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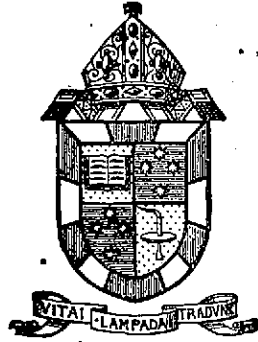
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IT is with the most sincere regret that the School says farewell at the close of this term to the beloved Headmaster and his wife, who, for the last nine and a half years, have presided over its many activities. The news that the Headmaster's medical adviser had recommended his relinquishing active work was received with very deep regret by the masters and the boys, and by the large circle of Old Boys and well-wishers of the School. Mr. Hodges has been with us, as he has been able, during the last six

months, and now that we say "good-bye" it is difficult to realise that we shall no longer see among us the familiar faces of "the Chief" and Mrs. Hodges.

We are grateful to Professor David for the words that he spoke of the "chief" in his admirable address in the big School on Empire Day. His enthusiastic and sincere expression of esteem was echoed in every heart in the hall. The Professor said that he had known him and looked up to him at school. He had known him at the

University as one of bright scholarship and distinguished in the athletic world, and later had found in him something of more value still—a gentleman of fine, simple, manly character, and devoted to the highest principles.

Mr. Hodges was educated at the Grammar School, Carlisle, and it has often been our pleasure to hear him talk of his early days in the Lake District. He proceeded to Queen's College, Oxford, where he obtained first-classes in Mathematics, in Moderations, and in the Final Honour School. He was well-known in athletic circles, rowing in the University trial eights and representing Oxford for four years in the inter-University sports. At this time he was referred to in "Bell" as having accomplished the champion throw of the cricket ball (120 yards). After taking his degree, Mr. Hodges filled an assistant mastership at Radley College, and thence removed to Rugby. He was obliged, through ill-health, to sever his connection with Rugby, and on the foundation of the Townsville Grammar School he was chosen as its first headmaster. In 1901 he was appointed to the Sydney C. of E. Grammar School.

When Mr. Hodges entered upon his duties at North Sydney the number of boys in the School was 79; he has seen it grow to a School of over 300 boys. Under him the School has taken high rank in scholarship, in sport, and in all that goes to make up the life of great schools. The Headmaster has always made it his duty to share in the work done in all parts of the School, and he has known and been known by

the boys in all the forms from the highest to the lowest. He has felt the difficulty caused by the increasing claims of the University examinations, and has been anxious that the boy well-equipped in the knowledge required by an education called rightly or wrongly "utilitarian" should at the same time have a cultured acquaintance with the great literature of his own language. He has followed with keen interest the various sports, but he has estimated sport at its true value in comparison with the intellectual work of the school. The religious side of the work of the School has been a chief care of his, and he has often expressed himself with concern at tendencies in the younger life of Australia that he felt did not make for the best in the natural life. Mr. Hodges has always believed strongly in the system of prefects, and the confidence he has placed in the boys appointed to the post of prefect has helped not a little in the formation of their characters.

The Headmaster who is leaving us, has been endowed for his work with a commanding presence, high attainments, and keen insight into and sympathy with human nature. But the influence that he has exercised over parents, masters and boys has been due to the inestimable quality, or rather combination of qualities, that may best be described as personal charm. This has been a more powerful agent than sterner qualities would have been in securing him the enthusiastic service of his staff, the devoted affection of the boys, and the friendship and respect of the parents. To masters and to boys, to the chance

visitor as to the intimate friend, Mr. Hodges has always been at leisure to enter into their interests, and to open to them the stores of a well-furnished mind. His presence has been a rebuke to meanness and to littleness, and his character an incentive to high endeavour. In directing the work and bearing the burdens of the School, he has shown us the passing excellence of that grace which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things."

It is not given to every man to decide on whom his mantle shall fall. But one more proof of the respect in which his judgment has been held by the Council of the School lies in the

fact that our new Headmaster, Mr. W. A. Purves, owes his appointment largely to the recommendation of Mr. Hodges.

Deep as is the regret that we feel in closing an era of the School's history—for the period of Mr. Hodges' tenure of the Headmastership amounts to no less—we feel that the future can be faced with confidence. Mr. Hodges came to the School to find its foundations well and truly laid by his predecessor, Mr. E. I. Robson, and upon that foundation he has built nobly. He has run his part of the race, and is handing over his torch to one who he knows will guard the flame well, as he himself has done.

Mrs. C. H. Hodges.

RICHARD STEELE said of a certain lady, "To have loved her was a liberal education." To have known Mrs. Hodges is to have loved her, and Steele's epigram might well have been written, not of Lady Elizabeth Hastings, but of our Headmaster's wife.

It is indeed a liberal education to have witnessed Mrs. Hodges' enthusiasm and her infinite variety.

Not contented with the responsibility of the domestic management of the school house, she has thrown her whole soul into every department of

school life which she could assist either by her active aid or by her encouraging interest.

She has worked for us, acted for us, entertained us and all friends of the school; she has stood breathless by the railing at the Oval during many a tussle at football and cricket. On such occasions victory drew no applause more spontaneous than hers, defeat brought no sympathy more sincere.

She has given her heart to the school, and from there many hearts will go out to her in her new home.

Mr. W. A. Purves, M.A.

WE offer a hearty welcome to Mr. W. A. Purves, M.A., who will enter upon his duties as Headmaster after the June vacation. Mr. Purves was Scholar of Queen's College, Oxford, and graduated in 1887. He acted for some time as Senior Classical Master of Ruthven School, North Wales. He was then appointed as Principal Assistant Master of the Townsville Grammar School and filled that post under Mr. Hodges for nine years. In 1899 he accepted the post

of Senior Classical Master in the Melbourne Grammar School, and two years later was appointed to the Headmastership of the Toowoomba Grammar School, this having become under his management the largest residential Grammar School in Queensland, with a total attendance of 150 boys. At Oxford, Mr. Purves played football, and it is interesting to note that he rowed in his college boat with Rev. A. A. David, the present Headmaster of Rugby.

Bishop Barry.

WE regret to have to record the death at the Cloisters, Windsor, England, of the Right Rev. Bishop Barry, some time Bishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia. It was he who suggested to the Synod that the moneys derived from the sale of the land on which stood the schools of St. James's Parish should be devoted to the establishment of a Church of

England Grammar School, on the model of the English Public Schools, and his last public act before leaving Sydney was to preach the sermon at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Sydney Church of England Grammar School. Bishop Barry will long be remembered in Sydney. For administrative ability, learning and eloquence, he was one of the ablest of her sons whom England has lent to Australia.

School Notes.

TERM II. ends on Thursday, June 16th. The School will re-open on Tuesday, July 12th.

The following have left since our last issue:—R. J. A. Massie (Senior Prefect, Junior 1907, Matric. 1909, Pockley Prize 1909, 1st XI. 1906-1910, Colours 1906, Captain XI. 1909, Combined Schools XI. 1906-7-8-9, 1st XV. 1908-9, Colours 1908, Combined

Schools 2nd XV. 1909, 1st Crew 1908-9, Colours 1908, Captain of Boats 1909, Athletic Colours 1909, G.P.S. 120 yards Hurdles, High Jump, Throwing the Cricket Ball 1909, Hon. Secretary for Sports, Lieutenant in Cadets, Venour Nathan Shield (shooting), 1909. R. C. M. Boyce (Head of the School, Prefect, Junior M. 1906, Senior M. 1909, Pockley Prize 1909, 1st XI. 1907-8-9, Colours, Combined

Schools XI. 1908-9, Hon. Treasurer for Sports, Lieutenant in Cadets, Junior Scholar, Senior Scholar). J. L. Digby (Prefect Junior 1907, Senior 1909, 2nd XV. 1909, 3rd Crew 1909, Sergeant-Major 3/C.M.S.C.C.). F. C. Bechtel (Prefect Junior 1908, Matric. 1910, 2nd XV. 1909). D. C. Suttor (Sub-Prefect, 1st XI. 1909-10, Colours 1910, 1st XV. 1909, Colours 1909). E. B. Nelson (Sub-Prefect, Junior 1908, Rifle Team 1909). H. A. H. Merewether (1st XI. 1908, Colours). R. B. Allport, J. F. Blackstone, W. B. Grant, E. L. Grainger (2nd XI.), W. N. Haxby, A. E. Ingham, C. V. K. King, S. E. Ogden, C. Perry, R. M. Thornton (1st XI. 1910), R. H. Wordsworth, C. C. N. Bentley.

The following have entered the School this term:—G. H. Brown, R. C. G. Dillon, W. A. Elliot, D. M. Fell, J. D. Fell, A. C. J. King, C. W. Knox, R. L. Manning, J. W. Turland, T. W. Tracey, H. I. Tracey, E. H. Santelle, E. L. Susman, J. P. Nankervis, F. M. Nankervis Re-entered:—L. S. Beckett, L. A. Duncomb, E. T. G. Miles.

The examination for the Uther Catechism Prize will be held on Thursday, June 16th, and that for the Admiral's Prize next Term. The subject for the latter will be Macaulay's Essay on Clive and Warren Hastings.

The classes for Confirmation will begin in the third week in August.

The address at the Anniversary Service was given by his Grace the Archbishop. A report of the address will be found in another column.

At the General Sports Meeting on March 17th, Voss i. was elected Captain of Boats *vice* Massie left, and Busby i. to vacancy on the Rowing Sub-Committee; Dodds i. was elected Captain of Football and Irving i., Heath, Tucker i., Tucker ii. to vacancies on the Sub-Committee. The Committee unanimously approved of the design submitted by the Sub-Committee for colours to be worn on the pocket of the blazer. Coward was elected to the General Sports Committee.

On May 4th, after morning prayers, the Acting Headmaster, Mr. Linton, addressed the boys upon the history of the School.

The May collections for the Hospitals and Missions Fund amounted to £9 3s 4½d.

On May 27th, an interesting address was delivered to the Upper School by Rev. S. N. Johnston on the subject of Missions to the Heathen. It is the Archbishop's wish that more should be known of this work in the Schools, and we hope to hear Mr. Johnston again at no distant date.

The following presentations have been made this term:—On March 23, the swimming and shooting prizes were presented by Mrs. Hodges. On April 17, rowing scarves were pre-

sented to the crews by Mrs. Massie. On May 6, Mrs. Hodges presented to the members of the 1st Crew the Major Rennie Trophy and G.P.S. Championship Badges.

The Boating Sub-Committee has awarded colours to Voss i., Saddington i., Fenwick, Lomax, Tucker i., Tucker ii., Irving i.

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, September 7th.

At the admission of Prefects held this term, Heath, Anderson i., Minty, Voss i., McCulloch, Tiley, Dodds i. and Bechtel were admitted as Prefects, and Walker, Braddon i., Hamilton, Hutchinson i., Irving i., Nelson i., Voss ii., Trenerry and Hay ii., as Sub-Prefects; Pulling i. to be Senior Prefect.

We have to thank Messrs. Hall & Co., Photographers, 44 Hunter Street, for a gift of framed copies of photos. of the crews of 1909 (1st and 2nd), 1910 (1st), and of the football teams of 1909 (1st and 2nd).

Empire Day.

ON May 24th, the boys assembled in the big School at 2.30, the Cadets, forming up in the ground to receive Professor T. W. E. David, who came to address the School.

