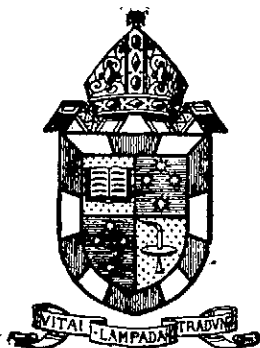


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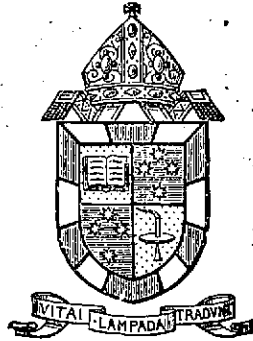
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Editorial.

IN another part of this issue we reprint from the newspapers of the day an account of the formal opening of the School by Lord Carrington on May 4th, 1889, and the present seems an appropriate occasion for taking stock of our present position and enquiring to what extent we have fulfilled the expectations as to our future career expressed on that occasion by him whom we must ever regard as our founder—Bishop Barry. It is not our intention to trace in detail the history of the various institutions which have raised the School from the rudimentary state in which it was twenty years ago and brought it measurably nearer to scholastic ideals. Such a task must be left for our School historiographer of the future, and we venture to think that his record will not be found wanting either in interest or inspiration. We may, however, remind present members of the School of the debt of gratitude they owe to the Old Boys—who have recently added to it by the institution of the O.B.U. Exhibition—for having procured for them by hard work and persistent efforts many of the privileges they enjoy. They must remember that when we started with about enough boys in the whole School to make

one decent form there existed none of these things which they take as matters of course to-day. There was no Library from which to borrow books, no Reading Room for leisure hours, while that organisation of sports which now secures the greatest benefit for the greatest number within our limitations of time and space was a thing unknown. Nor were these things spontaneously or easily developed. Each new institution represented just such an amount of personal enthusiasm and unremitting exertion for the sake of the School, as we have recently seen in the initiation and rapid progress of our Cadet Corps. All came only through "Search and strife and loving sacrifice," and for them the Present owes a debt to the Past which it can best repay by maintaining and improving what has been bequeathed to it.

The Act of Parliament under which the School was founded specified that it was to be "a School of the highest type"—a phrase which Bishop Barry at the opening ceremony explained by remarking that the intention was "to carry it on on the principle of the Public Schools of England." Later on he indicated the way in which its work could best be tested—by the kind of men it sent forth into the world. The object thus set before the School was, therefore, primarily the formation of character and the cultivation in all its members of those principles of life and conduct, which have won for the historic schools of England their world-wide reputation. This is comparatively easy of achievement where the desired principles are hallowed by the traditions of centuries. But in a new country, under new conditions and with no traditions to appeal to, the task was a much harder one, and we would once more emphasise the

debt we owe to our pioneers and founders for the steadfast manner in which they ever kept before them the highest ideals. Increasing numbers have necessitated many material additions and alterations to the original School. Its curriculum has been modified from time to time to adapt it to present conditions and secure increased efficiency. But throughout its whole career the School has endeavoured—we believe with marked success—to keep its standards of conduct high and realise the aspirations of its founder. The duty incumbent on the present members of the School is to see that these standards are rigorously maintained, and sternly to reprobate anything that would tend to lower them.

It is perhaps too soon to apply Bishop Barry's test to our work of the last twenty years; but the School may well feel proud of those she has sent forth into the world—some few to give even their lives for their King and country, many more to do useful and honourable work for their State and win the respect and esteem of their fellow-men in many walks of life. Much has been done for us by our old boys, but by no means all. Existing institutions, such as the Cadet Corps and the Debating Society, call for further support, while the Editor of this magazine has not yet had to complain of excess of contributions. Last, and most important of all, our School Chapel is not yet erected. The Council, the Old Boys and many friends of the School have been very generous to us in regard to it. We venture to call our readers' attention to the matter in the hope that during the year there may be such an increased flow of contributions as will enable at least the preliminary steps to be taken on or before our next Anniversary.

The Late Primate.

ON the afternoon of Thursday, April 9th, the day on which our Easter holiday began, His Grace the Archbishop, was found in his office at the Diocesan Registry suffering from a paralytic stroke. His Grace had been in his usual state of health up to the time of his leaving the Deanery, about 3 o'clock, and had, strange to say, during lunch, been speaking of Sir Julian Salomon's death by a similar attack a week before. He referred with thankfulness to the excellent health he himself had enjoyed during his adult life, and wondered when his turn to be laid aside would come, though, with no apparent apprehension of an impending attack. The Archbishop was conveyed to the Deanery from his office, and, subsequently, to the Lister Hospital, where he lay for ten days without recovering consciousness, and passed peacefully away on Sunday evening, April 18.

We, in common with the whole Diocese, have suffered a heavy loss. His Grace was President of the School Council from the time of his coming to Sydney in '90, and always attended its meetings when in Sydney. As an old English Public School boy, and a ripe scholar, he took great interest in our work and play. For many years he presented prizes for Divinity, and constantly expressed solicitude for our moral and spiritual welfare, and anxiety that the strictly religious character of our education should be maintained, and, in particular, that the study of the Scriptures should be made real and living.

Many boys of the school were confirmed by him, and it is to be hoped that the fatherly words of sympathy and encouragement delivered in his charges at the Confirmations will not have been forgotten. This is not the place in which to review the work and character of the late Primate, but we venture to quote a few words from the opening address of the Chairman of the Synod, which express in a striking way the lesson of a noble life. "Wherever real goodness of heart, sympathy, patience, toleration, and a peace-loving disposition were admired, there the life and character of the Archbishop would be held in reverence, and would stimulate men to walk more closely with God." Our sincere sympathy is with the members of His Grace's family in their great sorrow.

Anniversary Service.

NOTES OF ADDRESS BY THE REV. DR. RADFORD.

Judges, vi., 14—"Go in this thy might and thou shalt save Israel . . . have not I sent thee?"

I. The young farmer, Gideon, bidden to lead his countrymen against the invading hosts of Midian, is a type of any and every man who may be called either out of or in his own little sphere of life to do something for the liberation of his neighbours and the world from the prevalent sins and evils of his own time. Let us note, therefore, the elements of "this might" which is to be the secret of the victory of Gideon and the men who shared his spirit:

(1) First, there is the strength of *conviction*. Gideon felt the need of this conviction, and it was given him. "Then I shall know that thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as thou hast said." It is given to us in less wonderful ways, but the man who looks to see God's hand in his life sees it sooner or later, and, seeing it, knows that God has a work for him to do in the land. Whatever his occupation in life, he knows that he must live, and can live, the life of service. "Deo, patriae, tibi." The first requisite of service or of leadership is conviction—the vision of God's guiding and constraining hand. (2) The second element of strength is *courage*—not the mere physical courage which needs no fear, but the moral courage which conquers fear. Here it is that conscience plays its part; "his strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure." Gideon's army of thirty thousand was reduced to ten thousand by the test of courage (Judges vii., 2, 3). Moral cowardice is responsible for more desertions from God's service than unbelief; unbelief itself is often due

to moral cowardice in the face of the sacrifice required by the truth.

(3) The third element of strength is *self-control*. Gideon's ten thousand were reduced to three hundred by this test of self-control. The great majority flung themselves down on their knees to drink long and deep; only the few drank their handful quietly and unrestrainedly. So always God's best work is done—not by the many who let themselves go unrestrainedly in the pursuit or indulgence of even harmless pleasure, but by the few who just take their taste of life's pleasures and return refreshed to work. He is but a poor soldier who empties his water-bottle at the first halt.

II. We need this three-fold strength for life's work—conviction, courage, self-control. How shall it be learned and won? It is here that school life tells, at the time and afterwards. (1) First, a word for boys at school: St Paul thanked God that the Christians at Rome had "learned to give a hearty obedience to that form of teaching under which they had been placed" (See Rom., vi., 17, R.V.)

The Greek word for "form" here is a "mould." St. Paul was thinking probably of the mould into which the molten metal was run in the making of the bronzes of Corinth, where he was writing. School life, with its discipline, its teaching, its companionship, is a mould into which the plastic life of a boy is cast and by which that life is fashioned. At first the boy submits unwillingly or unobservantly, but in the days when his working conscience

awakes, he comes to see the meaning, as well as feel the force of school life and discipline. He yields then a hearty obedience, and the heartier his obedience the greater grows his strength.

(2) A word for the "old boys." They are the *last stage* of the school, a sort of higher sixth form out in the world, realising the value of school life all the more now that they find its meaning clearer in the work and pleasure, the responsibilities and the temptations of the big world. Again, they are the *test* of the school—its character, its tone, its methods are judged by the old boys. They carry

its honour in their hands. Finally, they may be the *support* of the school. The school is like the thin end of the wedge, cutting along its way; the old boys are the weight behind, backing it up with their interest, their loyalty, their whole moral force. So past and present act and re-act upon each other. The school makes the boys into strong men and sends them out to do good in the world; the old boys put the strength which came of a loyal life at school back into the task of strengthening the school; and so each boy and man in his place takes his part in the saving of the Israel of his day.

The Formal Opening of the School, May 4th, 1889.

THE following account of the formal opening of the School, taken from the daily newspapers of the time, will prove of interest to many of our readers on the occasion of our twentieth anniversary:—

Holtermán's Tower has long been a well-known land-mark on the North Shore of Sydney Harbour, for, standing as it does on the highest piece of land in the neighbourhood, it is visible from every part of the harbour, and commands from the summit of the tower an almost unequalled view of Port Jackson. A more suitable site for the erection of a large Grammar School could hardly have been selected, and the Church of England authorities have shown an unusual amount of forethought in securing the place for their new School, which was formally opened on Saturday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor. (Lord Carrington).

Those who were acquainted with the old home, familiarly known as the Lucky Digger's Tower, would hardly recognise it in its present state, so great is the transformation that has taken place. The first contract, excluding the price of land, was about £7,000, and this large expenditure has been principally defrayed out of a sum of £30,000 received by the Church of England authorities from the Government, as their share of the sale to the State of the St. James's Schools. The architects were Messrs. Mansfield Brothers and the contractor Mr. Duncan McRae.

The new School is to be under the management of a Council, consisting of The Primate (President), the Archdeacons of Cumberland and Camden, the Rev. Canon Sharp, Rev. J. D. Langley, Rev. A. W. Pain, Rev. H. L. Jackson (Hon. Sec.), the Hon. Ed. Knox, Judge Wilkinson, Professor Gurney, Professor Mac-

Callum, Mr. J. R. Street, M.L.A., Mr. T. A. Dibbs (Hon. Treasurer).

The Staff will consist of Mr. E. I. Robson, B.A. (Cambridge), M.A. (Melbourne) as Headmaster, with Mr. A. McCulloch Hughes, B.A. (Oxford), Rev. D. Davies, M.A. (Oxford), Mr. C. H. Linton, M.A. (Edinburgh), Mr. A. J. Kelynack, B.A., LL.B. (Sydney) as Assistant Masters, and Sergt.-Major W. McKay (School Sergeant), Mr. J. Langhans (Music Master), and Mr. G. A. Thomas (Drawing Master).

The School will aim at giving "a thorough training to boys preparing for the University and the learned professions, as well as to such as are intended for commercial and country life. Religious instruction will be given according to the principles of the Church of England, special attention being devoted to Scriptural teaching. The School is to be divided into upper and lower, the former being again subdivided into classical and modern sides."

His Excellency, accompanied by the Hon. Rupert Carrington, arrived at about 4 o'clock, as also did Bishop Barry. There were present the Bishops of Goulburn, Riverina, Bathurst and Brisbane and Bishop Dawes, the recently-consecrated Coadjutor-Bishop of Brisbane. There were also present a large number of the clergy and ladies, many of them arriving from a harbour picnic held in connection with the Church Congress. Before the formal opening a short religious service was held in the dining-hall and an address delivered by the Primate.

Dr. Barry based his address on St. John vi., 45—"It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God." He had chosen those words, he said, because in them was embodied the religious idea of education—not of instruction in this or that branch of knowledge called sacred, but of all education as it dealt with the body and mind and soul and spirit. "They shall all be taught of God." If we believed in God, how could it be otherwise? All education must be a teaching by Him. It was so objectively from that, for what was truth but a revelation finally of the end and the will of God? What was the great law of righteousness which was sacred to all morality? It was the expression of God's inmost action.

What was the great object of love? Love established that love of reverence of which man had an infinite capacity. It must be God. And what could be the goal of the inspirations of the spirit but the infinite, the perfect and the truthful? Every way, it was clear, objectively, that if we were taught it must be by reverence of God. And what should we say on the other side? What were all our human faculties? What was that marvellous power of reasoning that discovered the invisible? What that power of consciousness which told of the majesty of imperishable righteousness? What was the imagination which discerned the wonderful secret of beauty? And what was the affection to rise continually in an aspiration to love? What were all these things? They could not be our own. They were, and they must be, the voice of the Divine Spirit in the hearts of men; and therefore, as by the revelation of truth, so by the inspiration of power, it was true of all that if they were taught they were taught by God, and there lay the fundamental difference between the two great conceptions of education. It was not, as was supposed, the addition or subtraction of certain religious views. It was the religion which pervaded the whole religious idea. In a church or school it was clear that it must be built upon the rock of God's eternal truth, and it must rely for its inner life upon His continual grace. Those had been the great principles of the great institutions of the past which have been the glory and the strength of England. Those were the principles of this institution. The essential point for school success was that teachers and learners should be as it were fellow-learners together, that they should feel not antagonistic but harmonious powers, and he did not see how that could well be unless they grasped somewhat the great conception—and it was not too great even for the simple boyish mind—the great conception that they all should be taught of God. He hoped that both teachers and learners in that place might grasp that principle, and that the latter would understand that school life was intended to train them, not merely to do the services of love to their homes and loyalty and patriotism to their country, but to be the members of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to understand that for time and for eternity they were all being trained to God. There, he believed, lay the true principle of success in the right sense of the word of such an institution as that. He prayed that God's blessing might rest for years and generations on that school, which by that solemn service they hallowed that day to the glory of His Holy Name. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Yarnold, the lesson being read by Archdeacon King,

The Primate (Dr. Barry), as President of the Council, welcomed Lord Carrington, and said that he felt the greatest pleasure in seeing his Excellency present to perform the interesting and important ceremony. They were realizing that day an idea Bishop Broughton had put forward nearly half a century ago. That worthy divine, knowing what the Public Schools of England had done for the life of the country, was most anxious to transplant that system into this colony. They were now going to carry out Bishop Broughton's plans. He thought that they ought to make this a school which should have the impress of the old Public System of education of England. He knew, of course, that the English Public School system was not without its imperfections, but it was notwithstanding an English system which thoroughly suited the English character, which educated Englishmen for that which would be during their lifetime their doctrine and manner of life in this free country. The system of education which they intended to adopt here was one which would develop a lad's character and draw out all his faculties; and, above all, the great old schools insisted on one grand feature, which had often astonished the great teachers of the continent, and that was the free use of the religious power and influence. They desired to make this a place of high intellectual teaching; at the same time they would think more of training than of teaching, and, as he said before, they would not forget that their boys had spirits as well as souls and minds. They would teach them that there was something higher than even the higher things of this world, and that there was a training which belonged not merely to time but to eternity. Therefore, he earnestly hoped that God's blessing would rest upon this School; and he felt that under right guidance it would go on and prosper, so that when this colony came to celebrate its second centenary there would be living generations of men who had been trained in this School according to the old traditions of the State and Church of England who

would be loyal servants of God and their country, true both to the Church and the State. He thanked his Excellency for his presence there that day, and speaking as President of the Council of the School and in the name of the Council, he asked his Excellency to declare the School inaugurated. The Headmaster would speak in the name of his colleagues and the School.

