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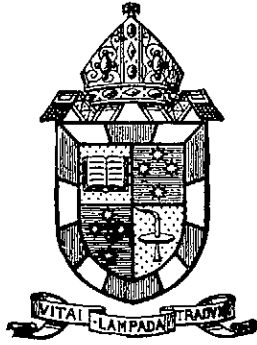
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Cairo Museum.

“ Egypt ! why do you haunt me ? ”

OF all the entrancingly interesting things and places I saw in Egypt, the Museum in Cairo is that to which my thoughts turn with the greatest pleasure. It is so surprising and unexpected, and so utterly different from anything one has seen before. Among the huge granite and basalt statues, the columns and sarcophagi, one's eye is arrested by bright life-like groups of figures, some seated, some standing as if striding forward from their place, by all kinds of instruments and weapons, by beautiful jewellery, all found in the tombs discovered within the last 50 or 60 years, and most of them looking as if they had only lately been made or used. I was sitting sketch-

ing a life-size figure of Ti, a man who lived probably before the great Pyramid was built, when an artist who was painting near me began to speak of the statues he was copying. Like Ti, they were of sandstone, which had been painted. He told me that when the tomb was first excavated, a labourer was sent through the hole that had been made to investigate and report on the tomb. He came scrambling back, breathless and alarmed, exclaiming “ The tomb is haunted ; there are two ghosts sitting there ! ” and, indeed, one can imagine the startling effect of the two seated figures, gazing placidly out with gleaming eyes, just as they had been placed there at least 4,000 years before. It is

strange indeed to think of the immense age of these statues, for the colour is so wonderfully fresh that one might think they had only just left the artist's hands. The man is very dark, with black hair, on which a crown rests, and a vividly white loin cloth fastened round the waist with a belt. The Princess Nefert, his wife, is much fairer. She is clothed from neck to feet in a dazzling white dress, which completely covers her, with the exception of one hand. Round her neck is painted the representation of an elaborate necklace, and she wears a wig of very black hair, under which her own hair peeps on the forehead. Both are evidently faithful portraits, and the most remarkably alive expression is given by the eyes, which are beautifully made of quartz set in marble, which again is set in narrow copper rims, which form the lids. A broad-headed silver pin inserted in the quartz from the back forms the pupil, while the quartz itself is the iris and the marble the eyeball. Whether the Greeks had ever seen art of this far earlier date when they produced their masterpieces or not, they never attempted, as far as we know, to give the effect of reality in the eyes, and consequently their statues, though more perfect and carried into much further detail as to form, are far less living than these naturalistic portraits in stone. Ti, of whom I made a water-color sketch, is fashioned in the same way as the sitting prince and princess. He is full of youthful alertness and vigour, and the eyes seem to gleam with thoughtful earnestness. I was much amused by criticisms I heard from two tourists who stood looking at Ti. After consulting their guide books, one said to the other, "Bronze, eh?" (The statue in bronze was on the other side of the room), "quite an intelligent face!" The other,

a peculiarly vacant-looking youth, answered "Ye-es, perhaps." "Quite intelligent, I should say," answered the other, in a patronizing voice, and satisfied with their inspection, they passed on into another room.

Another sketch I made was of one of the most recent acquisitions, a full-sized statue of the Goddess Hathor, the heifer who was worshipped as a representative of Isis. She was discovered not quite three years ago at Thebes, standing in her little shrine, and though it seemed a pity to move her, there was too much risk of the precious find being mutilated if she was left where she had been standing so many long ages, and the shrine was carefully unbuild, brought to Cairo, and there the beautiful little creature stands underneath the arch of her shrine, gazing gently, with an almost motherly, ruminant expression on the curious passers-by of to-day, just as she must have gazed on her worshippers of the twelfth dynasty. Worshipped she undoubtedly was, for she is that deity of whom Aaron made an image of gold in the wilderness. She bears between her horns the insignia of her rank as goddess, the orb, the ureus, and the peacocks' feathers. From her hoof, just pushing through them, lotus stems rise and blossom round and behind her head, and the rippling water of the Nile is represented by conventional zig-zags at their base. Under her nose, resting against her dewlap, stands a figure in an attitude of supplication, perfect except the face, which has, unfortunately, been mutilated. This represents the Pharaoh, who is painted black, to show that he is dead. But underneath the Divine Cow, at the side, the same figure is painted drinking her milk, and this time he is brown, for Isis has given him new life. The shrine

is covered with portraits of Hathor and the Pharaoh for whose tomb she was made, all as fresh and vivid in colour as the day they were first painted.

One of the most interesting rooms in the Museum is called the Theodore Davis Room. It contains the treasures found in some of the most recently opened tombs excavated by an American of that name, who has done a great deal of work during the last few years at his own expense. Articles of toilet, such as combs and mirrors, and alabaster jars for ointments and perfumes, baskets of wickerwork, containing wigs, were found in one of these tombs; also a beautiful chariot in perfect preservation, covered with leather, embossed and enamelled with brilliant colours, and with leather tyres on the wheels. Chairs, stools, and beds were also found, and a lovely square leather cushion, decorated with designs in scarlet and blue. One edge is ripped, and the goose feathers are sticking out of it! So, four or five thousand years ago people had their comforts and luxuries just as they have now! Some of the most curious things in this room are joints, poultry, and ducks, embalmed and wrapped in cere-cloths, and enclosed in decorated mummy cases. These were placed in the tombs, so that the traveller should not go on his last long journey unprovided with food. There are also countless tiny figures in blue porcelain, to represent the servants who should attend him, and beautiful little hoes and other agricultural implements, wherewith these slaves should do their accustomed work in the after-life. I noticed two dog-collars of leather, which had turned pink with age, with scenes inlaid in white leather, and on one was the name of the dog, also set in white, the workmanship perfect and

artistic. There were most interesting glass cases containing regiments of warriors, some with spears, others with swords. The superior rank of the officers was marked by their wearing a wig, evidently a sign of authority or rank, like that of the Princess Nefert and of Ti. The room of the Regalia is also perfectly fascinating, containing bracelets, necklaces, one of pure gold consisting of rows of animals representing hunting; brooches, earrings, and breastplates of gold, enamelled in blue and scarlet, and representing the Pharaoh receiving homage.

Of course, the mummies are of intense interest; yet it is sad and degrading that these mighty monarchs should be exposed to the curious gaze of every passer-by, and one wishes they could once more be given decent burial. The pomp and solemnity and extravagant costliness of their great funeral celebrations did not avail for that which they most desired: to be hidden for ever safely from desecration. They carved their tombs deep into the rock; they made false chambers and false doors so as to conceal their burying places; yet all to no purpose; after such long ages that one can hardly realize how long ago it was that they lived and died, the king has been haled forth, his sarcophagus and the second and third mummy case inside the first, opened; the wrappings have been torn away, and there they all lie, their hair still clinging to their wrinkled brows, their teeth gleaming under the lips, the henna still staining the long narrow finger nails with scarlet. Some faces are noble, some fierce, some merely shocking; but there are few who gaze on them, intensely interesting as they are, who do not feel ashamed to look at them and turn away with a desire that they should once more be hidden from the eyes of men:

The School Chapel.

IN view of the celebration of our 20th Anniversary next year, we wish to incite all our friends to special effort on behalf the Chapel Fund. The amount that must be raised before the building can be commenced is, roughly, £1,000.

The following is the list of subscriptions already received or promised:—

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Mr. E. R. Holme (1st don)...	5	5	0
Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C. ...	5	5	0
Judge Backhouse ...	5	5	0
Mr. A. F. Robinson ...	5	5	0
Mr. A. D. Hall ...	5	5	0
Dr. H. Nickoll ...	5	5	0
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Mr. R. C. Wilson (Rugby) ...	2	2	0	Dr. N. A. W. Conolly ...	1	1	0
Dr. J. B. St. Vincent-Welch ...	2	2	0	Mr. T. H. Dent ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Ryder ...	2	2	0	Mr. D. H. Cowper ...	1	1	0
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J. H. Simpson ...	1	0	0	School Concert (June, 1908)	14	4	11	

Cadet Corps.

THE activity of the Cadet Corps has been this term chiefly centred on rifle shooting. During the first fortnight the Randwick Range was occupied with the N.R.A. annual meeting. Although we could not hope for much success, we determined to make our debut in the Schools' Challenge Shield and the Rawson Cup, and teams that represented the School acquitted themselves respectably, if it is taken into consideration that we faced the veterans of Newington and King's School with ten inexperienced recruits.

For the past six weeks Musketry Course has been in full swing. These Companies have only been able to complete half the course owing to shortage of rifles.

A lot of good work has been done, however, and no cadet, except a few of the victims to chicken pox, can now call themselves strangers to the range.

The miniature range is completed, and we are only waiting for the Morris tubes to open it for practice.

The Venour-Nathan Shield was competed for on Wednesday, December 2nd. It was arranged that the first 25 in the

musketry course should shoot off for the Shield, 7 rounds with two sighting shots at 200 and 500 yards.

The contest between the first four was particularly exciting. Le Quesne was the first to top the fifty, scoring 51, in spite of having been unfortunate enough to mistake his target once at the 500, when he planted an "inner" on his neighbour's target, a mistake which cost him the match, for R. Boyce followed with 29 at the 500, making a total of 52. Paul shot next scoring 53. When McDonald went down as last man his score for the 200 yards was 24. He therefore required an average of "inner" to win. He refused both sighters an outer and a magpie—and then scored 4, 4, 3, 3, 5, 5, but the seventh shot turned out to be one of those unaccountable misses which happen sometimes at the wrong moment. If it was an ill wind for Macdonald that took his last bullet off the target, it blew good to Paul, who was left winner with a score of 53.

He has since substantiated his claim to the position, for he represented S.C.E.G.S. in an All Schools' team in a match against the University Scouts, and scored the solid total of 62 out of 70.

It is also a matter for congratulation that the first name on the shield will be that of the son of the O.C. of N.S.W. Cadets.

The contest for the Venour-Nathan Shield resulted as follows:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
1 Cadet Paul	26	27	53
2 Corporal Boyce	23	29	52
3 Cadet Le Quesne	26	25	51
Sergeant Macdonald	26	24	50
Cadet J. Maclean	23	25	48
" Wilkinson	23	23	46
Lance-Corporal a'Beckett	25	20	45

	200 yds.	500 yds.	
Cadet W. Trenerry	21	23	44
" Rayment	23	21	44
" Ross	21	22	43
" Busby	25	18	43
Corporal A. B. Adams	22	20	42
Colour-Sergt. D. Williams	24	18	42
Lance-Corpl. L. Trenerry	22	16	38
Cadet Arthur	22	15	37
" Simpson	23	14	37
" Bevan	13	21	34
" Saddington	19	13	32
Bugler Kelynack	14	17	31
Cadet Leake	14	15	29
" Hordern	20	8	28
" Heath	12	15	27
" Lillyman	16	8	24
" Flint	16	4	20
" Macmaster	15	4	19

A qualifying examination for N.C.O.'s was held at Newington College, on Tuesday, October 27th, at which 38 of our cadets qualified. The following promotions have been made:—

"G" Company—Colour-Sergeant: D. Williams. Sergeants: Deane, J. Pockley, K. Macdonald, Lee Pulling (with three months' leave of absence. Corporals: R. Boyce, D. Smith, D. Adams, A. B. Adams. Lance-Corporals: a'Beckett, Huxtable, Garbett, Newmarch.

"K" Company—Colour-Sergeant: J. Digby. Sergeant: Maxwell. Corporals: Minty, Beckett. Lance-Corporal: Tiley, L. Trenerry.

A Battalion Parade was held at Newington on October 30, unfortunately clashing with our Old Boys' match. However, a full Company turned out and spent a rather dull afternoon standing at ease, while an examination of officers took place in the middle distance. Better luck next time!

On Saturday, November 7th, after a morning at the range, a Company of 60 turned out for the King's Birthday Review at Centennial Park. The thermometer

stood at 101½ at the Observatory, and must have been somewhere near breaking point on the parade-ground. None the less, our fellows stiffened themselves up for the march-past, and went past in very good style.

Major Buchanan, O.C. 3rd Battalion,

inspected the two companies on 27th October.