Mr. C. H. Linton spoke of the significance of the day they were celebrating, and introduced Professor David. Mr. L. A. Baker then sang "Rule Britannia," the chorus being heartily sung by the boys.

* Professor David, who was greeted with loud applause, began by giving some reminiscences of his own school-days, and his experience as a boy, and said that it was a day when the old refrain "Lest We Forget" rang in their ears. Some four years ago he visited a small spot—a green-topped hill where had been witnessed a break-

ing away from their Empire. It was there they had lost a nation that now embraced 70 millions of people. The spot he referred to was the scene of the battle of Bunker's Hill, where the Americans had withstood the motherland. Though ostensibly the victory on that occasion rested with the British, morally it was one for the United States. Britain deserved to lose America, because at that period she had departed from her ideal by endeavouring to enslave others. Although it might sound unpatriotic, he had been able to thank God that England at that time had men with the courage to save England from herself. She had not often made such mistakes as enforcing unjust taxation. Britain held her sway because her rule was just. He had referred to the early history of the Indian Empire, and

* For the Report of Professor David's Address we are indebted to the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

sketched in a highly-interesting manner the dreadful period of the Indian Mutiny, which had produced so many great and worthy men, whose memory would never fade. In his recent struggle with his companions to get to the South Magnetic Pole they had got into such a terrible fix, obstructions facing them on all sides, that they determined to think the matter out. While waiting for an unusually severe blizzard to spend itself they talked of the taking of Delhi. They all knew the story of how splendidly the Cashmere gate was stormed, how the British general, finding the great majority of his men either killed or wounded, thought of retreat. But at that crisis the true hero arose in General Nicholson, who, though shot through the lungs, and in a dying condition, heard of the order. This is what he said, "Thank God I've strength enough left to shoot any officer giving the order to retire." That hero decided the day, and they all knew how Delhi was taken. Speaking thus of Delhi he and his companions determined to make another try, with the result that, with perseverance they had been enabled to get to the South Magnetic Pole. (Applause.) It just showed how an episode of history helped one in his daily life. On such an occasion as this they must not forget their great statesmen, far-seeing governors, and explorers. There was one man they should always honour, Captain Cook. They should always be proud of their Empire-builders—those who had existed from the time of King Alfred to the time of King Edward VII.; proud of their great generals, admirals, and

others who laid the foundations of the Empire. They should not forget their men of literature, their engineers, scientists, and astronomers. They all showed to what a height men could rise if they made the best use of the gifts God had given them. Then let them remember what they owed to the purity of their Judges, to men of medical science, and to the press, of which he could not speak too highly. There were the heroes of religion like Wilberforce, who had helped to abolish slavery, John Howard and Shaftesbury, the great philanthropists, and the great Universities. They should be thankful for their teachers, and proud of them. "You have (continued Professor David, amid tumultuous applause) every reason to be proud and very grateful for having had that great man and scholar, your present Headmaster."

Referring to the worth of their late King, he said that Lieutenant Shackleton had once related to him an anecdote of the King which showed his manly character. He said that on one occasion King Edward VII. was visiting Paris, and was being conducted through the corridors of a certain building where a French flag had been placed in such a position that anyone might have been pardoned for walking over it. But King Edward at once recognised it, and stepping aside, said, "You will pardon me, but I cannot set foot on the honour of France; I reverently salute your flag." It was a beautiful action, and a graceful speech, and taught them a lesson they should never forget. (Cheers.) In honouring their own flag they

should never do dishonour to another. Concluding, he said, "All of you will be required to serve your country to the best of your ability. You must live clean, simple lives. Make the best and highest use of the talent God has endowed you with. You do not know the future of the Empire, but put your trust in God, and do your best to make your own work as good as possible. (Cheers.) We unite on this occasion with sentiments of sympathy with the present King and

Queen, and with the Queen Mother, and the Royal Family in the irreparable loss they and the Empire have sustained by the death of King Edward, and all unite in feelings of loyalty and devotion to King George V. and his Queen, for whom we wish long life and happiness." (Cheers.)

Mr. J. L. Pulling expressed to Professor David the thanks of the School for the speech that he had delivered.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Death of King Edward VII.

ON May 9th, the School assembled according to forms in the playground, and formed a half-square while the Headmaster spoke of the death of His Majesty the King.

Mr. Hodges reminded the boys of the words used by the Archbishop the previous evening, and the lessons that he had drawn from the sad event that had so suddenly been announced to them. The Headmaster said that two occasions in his own school-days stood out prominently in his memory, of which the first was that of the Prince of Wales's marriage in 1863, when the popular excitement over the beautiful Princess, now the beloved and widowed Queen, was very great. The other occasion was that of the public progress of the Prince to St. Paul's Cathedral in 1871, to offer thanksgiving for his recovery from illness. The Prince had been dangerously ill with typhoid fever, and December 14th was known to be an unlucky day in the history of

the Royal Family. It had been felt that December 14th would see the crisis, and this had proved to be the case. Since that time the Prince's popularity had been continually on the increase. Mr. Hodges pointed out the significance of the universal mourning for the death of the King. It reminded them of the great principle of solidarity, of which they realised something in the life of the School, and which was of vital importance to the existence of the Empire.

The Union Jack was then unfurled at half-mast on the School tower, while everyone stood at the salute.

On the following day, May 10th, the School assembled at noon in the playground, and after a few words from the Headmaster the flag was raised from half-mast, while the School saluted, sang the National Anthem, and gave three cheers for King George V.

Anniversary Service.

THE Anniversary Service was held on Sunday evening, May 8th, in the big school, and was largely attended both by boys and friends of the School.

The prayers were read by the Rev. J. H. Maclean. The sermon was preached by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney from the text, I. Corinthians, xvi., 13: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

His Grace said that he had intended to preach upon another subject, but that his thoughts had been directed to this text by the sad news of the King's

death received the previous day. He pointed out the significance of the event, and said that there was a danger lest they should merely feel the emotion stirred by such events without translating it into action. He drew lessons from the late King's life, and his devotion to duty. They must "quit them like men," and the highest manhood was to be found through religion. Theirs must be a religion that gave them principles to which they would stand true in life.

After the service, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges entertained the Old Boys and visitors at supper in the dining hall.

The Rev. D. Davies, M.A.

BEFORE leaving for England Mr. Davies was entertained at dinner by the Committee of the Old Boys' Union and presented with a substantial cheque and an illuminated address. The text of the address appears in the O.B. column. It was the wish of the boys to present Mr. Davies with a token of their regard, but he expressly wished that this might not be done. Many of the boys and masters said farewell to Mr. Davies on board the "Mongolia." His letters, written from ports as far as Marseilles,

show that he has had calm weather and a most enjoyable voyage.

The following are the names of the subscribers to the address:—A. B. S. White, Dudley H. Roberts, G. N. Larkins, C. H. Linton, R. G. H. Fotheringham, Lindsay Clarke, Gordon Uther, G. F. Fitzhardinge, D. A. Williams, S. E. Blight, K. Lumsdaine, A. J. Kelynack, H. B. Shaw, — Eaton, H. V. Jaques, Burton Bradley, S. V. Sendall, R. A. Miller, H. G. Preston, B. C. Hope, Harry Clarke, C. W. Randle, A. F. Martin, B. P. Nettleton,

H. H. I. Massie, E. H. Morris, D. Macintyre, K. Williams, J. W. S. Fell, W. B. S. Fell, P. E. Browne, Professor Holme, Dr. E. H. Rutledge, Russel Cowan, Basil Jackson, Muir Smith, Messrs. G. G. and T. Black, V. Y. Deane, N. Y. Deane, R. C. Adams, G. F. Allman, K. C. Radford, Laurence Cadell, d'Arcy F. Roberts, Spencer Simpson, Bobbie Kilgour, W. H. Goulstone, J. M. Bevan, H. B. Cusford, C. W. Hoskings, J. V. Saddington, O. Nickoll, H. E. Morgan, Max. E. Wright, G. A. More, Jack Adams, D. C. Thompson, Roy Moore, Messrs. J. and R. J. Gordon, L. W. G. Last, C. E. Rich, C. Deane, J. Leslie, C. M. Warden, D. H. Slade, Julian Mackay, C. A., F. G. A. and F. J. A. Pockley, A. N. Arnot C. te Kloot, R. E. Ellerton, E. N. Allen, D. Williams, L. Alison, G. M. Marsh, H. Meredith, J. S. Mehan, J. W. Hayne, A. A. Hayne, Barker College per B. G. Wade, W. B. Clarke, Rupert D. Dent, C. J. T. Dent, Sept. E. Dent, E. H. Slade, J. Waldrige, A. R. Lomax, Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, V. R. Campbell, W. H. Wilkinson, W. A. Burcher, Laidley Fogg, R. G. T. Dent, H. P. Harriott, H. A. Roberts, G. B. Browne, Wm. Stevens, E. North Ash, C. M. Featherstonehaugh, H. S. Ross, L. A. Minnett, D. B. Rankin, C. E. Murnin, Norman Nash, A. R. Hordern, H. E. a'Beckett, C. J. Tozer, T. A. Dibbs, B. G. C. Simpson, Dr. Kendall, James E. Taylor, N. W. Tinton, Esq., Lionel Carey, A. D. Fisher, K. Joscelyn, E. H. and G. S. Senior, F. N. Frith, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, F. Merewether, Douglas Campbell, I. G. Mackay, E. M. Sullivan, R. B. Minnett.

The Hartz Mountains.

GEEVESTON is a township among the mountains of Southern Tasmania, interesting for the forests by which it is surrounded, but which are fast disappearing and giving place to orchards, as the Huon Timber Company pushes its operations farther over the hills. For several years Geeveston has had the additional interest of being the starting point for the famous trip to the Hartz Mountains. At some future time the antiquarian may inquire as to the meaning of the name Geeveston. We may place it

on record that the name means "the town of the Geeveses," for they were the original settlers of the place. Some of the members of that family have devoted leisure time to exploring the mountains round about, and it was my good fortune in January last to be able to join a party of ladies and gentlemen who were to make a tour to the Hartz under the leadership of Mr. Richard Geeves.

We made a start at 7 a.m. The Timber Company had granted us the use of a waggon, and we rode on the

timber train for the first six miles of our journey. Our waggon was quite open, and, as the sparks flew among us, and we could smell a singeing beard or a burning coat, I thought of Sydney Smith's description of a train journey taken early in Queen Victoria's reign, when he says that they did not suffer *great* inconvenience from the smoke and the cinders.

After we had left the train, our track lay for eight miles over mountainous country, through forests that surpass the finest that we know in New South Wales. The dark green of the lofty myrtles with their tiny leaves, the lustrous foliage of the sassafras trees, and the wilderness of giant ferns left an impression of beauty not easily forgotten. The light, as it was diffused through the mass of foliage, made it seem as though we walked through green, translucent vapour. Here were bowers where on a Midsummer Night Titania might hold her court.

We breakfasted by a running brook, then passed upwards to a plain from which ran the source of the river that roars through Geeveston. This is the Kermandie. The French commander, Huon de Kermadec, gave his "nom de baptême" to the wider river that broadens out into the channel, and from "Kermadec" the name of the rivulet has been abbreviated since he bestowed it.

Down again we went through alleys of green to our dining place; on again and upwards, with a half for tea, and

by three o'clock we were at the accommodation houses.