Mr. Robson (Headmaster) having spoken,

Lord Carrington said he had great pleasure in declaring the School open, and he was glad to take that opportunity of thanking the Bishop of Sydney—or, as he wished he could say, the Archbishop of Sydney—for inviting him to take part in the proceedings that day, especially as it was the last opportunity they would have of paying honor to their good Primate by supporting him in his good work, as he believed that that was the last public occasion upon which Dr. Barry would appear before his departure, which they so much regretted, next week. They regretted his departure, and especially the sad reason which compelled him to leave. He also congratulated the Headmaster, who had spoken so well of the School. The School, he understood, was established by funds derived from the resumption of St. James's School. The School ought to be successful, not only on account of the magnificent situation and the surroundings, but also on account of the fact, which he knew full well, that the ladies of the Shore would do their best in its interests. On the subject of education he would not venture to say much. He would simply congratulate himself and the ladies and gentlemen present on their being permitted to take part in so good a work, and, with the Bishop and the Bishops of the other colonies, he hoped that God Almighty would bless the School, and that the boys educated there would grow up to be good men and good citizens, loyal to the Queen and loyal to their great colony, which seemed destined to take so leading a part in the destinies of the world.

A vote of thanks to the architect, the contractor and the Rev. Mr. Yarnold (to the last-named for conducting the service) and cheers for Lord and Lady Carrington ended the proceedings.

Empire Day.

THE customary address this year was given by the Hon G. H. Reid, P.C., K.C., and the Head Master, in welcoming Mr. Reid, said:—No man has done more than you, sir, to strengthen the Imperial idea, and on that account I am very glad that you should have this opportunity of addressing the boys. On previous Empire Days we have tried to forget, just for the moment, our ordinary immediate school affairs, absorbing as they are to the exclusion of almost everything else, and have attempted to realise that we are part of a great Whole involving us in a responsibility which everybody ought to realise for himself. Since last year our Cadet Corps has been established, and I think I may say that many of the boys have exhibited just that fruit which we desire to see result from the cultivation of this idea of responsibility. They have in a practical way exhibited it by sacrificing their time, attention and thought to try and fit themselves to be ready to defend their country if ever the country requires them, and that, I think, is a very great idea to be permeating our members. The idea of defence is just now paramount among the English people, and it has materialised here, as everyone must recognise who saw the muster of Cadets on Saturday. I take this occasion of complimenting the Cadets on the display they made on Saturday, and I am glad that the Inspector-General's attention was called to them as being among the smartest on parade. Of course, I include the officers, who have devoted themselves to their duties in a most praiseworthy manner.

Mr. Reid, who was received with loud and continued cheers, said:—I was glad to act on the invitation conveyed to me. I had never visited this School. I had heard a great deal about it, and everything I heard was in its favour, so that I thought I would come over and say a few words to you on this Empire Day. The first thing one thinks about in connection with the British Empire is that it had a very small beginning. It began among a lot of native, painted savages, in the place which is now known as England. In humanity, we all began in the cradle from very small beginnings, but the little baby in the cradle has untold possibilities before him, because the Creator does not make different kinds of minds. There is only one kind of mind, just as there is only one kind of body, and when you look at the little child in the cradle, you don't know whether he will become a Hercules or a Samson, or a Shakespeare, or a Milton. But he has got the same mind, and the possibilities of his mind will never be fully known until he does his best to improve it. Now, this British Empire, which had such a small beginning many ages ago, had one remarkable difference in its making from the making of all the other empires: all the other empires were built up by military conquests. The British Empire was not built up altogether by military conquest. If you look at America: no soldier founded the British Empire in North America. Penn, in order to get a large measure of civil and religious liberty, had to leave his native land to enjoy it, as you and I enjoy it in Australia to-day. Raleigh, who founded the British Empire

in Virginia, was not there as a soldier or a conqueror, but as a private adventurer. Asia: From the beginning, the British power in Asia was in the shape of a charter of the Government to a company of merchants trading in the East Indies. Africa: The pioneer of the British Empire in Africa was one of the noblest men the world has ever seen—a man named Livingstone, a missionary. Even Rhodes, the founder of the British South Africa Company, had a great deal to do with the building up of power in South Africa. Australia was the postscript of a scientific mission to the South Seas. Cook's vessel started out to observe the transit of Venus. It was after that that he came across to Australia and planted the British flag. Let me stop for a minute to show you the possibility that was within the reach of the humblest, the poorest, whose parents could not afford to send their children to schools like this Church of England Grammar School. He was the son of a poor labourer; he had to go into a draper's shop as an apprentice, but that was not big enough for Cook; he went into the navy as a common sailor, and marvellous to relate in those days, this son of a labourer—this common sailor—rose to hold His Majesty's commission. Well, he came out in charge of this scientific expedition, and afterwards came over and planted the British flag in Australia. One of the greatest marvels of this British Empire is its conquest of the sea. It has not only conquered in Asia, Africa, America, and Australia, but its grandest conquest of all has been the conquest of all the oceans of the world. There is not a sea on the face of the globe where the flag of our country does not wave in triumph. That conquest began among a lot of sea rovers and pirates, who did not

hold a King's or a Queen's commission, and among the greatest of them was a man named Drake. Drake said a few words 300 years ago which became the maxim of the British fleet then, and it has been the maxim of all the British fleets since, and it is the maxim of the British fleet to day. The words were: "Wherever the enemies of God and Her Majesty are" (that was Queen Elizabeth—they always mixed up God in those days), "wherever the enemies of God and Her Majesty are, find them out." Now, that is the maxim of the British fleet, the British naval policy. And there is another thing that would make Drake immortal, if he had never done anything else; he revealed the grand quality which makes the British race the triumphant race. When the Spanish Armada, that was to overwhelm little England, was sighted off the Lizard; a man ran to Drake, Howard, Hawkins, and those other great sea captains who were playing a game of bowls, and said: "The Armada is in sight, off the Lizard." All the other Admirals were ready to rush down to the shore, but Drake said: "Stop; there is plenty of time to finish this game and thrash the Spaniards too!" (Cheers.) Now, I want you, in beginning this battle of life, just to act in the same spirit as Drake did then; and I want you to remember that, whatever you do, when you are in a tangle, keep a cool head. When you are fighting, keep a cool head, and you will land them. (Laughter and cheers.) Mind you, that is not said under official authority. Now, let us take Australia. Australia had a small beginning too. One hundred and forty years ago, there was not a single white man settled on this vast continent. Whilst all those great scenes of strife and of conquest were raging in the old world, this majestic

island, enthroned on the Pacific Seas, never heard the sound of a gun, never saw the foot of a white man planted; yet already Australia is one of the great countries in the world. For its population and for its age, it is probably the very greatest country in the whole world to-day. Now, let us just remember to make a confession first. When we talk about this British Empire, we must not forget that the initial motive we had was greed, robbery, conquest. All we can say about the heroes of the past is: "Let them be tried by their peers," and, tried by their peers in these days, you can say this of them, that, bad as they were often, compared with other men in these days, they were among the bravest and the best. Now, what is this British Empire at the present time? Does the British flag wave over this British Empire for purposes of greed? Does that great Imperial power of the mother country trample on the weaker races or the weaker countries? No! it is the glory of the British Empire to-day that it stands for law and order and security, and all over the 12,000,000 of square miles, all over the 420,000,000 of human beings who owe allegiance to King Edward, the glory of the British Empire is that it stands before the world in the very front of human justice. There is not a wrong committed in the darkest jungle in Asia or in Africa or the humblest of our fellow-subjects that is not avenged by this majestic Empire. Some people say that the mother country is dying out. Well, if the mother country is dying out, it is a bad thing for us, because we still want a bit of mothering. But I want to reassure you about the mother country dying out. She never was so strong or so marvellous in her strength as she is to-day. In a very few years she has doubled the area

of the British Empire. In a very few years—that is, since 1860, not 50 years ago—the population has risen from 200,000,000 to 410,000,000. That does not look like dying out. (Cheers.) One-fifth of the whole land on the face of the earth is British. More than one-fifth of the people alive to-day in the world are British. There are 13,000,000 tons of shipping, and we know how many tons the British Islands have got. You boys can see the British Isles because you are sharp-sighted, but I have to put on my eye-glass to see them. (Laughter.) But small as they are, out of this 13,000,000 tons of shipping, the little motherland has 11,000,000 tons coming out of that little spot. If you can see before you the panorama of the whole ocean freighted with ships, you will find that the ships of that little spot carry more than half of all the cargoes of all the nations of all the world. I hope, then, that you won't be afraid that the old country is getting in a bad way. Now, what has she done for us? You know a boy or a man who does not remember a service rendered to him is a mean sort of a boy or a mean sort of a man. What has the British nation done for Australia? A few people here said to the motherland: "This Australia belongs to you; but we want it." The motherland said practically: "You are children of the same race; we will trust you. We will give you Australia. We will give you that marvellous land of wealth. We will give it to you." That was a great gift, the sort of gift that no other country got. Other people had to win their countries with their blood. The people of other countries won the territories they live in with their blood, but we won this country by the free generous gift of the grand old motherland. But that was not all the mother country

gave us. There was a grander gift still. It is not enough to have a grand country. You want a free country. You want to have the power to manage your own affairs, and the little handful of Australian people said to the mother country: "You have given us Australia; but it is not enough; we want the right to manage our own affairs, and we want the right, if we like, to tax you out of Australia." And we are doing that now! Well, the mother country said: "We will give you the right to tax us, and we will give you the right to build up your own liberties." And, mind you, if a country is building up its liberties it has got to have a certain fiscal policy, which it must carry out. That is its duty, and I am not finding fault with that. I am only saying that the mother country was generous enough to give us the freedom to do it. When you have got a thing, you are far less grateful for it than when you are going to get it. But there are some people who, when you hold up something before them, will be very fond of you; but when they have got it, they forget all about you. Now, what is Great Britain doing for us now? She is rendering us a greater service still. There are great nations, with powerful armies and fleets, all anxious to get Australia, to bring their millions of people here, to bring their trade and commerce, and to hoist their flag, the flag of another country, over Australia. Well, by night and by day, the British flag stands sentinel to protect the integrity and freedom of young Australia! Now, I want to say that Australia has proved worthy of these acts of Imperial magnanimity. Australia has been grateful. Australia is loyal; and when the dark clouds came over the sky in South Africa, when Great Britain had jealous foreign nations looking on while she was fighting

her way into the heart of a distant continent, Australia proved her loyalty by sending thousands of gallant volunteers, who went to assist the British soldiers in South Africa, to represent Australia—to represent you—and to prove to the mother country that Australia was a true daughter of the grand old parent from which she came. Now, I just want to say a word or two to you about Queen Victoria. This is the birthday of the late Queen Victoria. Queen Victoria was the greatest monarch, in one respect, that ever sat on a throne. Now, I will tell you in what respect I say that Queen Victoria was the greatest monarch that ever sat on a throne. For the first time in the history of royal power, a sovereign—and the monarch of the greatest nation that the world ever saw—came down from her throne to share the sorrows and the sympathy of the humblest of her subjects. We heard of her going round the cottages at Ealmoral and sitting down to talk to the people on the estate; we heard of her sitting up with her old servants, and going round among her old pensioners, who gave her a fearful time. She bridged, as no other monarch ever did, the chasm between the high and the mighty and the humble and the poor and the weak. She was a woman and a sovereign, one of the greatest glories of our British Empire. Her son is proving a worthy successor to Queen Victoria. He is already known as "The Peacemaker of the World." He has helped to bring Britain and France, who were enemies for centuries, into a friendly understanding, with all their disputes settled. He has brought Great Britain into friendly touch with every other nation in the world, with, perhaps, a doubt about one. Queen Alexandra is also a worthy successor to Queen Victoria. Now, I want to come a

little nearer home. I have been talking of the British Empire, of a mighty federation. I want now to come to your own homes—to your own parents. Every home is a federation: father and mother, brothers and sisters. In being loyal to Australia, in being loyal to the Empire, you will begin best by being loyal to your father and mother. You have to get about as old as I am before you begin to understand how much you owe to your father and mother. For every meal, for your long trousers, for your shelter, and for the means to attend a grand school like this, you are indebted to them. May I, without preaching at all—because I dare not speak of my own school days, they were so very bad—say that you can repay your father and mother for all those great benefits conferred upon you if you will just try your best to improve your opportunities; try your best to excel at school; and try your best, always, to give them the greatest gift of all, constant courtesy and affection, day after day, as long as you both shall live.

Mr. Reid resumed his seat amid loud cheers.

Mr. L. A. Baker then sang the solo of "Rule Britannia," the chorus being heartily taken up by all present, and a double repetition of the concluding chorus being given at the call and under the leadership of Mr. Reid.

Mr. C. Tayler followed with some remarks on rifle-shooting. Marksmanship could not be learnt in a day. It was quite a different thing from shooting with a gun. Lord Roberts had said that if he were to allot 10 points in the estimation of a soldier he would give 8 to rifle-shooting. It was all very well to say that one would give one's life for one's country. The country did not want anything of the kind,

she wanted you to take the life of the other fellow. He hoped that he would see as much energy and patient practice at rifle-shooting amongst the school cadets, as that of which there was evidence in other sports. He was no crank on the subject of rifle-shooting; there were few sports in which he had not participated himself, but surely cricket, football, and other games ought not to exclude rifle practice altogether.

Captain Pulling, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Reid and Mr. Tayler, said that he had often noticed that speakers who had that pleasant duty to perform usually thought it incumbent on them to give their views on things in general. Such people reminded him of a host who, when his guests had partaken of the delicacies provided for them, instead of saying grace, and having done with it pressed upon them a helping of roley-poley pudding. He was not offering roley-poley pudding to-day, but he would ask them to take what he might call a digestive cup of coffee. The keynote of Empire Day was Patriotism, and patriotism consisted of two parts. The first was *Esprit-de-corps*, if he might be excused for using a French phrase on a day so pre-eminently British. *Esprit-de-corps* was a thing easy to obtain and pleasant to possess. The other part of Patriotism was a true sense of duty which was neither easy to acquire nor always pleasant to possess. *Esprit de corps* was responsible for those ecstatic moments when, in a hard-fought match, Macdonald scored the winning try or Tozer reached his century. It was responsible for that thrill of pride which we feel on hearing of the great achievements of our race throughout its history. In fact, *esprit de corps* is a feeling of pride because others have made our School or

our country great. A sense of duty was that which impelled us to keep her great and make her greater. He had now come to the sugar at the bottom of the cup. He felt sure that in that School and in that Cadet Corps it was due to this sense of duty that the S.C.E.G.S. companies showed the fullest parade state in the review of the previous Saturday, and had been congratulated thereon by the O.C. Battalion, and that G Company had been complimented on its marching in the report published in the press that morning. He thanked Mr. Reid for doing the School

the honour of visiting it, and for his eloquent address, the lessons of which would remain in the minds of the boys all the longer for its many touches of humour. He thanked Mr. Tayler for his remarks about marksmanship, and reminded the non-commissioned officers and cadets of the sacrifice of time and leisure that Mr. Tayler was making in order to help them to become proficient marksmen.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and cheers given for Mr. Reid and Mr. Tayler.

Cadet Corps.

MOST of the Company Parades during this term have taken place in the Reserve, where extended order has been practised and the preliminary training in skirmishing. On Friday, April 23rd, and on May 14th Battalion Parades were held in the Domain. It is expected that there will be a field day during next term.

The Empire Day Review took place on Saturday, May 22nd. The School Detachment was complimented by Captain Dunkley, O.C. Battalion, on its full parade state, and the marching of G Company received high commendation; they, together with High School, were selected for special mention in the report in the press.

At the Cadet Rifle Meeting on Friday, May 21st, Corporal McLean won 10/-, scoring 42 out of 50 at 500 yards.