At the present moment all preparations for the camp are going on. A church parade is to take place on Sunday, 13th, at Christ Church, and the following day the companies set out for La Perouse.

Combined Schools' Sports.

THE 14th Annual Combined Sports Meeting was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday, 25th September, in the presence of about 2,000 spectators. The day was hot, and the wind blew strongly from the north-east, but the turf was in fine order, and as a result some excellent performances were put up. Three records were broken and one equalled. In the High Jump, A. T. Woodriff and W. J. Rofe, both of S.G.S., cleared 5ft. 7in., thus beating H. J. St. Vincent-Welch's (S.C.E.G.S.) record of 5ft. 5¾in., put up in 1904. G. P. Arnold (S.G.S.) reduced S. A. Marden's (S.G.S.) mile-figures from 4min. 48½sec. to 4min. 41⅝sec. In the Mile Team Race, S.G.S. secured the first four places, thus obtaining the best possible number of points, 10, and beating the 12 points of the 1903 S.G.S. team. B. B. Monckton (S.G.S.) equalled the 220 under 15 record of 25 secs., but as he beat the pistol at the start, the performance was not allowed as a record by the Association. Although securing no records, the best all-round performance of the meeting was put up by J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.), who won the 100 Yards Championship (10¼ secs.), 220 Yards (23½ secs.), 440 Yards (54 secs.), and the Throw (103yds. 2ft. 2in.). G. P. Arnold (S.G.S.) won the Half-mile, in

addition to the Mile; and other noteworthy performances were those of B. C. A. Pockley (S.C.E.G.S.), 20ft. 10in., in the Broad Jump, A. O. Hodgson's win in 120 Yards Hurdles in 17 secs., against a stiff breeze, and F. P. Macintyre's (S.C.E.G.S.) kick of 63yds. 2ft. The Shield was again easily won by S.G.S., this time with the huge total of 82 points, S.C.E.G.S. being next with 23½ points, and then came T.K.S. with 10 and N.C. with 5½ points. In the under-age events, S.C.E.G.S. failed to gain a single point, our score being made up of 9 (all three places) in the Broad Jump, 2½ by F. P. Macintyre in the Kick, 2 by R. J. Massie in the Throw, 4 by S. L. Barden, sprints, and 3 in each of the 440 Yards and Mile Team Races. In the first division of the 440 Yards, J. G. Pockley and S. L. Barden, our representatives, finished 5th and 6th respectively; while in the second division B. C. Pockley was 1st and F. P. Macintyre 9th. In the Mile Team Race, our representatives filled places thus: C. M. Marsh 5th, L. S. Beckett 7th, B. M. Arthur 11th, and K. V. McDonald 17th. The meeting resulted in a profit of £19 8s. 4d.

The appended account is taken from the *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday, 26th September:—

The meeting was controlled by the following officials, appointed by the N.S.W. A.A.A. :—Judges, Messrs. B. R. French, W. Jones, and H. J. R. Clayton; referee, Mr. R. Coombes; timekeepers, Messrs. W. T. Kerr, H. A. Westhoff, and R. B. Orchard; starter, Mr. C. D. Jones; clerks of course, Messrs. C. Herd and J. Kay; Central Committee, Messrs. I. G. Mackay, H. Marks, and G. F. Wooldridge; officials for Throw and Kick, Messrs. Bode, Thomas, Buchanan, Sullivan, Farrar, Rev. E. F. Waddy, Rev. Br. Angel; Jumps, Messrs. Savigny, Barbour, Hall, Jarvie, and Rev. D. Davies

Results :—

Broad Jump.

B. C. A. Pockley (S.C.E.G.S.), 20ft. 10in.	1
J. G. A. Pockley (S.C.E.G.S.), 19ft. 11in.	2
F. P. Macintyre (S.C.E.G.S.), 19ft. 10in.	3

Kicking the Football.

E. P. Barbour (S.G.S.)	} 63yds. 2ft., req.
F. P. Macintyre (S.C.E.G.S.)	

High Jump (under 15).

B. B. Monckton (S.G.S.), 4ft. 11in.	1
S. C. Brown (S.G.S.), 4ft. 9in.	2
M. Steele (T.S.C.), 4ft. 8in.	3

120 Yards Hurdles Championship.

1st Heat—	
P. L. Lavender (S.G.S.)	1
R. I. A. Massie (S.C.E.G.S.)	2
Time, 17½ secs.	

2nd Heat—	
J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.)	1
P. Walsh (S.J.C.)	2
Time, 18½ secs.	

3rd Heat—	
A. T. Woodriff (S.G.S.)	1
A. O. Hodgson (T.K.S.)	2
Time, 17½ secs.	

Final—	
A. O. Hodgson	1
P. L. Lavender	2
J. C. Lamrock	5

Won by 2 yards, with a yard separating second and third. Time, 17 secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.), 103yds. 2ft. 2in.	1
R. J. A. Massie (S.C.E.G.S.)	2
R. Bull (S.G.S.)	3

220 Yards Championship.

1st Heat—	
E. Carr (S.G.S.)	1
P. L. Lavender (S.G.S.)	2
S. L. Barden (S.C.E.G.S.)	3

Time, 24½ secs.

2nd Heat—	
J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.)	1
A. Goodall (N.C.)	2
P. J. Walsh (S.J.C.)	3

Time, 24½ secs.

Final—

J. C. Lamrock	1
S. L. Barden	2
E. Carr	3

Won by a yard, with half a yard between second and third. Time, 23½ secs.

100 Yards Championship.

1st Heat—	
E. Carr (S.G.S.)	1
A. Goodall (N.C.)	2

Time, 11¼ secs.

2nd Heat—	
P. L. Lavender (S.G.S.)	1
P. J. Walsh (S.J.C.)	2

Time, 11 secs.

3rd Heat—	
J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.)	} ... dead heat
S. L. Barden (S.C.E.G.S.)	

Time, 11½ secs.

Final—

J. C. Lamrock	1
P. L. Lavender	2
S. L. Barden	3

Won by half a yard, with a yard separating second and third. Time, 10½ secs.

High Jump.

W. J. Rofe (S.G.S.)	} 5ft. 7in., Deat heat
A. T. Woodriff (S.G.S.)	
A. O. Hodgson (T.K.S.)	} 5ft. 5in.
A. B. Farquhar (S.G.S.)		3

Half-mile Championship.

G. P. Arnold (S.G.S.)	...	...	1
R. J. Taylor (S.G.S.)	...	...	2
H. R. Garland (S.G.S.)	...	...	3

Won by 6 yards, with 5 yards between second and third. Time, 2 mins. $8\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

100 Yards Championship (under 13).

J. Taylor (N.C.)	...	...	1
S. Stephens (T.K.S.)	...	...	2
J. W. Perry (S.G.S.)	...	...	3

Time, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

220 Yards Championship (under 15).

B. B. Monckton (S.G.S.)	...	...	1
H. Williams (S.G.S.)	...	...	2
F. J. Thomas (T.K.S.)	...	...	3

Time, 25 secs.

440 Yards Championship and Team Race.

1st Division—

J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.)	...	...	1
P. L. Lavender (S.G.S.)	...	...	2
E. E. Lowe (T.K.S.)	...	...	3

Time, 54 secs.

2nd Division—

B. C. A. Pockley (S.C.E.G.S.)	...	...	1
C. F. Garrett (S.G.S.)	...	...	2
C. O. Donovan (S.G.S.)	...	...	3

Time, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Teams Race—

S.G.S.—P. L. Lavender, J. C. Lamrock, C. F. Garrett and C. O. Donovan, 8 points	1
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S.C.E.G.S.—S. L. Barden, J. G. A. Pockley, B. C. A. Pockley, and F. P. Macintyre, 21 points	2
T.K.S.—A. O. Hodgson, E. E. Lowe, E. A. Gardiner, and S. F. Mort, 26 pts.	3

Under 15 Team Race.

Sydney Grammar School	...	...	1
Newington College	...	...	2
St. Joseph's College	...	...	3

Mile Championship and Team Race.

G. P. Arnold (S.G.S.)	...	...	1
R. J. Taylor (S.G.S.)	...	...	2
C. J. Wiley (S.G.S.)	...	...	3
S. D. Henderson (S.G.S.)	...	...	4

Won by about 100 yards, in record time, 4 yards between second and third. Time, 4 mins. 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Team Race—

S.G.S.—G. P. Arnold, R. J. Taylor, C. J. Wiley, and S. D. Henderson, 10 points	...	...	1
S.C.E.G.S., 40 points	...	...	2
N.C. and T.K.S., equal, 50 points	...	...	3
S.J.C., 50 points	...	...	5

Championship Points.

S.G.S., 82 points	...	...	1
S.C.E.G.S., 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ points	...	...	2
T.K.S., 10 points	...	...	3
N.C., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ points	...	...	4

The Scots College, St. Joseph's College, and The Armidale School scored 1 point each.

A Trip to Vladivostock.

HAVING unexpectedly been given a chance to visit the East with my father, I shall try to write a short account of our holiday. We left Newcastle in a large turret steamer, and expected a very monotonous trip to Shanghai, since we were not to call at any ports on the way. However, there were many items of interest, especially when passing the islands east of

New Guinea. Late one afternoon we came abreast of Vulcan Island, which is an active volcano, with two craters, both belching out smoke and steam, and one of them, fire. I do not think I have ever seen a more magnificent or a more beautiful scene. The sunset was one such as we are accustomed to see in summer time, with varying tints; the sea, in the fore-



Officers and N.C. Officers of the Cadet Corps.

Top row—Corp. D. I. Smith, Corp. A. B. Adams, Sergt. C. Deane, Sergt. K. Macdonald, Corp. R. Boyce, Corp. C. C. Minty.

Second row—Corp. L. Bennett, Sergt. J. A. Pockley, Col-Sergt. D. Williams, Sergt.-Major Cooke-Russell, Col-Sergt. J. Digby,
Sergt. Maxwell, Corp. D. Adams.

Third row—Lieut. C. Tozer, Lieut. J. O. Harris, Captain J. Lee Pulling, Lieut. H. Wilshire, Lieut. B. Pockley.

Fourth row—Lance-Corporals Newmarch, C. S. Tiley, C. Huxtable, L. Trenerry, H. E. a'Beckett.

Absent—Sergt. C. W. Lee Pulling, Lance-Corporal A. M. Garbett.

ground and background, was of mollen gold, and in the centre, the huge cone of Vulcan, 4,500ft. high, rose like a pyramid abruptly out of the sea, its colour—dark Prussian blue—being in strong contrast to the bright sunset. We took some snapshots, but, unfortunately, like many amateur photographs, they have not turned out well. We noticed, when passing here, a distinctly sulphurous smell in the air, though we were not near enough to hear the roar, which there, undoubtedly, must have been. This was not the only active one we saw, since all these islands are of volcanic origin.

We were twenty-six days on the water, until we reached the Yangtse-kiang, and dropped anchor at Woosung. Here, the ship had to wait for the tide to steam up to Shanghai, about ten miles distant. We obtained to take us ashore a "sampan," which is merely a flat-bottomed boat propelled by a Chinaman at the stern, with one long oar. Lying alongside the banks there were thousands of these "sampans," and of boats of a larger build styled junks, which are used to bring the produce down from the "paddy" or rice fields, by means of a narrow network of canals.

No sooner were we ashore than we were immediately surrounded by dozens of Chinamen, who were all jabbering at us, and who, at the first opportunity, grabbed our luggage to wheel it up to the railway station, and wanted to wheel us also on their barrows. They build these barrows with a large wheel in the centre, and with a framework of wood all round it, on which one may sit, after the fashion of an Irish jaunting car. The Chinese in Woosung have a curious way of pressing themselves into one's service by paying the railway fare to Shanghai. After much confusion,

we understood that a tailor had already paid our fares, and so we started for Shanghai without more delay.

As the train ran into the platform, every carriage door was surrounded by rickshaw boys. We each got into a rickshaw, and our luggage was put in a third. I felt very much inclined to laugh, but was rather afraid of offending them by doing so, for it seemed so funny at first to be pulled along by a man instead of a horse.

Chinese shops have open fronts, and all their wares are hung round the walls, or on any convenient spot, and the shop-keeper is willing to pull out anything that you may wish to see. I generally found, when wanting to buy, that the Chinaman asked, at first, nearly double what he would take in the end, and, of course, I offered considerably less.