The accommodation provided is excellent for this solitary spot. A pack-horse taking provisions for our party and for many other visitors who might visit the Hartz, had passed us on the way. The men were accommodated in the older house, which is fitted with wide bunks and mattresses of straw; the latter are "mattresses" by courtesy, for there is all too little straw between the hard boards and the human bone. But exercise in that tonic air would induce sweet sleep, even in a Sybarite. Let me hasten to add that the accommodation in the newer houses leaves nothing to be desired.

We made full use of the part of the day that still remained to us, and walking over a plain enamelled with mountain flowers, we came to Lake Osborné. The lake is of no great size, but as it slept surrounded by bare and ragged hills, with its miniature capes and bays and the flowers at its brink, it was such a spot as might have inspired the poet of "The Daffodils." The reminiscence of Wordsworth was made complete as we stood by Lake Perry and saw the

"leaping fish
"Send through the tarn a lonely cheer."

Climbing the hills that held these lakes, one could see the line of the summits of the Hartz ranged like ruined bastions and castellated piles.

The next day we started early for the pinnacle. Just behind the accommodation house is the tablet that records

the death of two men overtaken some years ago by a blizzard, who perished within a short distance of their goal. Our way took us past several lakes, and as we rose among the rugged summits, the mountains fell away behind us to where we saw the Huon shining in the sunlight. Before ascending the pinnacle, we stopped for dinner in a spot some thousand feet above Lake Hartz and commanding a view that was sublime. To give the due impression of a mountain view seems always to be impossible; the words "inspiring" and "sublime" seem by their frequent use to have lost a great deal of their significance.

Below us lay the lake in a hollow that seemed made as a giant cup to hold the silent waters, and whose sides looked drear and blasted. What once was forest had been swept by fire, and the white limbs of the stunted trees looked spectral along the mountain sides. Our view commanded the South-western part of the island as far as the desolate shores of Port Davey, and in the gaps of the ranges the blue waters of the Southern Ocean rose to the high sky line. From north to south stretched in a long range the torn peaks of Mount Anne, the Franklin and the Arthur Mountains coloured in every shade of blue, from indigo to azure, and ending in the high peak of Mount Hopetoun, which stood up to take the sunlight that seemed to play on it alone. Between us and the distant ranges rose Mt. Picton, holding patches of snow in its sheltered spaces. Here and there a gleam of light showed a cascade or gave a hint of a nestling lake.

The pinnacle we scaled in the afternoon. It and its sister heights are masses of igneous rock, in colour a pinkish green. My readers who have seen Graham's picture of the Coolins in Skye will know the kind of mountain among which we were. In the late afternoon, white mists rolled up from the sea, and, spreading their veils over the lake and cliff, increased the loveliness of our surroundings. Our way back to the accommodation house was shrouded by the mists; the Alpine posts were indistinguishable from the ghastly trees, and we needed to keep close in line behind our guide.

The next day broke with rain and bitter cold, but the return to Geeveston might not be deferred. It was with garments soaked with rain that we reached again the truck that waited for us by the road-side. We descended the hill swiftly by the force of gravitation alongside of the rushing stream, whose sources high in the hills had given us way-side refreshment. Warm baths and a cosy fire were welcome after the eight mile walk through dripping foliage; that is forgotten now, and we think only of the consummate beauty of the panorama that we had seen.

* "To-day,
Mist clogs the sunshine,
Smoky dwarf houses
Hem me round everywhere.

"Far hence,
Over the silent tarns,
On the Hariz summits
Bright shines the sun."

Boat Club.

THE first Schools' Eight-oar Championship has been decided and the School has the distinction of being the first to gain the victory under the altered conditions. The new eight was named by Mrs. Hodges on April 4th. The boat is named "Sibyl" in honour of Mrs. Hodges, and as the latter's birthday was April 4, it was fitting that the ceremony of naming the eight should fall on that date also. The boat proved comfortable enough after some minor alterations, and turned out to be fast. This last fact caused the crew a good deal of trouble upon first entering the racer after the practice boat, and it was some time before they felt at home in the new craft. There always seemed to be a lack of length, and added to this were slow hands and little swing, so that for a considerable time progress was slow and the crew could not be depended upon to row far without lurching badly. However, several changes and re-arrangements in the seating of the men were tried, and the crew was eventually placed thus-- Voss (str.), Saddington (7), Heath (6), Fenwick (5), Lomax (4), W. Tucker ii. (3), H. R. Tucker i. (2), Irving (bow). A good deal of long work was indulged in, and in the trial courses the work was always bright and full of life. One very promising fact, which was brought out in the trials, was that the crew always did best over the last mile, and could always get the rate up for a sprint at the finish. This told of

good condition and made it certain that if any racing were to be done towards the finish the crew would not be found wanting. As a fact, it turned out that this was just how the race was won, for Voss sprinted brilliantly in the last quarter-mile and just got his canvas in front of St. Joseph's College. The start was an excellent one, and in spite of the slightly choppy water all the four crews showed clean and vigorous oarsmanship. It was at once noticeable that St. Joseph's were rowing with a beautiful easy swing; and the men being exactly together, their boat was running every stroke. Their work perhaps would have been the better for a little more fire in it, but still their graceful 30 to the minute carried them a length ahead of Voss, who was setting his crew 35 over most of the course. For the first 300 yards the School boat was not by any means going well, and two or three times she lurched badly. Still St. Joseph's never got quite out of sight, and from Cabarita onwards the work was decidedly better. From this point the blades all took and left the water crisply and together, and, looking end-on, it was apparent from the level blades and straight swing of the men that the boat was running well. Busby steered a good course, straight for Putney Point, and this brought the boat level with St. Joseph's College. Voss now showed excellent judgment, and increased his rate of stroke, the sprint just taking him to

the front. St. Joseph's, too, increased their rate, but Voss was now doing 40, and the crews remained locked in this way over the last 200 yards, the judge's verdict being a win for S.C.E.G.S. by a quarter of a length. The St. Joseph's crew are to be congratulated on the exceedingly fine work they showed, and the victory over them was gained by the narrowest of margins. Though yielding the palm in the matter of style to the St. Joseph's crew, it must be claimed that the School did not lack in dash, and the result of the race was due mainly to the life which Voss put into his work and the readiness of the crew to follow him.

From the S.C.E.G.S. point of view the race for second crews was disappointing. The crew, consisting of Pulling i. (str.), Voss i. (3), Hay ii. (2), and Minty (bow), was light, but exceedingly smart, and, in practice, had shown much better form than the eight. It was hoped that they would get a lead at the start, but in this they were doomed to disappointment, for No. 2 caught a crab at the very first stroke and the other two crews were a length in front before S.C.E.G.S. moved. Pulling set out to make up the lee-way and kept his crew at it all over the course, but though they fought hard they made no impression upon the leaders. A great race was in progress between S.G.S. and S.J.C. and in the end the former wore their opponents down and won by a length. This was a fine performance on the part of S.G.S., inasmuch as the bow man was ill and his place was taken on the day of the race by Copleston.

The Easter camp passed off successfully, the crews being particularly fortunate in regard to the weather. The Association's shed at Gladesville proved a great boon and resulted in the saving of much valuable time which was in previous years spent in crossing the river.

The School cannot thank Mr. Alan Ramsay too highly for the manner in which he worked throughout the training. The work was particularly difficult this year, and in the later stages the whole undertaking of tubbing and coaching the two crews was thrown upon him. In order that he might be quite free for the work of preparing the crews, Mr. Ramsay took his annual holiday at Easter and spent the whole of it at the camp. We are also greatly indebted to the Leichhardt Club, through Mr. Ramsay, for the loan of their practice eight. The launch used for coaching purposes was the "Roxena," which proved satisfactory enough. The crews had many visitors at the camp, including the Chief and Mrs. Hodges, who made their customary gift of cases of fruit. Mrs. Busby, Mr. St. J. Tucker and Mr. G. Robertson also very kindly sent presents of cases of apples, which of course were much appreciated. Mr. Robertson, too, invited the second crew to a theatre night. It has been decided to house the "Sibyl" in the N.S.W.R.A. shed at Gladesville rather than bring her to Berry's Bay. During the present term things have been in a state of abeyance at the shed, but after Mid-winter, preparation will have to be made of new men for the Trial Fours in December and the Schools'

racers of 1911. Following on the success of last year, one or more crews will be got together to row in open races.

Pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Mackay as Master-in-charge of Boating, the management of affairs in connection with the Club is being very ably carried out by Voss i., Captain of Boats, and the other members of the Committee.

The following account of the racing is taken from the "Daily Telegraph" of Thursday, April 21:—

Sydney Church of England Grammar School yesterday won a desperate race for the eight-oar championship of the Great Public Schools on the Parramatta River. The race brought out some of the finest qualities that are to be found in any boy—grit and stamina.

Four large ferry steamers were crowded by youthful supporters of the colleges and schools which competed for the coveted title, and they exercised their vocal powers to a wonderful extent. They cheered themselves hoarse when the crews arrived at the starting point, and how they managed to keep the noise going down the whole mile and a half of the course and for long afterwards is mystifying. When the race was over caps and hats, covered with blue and white streamers, were thrown high in the air. Their owners did not appear a bit perturbed when the headgear fell into the river. Their school had won. That was enough!

Mr. M'Gregor had some difficulty in getting the crews away. They represented St. Joseph's College, Sydney Grammar School, St. Ignatius' College and Sydney Church of England Grammar School. The boys were a fine lot—fresh cheeked and in the pink of condition. Crack! went the pistol, and away dashed the four crews,

seeming to strike the water simultaneously. For a couple of hundred yards no appreciable advantage appeared to be gained; but shortly afterwards St. Joseph's showed slightly in front, hard pressed by Sydney Grammar School and the Church of England Grammar School. It was easily seen at this early stage that St. Ignatius would not have a chance. Past Cabarita they flashed, with St. Joseph's still in the van, but with the Church of England Grammar lads in hot pursuit and rowing a nice swinging stroke. On the stretch to the gasworks, St. Joseph's put in some really fine work and increased their lead to about half a length from the Church of England Grammar School, who, in turn, were well clear of the Sydney Grammar School, with St. Ignatius still further back.

Then, when the race appeared all over bar shouting and the wearers of the cerise and blue were congratulating themselves on the win, the stroke of the Church of England Grammar School quickened up, and the rest responded gallantly. Inch by inch they crept up on the leaders, who were rowing for their lives. But the spurt from the boys of North Shore was maintained and undeniable, and, try as they would, St. Joseph's could not shake them off. Even when the North Shore boat showed its nose in front, St. Joseph rallied for one great last effort. Church of England Grammar responded, and, urged on by the wild cheering of hundreds of partisans, the crews shot past the judge almost together—a bare quarter of a length was the decision of Mr. J. Degotardi, in favour of the Church of England Grammar School. Both the winners and St. Joseph's came in for rounds of applause from those who followed the race. Sydney Grammar School were about three lengths behind; while St. Ignatius finished a long way in the rear, though they gamely pegged on to the finish. The time, taken by Mr. W. Kerr, was 7min. 57 1-5sec.

The race for second crews was won comfortably by Sydney Grammar School, who beat St. Joseph's College and the Church of England Grammar School.

The Governor (Lord Chelmsford) was an interested spectator, and followed both races in a launch.

