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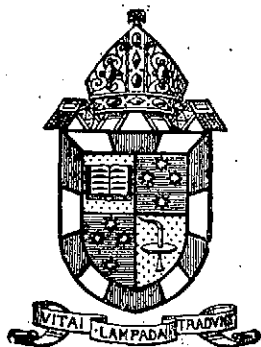
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## The Teaching of English.

WE publish two contributions on this important subject. It will be seen that the writers treat the question from different standpoints.

### I.

Discussing the chance of their own work in competition with acknowledged masterpieces two lights of modern literature are reported to have consoled themselves with the thought of how heavily the latter were handicapped by being used as an instrument of education.

The letter of the anecdote may well be apocryphal, but it is true enough in the spirit. Certainly a course of "English" is the thing least likely to bring anyone to the reading of what we are pleased to term "good" literature; it leads simply up to the passing of an examination. Examination mad as the world is, 'Seniors,' 'Juniors' and the like are necessary evils it is useless to bewail; for the sake of bread and butter, if nothing else, they have to be passed and rather than chant a *quanta patimur* it is more pertinent to con-

sider whether an examination must inevitably kill all interest in a subject which could reasonably be expected to touch us most nearly.

To begin with the indictment, the "Senior," in addition to two prescribed books, requires a general knowledge of English literature from Beowulf to our own time, so that even a mediocre pass means either an out-of-the-way precocity or a very thorough cramming, and usually the latter. The "Literature" part of the course then is little more than a memorising of criticisms of authors who are little more than names. Making a judicious selection an adroit candidate can wax very eloquent over the merits of Shakespeare and demerits of Swinburne, but his work can hardly be described as conducive to originality or to making the acquaintance of the gentlemen themselves. The "A," "B" or "C" is the sole end of it.

One might reasonably expect that the object of an examination in English Literature is not so much the improvement of the memory as to induce a study of that literature for its own sake and that the candidate would be expected to know something at first hand of the men he expatiates upon. Not only, however, is this an unnecessary adjunct, but it is for the most part precluded not only by the length of the course, but also by the amount of time necessary to "get up" the set books in the required detail — indubitably necessary for a delicate appreciation, but representing to the average student little more than weary "fag" work. It is more desirable to reach, e.g., Shakespeare forming an original, if erratic,

opinion about his excellences than to have all interest effectually killed by long disquisitions as to the exact significance of "He lurched all swords o' the garland," or "God make incision in thee, thou art raw."

Naturally it is easier to point out faults than to suggest improvements, but there are two which are fairly obvious. The first is to put a premium, and no small one, on original work, meaning by "original" no more than a first hand knowledge; the second is to require more "rep."—much more. As things are at present the "rep." is about the only part of the course which has a permanent value. At the worst it is a better memory trainer than prose criticisms and now-a-days, when we refuse to learn either Greek or Latin verse and blame our ancestors for bequeathing us bad memories, something to make up this deficiency is decidedly a desideratum; while in many cases,—one is almost tempted to say in the majority,—it is a sure means to an acquaintance with a literature which, when no longer labelled "for examination purposes," will secure devotees enough on its own merits.

## II.

It is a healthy and a hopeful sign that an increased interest is being taken in the effective teaching of English Literature, and it is inevitable that the course at present followed in order to meet the needs of the University examinations should be called before the bar of criticism.

There are two methods of studying English Literature. There is the study

that aims at real appreciation and intimate knowledge of a number of great authors and that values as its best results the possession of opinions upon the masterpieces of the language formed at first hand. This is unquestionably the more excellent course; this is the study of Literature that one would expect a cultivated man to continue through life. But, when followed as a school course, it requires much more time than can be spared to do it adequately, it pre-supposes a considerable capacity for appreciation in those who follow it, and it is liable to the danger of being unsystematic, save when guided by the ablest teachers.

The other method of study is to follow a set course prescribed by the University authorities which is so arranged as to ensure a systematic and thorough knowledge of certain books and a general appreciation of the main tendencies of literary history, with some knowledge of the chief English writers and their works. It will be conceded by most people who are acquainted with the papers set on the English authors in the Senior examination, that in them candidates are not, as a rule, tormented with out-of-the-way questions or with minutiae, the study of which possesses more interest for the pedant than profit for the general reader wishful to understand the mind of an author. The last Senior paper may be pointed to as showing in the questions on the "Merchant of Venice," a model of an examination set to test an intelligent knowledge and appreciation of that drama.

The paper set in Higher English seems at first sight open to just objec-

tion on the ground of the wideness of the extent of knowledge to be tested. The choice of questions must, however, be considered, and in view of the fact that such a choice is allowed, a wise teacher will not overburden his class with excessive material. The charge may be made that criticisms of authors given to those who have no knowledge of their works is futile, and barren of results. But in the first place criticism, while always a handmaid, may often be used as a forerunner to the intimate and loving appreciation of great literature. To many of us De Quincey, or Chaucer, or Spenser would be unknown, but for the things told us of them before we knew what was *in* them. The critic, like Sidney's poet, doth often both show the way and give a sweet prospect into the way. And in the second place the criticism supplied by the teacher may be made real at the cost of a little self-sacrifice, by the master and the pupils, of their spare time. Much can be done by forming at odd times a reading circle, and by the suggestion of books for holiday reading. It may be surmised that an examiner detects the freshness of answers that are written from first-hand knowledge, and places higher value upon them than upon those that are merely learned by rote. Again, in the wider questions set in the second part of the Higher English paper there is to be found suggestion for essays to be done during the year, which prove an excellent stimulus to reading, and set boys browsing in the school library, to their no little interest and profit.

It may be questioned, however, whether in the Junior examination suffi-

cient incentive or opportunity is given for the committal to memory of great passages of poetry: This surely is no unimportant part of education in English literature. "The full meaning," says Prof. Churton Collins, "of what is learned will not be understood, nay perhaps little more than the sensuous charm of harmonious numbers, and what is most obvious in significance will appeal; but as the application of heat brings out

the characters of some forms of secret writing, so life's progressive experience will decipher wisdom and beauty and power where almost all that attracted before were the graces of style and the music of rhythm." The wise teacher will make time for his class to know by heart the greater passages of the author that is being studied and some recognition of this work in the public examination would strengthen the hands of the teacher.

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### December.

Swiftly the dying year draws to a close,  
Soon cometh the end;  
Toil for a season brief yields to repose,  
Soon cometh the end.

Time with the hoary locks hurrieth on,  
Doth even he bide?  
Vain is repining for time that is gone,  
Ne'er doth he bide.

Past opportunities come not again,  
Come never again;  
Sad the remorseful thought, bitter the pain,  
They come not again.

Have we achieved success? do we deserve?  
For candour is truth;  
Calm retrospection seek, haply t'will serve,  
Yea: candour is truth.

What will the New Year bring? hopes,  
Idle dreams?  
Bright bubbles will burst;  
Nay, but some surer light, steady it gleams;  
All bubbles will burst.

Like the bright star of old, faithful it leads  
To nobler deeds;  
Duty its name, its way lieth through deeds,  
Not words, but deeds.

So when the coming year hath waxed and waned,  
Shall it be so?  
Time shall see duty done and guerdons gained.  
Yea, it shall be so.

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### School Notes.

TERM IV. will end on Thursday, December 15th, and Term I., 1911, will begin on Tuesday, January 31st.

The following boys have left since our last issue:—E. H. Dodds (Pre-

fect, Junior 1908, Junior Survey 1909, 1st XV. 1908-1910, Colours 1908, Captain 1910, Combined Schools 1st XV. 1909), C. S. D. Hay (Sub-Prefect, 1st XV., Colours 1910, 2nd Crew 1910), K. A. Bennett (Lance-Corporal in Cadet Corps), C. F. Buck

(Sergeant in Cadet Corps), G. Digby, A. C. J. King, P. F. Fenwick (1st Crew, Colours 1910; Lance Corporal in Cadet Corps), N. H. Langford, H. R. Lomax (1st Crew, Colours 1910; 2nd XV. 1910), R. W. Marsh, L. J. McMaster, E. H. Mills, J. H. Newmarch (1st Crew Cox, Colours 1907, 2nd XV. 1910, Sergeant in Cadet Corps), J. W. Robinson, J. H. C. Simpson (Corporal in Cadet Corps), H. L. Spearman, P. L. Suttor, R. W. Young.

A balance-sheet of the Chapel Fund will be found in the Old Boys' Union notes.

Boys will be glad to know that Mr. C. H. Hodges has improved considerably in health and is able to take active interest in his new sphere of life.

We congratulate Captain Cooke-Russell on his appointment as Area Officer for the Hornsby District. He will hold this position in addition to his position as School Clerk and Drill Instructor to the S.C.E.G.S.

The following boys have entered the School this term:—B. R. Bennett, H. J. H. Bloome, J. Crawford, R. A. Hassall, K. H. D. Hay, H. A. Jones, B. F. May, R. G. A. Mackinnon, R. A. Macdonald, A. Phillips, G. W. Rae.

The result of the Scholarship Examination held on December 1st and 2nd was as follows:—

Council's Junior Scholarship for boys who have not entered the School.—T. W. Iredale (Turramurra College).

Council's Junior Scholarship for boys who entered the School in February last or previously.—N. B. Charlton.

For boys from Church Primary Schools.—J. Melville (St. John's, Darlinghurst).

