to see; (3) never keep company with anyone you would not like your mother and sisters to know. They wished not only to be considered, but to be gentlemen, and the best sign of a gentleman was that he treated all women with the respect he would show to his own mother and sisters. Let them have high ideals, and never give in; make sure they were aiming at the right thing, and then stick to it and carry it through. They had inherited liberty which their great-grandfathers had fought for—not liberty to do what they liked, but liberty to serve their God in the way they considered right; and, therefore, it was their bounden duty to give the same conscientious liberty to others.

In the corner of their flag was the Union Jack—the flag that had sustained liberty

when it was at a low ebb in Europe—the flag which represented the Empire and had a noble history that belonged to them as well as to him. Therefore, they had a great history to remember and live up to.

His Excellency expressed his pleasure at the formation of the Cadet Corps, and trusted that every boy in England, as well as Australia, would soon belong to such a corps, and be subject to training which, in addition to teaching drill and marching, formed character and instilled obedience—the one thing he had noticed lacking in the youth of the present day. Let them also cultivate a manly spirit and learn to take defeat in good part, and greet any brilliant play on the part of their opponents in sport with cheers, and not with hooting and outcries. He congratulated them heartily on their success in Football and Rowing, and hoped they might win the Rawson Cup a second and a third time, and thus keep it for ever. In conclusion and in saying farewell, he wished them all not only a pleasant holiday, but all happiness and success in life.

The Archdeacon, in moving a vote of thanks to His Excellency, referred to the great interest he had always shown in education and schools in New South Wales. Of the many excellent Governors Her Majesty Queen Victoria and her gracious successor had sent to Greater Britain, he thought Sir Harry Rawson was one of the best. He had well exemplified the motto of his old school—Marlborough—which recognised alike the moral, intellectual and physical requirements of man. The Church of England had ever been the friend of education, and it was from the Public Schools of England that there came the constant supply of men ever ready to serve in Church and State. He

congratulated the School on having a Headmaster alike able to teach, to maintain discipline, and to influence his boys for good, and regretted the omission from the list of assistants of Mrs. Hodges, who did so much in every way to further the interests of the School.

His Honor Judge Backhouse seconded the vote of thanks in a characteristically humorous speech, replete with classical references, which His Honor was good enough to explain to the uninitiated. He compared His Excellency to Sisyphus, but only in respect to having to carry out a never ceasing round of "functions," and contrasted the lawyer and the sailor as his judicial experience had shown them to him, much to the benefit of the latter. He welcomed Sir Harry Rawson as a true sportsman as well as a friend to education, and referred in flattering terms to the progress of the School in recent years. In conclusion, His Honor called for three cheers for the Governor, which were most heartily given and briefly acknowledged by His Excellency.

Afternoon tea was served in the Big School and in the Dining Hall, and many of the visitors took the opportunity of inspecting the various School buildings.

On His Excellency's departure the cadets lined the drive and presented arms. His Excellency ordered his carriage to go ahead, and himself walked between the ranks and again congratulated the O.C. on the smartness of the corps.

It was, undoubtedly, one of our most successful speech days, and we trust that next year may prove equally so, and have the added attraction of another important addition to the School in the shape of a Chapel.

PRIZE LIST.—SEPTEMBER, 1908.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Historical Subject (The Admiral's Prize) ... ..	Maclean i.
English Literature and Ancient History (A. A. Day, Esq.) ... ..	Tozer
Modern History (Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C.) ... ..	King i., Brown
Science (T. A. Dibbs, Esq.) ... ..	Pockley i., Powell, Dibbs
Dr. Antill Pockley's Prize ... ..	Tozer, Pockley i.
Greek ... ..	Minty
Church Catechism (Uther Prize) ... ..	Dent
General Information Paper (Old Boys' Union) ... ..	Tozer, Childe, Minty, Stokes
Merit in Public Examinations (given by the Headmaster) ... ..	Anderson, Arnot, Clark, } MacFarlane, Powell, Simpson, Voss i. }
Repetition and Dictation (Lower School) ... ..	Blackwood, Digby ii.
Choir (Rev. D. Davies) ... ..	Grant, Trenerry i., Day
Music (Mr. Walmsley) ... ..	Karius, Voss ii.
Drawing (Mr. Daplyn) ... ..	Manning, Young ii., Wood
Carpentry ... ..	Fell ii., Snook
Shorthand (Mr. Stuart) ... ..	Voss ii.

DIVINITY.

Forms VI. (given by his Grace the Archbishop)	Tozer
V. Maclean i.	III.B. Tyson ii.
IV.A. Powell	Special Trenerry i.
IV.B. Last	Modern B. te Kloot
Modern A. Macdonald	II.A. Walker ii.
IV.C. Bevan	II.B. Dent
III.A. Wilson	IA. Robinson ii.

FORM PRIZES.

(English Subjects, Science, Latin, French.)

VI. Tozer	III.B. Kirkland
V. Maclean	Rem. Day
IV.A. Powell	Modern B. te Kloot
IV.B. Francis	II.A. Blackwood
Modern A. Rhodes	II.B. Mayne
IV.C. Spencer	IA. Robinson ii.
III.A. Trenerry ii. )	
Rayment )	

## DIVISION PRIZES.

(Mathematics.)

Division I.	Tozer	6B.	Cornwell
	2. Pulling i.	7A.	Craig
	3. Powell	7B.	Irvine
	4. Willis	Modern B.	Holdsworth ii.
Modern A.	Cowan	8A.	Holdsworth i.
	5. Spencer	8B.	Martin, Phelps
6A.	Bassett	9.	Blackstone

PRIZES FOR GENERAL MERIT (based in IIIA. and below, upon Weekly Reports to the Headmaster).

V.	Huxtable	Modern B.	McMaster i.
IVA.	Slade	IIA.	Carrington
IVB.	Stokes		Flint
Modern A.	Haxby		Lloyd
	Zahder	IIb.	Fox
IVC.	Voss ii.		Miller i.
IIIA.	Cameron i.	IA.	McKimmin
IIIB.	Macintosh		

## MATRICULATION (M), SENIOR CERTIFICATE (S), JUNIOR (J).

Blight (SM)	McCulloch (JM)	Bray (J)	Nelson (J)
Rich (SM)	Macfarlane (JM)	Chambers (J)	Pockley ii (J)
Sinclair (SM)	Middleton (JM)	Dodds (J)	Ross (J)
Jacob (SME)	Powell (JM)	Edwards (J)	Sayers (J)
Garland (JM)	Simpson i (JM)	Fletcher (J)	Studds (J)
Huxtable (JM)	Slade (JM)	Francis (J)	Ward (J)
Macintyre i (JM)	Voss i (JM)	Hutchinson i (J)	Williams ii (J)
Massie (JM)	Walker i (JM)	Greenwood (J)	Haxby
Shand (JM)	Arthur (J)	Irving (J)	Rhodes
Anderson (JM)	Bechtel (J)	King (J)	Alidis
Arnot (JM)	Becket (J)	Marsh (J)	Coleman
Clark (JM)	Bennett (J)	Minty (J)	

} Bankers' Examinations

POWELL.—Medals in English and Physics.

## SEPTEMBER, 1908 (Combined Order).

VI.	Merewether	V.	Hill
(Alphabetical.)	Pennfather	(Alphabetical.)	King i
	Pockley i		McCulloch
	Pulling i		Macdonald
	Smith i	Anderson	Massie
Boyce i	Stephenson	Arnot	Maxwell
Deane	Tozer	Bechtel	Minty
Huxtable	Williams i	Digby i	Middleton (Abs.)
Maclean i			

Nickoll  
Pockley ii  
Powell  
Ross ii (Abs.)  
Shand  
Simpson i  
Smith iv  
Voss i  
Walker i

## IV. A.

Braddon i.  
Ward  
Morgan  
Last  
Williams ii }  
Cuthbert  
Pulling ii  
Beckett  
Willis  
Marsh i  
Dodds  
Hutchinson i }  
Stokes  
Arthur  
Garbett  
Francis  
Tiley  
Greenwood }  
Sayers  
Nelson i  
Irving  
Hutchinson ii  
Chambers (partly  
absent)  
Faithfull  
a'Beckett i

## IV. B.

Spencer  
Bevan  
Voss ii  
Fraser  
Hay  
Adams ii  
Adams i  
Hamilton  
Saddington  
Crisford  
Childe  
Parkinson  
Dyer  
Scarr  
Tucker i  
Sturrock

Hordern ii  
Busby  
Young i  
Gillies  
Macintyre i  
Cullen  
Randell  
Hordern i  
Elliott i }  
Elliott ii }

## IV. C.

Nelson ii  
Spedding  
Hedges  
Cornwell }  
Gallop }  
Dixon  
Dibbs  
Fell i  
Boyce ii }  
Day  
Rayment  
Trenerry ii  
Irvine  
Forbes  
Cooper  
Nettleton }  
Hardie i  
Cameron i  
Allport i  
Sutor ii  
Wilson  
Cook  
Howard  
Tucker iii  
Moore  
Greenwell  
Dewar  
Barton (abs.)

## MOD. A.

Zander  
Warden  
Rhodes  
Neill  
Trenerry i  
Cowan  
Tyson i  
Grainger  
Manning  
Treloar  
Lindsay

Holdsworth ii  
Thornton  
Greive  
Christie  
McPhillamy i  
Charlton  
Cowper  
Snook  
te Kloot  
Ibbott  
McDonogh  
Sendall  
Allworth  
Bayley  
McPhillamy ii  
McMaster i  
Maclean ii (not  
placed)

## MOD. B.

Connell  
Penfold  
Scott i  
Lillyman  
Ogden  
Allport ii  
Robey  
Le Quesne  
Cropley  
Jones ii  
Tucker ii  
Karius  
Haxby  
Grant  
Walford  
Park  
Syme  
du Moulin  
Throsby  
Hayne  
McMaster ii  
Martin  
Barden i  
Lomax  
Miller i (not placed)

## III. A.

Macintyre ii  
Freeman  
Taylor i  
McAllister  
Hope  
Merewether ii

Fell ii }  
Gilder }  
Cummings  
Macintosh  
Wood  
Williams iii  
Braddon  
Newmarch  
Craig  
Merewether iii  
Kirkland  
Hall i  
Bassett  
Saddington  
Clark i  
Flint }  
Brown  
Ponsford  
Ross i  
Swallow  
Simpson ii  
Tyson ii  
Cadell

## III. B.

Walker ii  
Holdsworth  
Blackwood  
Scott iii  
Everett  
Carrington  
Bennett  
Buck  
Jones i  
Traill  
Hardie ii  
Lloyd  
Pountney  
Bartlett  
Loveday  
Smith ii  
Kelynack  
Digby ii  
Bentley  
Thomas  
a'Beckett ii  
Regg  
Cole i  
Hall ii

## II. A.

Johnson  
Charles

Smith v	MOD. C.	Seaton	Webster
Tyler	Haydon i	Clark ii	Hormann
Young	Treweeke i	White }	Way
Mayne	Paul	Miller ii	Smith vi.
Wellford	Wordsworth	Gregory	Sinclair
Phelps	Quinn	Robinson ii }	Leake
Fox	Pickles	Robinson i }	
Smith iii	Suttor i	Campbell }	I. A.
McKimmin i	Barden ii	Cameron ii }	Carter
Nicholson	Loder	Shirley }	Boehme
Briggs	Cox	Tindale }	Hardie iii
King	II. B.	Dargin	Robertson
Pulling iii	Marsh ii	Mate	Busby ii
Penfold ii	Thompson	Treweeke ii }	Williams iv.
Dent	Boyce iii	Farley }	Reid
Tait	McKimmin ii	McDonald ii	Haydon ii
McBurney	Blackstone	Scott ii }	Cullen ii.
Playfair		Cole }	

### Cadet Corps.

THE Cadet Corps has been hard at work this term. During the early part of the term, the wet weather, which always seemed to make a special effort on parade day, hampered progress. But, in spite of such discouragement, officers and rank and file made use of every possible dry interval to get ready for their first appearance in public at the Review, on August 24th. It is a matter of regret that, owing to lack of uniforms, the whole corps could not be present on that historic occasion. We were, however, fortunate in obtaining about 80 uniforms, and were therefore able to turn out a full company.

The Company paraded at 8 o'clock, and marched off to join the rest of the battalion at Centennial Park. The senior cadets marched past first, and won golden opinions for steady regular marching. After lunch, provided at the Victoria Barracks, they marched through the streets, and were dismissed at about 4 o'clock in Hyde Park.

Only one battalion parade was held during the term, two others being cancelled on account of wet weather.