The whole of the arrangements were well carried out under the guidance of Mr. Hyam Marks. The officials were:—Umpire, Mr. V. Horniman; judge, Mr. J. Degotardi; starter, Mr. J. M'Gregor; timekeeper, Mr. W. Kerr. The results were:—

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

From Sydney Rowing Club shed to Mortlake Point.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (R. C. Irving 10st 2lb, H. R. Tucker 10st 3lb, W. T. Tucker 11st 8lb, H. R. Lomax 10st 12lb, P. F. Fenwick 11st 8lb, L. B. Heath 12st 4lb, R. M. Saddington 9st 10lb, P. E. Voss (stroke) 11st 6lb, F. W. M. Busby (cox) 1

St. Joseph's College: P. Walsh 10st 4lb, T. Roche 11st 1lb, J. Brady 10st 12lb, J. O'Loughlin 11st 10lb, K. Flynn 12st 2lb, N. Keating 11st, W. Cameron 12st, E. Cody (stroke), 11st 11lb, W. M'Grath (cox) 2

Sydney Grammar School: A. S. Carfrae 10st 2lb, S. J. Bull 10st 5lb, S. H. Knight 11st 6lb, A. M. Giles 11st 6lb, R. C. Inglis 11st 7lb, A. E. Gates 10st 5lb, L. Scott 11st 1lb, H. A. Henry (stroke) 10st 3lb, R. H. R. Grieve (cox) 3

Other starter: St. Ignatius College.

SECOND CREWS.

From Gladesville to Putney Point.

Sydney Grammar School: V. Copleston 10st 7lb, L. W. Street 10st 1lb, R. A. Stewart 10st 2lb, C. Crago (stroke) 10st 2lb, J. F. Mant (cox) 1

St. Joseph's College: J. Lane 9st 5lb, S. M'Kelvey 10st 2lb, P. Tracey 10st 13lb, A. Thorpe (stroke) 9st 5lb, H. Nash (cox) 2

Sydney Church of England Grammar School: C. C. Minty 9st 11lb, C. S. Hay 10st 4lb, K. B. Voss 10st 11lb, C. W. L. Pulling (stroke) 9st 12lb, R. S. Robertson (cox) 3

THE COACH'S CRITICISM OF THE CREWS.

By ALLAN RAMSAY, ESQ.

It is a matter for regret that the form displayed was not of a higher standard. The beginning was good, and the length and finish fair, but the hands and first part of the recovery were not nearly smart enough. The swing was uneven, the slides in two or three seats were hurried and the time was ragged.

On the other hand, the work of St. Joseph's representatives was of a very high class. The beginning, length, finish, hand work, recovery and swing being very good, while the admirable combination of ease and power rendered their rowing most attractive.

However, in spite of its many shortcomings the C.E.G.S. work was fairly solid, and the crew certainly got pace. The fact that after rowing behind for some mile and a quarter, stroke was able, by a most brilliant spurt, in which he was splendidly backed up by each member of his crew, to literally snatch victory from the very jaws of defeat, speaks volumes for the pluck, endurance and dash of all concerned.

The victory scored is one of which the whole crew, and stroke in particular, may justly feel very proud.

Attention to the following hints will bring about considerable improvement in each man's work, and will go a long way towards securing for the crew that ease, uniformity and rhythm so essential to effective eight-oar rowing.

R. C. IRVING (bow).—Requires to hold his slide more, swing back further, hold the finish out, get hands away and body up to perpendicular smarter, and to swing the slide steadily forward, avoiding any rush.

- H. R. TUCKER (2).—Requires to grip the beginning with straight arms, hold the slide, drive shoulders well back, sit up at finish, keeping shoulders from falling forward, get hands away, straighten arms and swing body to perpendicular very much smarter, and swing slide forward steadily.
- W. T. TUCKER (3).—Must drive shoulders back much smarter, supporting from the stretcher the instant the water has been gripped, hold out finish, shoot hands away, swing body to perpendicular much faster, and continue swing from hips without any break; slide must be brought steadily forward without the slightest tendency to hurry last few inches, must swing from hips without any break, slide must be brought steadily forward without the slightest tendency to hurry last few inches, must swing well out and work perfectly true fore and aft.
- H. R. LOMAX (4).—Requires to hold slide a little more, keep blade fully covered to end of stroke, sit up at finish, avoid dropping hands so much working closer to water, shoot hands out smarter, following at once with body and keeping it well up on forward swing.
- P. F. FENWICK (5).—Requires to grip the beginning smarter with shoulders, swing body further back, maintain leg pressure throughout stroke, keep hands in same plane until ribs are reached; smarter hands, straightening of arms and recovery of body to perpendicular; carefully avoid hurrying slide and swing well out.
- L. B. HEATH (6).—Requires to spare arms and use body more, driving well off stretcher, swing perfectly straight fore and aft, smarter hand work and first part of body recovery and swing well out, steadying slide.
- R. M. SADDINGTON (7).—Must be careful to row finish of every stroke right out, swing body a little further back, keep perfect time and always keep hands smart.
- P. E. VOSS (stroke).—Must support body with legs the instant the shoulders grip the beginning, avoiding any break between shoulder and leg work, could smarten hands and first part of recovery.
- W. F. BUSBY (cox).—Handled his crew admirably and steered a splendid course.

SECOND CREW.—FOUR.

- C. C. MINTY (bow).—Requires to hold slide, swing shoulders well back, hold finish well out, finishing hands and slide simultaneously, swing hands away, straighten arms, and recover body to perpendicular much smarter, avoid hurrying the last part of the forward swing and keep hands well up.
- C. S. HAY (2).—Requires to hold slide, sit up at finish, get hands away smarter and carefully avoid hurrying the slide.
- K. B. VOSS (3).—Must catch beginning with straight arms, hold slide, sit up at finish, get hands away, straighten arms and recover body to perpendicular much quicker, swing forward steadying slide, and avoid tumbling over the stretcher at catch.
- C. W. L. PULLING (stroke).—Requires to finish hands and slide together and not to drop hands quite so much at finish.
- R. S. ROBERTSON (cox).—Proved a careful, attentive and capable coxswain and steered a very good course.

The crew showed very good length and swing and rowed a plucky race.

Rowing Camp—1910.

THE crews went into camp this year on March 23rd for the Easter holidays. After rowing up from the School boat-shed on Thursday, we reached the Gladesville Hotel towards the end of the afternoon.

The first event of importance was tea, which, it may be well to state, did not consist solely of raw steak. After this, everyone soon settled down.

The actual routine of training was the same every day. A walk before breakfast, ending up with a sprint, opened the day's proceedings. The morning was devoted to "tubbing," i.e., rowing in pair-oar boats, in which our coach, with infinite care, strove to eradicate our faults.

In the afternoon, about 3.30 or 4 o'clock, came the real hard work of the day. The crews went out in turn to "do a course." The practice courses (over a mile or a mile and a half) are things long remembered. The first two or three, before proper condition has been attained, are just what you might wish your worst enemy to suffer—especially if he were fat. In the evening, we turned from work to play. Music of all kinds was indulged in. Chorus-singing was carried through with great vigour. Few of the popular

songs were left undisturbed and several favourite comic operas had their turn. Solos were not so much to the front, though the few with which we were favoured were of a high standard. Instrumental music was not lacking. Three of the more enterprising members of the camp had chosen the occasion to learn to play the ocarina. Their efforts were much appreciated—at a distance. Among other amusements a euchre party was held, for which the members of the camp were divided somewhat indiscriminately into "bucks and does" to make up for a deficiency in the gentler sex. On another occasion we had a "musical romance," in the course of which Mr. Mackay played a series of fifty melodies (including "Don't take me home" and "Rustling Silks") on a Woolloomooloo warbler—an instrument made out of bent tin, into which it is necessary to blow with nose and mouth at the same time.

The joys and sorrows of rowing are only known and understood by those who have served their apprenticeship as slaves to the oar. None of these regret their sore hands and tired limbs. Such of them as will pass out of the School before the next year comes round can only look with envy on the more fortunate ones who will enjoy the next Rowing Camp.

CRAB.

Swimming.

THE Eighth Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Lavender Bay Baths, on Thursday, March 17th. Mr. A. C. W. Hill, Mr. W. T.

Kerr and Mr. H. A. Westhoff, of the Amateur Swimming Association kindly acted as starters and timekeepers.

EVENTS.—50 yds. Championship under 15—Allworth, 1st; Bull, 2nd. 100 yds. School Championship—Lillyman beat D. Suttor, last year's champion. Time, 72 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs. 50 yds. Open Handicap—Marsh, 1st; Kelynack i., 2nd; Witherby, 3rd. 50 yds. Handicap, under 13—Sinclair, 1st; Eedy, 2nd. Exhibition by Mr. C. Purcell and pupils of high and fancy diving. 50 yds. Handicap, under 15—Haxby, 1st; Allworth, 2nd. Old Boys' Race, 50 yds—Solomons, 1st; Pennefather, 2nd. Solomons gave the rest 2 secs. start and proved too fast for them. His time, 25 secs., is a record for the Old Boys' Race. Upper School Form Race—Won by Mods. A. Team (Lillyman, Grainger, Hagen, Tucker i). Lower School Form Race—Won by Mods. B. Team (Suttor, Allworth, Witherby, Marsh). Diving Competition.—This was well won by

Suttor iii, who was particularly good at high dives. Allworth and Digby ii were ties for second place. Back and Breast Race—Braddon i first, Digby i second. The Greasy Pole was very greasy, Flint just managed to fall over the end and won the prize. Bellman Race: a number of blindfolded competitors had to chase Solomons, who was provided with a bell. Martin was the first to grab the bellman, who was in the act of diving under him.

Mrs. Hodges kindly gave away the prizes.

The Peerless Orchestra played during the intervals.

The events were carried out well up to time, owing to the energy of the officials, and particularly of the swimming instructor, Sergeant-Major Cooke-Russell. We have to thank Mr. Solomons for his help in arranging the carnival.

Football,

IN the remarks in the last number of the "Torch-bearer" reference was made to the great loss we had suffered by the departure of the whole of last year's back division, with the exception of Macintyre at full-back. The latter was unable to play during the early part of the quarter, so that, up to the match against St. Joseph's College, we found that we should have to rely on those backs of the 2nd XV. who were still with us; however, we hoped to find some new players to strengthen the division, but were disappointed.

Fortunately, we had the nucleus of a strong forward team, and those who

came up from the 2nd XV., P. E. Voss and Allport, and Bassett from the 3rd XV., have proved very worthy successors of those whose places they took. As a pack, the forwards have done excellent work, showing great improvement as the quarter went on, in screwing and dribbling, and in diving for the tackle after the follow-on. They were seen to the greatest advantage in the match against T.K.S., keeping on the ball the whole time and dashing in and preventing the opposite three-quarter line from getting to work.

After the match against Newington, a change was made in the wing three-

quarters, Morgan and Braddon replacing Hagen and Brooks, and a great improvement was noticed, combination being much more in evidence, while individual play and judgment did not suffer; the reason being that the backs came to the conclusion, first, that to attack the opposing side is the best defence, and next that the high punt is a very good weapon in attack.

We were rather unfortunate in losing the services of Irving after the match against High School, and of W. Tucker after he had scored a good try in the first half against King's School; but Browne and Coward, who took their places, certainly did their best to see that the team should not suffer. With the closer acquaintance with the play of the other Schools which has come to the team, we hope that our record for next Term will be better than simply balancing three wins against three losses.