Before we left China, we visited Soochow, an ancient Chinese city, founded about 800 B. C. The city is surrounded by a wall some 50ft in thickness. The streets are very narrow and dirty, and the stench everywhere almost unbearable as we went through on our donkeys. The widest of these streets measured 8ft. across, and after passing through a regular maze of narrower ones, with the houses nearly meeting overhead, we came to a Pagoda, which is 1,650 years old. This is the highest Pagoda in China (250ft.), and has nine storeys. We went more than halfway up, and got a splendid view of the city. After seeing this, we went over the house and garden of a Chinese Mandarin. The garden consisted chiefly of artificial rockeries formed into a kind of maze, and a miniature lake, in which were hundreds of tortoises and gold and silver fish. The Mandarin had a tiger cage, which was then empty, and for this we were thankful,

since it was only constructed of wood and did not appear to be strong. Our guide next took us over a Temple, all round the rear portion of which was a wonderful picture gallery. No one could imagine such unearthly beings as those painted in water colours for "Joshes" or "Gods." The Temple, or "Josh hong," which was only a very small part of the building, contained five or six large wooden idols, painted in red and gold, and with a large caldron placed before the principal one for the purpose of offering sacrifices. We had now had nearly enough of the frightful smells and the heat, so we directed our guide to take us back to the station. After a very interesting stay in Shanghai we sailed for Otaru, a small port in the north-west of Nezo, the north island of Japan.

No sooner had we got inside the small harbour than we were met by a disgusting smell of bad fish. This comes from large quantities of fish manure, which is greatly used in the country round Otaru, and is also exported largely. We had some difficulty in obtaining a sampan to take us ashore, since the Japanese do not care whether you engage them or not; they are not at all like the Chinese in this respect, as they will always give their best services, trying, of course, to get as much as possible for them. The Japs. are very particular about anyone going on shore from a foreign ship without first passing through the Customs, so we had to comply with their regulations. The smell of the fish was now growing stronger and stronger. However, we put up with it, and walked through the streets, which were of a fair width, but full of large pieces of stone, as large as a man's head. The carts which the Japs. use, are built with two wheels and a platform between them.

They drive small ponies, and treat them most unmercifully. The lower class of the Japanese are a most disrespectful and dirty people, and will not do for anyone more than they can help. The bargaining here was of quite a different nature from that in Shanghai, for the Jap. does not care whether he sells or not. After a stay of a week in Otaru, we went across to Vladivostock, about which we heard so much during the Russo-Japanese War. My readers can imagine how eager we were to see this place.

Entering a magnificent harbour, we saw Vladivostock situated right inside the "Eastern Bosphorus." The town, was not so large or so imposing as I had expected to find it, but it is situated in a very strong position. Out of a population of almost 150,000 inhabitants, there are over 100,000 soldiers, and every second man in the street wears a uniform.

Here, as a means of locomotion, the rickshaws are replaced by "droshkis," which are a kind of Victoria drawn by two Manchurian ponies, very sure-footed and steady, one of them being in the shafts, while the other is simply held by single rein alongside. This shows what wonderful drivers the men are, as they go up and down hill at a great pace and over exceedingly bad roads. The whole turn-out, vehicle and driver, is styled a "ishvoshit."

While in this city, we visited the public markets, also the orthodox Greek Church, and many other places of interest, but all the buildings resemble prisons, especially inside, and all the windows are double, to keep out the intense cold.

Our visit to the East did not terminate here, as we had to go some 200 miles further up the coast of Siberia to a very pretty little harbour called St. Olga's Bay, where we lay at anchor for some days.

On our return journey, for the first week through the Sea of Japan we had beautiful weather and a smooth sea, but, unfortunately, when two days south of Japan, we were overtaken by a typhoon, and though the Captain said that we were only in the outer circle, still, from what we felt and saw, we could hardly imagine that conditions could be worse in the inner circle. We were destined to encounter

another storm, for just north of Cape Byron we were struck by a southerly gale, which so impeded our progress that, coal running short, we were now obliged to supplement it with some of our timber cargo. However, "all's well that ends well," and we made Newcastle after an absence of four most interesting months.

S. C. R.

Debating Society.

SENIOR.

THE one full debate held was to discuss whether "Gambling of allsorts should be made illegal under exemplary punishment," proposed by Wilkinson and opposed by Anderson. There was a good attendance and a fair number of speakers. There should be a little more preparation bestowed on the subjects, apart from that by the proposer and seconder. There were also a series of impromptu debates held on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st, when the attendance was rather smaller, but almost everyone spoke. Next term it is hoped that subjects will be more plentiful, and that meetings will be held more often.

JUNIOR.

Only two debates have been held this term, as good attendances have been difficult to secure owing to counter attractions.

At the first Digby proposed "That football is a better game than cricket."

Lloyd opposed. A fair number spoke to the motion, which was finally carried by 11 votes to 3.

Dent, Pulling ii. and Thomas were elected to vacancies on the Committee.

Mr. Davies' motion—"That any member of Committee absent from three consecutive meetings, without due cause, should thereby lose his place on the Committee"—was passed.

The second debate was opened by Thomas, who proposed "That civilisation is a blessing to mankind." The speaker referred to the various arts and sciences which we owe to civilisation. Peace, respect for women and various manufactures were instanced as some of its boons.

Lloyd, in opposing, pointed out that the only accompaniments of civilisation adopted by barbarians brought into contact with it were its vices. He referred to the gradual decay of Rome. Moreover, civilisation caused men to live in cities, which was unhealthy. The love of camping-out, innate in every healthy person was a natural desire for a return to the savage life.

Digby ii. supported the opposer. One outcome of civilisation was the school, the stuffy class-room and the unhealthy habit of poring over books. Men of the present day were a weak and wasted generation.

Dent, Robertson, Smith iii., Hall iii., Saddington ii., Smith iv., Leake, Blackwood and Thomas, in reply, also spoke and the motion was finally lost by 7 votes to 8.

Cricket.

THE first half of the Cricket Season has again shown the glorious—or perhaps more correctly termed the agonising—uncertainty of the game. We started in promising style by making 465 against St. Joseph's College—by no means the weakest team. Then against The King's School we had to face the small score of 164, and it was only the resolute batting of the last four men that enabled us to win by the narrow margin of 30 runs. The game with Newington College was also a slow scoring one. N.C. made 93, and although our score stood at 94 for two wickets, the total only reached 178. Our meeting with Sydney Grammar School was looked forward to with great interest, and, after our narrow victories over two schools that S.G.S. had soundly beaten the outside general forecast was that we would lose, but Massie suddenly regained his old form with the ball, and Tozer, free from the cares and worries of the Senior Examination, was again ready to break the hearts and length of the opposing bowlers. It is true that Boyce top-scored and Francis made a useful contribution at a critical time, but Tozer did not look like getting out until a throw from the field beat him by inches only. In this match we lost the toss, we foolishly bowled during a drizzling rain, we flattered the bowlers and encouraged the fieldsmen by losing three tail-enders and two of our mainstays cheaply (5 for 38), our captain and safest bat was run out with 72 still wanting, and yet we won. Surely no match was ever fought out successfully with the fates as much against the eventual winning side.

The bowling of the team was marked by poor and good displays. Massie at

times bowled well, but it was not till the S.G.S. match that he struck his old form, when he was practically irresistible. Trenerry is a promising leg-break bowler, but he has to weaken his field for his off-break; he has not been bowled nearly enough, partly because of the mistaken idea that Massie and he do not lead at the same time enough variety to the attack. McDonald has generally opened the bowling at one end, and when bowled on a fast wicket he has been useful; as soon as he commences to bowl length for slip-catches he will succeed. Francis, E. Merewether, and Wilkinson have been the change bowlers, but none of them have been particularly deadly.

The batting of the team has been uneven. Tozer and E. Merewether struck form in the first match, each making a century score, but did little afterwards, perhaps owing to hard work for the Senior Examination, and yet neither lost his form altogether, as the former's 51 (run out) against S.G.S. and the latter's 34 in the Combined Schools' match show. H. Merewether has been the most consistent batsman, with scores of 61, 47, 64, 40, 35 and 4. He has shown excellent form, but he leaves the cut alone, and is always looking for drives and leg-hits. Not having a great reach, he impatiently gets himself out to a bowler who keeps a good length ball dead on the wicket by attempting scoring drives when it is only safe to play back. Boyce has also shown good form, but he rarely plays an innings without being indulged by the field. His innings of 76 against S.G.S. was full of grit and merit. Francis is a distinctly useful man, for, in addition to being a change bowler and a reliable field, he has

made 39, 22 and 25. Wilkinson has made two useful scores, 22 (not out) and 35; he is an elegant batsman and his on drives are worth going a long way to see. Only the regular batsmen have been so far mentioned, but these exclude the heroes of The King's School match—Trenerry, McDonald, Massie, and Lillyman. After the regular batsmen were out, McDonald and Massie made a stand which advanced the score to 88 for the eighth wicket. Then McDonald and Trenerry set themselves to wear out the bowling. They played eleven successive maiden overs, and only scored two singles off the next two overs. Nevertheless, the ninth wicket fell at 121—43 runs still wanting. These Trenerry managed to make by skilfully manœuvring to get the strike, Lillyman manfully keeping up his wicket. The last named has also done good work behind the wickets.

The fielding of the team has been a little patchy, although eight of the regular members of the team could be classed as good fieldsmen. Tozer, H. Merewether, Francis, and Trenerry have been conspicuous by their good fielding, while Massie has stopped and caught anything within his reach, one of his catches in the All Schools' match being wonderful.

ning the toss, Tozer went in with E. Merewether to open the innings, and to such purpose did they bat that the score was taken to 160 in 75 minutes, Merewether having scored 102 to Tozer's 50. Merewether, who was missed at 61, 113, and 114, was eventually well stumped by McCaffrey for a vigorous 129, made in 90 minutes. Tozer then being 61, and the total 201. Merewether batted vigorously, but not in his best form, many of his strokes being out-and-out "slogs." Tozer batted in his usual correct and patient style for 101 (in 133 minutes), and was then stumped by McCaffrey, the second wicket falling at 275. Tozer in the last match v. S.J.C. in February made 261, so that he has a relish for the Hunter's Hill bowlers. Next to Tozer, H. Merewether, perhaps, gave the best exhibition for 61 in 42 minutes. He hit 9 fours, and showed good form, but missed too many balls on the leg. Boyce made 54 and Francis 39 (including two sixers off the last two balls previous to the fatal one). Massie batted in an unusually quiet manner for 21 (not out), while Wilkinson made some nice strokes in his 13, but hardly reproduced his form of the previous Wednesday, when he made 77 (not out) against Folkard's, bowling at Callan Park. The School made their total of 465 in exactly 240 minutes. S.J.C. changed their bowling a good deal, and Thorpe 1 for 80, Baker 4 for 87, and O'Brien 3 for 65 met with most success. The fielding was patchy, some being very good and some mediocre. McCaffrey behind the stumps showed good form.

St. Joseph's College made 168. Baker 55, Whealey 22, and Coolahan 14 played good cricket, the second wicket not falling till 107 was on the board. Cameron made 15, Thorpe 19, and sundries 22. The School bowling was only fair. Francis secured 3 for 26 off 8 overs, Massie 3 for 65 off 16 overs, and McDonald 2 for 22 off 10½ overs.

G.P.S. CRICKET PREMIERSHIP.

First Half, 1908-1909.

	Matches Played.		Possible Points.		Obtained
	Won.	Lost.			
S.C.E.G.S. ...	4	0	8	8	8
S.G.S. ...	4	3	8	8	6
S.J.C. ...	4	1	8	8	2
T.K.S. ...	4	1	8	8	2
N.C. ...	4	1	8	8	2

SCHOOL V. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The School defeated St. Joseph's College at Hunter's Hill, on October 24, by 287 runs. Win-

SCHOOL.