The regular parade day has been fixed for Tuesday. The cadets leave the civilians in school at 3 o'clock, and fall in immediately. So much time has been taken up in "ceremonial" work that "skirmishing" has had to be postponed until next term, when most of the drill will be of that nature in preparation for the camp. This has been fixed for the last week of the December term, when the battalion will go into camp for five days at La Perouse, and it is believed are to resist a day and night attack from one of the militia regiments.

The Corps has been divided into two companies, G and K, of the 3rd Battalion of Senior Cadets. K Company is about ten short of its full number, but it is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of recruits next quarter to supply the deficiency.

Major Buchanan has lent us fifteen M.E. rifles, in order that we may begin target practice as soon as possible, and two Saturday mornings have been spent at Randwick. Macdonald is an old performer, and, although out of practice, shewed that he would be able to uphold the School's credit on the range as he has done in other places. Of the recruits Pockley ii. has shown best form, but there are several others who promise well.

Mr. Venour Nathan during last holidays presented to the School a magnificent challenge shield to be shot for annually, and to be inscribed each year with the name of the winner. It is at present hung in the library.

Mr. Burton Dibbs also has donated three guineas for a shooting prize, and we take this opportunity of publicly expressing our thanks to both these gentlemen for the interest in our work which prompted this generosity. The exact conditions for winning these prizes have not yet been decided upon; but these will receive consideration in the holidays, and, after receiving the assent of the donors, will be published.

An armoury, miniature range, dressing rooms, and orderly room are being erected round the back and sides of the gymnasium, and will be completed early next term.

A bugle class has been formed with seven members as the initiation of a bugle band. A few more recruits are wanted for this.

A signalling class will also be started next term, with Sergeant-Major Cooke-Russell as instructor. The latter has taken over the duties in the office of Mr. McKay, who retired in June.

Sergeant-Major Cooke-Russell is an ex-guardsman and served for several years under Lord Kitchener in Egypt and South Africa, and his thorough knowledge of all things military is of great service to the officers, while his soldierly bearing is an example which all will do well to emulate.

The formation of a part of second company has created vacancies for two more officers, and Captain Pulling has recommended C. Tozer and B. Pockley for these positions. To them, therefore, will fall the honour of being the first of many generations to hold commissions in the School Cadet Corps.

### New Buildings.

THE additions now in course of erection in attachment to the Gymnasium building, are to provide the necessary housing for the equipment of the Cadet Corps as well as a Sports' dressing room, in a series of apartments grouped round three sides of the Gymnasium.

Immediately on entering, on the Western side, is a long room, fitted up with sixty-five narrow hanging cupboards for uniforms.

This is intended for the day boys' changing room, in which their uniforms may be kept in separate locked cupboards; the boarders will keep theirs in their own rooms.

On the Northern side of the building will be a small room for the Officers, an Instruction room opening upon a Miniature Rifle Range, and an Armoury fitted up with stands for 190 rifles.



At the Eastern end of the building is provided a new Sports Dressing-room, entirely separated from the Cadet Corps' apartments, and with an independent entrance.

The selection of the best position for these new buildings was a matter of careful

consideration, and the position chosen commended itself because it in no way encroached upon the already too limited playground area, and further because it seemed fitting thus to group together all the buildings connected with the department of physical culture.

### The Venour Nathan Shield.

OUR hearty thanks are due to Mr. Venour Nathan for the presentation of a very handsome Shield for the encouragement of shooting in the Cadet Corps. The following description of the Shield has been sent by the designer:— "A silver centre with the School Arms emblazoned thereon in enamel, surmounted by the Union Jack and the Commonwealth flags, and the whole surrounded by a bronze scroll in high relief. Around the large shield are a number of small ones to be engraved with the names of the winners from year to year."

On the 23rd September, Mr. Nathan formally presented the Rifle Shield to the School.

In the course of a brief address he shewed that rifle shooting had every claim to be considered a sport in the ordinary sense of the word, for it was an out-door pastime requiring keenness of eye, thinking power, judgment, discipline, self-control, and continual practice. Rifle clubs had competitors in the same way as ordinary sporting clubs, but rifle shots had this advantage over most other sportsmen, that they could take an active part in their pastime whatever their age or profession might be, and whether they lived in town or country. He strongly urged that

members of the School should take an active part in the Cadet Corps.

The great attraction of a volunteer corps was that, provided one remained in it, and possessed intelligence, one must keep on rising, so that finally one might become a major or a colonel; thus as a man got older he would still retain the pastime of his youth and from his long connection with it would have greater efficiency.

Boys who were thinking of going to the University were strongly urged to join the Cadet Corps at once, so that they might be more fitted to enter the University Scouts. The Scouts were a very active body and engaged in many active club competitions throughout the year; they had an annual camp which was always looked forward to. Some of them took part in the Annual Australian Universities' Rifle Match, and an annual match was now being arranged between the Universities of the British Empire. In addition to all this, a more lasting benefit resulted, that men were able to get good training and the advice of an experienced staff, and so were enabled to obtain commissions in the volunteer regiments of N.S.W. This was the ideal at which every cadet should aim.



The "Venour Nathan" Shield.

The Shield was given to promote the feeling among the members of the School, that Australia is a great vast country and a part of the British Empire, and that every member if he could use the rifle effectively would be in a better position to defend his own country, or to render assistance to any part of the King's dominion.

Members of the School were reminded that they in common with their fellows of many other schools in the Empire were its future citizens, its future leaders and administrators; and that if each now acquired a knowledge of military science in some shape or form, in time of national peril they would not be found wanting, but would be ready and fit to fight for King and country.

### Universities' Camps for Great Public Schools.

UNIVERSITIES' Camps for Public Schools have now been held in England and Scotland for many years. Some account of these camps, drawn from booklets that the writer has before him, will be of interest to the readers of the *Torch-Bearer*. Some of them may have heard already that a camp on similar lines is to be held next year in New-South Wales, and they will be glad to know what sort of thing such a camp may be. The idea is, indeed, not quite new out here, for several of the younger University men have been thinking about University camps for schoolboys for some time past. The writer of this notice had the pleasure of spending a day last year on a house-boat at Cowan Creek with a camp of some twenty schoolboys, under the leadership of a graduate who is now one of the tutors at St. Andrew's College. The day was spent in true holiday fashion, and everyone enjoyed the bathing and boating to the full. In the evening, after tea, we had prayers, and a capital address was given upon St. Peter's fall by a graduate who is now a tutor at St. Paul's College. The boys listened with deep interest to this

address, which was manly in tone and altogether helpful. Then they were free to spend the evening as they wished. First came an impromptu concert, to which all who could were expected to contribute, and then the boys amused themselves as they wished till the time came for "lights out," and quiet settled over the boat. This gives the readers of the *Torch-Bearer* an idea of the nature and the purpose of that camp.

In England and Scotland the camps are well organised and under distinguished patronage. The President of the movement is the Bishop of Ripon, and among the Vice-Presidents are the Headmasters of Eton, Harrow, Dulwich, Charter-house, Shrewsbury, the Minister of St. Giles's, Edinburgh, and the Headmasters of the chief schools in Scotland.

The camps originated in a desire on the part of some of the younger men at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, as they thought of the difficulties of their own school-boy days, to help those who were experiencing the same. The camps bring the boys into close and friendly contact with the officers, who are all young University men. In

this way boys are helped by intercourse in camp; and very often form ties of personal friendship with older men, who can help them as they go on to the Universities.

The camps in England and Scotland are under a military officer. This provision ensures the orderly working of the various arrangements; but they are purely holiday camps, and there is no drill. The order of the day is as follows:—7, *réveillé*; 7.30, bathing parade; 8.30, breakfast; 9, morning prayers; 9.15, arranging tents, officers' meeting; 9.45, inspection of tents; 10, games, expeditions; 1, dinner; 2, games; 6, tea; 7.30, musical and other entertainments; 8.30, hot cocoa and biscuits; 8.45, evening prayers; 10, "lights out."

The days are spent in various ways in different camps; but there is always plenty of bathing, boating, cricket, &c. There is always a piano, and all who can sing or play are desired to bring their songs and

instruments, for a "sing-song" is held every evening.

To arrange for a Universities' camp for New South Wales, a meeting was held a few months ago at St. Andrew's College. The Acting-Warden of St. Paul's College was present; having taken part in several English camps, he was able to give valuable advice. Since then a permanent Council has been formed, on which are Sir James R. Fairfax, Professor Wilson, Principal Harper, and the Headmasters of the Great Public Schools. The Committee consists of a number of graduates and undergraduates, including several of the Masters of the Great Public Schools. A meeting of the Committee is to be held shortly to decide upon the date and place of holding a camp for 1909. The camps in New South Wales will, it is hoped, become as popular and as useful as those in England and Scotland now are.

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## Debating Society.

### SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

**M**ANY of the most prominent members belonged to the Cadet Corps, and the extra drills and the claim of football left little time for debating, so that the Society has been more or less dormant during the past Term. One debate was, however, held, and was well attended, and much enthusiasm was shown during the speeches. The subject was that "Gambling is a greater evil than Intemperance," proposed by Boyce i, and opposed by Anderson. Some twelve members spoke. This Term debates will be more frequent, and it is hoped that

they will be all well attended and that a larger number of bigger boys will speak.

### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

Three meetings have been held this term, and there has been a most encouraging increase in the number of speakers. In fact, at one meeting no less than 28 orators came forward to expound their views. At the first meeting, Lloyd was elected Secretary, Digby ii. and Carrington to fill vacancies on the Committee. The meeting then proceeded to discuss the proposal—"That the tram men are justified in striking."

Digby ii. (proposer) said that the men had been badly treated in not getting glass fronts put to the trams. The spy system was un-British and unfair, and the men deserved better wages than they were getting.

Carrington, in opposing, pointed out that the strike was brought about solely by the Union leaders in their desire to obtain more power, and had received no support from the Parliamentary Labour Party. As for the spy system, only dishonest men could possibly object to it.

Speeches were also made by Boyce iii., Penfold i., Regg, Dent, Lloyd, and Digby ii. (in reply), and the motion, after a lively debate, was lost by 9 votes to 10.

At the next debate, 37 members were present, and the motion, "That town life is preferable to country life," attracted an unusually large number of debaters.

Carrington, in proposing the motion, commented on the numerous advantages of town life, the amusements, greater opportunities for intercourse with fellow-men, &c.

Digby ii., in opposing, pointed to the healthiness of country life, the opportunities it afforded for nature-study (illustrating by an apt quotation from "As You Like It"), and concluded his arguments by proving that towns could not exist without the country.

The following spoke to the motion:—Boyce iii., Lloyd, Blackwood, Penfold i., Haydon i., Regg, Tait, Thompson, Leake, Saddington ii., Braddon ii., Clark ii., Brown, Miller ii., Scott ii., Bassett, Mayne, Tyler, Robertson, Fox, Pulling iii., Haydon ii., Robinson ii., Penfold ii., Campbell, Carrington (in reply).

The motion, as was to be expected, was lost by a large majority.

The third debate was held in IIA. room, owing to the Library being otherwise engaged.

Digby ii. proposed—"That Australia should admit no coloured labour." No mixed race was wanted here, no such moral degeneration as would inevitably accompany an influx of Chinese or other Asiatics. "Australia for the Australians" should be our motto.

Dent protested against the infringement of British liberty that such a policy would infallibly entail. The tropical parts of Australia could not be worked otherwise than by coloured labour.

Boyce iii., Saddington ii., Blackwood, Robinson ii., Penfold i., Clark ii., Carrington, Bassett, Leake, Fox, Pountney, Campbell, and Digby ii. (in reply) also spoke.

The motion was lost by 7 votes to 11.

## The School Concert.

THE Annual School Concert took place in the School of Arts, on June 12th last. The proceeds, which amounted to £34 16s. 6d., were devoted to the Chapel Fund, less expenses totalling £19 11s. 7d. As has so far always been the case, the function was a pronounced success, and thanks are chiefly due to the energetic promoters, Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Walmsley, Musical Director. The programme opened, as usual, with the School Song, which is always sung with great patriotic gusto.

Then the choir rendered the glee "Ye Shepherds, tell me" (Mazzinghi), and a part song, "The Mice in Council" (Fitby). This was followed by a piano solo, "Marche Hongroise" (Kowalski), ably executed by E. C. Haxby. The next two items were a song, "Cherry Ripe" (Horn), by W. Grant, the hero emeritus of "Punch and Judy," and the violin solo "Salut d'Amour" (Elgar), by T. G. Gilder, whose execution was very creditable. Three songs were given by the choir, "The Moon," "The Lamp-Lighter,"

and "The Pirate Story," followed by a song by Mr. Baker, whose effort, enthusiastically received, was followed by the serenade "O, by Rivers" (Bishop), and the part song, "Ye Mariners of England" (Pierson), again rendered by the versatile choir.