The School was not represented in the Battalion Team, and it is a matter for

regret that, up to the present time, the School, which has won the right to consider her place somewhere near the top wherever her energies are directed, in the matter of rifle shooting is lying lethargically at the bottom. It must be remembered, however, that it was many years before she found herself at the top in football, and it is to be hoped that the younger generation who are shewing some enthusiasm about rifle shooting will, when their turn comes, help the School to take her proper place in marksmanship.

A Rifle Committee has been elected to select teams for training, and consists of the following members:— Col. Sergt. Digby, Sergt. Macdonald, Sergt. Trenerry and Corpl. Maclean.

A Battalion Night at the Theatre Royal was organised on May 11th in order to give the Senior Cadets an opportunity of seeing "An Englishman's Home." About 200 took advantage of this, and at the conclusion Mr. J. C. Williamson offered a

prize of two guineas for the best essay by an N.C.O. or Senior Cadet of the Battalion. The examination was held on the following Tuesday, the Rev. Stacey Waddy, Chaplain of the Battalion, acting as judge. The first prize went to Sergeant Pulling, 2nd prize (10/6) Sergeant Consett Sephen, while special Company prizes offered by Captain Pulling went to Corporal Maclean and Cadets H. Pulling and Allworth.

Several of our Bugle Band took part in

the Empire Day celebrations, both at the Demonstration at the Cricket Ground and at the concert in the Town Hall.

The following promotions have been approved by the O.C.:—*Sergeants*—a'Beckett, L. Trenerry; *Corporals*—Newmarch, H. E. a'Beckett, J. McLean, Tiley, Garbett; *Lance-Corporals*—A. C. Elliott, Heath; Arthur, Anderson, McCulloch, Dyer, P. Voss, I. L. Williams, L. C. Hutchinson

The Boat Club.

SINCE the last issue of the *Torchbearer* the Schools Championship has been rowed and lost—lost by us and won this time by the Sydney Grammar School. Our crew succeeded in gaining second place, and though it struggled hard, with that it had to be content. Without the least hesitation we admit that S.G.S. were the best crew, and embrace this present opportunity of extending to them congratulations on once more being "head of the River." S.G.S. were represented by a fine, evenly weighted crew, and besides being well together, they were in the pink of condition. On the Saturday before the race, S.G.S. did an excellent trial over the course, and to those who witnessed it, it was apparent that it would take a very good crew to beat them. On the day of the race Garland threw away no chances whatever, and rowing in the most determined manner himself, led from start to finish.

Our crew made a valiant effort to catch the leaders, but they were never close enough to actually race them, S.G.S. being on the northern side and S.C.E.G.S.

well over on the southern shore. As it was, we had to sprint hard at the finish to stave off a strong rush by St. Joseph's College, who must be complimented on the great improvement shown in their form. It has been said above that the S.G.S. crew was a heavy one, the average weight being 11st. 5lbs. We have nothing to complain about in the way of weight, for our crew was even heavier, the average being 11st. 11lbs., though a more even distribution of the weight would have suited us better, bow and stroke being 10st. 6lbs. and 10st. 9lbs. respectively, while "three" and "two" were respectively 13st. 13lbs. and 12st. 3lbs..

In the first week of the camp training, the crew were by no means well together, and in the first few trial courses, something generally happened to spoil the run of the boat. The first time it was a steamer wash, next time a broken stretcher, and finally a crab. However, great improvement was shown in the second week, and in short pieces at any rate, very good form was shown. Still, right up to the day of the race it could scarcely be said with

certainty that the crew would maintain its body swing over the full course, while there was an absence of that graceful easy style which a good crew acquires without losing any of its "nip" or hard finish. If the crew did not attain to the most excellent style, it certainly did not lack in determination, and though beaten, it died hard, as shown by its rowed out condition at the finish.

In the race for Second Crews, the School this year had its initial success, and as a result of the fine race rowed by the Seconds, the Yaralla Cup now adorns the walls of the Dining Hall. The Second Crew were a strong, heavy lot, averaging 11st. 11lb., and besides, they were well together and showed plenty of dash and racing ability. George Ganning, their coach, saw to it that they had plenty of work, and in the end the crew was as hard as nails.

Like S.G.S. in the Championship, the Second Crew went ahead right at the start and stayed there throughout, winning by a little over a length from St. Joseph's II., with S.G.S. II. third. Our Third Crew brought up the rear in this race.

An account of the Camp is given elsewhere in this number, and a report of the race from the daily papers will be seen below. We cannot, however, conclude this article without thanking our friends for their numerous kindnesses to us during the preparation for the race. The list is rather a lengthy one, and it is pleasing to find it so. First of all, we tender our thanks to Mrs. Hodges for providing the badges, flag and scarves, a work in which she was very kindly assisted by Mrs. Jeffray, Mrs. Mehan, Miss Kathleen Browne, and Miss Howard; to Mr. H. H. Massie and Mr. H. St. J. Tucker for

sending cases of apples; to Mr. Massie also, for entertaining the crews at a theatre party; to Mr. T. A. Dibbs for allowing coaching from the *Ena*; to the many visitors who came to the camp and entertained us with music; and, finally, to the coaches, Messrs. A. Ramsay, G. Gunning and K. Williams.

The following account of the Boat Races is taken from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of April 22nd:—

The dull weather yesterday did not affect the attendance at the Great Public Schools racing on the Parramatta River. Three steamers followed the races, and were well filled with students and visitors. On the launch *Eva* were the officials—R. B. Fitzhardinge, umpire; J. McGregor, starter; W. Kerr, timekeeper—and a number of visitors connected with the sport. J. Degotardi was judge. The water was smooth, and the tide practically still. The schools' championship was started at Putney and finished at One Man Wharf, the distance being 1 m. 500 yds. The start was perfectly satisfactory, and at a fast rate of stroke. Church of England led for a few strokes, then Sydney Grammar, with a good lifting stroke, drew to the front, all rowing with dash and in rather good form. After the first minute had passed Sydney Grammar reached the gas works' beacon with a slight lead from Church of England, with St. Joseph's and St. Ignatius only a few feet away. Passing Tennyson Wharf (half-mile) Sydney Grammar led by a length from Church of England, and St. Ignatius was slightly in front of St. Joseph's. At Carbarita Sydney Grammar led by two lengths, fully, and so far had rowed a very fine race with Church of England. At this time St. Joseph's was catching up lost distance, and going well. At Gladesville, rather more than a mile, Sydney Grammar led by about two and a half lengths, the time being 6m. 37s. After leaving the point the leaders got a good course and dashed away, gaining another length, somewhat favoured by the run of the tide. Church of England was now getting tired and out of form, and both St. Joseph's and St. Ignatius had drawn almost level with them. Nearing the finish Church of England got away again, and finished three lengths from Sydney Grammar, which won a well-rowed race in 9m. 2s., with the second crew a length in front of St. Joseph's, and St. Ignatius a length further away.

The crews were as follows:—

Sydney Grammar School (H. R. Cowdery, 11st. 8lb., C. R. Sheldon, 10st. 12lb., J. C. Lamrock, 11st. 11lb., J. R. Garland, 11st. 4lb., stroke, R. H. R. Grieve, cox., W. H. Savigny, coach)	1
Sydney Church of England Grammar School (K. V. McDonald, 10st. 6lb., L. B. Heath, 12st. 3lb., R. J. A. Massie, 13st. 13lb., C. M. M. Marsh, 10st. 9lb., stroke, R. S. Robertson, cox., A. Ramsay, coach)	2
St. Joseph's College (P. Walsh, 10st. 6lb., E. Cody, 11st. 7lb., W. Cameron, 11st. 11lb., J. Punch, 9st. 9lb., W. Healy, cox., R. B. Fitzhardinge, coach)	3
St. Ignatius College (M. Allan, 10st. 8lb., F. Fanning, 11st., J. Conrick, 12st. 11lb., B. Veech, 11st. 2lb., stroke, A. Kelly, cox., A. M'Dougall, coach)	4
SECOND CREWS RACE, in Association Fours, from Gladesville Wharf to Putney Point, distance, one mile.	
Sydney Church of England Grammar School, No. 1 Crew (W. T. Tucker, R. L. Sayers, C. F. Maxwell, P. E. Voss, stroke, F. H. Cullen, cox)	1
St. Joseph's College (J. Brady, C. Lynch, T. Roche, R. Quinn, stroke)	2
Sydney Grammar School (R. C. Inglis, A. E. Gates, L. Scott, H. A. Henry, stroke)	3
St. Ignatius' College (B. Johnstone, J. Bolger, L. Veech, T. Wilkinson)	4
Sydney Church of England Grammar School, No. 2 Crew (K. B. Voss, H. E. a'Beckett, J. L. Digby, E. J. Grieve, stroke, R. S. Robertson, cox)	5

Church of England No. 1 Crew soon took the lead, and held it to the finish, winning by a length and a quarter from a brilliant team from St. Joseph's. The time was 5m. 49s. The rowing of all crews in both races was far above the average, and the winners were really excellent crews.

Since the race, work at the shed has been going on fairly regularly. When Marsh left at Mid-Term, Massie was elected Captain of Boats, and the Committee was brought up to its full strength by the election of Heath and Voss i. It is highly probable that the Schools' Championship will be rowed next year in Eights, or, if not next year,

then the year after. Mr. Hall and members of the Committee attend at the shed in the afternoons, and new material is once more going through the process of learning to row, and in some cases good progress has already been shown. From the following boys two or three good crews should be forthcoming:—Forbes, Fenwick, Coward, Freeman, Lomax, Ross i., Ross ii., Pulling, Minty, Browne, Middleton, Maclean, Martin, Simpson i., Fraser, Trenery, a'Beckett ii., Hay ii., Tait, and Hay i.

At the end of the year there will again be held races for tub pairs and trial fours, and all of the above mentioned should be able, with regular attendance at the shed, to take part in these events.

We give below the coaches' criticisms of their respective crews:—

FIRST CREW.

- C. M. MARSH, 10st. 9lbs. (stroke).—Has a good beginning, which could be improved by a little more use of shoulders; leg work solid and well driven home, finish hard and clean, swing long and steady; hands and shoulders not smart enough at first part of recovery. Is cool, gritty and game.
- R. J. A. MASSIE, 13st. 13lbs. (3).—Beginning good, supported well by legs, leg drive good and finish hard. Swing long and for the most part well controlled. Requires to get hands away smarter, straightening arms and following with shoulders instantly; also to check a tendency to hurry last part of slide on recovery. Is very powerful and game, and a consistently hard worker, besides being particularly smart and active for so big a man. Must be regarded as an acquisition to any boat.
- L. B. HEATH, 12st. 3lbs. (2).—Has a good catch, well supported from stretcher, but "kicks" slide half way through stroke, finishing it before body and arms, thus curtailing and weakening the finish. Requires to check a tendency to swing out of boat; must smarten first part of recovery. When more ease has been acquired as the result of further practice,



L. B. HEATH (2) K. V. McDONALD (bow)
R. J. A. MASSIE (3) MR. I. G. MACRAY C. M. M. MARSH (stroke)
R. S. ROBERTSON (cox)

Ist Crew.

will develop into a high-class oar, as he possesses plenty of power, determination, endurance and dash.

- K. V. McDONALD, 10st. 6lbs. (bow).—Must be regarded as a very good oar, having a good beginning, length and finish; uses legs well, is rather prone to hurry last part of forward swing. Possesses plenty of pluck, dash and endurance; filled well a difficult seat.
- R. S. ROBERTSON, 4st. 12lbs. (cox).—Is intelligent and attentive, handles his boat well; gives promise of becoming an efficient coxswain.

SECOND CREW.

- P. E. VOSS, 11st. 4lbs. (stroke).—Worked very hard, set a good length and used judgment as stroke. Has a bad fault of turning the wrist before finish of stroke and raising the hands before the drop instead of coming straight in and dropping from the elbow. Should check tendency to keep head too much on chest, and to sag just after the weight is applied.
- C. F. MAXWELL, 10st. 2lbs. (3).—Has a particularly effective shoulder lift and drive, an example to the men behind him. Kept a good length and swing and checked the rushing. Should cultivate a freer action and not cramp his shoulders and arms at the finish. Has the fault of just pushing his hands straight out after the finish instead of dropping and shooting them out fast.

R. L. SAVERS, 11st. 4lbs. (2).—Has a good swing and hands come away from the body smartly and cleanly. Slide well held and legs driven home hard. Has a tendency to rush forward, and at times gets more than a bladeful of water, though occasionally he gets a great tear through the water with the blade nicely covered. Is inclined to let his head drop and back sag when tired.

W. T. TUCKER, 10st. 13lbs. (bow).—Much improved oarsman, though hardly bright and nippy enough at the catch. Has an inclination to tumble before the catch and sky the blade. Slow in shooting the hands out and following them up with the body for the recovery. Throughout showed great grit and eagerness to learn.

F. H. CULLEN, 4st. 7lbs. (cox).—Was very keen and enthusiastic throughout, and managed his boat well. With more practice should make a very good coxswain. Was erratic at times, but in the race was highly satisfactory.

Since the above was written, the Schools' Association has decided that the Championship in the future shall be rowed in eights, best and best boats. The next race (1910) will, therefore, be in eights.

The Rowing Camp.

THE 1909 camp, as viewed from the number point of view, was a decided advance on those of the past, this being the first year we have had two crews entered for the Yaralla Cup. The weather, moreover, was all that could be desired.

Besides the three crews, there went up Mr. Mackay, Mr. Ramsay, G. Gunning, and K. Williams. With these four in a motor-launch we arrived at Cashman's boat-shed on Thursday, April 8th, and after housing the boats, reached the

Gladesville Hotel, where we took up our quarters for the fortnight.

Work commenced next morning in earnest; a brisk walk, with a sprint at the end of it, before breakfast; tubbing in the forenoon, and in the afternoon work in the fours, and trial rows over the course; and last, but not least, dry-swinging before bed.

In the evenings there was plenty of opportunity for those with musical talent to display it and so pianists were found in Voss i, Digby i, and Greive—the last

named, though lacking in technique, quite made up for it in his enthusiasm and vigor. Marsh performed on the ocarina and the mouth organ, and Day extracted harmony from the violin.

The sporting element was much in evidence, and all kinds of gymnastic tricks and drawing-room games were indulged in, not to mention bobs and marbles. The last-named game was especially popular with the coxes, who should have known better.

On Wednesday, April 14th, Mr. Mackay organised a progressive Euchre party, and several of our gentler (?) members, such as McDonald and Massie, had to take the place of the "ladies."

Our Senior Prefect beguiled the time by boring holes in coppers, and, after attaching a string thereto, dropping them by the unwary on dark nights. He soon lost 2½d.; however, and being a profitless amusement, it was dropped.

The coaching of the 1st and 3rd crews was done entirely by Mr. Ramsay, and to him our thanks are due for the way he coached them. The seconds were taken in hand by G. Gunning, and by his efforts carried off the Yaralla cup.

And so, what with the fine weather, the enjoyable evenings, and the success of the second crew, there are many of us who will always remember the '09 camp.

DELTA.

Inter-School Debate.

ON Friday, May 14, a debate between S.G.S. and S.C.E.G.S., was held at the School, Mr. Hodges being in the chair. The motion moved by Pulling, I., and supported by the S.C.E.G.S. was: That British Scientists have done more for the greatness of the British Empire than British Statesmen.