The following boys were Confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop at Christ Church, North Sydney, on Thursday, December 8th:—Barton, Bennett, Bloome, Boyce ii., Day, Dillon, Duncomb, Elworthy, Ewing, Freeman, Haydon, Hope, Hordern, Loughnan i., Mate, Morgan, Pulling ii., Pulling iii., Reid, Rogers i., Sawyer, Scott i., Scott ii., Tracey iii., Tyson, Williams iii.

K. A. Fraser has been admitted a Sub-Prefect.

In the Combined Schools XI. v. Mr. Macarthur's Eleven the School had three representatives—K. A. Fraser, R. H. D. Merewether, D. I. Macintyre, and C. F. Macintosh (12th man).

At a general sports meeting on October 7th, K. A. Fraser was elected Captain of Cricket.

McCulloch i., Merewether, Macintyre, and Macintosh were elected to the Cricket Sub-Committee.

Also during the Term, Voss ii. was elected to the Rowing Sub-Committee.

Details with regard to blazers in reference to the regulation (passed last year) that three blazers be awarded in each branch of sport, were

settled and passed by the Committee. The intermediate blazer is to have 1st XI., 1st XV., 1st A. respectively on the pocket.

The Athletic Sub-Committee have made the following awards:—Athletic Colours, F. W. M. Busby; Intermediate Blazer (1st A.), L. C. Hutchinson, L. L. Williams; Blazer, L. S. Beckett.

The Cricket Sub-Committee have made the following awards:—Colours, Macintyre, McCulloch i., Merewether, Macintosh, Gregory; 1st Blazer, Hedges, Spencer, Boyce i., Hall iii., Williams i.; 2nd Blazer, Walker, Trenerry, a'Beckett, Scott iii.

On Friday, October 28th, an address was given by two members of the Bush Brotherhood. Rev. J. O. Feetham, who is now well known to us, told us of some of his experiences "out back." We always look forward to

these addresses, which give a picture of life unfamiliar to many of us.

On November 4th, a most interesting address was given by Mr. A. Parker on the life of "Stonewall" Jackson.

On the same date the N.R.A. Shield and Medals were presented to members of the Rifle Team by Mrs. Cullen.

The Rifle Team shot in the "Schools of the Empire" match at Sailor Bay on Friday, December 9th, and the Venour Nathan Shield was competed for on Tuesday, December 13th.

Two meetings of the Debating Society have been held during the Term, the subjects debated being "That no-license should be carried in this electorate," and "That the present Government is worthy of every support." Press of work for the Senior prevented several members from taking an active part.

### Hospital and Mission Fund, 1910, Annual Donations.

	£	s	d			
New Guinea Mission	5	0	0	N.S.W. Benevolent Society	1	1 0
Bush Brotherhood	2	2	0	Melanesian Mission	1	1 0
Royal North Shore Hospital	3	3	0	Australian Board of Missions	2	2 0
Waifs and Strays	1	1	0			
Yarrabali Mission	2	2	0		£27	1 0
Sydney Rescue Society	1	1	0			
Church Missionary Association	1	1	0	Offertory, March 10	6	12 6
Children's Hospital	2	2	0	" May 12	9	4 6
Diocese of Carpentaria	2	2	0	" Nov. 7	5	3 5
District Nursing Association	1	1	0	" Dec. 1	6	1 10
Church Society	1	1	0			
North Sydney Benevolent Society	1	1	0		£27	2 3

### The Staff.

IT is with regret that the School bids farewell at the close of this year to Mr F. N. Frith. Mr. Frith has been on the staff of the School for eleven years, and is thus well known to several generations of boys. He has for eight years been Master in charge of cricket, and his interest in the welfare and success of the School team will be remembered by those who have been fortunate enough to be members of the first eleven. He has been one of the School's representatives on the Great Public Schools Committee, and has zealously worked for us in all branches of school sport. Mr. Frith is opening a Preparatory School at Hunter's Hill, and he carries with him our best wishes for future success and prosperity.

We regret also to bid good-bye to Mr. F. C. Hales, B.A., who has been with us for four years. Mr. Hales has been associated specially with the Modern side of the School, and to boys who have been in his form, the geological excursions arranged by him, and his regular explanation of the meteorological chart appearing in the daily

paper, will be remembered with pleasure. Mr. Hales has presided over the Debating Society from its inception, and has done much to direct and encourage its members. He has for the last two years been in charge of swimming. His varied attainments have made him at all times an interesting companion, and he carries with him to Norway, where he is returning to engage in educational work, the best wishes of masters and boys.

We welcome to the School the two new members of the School Staff—Messrs. C. H. Kaepfel, B.A., and R. P. Franklin, B.A. Mr. Kaepfel, who gained in 1910 the Cooper Travelling Scholarship for Classics, has filled a temporary post at the School since June, and is now appointed as Assistant Master. Mr. Franklin was head of the school at St. Paul's School, London, and represented his school in cricket and football. He was scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge, obtaining First Class in the Classical Tripos, and winning his full "blue" in athletics. Mr. Franklin comes to us from the Geelong Grammar School, where he has been Assistant Master.

### The Debating Society.

THIS fragment, lately discovered, has been handed to us for publication.

It will be of interest to members of the Debating Society:—

It was a lovable and a wise Dean who used to say that his heart leaped up when he beheld an undergraduate.

That is a phenomenon of more value than many "rainbows," and it suggests reflexions more far-reaching than are inspired by them. I know somewhat of the Dean's feelings when I sit in memory again at those old contests of the schools. I live again in the prophetic time, and trace again the promise of



youth and its fulfilling. We hear that story of the Duke and the Provost, in which the winning of Waterloo is put to the credit of Eton playing fields. Is there not some one who, in pointed speech, will throw back on Christ's Hospital the glory of some freedom-bringing law, of some glowing burst of rhetoric that has righted a nation's wrongs? In debates at Eton and at Christ Church, youthful hearts have warmed, and beardless faces have flushed with an enthusiasm that was to the high passion of argument in Westminster Hall as the light of dawn to the splendour of noonday.

This is the room where, as at this time, some twenty years ago—I am ill at dates—we met and preened our wings for flights of argument. It was here I failed, and here I took heart again. It had seemed all so easy. G——e T——n stood to speak, and pursued his way o'er wide fields, "in serpent error."

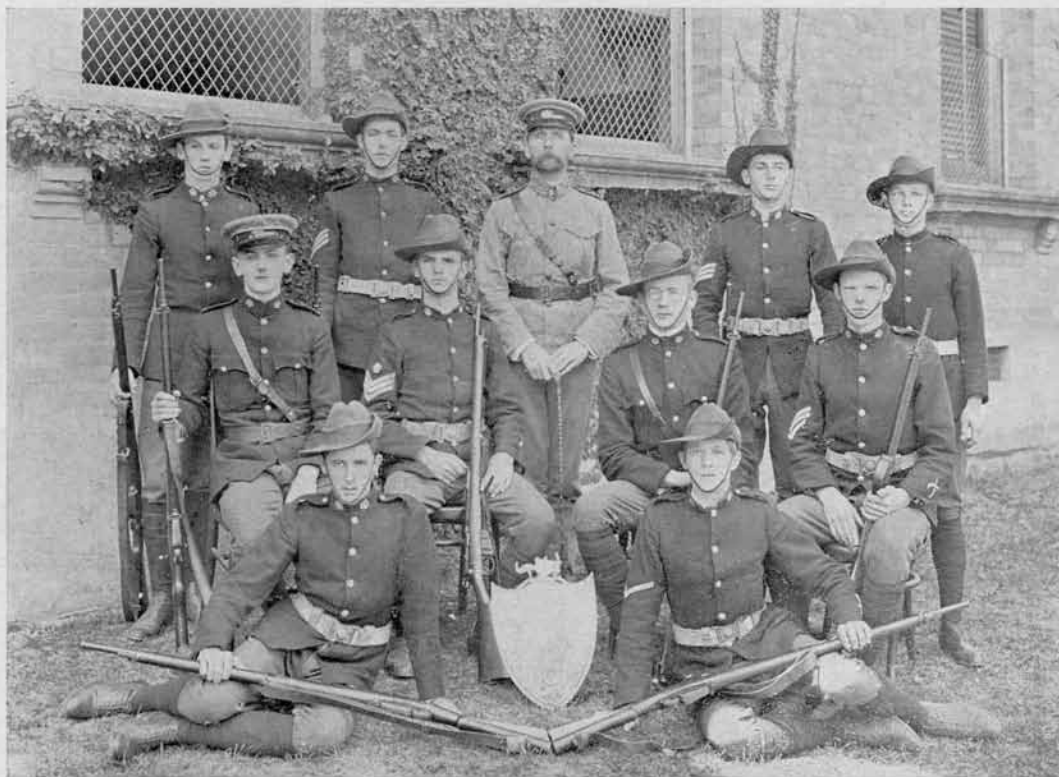
He ceased; and silence brooded. A——t sent me a whispered word to speak, but my arguments, my very words, where were they? With my spirits, "Down they sink in deep abyss."

T——e stood up and spoke, as always, an infinite deal of nothing, and meantime my composure struggled up again. But I seemed to know what Shakespeare meant when he spoke of omitting the tide when at the flood, for though I now could rise (though I could not look into the faces that seemed set for my destruction), my words seemed lost in shallows and in miseries. A. told me afterwards about my capital speech, but my self-conceit was gone, and I no longer seemed "sublimi vertice" to touch the stars.