The second part consisted of a historical drama in one act, by Tom Taylor, entitled "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing." This was performed with remarkable success, due as much to the energy of the whole caste as to the kind assistance of Mr. Stupart, whose long experience of stage-craft proved invaluable. Mr. Pulling, who undertook the long and difficult part of Jasper Carew, gave a striking impersonation of the unhappy husband, whose noble spirit chafes under the cruel necessity of concealment in his own house from the implacable Kirke, the "Butcher" of history, whose "Lambs" work such havoc among the persecuted Whigs. Mr. Pulling was equally at home in the less intense passages where the comedy element prevails, and also took advantage of the opportunities for effect offered by the occasional melodramatic moments.

Mr. Wilshire, as Kirke, attempted to blend the military *éclat* of the dashing cavalier with a calculating, but gallant, villainy, but only succeeded in inspiring his fair mistress with well-concealed aversion, and although he thought himself a most engaging and brilliant *amoureux*, in reality he was a contemptible dupe and victim of Anne's superior wit. Boyce i's interpretation of the Puritan man-servant, Kester Chedzoy, was admirable. Besides overcoming the difficulties of dialect, he managed to give a life-like portrayal of a craven-hearted, unwittingly comic yokel, with a kind of imbecile conceit, whose standard of intelligence was just high

enough to conceive a hobbledehoy jealousy of one mythical Jacob Boulter, his rival in love, whom he suspects to be in hiding in his mistress's house.

The character of Col. Lord Churchill was sustained by W. L. Tucker with a quiet dignity and cavalier ceremoniousness that were both appropriate and effective, while the business-like application of the locksmith, Zoyland, an obsequious churl (L. Thomas), to the task of discovering the mystery of the "zlandin' cubbud" was fully appreciated. The two pikemen, O. Nickoll and P. Macintyre, in their picturesque uniforms, looked soldiers every inch of them, and Sibyl, Jasper's daughter (E. M. Tyler) delivered "her" lines with surprising feeling and sincerity.

Mrs. Hodges, whose appearance was greeted with cheers, exhibited convincingly the *hauteur*, motherly dignity and austere pride of Dame Carew, with a skilful assumption of suppressed emotion, which imparted considerable pathos to the quarrel scene with Anne.

Miss Macansh, as Keziah Mapletoft, was chiefly conspicuous for her determination not to be brow-beaten by any number of Kirkes, and, when suddenly confronted with the "thievin', lyin', murderin', blood-suckin' villain" himself, her horrified shriek and precipitate flight were only another illustration of Verdi's famous truth: "La donn' è mobile."

The real burden of the play, however, rested on the shoulders of Mrs. Wilshire, who, by her fine conception of the vivacious and affectionate wife of the persecuted Jasper, raised the play to an artistic level far exceeding what is generally expected of a school performance. Mrs. Wilshire solved the difficulties of presenting the light and dark shades of Anne's character



wicket-keep of undeniable promise, but he is as yet rather too inexperienced to take that position in a 1st XI.

Besides the nine mentioned, the following appear to have chances of selection: Throsby, H. Merewether, Maxwell, Hardie, and McDonald.

The competition matches will be played

this season on Saturday (all day), and on the following Wednesday afternoon if a one-innings result has not been arrived at. Schools are also allowed to play on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, as was formerly the rule. Our matches with Sydney Grammar School, for instance, will be played on Friday and Saturday.

### Football.

THE Season has ended with S.C.E.G.S for the first time on record at the head of School Football, the lead established in the first half of the season having been slightly increased this term. Not only did the 1st XV. finish at the head of the list, but it was undefeated both in Competition Matches and in all matches during the season, though four drawn games were played.

The record in Competition Matches is: 12 games played, 9 won, 3 drawn, points for 148, points against 22, while in all matches 22 games were played, 18 won and 4 drawn, the points being 292 for and 39 against.

Of the team which played so successfully in the first part of the season, Edwards left at Midwinter, Tucker i. was able to play in only one match this term, and Macintyre was replaced at full-back by Maxwell. From a football point of view the play of the team this term was not quite so dashing as it was before the holidays. This was due chiefly to the want of form of the backs, who failed to show any of the brilliancy which characterised their play last term. This may be set down to a variety of causes, but chiefly to disorganisation through acci-

dent, Pockley i., a'Beckett, and Pockley ii. all having crippled knees, and only playing twice together. Add to this fact that by postponements four heavy matches—St. Ig. C., S.G.S., N.C., and S.J.C.—had to be played in the last eleven days, a part of the season when rest more than anything else is required, and it is not difficult to account for the want of dash shown. The forwards were if anything stronger than those of last term, and considerably better in footwork and scrumming, due, no doubt, to the experience gained by the long spell of wet weather. The best form shown by the forwards was in the match against St. Ignatius' College. In line-kicking the team this term was a good deal inferior to last term's, a failing due for the most part to a misconception of the use of cross-kicking. In tackling the team has been quite as good as before midwinter, and, if any one feature has stood out in our football during the season, it has been the tackling. The brunt of the work in this department has been borne by a'Beckett, Merewether, Pennefather and McDonald, after them coming Sayers, Dodds, Irving and Nickoll. The goal-kicking has been done mainly by Merewether, McDonald and Pockley i., the



former, on the occasion of the St. Ignatius match, kicking no less than 6 goals.

The Second Fifteen did only fairly well this season. In Competition Matches 6 were won, 5 lost and 1 drawn, our position being fourth on the list of seven teams. The seconds possessed very good men individually, but when much was expected of them they were always disappointing and seemed to lack cohesion and finish. No doubt want of experience explains the failure of Second Teams to rise to the occasion, or perhaps it is just because they are Seconds and do not know their capabilities. Whatever the reason of this poor play collectively, it is gratifying to find them showing fine form when moved individually into better company, for it indicates that when their turn comes to represent the School they will not be found wanting. The best form shown by the Second Fifteen this term was against T.K.S., when they won by 21-3, and gave a good display of footwork on the wet ground. The best forwards in this respect were Tucker iii, Barden i and Digby i. Against the Scots' College First Fifteen the play was good, although the game was lost, 3-0, but in the other matches there was a total absence of life and bustle. Elliott i. deserves mention for his good display in the last match against St. Joseph's. The Colour Matches were responsible for unearthing two good men in Lillyman and Suttor i., both of them having the knack of scoring tries. Pountney's play was very disappointing at the end of the season, though at the beginning it was up to First Fifteen form. As scrummers the Second Fifteen were little inferior to the Firsts; in fact, at one part of the season they were considerably better. This was due to the evenness of the men,

tight packing and the play of Voss i. and Manning in the second row.

The Thirds had a successful season, and were well led by Hamilton. On several occasions they piled up big totals against their opponents, and this should give them useful experience in the art of scoring. The best backs were Hamilton, Bevan, Warden and Trenerry ii., while there are some promising forwards in Tucker ii., Lindsay, Jones and Bechtel.

The Colour Competition this year was won by White, with Blue second. All the teams were well captained latterly, and the knowledge of the game shown throughout augurs well for the future. The members of the Third Fifteen, of course, shone out above the others in the Colour Matches, but there was improvement shown all round, and particularly in Pulling i., Mac-Master i., Christie, Grainger, Merewether iii and Trenerry i. The B Grade matches were again supervised by Mr. Dixon, and the games were played with the greatest keenness. Those who stood out most were Charles, Moore, Hall i, Loveday, Lloyd, Barden ii., Newmarch, du Moulin, Walker ii. and Digby ii.

August 8, v. The King's School.—Played on the Sydney Cricket Ground as the early game to the match, New South Wales v. British Team, and won 3-nil. Mr. W. C. Melville was referee. It had rained incessantly, about 13 inches, for a fortnight prior to this match, and the ground was in a dreadful condition. One side of the field had been top-dressed with tan bark to render it more playable, but the only result was to make a veritable bog, which, unfortunately for the onlookers, was the scene of most of the play during the match, despite the efforts of the players to move it. Throughout the game the wind blew and rain fell heavily. We were without Tucker i., who had a poisoned foot, and the team, therefore, consisted of:—Full-back, Maxwell; three-quarters, Marsh, Pockley i., Pockley ii., Nickoll; halves, McDonald and a'Beckett; forwards, Merewether, Dodds, Irving, Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, Massie and MacDonogh.

T.K.S. won the toss and kicked with the wind the first half. Our forwards stuck close together, and by this means were able to frequently break through those of T.K.S., but they seldom got very far for two reasons—one that they indulged in dribbling instead of booting the heavy ball hard and following after it, the other the splendid rush stopping of T.K.S., especially Bundock and Reynolds. The latter was, without doubt, the finest forward on the ground, and but for these two we must have scored several times, for right throughout we had the best of the game, play being almost continuously on the T.K.S. side of half-way. Soon after commencing the ball was worked to T.K.S. line, but over-eagerness was shown by some of the forwards, and with telling free kicks Reynolds several times sent us back. We got the ball from the scrums, and passing tactics were tried but without success, and ground was more often lost than gained. Our three-quarter line was poor with the exception of Marsh, who had most to do and did it well. T.K.S. backs were smarter after the ball than ours, and used their feet to more advantage, and, in consequence, we made little headway, though clearly having the best of it. In line-out work, Massie was conspicuous for us, while Barton and Hodgson performed well for T.K.S. in the same branch.

The play in the second half was just a repetition of that in the first. We hovered about T.K.S. twenty-five without looking really dangerous excepting once, when Massie almost got across. Then towards the end a change came, and Gardiner broke away from T.K.S. twenty-five taking the ball right into our territory, but Marsh coming across from the wing extricated us from a dangerous position. The ball was soon returned to T.K.S. territory, where from a kick Nickoll secured with plenty of room to work in. He ran for the line, making a good opening for Pockley ii., while in the meantime Pockley i. had swung into position, and, receiving a pass from his brother, scored in the corner. Merewether failed with the kick, and immediately afterwards the whistle sounded with the score 3-nil in favour of S.C.E. G.S.

For T.K.S. Reynolds showed excellent judgment in captaining his team, at the same time setting a splendid example by the way he dived in to stop rushes. Bundock, too, did a tremendous lot of defensive work of this sort, and our forwards found it difficult to get the ball far from these two. Westropp did some good line-kicking, and Barton and Hodgson were good in the loose and line out.

For S.C.E.G.S. the whole of the forwards played splendidly in every department, except that they might have booted the ball harder along the ground. McDonald and a'Beckett gave the forwards powerful assistance in tackling and rush stopping. Maxwell was safe at full-back, and Marsh played a very sound game. The other three-quarters were poor excepting in the last few minutes, when they showed good combination in getting the only try.

August 12, v. Sydney High School.—Played at Erskineville Oval, and won 20-nil. In the absence of the appointed referee, Mr. Mackay officiated. Pockley ii. and a'Beckett i. stood out owing to injuries received in the T.K.S. match, and the team was as follows:—Full-back, Macintyre i.; three-quarters, Marsh, Pockley i., Maxwell, Garbett; halves, McDonald and Nickoll; forwards, Merewether, Dodds, Irving, Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, Massie, MacDonogh.

In the first half play was very ragged, and our backs failed to make use of the chances the forwards gave them. S.H.S. backs made good use of the line, and by playing quickly on to our backs spoilt all attempts at passing. They were aided considerably in this by McDonald hanging on and the faulty catching of Nickoll. Pockley scored a try, which was unconverted, and the score at half-time was 3-nil.

In the second half, playing up hill and against the wind, play was much brighter, and five tries were scored by Maxwell, Marsh, Pockley and Nickoll (2), one being converted by McDonald, the game ending in a win for S.C.E.G.S. by 20-nil.

For S.H.S. the best players were Macnamara and Deane.

August 19, v. St. Ignatius' College.—Played on the No. 2 Oval, North Sydney, and won by 30-nil. Mr. C. E. Morgan, referee. St. Ignatius' were, unfortunately, without three of their best men owing to accident, a fact which accounts for the large score put up by our team. Pockley ii. was still unable to play, and the team consisted of:—Full-back, Maxwell; three-quarters, Marsh, Nickoll, Pockley i., Garbett; halves, McDonald and a'Beckett i.; forwards, Merewether, Dodds, Irving, Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, Massie, MacDonogh.

At the start St. Ignatius attacked for some minutes, and by means of clever line kicking on the part of Johnson took the ball close to our line. The forwards cleared momentarily, but a tall St. Ignatius' three-quarter broke through, and

aided by some fumbling by Maxwell the ball was returned to our territory. McDonald used the line, and relieved the pressure. Then the forwards rushed the ball to the other end, where Grieve and Merewether scored in quick succession. Shortly afterwards from a kick, well centred by Garbett, Pockley i. scored. All these tries were converted by Merewether, and the half ended in favour of S.C.E.G.S. 15-nil.