The 2nd XV. has not, as a team, made a good showing, though it contains several who played well individually. The forwards seem to lack any idea of consistent combination and dash in the following on. Occasionally they would screw round and force the ball on, but instead of keeping at it and diving at the man, would simply slack off and watch him take it. The backs deteriorated steadily, and will never make a good side until they learn to go up to the ball and not let it and the other man come up to them. Both backs and forwards showed to greatest advantage in the second half against T.K.S. when they made up their minds to go at the others, and

by so doing were much more successful than in the first half.

The 3rd XV. has been rather unfortunate in having few opportunities to play together other than in the School matches on the Wednesday. The remarks about lack of dash and combination, made in regard to the 2nd XV. apply more forcibly to the 3rd. Each man seems to wait for the other to do something, with the result that very little following on or combined play takes place. This was especially noticeable in the match against S.G.S. when the team seemed quite content to let the other side get the ball, and then to chase after them.

In the matches of the junior teams, we cannot chronicle many successes, but in most cases our teams have played teams much heavier than themselves, and thus have not had much chance of scoring, as they do not possess sufficient knowledge of the game to discount the superiority in weight.

The Colour Competitions have been going on as regularly as circumstances would permit, owing to difficulties about grounds and the various breaks during the term.

At the time of writing, Blue seems to be in the best position, though White and Red have one or two matches to play and have still the opportunity of catching up. As the points scored show, there have been some very good matches, and those taking part in the competition are learning a lot of football.

In connection with this competition it might be pointed out to several who

gave in their names to play that common loyalty should prevent them from asking, frequently on trivial grounds, to be excused. Such requests, if granted, penalise thirteen or fourteen other players.

Details of matches will be found below:—

Wednesday, 4th May, v. St. Ignatius' College. Played at North Sydney and lost 12-11. Referee, Mr. B. I. Swannell.

Team.—Full-back, R. D. H. Merewether; three-quarters, L. E. Hagen, C. S. Hay, L. L. Williams, N. E. Brooks; halves, G. R. Hamilton, J. a'Beckett; forwards, R. M. Allport, E. H. Dodds, H. R. Tucker, P. E. Voss, W. P. Bassett, W. T. Tucker, L. B. Heath, R. C. Irving.

S.C.E.G.S. won the toss and, defending the northern goal, were at once in difficulties, as Rorke broke through and beat the full-back, but was well tackled from behind by Williams. Play was in or about our 25 for sometime, until W. Tucker relieved by dribbling well. From a line out at half-way Heath secured and, breaking away, passed to Williams, to Hagen, who over-ran the ball and lost a good opportunity. For infringements by our forwards, St. I. by two penalty kicks cleared their line, Rorke's kicking being very good. Irving shortly afterwards by dribbling well brought the play into Riverview 25, but S.C.E.G.S. were again penalised for off-side. Veech and Dalton broke away, and would have scored but for a knock on. The backs of St. I. were clearly making it an open game, and did some good passing. From some loose ruck work Ryan broke through and, feinting to pass, scored near the corner, but Rorke failed at goal. 3-0. Our forwards now forced the game and made a strong attack, Irving and W. Tucker being prominent, and after we had made several attempts a'Beckett secured from a scrum and passed to Williams, who sent it on to Brooks, and the latter scored; a'Beckett kicked the goal and S.C.E.G.S. led 5-3.

Just after this, Kelly, the Riverview half-back, left the field injured, and from this on Riverview played with 14 men. They put us on the defensive straight away, but Williams with a good kick sent them back to half-way and then the whistle sounded for half-time.

In the second half, Hagen failed to take the kick off, and we were in difficulties till R. Tucker, Heath and W. Tucker worked the ball back to their 25, where the latter forced his way over and scored; the kick at goal failed. S.C.E.G.S. 8, St. I. 3. From the drop-out Riverview made a very strong attack and would have scored but for a good tackle by Merewether; but shortly afterwards Barrie secured and crossed over, Rorke failing to kick the goal. Score, 8 to 6 in favour of S.C.E.G.S.

The drop-out was not well returned and our forwards took the game well down the field, and Irving picked up from a broken scrum and dropped over the line; no extra points were added by W. Tucker's attempt and S.C.E.G.S. led 11-6.

After the drop-out, which was well returned, Riverview took the ball well down and Rorke had two unsuccessful kicks at goal for off-side by our forwards. Play remained in our 25, until Heath and Irving dribbled back to neutral ground, where the ball was sent into touch again. From a hard kick by Rorke we forced, but Kane, the Riverview full-back, who had come up to the three-quarter line, struggled over the line; Rorke failed at goal, and S.C.E.G.S. led 11-9.

•Another strong attack was made by Riverview after the drop-out, and from Hagen failing to take the ball through being out of position, Barrie ran well, and after being tackled well by Merewether passed to Jordan, who ran in and scored; no goal resulted, and the match ended in favour of St. Ignatius by 12 to 11.

Although beaten just on full time, our team certainly played the inferior game. Our forwards were the superior in footwork and loose rucks, but the tackling

was not at all deadly and the rushes were led almost always by the same three—Heath, Irving and W. Tucker. Our backs gave very little help in stopping the rushes and were frequently out of position, failed to take several very good opportunities of passing, made practically no use of the high punt, and with the exception of Merewether tackled very indifferently.

Wednesday, 11th May, v. Newington College. Played at North Sydney and lost 20-8. Referee, Mr. I. G. Mackay.

The team was the same as that of the previous week.

The kick-off by Newington being poorly taken we were immediately in difficulties, and within two minutes of starting Newington scored in the corner, after a very weak piece of play on the part of our wing three-quarters; the kick was not successful, and Newington led 3-0.

After the drop-out, Newington, as the result of fumbling on the part of Brooks, worked to the line, but we forced from a rebound. An interchange of kicks followed between the opposing three-quarters, Newington evidently trying to open up the game. Heath and R. Tucker transferred the play to the centre of the field, where hard and even play was followed by a series of scrums, in which N.C. forwards beat us several times. Delay was caused by Roberts, of Newington, receiving a severe kick on the ankle. A free for off-side against us gave N.C. a chance to attack, which they seized, but they were driven back to half-way by dribbling rushes, and White, their full-back, through good line-kicking, gained a great deal of ground, and we were compelled to force. After a fast, dribbling rush, in which Heath, Irving and R. and W. Tucker showed out, the first-named took advantage of bad defence by Newington to score; the kick at goal being successful; S.C.E.G.S. led by 5-3.

After the kick-off, S.C.E.G.S. rushed the ball up the field, but were sent back several times by the good line-kicking of the opposite backs, specially of White,

while our backs handled the ball very badly. After an interchange of kicks, Hamilton made a good opening for S.C.E.G.S., but was not supported. Williams then broke through, but instead of running, kicked rather too hard, and White marked for N.C. Stewart, taking the kick, found touch very well. Shortly afterwards the whistle ended the first half, which had been in favour of N.C. although the score was against them.

In the second half, the kick-off was taken well, and Hamilton returned with a good kick down the line. Newington forwards checked a rush by S.C.E.G.S., and put the latter on defence. A scrum close to the touch line was followed by the ball rolling over our line, where, through a mistake on the part of Hagen, the S.C.E.G.S. wing three-quarters, Newington gained an easy try, but the kick at goal failed and Newington led 6-5. White returned the drop-out well, and from a scrum Newington again scored, but failed to kick the goal (9-5).

The line-kicking of the three-quarters and of the full-back, White, was excellent, and enabled them from an off-side by Hamilton to score twice in succession, and Stewart converted the second try by kicking well from a difficult angle, leaving the score at 17-5 in favour of Newington. The kick-off was returned well down the field, but Merewether, by a tackle and shortly afterwards by a good line kick, saved the situation. S.C.E.G.S. then made a determined effort, and by means of a dribbling rush and taking the ball well from a line out, changed defence into attack, and from a line out on N.C. line Allport secured and fell over; a Beckett failed at goal and the score was—N.C. 17, S.C.E.G.S. 8.

Once more Newington attacked and Tasker, receiving a good pass from Roberts scored, but Stewart failed to convert, and the score stood at 20 to 8 in Newington's favour. Shortly afterwards the whistle went for time.

Generally speaking, our forwards did good work, but we were out-classed and out-played by our opponent's back divi-

sion, who saw where the weakness lay with us, and made good use of their knowledge.

Saturday, 14th May, v. Sydney High School. Played at Alexandria Oval, and won by 39-0. Referee, Mr. C. E. Morgan.

Team.—Full-back, Merewether; three-quarters, H. R. Braddon, Hay, Williams, E. L. Morgan; halves, Hamilton, a'Beckett; forwards, Allport, Dodds, R. Tucker, Voss, Bassett, Irving, Heath, and W. Tucker.

S.C.E.G.S. kicked off, and Hay punted the return high, and Williams following on secured, passed to Hay, to Morgan, the latter being tackled. A lot of line-play followed, and from a quick throw-out W. Tucker picked up and passed to Morgan, who scored well in the corner; the attempt at goal failed (3-0). Williams took the ball well from the drop-out and passed to Hay, to Braddon, who then passed back to Hay, to Williams, and the latter scored; again the kick failed (6-0). Our forwards showed themselves rather too eager, and were penalised several times for off-side, S.H.S. using their advantage well in kicking. From one of a series of scrums after a line-out, Irving picked up and passed to Heath, who scored, but the attempt at goal again failed, leaving the score at 9-0 in favour of S.C.E.G.S. After the drop-out the ball was sent into touch and from the line out a'Beckett passed to Hamilton, whose pass was missed by Braddon, but R. Tucker following up secured the ball and scored close to the corner; a'Beckett missed at goal (12-0).

S.H.S. returned to the attack very well and found touch after the drop-out had been returned by Hay. Unfortunately for them their half-back had to retire, having received a nasty kick over the eye; and from the scrum following a knock-on, a'Beckett passed to Hamilton to Morgan, who scored, but no extra points were obtained (15-0).

In the second-half, S.H.S. kicked off and the ball was forced down the line by our forwards and sent into touch, and

Bassett took it and passed to Dodds, who, with Voss, had been following on hard, but S.H.S. blocked the rush. Again a'Beckett passed to Hamilton, to Hay and Morgan, who was well tackled, and Irving, picking up, passed to Heath, who was forced out at the corner flag. S.H.S. made a good drop-out, and as Braddon knocked on a scrum was formed, from which a'Beckett passed to Braddon on the blind side and the latter scored; no goal resulted (18-0). A lot of loose play followed, both sides being rather disorganised, and W. Tucker failed at goal from a penalty for illegal tackling. Shortly afterwards Hamilton scored from a pass-out by a'Beckett, and the latter converted, making the score 23-0.

Hay took the kick-off, and a good piece of passing by the three-quarters ended in Morgan scoring; and a'Beckett again converted, making 28-0.

High School now made several strong rallies, and pressing their opponents hard brought the ball very close to our line, but Heath intercepted, and Hamilton and Williams following on the kick, the latter scored, the kick at goal failing, and the score being 31-0. Two more tries were gained, the first after a good piece of play by Hamilton, who ran right between the posts; the second by Irving. W. Tucker converted the latter try and the game ended with the score 39-0 in favour of S.C.E.G.S.

Thursday, 19th May, v. St. Joseph's College. Played at North Sydney, and won 6 to 3. Referee, Mr. C. E. Morgan.

Team.—Full-back, F. P. Macintyre; three-quarters, Braddon, Hay, Williams, Morgan; halves, Hamilton, a'Beckett; forwards, Allport, Dodds, R. Tucker, Bassett, Voss, Heath, Brown, W. Tucker.