Of-course the speech came back as I sat down to Catiline at night, and I had to repeat it over, but its glory had departed. When the next debate came in sight, the waves of high hope and low despair had subsided, and, a calmer and a wiser man, I could set to the making of a speech. No longer did I hope by my words to sway the rod of Empire, or wake to ecstasy the critical Master who presided, but on my soul I could lay lowlier duties, and I could find pleasure and profitable practice in our disputings over a wide variety of topics.

Among the papers left me by B. is the balance-sheet of a debating society that, in the days when Surry Hills was a favourite suburb, met in his dining-room. On this faded memorial of the compensatory statement of debt and credit presented by the steward of this little Academe, are the name of G——e R——d, now a member of His Majesty's Council and the Rt. Hon. G.H.R., representative of our States in the Empire's metropolis, and that of A——d G——k, since also knighted, and representing in London another of the transmarine dominions. In the day of small beginnings might have been seen the germ of future successes.

D., who was batted with me on this self-same hill, spoke [The MS. is here much obliterated, and nothing consecutive can be deciphered. The words "p.t.ra pas cit inani" can be read, and it is evident from some other words, as the "m.sured pulse, of .cing oars that the writer is looking round the library, and calling up memories of rowing and other sports from the photographs.—Ed. "Tb."



### **S.C.E.G.S. Rifle Team, 1910.**

*Back Row*—Cadet F. W. M. BUSBY, Sergt. J. M. MACLEAN, Capt. J. LEE PULLING, Sergt. G. R. HAMILTON, L.-Corpl. N. E. BROOKS.

*Second Row*—Lieut. C. W. L. PULLING, Col.-Sergt. L. TRENNERY, Lieut. P. E. VOSS, Sergt. E. O. HUTCHINSON.

*Front Row*—Cadet O. P. WOOD, L.-Corporal H. D. PULLING.

## Translation.

*Xenophanes, Elegies, No. 2.*

If with swift feet one be a victor there  
Where Zeus's precinct by Pisean stream  
Stands at Olympia—or in the wrestling  
bouts  
Or through possession of the grievous art  
Of boxing—he would be more dear  
For all his countrymen to look upon,  
And at the games the foremost seat would  
take,  
And would be nourished from the public  
store  
Of that, his city, and receive such prize.  
As should for him be treasure evermore;  
Yea with swift horses he might gain all  
these

And yet might not be worthy as am I;  
For better is our wisdom than the  
strength  
Of men or horses. 'Twas right rashly  
formed,  
That other judgment. No, it is not right,  
Right to prefer brute strength to wisdom  
good.  
Small any gain that to the state might  
come  
If any, striving by Pisean flood  
Should conquer; for that victory does not  
fill  
The treasure houses of his city—No.  
G.C.

## G.P.S. Athletic Sports.

A WEEK before the meeting the School appeared to have a chance of winning the Shield, but mumps claimed our miler and high jumper, and further, the park (which was wet) did not suit Busby, while Williams, who was only beaten for first place in the long jump last year, could not reach 18ft. In the hurdles Busby fell in his heat, but managed to secure second place, a position he could not improve on in the final. He got a bad start and jumped a trifle too high; Busby also secured third place in the 100 and 220. Warden was the champion under 15. He won the 220 in fast time—extra good, considering the track—and the high jump (4ft. 10in.); while he, with Richardson, was mainly responsible for getting the School second place in the under 15 team-race. Richardson ran second in the under 15 220, and also secured third place in the high jump. Mayne secured third place in the 100 under 13.

Results:—

Kicking the Football.—M. Steele (The Scots College), 55yds 1ft 1in, 1; V. H. Evans (S.G.S.), 2.

Running Broad Jump.—E. R. Cox (The Scots College), 19ft 9in, 1; M. R. Smith (S.G.S.), 18ft 10½in, 2; R. C. Inglis (S.G.S.), 18ft 7in, 3; M. Steele (T.S.C.), 18ft 5½in, 4; G. D. Macarthur (T.A.S.), 18ft 5in, 5; L. C. Hutchinson (C.E.G.S.), 18ft 4in, 6.

Running High Jump.—G. D. Macarthur (The Armidale School), 5ft 2½in, 1; G. Loveridge (S.H.S.) and A. W. Farquhar (S.G.S.), tie for second place at 5ft 1½in; M. Steele (T.S.C.), 5ft 0½in, 4.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—C. G. Prescott (Newington College), 100yds 10in, 1; F. A. Lenthall (S.H.S.), 2; M. Steele (T.S.C.), 3.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Final: R. C. Inglis (Sydney Grammar School), 1; F. W. M. Busby (S.C.E.G.S.), 2; L. C. Hutchinson (S.C.E.G.S.), 3. Won by 3yds. Time, 17 9-10sec.

100 Yards.—Final: E. R. Cox (The Scots College), 1; H. J. Brown (T.K.S.),

2; F. W. M. Busby (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; V. H. Evans (S.G.S.), 4. Other starters: C. G. Prescott (N.C.) and M. R. Smith (S.G.S.). Won by 2yds, half a yard between second and third, and inches between the others. Time, 10 4-5sec.

220 Yards.—Final: M. R. Smith (Sydney Grammar School), 1; E. R. Cox (T.S.C.), 2; F. W. M. Busby (S.C.E.G.S.), 3. Also ran: F. J. Thomas (T.A.S.), and H. J. Brown (T.K.S.). G. D. Macarthur (T.A.S.) qualified, but did not compete. Brown and Busby first showed out, with Smith handy, and Cox on the outside. Grasping an opportunity, Smith came through on the inside, and stalling off a fast finish by Cox, won by a yard. Time, 24 1-5sec.

440 Yards.—E. R. Cox (The Scots College), 1; G. D. Macarthur (T.A.S.), 2; M. R. Smith (S.G.S.), 3. With 100 yds to go, Macarthur drew away and looked a sure winner, but Cox finished gamely, caught him and won after a fine race by a yard. Time, 54 2-5sec.

440 Yards.—Second division: V. H. Evans (Sydney Grammar School), 1; K. Rogers-Harrison (T.K.S.), 2; K. Mackey (T.S.C.), 3. Harrison and Mackey were in the lead close home, when Evans came through on the inside and won easily. Time, 55sec.

440 Yards.—Third division: L. J. Carr (Sydney Grammar School), 1; F. M. Soling (S.G.S.), 2; A. Rafferty (St. J.C.), 3. Time, 55 4-5sec.

880 Yards.—W. E. du Moulin (The Armidale School), 1; F. M. Farrar (S.G.S.), 2; N. E. Biden (S.H.S.), 3. A big field started. Farrar held the lead a furlong from home, but du Moulin set sail after the leader, and wearing him down, won by 8yds. Time, 2min 9 1-5sec.

One Mile.—S. H. Henderson (Sydney Grammar School), 1; A. Thorpe (S.J.C.), 2; C. Clemenger (S.H.S.), 3. A big field started. Henderson forcing the pace, had a 25yds advantage at the bell, and eventually won by 10yds from Thorpe, who finished fast, whilst Clemenger was a good third. Time, 4min 49sec.

#### TEAM RACES.

440 Yards.—Sydney Grammar School, 1. 200 Yards (under 15 years).—Sydney Grammar School, 1; S.C.E.G.S., 2; St. J.C., 3; N.C., 4; T.K.S., 5; and T.S.C., 6.

One Mile.—Sydney Grammar School, 1; St. J.C., 2; S.H.S., 3.

#### EVENTS FOR BOYS UNDER 15 YEARS.

Running High Jump.—H. H. Warden (S.C.E.G.S.), 4ft 10in, 1; A. N. Magnus (S.G.S.), 4ft 9in, 2; S. C. Richardson (S.C.E.G.S.), 4ft 7in, 3.

220 Yards.—Final: H. H. Warden (Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 1; L. L. Richardson (S.C.E.G.S.), 2; W. Connelly (St. J.C.), 3. Warden won handily in 25 4-5sec.

#### BOYS UNDER 13 YEARS.

100 Yards.—Final: G. S. Moore (The King's School), 1; C. B. Harvey (S.G.S.), 2; R. V. Mayne (S.C.E.G.S.), 3. Moore, aged 11 years, won by 2yds in 12 9-10sec.

#### SCHOOL PREMIERSHIP.

Sydney Grammar School, 42 points ...	1
The Scots' College, 20 points ...	2
Sydney C.E.G.S., 18 points ...	3
The Armidale School, 13 points ...	4
St. Joseph's College, 8 points ...	*
The King's School, 8 points ...	*
The High School, 7 points ...	7
Newington College, 5 points ...	8

#### HANDICAP EVENTS.

440 Yards.—Final: A. N. Tooth (The Armidale School), 45yds, 1; R. S. Scott (S.G.S.), 45yds, 2; G. Brady (S.G.S.), 3. In a fine finish Tooth won by 6 inches in 52 2-5sec.

100 Yards.—Final: C. Maloney (Sydney High School), 10yds, 1; Hennessey (St. J.C.), 13yds, 2; A. N. Tooth (T.A.S.), 11yds, 3. In a grand finish Maloney won by inches. Time, 10 4-5sec.

#### OTHER EVENTS.

Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap. — D. Milson (The King's School), 7yds, 1; W. F. Pattinson (S.G.S.) and S.U.A.C., 1yd, 2; A. T. Roberts (S.G.S.), 4yds, 3. A good finish. Time, 10 7-10sec.