In the second half tries were secured by Marsh, after a'Beckett had come round on the third side, Pockley i. and Massie, and again Merewether kicked all the goals, making the score 30-nil.

The game was not a pretty one to watch, the passing being anything but finished. This was largely owing to a'Beckett being only able to hobble along, and St. Ignatius' consequently getting on to the backs at the outset. Garbett played very well in this match. All the forwards played finely, and Massie in particular should be mentioned for his dribbling, running and kicking. For St. Ignatius' Johnson did a tremendous lot of defensive work, in which he was well supported by Conlon.

August 22, v. Sydney Grammar School. — Played on the new S.G.S. Ground at Rushcutters' Bay, and drawn 8-8. Mr. Brown was referee. We were represented by our full strength, though three of the backs as the result of previous accidents were more or less crippled. The team was: — Full-back, Maxwell; three-quarters, Marsh, Pockley i., Pockley ii., Nickoll; halves, McDonald, a'Beckett i.; forwards, Merewether, Dodds, Irving, Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, MacDonogh.

Lamrock won the toss from Pockley, and S.G.S. had the first use of a strong wind. From the kick-off we attacked, and almost scored in the first few minutes. The ball flew from a'Beckett (playing half) along the three-quarter line to Nickoll, who was pulled down a few yards from the line by Carr, and no one backing-up, a grand chance was lost. Then some fumbling by McDonald, Pockley ii. and Maxwell brought the ball to our line, and there it stayed for most of the half. S.G.S. men were left unmarked on the line-out, and two tries were obtained in this way, Arnold and Ross just taking the ball and falling over. Lamrock converted the first try, and at half-time the score was S.G.S. 8-nil.

For a long time in the second half we could make no impression on the S.G.S. line, owing to the spoiling tactics of their halves and back row forwards. Several times Lamrock standing in between our backs intercepted, but once these

tactics brought us a try, for a'Beckett (now playing five-eighth) beat Lamrock with a feint to pass and then sent on to Pockley ii., who scored. Merewether converted, and the score was 8-5. Shortly after this McDonald secured and cross-kicked well to Marsh, who, however, was just beaten for the ball by Lavender. The latter tried to kick out, but the ball went over his own line instead, and in the ensuing race for it, Marsh secured a try. Merewether failed at goal, and the score was 8 all. For the remaining five minutes S.G.S. attacked hotly and took the ball to our line, where we had to defend strenuously till Sayers and McDonald relieved, the whistle sounding shortly afterwards leaving the game drawn.

For S.G.S. Buckle at full-back was very safe and his kicking sure, two things in direct contrast to Maxwell, whose efforts for the most part were feeble. Grieve and Lamrock were very quick in defence, and used their feet cleverly in attack. The whole of the S.G.S. forwards played with plenty of "devil," the best, perhaps, being Arnold, Sheldon, Ross and Bull.

For S.C.E.G.S. a'Beckett, in spite of his knee, warmed to his work, and in the second half proved a tower of strength. McDonald did some fine tackling and kicking, but Pockley i. was too well marked to do much. His running also by reason of his injured knee was not so strong and fast as usual. The other three-quarters played well, especially Marsh. The forwards were hard put to it against the fast S.G.S. pack, but with the exception of not marking men in the line-out they played well. The best were Merewether, Dodds, Pennefather and Sayers.

The opinion of the writer is that S.C.E.G.S. should be well satisfied with a draw, after having been behind most of the game, and that Lavender of S.G.S. seemed to score another try, which was disallowed apparently as being out of touch in goal. However, certain remarks have been made as to the flukiness of the result, and of one of the S.C.E.G.S. tries, and in these days of shifting the blame to the umpire or anyone else rather than admit it oneself, these cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

The mile runner who has led for three laps and looked a certain winner is no more unlucky in a dead heat than the man who drew up and failed to beat him. There are many who claim that the second S.G.S. try was grounded a yard short of the line, whence it rolled over and was forced. The try by Marsh was a fluke in that it was scored in an unusual way after Lavender secured the ball. Yet the attack which took the ball to Lavender

was quite orthodox. But does not a game consist of many flukes, so why notice one from which a score immediately follows, when another which may have altered the trend of the game to the extent of the whole four tries has passed unnoticed.

The above is written by one who must admit that from his point of view the final whistle was heard gladly, yet he cannot go so far as to think that the draw by S.C.E.G.S. was undeserved. He has not sufficient penetration to determine which particular fortuitous circumstance prevented a win for S.G.S., a win for S.C.E.G.S., or finally brought about a draw, and is content to accept the result as it is presented to him.

August 26, v. Newington College. — Played at Stanmore, and won 16-8. Mr. C. E. Morgan was referee. Pockley i.'s knee prevented his playing in this match, and the team was captained by Merewether. The positions were:—Full-back, Maxwell; three-quarters, Marsh, Pockley ii., Nickoll, Garbett; halves, McDonald, a'Beckett i.; forwards, Merewether, Dodds, Irving, Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, Massie, MacDonogh.

Newington were the first to attack, and not long after starting Tasker obtained a good try on the blind side. The kick failed, and N.C. led 3-nil. After the drop-out S.C.E.G.S. attacked, and Nickoll after some smart passing and running scored twice. Merewether converted one try, and also kicked a goal from a mark by McDonald, making the score 11-3 at half-time.

In the second half Garbett scored for S.C.E.G.S. and Goodall for N.C., both being converted. The game thus ending in favour of S.C.E.G.S. by 16-8. The game was by no means high-class, both sides seeming worn out and incapable of executing attacking movements at top speed.

August 29, v. St. Joseph's College. Played at

Hunter's Hill and drawn, there being no score on either side. Mr. W. C. Melville was referee. Pockley i. was able to play in this match, but Pockley ii. and Irving were incapacitated. The team took the field as follows:—Full-back, Maxwell; three-quarters, Marsh, Pockley i., Nickoll, Garbett; halves, McDonald, a'Beckett; forwards Merewether, Dodds, Tucker i., Pennefather, Grieve, Sayers, Massie, MacDonogh.

The S.J.C. ground was very hard, and the day exceedingly hot, but in spite of this the game was fast from start to finish. In the first half S.J.C. had slightly the best of play, and continually gained ground through the fine line kicking of Quinn, Tier and Stevens. S.C.E.G.S. forwards played well in the loose, but in the first twenty minutes they were beaten badly in scrum work. Pockley and Marsh were very much off, and made numerous blunders in handling, which might have resulted more seriously than they did. Maxwell was kept busy, but his handling was sure, though the same can hardly be said of his kicking.

In the second half S.C.E.G.S. played better, though they never looked really dangerous. The play went quickly from end to end of the field, and there was hard work to be done by the forwards on both sides. Cameron and Walsh put in good work for S.J.C., while Tucker, Grieve and MacDonogh often broke through for S.C.E.G.S. The palm must be given to McDonald and a'Beckett, however, who time and again sent St. Joseph's back, being occasionally assisted by Nickoll and Garbett. Tier and Quinn used the short punt and cross-kick as a means of attack perhaps too often, otherwise their side might have been more dangerous than it was. With play in neutral territory the full-time whistle sounded, the season ending for us as it had begun, in a scoreless draw.

The following table shows the results of the Competition Matches and the positions of the Schools:—

	S.C.E.G.S.	T.K.S.	S.J.C.	S.G.S.	St. Ig. C.	N.C.	S.H.S.	Points.
S.C.E. Grammar School ...	—	6-0	13-3	11-0	0-0	12-3	29-0	
The King's School ...	—	3-0	0-0	8-8	30-0	16-8	20-0	21
St. Joseph's College ...	0-6	—	11-13	6-5	3-0	6-0	22-0	16
Sydney Grammar School ...	0-3	—	13-0	3-11	6-0	21-10	46-0	14
St. Ignatius' College ...	3-13	13-11	—	3-6	3-6	5-0	49-0	13
	0-0	0-13	—	6-3	0-0	13-0	17-0	
	0-11	5-6	6-3	—	0-8	3-11	16-0	
	8-8	11-3	3-6	—	11-0	16-0	forfeit	
	0-0	0-3	6-3	8-0	—	10-0	16-0	
	0-30	0-6	0-0	0-11	—	8-8	22-0	13
	3-12	0-6	0-5	11-3	0-10	—	16-0	
	8-16	10-21	0-13	0-16	8-8	—	15-0	7
	0-29	0-22	0-49	0-16	0-16	0-16	—	
	0-20	0-46	0-17	forfeit	0-22	0-15	—	0

## CRITIQUE OF 1ST XV.

- B. C. A. POCKLEY (Captain). Centre three-quarter.—A very fast and strong runner. Swerves, dodges and feints cleverly, and is hard to stop when near the line, as shown by the large number of tries he has scored. Cool player, sure handler, and good right foot kick. Fair tackler, but delays rather long, giving opponents too much ground to work in. Has handled team excellently. (Colours 1906.)
- E. R. H. MEREWETHER. Colours 1907. Front row forward.—Captained the team in the absence of Pockley. One of the best tacklers and rush-stoppers in the team; good dribbler and fine kick—drop kick, place or punt. Successful raker for the ball, sure handler. Has an excellent knowledge of the game, and worked his hardest match in and match out.
- K. V. McDONALD. Half-back.—Handles the ball well and kicks finely with both feet. A very determined and tireless player, and an excellent tackler and rush-stopper. Always keen to seize an opening, and possesses a good knowledge of the game. (Colours, 1907.)
- C. A. PENNEFATHER. Second row forward.—Rather slow runner but very clever with his feet. Safe handler and punts well. Cool player, very hard tackler, and has done a tremendous amount of rush-stopping. (Colours 1907.)
- W. E. TUCKER. Forward.—Has played in front, second and back rows. Good raker. Fast forward, but this year was not at all conspicuous, and quite failed to show the good form of last season. (Colours 1907.)
- H. E. BECKETT. Five-eighth.—A particularly strong tackler, who gave his opponents not a moment's peace nor a yard to work in. Very strong on his feet and of great service in stopping rushes. Safe handler, good kick and clever at making openings. Gave a good deal of thought to the game, and no one has worked harder. (Colours 1908.)
- R. L. SAYERS. Forward.—Played in front and back rows. Good handler and kick. Quick at hampering the other side, though in order to do this is inclined to hang out from the rest of the pack. Very good dribbler and
- fast follower. Excellent tackler. (Colours 1908.)
- J. G. A. POCKLEY (centre three-quarter).—Runs wing man into very good position and passes well. Runs cleverly to get on outside of wing again, an honour shared with a Beckett and B. Pockley. Catches and kicks well. Fair tackler, but too slow in going at opponent. (Colours 1908.)
- C. H. EDWARDS (forward).—Played in front and back rows. Fast follower and clever with feet. Good tackler, handles and kicks well. Left at June. (Colours 1908.)
- J. O. H. NICKOLL (wing three-quarter).—Has also played in the centre. A very much improved player, who handles the ball well and runs strongly for the line. Good kick and tackler, and stops rushes well, though often lies on the ball too long. (Colours 1908.)
- E. H. DOMBS (front row forward).—Plays in centre of front row, and has been fairly successful in getting the ball from the scrums. A very hard ruck player, sound tackler and rush stopper. Handles and kicks well, and has done a lot of solid work in an unostentatious way. (Colours 1908.)
- C. M. M. MARSH (wing three-quarter).—Handles well and kicks fairly. Has scored a number of tries; but just lacks the bounce and assertion to make a really good wing. Should learn to help himself more. Was generally to be relied upon, and came through some tough matches well, notably those against T. K. S. and S. G. S. (Colours 1908.)
- S. C. IRVING (front row forward).—Light but clever forward. Has a good knowledge of the game, and was always helping his side. Good tackler and rush stopper. Clever with his feet, but only fair handler and kick. (Colours 1908.)
- R. J. A. MASSIE (forward, lock of back row).—A heavy forward who improved greatly throughout the season, though he scarcely knows yet the full value of his weight. Sure handler, excellent in line out, fair kick, and a great trier. Played particularly well against St. Ignatius. (Colours 1908.)
- E. J. GRIEVE (second row forward).—Fast and hard rushing forward, who is doing something all the time, though still a trifle raw. Clever

with feet, handles fairly, and kicks well. Tackles with determination and stops rushes well, but his weakness is in marking his men in the line out. With care should develop into a very good forward.

O. MACDONOGH. Forward.—Plays in front or back row. Fast follower; good tackler and rush stopper. Handling and punting, only fair.

C. F. MAXWELL. Full-back.—A very cool player and sure handler, who was obviously at a disadvantage in playing with comparative strangers. Tackles well, but is still a trifle slow in going at his man. There is room for much improvement in line-kicking. By putting more "snap" and "devil" into his play, should make a good three-quarter.