E. R. H. Merewether, st McCaffery, b Thorpe	129
C. J. Tozer, st McCaffery, b Baker	101
R. C. M. Boyce, b Baker	54
H. A. H. Merewether, c McCaffery, b Baker	61
G. H. Francis, c Carberry, b O'Brien	39
A. C. Wilkinson, c Thorpe, b Baker	13
H. McDonald, b O'Brien	1
C. F. Macintosh, c Coolahan, b Cameron	8
R. J. A. Massie, not out	21
R. D. H. Merewether, c and b O'Brien	6
C. R. Z. Throsby, c Stephens, b Carberry	8
Sundries	24
Total	465

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Coolahan, c and b Massie	14
Baker, c Wilkinson, b Francis	55
Whealy, c McDonald, b Francis	22
Cameron, c Merewether, b Francis	15
Glazier, c and b Massie	0
Quinn, c E. Merewether, b R. Merewether	3
O'Brien, run out	11
Thorpe, c Francis, b Massie	19
McMahon, c Tozer, b McDonald	5
Carberry, not out	8
McCaffery, b McDonald	4
Sundries	22

Total 168

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—McDonald, 2 for 22; Massie, 3 for 65; Francis, 3 for 65; R. Merewether, 1 for 17.

SCHOOL V. OLD BOYS.

Played at the School on October 30. The match would have had closer finish had A. B. S. White been held at 32.

SCHOOL.—First Innings.

E. Merewether, c A. B. S. White, b Dr. Clarke	12
Tozer, c N. Y. Deane, b K. Allen	47
Boyce, c K. Allen, b N. Y. Deane	26
H. Merewether, b T. Dent	40
Francis, b T. Dent	12
Wilkinson, c Minnett, b Dr. Clarke	6
McDonald, c and b Dr. Clarke	6
Sayers, run out	23
Massie, c R. V. Minnett, b Dr. Clarke	1
Trennery, not out	5
R. Merewether, lbw, b Dent	0
Throsby, c K. Allen, b L. Clarke	6
Sundries	26

Total 210

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—N. Y. Deane, 1 for 32; Dr. Clarke, 4 for 86; L. Clarke, 1 for 8; K. Allen, 1 for 15; T. Dent, 3 for 22.

OLD BOYS.—First Innings.

A. B. S. White, retired	119
N. Y. Deane, b Massie	5
R. V. Minnett, b Trennery	40
H. H. Massie, c and b Massie	30
L. Clarke, b Throsby	16
Dr. Clarke, c Tozer, b Massie	16
G. Uther, c Tozer, b Trennery	5

I. G. Mackay, b Trennery	5
K. Allen, b Throsby	9
O. Dent, not out	0
Lehmaier, b Trennery	1
T. Dent, absent	0
Sundries	28
Total	274

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Massie, 3 for 75; Trennery, 4 for 52; Throsby, 3 for 24.

SCHOOL V. ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

This match was played at Riverview, on October 31, and won by the School by 178 runs. S.I.C. made 30, Massie taking 6 for 18 and McDonald 2 for 10. The School made 208.

ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

First Innings.

V. Conlon, c Boyce, b Massie	1
M. Playoust, run out	2
G. Malone, b Massie	6
T. Payton, c Throsby, b McDonald	6
B. Murray, lbw, b Massie	5
E. O'Halloran, thrown out by Tozer	2
J. McCarthy, b McDonald	5
W. Hogan, lbw, b Massie	0
J. Deery, b Massie	0
B. Bruant, c Wilkinson, b Massie	1
G. Dalton, not out	0
Sundries	2
Total	30

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—K. V. McDonald, 2 for 10; R. J. Massie, 6 for 18.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

E. Merewether, b McCarthy	10
Tozer, retired	25
Boyce, retired	28
H. Merewether, retired	35
Francis, b Malone	2
Wilkinson, b McCarthy	0
Sayers, retired	37
McDonald, retired	42
Massie, lbw, b Dalton	6
Trennery, b Hogan	9
Throsby, not out	0
Sundries	14
Total	268

SCHOOL V. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

Played on the North Sydney Oval, November 14. T.K.S. made 164. Walford and Brown took the score to 43 for the first wicket, while the former with Bundock advanced the total to 118 for the second wicket. Trenerry, on being put on to bowl entirely altered the aspect of the game. He bowled Walford (63)—who had given a good display—in his first over, and Bundock in his second. The innings closed for 164, Trenerry taking 4 for 17 and Massie 3 for 37.

The School opened disastrously, 5 wickets falling for 47. H. Merewether was batting soundly all the time, and with Massie took the score to 88 for the sixth wicket, but he eventually was caught off Biddulph, who, keeping a very good length, had taken 5 wickets. Eight were down for 97, when McDonald and Trenerry set themselves to tire out the bowling. They played 11 maiden overs in succession, and a single was hit from the next over, at which there were yells of ironical, thankful and encouraging cheers from friend and foe alike. McDonald was at last caught for 22, and still 43 were wanting with but one wicket to fall. The last man—Lillyman—is a regular Saunders of a bat, but he rose to the occasion and blocked and ran to give his partner the strike, who became more vigorous and showed considerable versatility in his strokes. The pair were not separated till 143 runs were on the board, and we had won by 30 runs. We had achieved the impossible. T.K.S. in a sportmanlike spirit recognised and applauded the great performance.

THE KING'S SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Walford, b Trenerry	...	...	63
Brown, c H. Merewether, b Massie	...	...	22
Bundock, b Trenerry	...	...	22
Biddulph, c and b Sayers	...	...	4
Gardiner, b Trenerry	...	...	4
Little, c Lillyman, b Massie	...	...	10
Robertson, run out	...	...	5
Rutledge, c Trenerry, b Massie	...	...	0
Mathias, not out	...	...	5
Bell, c. Tozer, b McDonald	...	...	8
See, b Trenerry	...	...	4
Sundries	...	...	17
Total	...	...	164

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—McDonald, 1 for 40; Massie, 3 for 37; Trenerry, 4 for 17; Sayers, 1 for 2.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

E. Merewether, h.o.w., b Biddulph	...	...	3
Tozer, b Biddulph	...	...	6
Boyce, c Mathias, b Biddulph	...	...	9
H. Merewether, c Robertson, b Biddulph	...	...	47
Francis, b Biddulph	...	...	1
Wilkinson, run out	...	...	2
Sayers, b Mathias	...	...	0
McDonald, c Gardiner, b See	...	...	22
Massie, b Mathias	...	...	25
Trenerry, run out	...	...	62
Lillyman, not out	...	...	4
Sundries	...	...	13
Total	...	...	195

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Biddulph, 5 for 63; Mathias, 2 for 26; See, 1 for 62.

SCHOOL V. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

We played N.C. on the North Sydney Oval No. 2, on November 21, and won by 85 runs. N.C. made 93, to which Brough contributed 26 and Meek 22. McDonald took 4 for 33, and E. Merewether 3 for 10.

The School passed the N.C. score with two wickets down, but afterwards got out quickly for 178. H. Merewether, following on his previous successes, made 64, while Francis and Wilkinson each secured 22, the latter being not out. Morris, Brough and Wipell divided the wickets.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

First Innings.

C. G. Prescott, b McDonald	...	...	4
P. A. Morris, b McDonald	...	...	17
R. H. Roberts, b McDonald	...	...	4
W. P. Wipell, b Massie	...	...	3
A. C. A. Jekyll, c Boyce, b Trenerry	...	...	7
C. A. Braugh, lbw, b Merewether	...	...	26
R. W. Meek, b McDonald	...	...	22
E. Beaver, b Merewether	...	...	0
R. Woodhill, run out	...	...	4
R. S. Moore, not out	...	...	1
G. G. Best, b Merewether	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	5
Total	...	...	93

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—McDonald, 4 for 33; Massie, 1 for 20; Trenerry, 1 for 12; Merewether, 3 for 10.

SCHOOL.	
First Innings.	
E. Merewether, c and b Morris...	11
H. Merewether, c and b Wippell	64
Francis, b Morris...	22
Boyce, b Braugh...	0
Massie, c and b Wippell...	8
Wilkinson, not out	22
McDonald, b Wippell	0
Sayers, b Moore	8
Tozer, b Wippell	13
Trenerry, b Moore	0
Lillymann, b Moore	0
Sundries	30
Total	178

SCHOOL V. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On November 27 and 28 we played S.G.S. for the first time at their new oval at Rushcutters' Bay. They deserve to be complimented on getting such a magnificent ground ready in so short a time. The couch grass was green and closely mown, and there was a conspicuous absence of the objectionable and almost inexterminable wire grass. The boundary was clearly defined, and the only fault that could be found was that the outfield was slow and dead—a natural consequence of several top dressings.

The School lost the toss, and S.G.S. batted. Barbour and Lamrock opened the innings and put together about 70, when the drizzling rain developing into a sharp shower drove the players to the pavilion. On resuming, after an interval of fifteen minutes, Barbour was clean bowled by Massie for 43. His runs were got in one's and two's chiefly, and his best stroke was the square cut. His innings was marred by a chance to the wicket-keep, while he had a narrow escape of being run out. Buckle, who followed, made a wild slog at one of Massie's swerves, and was clean bowled. Lamrock started aggressive batting, and was missed at point by Trenerry, who previously had been getting a lot to do and had been doing it well. His end soon came, however, for Massie pitched a break-back ball on his legs, which grazed his pads and flicked the wicket. Lamrock's contribution was 41. Of the others, none save Pratten—the smallest boy in the team—gave much trouble. Pratten showed good form, and was particularly good on anything on his legs. He, too, was missed at point by the

usually sure Tozer. The innings produced 181, which, since the three principal scorers were missed midway through their innings, might have been considerably less had the three ordinary catches been taken. Light rain fell during about half the innings, and although it was in favour of the batsmen, Tozer did not appeal for a cessation of play.

Massie quite recalled his form of two years back, and improved on it. He broke back both from balls pitched on the leg and off, he swerved and then the ball came through with all the appearance of an off-break. He bowled 31 overs, 10 maidens, for 56 runs and 8 wickets. Wilkinson took the other two wickets for 17 runs. Trenerry bowled very fairly, but was not put on early enough either before the rain or after it. McDonald bowled a number of overs at a fast medium pace, but was never very dangerous. Lillyman performed creditably behind the wickets. The placing of the field could have been improved. Massie had a man right on the edge of the straight drive boundary for a long time, while his slips were too far back, and Francis, a medium pace bowler, was bowled without an outfield.

With about ten minutes to bat on Friday, Tozer did not risk his good batsmen, but sent in McDonald and Trenerry, and Lamrock clean bowled the former and Massie* played out time. On resuming on Saturday morning wickets fell rapidly. Massie made 10, including a powerful drive for six, but Trenerry and the Merewethers did not reach double figures. H. Merewether shaped promisingly, but was snapped up by Barbour off his own bowling. Five wickets were down for 38, but Tozer and Boyce made a valuable stand for the sixth wicket. They both batted with extreme caution, and gradually wore the bowling down. Boyce was missed, but Tozer played chanceless, if slow, cricket until he was run out—a close thing—with his own score standing at 51 and the board showing 6 for 109.

Boyce and Francis resumed after lunch, and they took the score to 183 for the seventh wicket. The former, as usual, had some luck, and was eventually caught for 76—an innings full of merit, grit and pluck, if somewhat marred by chances. Francis compiled 25 in good style at a critical time, while Wilkinson showed some elegance in making 35. Lamrock and Barbour did the bulk of the bowling for S.G.S., but neither was difficult, as the wicket was on the slow side and they scarcely deserved the maiden overs the batsmen played. It was the game, however, for five wickets had

fallen for 38, and, although there were good batsmen to come, the position did not warrant any risks being taken. Lamrock took 4 for 51 and Barbour 2 for 90, while Buckle with "googly" leg-breaks secured 2 for 37.

S.G.S. lost 3 for 155 in their second innings. Lamrock and Buckle played attractive cricket and hit hard. Indulged by the field they put runs on at a great pace. The former made 44 and the latter 57 not out. Barbour (12) was caught behind the wickets by Lillyman off McDonald. Massie by taking two wickets brought his total up to 10 wickets for the match. The S.G.S. fielding was cleaner than ours, while both wicket keepers performed creditably.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.