Pulling (S.C.E.G.S.). Did the greatness of Britain depend on the Statesmen of Elizabeth and James? Edward Wright spent his life in improving nautical apparatus. He urged Statesmen to pass a law compelling sea captains to pass an examination. The oversea trade of England was delayed 250 years by the neglect of Statesmen to carry out his request. The locomotive a product of Science has greatly assisted the national industries. Consider coal mining. Formerly coal could only be dug out of places easy of access. Watt's steam engine enabled the miner to pump out the water in deeper works. Statesman tried to check the iron industry because of the great consumption of wood, instead of encouraging the coal miner. The iron trade was reduced one tenth by the pig-

headedness of Statesmen. Buckle says that a Watt, a Davy, or a Faraday, was dirt cheap at £100 000. The Speaker drew a picture of two long lines stretching into the past. One line (the Scientist) was brightly illuminated all along by the lamp of truth. Parts of the other line (the Statesmen) lay hid in shadow. On Cromwell, Chatham, and Gladstone, lay the shadow. His country's blood stains Cromwell. On Gladstone falls the blame of millions. He was responsible for the loss of life in Africa. Minos and Theseus were demi-gods. Minerva and Ceres were gods.

Barbour (S.G.S.) congratulated the premier (Pulling) on the cleverness of his specious arguments. The scientists benefit mankind rather than one nation. British scientists invented Dreadnoughts, but the Germans will be first on the sea with them. We are proud of Shackleton, David, and Mawson. But an Antarctic Expedition does not affect Empire. Scientists are mostly of recent date, but Statesmen have been serving their country since the beginning. The ardour of Pitt's soul had set a kingdom on fire. He had made England the first country in the world. To Walpole we owe a long peace. To men like Simon de Montfort and Cromwell we owe Law and Constitution. A Statesman's object is to benefit his country. A Scientist's object is to

elucidate problems of science, or to brave an expedition to the North Pole in search of dragon flies.

Anderson (S.C.E.G.S.) referred to different scientists, and especially to Adam Smith, the founder of Political Economy; also, to Watt, Gilbert, and Sir Hiram Maxim. Scientists help one another on, but politicians continually undo each other's work.

Dark (S.G.S.).—Elizabeth's Statesmen brought England into a safe haven. William III. saved England from the tyranny of James II. Pitt alone saw the trend of Napoleon's ambition, and formed against it the coalition of England, Austria, and Russia. Lord Russell introduced a Reform Bill, revised the Poor Laws, and improved Education. It was Statesmanship that saved England in critical times. The Scientist grubs in a laboratory. The Statesman tries to raise his country to a higher level.

Boyce (S.C.E.G.S.).—It is not the fault of scientists that Germany was first in the field with Dreadnoughts. It is the fault of our Statesmen. Statesmen's deeds sometimes founded on scientists' work. Livingstone's life was a glory to England. He kept himself alive by his scientific knowledge of edible roots. Shackleton's expedition will add to the fame of the Empire. The Empire has been, indirectly, immensely benefitted by Caxton's press. Statesmen would be stranded but for the knowledge derived from scientists.

Henry (S.G.S.).—What he admired in his opponents' arguments was their ingenuity. It was a pity that such ingenuity was wasted on a bad cause. It was not until after the Armada that England rose in greatness. In a crisis would she appeal to a Darwin or to a Pitt? Egypt was scientific, but she fell. Science could not flourish unless Statesmen brought peace. Alfred the Great told the time by candles, but he was more famous as an Empire builder.

Simpson (S.C.E.G.S.).—Statesmen are responsible for the National Debt. Scientists lessen the cost of Government. Statesmen throw away life. Scientists save life. Sir James Simpson discovered Chloroform, and Lister Antiseptics. Statesmen have done harm to England by trickery, and by working for party and not for State. Palmerston was always trying to drag England into a foreign war. Gladstone lost Khartoum, and was responsible for the death of Gordon. Scientists devote their lives to the preservation of the principal assets of our Empire, men and women.

Parkinson (S.G.S.) defined National Greatness as commercial prosperity and physical strength. Could science have helped to build up a nation in its infancy? No. That was the work of Statesmen. Were Bacon's investigations as beneficial to England as Cromwell's policy? Science cannot be fostered in times of war; it is the study of leisure.

Minty (S.C.E.G.S.) said, amongst other things, that Statesmen are often partisans, but that in Science there is no division. Educational schemes are due rather to scientific research than to acts of Statesmen.

Consett-Stephen (S.G.S.) declared that his opponents did say such silly things, but he had time to go through only a slight percentage of their errors. North and Gladstone were not statesmen; they were only politicians. Shackleton's greatest achievement was to go without a bath for 126 days. Consett-Stephen's speech greatly amused the audience. Unfortunately, the speed of his delivery was too much for our reporter.

Mr. Hodges, for the judges, declared that Sydney Grammar School had won the contest. Afterwards the two teams, and their friends, were entertained by Mrs. Hodges. Another debate will be held next term at the Sydney Grammar School.

Football.

THE School commenced the present season with a reputation to keep up, and now with half the matches played our football reputation has not suffered. In the Schools' Competition

the 1st XV. is at the head of affairs with an unbeaten record, and in its six matches has scored 150 points to 12. The 2nd XV. has only once been beaten, while the 3rd team, although it has met with defeat

on two occasions, has also tasted of victory.

Of last year's Premier Team there are now playing in the 1st XV.—a'Beckett i. and McDonald (backs) and Dodds, Greive, Sayers and Massie (forwards). Early in the season we gave promise of being even more fortunate in this respect, for Irving and Maxwell are still in the School. However, the former has been an absentee from all matches with a bad leg, while the latter has played in only one match. We were fortunate in having Heath, already of 1st XV. School standard, and a good number of last year's second team to complete our team. An exceptionally heavy pack has been got together, while the backs are by no means weak, and may be expected to show steady improvement both individually and as a combination. As mentioned in the last *Torchbearer*, our chief difficulty was to get three-quarters. After several experiments, the most suitable three-quarter line was found to consist of Garbett and Suttor i. (wings), with Pountney and Forbes (centres). The former two have been tried in the centre, but in their style of play, as well as physically, they are more suited to the wing. As a division it was some time before the three-quarters made much of a show, either in attack or defence. The handling was faulty, the running and tackling weak, while there was an almost total absence of rush-stopping play. Add to this that the three-quarters had little knowledge of making openings and it will be seen that at any rate in the first few matches the forwards were carrying a big load behind. McDonald and a'Beckett i. (the halves) were some time in striking true form, and this gave the new three-quarters little chance. However, from the match against Newington onwards, the

backs have steadily improved, and while even yet they are occasionally fond of hanging on or refusing an in-pass, they are not by any means a weak combination. The tackling and rush-stopping are fair, and altogether the backs are gaining greater confidence in themselves. There is, of course, plenty of room for improvement still, and it is hoped the whole of the backs will see to it that their weak spots are strengthened and the attack quickened generally.

Weight is not the only possession of the forwards. They have overcome their early sluggishness to a great extent, and in the match against The King's School gave a display of quick and sure tackling combined with sound rush-stopping and clever foot-work, of which a much more experienced pack might well be proud. In the scrum the forwards were some time in shaping well, their chief faults being slowness into the pack and failure to lock tightly. However, they were not afraid to push, and in many instances when we had lost the ball we were able to push the opposition back over it and so gain possession. The scrum work is now fair, and in School matches our pack has generally secured the ball, but even yet there is too much delay in letting the ball out, while the front row are still somewhat slow in striking for possession. The ruck work is good, but can be improved greatly by quicker use of the feet and more locking together for defensive purposes. The line-out work is a good deal better than last year, but in this department many good chances are let slip every match. It is somewhat difficult to single out individuals, but certainly the most consistent forwards have been Sayers, Greive and Dodds. Against Newington Elliott played a fine game, whilst in the S.G.S.

match Massie and Greive did most work. Tucker ii. played his best game against T.K.S., whilst Heath was good in both the St Joseph's and T.K.S. matches, though in the earlier games he was only moderate. If the forwards can combine quicker scrum work with passing and dribbling at top pace, they will be very much harder to cope with than they are at present.

The 2nd XV. has done well on the whole, defeating all the School 2nds with the exception of T.K.S. II., who beat them 6-3. The forwards have been stronger than the backs, and in all departments of the game have played well. Lindsay is quick to seize an opening, while Digby i. is perhaps the best with his feet. Bechtel is the fastest forward, but as a rule the whole eight manage to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of the ball. Of the backs a'Beckett ii. has played really well, and is the most consistent. Hamilton and Williams have played fairly, while Parkinson has greatly improved. The centres (Warden and Hay ii.) are inclined to wait for their opponents to make an attack, but lately they have been much more aggressive. Like the 1st XV., the seconds require to be cooler when chances of scoring come along, and, in the matter of using the line or keeping the ball in play, more judgment is necessary. Both 1sts and 2nds give far too many free-kicks to the other side, many of the breaches being so palpable as to be ludicrous.

The Junior teams this season do not seem to be so good as formerly. Still, with plenty of practice and the assistance Mr. Dixon gives, they are steadily improving.

The thanks of the teams are due to Mr. H. St. J. Tucker for providing oranges regularly at half-time and to Thornton for taking notes of the matches.

Below will be found notes on the various School matches played by the 1st XV.:-

May 5 v. St. Ignatius' College. Played at Riverview and won by S.C.E.G.S., 24-nil. Mr. C. E. Morgan, referee.

Teams.—St. Ignatius' College: Full-back, Bryant; three-quarters, Hogan, Malone, Conlon, Foy; halves, Rorke, Wilkinson; forwards, G. Vavasour, B. Johnstone, J. McKay, O'Donnell, Conrick, L. Veech, B. Veech, Fanning.

S.C.E.G.S.: Full-back, L. Trenerry; three-quarters, D. C. Suttor i., J. W. Forbes, H. R. Pountney, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald (captain), H. E. a'Beckett; forwards, W. T. Tucker ii., E. H. Dodds, J. L. Digby i., E. J. Greive, J. A. Elliott, R. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

At the commencement of the game St. Ignatius' were able by quick play on the part of Conlon and Malone to take the ball into S.C.E.G.S. territory, and for the first five minutes attacked briskly. St. Ignatius' three-quarters made some fine passing rushes in S.C.E.G.S. 25, but faulty handling on their part and quick play by our backs resulted in the ball being taken to the other end, where Elliott scored in the corner and we led 3-nil. St. Ignatius' again initiated passing, but Garbett intercepted near half-way, and, beating the full-back's tackle, scored behind the posts. McDonald converted, making the score 8-nil in favour of S.C.E.G.S. Shortly afterwards McDonald sent the ball from a scrum to Suttor on the blind side, and the latter scored in the corner, 13-nil. St. Ignatius' kept the ball at half-way for some time, but from a line-out Greive and Sayers broke away with the ball at toe. The former then picked up and passed to Sayers, to a'Beckett, to Forbes, Pountney, Suttor, then in again to Pountney, who scored after a really fine piece of combined play, 19-nil. Shortly after this McDonald sent the ball to a'Beckett, who feinted to pass and ran in unopposed, McDonald converted, and the score at half-time was 24-nil.

In the second half the play of St. Ignatius' was much better in every way. Their tackling was surer and their footwork much quicker, while by getting quickly to their opponents they rendered harmless the passing rushes which had been bringing easy tries in the first half. On two or three occasions Conlon and Hogan went close to scoring, and they were prevented only by the unerring tackling of a'Beckett and Garbett. On

one occasion Garbett intercepted and broke away, but in dodging the full-back he was well tackled from behind by Malone. With the ball in neutral territory the game ended without any alteration to the 24-nil score of the first half.

Neither team displayed any great combination, and in the first half the tackling of St. Ignatius' was very feeble, our men getting through sometimes in the easiest possible way. In the second half Riverview greatly improved in this respect. Their three-quarter line showed very bright work at times, but the half (Rorke) was rather slow. The front row of their pack was very quick at hooking the ball. For S.C.E.G.S. Trenerry was reliable all round, but the three-quarters were not happy. The wings were dashing, but the centres failed to give good passes, and, moreover, they were feeble as tacklers and rush-stoppers. The halves were fair, and so were the forwards. The only really good combined attack was the rush from which Pountney scored. Good individual efforts were shown by Suttor, a'Beckett and Garbett in getting their tries.

May 12th, v. Newington College. Played on No. 2 Oval, North Sydney, and won by 27-3. Dr. Bohrsmann, referee.

Teams.—Newington College: Full-back, E. Morris; three-quarters, Wippell, Colwell, Prescott, Dingle; halves, Tasker, Simpson; forwards, Tarn, McKenzie, Padey, Thompson, Beaver, P. A. Morris, Laws, Roberts.

S.C.E.G.S.: Full-back, L. Trenerry; three-quarters, D. C. Suttor i., H. R. Pountney, J. W. Forbes, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald, H. E. a'Beckett i.; forwards, W. T. Tucker ii., E. H. Dodds, J. L. Digby i., J. A. Elliott i., E. J. Greive, R. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

In this match the play was not characterised by good combination, though many fine individual efforts were shown. In the first half S.C.E.G.S. tried centreing tactics from all possible points without gaining anything more than tiring themselves out by aimless running to and fro. Newington, on their part also, contributed to the monotony of the play by constantly marking and then kicking in-field. After several attempts at passing by our backs, Forbes secured from the ruck, and, meeting with little opposition, scored a try—S.C.E.G.S. 3-nil. After a good run by Garbett and a fine tackle by Morris, Elliott twice broke away from the line-out, and after making good openings sent

the ball to Heath, who scored on each occasion. McDonald converted these tries, and we led 13-nil at half-time.

Early in the second half S.C.E.G.S. forwards rushed the ball over N.C. line, where Greive and Dodds fell on it, a try being awarded to the former, 16-nil. From their own 25 Newington forwards made a fine dribbling rush, Roberts and Beaver being in the van. They were aided by very feeble attempts to stop the rush by Suttor and Forbes, and later by Trenerry, and the result was that Beaver scored a good try. This was a very fine piece of work, and was easily Newington's best effort. S.C.E.G.S. 16-3. Shortly after this, from a passing rush amongst the three-quarters, Pountney scored and Sayers converted—21-3. From a line-out S.C.E.G.S. forwards did a fine piece of combined play, the ball passing from Sayers to Elliott, to Greive, who scored—24-3. Later on the ball was kicked over Newington's line, and Suttor, following on, secured a try, which was unconverted—27-3. This was the final score.

For N.C. the forwards all played well, the best perhaps being Beaver and Roberts. They were supported, however, by a very unenterprising lot of backs, of whom the best was Tasker, while Prescott kicked well.

In this match McDonald and a'Beckett showed form more in keeping with their play last year, with the result that the centres worked together better, though still leaving room for improvement. The forwards were all good, but not all at the same time, and one saw two or three, only, together, where the whole eight should have been. This was Elliott's best game. Sayers, Greive and Dodds also played well.

May 15, v. Sydney High School. Played at No. 2 Oval, North Sydney, and won 62-nil. Mr. L. Harrison, referee.

Dodds stood out for this match, his place being taken by H. R. Tucker i. The team was thus:—Full-back, L. Trenerry, three-quarters, D. C. Suttor i., H. R. Pountney, J. W. Forbes, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald, H. E. a'Beckett i.; forwards, W. T. Tucker ii., J. L. Digby i., H. R. Tucker i., J. A. Elliott, E. J. Greive, R. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

The afternoon was wet, and during the match rain fell occasionally, making both the ground and ball slippery. In the first half High School

played fairly well, and, what with mulling! by S.C.E.G.S., many chances were lost. At half-time the score was 17-nil, tries having been scored by McDonald, Greive, Sayers and Sutor, while Sayers converted one and also kicked a penalty goal. In the second half S.C.E.G.S. scored very rapidly, getting no less than 45 points in the 35 minutes.

The play was distinctly good, the backs and forwards making many combined rushes, while the handling and dribbling were excellent. Tries were secured by Greive (2), Sayers (2), Sutor i. (2), McDonald, Tucker ii., a'Beckett, Pountney, Garbett. McDonald converted three tries and Tucker ii. (3).

: May 20, v. St. Joseph's College. Played on No. 2 Oval, North Sydney, and won 15-3. Mr. W. W. Hill, referee.