The following also played a number of matches with the 1st XV. :—

F. P. MACINTYRE. Full-back till June.—A very powerful punt and drop-kick. Always caught ball well when he confined his attention to watching it. Apt to get flurried and fumble ball when close pressed. Tackled well when it was required. When he learns to handle ball unflinchingly and to secure the confidence of his side, will be a good full-back for any team.

A. R. HORDERN. Second-row forward.—Very good tackler. Handled ball well, and was good in the line-out. Fair kick. Gave the impression of playing in a casual sort of way. Was unfortunate in meeting with an accident, and on recovering to find that the scrum could not be disturbed to give him a place.

A. M. GARBETT. Wing three-quarter.—Handles ball and kicks well. Should learn to kick at once without running, and until he does this will lose much ground for his side. Tackles and runs strongly, but must give up the habit of putting his head down, a thing which hampers combination in the backs.

The results of all matches are :—

#### 1st XV.

July 18, v. Town Hall F.C. School Ground. Won, 21-5.

July 22, v. Dalgety & Co. Won, 27-6.

July 25, v. Warroo F.C. No. 2 Oval. Won, 12-0.

August 8, v. The King's School. S. C. G. Won, 3-0.

August 12, v. Sydney High School. Erskineville Oval. Won, 20-0.

August 19, v. St. Ignatius' College. No. 2 Oval. Won, 39-0.

August 22, v. Sydney Grammar School. S.G.S. Ground. Drawn, 8-8.

August 26, v. Newington College. Stanmore. Won, 16-8.

August 29, v. St. Joseph's College. Hunter's Hill. Drawn, 0-0.

#### 2nd XV.

July 18, v. St. James' F.C. School Ground. Lost, 18-3.

July 25, v. St. Andrew's Cathedral. School Ground. Lost, 6-0.

August 8, v. The King's School II. School Ground. Won, 21-3.

August 12, v. Sydney High School II. Erskineville. Won, 8-5.

August 19, v. The Scots' College I. School Ground. Lost, 3-0.

August 22, v. Sydney Grammar School II. Lost, 11-3.

August 26, v. Newington College II. Stanmore. Won, 11-8.

August 29, v. St. Joseph's College II. Hunter's Hill. Lost, 15-0.

#### 3rd XV.

August 8th, v. King's School III. Played on the School Ground. Won, 25-0. Suttor i. (3), Lillyman (2), a'Beckett ii. and Smith iv. scored tries, and Trenergy converted two tries. L. H. Lehmaier, referee.

August 12th, v. Sydney High School III. Played on the School Ground. Won, 38-0. Warden (3), a'Beckett ii. (2), Bevan (2), Hamilton, Merewether ii. and Christie scored tries, and a'Beckett ii. (2), Hamilton and Christie converted tries. Mr. H. H. Dixon, referee.

August 26th, v. Newington College III. Played at Stanmore. Won, 49-0. Bevan (2), Warden (2), Christie (2), Pulling, Ross, Bechtel and Tucker scored tries, of which Trenergy converted five and Grainger three, and Grainger kicked a penalty goal.

August 29th, v. St. Joseph's College. Played at Hunter's Hill. Lost, 8-6. Grainger kicked two penalty goals.

COLOUR COMPETITION MATCHES.

A GRADE.

Thursday, 23rd July.—White A v. Red A. White won, 17-8. Tries for White scored by Grainger, Suttor, Bevan and Lillyman (2), one being converted by Bevan, while for Red, Christie and Braddon i. scored tries, one of which Christie converted. Mr. Mackay, referee.

Thursday, 30th July.—Blue A v. White A. White won, 14-13. Tries for White scored by Lillyman (2) and Suttor (2), one of which Grainger converted, while for Blue Arnot, Trenery and McAllister scored tries, two of which Arnot converted. Mr. Mackay, referee.

Wednesday, 5th August.—Blue A v. Red A. Blue won, 6-3. For Blue Grainger and Arnot scored, while for Red Christie kicked a goal from a mark. Mr. Dixon, referee.

Tuesday, 11th August.—White A v. Red A. White won, 11-3. For White, Lillyman, Warden and Suttor scored tries, one of which Suttor converted; while for Red, Bechtel scored a try. Mr. Mackay, referee.

Thursday, 13th August.—Blue A v. Red A. Blue won, 6-3. For Blue, Suttor i. and Parkinson scored tries; while for Red, Minty scored. Mr. Mackay, referee.

Tuesday, 18th August.—Blue A v. White A. White won, 15-3. For White, Suttor i., Bevan, and Browne scored tries, and Suttor i., Bevan, and Grainger converted one each; while for Blue, Bechtel scored a try. Mr. Mackay, referee.

B GRADE.

Thursday, 23rd July.—White B v. Red B. White won, 28-3. Tries for White were scored by Playfair (2), Moore (2), Barden (2), Haydon and Pulling, of which two were converted by

Moore, while for Red, Newmarch, scored a try. Mr. Dixon referee.

Friday, 24th July.—White B v. Blue B. White won, 43-0. Moore (5), Charles (3), and Barden (3); scored tries, of which Haydon and Moore converted two each and Playfair one. A. M. Garbett referee.

Thursday, 30th July.—Red B v. White B. Red won, 11-8. For Red, Hall (2) and Lloyd scored tries, of which Newmarch converted one; while for White, Loveday scored twice, one of which Moore converted.

Tuesday, 4th August.—Blue B v. White B. White won, 12-0. Moore (3) and Barden ii. scored tries.

Thursday, 6th August.—Red B v. Blue B. Red won, 5-3. For Red, Hall scored a try, which Newmarch converted; while for Blue, Walker ii. scored a try. S. N. Sendall, referee.

Tuesday, 11th August.—White B v. Red B. Red won 6-3. For Red, Hall and Scott ii. scored tries; while for White, Moore scored a try. Mr. R. J. A. Massie, referee.

Thursday, 13th August.—Blue B v. Red B. Red won 26-6. For Red du Moulin (3), Newmarch, Hall and Wellford scored tries, of which Newmarch converted four; while for Blue, Suttor ii. and Tate scored tries. R. Sayers, referee.

Friday, 14th August.—White B v. Blue B. White won 15-3. For White Charles, Playfair, Scott iii., Pulling ii. and Barden II. scored tries; while for Blue, Walker ii. scored a try. W. E. Tucker, referee.

Monday, 17th August.—Red B v. White B. White won 18-3. For White Barden, Charles, Haydon i., Pulling, Playfair and Moore scored tries; while for Red, Hall scored a try. Mr. Dixon, referee.

Tuesday, 18th August.—Blue B v. Red B. Red won 22-0. Johnson (3), Saddington ii. (2) and Hall scored tries, of which Digby ii. and Webster converted one try each. P. E. Voss i., referee.

The result of the Competition for the whole season is given below:—

	"A" GRADE.				"B" GRADE.				TOTAL.
	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Comp. Points.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Comp. Points.	
WHITE	7	1	2	23	5	7	—	10	33
BLUE	6	3	1	19	4	7	—	8	27
RED	—	9	1	1	8	3	—	16	17

The following played in the first three teams this term :—

	1st XV.	2nd XV.	3rd XV.
Full-back—	C. F. Maxwell	D. I. Macintyre ii.	E. L. Grainger
Three-quarters—	{ J. O. H. Nickoll B. C. A. Pockley i. J. G. A. Pockley ii. C. M. M. Marsh i.	{ A. C. Arnoi J. H. Russ J. W. Forbes A. M. Garbett F. P. Macintyre i. D. C. Suttor i.	{ H. A. Merewether ii. H. P. Christie L. Trenerry ii. A. M. Warden J. M. Bevan
Halves—	{ K. V. McDonald i. H. E. a'Beckett	{ H. R. Pountney S. N. Sendall	{ G. R. Hamilton J. G. a'Beckett ii.
Forwards—	{ E. R. Merewether i. E. H. Dodds S. C. Irving C. A. Pennefather E. J. Grieve R. L. Sayers R. J. A. Massie O. MacDonogh W. E. Tucker	{ A. G. Park J. L. Digby i. C. C. Minty N. U. Manning P. E. Voss i. W. T. Tucker iii. S. L. Barden i. J. A. Elliott i. N. E. Lillyman N. D. Jones i.	{ H. R. Tucker ii. D. I. Smith i. F. Lindsay W. P. Bassett C. S. Smith iv. C. W. Pulling i. F. C. Bechtel H. MacMaster i.

### Athletic Sports Meeting.

THE Seventeenth Annual Meeting took place on the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Wednesday, September 9th. The weather was all that could be wished for, and there was a very large attendance of friends, who were keenly interested in all the events. A great improvement was made in the presentation of the prizes, for, owing to favourable weather, the tables were placed on the cycling track, and everyone had a full view of the ceremony. The Senior Shield was won for the second time by B. C. A. Pockley i., with S. L. Barden a good runner-up. The competition for the Junior Shield was very keen; L. E. Allworth and L. L. Williams were equal till the last event, when the former obtained first place, and so won by the small margin of two points. The Team Races, which

took the place of the Mile and 440 yards Handicaps, were much more successful than last year, and now they are beginning to be better understood they are much more appreciated, and we hope to see them a permanent fixture on the programme. As usual, all preliminary events were competed on the North Sydney Oval, which had been placed at our disposal by the Acting-Mayor. The brothers Macintyre tied for first place in the kick, the elder winning in the final after a very interesting contest. Massie improved on his throw of last year—his distance of 109 yards 2 feet coming within a yard of More's school record. S. L. Barden equalled the school record of 10 3-5 secs. in the 100 yards, and ran a great race in the All Schools' 220 yards, which he won in 23 1-5 secs. The 440 yards, which



was won by B. C. A. Pockley in 55 secs., showed that we ought to be able to pick a good team for the Great Public Schools' Championship Meeting.

The Committee tender their best thanks to the parents and friends who gave prizes and donations to the Prize Fund; to Mrs. T. A. Dibbs for presenting the prizes; to the Acting-Mayor of North Sydney for the use of the Oval for preliminary events; and to the officials who brought off all events to the scheduled time, and so added materially to the success of the meeting.

The officials were as follows:—Committee: Rev. D. Davies, K. V. McDonald, R. J. A. Massie, B. C. A. Pockley (Hon. Treasurer), E. R. H. Merewether, C. J. Tozer (Hon. Sec.); Referee: Mr. F. N. Frith; Judges: Messrs H. H. Dixon, A. D. Fisher, I. G. Mackay, J. L. Pulling, A. B. S. White; Starters: Messrs. A. D. Hall and J. O. Harris; Timekeepers: Messrs. W. Morgan and B. B. Chapman.

The results were as follows:—

Kicking the Football. —

P. Macintyre i., D. I. Macintyre ii.  
Distance, 53 yds. 1 ft. 11 in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. —

R. J. A. Massie, P. Macintyre i., J. O. H. Nickoll.  
Distance, 109 yds. 2 ft.

100 Yards, under 16. —

First Heat—G. R. Hamilton, E. L. Grainger, C. A. Scott iii.  
Time, 12 secs.

Second Heat—W. T. Tucker iii., C. C. te Kloot, C. T. Cowper.  
Time, 11 3-5 secs.

Final—A. N. Arnot, Tucker, Hamilton.  
Time, 11 3-5 secs.

100 Yards, under 15. —

First Heat—L. E. Allworth, F. H. Barden ii., O. Charles.  
Time, 12 secs.

Second Heat—E. S. Playfair, E. O. Moore, G. S. Lloyd.  
Time, 12 1/2 secs.

Third Heat—L. L. Williams iii., E. H. Stokes, K. B. Voss ii.  
Time, 11 9-10 secs.

Final—Williams, Allworth, Voss.  
Time, 12 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship. —

First Heat—S. L. Barden i., F. W. M. Busby, F. H. Hordern i.  
Time, 10 4-5 secs.

Second Heat—H. R. Pountney, A. M. Warden, W. T. Tucker iii.  
Time, 11 1-10 secs.

Final—Barden, B. C. A. Pockley i., Hordern.  
Time, 10 3-5 secs.

100 Yards, under 13. —

J. Blackwood, G. E. Campbell, N. W. M. Smith iii.  
Time, 14 4-5 secs.

100 Yards Handicap, over 15. —

First Heat—H. R. Pountney (5 yds.), E. S. Grainger (8 yds.)  
Time, 10 7-10 secs.

Second Heat—A. M. Garbett (5 yds.), J. H. C. Ross (6 yds.)  
Time, 10 7-10 secs.

Third Heat—S. L. Barden (scr.), C. C. te Kloot (4 yds.)  
Time, 11 1-5 secs.

Fourth Heat—F. H. Hordern i. (scr.), W. R. E. Crisford (7 yds.)  
Time, 11 secs.