E. P. Barbour, b Massie	...	43
J. C. Lamrock, b Massie	...	41
F. Buckle, b Massie	...	5
N. Gregg, c Boyce, b Wilkinson	...	4
L. Scott, b Massie	...	5
B. Pratten, b Massie	...	39
J. Farrar, c Tozer, b Massie	...	16
W. Sheldon, b Massie	...	1
W. Farrar, not out	...	4
C. Sheldon, b Massie	...	7
W. Pitt, c Trenerry, b Wilkinson	...	0
Sundries	...	16
Total	...	181

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Massie, 8 for 56; Merewether, 0 for 9; Francis, 0 for 17; Trenerry, 0 for 17; McDonald, 0 for 51; Wilkinson, 2 for 17.

Second Innings.

J. C. Lamrock, b Massie	...	44
E. P. Barbour, c Lillyman, b McDonald	...	12
F. Buckle, not out	...	57
L. Scott, b Massie	...	1
B. Pratten, not out	...	11
Sundries	...	29

Three wickets for ... 154

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

K. V. McDonald, b Lamrock	...	0
L. L. Trenerry, b Lamrock	...	6
J. A. Massie, b Lamrock	...	10
C. J. Tozer, run out	...	51
H. Merewether, c and b Barbour	...	4
E. Merewether, b Lamrock	...	6

R. C. Boyce, c Gregg, b Buckle	...	76
G. H. Francis, st Pitt, b Buckle	...	25
A. C. Wilkinson, lbw, b Farrar	...	35
W. Adams, b Barbour	...	12
N. L. Lillyman, not out	...	1
Sundries	...	13
Total	...	239

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Lamrock, 4 for 51; Sheldon, 0 for 19; Barbour, 2 for 90; Buckle, 2 for 37; Farrar, 1 for 10.

BOWLING AVERAGES IN SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avgc.
R. J. A. Massie	99	19	250	23	10.8
L. L. Trenerry	17	0	67	5	13.4
E. R. H. Merewether	11	1	45	3	15.0
K. V. McDonald	58	13	194	10	19.4
G. H. Francis	28	5	76	3	25.3

The following also bowled:—R. L. Sayers, 1 for 2; R. B. H. Merewether, 1 for 17; A. C. Wilkinson, 2 for 17; C. R. Z. Throsby, 0 for 18.

BATTING AVERAGES IN SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Inn.	N.O.	M.S.	Total.	Avgc.
H. A. H. Merewether	5	1	64	211	52.7
C. J. Tozer	5	1	101	196	49.0
R. C. M. Boyce	5	1	76	167	41.7
E. R. H. Merewether	5	0	129	159	31.8
R. L. Sayers	3	1	37	45	22.5
L. L. Trenerry	4	0	62	77	19.2
A. C. Wilkinson	5	1	35	72	18.0
G. H. Francis	5	0	39	89	17.8
R. J. A. Massie	5	1	25	70	17.5
K. V. McDonald	5	1	42	65	16.2
N. L. Lillyman	2	2	4	5	5.0

The following also batted:—Adams, 12; R. Merewether, 6; Throsby, 8.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

Colours in Order of Seniority.

C. J. TOZER.—A very good, safe batsman, with a variety of strokes; the hardest batsman to get out in the team. Uses his feet well except for the cut. Has the rather good fault of hitting a ball at too sharp an angle on to the ground, which prevents it travelling. Good safe field and catch. Fair leg-break bowler. Popular captain, but has still some

thing to learn about placing his field and using his bowlers to the best advantage. (Colours, 1905).

- R. J. A. MASSIE.—A tall, good and powerful left-hand bowler. Swerves and bowls a ball which appears to do off-break and which is frequently dragged by the batsmen into their wickets, breaks back from leg at a fast pace. On his day, with a wicket to suit him, he is class enough for almost any team. Practically tireless. Would be a good batsman were he not so fond of pulling off his middle stump. Has wonderful hitting powers, and can drive a short ball out of the ground. Excellent fieldsman, and catch in a stationary position in front of the wicket. (Colours, 1906).
- E. R. H. MEREWETHER.—A hard-hitting, punishing batsman, with good driving and lifting powers. Lacks the polish of a finished batsman, but with practice would become one. As a fieldsman, he is a safe catch in the outfield, but is hardly fast enough; very fair field in the slips. Change bowler. (Colours, 1908).

Alphabetical.

- R. C. M. BOYCE.—A good batsman, with a number of strokes. Is now a slow starter and is hard to shift. Was a good fieldsman last season, but has not equalled his old form this.
- G. H. FRANCIS.—A distinctly useful all-round player. Has a good eye and bats very well at times, while at others he cuts at a fast rising ball on the off without using his feet. As a change bowler he keeps a good length and usually gets a wicket. Good, safe fieldsman.
- N. L. LILLYMAN.—A promising wicket-keeper, with plenty of pluck. Poor bat, but has the grit to block when runs are badly needed.
- K. V. McDONALD.—A fast medium bowler, who is improving rapidly. Takes too long a run and gets out of step; has the stamina of a fast bowler, and only requires practice and experience to improve. As a batsman he is unorthodox, but has a good eye. Good fieldsman, and shows on the cricket field that he has not confined his attention to one game.
- II. A. H. MEREWETHER.—The most improved and one of the best batsman in the team. Is hard to get out, and when he learns more about cutting will be quite in the front rank of school batsmen. Is keen, alert and smart in the field.

K. L. SAVERS.—A left-hand batsman with uncertain defence; scores rapidly with powerful drives and cuts. Keen fieldsman. Bowls.

W. L. TRENNERY.—As a batsman he has excellent defence, and when set can make good wristy strokes. Promising leg-break bowler, also has the off-break. Good field.

A. C. WILKINSON.—A very correct batsman; slow starter, but when set scores quickly, chiefly by forcing shots off his legs and beautiful on drives, which are reminiscent of Maclaren. Has a good bowling action, and is a reserve wicket-keep. His fielding is improving.

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI. have not been so successful as usual. Of the Competition matches one only (against Newington College) has been won, and the other two lost. The team possessed a number of fair batsmen in Adams i. and ii., McIntosh, Forbes, while most of the team appeared able to bowl. Several of the 2nd XI. have at times been tried with the first team, including Merewether iii., Throsby, Adams i., McIntosh, but have not come up to expectations. Several centuries have been made by different members. Adams, Forbes, McCulloch, have distinguished themselves in this respect. The fielding is capable of much improvement, and it is certain that the chances that have been dropped materially reduced the prospect of wins against the opposing schools. Wicket-keeping is still a weak spot, since Lillyman has been removed to a higher plane. Several have been tried behind the stumps, but a good wicket-keeper is still badly needed.

The following are the results of the Competition matches:—

v. T.K.S. Lost by 120 runs. School 83 and 5 for 232 (McCulloch 114, Throsby 35). T.K.S. 203 (Lord 61, Westropp 50). Throsby took 4

wickets for 36, McIntosh 3 for 39, and Adams ii., Merewether iii., and McCulloch i each.

v. Newington College. Won by an innings and 127 runs. N.C. 96 (Morris 35, Douglas 27). (McCulloch 4 for 25, Throsby 2 for 31, Merewether iii. 2 for 23.) School 336 (Forbes 122, Elliot i. 86 not out, Adams ii. 24). Newington 2nd innings 113 (Tasker 38, Plaskitt 22). Ibbot 4 for 19, Ward 3 for 27, Forbes 1 for 5, Elliot i. 1 for 15.

v. S.G.S. Lost by 27 runs. School 176 (Sayers 77 not out, Forbes 26). Barrack, Donovan, and Rofe divided the wickets. S.G.S. 203 (Donovan 50, Stafford ii. 38, Slade 39 not out). Throsby took 2 for 49, Merewether iii. 6 for 86, and McArthur ii. and McIntosh 1 wicket each. School 2nd innings 208 (Forbes 73, McIntosh 34, Ward 32, Elliot 27).

The 2nd XI. also played S.H.S. 1st XI. twice, and won each time. S.H.S. 86, School 223 (Maxwell 75, Trenergy 33). Second time: S.H.S. 55 and 51. Merewether iii. 7 for 25, Throsby 2 for 2. School 200 (McIntosh 69, Ward 51, Fraser 27 not out).

JUNIOR CRICKET.

The Thirds have had one of the most successful part seasons in the history of the School, having played seven matches: won six and drawn one. The team is exceptionally strong for a 3rd XI., and contains some very promising material, both in batting and bowling. The junior teams have completed a fairly full programme, and matches have been arranged right down to the 9th IX. in order to give more opportunities to the smallest boys of getting a game.

3RD XI.

v. S.G.S. Lower School. Won by 15. School 90 (Williams iii. 37, Boyce ii. 16). S.G.S. 75. Garbett 4 wickets for 17, Elliott 3 for 19.

v. Barker College. Drawn. School 127 (Barden 22, à Beckett 17 not out, Arnott 15). B.C. 7 for 100. Elliott 2 for 20, Garbett 2 for 19.

v. S.G.S. iii. Won by 8. School 92 (Arnott 20, Ward 17). S.G.S. 84. Ward 8 for 44.

v. St. Ignatius' iii. Won by 43. School 83 (Fraser 17, Williams iii. 14). St. Ignatius' 40. Garbett 6 for 16, Barden 4 for 12.

v. Newington College iii. Won by 196. School 242 (Boyce 82 retired, Arnott 77 retired). N.C. 46. Barden 7 for 14, McPhillamy 3 for 28.

v. S.G.S. Lower School. Won by 129. School 210 (Ibbott 40, Thornton 32, Trenergy ii. 28 retired, Stevenson 26 not out). S.G.S. 82. Thornton 7 for 27, McPhillamy 2 for 17.

v. Methodist Institute. Won.

4TH XI.

v. T.K.S. iv. Lost by 73. The School achieved the record score of 5—Howard 3, 2 sundries, and 10 "eggs." T.K.S. 71. Middleton 4 wickets, Tiley 3. Gregory 3.

v. B.C. ii. Lost by 12. School 57 (Macarthur 13). B.C. 69. Stevenson 8 for 29.

v. St. Ignatius' iv. Won by 11. School 67 (Loder 20, Needham 15). S.I. 56. Thornton 6 for 21, Tiley 3 for 20.

v. N.C. iv. Won by 80. School 137. (Thornton 30, Grainger 26 retired, Macarthur 20). N.C. 57. Thornton 5 for 22, Tiley 4 for 27.

v. T.K.S. iv. Drawn, owing to rain. School 82 (Needham 22, Macarthur 21 not out, Braddon 20). T.K.S. one for 11.

v. N.C. iv. Won by 75. School 125 (Stevenson 51 retired, Braddon 27 retired). N.C. 50. Stevenson 9 for 22.

5TH XI.

v. T.K.S. v. Won by 102. School 176 (Thornton 46, Braddon i. 50, Paekinson 19 retired). T.K.S. 74. Pountney and Hill got most of the wickets.

v. Barker College iii. Lost by 39. School 63 (Loder 38 not out). B.C. 102. Pountney 5 for 24, Walker 2 for 14.

v. St. Ignatius' v. Lost by 36. School 29. S.I. 65. Walker 3 for 16, Pountney 3 for 9, Howard 3 for 10.

v. N.C. v. Won by 46. School 36 (Walker 28, Hill 16, Parkinson 15). N.C. 50. Walker 3 for 23, Spedding 2 for 16.

v. T.K.S. v. Drawn, owing to rain. School 78 (Ailport i. 34, Lindsay 14).

v. N.C. v. Lost by 41. School 21. N.C. 70. Lindsay 4 for 28, Wood 2 for 17.

6TH XI.

v. T.K.S. vi. Won by 2. School 63 (Suttor ii. 19, Haydon 15, Wood 13 not out). T.K.S. 61. Haydon 5 for 16.

v. Randwick Preparatory. Owing to a mistake this team was put against the vi. instead of the ix,

Our vi. exchanged three of their best men in order to make a game.

v. N.C. vi. Won by 151. School 172 (Lindsay 34 retired, Haydon 23, Suttor ii. 30, Gilder 23). T.K.S. 21. Smith ii. 5 wickets, Haydon 2, Lindsay 2.

v. T.K.S. vi. Drawn, owing to the rain. T.K.S. 98. à Beckett 4 for 20, Wood 2 for 22. School one for 30 (Gilder 21 not out).

v. N.C. vi. Won by 44. School 73 (Charles 21 not out, te Klood 20). N.C. 29. Cooper 6 for 13, à Beckett ii. 3 for 12.