Teams.—St. Joseph's College: Full-back, J. Brady; three-quarters, J. Baker, V. Stevens, J. Reid, F. Marien; halves, R. Quinn, F. Bracken; forwards, Thorley, W. Cameron, P. Walsh, Cody, H. Small, Moore, Fahey, Rafferty.

S.C.E.G.S.: Full-back, L. Trenerry; three-quarters, D. C. Sutor i., J. W. Forbes, H. R. Pountney, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald, H. E. a'Beckett i.; forwards, W. T. Tucker ii., E. H. Dodds, H. R. Tucker i., J. A. Elliott i., E. J. Greive, R. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

For a couple of days before the match rain had fallen heavily and the turf was very sodden. However, during the game the rain held off and the wind blew strongly from the south. McDonald won the toss, and we were fortunate in having first use of the breeze. The kick-off was mullied by Greive, and St. Joseph's were quickly in our territory. The forwards soon cleared, and by strong dribbling rushes took the ball to St. Joseph's line, where from a scrum McDonald scored first try, S.C.E.G.S. 3-nil. Our forwards continued to press, and numerous assaults were made on St. Joseph's line. Tucker ii. failed in an attempt at goal, and Sutor kicked over the line, enabling St. Joseph's to force. Not long afterwards, from a long line-out, a'Beckett secured a mark nearly in front of the posts and McDonald kicked a goal, making the score 6-nil. A forward rush again took the ball to St. Joseph's line, where Greive and Dodds fell on it, the try being awarded to the former, S.C.E.G.S. 9-nil. St. Joseph's were working well, but the wind was a powerful assist-

ant to S.C.E.G.S.: Quinn put in some good line-kicking, and Cameron dribbled well till Pountney sent them back by a high kick. a'Beckett and Pountney followed on quickly, and Brady, allowing the ball to pitch, enabled a'Beckett to secure and score. However, the ball was brought back, and instead of a try we were given a free kick just under the posts for illegal tackling. McDonald kicked the goal and the score was S.C.E.G.S. 12-nil. The play still remained in St. Joseph's territory, and from a scrum the ball went from McDonald to a'Beckett, to Pountney, Forbes and Garbett. The latter took his pass at top speed and scored in the corner—15-nil. This ended the first half.

St. Joseph's now had the benefit of the wind, and play was for the most part on S.C.E.G.S. side of half-way. Our forwards secured the ball in the majority of scrums, and McDonald used his line with good judgment. However, Bracken, the St. Joseph's half, on several occasions set his backs moving, but faulty handling on the part of Quinn, Stevens and Reid, together with the quick tackling of a'Beckett, Pountney and Forbes, rendered the rushes resultless. On one occasion Cameron was held up on the line, and shortly afterwards Thorley was only just prevented from scoring in the same way. Greive came to the rescue with a very fine dribbling rush, and play was taken right to the other end of the field, where Forbes lost a good opportunity of scoring. The St. Joseph's full-back (Brady) had been playing finely, and by good kicking once more put us on the defensive. About 10 yards from the line Quinn secured, ran in front of a bunch of forwards, feinted to pass, beat Sutor's tackle, and scored a good try not far from the corner-post—S.C.E.G.S. 15-3, at which the game ended.

About 8 minutes from full-time a very regrettable incident took place, Heath being asked to leave the field, to the consternation of himself, the players on both sides and the spectators alike. Massie was dribbling the ball just outside our 25, and Quinn stopped the rush by falling on the ball. The ball was between Quinn's elbow and body as he fell on it, and Massie quite fairly and legitimately kicked it away. Whether his shin struck Quinn's body or not was not plain, but certainly his foot did not. The umpire blew his whistle, being of the opinion that Quinn was kicked, and Heath then coming up with the other forwards, was evidently mistaken for Massie and asked to leave the field. In his report sent to the Association, the referee was perfectly honest in admitting he had made a

mistake as to Heath, and regarded the ordering off as in any case a harsh penalty. In fairness to Mr. Hill it must be mentioned that he had been specially instructed beforehand to take immediate action in cases of unfair play, without so much as administering a caution. Perhaps in view of this pressure from without, and imbued with the idea that great zeal in this respect was required of him, he was led to regard for the moment as unnecessarily rough a piece of play which any good forward does time and again in keeping a dribbling rush going. The matter was formally brought before the Schools' Association, and it was unanimously decided to adopt the referee's suggestion and take no further action in the matter.

May 26th, v. The King's School. Played at Parramatta, and won 8-6. Mr. W. J. Howe, referee.

Teams.—The King's School: Full-back, Pitt-Brown; three-quarters, N. D. Smith, Rutledge, M. Massey-Westropp, J. C. Ross; halves, F. Bundock (captain), Harrison; forwards, K. Buckland, Bowman, Smith, J. See, Durham, Lord, Biddulph, Baird.

S.C.E.G.S.: Full-back, L. Trenerry; three-quarters, D. C. Suttor, J. W. Forbes, H. R. Pountney, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald, H. E. a'Beckett; forwards, W. T. Tucker ii., E. H. Dodds, H. R. Tucker i., J. A. Elliott i., E. J. Greive, R. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

This was undoubtedly the toughest match during the term, and, in fact, it would be difficult to imagine a match in which harder tackling and quicker play by both sides were sustained from start to finish. It was a game for the strong, and the player who made a mistake had little time to recover himself being literally swooped upon by three, four, and five of the other side in a body. Our forwards were excellent in their dribbling rushes, but in the early stages of the game were clearly over-eager, with the result that there were far too many off-sides and consequent free kicks, which brought T.K.S. relief. Indeed, the only score in the first half came from a good goal by Rutledge, the result of a free kick against our forwards for some infringement in the scrum. What little breeze there was favoured S.C.E.G.S. at the outset, but when Trenerry returned the kick-off almost straight out of bounds T.K.S. were at once on our goal-line. Right through the game Trenerry was not at his best, and generally, after failing to

judge the ball well, was compelled to gather quickly and kick straight out, gaining no ground. However, in the second half at least, the excuse of an injured shoulder may be offered for his weak play. Brown, the opposition full-back, was, in contrast to Trenerry, very cool, sound and reliable, and throughout the match gained much ground for his side by excellent line-kicking. In the first half several chances were lost by both sides. N. D. Smith, in the first few minutes, failed to take cleanly when he appealed for a mark in a central position on our 25 yards line. Later on Bundock sent the same player away on the blind side, and after an in-pass a score seemed certain till Westropp knocked-on. S.C.E.G.S. forwards were, fortunately for their side, getting the ball from practically every scrum. A few passing rushes were made, but though Pountney, in the centre, once cut through, he ran so slowly that he was tackled from behind and nothing resulted. On another occasion an opening was made in T.K.S. 25, but Forbes was up-ended by Ross (T.K.S. wing) immediately upon getting the ball. Suttor was on the outside of Forbes with a clear field before him, and a longer pass missing out Forbes might have meant a try. Later on Suttor failed to send along the ball to Forbes and a'Beckett, who were swinging into the rush again. A splendid opportunity was lost by Dodds and Garbett, when a little more "head" on the part of each might have yielded a try. The King's School, on the other hand, were busy all the time, and their forwards were not letting ours get far away from them, though it was evident that S.C.E.G.S. were the better pack. N. D. Smith ran and tackled very hard when work came his way, and so did Westropp, while Bundock also kicked and tackled effectively.

Early in the second half Heath was unfortunate in receiving a slight concussion while bringing off a tackle, and, as it turned out afterwards, it was nearly the cause of disaster to his side. In line-out work S.C.E.G.S. generally had the best of it, though See and Buckland were doing good work for T.K.S. in this respect. From line-out play our forwards took the ball almost over T.K.S. line, but off-side by Sayers a yard from the line sent us back. Then Smith and Westropp made a counter attack which looked like a score till a knock-on brought relief, and McDonald worked the ball back by means of good line-kicking. Garbett received a pass from a'Beckett and ran strongly for the line, but he was thrown out by Bundock and Smith. From a long line-out on the other side Tucker's throw was not gathered,

and Rutledge kicked high to Trenerry, who muffed. Smith and Westropp had followed very fast, and the former snatched the ball from Garbett and raced in—T.K.S. 6-nil. This was a big lead in such a closely-fought match, and the game appeared to the majority of spectators to be already won by T.K.S. However, S.C.E.G.S. forwards now began to assert their superiority more than at any other part of the game, and the ball was continually being driven towards T.K.S. line, though Bundock and Harrison dived in frequently to stop the rushes. McDonald struck a good length with his punts, and they began to fall just between Brown and his three-quarter line, giving a'Beckett and Suttor a chance to get to the ball as quickly as their opponents. From one of these kicks to the blind side Suttor picked up cleverly, and, though he lost the ball on the line, he very quickly dived on it and scored. Tucker ii. converted, and the score was now 6-5 in favour of T.K.S. We continued to press, and Suttor once more broke through, but was thrown out in the corner by Smith, who had come across from the opposite wing. An in-pass to McDonald on this occasion would almost certainly have brought a score. Soon afterwards Forbes broke through, but hung on, though appealed to by Suttor for a pass in good position. Rutledge, Westropp and Smith made another good rush into our territory, but a knock-on once more spoilt what looked like a sure try. Finally, Elliott, by a good line-kick, sent the ball out near T.K.S. line, and, from a scrum just in from the corner, the forwards heeled to McDonald, who drew Ross and then gave the ball to Suttor, who dived over—S.C.E.G.S. 8-6. From the kick-off T.K.S. took the ball to our territory, but the forwards dribbled right to the other end, and were only prevented from dashing for the line by Brown lying on the ball. Shortly afterwards the whistle sounded, and S.C.E.G.S. won the closest of games by 8-6.

Without doubt our forwards were responsible in the main for the win. In the first place, they secured the ball from almost every scrum, and, in addition, the whole eight in a body tackled, dribbled and followed-on in a tireless way, while occasionally they joined in passing and rush-stopping. Although not playing brilliantly, the backs were by no means idle, and gave the forwards solid support, except, perhaps, in the matter of line-kicking. With the exception of the cases of hanging-on already mentioned, the backs played well. The T.K.S. backs were strong, heavy and fast, and took a lot of stopping. The best were

Bundock, Smith and Brown, the centres being not quite sure in handling. The forwards played well against a heavy pack, the most consistent being See, Durham and Buckland.

June 2, v. Sydney Grammar School. Played on No. 2 Oval, North Sydney, and won 14-nil. Referee, Mr. T. Pauling.

Teams.—Sydney Grammar School: Full-back, Buckle; three-quarters, Forbes, J. C. Lamrock (captain), L. Scott, Tranter; halves, Willis, Miller; forwards, Cowdery, Henry, Johnson, Finney, Gates, Ritchie, Milner, Farrar.

S.C.E.G.S.—Full-back, C. F. Maxwell; three-quarters, D. C. Suttor, J. W. Forbes, H. R. Pountney, A. M. Garbett; halves, K. V. McDonald, H. E. a'Beckett; forwards, W. T. Tucker i., J. A. Elliott, E. J. Greive, R. L. L. Sayers, R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath.

The night before and the morning of the match rain had fallen steadily, and once again the ground was wet and the ball greasy. S.G.S. were unfortunate in having several members of their team absent through injuries since the commencement of the season. Trenerry had broken his collar-bone in practice two days before the match and Maxwell was brought from retirement to fill his place.

The first half saw play almost entirely in S.G.S. territory, and our backs made many assaults on their line. Once a'Beckett made a good opening, giving Pountney a chance to run right to the full-back. Pountney's pass to Forbes went to earth, but Garbett quickly snapped it up and scored, and we led 3-nil soon after the commencement. The next try was the result of very good passing and re-passing on the blind side of the scrum by a'Beckett and Garbett, the former eventually crossing the line. Just before half-time McDonald ran round the blind side of the scrum and dived over the line, Tucker ii. converting—S.C.E.G.S. 11-nil. Several good opportunities were lost, mainly through hanging-on.

The second half was noteworthy for the improved form of S.G.S. right through. Their forwards were quick on to the ball, and soon took play into S.C.E.G.S. territory. A foolish off-side by Suttor gave Lamrock an easy chance to kick a goal from about 30 yards in front, but the opportunity was not taken. We cleared momentarily, but S.G.S. soon had the ball back on our line, and on two occasions went close to scoring. S.C.E.G.S. then took a turn at attacking, but in a passing rush Forbes dropped the ball and Lamrock made

off with it towards our line. Coming to Maxwell he passed to Tranter, who gathered splendidly, but was well tackled from behind by a'Beckett. Once again Tranter made off with the ball, but was this time tackled well by Massie from the side. From now till the end S.C.E.G.S. forwards began to assert themselves, though S.G.S. frequently beat them by heady throwing-in from the line-out. From a passing rush Suttor ran for the line, but was well tackled by Lamrock. After Lamrock had splendidly taken a difficult high mark; Massie dribbled, and, picking up, made for the corner. As he dived for the line, Buckle knocked the ball from his hands and Garbett was able to pick up and score—S.C.E.G.S. 14-nil, at which the game ended.

For S.G.S. Buckle was very sure at full-back, while all the three-quarters played well, especially Lamrock and Scott. The forwards were quick and determined, and they only needed a little encouragement in the shape of a score to render them a very troublesome pack. The best forwards were Cowdery, Henry, Johnson and Milner. S.C.E.G.S. forwards were not so keen after the ball as against T.K.S., Massie being the best and then Elliott and Greive. Maxwell, at full-back, was very good, and so were the halves, while the three-quarters were fair. The latter, however, did not dash in enough to make openings, and frequently erred by running across too much.

The following table shows the positions, after the first round, of the teams in the Schools Competition:—

S.C.E.G.S.	S.C.E.G.S.	T.K.S.	S.J.C.	S.G.S.	St. Ig. C.	N.C.	S.H.S.	Points.		Comp. Points
								For.	Against	
S.C.E.G.S.	—	8-6	15-3	14-0	24-0	27-3	62-0	150	12	12
T.K.S.	6-8	—	6-5	22-5	3-0	11-0	Won by	48*	18	10
S.J.C.	3-15	5-6	—	9-4	9-0	3-0	forfeit	61	25	8
S.G.S.	0-14	5-22	4-9	—	8-7	24-0	58-0	99	52	6
St. Ig. C.	0-24	0-3	0-9	7-8	—	15-11	52-0	74	55	4
N.C.	3-27	0-11	0-3	0-24	11-15	—	17-3	31	83	2
S.H.S.	0-62	Lost by forfeit	0-32	0-58	0-52	3-17	—	3	221*	0

We give the results of all matches played:—

1ST XV.

April 3rd, v. Wayfarer F.C. Won, 27-3. School ground. Tries were scored by Suttor (2), Lillyman, Pountney, Garbett, Forbes, Irving; tries converted, Dodds, Garbett.

April 7th, v. University III. School ground. Lost, 15-5. Suttor scored and Elliott converted.

April 22nd, v. H.M.S. Powerful. School ground. McDonald, Pountney, Garbett scored; a'Beckett converted.

April 24th, Taralga F.C. School ground. Won, 8-6. Elliott i. kicked a penalty goal; Pountney scored and McDonald converted.

April 29th, v. Old Boys. School ground. Won, 20-0. Pountney, Suttor (2), Greive, Garbett, Massie; Elliott converted one.

May 1st, v. Toxteth B. School ground. Won, 10-4. Tries by Elliott i., Pountney; Sayers converted two.

May 5th, v. St. Ignatius' College. Riverview. Won, 24-nil.

May 8th, v. Randwick Newmarket F.C. School ground. Lost, 17-0.

May 12th, v. N.C. No. 2 Oval. Won, 27-3.

May 15th, v. S.H.S. No. 2 Oval. Won, 62-0.

May 20th, v. S.J.C. No. 2 Oval. Won, 15-3.