Fifth Heat—N. E. Lillyman (9 yds.)  
Time, 11 secs.

Sixth Heat—C. E. Parkinson (5 yds.), P. Macintyre (1 yd.)  
Time, 11 secs.

Seventh Heat—F. W. M. Busby (1 yd.)  
Time, 11 sec.

Eighth Heat—A. M. Warden (6 yds.), G. R. Hamilton (7 yds.)  
Time, 10 3-5 secs.

Ninth Heat—W. T. Tucker iii. (3 yds.)  
Time, 10 3-5 secs.

Tenth Heat—L. Trenerry ii. (8 yds.), D. I. R. Smith i. (3 yds.)

Semi-Final - 1st Heat: Parkinson, Lillyman, Crisford; time, 10 4-5 secs. 2nd Heat: Garbett, Hordern, Hamilton; time, 11

- secs. 3rd Heat—Warden, Pountney, Arnot (4 yds.); time, 10 7-10 secs.  
Final—Warden, Parkinson, Pountney.  
Time, 10 1-5 secs.
- 220 Yards Championship, under 15.—**  
First Heat—L. E. Allworth, O. Charles, F. H. Barden ii.  
Time, 27 2-5 secs.  
Second Heat—E. O. Moore, E. S. Playfair, G. S. Lloyd.  
Time, 28 4-5 secs.  
Third Heat—L. L. Williams iii., E. H. Stokes, K. B. Voss ii.  
Time, 27 2-5 secs.  
Final—Allworth, Williams, Stokes.  
Time, 26 secs.
- 220 Yards Championship.—**  
First Heat—S. L. Barden i., F. W. M. Busby, F. H. Hordern i.  
Time, 25 secs.  
Second Heat—A. M. Warden, W. T. Tucker iii., H. K. Pountney.  
Time, 25 3-5 secs.  
Final—Barden, B. C. A. Pockley i., Hordern.  
Time, 23 3-5 secs.
- All Schools' 220 Yards.—**  
S. L. Barden (S.C.E.G.S.), J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.), H. B. Taylor (S.H.S.)  
Time, 23 1-5 secs.
- High Jump, under 15.—**  
L. E. Allworth, E. H. Stokes and K. V. Voss (æq.)  
Height, 4 ft. 3 in.
- High Jump Championship.—**  
R. J. A. Massie, C. R. Throsby, B. C. A. Pockley i.  
Height, 5 ft. 3½ in.
- 880 Yards Championship.—**  
B. C. A. Pockley i., S. L. Barden i., C. M. Marsh.  
Time, 2 min. 19 3-5 secs.
- 880 Yards Handicap.—**  
B. M. Arthur (25 yds.), L. S. Beckett (10 yds.)
- 100 Yards Handicap, under 15.—**  
First Heat—E. S. Playfair (2 yds.), R. B. Haydon ii. (10 yds.), E. O. Moore (scr.)  
Time, 12½ secs.
- Second Heat—J. F. L. Leake (7 yds.), W. G. Tait (7 yds.), A. G. Fox (3 yds.)  
Time, 12 2-5 secs.
- Third Heat—E. H. Stokes (1 yd.), A. D. Kelynaek (7 yds.), W. D. Thompson (8 yds.)  
Time, 12 2-5 secs.
- Fourth Heat—K. B. Voss (3 yds.), G. S. Lloyd (7 yds.), F. H. Barden (1 yd.)  
Time, 12 secs.
- Final—Tait, Voss, Leake.  
Time, 12 1-10 secs.
- 100 Yards Handicap, under 13.—**  
First Heat—E. M. Tyler (6 yds.), R. S. Robertson (7 yds.), J. Blackwood (scr.)  
Time, 13 4-5 secs.  
Second Heat—G. E. Campbell (6 yds.), F. H. Cullen ii. (9 yds.), N. W. M. Smith iii. (2 yds.)  
Time, 13 secs.  
Final—Campbell, Cullen, Robertson.  
Time, 13 1-5 secs.
- 220 Yards Handicap, over 15.—**  
First Heat—L. S. Beckett (13 yds.), H. R. Pountney (9 yds.)  
Time, 25 1-5 secs.  
Second Heat—A. M. Garbett (9 yds.)  
Time, 25 1-5 secs.  
Third Heat—W. R. E. Crisford (13 yds.)  
Time, 26 1-5 secs.  
Fourth Heat—F. H. Hordern i. (scr.), P. C. Bechtel (5 yds.)  
Time, 26 1-5 secs.  
Fifth Heat—W. T. Tucker iii. (5 yds.)  
Time, 24 2-5 secs.  
Sixth Heat—C. E. Parkinson (9 yds.), N. E. Lillyman (16 yds.)  
Time, 24 3-5 secs.  
Seventh Heat—G. R. Hamilton (13 yds.), B. M. Arthur (11 yds.)  
Time, 25 4-5 secs.  
Eighth Heat—A. M. Warden (11 yds.)  
Time, 25 4-5 secs.  
Ninth Heat—C. C. te Kloot (7 yds.)  
Time, 28 secs.  
Tenth Heat—D. C. Suttor i. (7 yds.)  
Time, 28 secs.  
Semi-Final—1st Heat: Beckett, Parkinson, Garbett; time, 25 3-5 secs. Second Heat: Warden, Hamilton, Suttor; time, 25 4-5 secs.



**Ist XV. (1908), Winners of G.P.S. Premiership.**

*Top row*—E. J. GRIEVE. J. O. H. NICKOLL. R. J. A. MASSIE. MR. I. G. MACRAY. R. L. SAYERS. J. G. A. POCKLEY.

*Second row*—O. MACDONOGH. C. A. PENNEFATHER. K. V. McDONALD. B. C. A. POCKLEY (Capt.) E. R. H. MEREWETHER. W. E. TUCKER. C. F. MAXWELL.

*Front row*—C. M. M. MARSH. H. E. A'BECKETT. S. C. IRVING. E. H. DODDS.

- Final—A. M. Warden, Garbett, Parkinson.  
Time, 23 secs.
- 220 Yards Handicap, under 15.—  
First Heat—E. S. Playfair (5 yds.), A. G. Fox (7 yds.), E. O. Moore (scr.)  
Time, 29 4-5 secs.  
Second Heat—W. G. Tait (14 yds.), F. H. Barden (3 yds.), J. Robinson ii. (14 yds.)  
Time, 31 1-5 secs.  
Third Heat—K. B. Voss (7 yds.), E. H. Stokes (3 yds.), G. S. Lloyd (14 yds.)  
Time, 28 1-5 secs.  
Final—Voss, Tait, Playfair.  
Time, 27 3-10 secs.
- One Mile Championship.—  
C. M. M. Marsh, B. C. A. Pockley, L. S. Beckett.  
Time, 5 min. 17 2-5 secs.
- Mile Team.—  
First: C. M. M. Marsh, L. S. Beckett, C. C. te Kloot, R. F. Ward.  
Second: B. C. A. Pockley, J. L. Digby, N. E. Lillyman, E. O. Moore.
- Broad Jump Championship.—  
B. C. A. Pockley and P. Macintyre (æq.), L. S. Barden.  
Distance, 19 ft. 6½ in.
- Broad Jump Handicap.—  
B. M. Arthur, E. L. Grainger.
- Broad Jump, under 15.—  
L. L. Williams iii., K. B. Voss ii., E. H. Stokes.  
Distance, 14 ft. 9½ in.
- 120 Yards Hurdles Championship.—  
First Heat—F. H. Hordern i., B. C. A. Pockley i., L. C. Hutchinson i.  
Time, 19 7-10 secs.  
Second Heat—R. J. A. Massie.  
Final—Massie, Hordern, Pockley.  
Time, 19 secs.
- Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap.—  
M. B. Hordern (3 yds.), C. D. Abraham (5 yds.)  
Time, 11 secs.
- 440 Yards Championship, under 15.—  
L. E. Allworth, L. L. Williams, E. G. Cole ii.
- 440 Yards Team, under 15.—  
First—L. L. Williams, A. E. Brown, H. R. Lomax, W. D. Thompson.
- Second—L. E. Allworth, G. Digby ii., L. V. Seaton, K. B. Voss.
- 440 Yards Championship.—  
B. C. A. Pockley, P. Macintyre, S. L. Barden.  
Time, 55 secs.
- 440 Yards Team.—  
F. W. M. Busby, F. C. Betchel, H. R. St. J. Tucker ii.; W. T. Tucker iii.
- Jockey Race.—  
N. U. Manning and L. C. Carrington, R. M. Allport i. and R. S. Robertson.
- Flag Race.—  
School Flag—C. M. M. Marsh, D. Adams, E. G. Cole ii., F. H. Day, G. R. Hamilton, L. C. Hutchinson i., E. B. Nelson i., J. C. Shand, C. S. Smith iv., E. L. Spencer.
- Obstacle Races.—  
Preparatory—H. Bloome, G. Le Quesne, L. Suttor.  
Under 13—G. K. Shirley, F. L. Hormann.  
Under 15—A. D. Kelynack, D. V. Saddington ii.  
Over 15—D. C. Suttor i., H. E. a'Beckett i.
- High Jump, Preparatory School.—  
A. Salway, H. Warden, A. Jefferson.  
Height, 4 ft. 3 in.
- 75 Yards All Preparatory Schools, under 13.—  
H. Warden (C.E.P.S.), J. Brennan (S.P.S.), B. Mayo (C.E.P.S.)  
Time, 9 7-10 secs.
- 100 Yards Handicap, over 12, Preparatory School.—  
A. Salwey (2 yds.), H. Warden (scr.), M. Allworth (7 yds.)
- 220 Yards Championship, Preparatory School.—  
A. Salwey, H. Warden, B. Mayo.  
Time, 28 secs.
- The Commsttee desire to thank the following for the gift of prizes or donations to the Prize Fund :  
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## POINTS SCORED FOR SENIOR SHIELD.

	880 Yards. 5 3 2	Mile. 5 3 2	100 Yards. 5 3 2	440 Yds. 5 3 2	Hurdles. 5 3 2	High Jump. 3 2 1	Broad Jump. 3 2 1	Kick. 3 2 1	Throw. 3 2 1	220 Yards. 5 3 2	Total.
S. L. Barden i....	3	....	5	2	....	....	1	....	....	5-3	19 (2)
F. H. Hordern i.	....	....	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	7
D. I. Macintyre ii.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	2
P. Macintyre i....	....	....	....	3	....	....	2½	3	2	....	10½
R. J. A. Massie...	....	....	....	....	5	3	....	....	3	....	11 (3)
C. M. Marsh ...	2	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
B. C. A. Pockley i.	5	3	3	5	2	1	2½	....	....	3	24½ (i)
C. R. Throsby ...	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	2
L. S. Beckett ...	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
J. O. H. Nickoll	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1

## JUNIOR SHIELD—UNDER 15.

	100 Yards. 5 3 2	220 Yards. 5 3 2	440 Yards 5 3 2	High Jump. 3 2 1	Broad Jump. 3 2 1	Total.
L. E. Allworth ...	3	5	5	3	....	16 (1)
E. H. Stokes ...	....	2	....	1½	1	4½
K. B. Voss ii.	2	....	....	1½	2	5½
L. L. Williams iii.	5	3	3	....	3	14 (2)
E. G. Cole ii.	....	....	2	....	....	2

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B. C. A. POCKLEY,

*Hon. Treasurer.*

### 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 Cricket Match v. The School will take place on Friday, October 30th, starting at 10.30 a.m. Members of the Union who wish to play must send their names to the selectors of the team, c/o. The Hon. Secretary, O.B.U., not later than Wednesday, October 21st.

The date of the Annual Smoke Concert has not yet been fixed. Due notice will be sent to members.

Owing to want of space, the names of new members and changes of addresses

has been kept over till next issue, to be published early in December.

The following extracts from a letter written from Thursday Island to the Hon. Treasurer from Miss Robson, will prove interesting to Old Boys:—"At last I am sending my subscription to the School Chapel (£5 5s.) I wish it were twenty times as much. It is good of you to send me the *Torchbearer* so regularly; I read it from cover to cover, and feel proud and happy to have once belonged to such a great school. I use my tea and coffee service constantly, and have entertained a wonderful variety of nations and languages, thanks to it. I never thanked the donors as I could have wished, but I hope they realised some of my feelings—having the school coat of arms on the silver was the filling of my cup. I am just back from my second visit to the Mission Station at

Trubanaman, and have written a short account, which I will forward before long. Have the boys any old cricket or football materials? They would be such a boon to the Mission. Mr. McKay's son-in-law would, I am sure, bring up any parcel on the "Tsinan." We are in winter weather, which means, however, no alteration in our white clothes. It was bitterly cold going down the Gulf though, and at Trubanaman we had roaring fires at night. It was such a treat to taste milk again."