One Mile Handicap (members of A.A.A.)—W. Browne (East Sydney A.A.C.), 70 yds, 1; E. W. Morris (E.S.A.A.C.), 65 yds, 2; W. G. Slattery (R.H.), 85 yds, 3. McKinnon made play for two laps, when Browne took up the running. In the last

lap Morris, Browne and Slattery fought out a good race, but Browne lasting the longest, won by a few yards in 4min. 31 1-5sec. G. P. Arnold (S.U.A.C.), from scratch, did 4min. 40 1-5sec.

## University Letter.

To the Editor of the Torch-bearer.

Dear Sir,—The writers approach this their second letter with somewhat more confidence but with—alas—a very scanty stock of news. This issue is unfortunate from a 'Varsity point of view, coming as it does in the midst of examinations, of which the results are only published about the middle of December or later. Still, in place of pass lists, it will be of use to enumerate those who are undergoing the tortures of examination. "Nunc est examinendum." as the poet Horace used to say to the Senior men of 1908; or was it "nunc est bibendum?" Of medical students the 5th year exam. has added another Doctor to the list of Old Boys in the person of F. G. Pockley, to whom our heartiest congratulations are extended. M. P. Smith is now in 5th year, having passed 4th year with Distinction. There are quite a number of Old Boys in 2nd year, who are feeling very pleased at the prospect of no exam. Still, retribution comes in August, 1911. In first year Huxtable, Digby, Bechtel, Shand and Stephenson are striving to put Zoology and such like courses behind them and to come to the more practical part of their course in 2nd year. In Arts, Blight, Sinclair and Rich are sitting for their B.A., while

Williams and J. H. Stephenson are about to finish 2nd year. In first year we have Simpson, Abbott and Boyce, and it is to be hoped that the latter can repeat his honours in the Senior exam. Of the "Greasers," Dowling (who holds the P. N. Russell Scholarship) and Massie—the "genial giant"—are in 1st year, while Pennefather, Deane and Hope have progressed to 2nd year. No Old Boy has attained to 3rd year dignities.

The writers sorrowfully confess that their knowledge of Old Boys in the Faculty of Law is nil, so with apologies to any whom we may have omitted let us pass to the sporting side.

At the end of the football season Pockley and Massie were playing in the 1st XV., and Boyce with the 2nd XV. Pockley, more especially, put up some fine games, notably in the first match against the visiting American footballers.

In cricket we are fairly well represented. Minnett and Massie started the season with the 1st XI., the former beginning with a particularly brilliant century against North Sydney. He also played for N.S.W. versus Queensland at Brisbane and is picked to practice for N.S.W. against Victoria and Tas-

mania. He has also bowled well. Massie, too, has bowled consistently, but not with the success expected from his school career. So far, his batting has not been seen to advantage, though one mighty hit out of the University Oval received note in the papers. Minnett and Massie are to be heartily congratulated on being selected to play against the South Africans with the combined 'Varsities team at Sydney.

Tozer beginning with the 2nd XI. amassed a huge score at Redfern and was then promoted to the 1st XI. and opened with a fair effort against Middle Harbour, continuing his success against Burwood. Boyce has played consistently well with the 2nd XI. and always has to be "dug out." He and Minnett for Andrew's and Williams, Massie and Tozer for Paul's were participants in the last inter-Collegiate match.

In the Veteran XI. A. B. S. White and I. G. Mackay still make runs in fine style, while the latter has developed into a canny trundler, whose victims increase every match. In tennis for the first time for some years Old Boys have been to the front. Tozer was in the B team which finished 2nd and which seemed to afford much scope for the sporting papers to attack the 'Varsity selectors. Also D. Williams was in the winning C grade team, and besides playing very consistently through all the matches finished by annexing a Singles Handicap at Strathfield Tournament in fine style, though liberally treated by the handicapper. Old Boys, mostly from the Colleges, are seen from time to time on the courts at the

Oval "propelling the fleeting pillule" as the prevailing expression remarks.

In athletics, in the Dunne Shield Competition, Welch, Massie and Pockley represented the 'Varsity, but without success, owing mainly to lack of training. Opposing them, we notice, was K. C. Radford, the winner of the School Athletic Shield in 1906.

The influence of the Cadet Corps seems to be making itself felt at the 'Varsity. Of Old Boys in the Scouts we can remember only M. P. Smith, Digby and Simpson, while Huxtable has now finished with recruit drill. A couple of rather prominent ex-members of the School Corps were on the point of joining, but the allurements of cricket were too much. B. G. Simpson was in the 'Varsity team which shot in the Inter-'Varsities match without success.

No Old Boy, to our recollection, has been prominent as an oarsman during this term.

Before closing, the writer would again like to mention the Colleges. St. Paul's this year is losing some of the old men from the School, and though there is a likelihood of their places being filled nothing would be more pleasing than to find a regular stream coming to the Colleges year by year to keep our name to the front in 'Varsity life. The writers are glad to see, in the "King's School Magazine," that their Old Boy correspondent is making the same call for College men, and we cannot refrain from doing likewise, because those who come to College will never regret their action.

COLLECIAN.

### Rowing.

ONCE more we are hard at work preparing for next year's races, and though till lately, owing to lack of coaches the rowing was in a rather backward state, we are now glad to say that we can look forward with some confidence to turning out at any rate an eight well worthy of the School's traditions. We are still without a master in charge of rowing, and since the senior examination we have lost the services of our tried and trusted Boat Club Captain. However, Voss ii. has been taking his brother's place at the shed well and conscientiously, and the coaching has had the attention of Mr. Ramsay on Thursday afternoons and the Chief two afternoons in the week, while Keith Williams has been able to lend a hand fairly regularly. So that though on the whole this has been rather a slack year at the shed the hard and consistent work put in during the latter half of this term is now beginning to show some effect.

About a month ago we brought the new practice eight down from Towns's shed and she has been in almost daily use ever since. She is comfortable and fast and will exactly suit our requirements.

Trial fours were reluctantly abandoned this year as we had so much lost time to make up, and it was thought that the work in the eight would be more profitable.

The crew in the eight has generally consisted of Voss, Hart, Brown, Hay, Richardson, Martin and Allport, with Tucker at 6 whenever his shoulder would permit him to row. All have made good progress, especially Hay and Hart. If the latter attends to his work regularly and conscientiously he should turn out an effective and stylish oarsman, and should get a good place in the boat. Morell has been filling the coxswain's seat so far, and his chances of remaining there are excellent if he makes up his mind to learn all he can about rowing between now and the race. Of the others who have excellent chances of inclusion either in the eight of the four, we might mention Bassett, Morgan Bolton, Hufnagel and Lloyd, and we hope that they will set to work as soon as School re-opens so as to give us a reasonable chance not only to successfully keep our place at the Head of the River, but also to regain the Yaralla Cup which was wrested from us last year.

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### Cadet Corps.

ON the day that the last number of the "Torch-Bearer" went to press the School events in the N.R.A. meeting were decided and we were unable to insert the results. It is gratifying to find that the School

is able to show that it can come to the front in rifle-shooting as it has done in the past from time to time in all other contests than require keen eyes, braced muscles and well-controlled nerves. It is an achievement of which we may

well be proud to have wrested from Newington the N.R.A. Shield, which they have held for nine consecutive years; and the closeness of the contest between the four schools who competed augurs well for the maintenance of the interest in rifle-shooting.

Colour-Sergeant Trenerry, Captain of the team, received the Shield from His Excellency the Governor at Randwick; and it was again presented before the School by Mrs. Cullen, who kindly consented to be present on the occasion of a lecture by Mr. A. Parker on "Stonewall Jackson." This lecture proved an extremely interesting one and the lecturer is to be congratulated on having chosen so stimulating a subject and on treating it in so spirited a manner.

The Empire Match is to be shot on December 9th and the Venour Nathan on December 13th. The green target has proved to our shots that white and black is a very much easier mark than a khaki tunic on a background of green. However, we hope for a score that at least will not put us to shame.

In practice shoots Hamilton and Trenerry have put on some fine scores, the former on one occasion finding the bull's eye 13 times successively at 500 yards and the latter 12 times. Woodward, Pulling ii., and Maclean i., have also been making good scores at Sailor Bay.

The team has suffered a loss in Voss i., who could always be relied on for a good score, but there are several promising aspirants for his place.

Captain Cooke-Russell has been selected as area officer for Hornsby Dis-

tric and has been absent in camp for the past six weeks, as also has Major Dunkley. Captain Pulling has been temporarily transferred to the staff and Lieutenant Wilshire is in command of G Company. As no money was voted for Senior Cadet camps this year, the inspection of companies has been carried out on their own parade grounds, and the battalion inspection takes place on December 8th at Centennial Park.

Owing to the annual Confirmation taking place on the same day G Company will for the first time in its history be conspicuous for its small attendance.

The School Companies were inspected on December 6th by Major Buchanan and staff and Major Dove. G Company, unfortunately, were not at their best. The turn out was very creditable, rifle exercises somewhat ragged, drill very fair, while the attack practice showed that there was still much to be learned.

L Company gave a good account of themselves. Their drill was smart, but attack practice was evidently a little too difficult for them at present. There are some smart N.C.O's, and in twelve months they should turn out to be second to none in the battalion.