May 26th, v. The King's School. Parramatta. Won, 8-6.

June 2nd, v. Sydney Grammar School. No. 2 Oval. Won, 14-0.

June 5th, v. Kaituna F.C. No. 2 Oval. Won, 14-nil. Tries by Garbett and Tucker ii. McDonald converted one, and also kicked a goal from a mark and a penalty.

2ND XV.

April 24th, v. William Street Young Men's Institute. School ground. Won, 19-3. Tries by Hamilton, Warden, Forbes (2), Bechtel; Grainger and a'Beckett ii. converted one each.

May 1st, v. St. James' F.C. School ground.
Won, 17-0. Tries by Bechtel (2), Williams
i. (3).

May 8th, v. Petrel F.C. School ground.
Drawn, 3-3. Hay ii. kicked a penalty goal.

May 12th, v. N.C. 2nd XV. No. 2. Oval.
Won, 38-0. Tries by Warden (3), Hay ii. (3),
Williams i. (1), Tucker i. (1), Parkinson (1), Lilly-
man (1), a'Beckett ii. (1), and converted one and
kicked a penalty goal.

May 15th, v. Sydney High School. No. 2 Oval.
Won, 44-0. Tries by Tucker i. (1), Lillyman (1),
Lindsay (1), Warden (2), Williams i. (2), Bechtel
(1), Hamilton (1), Parkinson (1), a'Beckett ii.
kicked a penalty goal and also converted five.

May 20th, v. St. Joseph's College. No. 2 Oval.
Won, 3-0. Parkinson scored in the first half.

May 26th, v. The King's School. Parramatta.
Lost, 6-3; no score half-time. T.K.S., two tries
to a penalty goal by a'Beckett ii. Rev. P. S.
Waddy, referee.

June 2nd, v. Sydney Grammar School II. No. 2
Oval. Won, 13-0. Tries by Parkinson and
Williams ii. (2), two of which a'Beckett converted.

June 5th, Barker College I., Hornsby. Won
21-nil. Tries by Hamilton, William i., Digby i.,
Lindsay, a'Beckett ii. The latter converted three
tries.

3RD XV.

May 1st, v. Barker College II. Home. Won,
23-6. Tries were secured by te Kloot (2), Elliott, ii.
Coward, Newmarch, Bassett and Adams ii.; Scott
iii. converted one try. R. Ibbott, referee.

May 12th, v. Newington College III. No. 1
Oval. Won, 9-8. Tries were scored by New-
march, Neill and Maguire. G. R. Hamilton,
referee.

May 16th, v. Sydney High School III. High
School forfeited.

May 20th, v. St. Joseph's College III. No. 1
Oval. Lost, 5-3. A try was obtained in the first
half by Neill. Mr. W. Hunt, referee.

May 26th, v. The King's School III. Parra-
matta. Lost, 30-0. Rev. E. F. Waddy, referee.

June 2nd, v. Sydney Grammar School. No. 1
Oval. Won, 6-5. Tries were scored by Allport
i. and Lomax. R. Thornton, referee.

June 5, v. Y.M.C.A. III. No. 2 Oval. Won,
9-8. Tries scored by Grainger, Bassett, and
Allport i.

4TH XV.

May 15th, v. N.C. Stannmore. Lost, 19-nil.

5TH XV.

May 1st, v. Barker College III. Hornsby. Lost,
20-3. Salwey scored the try.

May 15th, v. N.C. V. Stannmore. Drawn, 3-3.
Try scored by Elworthy.

6TH XV.

May 21st (White B) v. C. E. Preparatory S. I.
No. 2 Oval, lost, 15-5. Johnson i. scored a try,
which Walker ii. converted. E. J. Griève,
referee.

June 5 v. C. E. Preparatory S. I. Lost, 6-3.
Digby ii. a try.

8TH XV.

May 11 v. C. E. Preparatory S. II. School
ground. Won, 33-nil. Tries were scored by
Boyce iv. (2), Sutton iii (2), Leake, Hormann,
Maschwitz. Haydon ii. converted one, and Hor-
mann kicked a field goal.

A GRADE.

May 4th, Red A v. White A, No. 2 Oval.
White won, 6-3. For White tries were obtained
by Loverlay and Allport i., while for Red Sadding-
ton scored. Mr. Mackay, referee.

May 6th, Red A v. Blue A. No. 2 Oval. Red
won, 22-6. For Blue tries were obtained by te
Kloot twice, and for Red Hay ii. three, Sadding-
ton twice and Cooper, while Hay ii. converted
two of them. Mr. Mackay, referee.

May 11th, White A v. Blue A. No. 2 Oval.
White won, 16-6. For White Dargin, Crisford,
Hall i. and Braddon i. scored tries; Braddon i.
and Allport i. converted two of the tries. For
Blue Neill scored twice. Mr. Mackay, referee.

May 18th, Blue A v. Red A. Won, 19-6. For
Blue te Kloot (2), Cooper, Arthur and Brown
scored; Neill converted two of them. For Red
Campbell and Elliott scored. Mr. Mackay,
referee.

May 25th, Red A v. White A. White won,
3-0. For White Grainger scored. R. Thornton,
referee.

May 27th, Blue A v. Red A. Blue won, 6-3.
For Blue te Kloot scored twice; for Red Lomax
scored once. R. Thornton, referee.

June 1st, White A v. Blue A. Blue won, 8-5.
For Blue tries were scored by Neill and Arthur, one
being converted by Newmarch; for White Bassett
scored a try, which Grainger converted. R.
Thornton, referee.

June 3rd, White A v. Red A. No. 2 Oval. Red won, 6-3. For Red Needham kicked a penalty goal and Morgan scored a try, while for White Dyer obtained a try. Mr. Mackay, referee.

June 8th Blue A v. Red A. Red won by 12 to nil. K. V. McDonald, referee.

June 10th, White A v. Blue A. White won by 9-3. For White, tries were obtained by Grainger, Dargin, and Elworthy, while the Kloot scored for Blue. Mr. Mackay, referee.

B. GRADE

May 3rd, White B. v. Blue B. School ground. Won by Blue, 8-0. For Blue Digby ii. and Miller ii. scored tries, one of which Miller converted. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 6th, Red B v. White B. School ground. Red won, 8-6. For Red Brooks scored a try, which Salwey converted, and Salwey kicked a penalty goal; for White Morrell and Walker scored tries. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 10th, Blue B v. Red B. School ground. Blue won, 9-3. For Blue Robinson ii. (1); Miller ii. (1); Suttor iii. (1); for Red Brooks scored a try. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 13th, White B v. Blue B. School ground. White won, 9-0. For White Walker (1) and Barden (2) scored tries. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 17th, Red B v. White B. Red won, 11-3. For Red tries were obtained by Brooks, Playfair and Thompson ii., one of which was converted by Haydon ii.; for White Leake scored a try. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 21st, Red B v. Blue B. School ground. Blue won, 15-3. For Blue Digby (2), Miller ii. (1), Young ii. (1), Hall iv. (1); for Red Barton kicked a penalty goal. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 25th, White B v. Blue B. Blue won, 26-0. Tries were scored by Digby ii. (5), Miller ii. (2), and Young ii. (1), one of which was converted by Scott ii. Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 27th, Red B v. White B. White won, 11-9. For White tries were scored by Walker i. (2) and Johnson i. (1), one of which was converted by Scott ii.; for Red tries were obtained by Brooks and Suttor iii. (2). Mr. Dixon, referee.

May 31st, Blue B v. Red B. Blue won, 17-0. For Blue tries were obtained by Digby ii. (1), Suttor iii. (2), Miller ii. (1), one of which was converted by Scott ii., and Miller ii. kicked a penalty goal.

June 3rd, White B v. Blue B. Blue won, 13-3. For Blue Suttor iii. and Miller ii. (2) scored tries, two of which Mayne converted; for White Cole i. scored a try. R. Thornton, referee.

June 8th, Red B v. White B. Drawn, 9-9. For Red, tries scored by Thompson i. and Brooks (2); while for White, tries were obtained by Johnson, Ormiston, and Morell. Referee, R. Thornton.

June 10th, Blue B v. Red B. Blue won, 34-nil. For Blue, Digby ii. (3); Miller ii. (2); Suttor iii. (2); Robinson and Formann scored.

The following are the Teams:—

1st XV.

		st.	lb.
Full-backs—	{ L. Trenerry ...	...	9 4
	{ C. F. Maxwell ...	...	11 0
Three-quarters—	{ A. M. Garbett ...	...	8 9
	{ J. W. Forbes ...	...	10 6
	{ H. R. Pountney ...	...	10 4
Halves—	{ D. C. Suttor ...	...	8 3
	{ K. V. MacDonald ...	...	10 7
Forwards—	{ H. E. a'Beckett i.	...	11 3
	{ W. T. Tucker ...	...	11 4
	{ E. H. Dodds ...	...	11 6
	{ H. R. Tucker ...	...	10 8
	{ E. J. Greive ...	...	11 5
	{ J. A. Elliott ...	...	11 6
	{ R. L. Sayers ...	...	11 10
	{ R. J. A. Massie ...	...	14 0
	{ L. B. Heath ...	...	12 3

2nd XV.

		st.	lb.
Full-back—	R. Needham ...	...	8 13
Three-quarters—	{ C. Parkinson ...	...	9 3
	{ A. M. Warden ...	...	10 6
	{ J. S. Hay ii. ...	...	10 2
Halves—	{ L. L. Williams i.	...	9 3
	{ J. G. a'Beckett ii.	...	8 11
Forwards—	{ G. R. Hamilton ...	...	9 10
	{ R. B. Ibbott ...	...	10 0
	{ J. L. Digby i. ...	...	11 2
	{ C. C. Minty ...	...	9 12
	{ P. E. Voss i. ...	...	11 4
	{ N. L. Jones i. ...	...	11 6
	{ F. L. Lindsay ...	...	9 12
	{ C. Bechtel ...	...	10 7
{ N. E. Lillyman ...	...	9 6	



R. L. SAYERS, (2) W. T. TUCKER (bow)
P. E. VOSS (stroke) Mr. I. G. MACKAY C. F. MAXWELL (3)
F. H. H. CULLEN (cox)

2nd Crew (Winners of Yaralla Cup).

3rd XV.

Full-back—	H. R. Braddon...	8	10
Three-quarters—	C. te Kloot ...	9	8
	C. Neill ...	9	2
	G. Holdsworth ...	9	5
Halves—	O. Charles ...	7	10
	E. L. Grainger ...	9	0
Forwards—	J. Newmarch ...	9	4
	B. Arthur ...	9	9
	W. P. Bassett ...	10	0
	R. Allport ...	9	0
	R. Lomax ...	10	8
	A. Brown ...	10	6
	C. Karius ...	9	5
	S. Coward ...	10	8
A. C. Elliott ii.	10	0	
R. Saddington ...	9	6	

Halves—	{ K. V. McDonald (S.C.E.G.S.) H. E. a' Beckett (S.C.E.G.S.)
Forwards—	{ R. H. Cowdery (S.G.S.) E. H. Dodds (S.C.E.G.S.) P. A. Morris (N.C.) J. See (T.K.S.) E. J. Grieve (S.C.E.G.S.) P. Walsh (S.J.C.) W. Cameron (S.J.C.) L. Veech (S.Ig.C.)

2nd XV.

Full-back—	R. Quinn (S.J.C.)	
Three-quarters—	{ A. M. Garbett (S.C.E.G.S.) Rutledge (T.K.S.) Malone (S.Ig.C.) Hogan (S.Ig.C.)	
	Halves—	{ F. Bundoek (T.K.S.) Tasker (N.C.)
	Forwards—	{ W. T. Tucker (S.C.E.G.S.) Johnson (S.G.S.) Padey (N.C.) J. A. Elliott (S.C.E.G.S.) Cody (S.J.C.) R. L. Sayers (S.C.E.G.S.) R. J. A. Massie (S.C.E.G.S.) Thorley (S.J.C.)

The annual match between the Combined G.P. Schools' teams and the University 1st and 2nd XV.'s will take place this year on Wednesday, June 16th, at the University Oval. The following teams will represent the Schools:—

1st XV.

Full-back—	A. Buckle (S.G.S.)
Three-quarters—	{ N. D. Smith (T.K.S.) J. C. Lamrock (S.G.S.) M. Massey-Westropp (T.K.S.) V. Conlon (S.Ig.C.)

RESERVES.—Pitt-Brown, back (T.K.S.); Colwell, three-quarter (N.C.); Wilkinson, half or five-eight (S.Ig.C.); Durham, forward (T.K.S.); Rafferty, forward (S.J.C.); Broadbent, forward (T.K.S.)

COLOUR COMPETITION.—Position of Teams.

	"A" GRADE.					"B" GRADE.					Total
	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	
BLUE ...	7	3	4	0	9	8	7	1	0	14	23
WHITE ...	6	4	2	1	12	8	2	5	1	5	17
RED ...	7	3	4	0	9	8	2	5	1	5	14

The following are the Colour Teams for Term II., 1909 :—

RED.
A Grade.

Saddington i. (Capt.)
Morgan
Hay i.
Elliott ii.
Lomax
Maguire
Maclean
Lloyd
Scott, i.
Wilson
Martin
Needham
Kelynack
Irvine
Scarr
Campbell
Pulling ii.
Miller i.
Coward

WHITE.
B Grade.

Braddon (Capt.)
Bassett
Allport i.
Karins
Scott iii.
Crisford
Holdsworth
Dyer
Elworthy
Loveday
Haydon i.
Wilshire
Dargin
Cox
Hall i.
Taylor
Wordsworth
Dent
Tait
Freeman
Grainger

BLUE.
A Grade.

Newmarch (Capt.)
Neill
Arthur
Cooper
Charles
de Kloot
Spencer
Browne
Ross ii.
Suttor ii.
Cameron i.
McDonald ii.
Wellford
Bull
Allport ii.
Bentley
Cole ii.
Gregory
Haxby
Fell

RED.
B Grade.

Barton (Capt.)
Playfair
Thompson ii.
Haydon ii.
Marshall
Day
Sinclair
Brooks
Simpson ii.
Rogers i.
Robinson i.
Maschwitz
Thompson t.
Carrington
Fox
MacPhillamy ii.
Johnston ii.

WHITE.
B Grade.

Barden (Capt.)
Morell
Walker ii.
Johnson
Cole i.
Ormiston
Tindale
Dixon
Pulling iii.
Leake
Busby ii.
Rigg
Carver
Henty
Boyd
Boyce iv.
Cullen ii.
Spark

BLUE.
B Grade.

Miller ii. (Capt.)
Warden ii.
Digby ii.
Scott ii.
Mayne
Seaton
Flint
Robinson ii.
Rogers ii.
Hall iii.
Campbell i.
Tyler
Doig
Robertson
Brackenbury
Young ii.
Hormann
Suttor iii.

Athletic Records, 1908.

THE following records for the Public Schools of England and Australia have been compiled by the Editor of *The School World* in the Melbourne *Herald*, and are published by permission. The English events were all decided on the cinder track under the control of the London Athletic Club. The Australian events were decided on grass tracks under the control of officials of the A. A. A. of the respective States:—

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. South Australia.—F. N. Drew (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 10 3-5 sec.
2. England.—H. W. Evans (Bedford Modern), 10 4-5 sec.
2. New South Wales.—J. C. Lamrock (Sydney Grammar School), 10 4-5 sec.
4. Victoria.—T. A. Wallace (Scotch College, Melbourne), 11 sec.
5. Western Australia.—T. Smythe (Perth High School), 11 2-5 sec.

220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. New South Wales.—J. C. Lamrock (Sydney Grammar School), 23½ sec.
2. South Australia.—F. N. Drew (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 24 sec.
3. Western Australia.—H. Bennett (Scotch College, Claremont). Time not taken.
- o. England.—Not competed for.
- o. Victoria.—Not competed for.