7TH XI.

v. T.K.S. vii. Won by 13. School 42 (Hedges 19), T.K.S. 29. Lindsay 4 for 10, Hedges 3 for 11, Browne 3 for 8.

v. Highfield. Won by 25. School 76 (Everett 25, Jones 20). Highfield 51. Browne 7 for 12, Wellford 3 for 18.

v. Highfield. Won by 10. School 83 (te Klood 25). Highfield 73. Stevenson and Suttor i. 5 wickets each.

v. T.K.S. vii. Drawn. School six for 77, closed (Fell i. 39 retired). T.K.S. 48 for six wickets. Fell ii. 5 wickets.

v. Highfield. Lost by 7 runs and six wickets. School 123 (Thornton 68, Fell ii. 14). Highfield 4 for 130 Thornton 4 wickets.

8TH XI.

v. T.K.S. viii. Won by 32. School 100 (Jones ii. 19, Braddon ii. 17, Tait and Penfold ii. 16 each). T.K.S. 68. Wellford 7 wickets, Scott iii. 2.

v. C.E.P.S. Lost by 22. School 39 (Scott iii. 8). C.E.P.S. 61 (Salwey 24). Braddon ii. 4 for 7, Scott iii. 3 for 16, Barden 2 for 22.

v. C.E.P.S. Won by 22. School 52 (Barden ii. 19, Tait 10). C.E.P.S. 10 (Mayo 11). Miller ii. 8 for 2, Saddington ii. 2 for 9.

v. C.E.P.S. Lost by 22. School 44 (Seaton 10). C.E.P.S. (Salwey 15). Miller 5 for 45, Barden ii. 5 for 18.

v. T.K.S. viii. Drawn, owing to rain. T.K.S. 36. School 35 for six wickets (Allsop 18). Barden ii. 5 wickets, Holdsworth ii. 4 wickets.

9TH XI.

v. T.K.S. ix. Won by five wickets and 12 runs. School 74 for five wickets (Saddington ii. 20, Clarke i. 22, Tindale 10). T.K.S. 62. Saddington 5 for 14.

v. C.E.P.S. ii. Lost by 21 on 1st innings. School 8 and 42 (Tindale) 11. C.E.P.S. 29.

Saddington ii. 5 for 8, Miller ii. 3 wickets, Tindale 2 wickets.

v. C.E.P.S. ii. Won by 23. School 47 (Saddington ii. 29). C.E.P.S. 24. Miller 6 for 10, Clarke i. 3 for 5.

DISTRICT CRICKET.

The Senior Competition is still in progress, Mosman and Hornsby leading with 6 points each. In the Junior Competition Hornsby and North Sydney finished up with 5 points each, and playing off for the premiership, Hornsby won.

Following are the results of both competitions to date:—

SENIOR (INCOMPLETE).

Mosman, 7 for 95 and 140, beat S.H.B., 86 and 38. (Arnot 52, Suttor 15 and 30, Last 23, Allworth 16, Parkinson 14, Fraser 22, Williams 22; Trenerry ii. 14, Stevenson 26, Grainger 14 and 15, Playfair 10; Arnot 6 for 41 and 3 for 16, Williams iii. 4 for 16, Suttor 6 for 20, Elliot i. and Grainger 3 wickets each, Stevenson 5 wickets.)

Hornsby, 162, beat S.H.A., 51. (Thornton 100, Boyce 22, Christie 13, Hayden 23 and 12, Ibbott 13 and 26, Needham 15; Christie 5 for 24 and 3 for 25, Thornton 5 for 24, Cooper 2 for 1, McPhillamy 3 for 27, Ibbott 5 for 53.)

Hornsby, 197, beat Mosman, 91 (Braddon 103, Boyce ii. 53, Christie 13, Cooper 11, Arthur 13 and 20, Loder 14 and 11 not out, Williams iii 17, Gillies 13, Arnot 53; à Beckett 3 for 33, Loder 4 for 6, Thornton 7 for 50 and 2 for 24, Christie 3 for 17 and 2 for 23, Saddington ii. 2 for 21.)

North Sydney, 80, beat S.H.A., 37. (Ross i. 11, Allport 29 not out; Barden 9 for 2, McPhillamy 5 for 36, Ibbott 2 for 27, MacDonogh 2 for 11.)

Hornsby, 133, beat S.H.B., 51. (Braddon i. 37, Boyce ii. 60 and 26 not out, Saddington ii. 12, Stevenson 25 not out and 49, Elliot i. 60, Garbett 27, Grainger 14 not out, Thornton 15 not out; Christie 2 for 54, Cooper 2 for 0, Garbett 2 for 14 and 4 for 29, Elliot i. 4 for 57.)

Mosman, 164 and one for 26, beat North Sydney, 90 and 89. (Arnot 52 and 14, à Beckett 21, Suttor 51 not out, Gregory 25 and 26, Smith ii. 26 not out, Tucker ii. 18, Tiley 22 not out;

Gregory 4 for 64, Smith ii 2 for 25, Hill 2 for 27, Walker 2 for 9, Arnot 5 for 33 and 2 for 19, Sutor 2 for 26 and 5 for 59, à Beckett 2 for 19.)

JUNIOR (COMPLETS).

Hornsby, 102, beat Mosman, 16 and 28. (Holdsworth 13, Charles 25 retired, Cooper 26 retired, Saddington 15; Saddington 2 for 10, Gilder 2 for 2, Charles 4 for 0, Cooper 4 for 12, McAllister 5 for 19, Fell ii 6 for 9.)

North Sydney, 150, beat Junior House, 41 and 43. (Spedding 103 retired, Smith 12, Jones i 15, Tindale 13, Seaton 12; Spedding 6 for 27 and 3 for 11, Brown 2 for 9, Smith ii 5 for 12.)

Junior House, 111, beat Hornsby, 44. (Scott iii 30, Sutor 12, Cox 29, Morgan 12, Cooper 19; Gilder 3 wickets, McAllister 2 wickets, Miller ii 7 for 21, Cox 3 for 20.)

Junior House, five for 143, drew with Mosman, six for 134. (Haydon 68 retired, Scott iii 34, Sutor ii 10 retired, Allworth 78, Fell i 12, Wellford 29; Wellford 4 wickets, Haydon 3 wickets.)

Hornsby, 65, beat North Sydney, 59. (McAllister 21, Spedding 34; Saddington 6 for 15, Cooper 3 for 25, Smith 4 for 18, Spedding 6 for 14.)

North Sydney, 131, beat Mosman, 54. (Lindsay 57, Brown 24; Brown 5 wickets, Smith 4 wickets.)

Final—

Hornsby, 152, beat North Sydney, 80. (Cooper 52, Charles 25, Holdsworth 43, Buck 10; Lindsay 52, Scott i 13; Cooper 4 for 15, Gilder 3 for 13, Smith, Lindsay, and de Kloot 2 wickets each.)

Following are the points:—

SENIOR.

Hornsby ...	2	2	2	=	6
Mosman ...	0	3	3	=	
North Sydney	2	0	3	=	
Sen. House A	0	0	2	=	
Sen. House B	0	0	0	=	

JUNIOR.

Hornsby ...	2	3	0	=	5
Mosman ...	1	0	0	=	1
North Sydney	0	3	2	=	5
Junior House	1	0	2	=	3

Then Hornsby beat North Sydney in the final.

It is interesting to recall that last season the Senior Competition was won by North Sydney and the Junior by Mosman.

Since writing the above, two more matches have been concluded, North Sydney beating Hornsby by 3 points, and Senior House A beating Senior House B by 2 points. The final result, therefore, depends on how Mosman (6 points) gets on against Senior House A, and North Sydney (5 points) against Senior House B.

The Boat Club.

A STATE of activity has prevailed at the Boatshed this year, as a result of which it has been found possible to arrange for two races, to be held in the second week of December. The more important event will be for Trial Fours on slides, while the other race is for Tub Pairs on fixed seats. Three fours are in training, and from what can be seen and heard, they are very evenly matched, a state of things which augurs well for a keen contest. Only two boats are available for

training, but a scheme has been devised whereby each crew has the same opportunity for practice and coaching. In addition to the weak-day practices, one or two crews have generally managed to go for Saturday rows, and on these occasions Keith Williams has again very unselfishly come forward as coach. Mr. Ramsay, too, has occasionally taken charge, and members of the Committee have lent valuable assistance whenever required, so that, with Mr. Hall as a regular attendant

at the Shed, crews were always assured of coaching.

The Committee selected Marsh, Sayers, and Voss i. as strokes for the Trial Fours, and then determined upon the following crews :—

- A CREW—C. M. Marsh (stroke), 10.10.
 C. F. Maxwell (3), 11.2.
 E. J. Grieve (2), 10.12.
 E. H. Dodds (bow), 11.2.
- B CREW—R. L. Sayers (stroke), 11.2.
 J. L. Digby (3), 10.12.
 A. G. Park (2), 10.12.
 W. T. Tucker (bow), 10.12.
- C CREW—P. E. Voss i. (stroke), 11.0.
 L. B. Heath (3), 12.4.
 H. E. à Beckett (2), 11.0.
 K. B. Voss ii. (bow), 9.12.

For the Tub Pairs, the crews have been arranged as under :—

- CREW A—B. G. Simpson i. (stroke), 7.10.
 A. M. Warden (bow), 9.10.
- CREW B—R. A. Martin (stroke), 8.2.
 H. S. Saddington i. (bow), 8.12.
- CREW C—C. C. Minty (stroke), 9.0.
 R. Needham (bow), 8.7.
- CREW D—C. S. Hordern (stroke), 9.7.
 C. C. te Kloot (bow), 8.12.

For the Trial Fours, the coxswains will be J. N. Newmarch (8.10.), F. H. Day (6.6.), and F. W. Busby (8.11.) for crews A, B, and C respectively. Day will carry 2st. extra to equalise matters. In the Tub Pairs, some of the aspiring coxswains will be given a chance: for instance, Robertson, Campbell, Thompson, and Cullen ii.

At the time of writing, final arrangements have not been completed, but the course will be on the eastern side of Berry's Bay, the full length for the Fours, and from the stone wall at Capri to the Sydney Ferries' Wharf for the Pairs. The finals will be rowed on Wednesday, 9th December. It is hoped that these races will once more become annual fixtures.

Since writing the above, the races have been decided, and we are able to give the results. It was intended to hold the heats on Tuesday and the finals on Wednesday, 9th December, but on Tuesday at 4 o'clock, just as the crews were about to be boated for the first heat, a southerly gale blew up, and the Bay was quickly a raging sea. It was soon evident that to launch even a pleasure boat would be dangerous, while to race would be quite impossible. After waiting till nearly 5 o'clock without any abatement of the storm, and, if independent evidence of the impossibility of rowing were required, being greeted by the sight of sailing vessels and steamers dragging their anchors and motor launches seeking shelter, the Committee decided to postpone the races till the next day.

On Wednesday the weather conditions were much improved and the races were successfully held in the presence of a number of interested spectators, including the Headmaster and Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Jeffray, Mr. Alan Ramsay, Mr. H. St. J. Tucker, and members of the staff. A small motor launch was secured to follow the races, which were supervised by the following officials:—Starter, Mr. Hall; judges, R. J. A. Massie and K. V. McDonald i.; umpire, Mr. Mackay.

The results were :—

TRIAL FOURS (from the Ena to the mouth of Berry's Bay) :—

1ST HEAT.

E. H. Dodds (bow), E. J. Grieve (2), C. F. Maxwell (3), C. M. Marsh i. (stroke), J. N. Newmarch (cox.)	1
K. B. Voss ii. (bow), H. E. à Beckett (2), L. B. Heath (3), P. E. Voss i. (stroke), F. W. Busby i. (cox.)	2
Won by a length and a half. Time, 3 min. 21 secs.	

FINAL.

E. H. Dodds (bow), E. J. Grieve (2), C. F. Maxwell (3), C. M. Marsh i. (stroke), J. N. Newmarch (cox)	1
W. T. Tucker ii. (bow), A. G. Paik (2), J. L. Digby i. (3), R. L. Sayers (stroke), F. H. Day (cox)	2
Won by a length and a quarter. Time, 3 min. 18 secs.	

TUB PAIRS (from the stone wall at Capri to the mouth of Berry's Bay):—

FIRST HEAT.