St. Joseph's kicked off, defending the southern end of the ground. The ball was returned into touch at half-way, and a'Beckett from the line-out set S.C.E.G.S. backs going. They got well down, but Meldrum marked for St. Joseph's, and with a good line-kick sent play back to our 25. Roche marked here from a short

kick, but the attempt at goal failed. Close play was followed by a good line kick by a'Beckett, which transferred play to St. Joseph's 25. After a line-out near half-way Braddon marked, but Macintyre failed to find the line. Meldrum again sent the play back to our 25, and St. Joseph's forwards took the ball over our line, but Macintyre forced.

S.C.E.G.S. forwards now played very hard on the ball, Dodds and R. Tucker being prominent. Braddon followed up a good kick, nearly scored, but lost the ball; he shortly afterwards found the line well near the corner, and a'Beckett, securing the ball from a scrum after the line-out, passed to Braddon on the blind side and the latter scored. The kick by W. Tucker just went over the post (3-0).

After the drop-out, the forwards of both sides made the game very fast. Brown (who had taken Irving's place, as the latter was unable to play), Bassett, Heath and W. Tucker showing out well for S.C.E.G.S., Cody and Appleby for St. Joseph's. The game went from side to side of the field about half-way, until a good passing rush by S.C.E.G.S. three-quarters was rather spoilt by Hay missing the ball, and St. Joseph's forwards brought the game back to half-way. Williams relieved by a good kick, and fast play ensued, but St. Joseph's being off-side Macintyre put the ball out near the corner, and shortly afterwards failed in a kick from a mark. St. Joseph's forwards made the game fast, but again got off-side, and Macintyre kicked a good goal from a penalty near half-way, making the score 6-0 in favour of S.C.E.G.S.

In the second half the kick-off was followed by a series of line kicks by both sides and the ball went out at half-way. Williams secured, and by good kicking transferred play to St. Joseph's 25, where Meldrum again relieved. Macintyre took the ball, and instead of running across and passing, took a drop at the goal, but failed. Again St. Joseph's brought the game to half-way, but three times in succession S.C.E.G.S. kicked into touch, and from the line-out the ball was rushed over the line, but was forced.

St. Joseph's now made a strong attack, and some very good play ended in Walsh scoring near the corner; the kick at goal failed and the score was S.C.E.G.S. 6, St. Joseph's 3.

Once more they attacked, and from a scrum their backs were set going; but good tackling by S.C.E.G.S. prevented them scoring, and from a mark by Williams, Macintyre found the line. Again the forwards of both sides made the game very fast. Morgan marked and Macintyre sent the ball into touch at half-way, and shortly afterwards the whistle ended the game with the score—S.C.E.G.S. 6, St. Joseph's 3.

As may be judged from the above account the match was a fast, even game, and there was very little difference between the teams, S.C.E.G.S. proving perhaps a little superior in combination between the various divisions. The line-kicking of both sides was fairly good, but on several occasions, though the kicks were long, they did not gain as much as they should have done, especially as there was little or no wind to interfere with the kicking.

Wednesday, 25th May, v. The King's School. Played at North Sydney, and lost 14-5. Referee, Mr. C. E. Morgan.

Team.—Full-back, Macintyre; three-quarters, Braddon, Hay, Williams, Morgan; halves, Hamilton, a'Beckett; forwards, Allport, Dodds, R. Tucker, Bassett, Voss, W. Tucker, Brown and Heath.

S.C.E.G.S. kicked off against the wind, and on the ball being returned, Williams found the line near T.K.S. 25. After the line out Ross, for T.K.S., transferred the play to half-way, and play continued very fast, till an off-side by S.C.E.G.S. gave King's School a chance of following on a high punt, but the ball was sent into touch. From a free kick Macintyre put the ball out again, and at the line-out T.K.S. forwards broke through and came along with a rush, kicking the ball over the line, but Williams' pace enabled him to force. After the drop-out Bundoock with a clever kick found the line at

the 25 yards post, and Smith, securing from the line-out, and finding himself blocked, dropped for goal, but missed and Macintyre forced. The play now became very fast and exciting, and both sides played very strongly. S.C.E.G.S. forwards brought the play to half-way, where again T.K.S. with an excellent line-kick sent the ball out at the corner, and Bundock taking from the line-out, passed to Rutledge, who beat S.C.E.G.S. three-quarter and scored. Bundock converted and T.K.S. led 5-0. After the kick off the ball went into touch at half-way, and just after the line-out a free kick was given against S.C.E.G.S. for picking up. Bay marked the kick, but Macintyre failed to find touch, and Rutledge, with a very good kick, put the ball into touch at the 25 flag; an almost exact repetition of this took place, and from the line out T.K.S. kicked rather hard to Macintyre, who ran hard to half-way and kicked into touch before he was tackled. Voss secured from the line-out and kicked well to T.K.S. 25, but again the latter rushed the ball down, though S.C.E.G.S. opposed well. The ball was kicked over our line, and Allport forced. Shortly after the drop-out, Bundock secured from a scrum within S.C.E.G.S. 25 and passed to Harrison, who scored. Little failed to convert. T.K.S. led 8-0.

Very fast play followed, and S.C.E.G.S. forwards making a very good rush, forced the ball past T.K.S. three-quarters, and W. Tucker following on very fast kicked over the line and scored a good try, though it was rather disastrous to himself and his side, as he injured his collar-bone in the dive for the ball and had to retire, S.C.E.G.S. playing from that on with 14 men. a'Beckett converted the try with a good kick, leaving the score 8 to 5 in favour of T.K.S. After the kick-off, T.K.S., with very good combined play, kept the ball near their opponents' 25, and Macintyre forced after the ball had been kicked over the line; the whistle sounded shortly after this for half-time.

The kick-off in the second half dropped into touch and a scrum was formed in the centre. Hamilton took the ball, after

some loose play, and found the line well. From the line out See kicked a little hard and Macintyre, with a long punt, transferred the game to T.K.S. 25, where Ross with an answering punt sent it back to the line well within S.C.E.G.S. 25. From the line out T.K.S. rushed the ball down to our corner and Binnie securing it dived over and scored, but Little failed to convert. T.K.S. 11-5.

After an exchange of kicks by Ross and Macintyre, Bundock marked, and after the kick a free was given to S.C.E.G.S. for off-side. Again Ross warded off the attack by our forwards and play became very fast. After a good rush Little, of King's School, kicked to Braddon, who dribbled to half-way, but the ball was sent back again, and a free kick against T.K.S. enabled Macintyre to find the line at half-way. Here Voss for S.C.E.G.S. dribbled well to the corner, but again T.K.S. forced it back yard by yard until from a mark Ross tried for goal, but the kick fell short and Macintyre transferred play to half-way. From a line-out near our 25, T.K.S. forwards dribbled to the line and Williams kicked out at the corner. Bundock cleverly threw out to one of his forwards, and the latter dived over and scored. Little failed to convert and the score at full-time was T.K.S. 14, S.C.E.G.S. 5.

The game was an excellent display of hard football, the line-kicking of Bundock and Ross standing out, while Macintyre did very good work for his side. The forwards of both sides played very fast and followed on excellently, the S.C.E.G.S. team particularly, knowing the strength of the other side, were very fast and tackled extremely well. It was difficult to single out any one in particular, for it was essentially as a pack that they worked, doing their best to make up for the loss of Tucker; while they were well seconded by their backs nipping in and stifling the passes, which it was the object of T.K.S. to make.

Wednesday, 1st June, v. Sydney Grammar School. Played at Rushcutter's Bay and won 3-0. Referee, Mr. G. S. Stiles.

Team.—Full-back, Macintyre; three-quarters, Braddon, Hay, Williams, Morgan; halves, Hamilton, a'Beckett; forwards, Allport, Minty, R. Tucker, Bassett, Voss, Heath, Brown, S. R. Coward.

S.C.E.G.S. won the toss, and S.G.S. kicked off against the wind, Macintyre returning the ball to half-way. From the line out S.G.S. kicked to Hamilton, who punted well, and the ball went into touch near the S.G.S. 25. A mark enabled them to clear, but our forwards pressed, until Grieve (S.G.S.) with a good kick relieved. From a scrum near the centre, Heath dribbled to S.G.S. 25, and Braddon, picking up, failed to put it out with his left foot, but kicked along the line. Evans securing for S.G.S. kicked into touch. Play for some time hovered near the centre, until S.G.S. kicked to Macintyre, who found the line well down the field. From the line-out we kicked the ball over and into touch-in-goal. Good kicking by Evans relieved S.G.S. for a while, but Macintyre sent them back to their own 25. S.G.S. forwards now made a very determined rush to our 25, but Heath and Coward brought play back to half-way. A good piece of passing, in which our forwards joined, took the ball to S.G.S. 25, where Stewart relieved, but S.C.E.G.S. came on again and from a scrum near the 25 line a'Beckett passed to Hamilton, to Williams, Hay and Morgan, who was dragged down near the line. Again from the scrum a'Beckett passed to Hamilton, who fumbled, but recovered the ball and dived over; the kick at goal was unsuccessful, and the score was 3-0 in favour of S.C.E.G.S. After the drop-out play continued in the centre until Heath, Voss and Tucker got the ball on the toe and kicked over the line, but Farrar, the full-back, beat Heath for the ball and forced. Again our forwards, with Voss and Tucker leading, rushed, but the movement was spoilt by a forward pass, and the half-time whistle went with the score unchanged.

Almost at the start of the second half, the ball, which had become very greasy owing to the ground being very wet, and some slight showers, was knocked on by

Hamilton. From the scrum, after S.G.S. had broken through, Heath secured, but passed forward and another scrum was formed. Our forwards had the better of the scrum-work; but the ball was too greasy for accurate handling. S.G.S. kicked rather too hard to Macintyre, who punted into touch near the corner. From the line out a scrum was ordered for held-ball: a'Beckett secured and passed to Hamilton, Williams, Hay and Braddon; who made a mistake in trying to cut in instead of making for the corner, and was held up on the line. S.G.S. again combined well and brought the game down to our 25, but Heath, Tucker and Brown returned it to half-way where Evans marked and found the line at our 25. Here S.G.S. forwards attacked, but Heath, Tucker and Coward got the ball on the toe, and ran it back to half-way. An exchange of kicks by the opposing backs left play at half-way, where a'Beckett kicked and Evans relieved with a punt which sent the ball over the line into touch. The game was fast, considering the nature of the ground, and there was not much difference between the teams in the open, though S.C.E.G.S. forwards were superior in scrums. From one of these Voss, Heath and Tucker were instrumental in taking the ball up to S.G.S. 25, where Evans marked. After the kick our forwards again attacked, but Willis relieved and S.G.S. came down the field again. Macintyre sent the ball back, and the game ended in neutral territory. Final score—S.C.E.G.S. 3, S.G.S. 0.

The following were the results of other matches:—

1st XV.

April 21st v. University III. School ground. Scoreless draw.

April 23rd v. Wayfarer F.C. School ground. Won 22-0. Our opponents played with two men short owing to cricket competitions not having finished. Tries were obtained by Hagen (2), a'Beckett, Hamilton, and Williams. a'Beckett kicked a penalty goal: White, W. Tucker and Hay each converted one try.

April 27th v. Bebarfald's F.C. School ground. Won 18-0. Tries were scored by a'Beckett (2), R. Tucker and Williams. Three were converted by a'Beckett.