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Victoria.—T. A. Wallace (Scotch College, Melbourne), 53 3-5 sec.
2. New South Wales.—J. C. Lamrock (Sydney Grammar School), 54 sec.
3. England.—F. J. Ainsworth (Derby), 54 2-5 sec.
4. South Australia.—F. N. Drew (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 55 2-5 sec.
5. Western Australia.—J. J. Savage (Christian Brothers' College), 60 3-5 sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. New South Wales.—A. O. Hodgson (The King's School, Parramatta), 17 sec.
2. South Australia.—J. T. Cresswell (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 17 sec.
3. Victoria.—E. Russell (Geelong College), 17 1-5 sec.
4. England.—W. H. Pike (Reading), 17 4-5 sec.
5. Western Australia.—J. J. Savage (Christian Brothers' College), 18 1-5 sec.

ONE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. New South Wales.—G. P. Arnold (Sydney Grammar School), 4 min. 41 2-5 sec.
2. England.—R. E. Garrod (Oundle), 4 min. 43 3-5 sec.
3. Victoria.—H. Fleming (Wesley College, Melbourne), and R. Larking (Melbourne Grammar School), dead heat, 4 min. 54 sec.
4. South Australia.—J. C. P. Strachan (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 4 min. 58 2-5 sec.
5. Western Australia.—H. Cumming (Christian Brothers' College), 5 min. 32 sec.

HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. New South Wales.—W. J. Rofe (Sydney Grammar School), and A. T. Woodriff (Sydney Grammar School), dead heat, 5ft. 7in.
2. Victoria.—K. G. Heley (Wesley College, Melbourne), 5ft. 6½in.
3. England.—W. D. Johnstone (King's College School), 5ft. 2¼in.
4. South Australia.—J. C. P. Strachan (St. Peter's Collegiate School), 5ft. 2in.
5. Western Australia.—J. J. Savage (Christian Brothers' College), 5ft.

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. New South Wales.—B. C. A. Pockley (Church of England Grammar School, Sydney), 20ft. 10in.
2. England.—A. J. Wright (Wellingborough), 19ft. 10½in.
3. Victoria.—W. Godby (Geelong Grammar School), 19ft. 6in.
4. Western Australia.—W. Taylor (Perth High School), 18ft.
- o. South Australia.—N. C. Goss (Prince Alfred College).

Old Boys' Union.

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

The following were elected members of the Union at the last committee meeting:—

J. M. Bevan, The Rectory, Albury.

E. V. Duffy, Prince Albert Street, Mosman.

A. R. Hordern, Messrs. Hordern Bros., Pitt Street, Sydney.

A. A. Hayne, Rimbanda, Kentucky.

E. R. H. Merewether, Belcoo, Lindfield.

B. C. A. Pockley, St. Paul's College, Darlington.

J. L. Purves, Harden Gold Mine, Harden, N.S.W.

A. G. Park Messrs. Hill, Clark & Co., Sydney.

S. N. Sendall, Bank of N.S.W., Manilla.

C. J. Tozer, St. Paul's College, Darlington.

D. Williams, St. Paul's College, Darlington.

The Annual Football Match against the School took place on Thursday, April 29, and resulted in a win for the School by 20 to nil. The game was witnessed by a large gathering of Old Boys and friends of the School, who were entertained by Mrs. Hodges at afternoon tea in the Dining Hall. The Old Boys were represented by C. G. M. Marsh, L. C. J. Broughton, B. C. A. Pockley (capt.), N. C. Laurence, C. D. Abraham, R. C. Adams, J. L. Longwill, G. Gunning, C. A. Pennefather, H. B. Shaw, O. Macdonogh, H. L. St. Vincent Welch, R. G. I. Dent, Reg. Black, A. R. Hordern.

On Thursday evening, April 29th, the annual meeting of the Union took place in the Memorial Library, with the President (Mr. C. H. Hodges), in the chair. There was a very poor attendance of members—only about 20 being present. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, which are printed below, were read and adopted. The election of the officials, for the year 1909-10, resulted as follows:—Vice-Presidents, Messrs I. G. Mackay, G. Milbourne Marsh, C. W. Rundle, A. B. S. White, and Dr. Bullock. Mr Keith Williams was elected Hon. Secretary; the Rev. D. Davies, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. N. Y. Deane, Hon. Auditor.

Nineteen nominations were received for members of Committee, and the result of the post ballot was the election of the following:—Dr. Reg. Black, W. B. Clarke, R. G. I. Dent, J. F. Fitzhardinge, A. D. Hall, H. P. Harriott, R. B. Minnett, B. C. A. Pockley, C. J. Tozer.

A motion was brought forward before the meeting as to the desirability of having a special Blazer for members of the Old Boys' Union, and it was unanimously decided to adopt the ordinary School Blazer, with the mitre and the letters O B.U. underneath in white silk on the pocket. The newly-elected committee was instructed to order a number of such pockets, which could be supplied to members by the Hon. Secretary. The question, also, of whether it was advisable to continue the Smoke Concert after the annual cricket match was discussed. The general feeling was the concert did not fulfil the purpose intended, and that some

change was necessary. This will be one of the first questions to be decided on by the new committee. On the motion of the Hon. Treasurer, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr N. Y. Deane for his assistance in drawing up the Annual Financial Statements. The Hon Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the President, referred to the warm interest always taken by Mr and Mrs. Hodges in the welfare of the Union.

N.B.—Badges for blazers may now be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, who will also supply all information on the subject.

On Friday, April 30th, the Annual Dinner was held in the A B C. Café. The Committee had decided to curtail the toasts, so that the only official ones on the programme were "The King" and "The School," the latter proposed by His Honour Judge Backhouse, and responded to by the Headmaster. The visitors were afterwards proposed by Professor E. R. Holme, and responded to by The Hon. R. J. Black and Mr. Allan Ramsay. Before the meeting broke up, the Hon. Treasurer brought forward a motion, at the request of several Old Boys, to the effect that to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the School, the Old Boys' Union should give an annual exhibition to the School. He pointed out that the Union could afford to give £10 annually to start with, and that this amount could be increased as the funds of the Union permitted. A motion bearing on the above is added to the ballot papers sent out to all members.

The following were present at the Dinner:—C. D. Abraham, R. C. Adams, Rev. I. D. Armitage, The Hon. R. J.

Black, Dr. R. Black, His Honor Judge Backhouse, L. A. Baker, L. C. J. Broughton, Dr. H. Bullock, G. D. Briggs, H. F. Clarke, Ivo Clarke, W. B. Clarke, M. L. Clarke, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, R. C. Cliff, Rev. D. Davies, H. H. Dixon, E. V. Duffy, R. O. Dent, S. E. Dent, R. G. I. Dent, L. A. Fogg, A. D. Fisher, F. N. Frith, G. Gunning, H. J. Gould, The Headmaster, E. R. Holme, A. D. Hall, J. O. Harris, H. P. Harrcott, A. R. Hordern, Dr. H. W. Kendall, E. D. Kater, K. Lumsdaine, C. H. Linton, G. N. Larkin, I. L. Longwill, G. M. Marsh, H. H. J. Marshall, R. V. Minnet, H. Meredith, H. H. J. Massie, I. G. Mackay, H. C. H. Nicholls, J. L. Pulling, Mr. A. Ramsay, H. A. Roberts, D'Arcy F. Roberts, C. W. Rundle, Reg. Roberts, Mr. A. F. Robinson, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, C. W. Sinclair, G. H. Salwey, G. T. Uther, G. A. Uther, A. B. S. White, G. C. Way, A. A. Wilson, H. Wilshire, W. H. Wilkinson, K. Williams.

On Sunday evening, May 2nd, the Annual Commemoration Service was held in the School Hall. The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Radford, Warden of St. Paul's College. The address, which we publish in another column, will not readily be forgotten by those present. There was a very fair gathering of friends of the School at the service, but it was very disappointing to find so few Old Boys present.

The Committee of the Union take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Hodges for entertaining the Old Boys and visitors at the various gatherings.

Towards the end of term we had a visit from our first Headmaster (Mr. E. I.

Robson), who was in Sydney for a day or a day or two in connection with rowing matters. His time was so fully occupied that he could only spend a very short time in the School, where he met some of his old staff and was shown the additions made to the School since his term of office. He seemed very pleased with all he saw, and especially with the Memorial Library. We are pleased to say that Mr. Robson looked extremely well, and as full of enthusiasm as ever for his favourite sport.

Our sincerest sympathy is with the Simpson brothers at the loss of their father.

At all the meetings in connection with the Anniversary, special references were made to the School Chapel by nearly all the speakers, and a hope was expressed that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to warrant the School laying the foundation stone at the Annual Prize-Giving in September.

In reply to several enquiries, all bound copies of the *Torchbearer* have already been sold—no more are available.

P. A. C. Davenport has been elected a member of the Union in accordance with Rule 3 (b).

The ballot, for the giving of an exhibition to the School from the Union Funds, resulted unanimously in favour of doing so.

Dr. J. B. St. Vincent-Welch has settled in private practice at Corsica, Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay, and his brother, Dr. L. St. Vincent-Welch, at Bangalow, on the North Coast.

K. M. Niall has taken his B.E. Degree, and Dr. Macneill Simpson has been appointed a lecturer under the University Extension Board.

At the Sydney University Inter-collegiate Athletic Sports Meeting, J. G. Fitzhardinge won the 440 yards for St. Andrews, and B. C. A. Pockley (St. Paul's) was second in the 100 yards. In the Inter-Varsity Sports Meeting, Pockley jumped 21ft. 11ins., and secured second place.

Congratulations to F. G. A. Pockley on his engagement to Miss N. Partridge.

R. W. Russell Jones has entered the Edinburgh University School, and in his first examination obtained second-class honours in Anatomy.

E. H. Wright has left Cabungra, and is now with his brother, who has charge of the erection of the machinery for the Electric Converter Station for the new tramways at Adelaide.

C. W. Rundle has entered into partnership with Messrs. Wilkinson & Osborne, Solicitors, 14 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

The following extract from a letter from E. D. Milbourne Marsh, dated Cardiff, March 14th, 1909, will be of interest to Old Boys:—

“By far the most important event to date was our encounter with the ice; miles and miles of it, huge bergs, 400 or 500 feet high, from a quarter to four miles in length, some irregular, cracked and with beetling crags, others more massive and regular, high upon one side and sloping to the water's edge upon the other, with a

surface like a billiard table. Colours varied, pale blue or green growing to darkest shades until becoming blended a deep purple was attained. Here and there where fissures made many edges, the ice was translucent, reflecting the sunlight in a myriad of glorious colours. Those bergs that were regular resembled huge blocks of stone or marble, dark and sombre in aspect, they were not only awe inspiring but most majestic. For four days we were amongst the bergs and field ice, so extensive that from the mainmast head we could not see the ocean upon the other side of the field of ice. I was four hours at the wheel (steering the ship) on 15th September, 1908, when amongst the most dangerous ice; sometimes rushing round a huge berg, only to put up my helm to dodge another—we were in a veritable icetrap.

“One hundred and five days from Caleta Buena took us to La Pallice, La Rochelle. Here I enjoyed myself immensely. Played Rugby football with ‘Staid Rochelais,’ La Rochelle, for the Championship of France. In the semi-final we defeated Paris 6—0, but were put out of the final through inadvertently having played a majority of Britishers, that is eight to seven. However, played the Association game with ‘Salu La Pallice,’ who won the Atlantic Championship, so you see I’ve made good use of my stay in France. Our next port is Callao, Peru, which means rounding Cape Horn in the winter, a passage of at least 120 days, the greater part probably passed in bad weather, with the trade winds against us.”

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscription for the year 1909-10, &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), C. W. Rundle (life), E. N. Allen, G. N. Allen (1911), W. A. Burcher, Dr. H. Bullock, Dr. C. H. B. Bradley, G. E. Browne, L. C. J. Broughton (1912), G. G. Black, A. D. Blaxland, F. W. C. Bootle, W. G. B. Boydell (1911), L. Cadell (1911), C. H. Calvert, J. A. H. Cox, M. L. Clarke, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, R. W. Carey (1913), W. B. Clarke, H. Capel, Rev. D. Davies, R. G. I. Dent, R. O. Dent, S. E. Dent, C. J. I. Dent, E. V. Duffy, A. T. Edols, A. D. Fisher, J. W. Hayne (1911), G. B. Haydon, L. Hagen, A. Hagen, J. Hay, A. R. Hordern, A. A. Hayne, J. O. Harris, A. D. Hall, W. P. Hall, H. Ireland, H. V. Jaques F. C. Kater (1911), D. T. Kilgour, A. J. Kelynack (1912), E. D. Kater (1912), A. R. Lomax, I. L. Longwill, G. N. Larkin, H. H. I. Massie (1912), G. A. More (1912), I. G. Mackay, C. E. Murnin, H. H. J. O. Marshall (1911), E. R. H. Merewether, Rev. H. McWilliam, R. A. L. Macdonald, Julian Mackay (1911), B. C. A. Pockley, T. A. Playfair, J. L. Purves, A. G. Park, K. Quinn (1911), D. H. Roberts, R. W. Russell-Jones, S. N. Sendall, D. H. Slade, G. W. Sinclair, C. W. Sinclair, J. E. Taylor, G. H. Taylor, O. J. Taylor, Ed. Twynam (1911), W. E. Tucker, C. J. Tozer, N. W. Turton, Dr. G. H. Vernon (1911), K. Williams, Max E. Wright (1912), C. M. Warden, G. A. N. Woodcock (1911), E. H. Wright (1912), Dr. J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, D. Williams, A. H. Yarnold, J. O. Nickoll (life), R. J. Adams, H. F. Clarke, J. K. Eaton, R. G. H. Fotheringham, F. S. S. Hartridge, The Headmaster (1913), C. H. Linton, R. C. Moodie, M. MacKellar, A. N.

Peach, F. Peach, K. C. Radford, H. A. Roberts, N. Trevor-Jones, J. B. Wood.

BIRTH.

April 25, at Unara, North Sydney, the wife of G. N. Larkin - a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

Dietrich-Hickson.—On April 24th, at All Saints' Church, Brisbane, by the Rev. Douglas Price, Lancelot Harwood Dietrich to Ethel May Geraldine Hickson.

OLD BOYS' UNION ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen.—Your Committee presents to you its report for the year 1908-9.

Membership.—The number of members has increased during the year from 127 to 182, being an increase of 55, and there are now 10 life members.

Rhodes' Scholar, 1909.—It is with great pleasure that we offer our congratulations to Dr. Howard Bullock, who has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for N.S.W.

Social.—The usual social functions were held during the year.

The Football Match, Past v. Present, was played at the School on Thursday, April 30th, 1908, and won by the School. Some difficulty was experienced in making up a team of Old Boys.

Annual General Meeting was held at the School on 30th April, and the attendance was larger than usual. It is hoped that this will continue.

Annual Dinner took place at the A.B.C. Café on Friday, May 1st, and there were

about sixty present. It would greatly facilitate the work of the Hon. Secretary if all members would answer promptly the notices re the dinner.

The Cricket Match was played at the School on 30th October, and won by the Old Boys.

The Smoke Concert, which was held in the School Hall on October 30th, 1908, was originally intended to be one of the annual functions of the Union, but owing to the small and ever-decreasing attendance of members, is gradually resolving itself into a school concert, and unless the members take a more lively interest in it the Union will have to seriously consider the advisability of discontinuing this function. Any suggestions from members, which will tend to make the concert more attractive, will be gladly received.

School.—The usual prizes were presented by the Union for an Essay and for Athletics.

Old Boys have noted with pleasure the results obtained in the University Examination. Five candidates entered for the *Senior Examination*, and all passed, and we offer our congratulations to Tozer on winning the Latin medal.