C. C. te Kloot (bow), C. S. Hordern (stroke), G. E. Campbell (cox)	1
A. M. Warden (bow), B. G. Simpson (stroke), F. H. Cullen (cox)	2
Won easily. Time, 3 min. to secs.	

SECOND HEAT.

R. Needham (bow), C. C. Minty (stroke), R. S. Robertson (cox)	1
H. S. Saddington i. (bow), R. A. Martin (stroke), W. D. Thompson (cox)	2

FINAL.

C. C. te Kloot (bow), C. S. Hordern (stroke), G. E. Campbell (cox)	1
R. Needham (bow), C. C. Minty (stroke), R. S. Robertson (cox)	2

Mrs. Hodges has kindly consented to present the trophies to the winning crews on Friday, 11th December.

Cycling Under Difficulties.

IT was my first trip. It is really unnecessary to mention this, as you will soon discover it for yourself. I am aware that my want of common sense and stupidity generally will be severely criticised, especially by those who have never been for a cycling or walking tour, and are, *ipso facto*, most qualified to judge. However, I plead guilty, and only ask to be dealt with under the First Offenders' Act.

When I announced my intention of making a round trip, *via* Richmond, Kurrajong, Bell, Mt. Victoria and Penrith, to Sydney, to last three days and cover one hundred and seventy miles, no one seemed anxious to accompany me.

I determined to be quite free—that is, to stop when I felt tired and to eat when I felt inclined. I bought my freedom dearly, carrying some twelve pounds of baggage, including a small tent and a rug. My food consisted of dates and bread, and, that extremely scarce wayside commodity, clean water.

Thus equipped, I left Sydney one bright spring morning, and reached the outskirts of Ryde without mishap. An ominous bumping over the metalled road made me aware that the back tyre was flat. A careful examination revealed a leak near the valve. A patch apparently stopped it, but at Eastwood it was as bad as before. Again I patched it; again it seemed alright, and again it was not, as you will see in a moment. Leaving the road on the ridge of the hills I rode into Parramatta and bought a new tube. It was lucky I did so, for three miles from Windsor I had to remove the old tube and insert the new one. I lost about three hours altogether. On through Windsor and Richmond. Across the Hawkesbury, with its banks lined with willows, and away towards Kurrajong Heights. Five miles were enough; hunger, exhaustion, and nightfall alike urged me to camp. I partook of a frugal repast, without a drop of water, and then retired to rest—or not to rest, for though

I was tired, the night was hot, and the mosquitoes were in excellent condition. They were lean and spare, but of great size, endurance, and blood-thirstiness, and the rug in which I enveloped my head was too short to protect my feet as well. Sleep was impossible, I went outside and walked about, but soon returned, and in half-an-hour was again pacing up and down in a state bordering on madness. These two operations occupied the long hours of darkness.

At half-past five I shook off the dust from my feet and rode away. Not very fast, though, for my swag was large and the hills were steep. Astonished yokels stared at the strange apparition, and fragments of uncouth wit and of jests that were old in Noah's time greeted my ears. Six miles brought me to Kurrajong. An exquisite view of the orange groves on the hillsides, and of Richmond and Windsor in the distance, repaid me for my toil.

Down the hill on the other side and ten miles good road. Untouched by man was the rich country through which I passed. A stream of clear water by the roadside induced me to stop and have breakfast. A flock of bright-red parrots chattered and squabbled overhead; giant fungi, the size of a dinner-plate, and huge tree-ferns showed how moist the soil was. Now came more climbing up a seemingly endless hill; at last, right at the top, I was forced to stop. A huge tree had been felled across the road. High fences prevented me going round it, so over its five feet of girth I hauled my machine. Now came ten miles of the roughest road I was ever on. Up one hill and down another in endless succession without a drop of water. At last a glimpse of good road once more. Short-lived joy! The strain of riding over

the rough country had weakened the left pedal, and it chose this moment to break its axle near the crank. Tantalus was outdone; an excellent road, practically level for ten miles, and only one pedal available!

Five miles' one-legged riding brought me to Bell Station, where I obtained a drink of water. Three miles more and I decided to camp. What a contrast to the previous night!—cold, with a westerly wind all night, and not a single mosquito. I slept like a top.

Next morning I pushed on to Mount Victoria. Here I took the wrong track, and went some two miles down a hill towards Bathurst. An amused small boy informed me that I must climb the hill again and take the other road.

Going down the hill there was a sharp bend, and failing to negotiate it with one leg, I was hurled against the embankment, the baggage taking the brunt of the attack. In vain did I search for cycle shops at Katoomba and Springwood. At Penrith, also, I failed to discover one, and went on to Parramatta. Here I should have taken the train but for a stubborn determination to reach home unaided and alone.

At Ryde it was dark, and, dismounting at the foot of a long hill, I heard a clank of metal, and found the front fork was broken. This was the last straw. I walked to Ryde Wharf and got the boat.

The last day's journey was seventy-six miles on one pedal. Ransley, the one-armed cyclist, who rode one hundred and thirty odd miles, from Goulburn to Sydney, got a subscription; whereas I the one-legged cyclist, who rode from Bell to Sydney, did not even get honorable mention. Such is life!

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST "B."

Additions and corrections to lists published in June, 1907, and June, 1908:—

- Adams, R. C., c/o "Doochat," Lane Cove Road, North Sydney.
- Allen, E. N., Commercial Bank, West Maitland.
- Boydell, G. B., Hercules Mine, Williamsford, Tas.
- Broughton, L. C. J., Parkhurst, Wyalong.
- Bootle, F. W. C., Woodward Street, Orange.
- Bland, H. S., Bega.
- Cox, J. A. H., "The Oaks," Muswellbrook.
- Dawson, M. J., c/o Dr. H. R. Mill, "The Hollies," Mill Hill, London, N.W.
- Fitzhardinge, J. F., "Looma," Ashley Road, Chatswood.
- Giblin, L. E., c/o R. E. Rawlins, Esq., Riverleigh, Forbes.
- Giblin, Dr. W. E., Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney.
- Holden, M. B., "Chistlehurst," Chatswood.
- Larkin, G. N., "Unara," Morton St., N Sydney.
- More, G. A., c/o Capt. Green, Berry Street, North Sydney.
- Morson, W. J., Keriot Hill, Dapto.
- McWilliam, Rev. H., Grafon.
- Nickoll, J. O. H., "Weeroona," Mudgee.
- Playfair, T. A., 166 George Street, Sydney.
- Quinn, K., The Auburn, Chinchilla, via Toowoomba, Queensland.
- Roberts, D'Arcy F., "Atherton," Greenwich Road, Greenwich.
- Rich, C. Ellison, St. Paul's College, Darlington, Sydney.
- Reid, A. G., Bank of N.S.W., North Sydney.
- Rundle, C. W., c/o F. J. MacDonald, Esq., 3 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.
- Sinclair, G. W., "Broomage," Kangaroo Street, Manly.
- Slade, D. H., Commercial Bank, Gloucester.
- Trevor-Jones, N., Solicitor, Hay.
- Woodcock, G. A. N., Mackuade Mill, Herbert River, Queensland.
- Warden, C. M., Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond.
- Wilson, A. A., 218 Miller Street, North Sydney.

The annual cricket match v. The School took place on Friday, October 30th, and resulted in a win for the O.B. Union by 274 to 210. A detailed account will be found in the Cricket article. There was a large gathering of Old Boys and friends of the School, and these were entertained by Mrs. Hodges in the Dining Hall.

In the evening the Annual Smoke Concert took place in the School Hall, and there was a very fair muster of Old Boys. The entertainment was a very successful one, and the following took part:—Messrs. G. Allman, C. Moseley, Giblin, McLelland, Watson, C. Leplastrier, and Dr. Donald Smith.

During the interval for refreshments, which were kindly provided by Mrs. Hodges, Mr. A. B. S. White presented to the School, on behalf of the Union, a signed proof copy of Fildes' picture of the King. The Headmaster and R. J. A. Massie (the senior Prefect present) accepted the gift and thanked the Union on behalf of the School. The Headmaster said that the gift should stimulate the loyalty of the boys, who would have the picture always before them, and he hoped that a portrait of the Queen would soon be hung in the Hall as a companion picture.

Hearty congratulations to A. B. S. White on being the first Old Boy elected a member of the School Council.

Old Boys will be glad to know that C. E. Murnin is progressing favourably towards recovery, and hope that he will be soon among them again.

We have seen a copy of a paper read recently by Bruce S. Dowling before the Junior Engineering Society. The paper, which is of too technical a nature to publish in a school magazine in detail, is entitled "High Speed Steam Engines," and consists for the most part of a description of two types of Belliss and Morcom engines. We have heard it spoken of very highly from several sources.

W. G. B. Boydell has left Broken Hill, and is now Assayer on the Hercules Gold and Silver Mine, in Williamsford, Tasmania. Writing on the 2nd November, he says:—"The mine and houses are perched right up near the summit of Mt Hamilton, about 17 miles from Zeehan, and we are almost 3,000 feet above sea level. Last week we had a heavy fall of snow, and it is quite cold even now."

Congratulations to E. D. Kater on the birth of a daughter, and to R. C. Wilson on his approaching wedding.

A. J. Hopkins has been selected to play for N.S.W. XI. v. South Australia and Victoria, and A. B. S. White and N. Y. Deane v. Queensland. In the N.S.W. Trial Matches Hopkins and White played for the 1st XI., and R. V. Minnett for the 3rd XI. White is captaining the North Sydney XI. this season.

Dr. L. St. Vincent-Welch has returned from England, and intends to take up the practice of his profession, probably in one of the northern towns of New South Wales.

E. O. Pockley played for N.S.W. versus Victoria in the Inter-State Tennis Match. The following criticism of his play appeared in one of the Sydney daily papers in con-

nection with the match:—"Dr. E. O. Pockley has paid a deal of attention to the theory of lawn tennis, and has acquired a severe style of service. He throws the ball high and hits hard with a deal of work on the ball. This service at times 'kicks' a good deal and bound very high. Pockley's driving is distinctly good, because he always makes room for his stroke by throwing the arm and racquet well back for a full swing. He tosses well and recovers splendidly. His overheard smash either back or forehand is very severe, without bordering on the wild, slashing variety. In the low volleying, Pockley is at his best. With a low twist of the racquet he makes fanciful strokes with a heavy cut that no one else could hope to attempt successfully. Pockley's game is freedom itself."

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscription 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), Dr. E. O. Pockley (life), Rev. I. D. Armitage, E. N. Allen, G. N. Allen (1911), J. N. F. Armstrong, C. D. Abraham, C. P. Allen, R. K. Allen, 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. D. Browne, G. D. Briggs, F. W. C. Bootle, H. S. Bland, W. G. B. Boydell, L. A. Baker, 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, N. Y. Deane, A. T. Edols (1910), J. K. Eaton, R. G. H. Fotheringham, C. B. Fidler, J. F. G. Fitzhardinge, L. A. Fogg, 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, A. D. Hall, W. P. Hall, H. Ireland (1910), F. C. Kater (1911), D. T. Kilgour, A. J. Kelynack (1912), E. S. Kater, E. D. Kater (1912), A. R. Lomax, I. L. Longwill (1910), G. N. Larkin, A. C. Laurence, K. Lumsdaine, C. H. Linton, L. Lehmaier, H. H. I. Massie, G. A. More (1912), C. E. Murmin, 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, W. J. Morson, 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, C. W. Rundle, 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, H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, A. H. Yarnold (1910).

BIRTHS.

October 19, at "Mumblebone," Warren, the wife of E. D. Kater—a daughter.
October 31, at "Cartref," North Sydney, the wife of Rev. D. Davies—a son.

Correspondence.

St. Paul's Mission Station,
Moa, Torres Straits,
King's Birthday, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I wonder if it would interest any of the boys to hear about my King's Birthday. There was an account of Moa in the last *Carpentarian*, so I need say nothing about the work and its origin. I came here to relieve three weeks ago and expect to return to Thursday Island before the end of the month. I am the only white person on the island, but have no time to be lonely, and the natives treat me with the greatest courtesy and tact.

This is a public holiday, and a perfectly glorious day; the fierce S.E. wind has

died down to a light breeze, the sea is like a great turquoise, and the sun is bathing everything in gold. You might think this the correct thing in the tropics, but ever since I came it has been dull and grey, with a howling wind from the S.E. Sunshine and blue sea have saved themselves to do honour to the King.