April 30th v. Taralga F.C. School ground. Drawn game, 6-6. Brooks scored twice.

June 4th, v. Warroo F.C. No. 2 Oval. Lost 18-0. Referee, Mr. Harding. Warroo were too heavy and clever for us, especially in the back division. Our forwards held them very well in the scrum and obtained the ball more often than not.

June 11th, v. Wayfarer F.C. No. 2 Oval. Won 39-0. Referee, Mr. Frith.

2ND XV.

April 13th, v. University IV. School ground. Won by 19 to 3. For us tries were obtained by Williams (2), Morgan, Brooks and Martin, while Hamilton converted two. University scored in the first half.

April 16th, v. Warroo II. School ground. Won by 17 to 0. The following scored:—Martin, Allport, a'Beckett (2), while a'Beckett kicked a penalty goal and converted one try.

April 23rd, v. Mosman Junior F.C. School ground. Lost 23-3. Referee, Mr. Frith.

April 30th, v. St. James' F.C. School ground. Lost 16-3. Referee, Mr. Frith. The only try for us was gained by Morgan, who followed on fast after some loose work and scored.

May 4th, v. Scot's College. No. 2 oval. Lost 18-3. The forwards made fair efforts, but, poor play among the backs let the other side in several times. Minty scored one try, but it was not converted.

May 11th, v. Newington College II. No. 2 oval. Won 11-6. Morgan scored a good try in the first half and Bowly converted. Morell and Bowly each scored one in the second half.

May 19th, v. St. Joseph's College II. No. 2 Oval. Lost 23-0. Backs were very poor, while the forwards fought a good uphill game, but lacked any combination.

May 14th, v. Sydney High School II. Alexandria Oval. Won 6-0. Referee, Mr. Frith. Morell scored in the first half, and Lillyman in the second. Neither try was converted.

May 25th, v. The King's School II. No. 2 Oval. Lost 41-0. In the first half T.K.S. ran over us, but our forwards made a much better showing in the second half.

June 1st, v. Sydney Grammar School. Rushcutter's Bay. Lost 12-3. Referee, Mr. W. J. Millner. Bowly kicked a good penalty goal.

June 4th, v. St. Columba F.C. No. 2 oval. Lost 12-3. Referee, Mr. Dixon. In this match also our only score was made by Bowly kicking a penalty goal.

June 11th, v. St. James' F.C. No. 2 Oval. Lost 14-6. Referee, Mr. Dixon. Tries were gained by Tracey and Martin.

3RD XV.

April 14th, v. Y.M.C.A. III. School ground. Lost 25-0. Referee, Mr. Frith.

April 30th, v. Barker College II. Hornsby. Lost 17-5. Maguire scored a good try, which Elworthy converted.

May 11th, v. Newington College III. School ground. Lost 18-0. Referee, Mr. Frith.

May 19th, v. St. Joseph's College III. School ground. Lost 29-0. Referee, Mr. Frith. Our opponets were much too heavy and clever for us.

May 25th, v. The King's School III. School ground. Lost 18-0. Referee, Mr. Frith.

June 1st, v. Sydney Grammar School III. Rushcutter's Bay. Lost 34-0.

4TH XV.

April 30th, v. N.C. IV. At Newington. Lost 31-0.

May 27th, v. S.H.S. IV. School ground. Won 11-0. Referee, Mr. Frith.

June 4th, v. S.G.S. IV. Rushcutter's Bay. Lost 25-11. Scorers for us were

Tracey i., Mayers and Seaton, and the latter converted one.

June 11th, v. T.K.S. IV. Parramatta. Lost 34-0.

5TH XV.

April 30th, v. N.C. V. Newington. Lost 12-0.

May 28th, v. Barker College III. School ground. Lost 41-0. Referee, Mr. Ross.

June 4th, v. S.G.S. V. Rushcutter's Bay. Drawn game, 3-3. Mayne ii. scored.

June 11th, v. T.K.S., Parramatta. Lost 93-0.

6TH XV.

April 30th, v. N.C. VI. Newington. Drawn game, 3-3. Mayne ii. scored once for us.

May 28th, v. C.E.G.S. Preparatory School. School ground. Lost 6-5. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

June 4th, v. Randwick Preparatory School. School ground. Won 15-0. Scores by Braddon iii. (2), Rodgers ii., Alderton, Fraser. Referee, G. R. Hamilton.

7TH XV.

June 3rd, v. St. Andrew's Choir School. School ground. Lost 6-0. Referee, Mr. Ross.

COLOUR MATCHES.

Grounds: A Grade on No. 2 Oval; B Grade on School Ground, except on 18th May.

A GRADE RESULTS.

In matches which were not drawn the first-named colour won.

Tuesday, April 26, Blue v. White, 6-0. Scorers were Hall ii. and Loveday. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Thursday, May 5th, Blue v. Red, 15-0. Scorers were Loveday (2), Kelynack, McPhillamy ii., Morell. Referee, E. H. Dodds.

Tuesday, May 10th, Blue v. White, 9-5. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Thursday, May 12th, White v. Red, 9-0. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Tuesday, May 17th, Red v. Blue, 6-5. A well-contested game. Tracey i. and Phelps each obtained a try for Red; Loveday for Blue, which Scott i. converted. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Tuesday, May 24th, Blue v. White, 14-3. For Blue the tries were obtained by Loveday (2), Mayers, and McPhillamy ii., one of which Scott i. converted; for White, Ross kicked a good penalty goal. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Thursday, May 26th, White v. Red, 21-0. Tries were obtained by Hagen (4), Digby, Seaton, and Seaton kicked a penalty goal. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Tuesday, May 31st, Blue v. Red, 31-0. Scorers of tries were Warden (2), Mellersh, Mayne i., Colley, Hall ii., and Loveday; Scott i. converted 5. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Thursday, June 2nd, White v. Blue. Scoreless draw. The ball very difficult to handle as the ground was very wet. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

Tuesday, June 7th, White v. Red, 9-0. Scorers for White were Hagen, Seaton, Suttor ii. Referee, G. R. Hamilton.

Thursday, June 9th, Blue v. Red, 12-0. Scores by Thompson i., Mayers, Colley, Warden. Referee, G. R. Hamilton.

B GRADE RESULTS.

Thursday, April 28th, Blue v. White, 8-6. Dillon scored twice for White, Mayers twice for Blue, one of which Treloar converted. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Monday, May 2nd, Red v. White, 3-3. Mayne scored for Red. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Monday, May 9th, Blue v. White, 10-6. For Blue Mayers and Blackwood scored twice, both of which Boyce converted, while Braddon iii. and Thompson iii. scored tries for White. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Thursday, May 12th, Red v. White, 3-0. Alderton scored for Red. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Monday, May 16th, Red v. Blue, 10-0. Mayne ii. and Smith v. scored tries, both of which were converted by Mayne. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Wednesday, May 18th, White v. Blue, 3-0. Thompson ii. scored the only try for White. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Monday, May 23rd, Red v. White, 3-3. For Red, Mayne ii. scored, and Boyce ii. for White. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Thursday, May 26th, Blue v. Red, 21-0. The tries were obtained by Mayers (3),

Powell, Langford, McCall, McCowan and Corlette. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Thursday, June 2nd, White v. Blue, 6-0. Scorers for White were Thompson iii. and Braddon iii. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Tuesday, June 7th, White v. Red, 45-0. Tries were obtained by Thompson ii (3), Thompson iii. (3), Boyce ii. (2), Smith ii. (2), Stanton, Rodgers and Anderson iii. Boyce ii., Braddon iii. and Scott iv. each converted one try. Referee, Mr. Ross.

Thursday, June 9th, Blue v. Red, 3-3. Mackinnon scored for Red, Boyce iii. for Blue. Referee, Mr. Ross.

RESULTS OF COLOUR COMPETITION.

	"A" GRADE.				"B" GRADE.				Total.
	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	
BLUE ...	6	1	1	19½	2	5	1	5	24½
WHITE ...	3	3	1	10½	4	2	2	10	20½
RED ...	1	6	0	3	3	2	3	9	12

Red A and White A have one match to play.

The Cadet Corps.

A NUMBER of recruits joined at the beginning of the Term and will be drafted into the companies at the beginning of next Term. A great deal of dissatisfaction is caused and recruits are considerably discouraged by the delay in obtaining uniforms. In some cases recruits who were measured in February have not received their uniforms yet, and consequently, although thoroughly fit in other respects, cannot drill with the detachment on any important occasion.

On April 9th, a field day for officers and N.C.O.'s of the 3rd Battalion was

held at Maroubra Bay. The whole number was organised as a company; and some interesting and instructive practice was obtained in advancing over rough country, out-post duty and various other movements in attack and defence. The day's work showed up the comparative inexperience of both officers and N.C.O.'s in this class of work, and it is unfortunate that the interruptions of this term have left barely sufficient time to make the companies sound in company and squad drill to the neglect of the more important part of military training. Next

term more time can be devoted to field work.

On Tuesday, May 3rd, a battalion parade was held at Centennial Park and instruction in advanced guard duties and skirmishing was given under the direction of the battalion staff.

On the death of His Majesty King Edward VII. all parades and rifle practices were discontinued. The 3rd Battalion attended the impressive memorial service at Centennial Park on May 19th, a full muster of G and L Companies being present.

On Empire Day the corps was drawn up on the School ground to receive Professor David, who delivered the annual address. Before going into the Hall, our distinguished visitor passed down the ranks of the companies and addressed them at some length, complimenting them on their smart and soldierly bearing.

The use of the rifle range at Sailor Bay has been obtained for the rest of the year and regular practice has been carried on there and at Randwick. As most of last year's team are still at School, this year's team should give a good account of itself at the end of the year.

Colour-Sergeant L. Trenerry has been elected Captain of Shooting, and has himself been showing greatly improved form, his last three practice shots being—

200 ...	—	34	35 out of 35
500 ...	34	34	34 out of 35
600 ...	30	32	29 out of 35

At the rifle meeting held on June 6 at Randwick, Colour-Sergeant Trenerry and Lance-Corporal H. Pulling each secured 5/- prizes, and Sergeant Maclean 10/- running man, their scores being—Trenerry 35 at 200, Pulling 35 at 200.

Col.-Sgt. Trenerry (G Co.) and Corp. Rayment (L Co.) were chosen in the battalion team, and the former obtained second highest score for the team with 65 out of 80.

The miniature range has been in constant use for four afternoons of every week.

A B.S.A. miniature rifle has been obtained and has raised the standard of shooting considerably.

The corps has been strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Ross to a commission, whose experience in the University Scouts will prove of material assistance.

N.C.O.'s of the two companies are as follows:—G Co.: Colour-Sergeant L. Trenerry, Sergeants Newmarch, Maclean, L. Williams, Hamilton, Corporals Heath, Hutchinson, Jones, Simpson, Lance-Corporals H. Pulling, Phelps, Fenwick, Dent.

L. Co.: Colour-Sergeant Anderson, Sergeants L. Hutchinson, C. McCulloch, E. E. Boyce, R. Saddington, Corporals Sturrock, Rayment, Walker, Buck, Lance-Corporals L. Richardson, F. Richardson, Bennett.

C. C. J. Minty has received a commission as Lieutenant on probation, and P. E. Voss has applied for a similar commission.

Instructional Trek to Long Bay.