E. N. Allen has been transferred from Walcha to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney's Branch at West Maitland.

In the Cape *Argus* of the 20th July, two columns are devoted to an account of the wedding of Eden Heron to Miss Zilla Blyth, at St. John's Church, Wynberg. Hearty congratulations to Heron on the event, and also on his being appointed Bacteriologist to the newly formed Agricultural Department, Portuguese East Africa. His address is Laurence Marques.

R. C. Adams is at Arundel, Dartmouth, Q. Writing in June he says: "I am learning all I can about sheep and how to grow them. It is not very hot up here, being only about 26 in the morning and 60 at mid-day. Rollo Bray is the only Old Boy I know of about here. He is on the Barcaldine Downs."

R. W. Carey is now one of the partners of the firm of Carson, Carey and Simpson, Railway Contractors of West Maitland. They have secured the contract for the first section of the North Coast Railway

from Maitland to Dungog, and are now busily employed in carrying out that enterprise.

Congratulations to L. W. Carey and A. M. Simpson on joining the ranks of the benedicts. We hear that W. C. Moodie is going to follow their good example early in October.

We congratulate C. W. Rundle on being admitted to practise as solicitor, and we wish him every success in his profession. For the present he is acting as *locum tenens* for Mr. F. J. McDonald, of the Royal Chambers, Hunter and Castlereagh Streets, Sydney.

G. A. N. Woodstock has been transferred from the Richmond to the Mackuade Mills, Herbert River, N.Q. He writes: "The river is very beautiful as regards scenery but a joke as a river, being full of sandbanks and snags, which vary in position after each flood. There are plenty of alligators, but so far I have not seen one; the nearest approach to it was a 10 or 11 footer that had just been shot and was being skinned. Whenever the knife touched the flesh it squirmed in a horrible manner, but a look at the huge mouthful of teeth soon put an end to any feelings of pity one might have."

L. C. J. Broughton has left the Wagga Agricultural Farm, and is now gaining experience at Parkhurst Station, Wyalong.

In another column will be found a description of a valuable Shield, which Venour Nathan has presented to the

School to encourage shooting among the Cadets.

D. H. Slade is at the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney's Branch at Gloucester.

A. G. Reid has been transferred from the New South Wales Bank at Richmond to the North Sydney Branch of the same Bank.

In First-class Football this year, the School was represented by H. Bullock and J. F. Fitzhardinge, who played for N.S.W. against the Anglo-Welsh Team and Queensland. The former was unavailable for selection in the Australian Team now visiting England, but C. E. Murnin was chosen amongst the forwards. However, a recent cable message states that he has had to return, having caught a severe chill.

In Country Week, H. S. Bland played for the Southern Districts, and R. A. L. Macdonald for the Western Districts. The latter also represented the West against Queensland, the Metropolitan Union, and the Anglo-Welsh Team.

I. L. Longwill represented the Combined City and Suburban Association against the Northern District and the Metropolitan Union.

In Baseball, L. A. Minnett and V. Y. Deane represented N.S.W. against Victoria and The Fleet, while in the first N.S.W. Hockey Team to play Victoria, the School was represented by A. B. S. White, N. Peach, and R. Bray, while L. Clarke played for N.S.W. Second XI against Victoria.

In Tennis, Dr. E. O. Pockley represented N.S.W. against Queensland.

It is interesting to note that in the opening match of N. S. W. C. A. First Grade Competition, eight of the Eleven which represented North Sydney were Old Boys of the School.

R. A. L. Macdonald won one of the two medals of the Bathurst Football Club, given for the most consistent play throughout the season.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions for the year 1908-9, &c., from the following:—A. B. S. White (life), J. F. Fitzhardinge (life), D'Arcy F. Roberts (life), O. E. Friend (life), F. P. Hopkins (life), Venour Nathan (life), R. C. Adams (life), M. J. Dawson (life), Rev. I. D. Armitage, E. N. Allen, G. N. Allen (1911), J. N. F. Armstrong, C. D. Abraham, W. A. Burcher, H. Bullock, Dr. C. H. B. Bradley (1910), G. E. Browne, L. C. J. Broughton, R. W. L. Boyce, R. Black, A. D. Blaxland (1910), H. M. Barker, G. B. Browne, G. D. Briggs, F. W. C. Bootle, H. S. Bland, W. G. B. Boydell, L. Cadell, A. T. Carlisle, C. H. Calvert, H. F. Clarke, J. A. H. Cox, G. Stanton Cook, M. L. Clarke, D. G. Campbell, W. B. Clarke, Rev. D. Davies, R. G. I. Dent, O. G. Dent, R. O. Dent, S. E. Dent, O. B. Dibbs, H. H. Dixon, B. S. Dowling, C. J. I. Dent, V. Y. Deane, A. T. Edols (1910), J. K. Eaton, R. G. H. Fotheringhame, J. W. Gibson, H. J. Gould, Dr. W. E. Giblin, L. E. Giblin, the Headmaster, J. W. Hayne (1911), L. Hagen (1910), A. Hagen (1910), M. B. Hordern, J. Hay, R. N.



Hickson, F. C. Kater (1911), D. T. Kilgour, A. J. Kelynack (1912), E. S. Kater, A. R. Lomax, I. L. Longwill, G. N. Larkin, A. C. Laurence, K. Lumsdaine, H. H. I. Massie, G. A. More (1912), C. E. Murnin, L. A. Minnett, H. H. J. O. Marshall (1911), G. Milbourne Marsh, R. Martin, R. T. Moodie, Rev. H. McWilliam, R. A. L. Macdonald, Julian Mackay, H. Meredith, K. N. Niall, J. O. H. Nickoll, H. C. H. Nicholls, F. G. A. Pockley, T. A. Playfair, K. Quinn (1911), C. Ellison Rich, K. C. Radford, Dr. E. H. Rutledge, Reg. Roberts, A. G. Reid, J. F. Reid, R. S. Reid, E. H. Slade, D. H. Slade, G. W. Sinclair, L. Solomons, G. H. Salway, C. W. Sinclair, Spencer Simpson, J. E. Taylor, O. J. Taylor (1910), Ed. Twynam (1911), N. Trevor-Jones, G. A. Uther, Dr. G. H. Vernon (1910), W. H. Wilkinson, K. Williams, R. C. Wilson, P. A. Wright, Max. E. Wright (1912), C. M. Warden (1910), A. A. Wilson, J. B. Wood, G. A. N. Woodcock, Dr. J. B. St. Vincent Welch, A. H. Yarnold (1910).

## BIRTHS.

Yarnold.—On July 2nd, at "Boambolo," Milner Street, Mosman, the wife of A. H. Yarnold, of a daughter.

Woolcott.—On June 22nd, at Coomeroo, Pictou, the wife of Harold Woolcott, of a daughter.

Fitzhardinge.—On July 6th, at Chatswood, the wife of J. F. Fitzhardinge, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

Carey-Coates.—On August 15th, at St. James's Church, Sydney, Lionel Westropp Carey to Helene May Coates.

Heron-Blyth.—On July 18th, at St. John's Church, Wynberg, Henry Eden Heron to Zilla Blyth.

Simpson-Campbell.—On August 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, Inverell, Arthur Macneill Simpson to Jessie Campbell.

Dent-McDonough.—On August 22nd, at Lismore, Thomas Henry Dent to Mary M. McDonough.

### Annual Scholarship Examintion.

**A**N Examination will be held at the School commencing at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday and Friday, December 3rd and 4th, 1908, for the purpose of electing to the following Scholarships.

- (1) One Church Primary School Scholarship of £17 17s. per annum. Open to all boys who have been two years at a Church Primary School.
- (2) Two Council's Junior Scholarships of £20. per annum. Candidates to be under 14 years of age, on December 1st, 1908.

One of these Scholarships is open to boys who entered the School in February, 1908, or previously. Candidates for the other must not have entered the School at the time of the Examination, and must be members of the Church of England.

- (3) An Exhibition for the sons of Clergy in the Province of New South Wales. The value is £20 per annum, and nomination rests with the Archbishop.

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

Papers will be set on the following subjects:—

1. English.
2. Latin Grammar (Shorter Latin Primer). Easy translation and composition.
3. French Regular and common irregular verbs and pronouns. Easy translation and composition.
4. Arithmetic.
5. Elementary Algebra.
6. Elementary Geometry (Practical and Theoretical).

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

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

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

Names of Candidates to be sent to the Headmaster before November 20th. Any further information may be obtained from him.

### The Memorial Library.

THE books named in the list given below have been purchased for the Library.

We have to thank Miss Constance E. Arnold for a donation of a complete set of Sir W. Scott's novels. Miss Arnold some time ago presented to the Library a valuable set of early copies of Harper's Magazine.

Five volumes were sent to the Library by Royle, who left last term. The custom of presenting a volume or volumes to the Library on leaving the School, is one that we should like to see more often observed.

Boys are reminded that the Library Committee will be glad to receive from members of the Library the names of books that they wish to be added to the Library. These names will be duly considered by the Committee.

#### NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

"*The Bounty Boy*," by Frank T. Bullen.—Norfolk Island, purged of its criminal population

and their wardenis, re-peopled, as it were, by a new creation, and again become a gem of the ocean, is the starting point and goal of the story. Connection between the island and the outer world is maintained mainly by occasional visits of whalers. The crews of these ships, culled mostly from the scum of all the nations collected in the South Seas, seem capable of the worst vices and crimes of humanity, yet with the instinct of getting out of bounds of his own free will, though with the consent of his parents, a young man leaves his island home on board one of these floating infernos. In spite of all the elysian romance of Norfolk Island, existence there must prove monotonous. The hero of the tale, Christmas Bounty Adams—C.B. for short—appears to be, as his father was before him, a perfect model of health, beauty, and strength; his soul is full of simple faith. The object of the book, as stated in the preface, is to show how the Christian, who is one indeed, may fare when he leaves his surroundings and adventures to go into the world. Seemingly without dread, Christmas launches into mid-ocean. *Integer vitæ scelerisque purus*, the "Bounty Boy" escapes innumerable temptations by standing true to his colours. The numerous thrilling adventures which he meets with are quite fascinating to the reader. He meets at last with the inevitable fate of all true heroes of romance, but the *dénouement*

is unique. He neither preaches nor cants, but his behaviour converts enemies into jealous friends. The scenes and incidents are all true to life, and are not mixed with nautical bad language and nautical expressions of a mere landsman, for is not the author one who has himself gone through the experiences he relates, one of those "who do business in the great waters"? The thrill of the story is well maintained to the finish, and the book should be read by "all hands."

"*Mr. Crewe's Career*."—Those who have read "*Richard Carvel*," "*The Crisis*," and "*The*

*Crossing*," will appreciate "*Mr. Crewe's Career*," by the same author. He tells the story in a simple direct manner, and never leads the reader away from the subject by long digressions, so that the interest never flags. The characters are drawn clearly and naturally, and many of them are interesting. The control of political power by corporations in the American States is severely criticised, and the book should have a wholesome influence in purifying the political atmosphere not only in the States themselves, but among all English-speaking communities.

1225B, C, D, G, H, I,	The Cambridge Modern History, Vols. III. to V.; VIII. to X.	
1127A	The Cambridge History of Modern Literature, Vol. II.	
885A	The Holy Roman Empire	... J. Bryce
462E	Ballads	... R. L. Stevenson
462F	The Art of Writing	... " "
462G	Portraits and Memories	... " "
462H	Across the Plains	... " "
1226	Voyages Round the World	... Captain Cook
1183A	Rossetti	... A. C. Benson
1183B	Pope	... Leslie Stephen
1183C	Swift	... " "
1183D	Gray	... E. W. Gosse
1183E	Dryden	... G. Saintsbury
298C	Plays and Puritans	... C. Kingsley
298D	Poems	... " "
298E	Literary and General Essays	... " "
698A	Japan	... David Murray
979A	China	... R. K. Douglas
1222	The Romance of Everyday	... L. Q. Couch

### School Notes.

TERM III: ended on September 24th and the new Term started on Tuesday, October 6th, at 2 p.m. New boys were examined on the same day at 9.30 a.m.

On June 18th, the last day of Term II., the prizes won at the Swimming Carnival

were presented by Mrs. Hodges, and the oars and rudder were handed over to the members of the First Crew.