The results in the *Junior Examination* were also good, 36 entered, and 34 passed, and the English and Physics medals were awarded to Powell, to whom we offer our congratulations.

Athletic Sports.—The Union wishes to congratulate the School on the success it has achieved in sports. *The Football Premiership* was gained for the first time in the history of the School. Mr I. G. Mackay, who has coached the team for the past few seasons has, by the zealous application of scientific methods, raised the standard of play to a level never previously attained.

Second places were gained in *Cricket* and *Rowing*, and the Yaralla Cup was won for the first time by the second crew, coached by an Old Boy, G. Gunning.

We wish to thank Mr. Ramsay once more for coaching the first crew.

Chapel.—Money has come in steadily, but slowly, and there is not yet sufficient in hand to start the building. It is to be hoped that during the year an effort will be made to considerably augment the fund.

School Council.—The vacancy on the Council, caused by the death of the late Mr. F. W. Uther, was filled by the election of A. B. S. White, your Hon. Secretary.

Cadet Corps has been successfully established, and the Council have caused to be erected an Armoury and a *Miniature Rifle Range*.

Venour Nathan, in order to encourage rifle shooting, kindly presented a Shield to

be competed for annually by the boys of the School.

O. B. U. Blazer.—At the request of members, your Committee has considered the advisability of having a Union Blazer, and desire to recommend to you the following design:—School Blazer, with mitre and letters O.B.U. on the pocket. You will be asked to discuss the matter this evening.

Ramsay Presentation.—The Old Boys Union, in conjunction with the School, presented Mr. Allan Ramsay with a Gold Chronograph, as a token of the esteem in which he was held, and as some slight recognition of the valuable services he had rendered in coaching the School crews.

Attendance at Committee Meetings.—There were four Committee Meetings held during the year. The following is a list of attendances:—W. B. Clarke, 3; O. G. Dent, 0; A. D. Fisher, 0; H. P. Harriott, 1; K. B. Lumsdaine, 2; I. G. Mackay, 3; R. B. Minnett, 2; Venour Nathan, 2; C. W. Rundle, 2.

BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 4TH MAY, 1909.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Benevolent Fund ...	13	1	6			
„ Interest ...	0	9	1			
„ Life Membership ...				13	10	7
„ Subscriptions paid in advance:—						
1910...	6	10	0			
1911...	3	0	0			
1912 ..	1	5	0			
				10	15	0
				66	5	7
„ Balance—Nett Profit				20	11	10
				<u>£86</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Cash in Savings Bank ...	86	17	5
	<u>£86</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>

STATEMENT SHEWING REVENUE AS AT 4TH MAY, 1909.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Loss on Smoke Concert		3 17 1		By Nett Profit previous year			10 16 5
„ School Prizes (Sports)		1 1 0		„ Gross Revenue	59 14 1		
„ School Prizes (Essay)		2 2 0		„ Interest	1 8 11		
„ <i>Torch Bearer</i> , 4th May, 1909		10 17 6		„ Ramsay Fund			61 3 0
„ Stationery; Printing, P/Cash, etc.		7 17 2					3 8 7
„ Picture of King for School		7 4 0		<i>Less</i> Subscriptions paid in advance	52 15 0		75 8 1
„ Loss on Dinner		0 12 6		<i>Less</i> Subscriptions paid prior to 4th May, 1908, as per Balance Sheet	31 10 0		
„ Balance—Nett Profit			33 11 3				21 5 0
			20 11 10				
			<u>£54 3 1</u>				<u>£54 3 1</u>

STATEMENT SHEWING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
12 MONTHS ENDED 4TH MAY, 1909

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, as at 4th May, 1908			55 7 0	By Loss on Smoke Concert			
„ Subscriptions	59 14 1			Entertainers	3 8 0		
„ Interest	1 18 0			Refreshments	2 2 1		
			61 12 1		5 10 1		
„ Benevolent Fund			0 1 0	<i>Less</i> Tickets	1 13 0		
„ Ramsay Fund			3 8 7				3 17 1
				„ School Prizes, School Sports	1 1 0		
				„ School Prizes, School Essay	2 2 0		
							3 3 0
				„ Picture of King for School			7 4 0
				„ <i>Torch Bearer</i> , ending 4th May, 1909			10 17 6
				„ Stationery, Printing, Petty Cash, Stamps, Exchange, etc.			7 17 2
				Loss on Dinner			0 12 6
				„ Balance			33 11 3
							86 17 5
			<u>£120 8 8</u>				<u>£120 8 8</u>

School Notes.

TERM II. ends on Friday, June 18th. The School will re-open on Tuesday, July 13th, at 2 p.m. New boys will be examined on Monday, July 12th, at 2 p.m.

The address at the School Anniversary Service was given by the Rev. Dr. Radford, Warden of St. Paul's College. Notes on the address will be found in another column.

The address on Empire Day was given by the Hon. G. H. Reid, P.C.; K.C. Mr. H. Tayler, who has kindly undertaken to coach the Rifle Club, also gave an address on "Shooting."

The following have left since our last issue:—C. J. Tozer (Head of School, Senior Prefect, Junior M. 1906, Senior M. 1908, Medal for Latin, Pockley Prize 1908, 1st XI. 1906-7-8, Colours, Captain XI. 1908, Combined Schools XI. 1907-8, Hon. Sec. for Athletic Sports, Lieutenant in Cadets, Junior Scholar, Senior Scholar); B. C. A. Pockley (Prefect, Junior M. 1906, Senior M. 1908, Pockley Prize 1908, G.P.S. XV. 1908, 1st XV. 1906-7-8, Colours, Captain XV. 1908, Athletic Colours 1908, G.P.S. Long Jump 1908, Hon. Treasurer for Sports, Lieutenant in Cadets, Athletic Shield 1907-8); C. M. M. Marsh (Prefect, 1st Crew 1908-9, Colours, Captain Boats, 1st XV. Colours, Junior 1908, Law Matric. 1909. Bronze Medallion Life S.A. 1908); D. Williams (Prefect, Junior M. 1906,

Senior M. 1908, 1st Crew Colours 1907, Colour-Sergeant in Cadets); J. H. Stephenson (Sub-Prefect, Junior M. 1907, Higher Matric. 1908); C. Deane (Sub-Prefect, Junior M. 1907, Higher Matric. 1908, Sergeant in Cadets); D. I. R. Smith (Sub-Prefect, Junior M. 1907, Council Junior Scholar, Higher Matric. 1909, Corporal in Cadets); W. F. Stevenson (Higher Matric. 1909); R. T. S. King (Junior 1908); F. C. Allman, C. Aiken, G. M. Arriot, R. A. Charlton, E. W. Cropley, A. A. Hayne, F. H. Hordern, C. S. Hordern, H. Hoskins, N. C. Loder, A. McAllister, T. H. McMaster, W. D. Ponsford, A. P. Quinn.

The following boys entered the School this term:—G. R. Bestic, H. H. Bull, A. L. Cooper, R. F. Dudley, L. S. Dudley, J. B. Elworthy, E. R. E. Garraway, J. H. W. Heney, G. M. Johnston, A. R. Martin, A. W. Maschwitz, D. McColl-McCowan, H. C. Pennington, G. A. Ralston, D. K. Ralston, A. B. Richardson, N. Sanders, F. C. W. Smith, C. L. S. Spark, C. M. Williams.

At the General Sports Committee on April 5th, K. V. McDonald was elected Captain of Football, *vice* B. C. A. Pockley, left; and H. E. à Beckett, C. M. Marsh, R. J. A. Massie, and R. L. Sayers were elected to the vacancies on the Football Sub-Committee. At the meeting on May 10th R. J. A. Massie was elected Captain of Boats, *vice* Marsh, left, and L. B. Heath and P. E. Voss i. to the vacancies on the Sub-Committee; E. H. Dodds was elected

to the vacancy on the Football Sub-Committee; Elliott i., Forbes, Pountney, Suttor i., and Trenerry ii. to the General Sports Committee.

The examination for the Uther Catechism Prize will take place on Friday, June 18th. and for the Admiral's Prize late next term. The subject for the latter is Jose's "History of Australasia."

An inter-School debate with the Sydney Grammar School took place in the School Hall on Friday, May 14th. The subject was—"That Scientists have done more for the British Empire than its Statesmen"

We have to thank the Old Boys' Union for the offer of an exhibition to mark our twentieth anniversary. This will be competed for at the annual scholarship examination in December.

On May 11th an examination was held in the G.P.S. for a prize offered by Mr. J. C. Williamson, open to the 3rd Battalion, for an essay on "The Englishman's Home." The adjudicator (the Rev. P. S.

Waddy) awarded the prize to C. W. I. Pulling.

The May collection for Hospitals and Missions amounted to £7 13s. 9d.

A battalion parade was held at the Centennial Park on May 22nd. After the parade General Gordon congratulated Captain Pulling on the work of his company.

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, September 8th. The Meeting is fixed annually, 26 days before the first Monday in October (Eight Hours Day).

On the last day of Term I. the prizes won at the Swimming Carnival were presented by Mrs. Hodges. The cups for the School Electoral Cricket Competition were also handed over to the winners. The scarves presented by Mrs Hodges were given by her to the members of the First and Second Crews.

The Boating Sub-Committee have awarded colours to L. B. Heath, K. V. McDonald, and S. Robertson.

Memorial Library.

The following books have been added:—

1225	} Cambridge Modern History, Vols. I., II., VII., XI.
1225A	
1225F	
1225J	

1227B	Cambridge History of English Literature, Vol. III.	
1231A	Life of Gladstone, Vol. II.	<i>John Morley</i>
1252	Glossary to the Works of Shakespeare	<i>Rev. A. Dyce</i>
1253	Shakespeare Commentaries	<i>G. G. Gervinus</i>
1255 to 1255K	} Dictionary of National Biography, 12 vols.	
1256A and 1256B		} Geology, Vols. II. and III. <i>T. C. Chamberlin & R. D. Salisbury</i>
	"Epochs of English Literature"—	
1260 to 1260F	Vol. I., The Chaucer Epoch (7 copies) ...	<i>J. C. Stobart</i>
1261 to 1261F	Vol. II., The Spenser Epoch (7 copies) ...	"
1262 to 1262D	Vol. III., The Shakespeare Epoch (5 copies)	"
654E	My African Journey	<i>Right Hon. W. S. Churchill</i>
1096A	Colonel Stow	<i>H. C. Bailey</i>
1039A	Sir Joseph Banks	<i>J. H. Maiden</i>
76A	The Shuttle	<i>Mrs. F. H. Birnnett</i>
316E	Sartor Resartus	<i>Thomas Carlyle</i>
316F to 316H	} The French Revolution, Vols. I. to III. ...	"
316I		Heroes and Hero-Worship
316J	Past and Present	"
316K	Life of John Stirling	—
1258	We of the Never Never	<i>Mrs. A. Gunn</i>
1259	The Big Fellow	<i>Fred. Palmer</i>
762B	Finn the Wolfhound	<i>A. J. Dawson</i>
1254	The Kidnapped Campers	<i>F. A. C. Canfield</i>
1321	A Parson in the Australian Bush	<i>C. H. S. Matthews</i>
1322	Appreciations	<i>Walter Pater</i>
1323	Historical Essays	<i>J. B. Lightfoot</i>
1324	Voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay	<i>J. Stockdale</i>
1325	The Heart of a Child	<i>Frank Danby</i>

Eighteen volumes have been presented to the Library by Arthur, and four by Simpson i. We should welcome more frequent gifts of books. The *Courier Australien* may now be read in the Library,

Correspondence.

MON CHER TORCH-BEARER—

Pour ne pas vous écrire depuis si longtemps, vous me pensez mort, sans doute? Mort, par exemple! Beaucoup s'en faut, monsieur! Voir la partie de ballon Lycée du Roi v. Lycée de Sydney Eglise de l'Angleterre—est-ce que cela s'appelle être mort, monsieur? Voir cette lutte magnifique, historique, voir les deux *essais* de M. Sutteur—est-ce là être mort, monsieur? Voir le beau *bout* de M. Goûter—est-ce là être mort? Voir les scores: 8—6! Voir aussi le glorieux ballonneur Brioché-Chantier, que j'ai entendu proclamer par un Anglais qui assistait, "the best boy on the ground!" est-ce là, monsieur, être mort? Ma foi, si jamais homme fut vivant le jour célébré du 26 mai, c'est Alphonse! Ah, ce jour-là, qui est-ce qui pourrait l'oublier? Tenez: Au bout de *demi-temps* on voit 0—3—oh, monsieur, les battements de cœur, l'angoisse! Un moment plus tard on voit 0—6, oh, monsieur, la crainte, la transe, la fièvre, la frénésie de doute, l'horrible affaissement! Mais quoi?—se peut-il? Oui,

Mille fois oui! on voit 3—6! Mais ce n'est pas tout! voyez! que s'est-il donc passé? Pourquoi l'air se trouve-t-il en un clin d'œil rempli de centaines de chapeaux? Ah, c'est que M. Goûter a fait passer le ballon par-dessus les *poteaux de bout* ennemis! Maintenant: 5—6! Ne voilà-t-il pas le comble de l'excitation, monsieur? Quinze minutes encore à jouer! Désormais, monsieur, quelle lutte, quel fracas, quelle poussière, quels bouleversements, quel pêle-mêle, quel—Ah, monsieur, suffit de dire qu'on voit tout à l'heure M. Sutteur traverser la ligne, et déposer victorieusement le cuir sur terrain hostile. Chapeaux en l'air, cris des vainqueurs, sursauts, folle agitation de cannes et de parapluies, serremments de main: 8—6! N'est-ce pas, monsieur, que j'ai été bien vivant, des plus vivants, palpitamment vivant? Je pense que c'est M. Mc'Oeil qui sera bien content! Bravo Bruyère, Diseurs, Sablonneux, Chagrine, Sutteur, Le Grand, bravo tous! bravo et bis! A gréez, monsieur, mes félicitations les plus sincères, et ne croyez plus à la mort de votre admirateur perpétuel.

ALPHONSE GOUGUGUES.

School Calendar.

April. 8—Term I. ends.

Presentation of Swimming Carnival Prizes, &c., by Mrs. Hodges.

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| " | 8 | } Annual Boating Camp at Gladesville. |
| " | 19 | |
| " | 19 | —Term II. begins. |
| " | 21 | —G.P.S. Regatta, Parramatta River. |
| " | 22 | —1st XV. v. The Fleet. Won, 11—0. |
| " | 29 | —1st XV. v. Old Boys. Won, 20—0. |

- April 29—Old Boys' Annual Meeting. Memorial Library.
 „ 30—Old Boys' Annual Dinner.
 May 1—Anniversary Service. Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Radford.
 „ 4—Anniversary Day. Address by the Headmaster.
 „ 5—1st XV. v. St. Ignatius' College. Won, 24-0.
 „ 6—Meeting of Senior Debating Society.
 „ 10—General Sports Committee.
 „ 11—Cadets Prize Essay Examination.
 „ 12—1st XV. v. Newington College. Won, 27-3.
 „ 14—Inter-School Debate v. The Sydney Grammar School.
 „ 15—1st XV. v. Sydney High School. Won, 62-0.
 „ 20—1st XV. v. St. Joseph's College. Won, 15-3.
 „ 22—Battalion Parade at Centennial Park.
 „ 24—Empire Day. Addresses by the Hon. G. Reid and Mr. F. Tayler.
 „ 26—1st XV. v. The King's School. Won, 8-6.
 June 2—1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Won, 14-0.
 „ 7—Prince of Wales Birthday. Whole holiday.
 „ 8—University Junior Examinations start.
 „ 9—School Examinations start.
 „ 16—G. P. S. Combined XV. The University.
 „ 16—Annual Concert and Dramatic Entertainment.
 „ 17—Examination for the Uther Catechism Prize.
 „ 18—Last Day of Term.

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