ON April 8th, 1906 Officers, N.C.O.'s and Cadets of the 3/C.M.S.C.C. turned out for an instructional trek under Major Dove to Long Bay. The various detachments were formed up into a company under the command of Captain Pulling, G Company, who had as his Colour-Sgt. Lieut. Harris, L Company. The force detrained at Maroubra Bay Road, and, forming up into column of route, it marched about half-a-mile along the road, where practice in skirmishing and extending through obstacles was gone through. The route was then resumed, and about a quarter of a mile further on the company wheeled behind a hill, and thence by half companies gained the top. The descent on the other side was commenced and marshy ground was encountered, but was successfully passed through, and then an attack of half companies in column of squads formation was made on a distant hill

held by a powerful force. The hill was carried after a fierce assault, and the company proceeded by the Long Bay Road to attack their mid-day meal. After this halt work was resumed, and information having been brought that a hostile force was in the vicinity, a section of scouts under Lieut. Wiltshire proceeded to ascertain their position. The remaining sections formed a supporting body, and an outpost was placed on a hill commanding a view of the country. The enemy were discovered on a hill, and six men under Sergt.-Major Digby were detailed to make a flank attack. Soon after this, the enemy were defeated and all entrained for Sydney after a heavy and instructive day's work. On this occasion the services of the newly-appointed signallers were called into account, and on the whole the O.C. had every reason to be satisfied with the work done by all and sundry.

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Old Boys' Union.

ADDRESS TO REV. D. DAVIES, M.A.

17th March, 1910.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Old Boys' Union.

Dear Mr. Davies,—

The Old Boys' have heard with great sorrow that you are compelled, through over-work, to take a long leave of absence and go far away from the familiar old surroundings in which you are, to their memories, ever present and unceasingly active.

They have, therefore, delegated us to ask you to accept the accompanying token of their sympathy and goodwill, and to use it among the other means prescribed for your recovery.

At the same time they wish us to assure you how gratefully they remember what they owe to your teaching, religious and secular, given by way both of instruction and example; how they value and admire your most unselfish, most unstinted work in the interests of all Old Boys, and the

solidarity of the School; how deeply and personally affectionate is their feeling towards you.

The Old Boys' Union, so greatly your own creation, though now it has reached a record membership, has merged itself in the whole body of Old Boys for the purpose of which we write. It is the prayer of all who are Old Boys that you may return to duty with health and strength renewed for many more years of work as Pastor and Master of many more boys who will grow to be old in loyalty to the School and devotion to yourself as chief of the torch-bearers among all its generations.

We are, dear Mr. Davies (for the subscribers), very sincerely yours,

(Here follow the signatures of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Committee of the Union.)

The Committee has granted Keith Williams leave of absence from his duties as Hon. Secretary owing to pressure of work, and C. J. Tozer has been appointed locum tenens.

G. E. Browne has gone into partnership with C. T. Dale under the firm name of Browne & Dale, and they will carry on business as stock and station agents at Gunnedah. We wish them all success.

R. J. A. Massie rowed 7 in the crew that represented Sydney University in the Inter-Varsity race at Melbourne on June 7th.

We offer congratulations to Bruce Dowling, who has gained a P. N. Russell Scholarship. He is now going through the course for mechanical and electrical engineer at the University.

E. L. Hutchinson has been admitted a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh.

HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The following Old Boys obtained their diplomas after a two years' course (1908-1910):—E. D. Miller, J. D. Thomson. Bartholomew took his Farm Practical Certificate, being unable through illness to sit for his final practical examination. A. C. Arnot obtained his 1st Year Certificate, gaining 4th aggregate prize. W. T. Jones obtained his Farm Certificate, K. Jacob his Piggery Certificate, R. Holden his Full Dairy Certificate, J. A. Elliot, his Cheese-making Certificate.

In sports, C. M. Warden and R. Boyce were awarded colours, having played in 1909 1st XV. In 1910 1st XV. Garbett and Arnot are playing. Porter (Colours) and Sendall are playing in the 1st hockey. In 1909-10 1st XI. Francis obtained batting average.

ANNUAL DINNER.—The Old Boys' Annual Dinner was held on April 6th. There were present:—W. B. Clarke (in chair), His Grace the Archbishop, Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C., Allan Ramsay, D'Arcy Roberts, J. D. Armytage, A. D. Fisher, F. N. Firth, R. C. Adams, R. L. Sayers, H. A. Roberts, R. J. Massie, D. Williams, M. L.

Clarke, V. Y. Deane, F. P. Hopkins, G. Gunning, C. P. Allen, N. W. Turton, A. H. Yarnold, P. E. Browne, G. B. Bröwne, R. O. Dent, B. S. Dowling, R. Fotheringham, H. Ireland, A. K. Joscelyne, B. C. Hope, C. H. Linton, G. M. Marsh, H. Meredith, C. E. Rich, R. Roberts, C. W. Sinclair, A. B. S. White, I. L. Longwill, B. C. Pockley, — Nicholls, W. F. Stephenson, J. L. Pulling, J. O. Harris, G. R. C. Clarke, C. W. Rundle, H. V. Jaques, I. G. Mackay, N. Y. Deane, H. H. I. Massie, A. D. Hall, K. Williams.

Subscriptions to the Old Boys' Union have been received from the

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Our University Letter.

AS this is the first 'Varsity letter that has appeared in the "Torch-bearer," the writers hope, at the commencement, that the readers will be merciful in criticism.

Old Boys have been well to the fore in all branches of University life during 1909 and 1910. From the point of view of learning, which Professors erroneously (?) regard as more important, congratulations are offered to J. G. Fitzhardinge on his joining the swelling ranks of the medical profession. Other old boys successful in various years in medicine are F. G. A. Pockley 4th, M. P. Smith 3rd, P. A. C. Davenport, H. St. Vincent Welch, D. J. Smith, B. C. Pockley and C. J. Tozer. Smith obtained credit in Physics, B. Pockley distinction in Chemistry and credit in Physics, and

Tozer high distinction in Chemistry. R. B. Minnett and R. G. F. Fitzhardinge are doing their 3rd year. In Engineering, H. H. I. Massie has now become a qualified civil engineer, and has gone to England for experience. C. A. Pennefather, C. Deane and L. Lehmaer all succeeded in passing 1st year, and the latter is going to an American University.

In Arts, K. B. F. Lumsdaine successfully negotiated his final exam. for B.A. with 3rd class honors in Latin, and is now teaching at the Preparatory School, Mosman. C. E. Rich, C. W. Sinclair and S. E. Blight passed 2nd year, the latter with credit in Greek, while D. Williams and J. H. Stephenson have left 1st year behind them; the former topping the lists in English and being high up in Latin.

In sport, Old Boys have been very prominent. In cricket, R. B. Minnett obtained his N.S.W. blue, accompanying the N.S.W. team to Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart. He was also a prominent member of the successful 'Varsity XI., and is well up in both batting and bowling averages. H. H. I. Massie also brought himself under the notice of the "powers that be" in cricketing circles by an exceptionally brilliant score of 168 not out against Petersham. He had a most successful season with the 'Varsity 1st XI., but left for England before the competition ended. In the 2nd XI. C. J. Tozer has batted consistently and reproduced some of his old school form.

Amongst the footballers, B. Pockley is most noticeable. He obtained his football blue, playing in all the matches with the "A" team and accompanying them to Melbourne and New Zealand, where his play met with favourable report. This year he is Secretary of the 1st XV.

In athletics, Pockley, Minnett and Welch were representatives in the University team in Melbourne. Pockley gained his athletic blue (thus being a double blue) in the broad jump with a fine effort of 21 feet 11 inches.

In rowing, R. J. Fitzhardinge rowed in the University Champion Eight,

and along with R. J. A. Massie has rowed with the 'Varsity Eight in Melbourne in June of this year, D. Williams has also been rowing in open races with some success.

In tennis, Tozer, Williams, Minnett and Pockley have all played in the 'Varsity tournament. It is a pity that tennis is not played at school. A few promising recruits might then be brought out for the Tennis Club.

Our readers will be glad to hear that more of the Old Boys of the school are now finding their way to the Colleges. There are at present eight at St. Paul's and four at St. Andrew's and all are doing their best to keep their own College to the fore. It would require too much space to detail their doings, so the writers refrain.

Amongst the freshers from the school this year is R. J. A. Massie, of whom much should be heard in the future, more especially in sport.

In conclusion, the writers hope that every fresher from the school who comes to the 'Varsity will realise that it is his duty to try and keep the name of his old school well to the front, and that he will do his utmost to take part in some branch of 'University life

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The following books have been added:—

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1424	The Australian Golfer	D. G. Soutar
1425	Poetical Works	E. Spenser

1258A	The Little Black Princess of the Never Never	Mrs. A. Gunn
1426	King Spruce	H. Day
1333A	Voyage of the Sesame	A. C. Curtis
1131E	The House in the Water	C. G. D. Roberts
1427	Things Worth Thinking About	T. G. Tucker
1173A	In the Grip of the Nyika	J. H. Patterson
321M	Actions and Reactions	R. Kipling
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814A	Literary Essays	R. H. Hutton
1429	Greek-English Lexicon	H. G. Liddle and R. Scott
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1127B	I Will Maintain	M. Bowen
1065B	Studies in Poetry	S. A. Brooke
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1431	Stories from Shakespeare	M. S. Townsend
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A Supplementary Catalogue has been prepared, and will be ready for issue next term. This Supplement has been compiled by Maclean i. and Anderson i.

School Calendar.

March 23—Term I. ends; Presentation of Swimming and Shooting Prizes by Mrs. Hodges.

April 24 } —Annual Rowing Camp at Gladesville.
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4—Term II. begins.

6—Old Boys' Annual Dinner.

9—Field Day for Officers and N.C.O's., Maroubra Bay.

- April 14—Presentation of Rowing Scarves by Mrs. Massie.
 „ 20—G.P.S. Regatta, Parramatta River.
 „ 21—1st XV. v. University III. Draw, 0-0.
 „ 23—1st XV. v. Wayfarer F.C. Won.
 „ 30—1st XV. v. Taralga F.C. Draw, 6-6.
 May 3—Battalion Parade, Centennial Park.
 „ 4—Anniversary Day.
 „ 4—1st XV. v. St. Ignatius College. Lost, 11-12.
 „ 6—Presentation of Rowing Trophy by Mrs. Hodges.
 „ 6—Death of King Edward VII.
 „ 8—Anniversary Service.
 „ 10—Accession of King George V.
 „ 11—1st XV. v. Newington College. Lost, 8-20.
 „ 14—1st XV. v. Sydney High School. Won, 39-0.
 „ 18—1st XV. v. St. Joseph's College. Won, 6-3.
 „ 20—Day of Mourning for the Death of King Edward VII.
 „ 20—Church Parade in Centennial Park.
 „ 24—Empire Day. Address by Professor David.
 „ 25—1st XV. v. The King's School. Lost, 5-14.
 June 1—1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Won, 3-0.
 „ 4—1st XV. v. Warroo. Lost 0-15.
 „ 6—King's Birthday. Whole holiday.
 „ 6—Rifle Meeting of 1st and 3rd Battalions at Randwick.
 „ 7—Junior Examinations begin.
 „ 8—School Examinations begin.
 „ 9—Annual Concert and Dramatic Entertainment.
 „ 11—1st XV. v. Wayfarer F.C.
 „ 13—G.P.S. Combined XV. v. University.
 „ 16—Examination for Uther Catechism Prize.
 „ 16—Last day of Term II.

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June 1910



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