The following boys left school at end of last Term:—K. A. Bennett (Junior, 1908), J. V. Bray (Junior, 1908), D. M. Candsell (2nd XV.), D. G. Clark (Junior, 1908),

L. Cohen, H. D. Connell, W. C. Doyle, C. H. Edwards (Junior, 1908. 1st XV. Captain of Boats. Sub-Prefect), N. C. Fearnley, K. M. Fletcher (Junior, 1908), E. C. H. Haxby, H. W. Hillyar, A. R. Hordern i (1st XV. 1st Crew), R. A. Holden (2nd XV. 1st XI.), E. R. Lane, S. D. Macfarlane (Junior, 1908, M.), G. H. Musgrave, L. S. McDonagh ii., E. G. Nixon, A. G. Owen, H. K. Parks, C. W. R. Powell (Junior, 1908 M., medals for Physics and English), C. R. Strange, D. H. Slade (Junior, 1908, M.), C. T. Studds (Junior, 1908)

The following entered school this Term :  
 —T. C. Boëhme, S. Briggs, J. Busby ii., C. E. Cameron ii, G. E. Campbell, E. G. Cole ii., F. H. H. Cullen ii., G. M. Faithfull, J. W. Forbes, T. B. Haydon, A. S. Hall ii, H. R. Lomax, A. F. Mate, C. F. Maxwell, G. McDonald ii., E. L. Morgan, S. E. Ogden, F. H. Penfold, C. A. Scott iii, A. C. Treweeke i, W. H. C. Treweeke ii, R. H. Wordsworth.

The "Pockley Prize" for 1908 was unanimously awarded by the Headmaster and Staff to B. C. A. Pockley and C. J. Tozer.

We heartily thank Mr. H. C. Manning for presenting samples of silver ore to our Museum of Geological Specimens.

Mr. Manning informs us that these samples came from the Burragorang Mine, about 40 miles west of Camden, and give a good general idea of the class of ore met with in a silver zone. The specimens of metallic ore or native silver are rare. At the Burragorang Mine the lode varies up to 3 feet in width with an average of 9

inches in thickness, and seems to be richer the deeper it goes. The rock surrounding the lode is hard and difficult to mine.

The number of geological specimens has long since exceeded the space for their accommodation, and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new cabinet, which is being constructed on the premises by some of the members of the carpentering classes.

The annual Confirmation will take place at Christ Church, North Sydney, in the first week of December. Classes were started on the 10th September.

The Annual Scholarship Examination will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 3rd and 4th. Particulars may be found in another column.

On September 11th, the Revs. J. O. Feetham and G. Snowdon, of the Bush Brotherhood, paid a visit to the School, and gave a most interesting account of their experiences in the bush.

The examination for the Admiral's Prize took place on Monday, September 13th. The subject was "Froude's English Seamen." The examiner awarded the Prize to J. M. Maclean.

The Uther Catechism Prize has been awarded to M. K. H. Dent.

The results of the University Junior Examinations are given in another column. We offer our congratulations to the successful candidates, and especially to Powell on winning the medals for English and Physics.

The Annual Speech Day took place on Thursday, September 24th. The prizes were distributed by His Excellency the Governor.

At the end of the football season the Headmaster received a letter from the Rev. P. Stacy Waddy, of the King's School, heartily congratulating the School on winning the football premiership. Mr. Waddy's letter was posted on the School notice board.

On Sept 23rd a Cinderella dance was given by Mrs. Hodges in honour of our victory in the football field. The honoured guests of the evening were the heroes of this year's teams and the captains of past years, and the committee of the Old Boys' Union. The approach was lighted with Chinese lanterns, and the hall gaily decorated with bunting and filled to overflowing with dancers, who spent an extremely enjoyable evening.

CHAPEL FUND—The Committee beg to acknowledge with many thanks the following donations to the Chapel Fund since our last issue:—The Venerable Archdeacon Gunther, £1/1/-; Mrs. James Robinson, £1/1/-; Miss Robson, £5/5/-; Mr. H. P. Harriott, £1/1/-; Dr. J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, £2/2/-; The School Glee Club and Dramatic Society, £14/4/11; and, as we go to press, a cheque for £50 from a donor who asks that it be treated as an anonymous gift, and expresses the hope that we may speedily realise our wishes and get together the sum still required to commence building.

At the end of June, Mr. W. McKay retired from the position of School Clerk,

after a service dating from the foundation of the School in 1889. For some time past his sight has been affected to such an extent as to render his clerical work very burdensome to him, and it is this fact that has led to his severing his long connection with the School. Mr. McKay has been highly esteemed by both boys and masters throughout his career at the School, and we can assure him he carries into his retirement the heartiest sympathy of both past and present with him in his affliction and their most sincere good wishes for his speedy restoration to health and for his future welfare.

The officers of the Cadet Corps beg to thank Mr. T. B. Dibbs for a donation of £3 3s. od. to provide prizes for the encouragement of rifle shooting.

The School has also recently lost the services of Sergeant Ross, who, after a faithful service as gymnastic instructor during a period of nearly four years, resigned at the end of last term. During his term of service with us, Sergeant Ross also discharged the duties of School Sergeant in a satisfactory manner, and won the good opinion of the Staff and the School by his unassuming manner and unfailing courtesy. He leaves us with the intention of devoting himself entirely to military service; and we wish him all success in his future career.

Sergeant-Major A. Cooke-Russell has taken over the duties of the School office, combined with instruction of the Cadet Corps and gymnasium.

Sergeant-Major Cooke-Russell has had a distinguished career. He enlisted in the 1st Battalion Scot's Guards in 1895; he

has had more than his share of active service as the following record will show :

1896—Dongola Expedition, action at Firket, mentioned in despatches and clasp

1897—Capture of Berber ; clasp

1898—Battle of Atbara ; clasp, mentioned in despatches. Promoted to rank of Sergeant for gallantry in the field.

Khartoum : Battle of Omdurman. Distinguished service medal.

1899—South African Campaign. Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, Paardeberg, Driefontein, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast.

1901—South Africa medal with 8 clasps.

Sergeant-Major Cooke-Russell also holds first-class certificates for gymnastics and fencing from the Military School, Aldershot.

With these qualifications and with such an honorable record, the Sergeant-Major has already won the respect of the boys who have come under his control, and we hope that he will be among us for many years.

During the interval at the School Concert and Dramatic Entertainment on June 12th, a valuable gold chronograph watch was presented by past and present to Mr. Allan Ramsay as a token of gratitude for all he had done for the School rowing. The School Arms and Mr. Ramsay's monogram were engraved on the outside, and on the inside of the case was an inscription testifying how much Mr. Ramsay's service had been appreciated.

The Football Sub-Committee have awarded colours to the following :—H. E. a'Beckett, E. H. Dobbs, C. H. Edwards, R. C. Irving, C. M. Marsh, R. J. A. Massie, J. O. H. Nickoll, J. G. A. Pockley ii., R. L. Sayers. The following have been recognised as members of the 1st XV., with the right to wear the School Blazer :—E. J. Greive, O. Macdonogh, C. Maxwell.

At a General Sports Meeting of July 27th, Massie, Merewether, McDonald, were elected after ballot to the Athletic Sub-Committee *vice* Kater, Rich, and Edwards left.

Snook and McDonald were elected at the same meeting after ballot to the Rowing Sub-Committee, *vice* Pockley resigned and Edwards left ; also Dodds, Irving and Maxwell were elected to General Sports Committee.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.—The number of boys in the Preparatory School at the end of last Term was 114. In spite of the prevalence of influenza there have been no cases among the boarders and only one among the day boys.

On September 15th Mr. Meickleham gave a most entertaining lecture on the subject of his recent travels in South America, and on September 24th created much wonder and amusement by a clever display of conjuring.

In the football competition for Preparatory Schools, we started with a young and light team, and in the first round of matches, drew two and lost two. In the second half of the season the team showed great improvement and won all four matches. Owing to the poor start,

however, we finished no higher than third out of five teams. Forty-six points were scored as against forty by our opponents.

At the Sports meeting, A Salwey won the School Championship, besides the High Jump (4ft. 3½in.), and Kicking the

Football. F. Warden won the School Championship and 'All Schools' Championship under 13. In four all schools' events, at the different sports meetings, we gained one first, two seconds and three third places.

### Correspondence.

MON CHER TORCH-BEARER—

Mille apologies de ne pas vous écrire depuis si longtemps. Je suis d'autant plus coupable qu'il y a tant de choses à vous dire. En premier lieu, il faut féliciter cordialement le S.C.E.G.S., y compris spécialement M. Hodges, M. Mackay, et surtout l'équipe elle-même—la brillante équipe dont les couleurs, pour ce coup, n'ont pas été traînées dans la poussière de défaite. Le beau record que voilà—d'autant plus beau, que c'est la première fois dans l'histoire de ballon inter-lycéen !

J'ai eu l'extrême bonheur et le rare privilège d'assister à la plupart des parties de la saison passée, et je n'ai pu qu'admirer l'adresse, la force, la vitesse, l'énergie, le courage, la verve, l'élan, l'impétuosité irrésistible de vos quinze héros invincibles, invaincus ! En effet, il est tout à fait impossible de signaler aucun particulier, car ils se sont tous excellés l'un l'autre ! Permettez-moi cependant de faire mention spéciale du capitaine Pockement—celui dont personne ne saurait arrêter le cours impétueux, celui qui inspire une terreur mortelle au cœur de l'adversaire ébahi, celui qui court comme le cerf, qui terrasse impitoyablement quiconque est assez hardi pour s'opposer à lui, qui les renverse comme autant de quilles, qui saute, qui

side-steppe, qui se sert d'épaule, de hanche, le visage féroce, les dents exposées ! o ce Pockement est en effet terrible !

Et puis, Beau-temps comme il plonge pour saisir par le milieu son antagoniste, et comme il le précipite des mètres entiers ! C'est comme qui dirait un tourbillon qui aurait saisi un brin de paille, et l'aurait entortillé à ne plus le reconnaître ! Qui pourrait, d'ailleurs, jamais oublier ses exploits en fait de "goal-kicking" ; pourrait-on facilement perdre le souvenir de la dernière partie contre les écoliers de Saint-Ignace, où il a placé, six fois de suite, le ballon entre les poteaux !

Mais où donc m'arrêter ?—ce n'est que l'embarras du choix—Denier-Père (Travailleur infatigable), Diseurs (Toujours en avant), Irvant (Guerrier opiniâtre), Sablonneux (Le petit démon écossais qu'on dit en doritoir être "intuable"), Marais (L'éclair graissé), Olivier (La Flèche Serpentante), Goûter (Le Souffleur), Massif (Le Géant Aimable ; on dit qu'il peut jeter un homme l'espace de cent neuf mètres), Maxbien, le plein-arrière, si calme et si sûr—et cependant, il s'en faut souvent si peu qu'il ne soit accablé par l'ennemi chargeant, qu'on est dans une transe perpétuelle toutes les fois que la balle va de son côté ; Pockement cadet, estropié

maintenant, hélas, mais le héros de maint combat glorieux; Enfin, à Beckett—je me demande si le célèbre “prêtre turbulent,” son ancêtre, n’est pas fier de lui! Mais il faut m’en arrêter quelque part. Mon cher *Torch-Bearer*, il ne me reste plus qu’un seul désir, c’est que, quand j’aurai l’honneur de vous écrire la prochaine fois, ce sera pour vous féliciter d’avoir remporté la triple victoire—chose pas encore écrite

dans les annales de nos sports—le championnat de la rivière, du ballon, et du cricket! Puis-je, sans l’offenser, rappeler à M. Frith, qu’il a sur les épaules une responsabilité fort sérieuse? Je vous donne mes meilleurs compliments, et reste, comme toujours.

Votre fidèle,

ALPHONSE GOUGOUQUES.

### School Calendar.

- June 18—Presentation of Swimming Prizes, All Schools’ XV. Badges, and Rowing Trophies, by Mrs. Hodges.  
Term II. ends
- July 14—Term III. begins.  
” 27—Meeting of General Sports’ Committee.  
” 30—Junior Debate.
- August 6—Junior Results Published.  
” 8—1st XV. v. The King’s School. Won, 3—0.  
” 12—1st XV. v. Sydney High School. Won, 20—0.  
” 19—1st XV. v. St. Ignatius College. Won, 30—0.  
” 20—Holiday for Arrival of American Fleet.  
” 21—Half-holiday for Junior Results.  
” 22—1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Draw, 8—8  
” 24—Holiday. Review at Centennial Park.  
” 26—1st XV. v. Newington College. Won, 16—8.  
” 27—Junior Debate.  
” 29—1st XV. v. St. Joseph’s College. Draw, 0—0.
- Sept. 9—Athletic Sports’ Meeting.  
” 10—Senior Debate.  
” 11—Address by the Revs. J. O. Feetham and G. Snowdon, of the Bush Brotherhood.  
Junior Debate.
- ” 24—Speech Day and Presentation of Prizes by His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales.  
Term III. ends.
- ” 25—G P S Athletic Sports’ Meeting.
- Oct. 6—Term IV. begins.



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