The next twelve months will bring great changes and by this time next year we shall have compulsory training well in swing. We hope against hope that the G.P.S. battalion will be left intact, but at present it is doubtful and much depends on the opinion that the authorities have formed of the enthusiasm shown by the G.P.S. in military work.



The following promotions have been made during the term:—G Company, Corporal E. Hutchinson to be Sergeant, Lance-Corporals Phelps and H.

Pulling to be Corporals, Cadets Hall, Lloyd, Wood and Thompson.

L Company.—Lance-Corporal Signaller Cole to be Sergeant, Lance-Corporal Brooks to be Corporal.

## Playing the Game.

A.D.H.

There are one or two things to remember,  
my boys,  
In sport and in work just the same;  
You never should shirk when there's  
plenty of work,  
And you ought to be "*playing the game.*"

When in football you feel you are just  
about done,  
And you're winded, sore-footed and  
lame,  
It's surprising to find, if you make up  
your mind,  
How you can go on "*playing the game.*"

At cricket your bowling is often astray,  
Your batting is nervous and tame;

Don't talk about luck, with grit, boys, and  
pluck,  
You'll beat them by "*playing the game.*"

Your Latin and French may at times get  
you down,  
Your translation you murder or maim;  
You will not have to sigh if you'll only  
just try  
Perseverance and "*playing the game.*"

So in business the man who intends to  
succeed,  
And to win for himself, well, a name,  
Will remember the rule, that he learned  
first at school—  
Success comes from "*playing the game.*"  
SPORT.

## Cricket.

THE first half of season 1910-1911 is completed, and the School has won three and lost two matches. Both defeats were well contested and stubbornly fought out. The most satisfactory point is that although the team does not possess any first-class school batsmen there is no tail to the team—in fact the tenth wicket is nearly as likely to put up a three-figure partnership as the first. It has been unusually difficult to know the best order to put in the batsmen. There may have been heartburnings, but no whisper has reached the writer's ears. This is as

it should be, for merit will be recognised and rewarded in due time—if not immediately, hereafter. The team has been a happy family, has practised regularly and have loyally supported and obeyed their captain (Fraser). To say the XI. contains no really good batsmen is rather a harsh critique, but no boy is ever in the first flight unless he is content to play the game, i.e., start slowly, play himself in, and refrain from pulling straight good length balls. Merewether and Macintyre possess a versatility of stroke, make splendid shots all round the

wicket, but they sacrifice soundness to brilliancy. Fraser and Spencer have both made good aggregates, but again they are not particular whether a ball is good or not—a poor ball is not scored from while the former will brilliantly cut a ball to the boundary, which is nearly a wide, and the latter thinks nothing of cutting off his middle stump. Hall, partly because he is a bowler, has gone in last this half, but it is to be doubted whether the School ever sent in last a batsman of such grit and resource. If the match has been won he has entertained the spectators with fours and sixers, but if runs have been wanted he has played the rock so successfully that he has only once got out. Hedges is, however, the most remarkable batsman in the team. He has out-Quaified Quaife, while A. C. Bannerman was a slashing hitter compared to him. Although dull to watch, he can safely be called the most useful batsman in the team.

Having perpetuated the mistake of reviewing the batting before the bowling, an endeavour will be made to satisfy some friendly criticism about the bowling. If a captain is faced with the problem of having three fast medium to medium-fast bowlers and three leg-break bowlers what is he to do? Should he start with one of each type at each end and give them all a turn, and assuming they are all bowling really well, but can't get their opponents out owing to the billiard-table nature of the wicket, should he start bowling them in the same order again in reverse order, or in cyclic order?

Gregory, Macintosh, Macintyre are the fastish trio, and they have all

bowled a good length. The first-mentioned is learning to vary his pace (and length, too, sometimes) and is rapidly improving. Macintosh has bowled well and swerves with a wind helping him, while Macintyre, the fastest of the group, keeps his bowling on the off and is able to make the ball fly even on the notorious North Sydney batsman's wicket. Merewether, McCulloch and Hall are the leg-break bowlers and they all differ somewhat in type. Merewether is the fastest—his leg-break being faster than his "bosie." On his day he is a really good bowler, but he varies them too frequently some times. McCulloch is the orthodox leg-break bowler, but he has not been bowled much, for Hall, who takes a very short run, bowls much slower and tosses the ball higher, provides more contrast with Merewether. The fielding of the team has been patchy, although there is not a weak fieldsman in the team. Fraser behind the wickets has been very good, while Boyce at cover, Spencer at third man, Macintyre at point, Gregory in the slips have been safe and reliable.

#### S.C.E.G.S. v. OLD BOYS.

##### School—First Innings.

Merewether, b Dr. Hordern	22
Macintyre, c and b Dr. Hordern	47
Fraser i., b Dr. Hordern	15
McCulloch, b Dr. Hordern	4
Macintosh, b Dr. Hordern	17
Gregory, b Dr. Hordern	0
Boyce i., b Dr. Hordern	5
Spencer i., c Minnett, b Dr. Hordern	5
Busby i., c Tozer, b Dr. Hordern	28
Williams i., b Massie	9
Hall iii., c Hall, b Deane	52
Hedges, not out	12
Sundries	15

Total... 231

Bowling Analysis.—R. Minnett, 0 wickets for 31; Dr. Hordern, 9 for 97; V. Y. Deane, 1 for 45; Massie, 1 for 28; Clarke, 0 for 3; Merewether, 0 for 11; K. Allen, 0 for 1.

#### Old Boys—First Innings.

R. V. Minnett, b Macintosh	67
V. Y. Deane, st. Fraser, b Hall iii.	56
C. J. Tozer, st. Fraser, b Hall iii.	19
H. W. Hordern, c Gregory, b Hall iii.	15
G. S. Hall, c Fraser, b Hall iii.	1
G. L. Clarke, c Macintyre, b Macintosh	1
H. A. H. Merewether, run out	4
F. P. Macintyre, lbw, b Hall iii.	0
R. K. Allen, lbw, b Hall iii.	0
E. R. H. Merewether, b Macintosh	8
R. J. A. Massie, not out	25
K. Traill, b Macintyre	5
Sundries	4

Total ... 204

Bowling Analysis.—Gregory, 0 wickets for 48; Merewether, 0 for 43; V. Hall, 6 for 63; Macintosh, 3 for 45; Macintyre, 1 for 1.

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

This match was played at Hunter's Hill on October 26. S.J.C. made the good score of 209, to which Cameron contributed a hard hitting innings of 119. He was caught behind the wickets at 50, but the umpire failed to notice it, although the batsman admitted the fact. Salmon was the only other batsman to make a score. Merewether took 5 for 62 and Gregory 3 for 49.

The School made 234, but it was a desperate finish. Eight wickets were down for 168, but the ninth took the score to 221. Spencer 18 not out and Gregory 41 made their runs at the critical stage. Macintosh batted well for 47. Cameron 2 for 56 and Thorpe 3 for 38 were the most successful bowlers.

#### St. J. C.—First Innings.

Cameron, b Merewether	119
Cody, b Gregory	9
Brady, b Gregory	0
Salmon, c Gregory, b Macintyre	38

H. Thorpe, b Gregory	2
O'Shea, run out	9
McKelvey, lbw, b Merewether	12
Slattery, c Gregory, b Merewether	0
Shiels, c McCulloch, b Merewether	2
A. Thorpe, not out	9
Boland, b Merewether	0
Sundries	11

Total ... 209

Bowling Analysis.—Gregory, 3 wickets for 49; McCulloch, 0 for 46; Merewether, 5 for 62; Macintosh, 0 for 35; Macintyre, 1 for 6.

#### S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Merewether, lbw, b H. Thorpe	21
Macintyre, c Salmon, b Cameron	2
McCulloch, b H. Thorpe	18
Fraser i., b H. Thorpe	38
Boyce i., c Cameron, b A. Thorpe	20
Macintosh, run out	47
Williams i., b Cameron	5
Busby i., c and b Cody	6
Gregory, c Slattery, b Shiels	41
Spencer i., not out	18
Hall iii., c and b Cody	3
Sundries	15

Total ... 234

Bowling Analysis.—Shiels, 1 wicket for 49; Cameron, 2 for 56; H. Thorpe, 3 for 38; Cody, 2 for 55; A. Thorpe, 1 for 9; Salmon, 0 for 10.

#### SCHOOL V. SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL.

The School met S.H.S. for the first time in a competition match, and although an easy win was the result, there was not that disparity which the scores suggest. S.H.S. put together 164. Oberg 42 and Bardsley 41 gave their side an excellent start, while McLean 39 not out showed stubborn defence. Macintyre took 3 for 12 and Merewether 4 for 52.

The School's total was 410, although the first three wickets fell for 46. McCulloch hit hard for 91, which included ten fours and two sixers. Fraser played solidly for 80, starting slowly and later hitting hard. The ninth wicket carried the score from 293 to 420, Spencer making 53 and Hall 36 not out. Clemenger

secured 3 for 113 off 21 overs and Biden 5 for 137 off 25 overs.