We have, as yet, done nothing loyal but hoist the flag at 8 o'clock. All the community were out on the reef at day-break, it being low water, searching for ki-ki. If you only saw the pulpy, writhing sea beasts they eat, cuttle fish and star fish, and things like sea tarantulas. The reef acts as a great store-house or larder for the people. Now that the wind has gone down there is fish to be had, and

this morning they brought me blue cod and parrot fish, the former delicious.

The "Yadi," a cutter which belongs to the village, was also out betimes and dropped anchor almost at my front door about 11 o'clock. I went out to see what luck they had had, and was told, in great secrecy, that they had speared a turtle, but wished to play a trick on the village by pretending they had nothing. However, shortly I heard songs and shoutings, and there was a procession from the beach down the village street, headed by the old King, decorated with greenery and waving a red flag. The women had bits of green leaves plastered over their faces like masks. I had to go and help haul the turtle up from the beach, and then watched the women "koppamauri" it, which means wrapping the meat in banana leaves and cooking it on hot stones. This evening there will be a great kiki, and I have been preparing as many gifts as I could possibly manufacture out of my scanty stores, for I only brought few and aged things here. But what with a few old garments and ties, belts, reels of cotton, pencils, match-boxes filled with pins and buttons, and the last of my "tabac" and lollies, I have got together quite an imposing array, which I shall hand over to the Councillors for distribution. When the flag goes down at 6 o'clock we shall all gather round the flag-staff and sing "God save the King." I have been teaching it to the children in school and they sing it splendidly. They are innately musical.

Last week we had a visit of two cutters from Mabuiag, a large island to the west of us; they brought 18 adults and 7 children. The Mabuiag Councillor was presented to me by our Councillors and gave me a letter from Mr. Cairns, the

Government school-master at Mabuiag, who acts as a kind of Resident, asking if I would sanction the party staying for three days. I consulted with our Councillors about the food supply and they thought it could be managed, so we received and welcomed them. They were fine stalwart men and the children strong and big. Only two women came, the wives of the Mabuiag Councillors. Most of the party attended school for the three days. It was quite touching to see those tall men sitting on the floor with quite small children poring over Little Readers or working a multiplication sum. On two evenings our visitors gave a "sing-dance" or cobba-cobba, having brought with them a local poet who composed the songs and arranged the dances. It was rather startling to see the quick change of the quiet shy young men into regular wild savages, with nodding head-gear, petticoats, anklets, and tails made of dried grass and palm fronds, all armed with spears. They did wonderful fishing and hunting dances, mostly the former, for they are a sea-faring people. I noticed our women going up at intervals and touching one or other of the dancers with a bit of calico or a yarn and so forth, which a Mabuiag man in the audience would at once step forward and take possession of. I gathered these were gifts to the favourite performers, so when I got up to go I left a silk scarf I was wearing with one of our women to give to the leader. Next night I went again, my chair being taken down first and put on a piece of matting immediately behind the orchestra—three men sitting on the ground and beating a piece of board with sticks, also doing the singing. Some of the songs were very fascinating, all in a minor key. This night I took a large blue

and white cotton handkerchief, part of a Papuan lava-lava a trader had given me, and it was greatly appreciated. It is to be made into a flag so the Councillors decided.

A few days ago the "Yadi" went outside the reef and speared a dugong. The crew sent for me to see it before cutting it up. It was a huge putty-coloured beast with a flat square chin, just the thing for browsing on the sea grass, and most ridiculously small pin pricks for ears. That meant another big kiki.

There is scarcely anything in the gardens now, so I think they must often go rather short, except for wild yams and wild mangoes. There are plenty of wild pigs on the ranges inland. I hope they will go out hunting before I leave. I am waited

upon by a native woman who looks after me well. She has no notion of cooking, except fish and rice, and she makes my bread quite nicely. Everything else is tinned. You soon begin to hate tinned food, though it is wonderful what luxuries you can get now-a-days.

I suppose a few years ago I should have thought it a strange and wonderful thing to be living in a grass hut alone among natives on a coral island, but it comes quite naturally to me. After living in the far north for a time one learns to take everything as a matter of course. I have had a very happy time so far, and shall be sorry when they send a boat for me. I do not know how or when this will be posted.

All good wishes for Christmas.

G. ROBSON.

School Notes.

TERM IV. will end on Thursday, December 17th. Next Term will start on Tuesday, February 2nd. New boys will be examined on Monday, February 1st, at 2 p.m.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. A. B. S. White; the Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, on being elected a member of the School Council, *vice* the late Mr. F. W. Uther.

A signed proof copy of the portrait of the King, painted by Sir Luke Fildes, R.A., for the Royal College of Surgeons, has been presented to the School by the Old Boys' Union, and hung in the School Hall. "This portrait occupies a unique position among the various likenesses which have been published of the King. It is the only one which represents His Majesty,

not in the uniform of a soldier, nor as the Head of the State, but in that garb to which his fine presence lends fresh dignity, namely, as the First Gentleman of the Realm. The Orders which His Majesty wears are: the star of the Garter with the ribbon, and on the shirt-front the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The picture measures 20 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches by 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, and is reproduced in a manner worthy of its subject: indeed, it has been pronounced by competent judges the best engraved portrait ever seen in Sydney."

The following boys entered this term:—
W. J. A. Allsop, N. E. Brooks, G. P. Deane, C. S. Hall, L. B. Heath, C. J. Hormann, A. W. A. McArthur, G. D. D. McArthur, R. Needham, K. Nettleton, W. F. Stevenson, H. H. Warden, W. A. C. Wilkinson.

The following boys left last term:—
 J. O. H. Nickoll (Sub-Prefect, Junior 1907, 1st XV. Colours, 1st XI.), C. S. Smith iv., C. W. Greenwood (Junior 1908), F. P. Macintyre (1st XI, 2nd XV.), D. J. Macintyre (1st XI.), W. E. Tucker (Sub-Prefect, 1st XV. Colours), R. P. Dewar, W. E. du Moulin, N. W. Manning (Sub-Prefect, 2nd XV.), A. B. Hardie, C. W. Snook (2nd Crew).

The following boys were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop, at Christ Church, on Tuesday, December 8th:—
 B. M. Arthur, K. A. Bennett, L. C. Carrington, G. H. Cameron, C. T. Cowper, M. K. H. Dent, T. G. B. Dibbs, T. B. Haydon, W. N. Haxby, R. C. C. Irving, G. R. Hamilton, H. R. Lomax, J. A. Loveday, C. M. Milbourn-Marsh, C. V. McCulloch, C. E. Parkinson, C. L. Regg, Q. S. Spedding, H. R. St. John Tucker, W. T. Tucker, W. L. Trenerry, L. Trenerry, P. E. Voss, W. A. C. Wilkinson, J. S. Wilson, E. A. Hill, J. Jones, V. V. W. Williams. The following also have been confirmed during the year:—F. H. Barden, K. Bayley, L. S. Cook, J. K. Hardie, R. K. Hardie, N. E. Lillyman, A. MacArthur, R. A. Miller, R. H. Wordsworth.

The first Church Parade in connection with the Cadet Corps will take place on Sunday, December 13th, at Christ Church, North Sydney. The companies will assemble on the School Ground at 10 a.m.

Scholarships.—The following elections have been made:—Council's No. 1, for boys in the School, T. Y. Nelson. Council's No. 2, T. Thompson (Mr. Hupart's, Turramurra). Church Primary Schools, T. Morell (St. John's, Darlinghurst).

The final arrangements for the University Camp for Great Public Schools have now been made. The Camp, which promises to be a very successful one, is to be held at Dalley's Bungalow, a mile out of Newport, from January 18th to 25th. The Commandant is Mr. C. R. Walsh, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, and the Adjutant is Mr. B. B. Chapman, B.A. Pamphlets containing all information can be got from members of the Committee. Applications, with registration fee, must be in the hands of Secretary, Mr. B. B. Chapman, St. Andrew's College, not later than December 11th.

The winner of the Venour-Nathan Shield for 1908 is K. Paul, with a score of 53 out of a possible 70.

HOSPITAL AND MISSION FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
New Guinea Mission	5	0	0
Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd (Bush Brotherhood)	2	2	0
Royal Alexandra Hospital (Children's Hospital)	2	2	0
Royal North Shore Hospital	3	3	0
Carpentaria Mission	2	2	0
Yarrabah Mission	2	2	0
Yarrabah Mission (Special)		5	0
Church Missionary Association	1	1	0
Sydney Rescue Society	1	1	0
Waifs and Strays	1	1	0
Diocesan Church Society	1	1	0
N.S.W. Benevolent Society	1	1	0
Deanery Endowment Fund		10	0
North Sydney Benevolent Society	1	1	0
District Nursing Association	1	1	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Offertory, February	5	17	10
" May	5	3	1
" September	6	0	0
" December	9	2	13

H. E. a'Beckett and C. Deane, have been admitted Sub-Prefects.

Senior Public Examination.

- E. R. H. Merewether.—Geometry A, Drawing A, French C, Latin C,
Algebra C, Trigonometry C.
- C. A. Pennefather.—French C, Algebra B, Geometry C, Trigonometry B,
Mechanics C, Physics C.
- B. C. A. Pockley.—Ancient History C, English A, French B, Latin A,
Algebra A, Geometry B, Trigonometry B, Physics C. (Engin. M.)
- C. J. Tozer.—Ancient History A, English A, French B, Latin A, Greek B,
Algebra A, Geometry B, Trigonometry A, Conic Sections C. (Engin. M
and Medal in Latin.)
- D. Williams.—English A, French C, Latin B, Algebra C, Trigonometry C.

Matriculation.

MEDICAL, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING.—C. Deane, C. R. R. Huxtable, B. C.
A. Pockley, J. H. Stephenson, C. J. Tozer.

ARTS.—J. C. Shand.

HONOURS IN MATRICULATION.—Tozer, 1st class Latin, 2nd class Greek and
Mathematics, 3rd class French.

Pockley, 1st class Latin, 2nd class French.

IN ENGLISH.—Williams was 4th, and Pockley and Tozer 5th (equal) in Class I.
Tozer was bracketed equal for the Medal in Latin.

Heartly congratulations to H. Bullock on being elected "Rhodes' Scholar" for 1909.

J. M. Maclean has been recommended for the Council's Senior School Scholarship.

The following represented the School in the G.P.S. XI. v. University, at the University Oval, on Saturday, October 21st:—C. Tozer, E. Merewether, R. Boyce, and R. J. A. Massie.

At a General Sports Meeting on Oct. 12th, Tozer was elected Captain of Cricket *vice* Kater left. Sayers was elected to the vacancy on the Rowing Sub-Committee, Maxwell to the vacancy on the Swimming Sub-Committee, and Heath and Francis

were elected to the General Sports Committee.

R. J. A. Massie is the first member of the School to hold three premiership colours. He was a member of the Premier XI. of 1906, Premier XV. in 1908, and Champion School Crew in 1908.

Mr. A. B. S. White is giving a bat for the best aggregate in Competition Matches during season 1908-09.

School Calendar.

- October 6—Term IV. begins
 „ 24—1st XI. v. St. Joseph College. Won, 465-168
 „ 30—1st XI. v. Old Boys. Lost, 210-274
 „ Old Boys' Annual Smoke Concert in School Hall
 „ 31—1st XI. v. St. Ignatius' College. Won, 208-30
 November 7—All Schools XI. v. University
 Review at Centennial Park
 „ 9—King's Birthday, whole holiday
 „ 14—1st XI. v. The King's School. Won, 194-164
 „ 16—Senior Examination commences
 „ 21—1st XI. v. Newington College. Won, 178-93
 „ 27 }—1st XI. v. Sydney Grammar School. Won, 239-181
 „ 28 }
 December 3—Junior Scholarships Examination
 School Examinations commence
 „ 8—Annual Confirmation by The Archbishop at Christ Church.
 „ 8 }—Trial Fours and Tub Pairs
 „ 9 }
 „ 13—Church Parade at Christ Church
 „ 14 to 18—3rd Battalion Senior Cadet Camp at La Perouse
 „ 17—Term IV. ends

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