#### S.H.S.—First Innings.

Oberg, c Macintyre, b Merewether	42
Bardsley, b Merewether	41
Nield, b Merewether	11
McLean, not out	39
Biden, b Macintyre	0
Bartier, c Merewether, b Macintyre	0
Bignall, b Macintyre	0
McCredie, b Gregory	11
Clemenger, b Merewether	0
Gillam, b Macintosh	8
Klive	12
Sundries	
Total	164

Bowling Analysis.—J. M. Gregory, 1 wicket for 47; R. D. M. Merewether, 4 for 52; C. F. Macintosh, 1 for 25; D. J. Macintyre, 3 for 12; C. V. McCulloch, 0 for 1; V. T. Hall, 1 for 17.

#### S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Macintyre, c Clemenger, b Biden	19
Merewether, b Clemenger	20
Fraser i., c Nield, b Bignall	80
Boyce i., b Clemenger	0
Macintosh, c Bartier, b Biden	19
McCulloch, st. Gillam, b Biden	91
Gregory, b Clemenger	11
Busby i., c Dartier, b Biden	24
Williams i., b Biden	1
Spencer i., c McCredie, b Klive	58
Hall iii., not out	36
Sundries	60
Total	419

Bowling Analysis.—Clemenger, 3 wickets for 113; Biden, 5 for 137; Nield, 0 for 41; Bignall, 1 for 64; Klive, 1 for 16.

#### SCHOOL V. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

Played at North Sydney on November 19. Winning the toss the School made 360. Hedges batted for 4½ hours for 91, Spencer hit up 75 in quick time, Boyce played patiently for 40, Merewether was never thoroughly at home in making 41, while Gregory showed some excellent off

drives in his score of 30. The N.C. bowling was good, its length was consistent, but Hedges' stone-walling effectually killed it. Thompson bowled 33 overs for 3 wickets and 87 runs, while Plaskitt took 4 for 63 over 25 overs.

N.C. made 136. They were unlucky in having to bat after nearly 5 hours in the field, and still more unfortunate in meeting Merewether at his best. Plaskitt made 35. Merewether took 4 for 34 off 15 overs and Macintosh 3 for 37.

#### N.C.—First Innings.

Dawson, b Merewether	16
Murray, run out	8
Taylor, b Merewether	1
Tasker, b Macintosh	2
Prescott, b Macintosh	9
Eager, c Williams, b Hall	15
Plaskitt, c Gregory, b Merewether	35
Isbell, b Gregory	8
Thompson, b Merewether	7
Wippell, c Merewether, b Macintosh	13
Roseby, not out	0
Sundries	20
Total	136

Bowling Analysis.—Gregory, 1 wicket for 26; Merewether, 4 for 34; Macintosh, 3 for 37; Hall, 1 for 15.

#### S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Merewether, b Thompson	46
Hedges, c Murray, b Plaskitt	91
Fraser i., c and b Thompson	14
Macintosh, c Murray, b Plaskitt	8
McCulloch, c Roseby, b Plaskitt	12
Boyce i., b Plaskitt	40
Gregory, c Taylor, b Tasker	30
Williams i., c Wippell, b Tasker	12
Spencer i., b Thompson	75
Busby i., b Roseby	11
Hall iii., not out	5
Sundries	26
Total	360

Bowling Analysis.—Prescott, 0 wickets for 15; Eager, 0 for 59; Thompson, 3 for 87; Taylor, 0 for 16; Plaskitt, 4 for 63; Roseby, 1 for 25; Isbell, 0 for 21; Tasker, 2 for 45; Murray, 0 for 12.

SCHOOL V. SYDNEY GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL.

The S.G.S. match was played at Rushcutter's Bay on November 26. Winning the toss, Fraser elected to bat, but it would have been wiser, perhaps, to have sent S.G.S. in. However, the wicket was not bad, although the bowlers could turn on it. The School made 177. Macintyre played an attractive and hard-hitting innings for 46, Hedges stone-walled for two hours for 29, while useful scores were contributed by Macintosh and Spencer. Bull took 2 for 32, Crawford 3 for 26, Johnson 3 for 48, and Street 2 for 15.

S.G.S. made 260. Farrar and de Burgh batted solidly and gave their side a good start—the first wicket falling at 70. Afterwards the average went down somewhat and 5 were out for 162. The sixth wicket partnership took the score from 162 to 207. de Burgh made 98, and included in his score were some excellent cuts. The ball, well timed and placed, reached the boundary like a flash. Henderson hit hard for 29 and was once caught just over the boundary. He was on his way to the pavilion when the fieldsmen, McCulloch, signalled a sixer with both hands. Of the others, Johnson showed a great versatility of stroke in making 25. Merewether took 6 for 98 off 22 overs. His length was not as good as usual. Macintosh kept an excellent length and took 3 for 57 off 15 overs.

## S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Merewether, b Crawford	12
Hedges, b Street	29
Fraser i., b Crawford	0
Macintyre, b Street	46
Macintosh, c and b Johnson	22
Spencer i., c Bull, b Johnson	27
McCulloch, b Johnson	2
Boyce i., b Bull	16
Gregory, b Crawford	4
Williams i., b Bull	3
Hall iii., not out	0
Sundries	16

Total ... 177

Bowling Analysis.—Bull, 2 wickets for 32; Crawford, 3 for 26; Evans, 0 for 22;

Johnson, 3 for 48; Street, 2 for 15; Farrar, 0 for 19.

## S.G.S.—First Innings:

Farrar, c Hedges, b Merewether	33
de Burgh, lbw, b Merewether	98
Trumper, c Macintyre, b Merewether	1
Henderson, lbw, b Merewether	39
Johnson, b Merewether	25
Bull, b Merewether	0
Knight, b Macintosh	29
Stafford, run out	9
Evans, not out	6
Street, b Macintosh	0
Crawford, b Macintosh	2
Sundries	18

Total ... 260

Bowling Analysis.—Gregory, 0 wickets for 39; Merewether, 6 for 98; Macintosh, 3 for 57; Macintyre, 0 for 22; Hall, 0 for 25.

## SCHOOL V. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

The T.K.S. match was played on the North Sydney Oval No. 2 on December 3. T.K.S. winning the toss batted on a good wicket. Biddulph and Walford took the score to 129 for the first wicket. The pair batted ably. Walford made 115 and Biddulph 55. The fourth wicket fell at 198 and the innings closed for 251. Our fielding was very slovenly and many singles were converted into fours through bad fielding. Fraser set his team an excellent example by making four catches and allowing only 8 byes. Macintosh took 3 for 44, Merewether 5 for 86 and Gregory 2 for 67.

The School started badly, losing 2 wickets for 10, but Fraser and Hedges took the score to 84 for the next wicket. Then further disaster overtook us—the fourth and fifth wickets falling without further scoring. After this the match became interesting. Hedges continued to stone-wall, while each batsman, recognising the responsibility, batted doggedly and stubbornly; and of the last five batsmen four got over 20. Victory, however, was not for us, for Hedges, who had played right through the innings, was eventually caught in the slips, Hall remaining with 25 not out. Biddulph, who secured 2 for

75 off 24. overs kept an excellent length and kept the runs down. See also bowled well, securing 3 wickets for 48 off 30 overs.

#### T.K.S.—First Innings.

Biddulph, c Hedges, b Macintosh	55
Walford, c Fraser, b Gregory	115
Best, c Gregory, b Merewether	16
Capel, c Fraser, b Gregory	4
Ross, c and b Merewether	22
Hill, c Fraser, b Merewether	4
Thompson, b Merewether	4
Robertson, c Hall, b Merewether	0
Lee, c Fraser, b Macintosh	2
Woods, b Macintosh	0
See	13
Sundries	

Total ... 251

Bowling Analysis.—Macintosh, 3 wickets for 44; Merewether, 5 for 86; Gregory, 2 for 67; McCulloch, 0 for 6; Hall, 0 for 33.

#### S.C.E.G.S. — First Innings.

Merewether, b See	1
Hedges, c Ross, b Best	48
Macintosh, c Thompson, b Biddulph	6
Fraser i., b See	55
McCulloch, c Walford, b See	0
Boyce i., run out	0
Gregory, c Walford, b Woods	26
Spencer i., b Biddulph	36
Williams i., b Thompson	31
Busby i., lbw., b Thompson	0
Hall iii., not out	25
Sundries	16

Total ... 244

Bowling Analysis.—Biddulph, 2 wickets for 75; See, 3 for 84; Walford, 0 for 25; Woods, 1 for 10; Ross, 0 for 24; Thompson, 2 for 7; Best, 1 for 4.

#### COMBINED SCHOOLS V. MR. MACARTHUR'S TEAM.

##### Combined Schools—First Innings.

F. M. Farrar, S.G.S., c sub., b Pye	26
H. T. Biddulph, T.K.S., st. Macarthur, b Randall	35
R. H. D. Merewether, S.C.E.G.S., b Pye	9
D. Walford, T.K.S., st. Macarthur, b Barnes	42

O. Oberg, S.H.S., b Pye	2
J. N. Taylor, N.C., st Macarthur, b Barnes	15
Rev. E. F. Waddy, c S. Hill, b Barnes	14
D. J. Macintyre, S.C.E.G.S., c White, b Randall	33
K. A. Fraser, S.C.E.G.S., c Broughton, b Randall	5
L. Johnson, S.G.S., run out	9
S. Crawford, S.G.S., b Randall	4
H. Whyte, N.C., not out	1
Sundries	14
Total	209

Bowling Analysis.—Randall, 4 for 69; Partridge, 0 for 29; Pye, 3 for 41; Barnes, 3 for 30; Hill, 0 for 26.

#### Mr. Macarthur's Team—First Innings.

Partridge, b Macintyre	1
Dolling, c and b Macintyre	35
S. Hill, b Crawford	6
Barnes, c Crawford, b Macintyre	3
Pye, b Biddulph	11
Docker, c Farrar, b Crawford	50
Manchee, c Oberg, b Crawford	25
White, not out	14
Broughton, run out	26
Macarthur, b Merewether	1
Randall, c Walford, b Whyte	2
Sundries	12

Total ... 186

Bowling Analysis.—Macintyre, 3 for 38; Crawford, 2 for 59; Johnson, 0 for 20; Whyte, 1 for 27; Merewether, 2 for 9; Biddulph, 1 for 21.

#### BATTING AVERAGES—Term IV., 1910.

Batsmen.	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Total.	Avg.
V. T. Hall	5	4	36*	69	69.00
J. Hedges	3	0	91	168	56.00
H. Spencer	6	2	75	216	54.50
K. A. Fraser	5	0	80	187	37.40
C. V. McCulloch	5	0	91	123	24.60
J. M. Gregory	5	0	30	112	22.40
C. F. Macintosh	5	0	47	105	21.00
D. J. Macintyre	4	0	46	81	20.25
R. D. Merewether	6	0	46	116	19.33
E. E. Boyce	5	0	40	76	15.20
L. L. Williams	5	0	31	52	10.40
F. W. M. Busby	4	0	24	41	10.35

## BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowlers.	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
D. I. Macintyre...	15	1	40	4	10.00
R. D. Merewether	86	9	332	24	13.83
C. F. Macintosh	59.3	8	210	10	21.00
J. M. Gregory	58	5	228	7	32.57
V. T. Hall	18	2	90	2	45.00
C. V. McCulloch	13	2	53	—	—

Macintosh bowled 1 no ball and Hall 1 wide.

## JUNIOR CRICKET.

This term has been a most unfortunate one for the junior teams. In the first place rain has interfered with a number of matches, in the second, teams with whom matches had been arranged either failed to put in an appearance or cancelled the matches too late to allow other fixtures to be made. We hope to receive better treatment in this respect in the future, as otherwise it will be necessary to omit these offending teams from our fixture list altogether, even though our junior teams have to be contented with less matches. In all, six matches had to be abandoned through rain and seven fell through owing to visiting teams failing to turn up or cancelling at a later hour.

## 3RD XI.

Captain, Hamilton, Scott i., Morell.

v. S.G.S. (Lower School). Lost by 18. School, 50 (Morell 11, Martin 10). S.G.S., 68. Hagen 4 wickets, Hamilton 1 wicket.

v. Christian Brothers' College. Lost by 62. School, 61 (Martin 24), C.B.C., 123. Scott i. 4 for 12, Morgan 2 for 17, Morell 1 for 8, Gillies 1 for 23, Bowly 1 for 26.

v. S.G.S. iii. Lost by 122. School, 27 and 1 for 74 (Scott i. 13, Scott ii. 2-46 not out, Fox 1-17 not out). S.G.S., 149. Bowly 4 for 42, Hagen 3 for 30, Morgan 1 for 8.

v. N.C. iii. Lost by 8. School, 96 (Hagen 32, Stokes 12). N.C., 104. Hagen 4 for 15, Barton 4 for 56.

v. Knox College. Won by 1 run. School, 121 (Bowly 41, Mayne 13, Morgan 12, Bull 12). Knox College, 120. Morgan 5 for 37, J. Thompson iii. 5 for 51.

v. S.G.S. (Lower School). Won by 4. School, 54 and 7 for 134 closed (Morell 13-33, Morgan 17-41, Ewing 23), S.G.S., 85 and 99. Thompson iii. 11 for 81, Morgan 5 for 45, Hagen 3 for 89.

v. N.C. iii. Won by 91. School, 162 (Morgan 45, Gillies 25, Fox 19, Seaton 17, Thompson iii. 16 not out, Morell 14). N.C., 71. Gillies 5 for 8, Thompson iii. 3 for 36, Morgan 2 for 19.

v. S.G.S. iii. Drawn. School, 7 for 13 (Morgan 50, Gillies 28). S.G.S., 280 for 3 wickets (closed). Saddington 2 wickets.

v. T.K.S. iii. Lost by 42. School, 94 (Seaton 18, Gillies ii. 13, Gilder 11). T.K.S., 136. Gillies 3 for 71, Seaton 3 for 38, Thompson iii. 1 for 0.

## 4TH XI.

Captains, Sawyer and Seaton.

v. T.K.S. iv. Drawn. School, 7 for 50 (Fox 14 not out, Spencer ii. 12, Morell 12). T.K.S., 150. Sawyer 6 for 37, Fox, Morell, Miller Seaton 1 each.

v. Highfield College. Won by 116. School, 179 (Fox 45, Suttor 28 not out, Colley 22, Bowly 17, Bull 16, Lillyman 15). Highfield College, 63. Bowby 5 for 21, Miller 2 for 4.

v. T.K.S. iv. Drawn. School, 7 for 112 closed (Morell 45, Spencer ii., 32, Suttor 18). T.K.S., 9 for 107. Thompson iii. 6 for 54, Morell 1 for 8, Sawyer 1 for 31.

v. N.C. iv. Won by 3. School, 59 (Hassall 20 not out). N.C., 56. Miller 5 wickets, Sawyer 3 wickets.

## 5TH XI.

Captain, R. Scott iv.

v. T.K.S. v. Lost by 40. School, 37 (Boyce ii. 18). T.K.S., 77. Witherby 6 for 22, Hormann 3 for 26, Colley 2 for 11.

v. Abbottsholme College. Won by 49. School, 108 (Bloom 24, Braddon ii. 24, Boyce ii. 12, Scott iv. 11). A.C., 59. Bloom 7 for 24, Hormann 2 for 7.

v. T.K.S. v. Won by 93. School, 153 (Orr 57 not out, Hill 39, Braddon ii. 18, Cameron ii. 10). T.K.S., 60. Bloomie 6 wickets, Hormann 3 wickets.

v. N.C. v. Won by 36. School, 28 and 96 closed (Hormann 12-13, Loveday 7-29,

Bloome 2-26, Hill 11). N.C., 60 and 28. Bloome 10 wickets, Hill 7 wickets, Hermann 3 wickets.

#### 6TH XI.

Captain, E. Smith iii.

v. T.K.S. vi. Lost by 4. School, 78 (Rodgers ii. 30, Braddon iii. 11). T.K.S., 82. Braddon 5 for 32, Rodgers 2 for 29, Campbell 1 for 9.

v. Wahoonga College. Drawn. School, 85 (Plaskitt 15, Mayers 14, Smith iii. 11). Wahoonga College, 85 for 8 wickets. Bloome 4 wickets, Orr 2 wickets.

#### 7TH XI.

Captain, A. R. Rodgers ii.

v. T.K.S. vii. Won by 96. School, 106 (Mayers 25, Tracey ii. 25, Campbell 15, Bartholomew 14). T.K.S., 10. Campbell 6 for 2, Mackay 1 for 3.

v. T.K.S. vii. Won by 3. School, 97 (Rodgers ii. 35, Matheson 15). T.K.S., 93. Bartholomew 4 wickets, Mayne, Campbell, Mackay 1 each.

#### 8TH XI.

Captain, A. Boyd.

v. C.E.P.S. Lost by 21. School, 36 (Alderton 18). C.E.P.S., 57. Mayne ii. 5 wickets, Williams iii. 2 wickets, Bartholomew 2 wickets, Clarke 1.

v. T.K.S. viii. Lost by 73. School, 26 (Clarke 9). T.K.S., 99. Dillon 4 wickets, Robertson 3 wickets, Matheson 2 wickets.

v. C.E.P.S. Lost by 3. School, 56 (Mayne ii. 20). C.E.P.S., 59. Mayne 6 wickets.

v. T.K.S. viii. Won by 22. School, 56 (McKinnon 13). T.K.S., 34. Shirley 6 wickets.

#### 9TH XI.

Captain, C. A. Williams ii.

v. Randwick Prep. School. Lost by 70. School, 16. R.P.S., 86. Tracey iii. 5 for 25, Leslie 2 for 23.

v. T.K.S. xi. Lost by 61. School, 25. T.K.S., 86. Tracey iii. 5 for 21, Leslie 2 for 19.

### COMPETITION MATCHES

v. N.C. 2nd xi., who made 122. Crozier and Brown, who went in tenth and eleventh, made 30 and 36 respectively. Wood took 4 for 53 off 11 overs, Tiley 3 for 34, Saddington 1 for 20 and Scott 1 for 11. School, 200 (Playfair 64, Walker 32). Won by 78 runs.

v. S.G.S. 2nd xi., who made 188 (Frankin 63, Henry 58). a'Beckett 4 for 9. School, 49 (Scott 16); 2nd innings, 99 (Playfair 23, a'Beckett 24). Lost by an innings and 40 runs.

v. T.K.S. 2nd xi., who made 31 (Blaxland 15). Tiley 4 for 11, Wood 5 for 14. School, 142 (a'Beckett 24, Playfair 33, Tiley 23, sundries 22). T.K.S., 2nd innings, 66. Walker 5 for 19, Barton 4 for 29. Won by an innings and 45 runs.

v. S.G.S., who made 262 (McGill 35, Donovan 87, Evans 41). Williams 3 for 33, Wood 2 for 87, Tiley 2 for 55. School, 171 (Braddon 36, Boyce 61, Williams 21). Lost.

#### 2ND XI.

The 2nd XI. have won two and lost one of the three competition matches. The team differs somewhat from its predecessors in having six fairly old boys who will probably never be good enough for a 1st XI. in an average year. If, however, there is a preponderance of old stagers, yet one notes with pleasure the existence of several very promising cricketers. Playfair is a very good 2nd XI. batsman. He scores all round the wicket, being particularly good at late cuts and leg glances. Saddington, who is very young for a 2nd team, gives promise of developing into a good left-hand bowler. He has a nice, easy action, a natural leg-break and nips from the pitch. With coaching and encouragement he should turn out a useful bowler. Wood and Barton are players of promise, while Walker has done well all round. Trenerry is playing again, and is showing some form behind the wickets. This is gratifying, for he will probably have to take Fraser's place behind the stumps next year. Scott as captain looked after the team well. He was self-sacrificing and made several useful scores.



## DISTRICT CRICKET.

The two district competitions have been very much disorganised this term owing to sickness. Up to date the results are:—

## SENIOR.

S.H.A. ... ..	0	2	
S.H.B. ... ..	2	0	0
North Sydney ... ..	2	0	2
Mosman ... ..	2	0	

Thus, if S.H.A. win against Mosman they will probably tie with North Sydney, 4 points each. The deciding match will

be played off if possible, and the winning team will have to meet the winners for next term, to decide the premiership for the whole season.

## JUNIOR.

J. House ... ..	3	1	
Mosman ... ..	0		
North Sydney ... ..	2	0	0
Hornsby ... ..	1	2	

Mosman has still to play Hornsby and Junior House, and the premiership seems to be between these two latter.

## Memorial Library.

The following books have been added to the Library this term —

1067A	The Avon and Shakespeare's Country	...	...	...	A. G. Bradley
1065C	On Ten Plays of Shakespeare...	...	...	...	S. A. Brooke
702G	Frank Brown	...	...	...	F. T. Bullen
1472	The Empire Annual for Boys	...	...	Edited by	A. R. Buckmann
1467	Sons of Victory	...	...	...	O. V. Caine
1471	Captain Desmond, V.C.	...	...	...	M. Diver
690B	The Wisdom of Folly	...	...	...	E. T. Fowler
1464	An Introduction to the Study of Literature	...	...	...	W. H. Hudson
1468	The Triumph of Tinker	...	...	...	Edgar Jepson
1469	Hurrah for the Life of a Sailor	...	...	Admiral Sir	W. Kennedy
1327A	Life of Charles Lamb (1775-1817)	...	...	...	E. V. Lucas
1327B	" " " (1818-1834)	...	...	...	" "
820E	The Adventures of a Three Guinea Watch	...	...	...	Talbot Baines Reed
1216A	Mistress Dorothy Marvin	...	...	...	J. C. Snaith
1072B	The Age of Tennyson	...	...	...	Hugh Walker

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1470 to 1470E	The World of To-Day	...	...	A. R. Hope Moncrieff
1227D,E	Cambridge History of English Literature, V. and VI.			

### Old Boys' Union.

**M**R. DAVIES, the compiler of these notes, will be glad to receive any news of interest as to the doings of Old Boys.

The annual gathering of Old Boys at the School on Friday, 28th October, was a great success. The cricket match was won by the School notwithstanding that the Old Boys' XI. included R. V. Minnett, N. Y. Deane, R. J. A. Massie, Dr. H. V. Hordern, C. J. Tozer, etc. The shooting match at the miniature range was also won by the School by 206 to 199 points, but in the tennis match, on the Graythwaite court kindly lent by Mr. Dibbs, the Old Boys were victorious by one game. A large number of friends witnessed the games and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Purves at afternoon tea. At supper in the School Dining Hall there was a very representative muster of Old Boys, and an opportunity was taken to give a very hearty welcome to the new chief and Mrs. Purves, and also to the Rev. D. Davies after his return from England. Speeches were made by Mr. W. B. Clarke and Assistant-Professor Holme, and replied to by Mr. Purves, who apologised for the absence of Mrs. Purves owing to illness, and by Mr. Davies.

At the annual meeting the Library was well filled. It was resolved on the motion of the Rev. I. D. Armitage that all past Headmasters be honorary members of the Union with the full privileges of ordinary members. It was also resolved, after a somewhat

lengthy discussion, to hold the Annual Dinner as near as possible to the Anniversary Day, May 4th. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. A. Purves (ex-officio); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. C. H. Hodges, E. I. Robson, A. B. S. White, Dr. Kendall and Assistant-Professor Holme; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Keith Williams; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. D. Davies; Hon. Auditor, Mr. N. Y. Deane; Committee (elected after post ballot), Messrs. W. B. Clarke, A. D. Fisher, R. J. A. Massie, I. G. Mackay, R. V. Minnett, C. E. Murnin, C. W. Rundle, C. J. Tozer and Dr. H. V. Hordern. The Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary and adopted, and is given at the end of these notes.

A brief financial statement, prepared by the Hon. Auditor, was read by the Hon. Treasurer, who pointed out that it was necessary in order to meet expenses to have at least 40 financial members. The financial year does not end till March 25th, and the balance-sheet will be published in the June number of "Torchbearer" and submitted to the next annual meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to thank members for the prompt replies to his note *re* subscriptions and to state that he will now be able to submit a favourable financial statement at the next annual meeting. A list of subscriptions received by him up to December 8th is published below. If there are any mistakes will members kindly communicate with him.



### S.C.E.G.S. 1st XV., 1910.

*Back Row*—C. S. HAY. R. M. ALLPORT. W. P. BASSETT. P. E. VOSS. S. R. COWARD. MR. DIXON. C. C. MINTY. A. E. BROWN.

*Second Row*—L. L. WILLIAMS. R. C. IRVING. W. T. TUCKER. L. B. HEATH (Capt). E. H. DODDS. G. R. HAMILTON.

*Front Row*—R. K. BOWLY. J. G. ABECKETT. H. R. BRADDON. E. L. MORGAN. V. T. HALL.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions from the following:—

Life: A. B. S. White, J. F. Fitzhardinge, D'Arcy F. Roberts, O. E. Friend, F. P. Hopkins, Venour Nathan, R. C. Adams, M. J. Dawson, Dr. E. O. Pockley, C. W. Rundle, J. O. H. Nickoll, J. Burns, Spencer Simpson, Dr. E. H. Rutledge, The Headmaster (Mr. W. A. Purves), A. J. Simpson, H. P. Harriott, Dr. H. V. Hordern.

For the year ending May 4, 1911:—  
C. D. Abraham, Dudley Adams (1913), C. P. Allen, E. N. Allen, G. N. Allen, R. K. Allen, Rev. I. D. Armitage, R. J. Adams (1914), A. B. Adams (1913), G. B. Browne, G. G. Black, W. A. Burcher, Dr. H. Bullock, H. M. Barker, G. B. Boyde, A. D. Blaxland (1912), G. E. Browne, L. C. J. Broughton (1912), L. A. Baker, Dr. R. Black, F. W. C. Bootle (1912), Russell Barton (1913), P. E. Browne, J. M. Bevan, R. C. M. Boyce, C. F. Buck, H. F. Clarke, L. Cadell, Ivo. Clarke, D. G. Campbell, W. B. Clarke, C. H. Calvert, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, J. A. H. Cox, M. L. Clarke, R. W. Carey (1913), Harold Capel (1914), Russell B. Cowan, H. H. Dixon, R. G. I. Dent, C. J. I. Dent, V. Y. Deane (1912), N. Y. Deane, B. S. Dowling, O. B. Dibbs (1914), R. O. Dent, S. E. Dent, P. A. C. Davenport, E. O. Doddemeade, Rev. D. Davies, L. W. Davies, H. C. Day, junr., E. H. Dodds (1913), A. T. Edols (1914), J. K. Eaton, R. E. Elerton, R. G. H. Fotheringhame, A. D. Fisher, F. N. Frith, C. B. Fidler, J.

W. S. Fell, W. B. S. Fell, F. A. L. Gunning, G. Gunning, H. J. Gould, Dr. W. E. Giblin, J. W. Gibson, A. D. Hall, J. O. Harris, F. S. Hall, A. D. Hagen (1914), J. W. Hayne, E. R. Holme, O. Hargrave, L. Hagen (1914), J. Hay, R. N. Hickson (1913), M. B. Hordern, F. S. S. Hartridge, C. S. Hordern, C. W. Hosking, B. C. Hope, C. H. Hodges (1913), C. R. Huxtable, G. S. Hall, H. Ireland (1914), H. V. Jaques, A. R. Joscelyne, E. D. Kater (1912), F. C. Kater, Dr. H. W. Kendall, A. J. Kelynack (1912), K. Lumsdaine, I. L. Longwill, C. H. Linton, C. C. Linton (1914), G. N. Larkin, G. A. More (1912), H. H. I. Massie (1912), W. J. Morson, L. A. Minnett, H. H. J. O. Marshall, R. Martin, R. T. Moodie, G. Milbourne Marsh, R. B. Minnett, R. V. Minnett, C. E. Murnin, R. A. L. Macdonald, Jack S. Mehan, I. G. Mackay (1914), Julian Mackay, H. Meredith, Rev. H. McWilliam, E. R. H. Merewether, H. E. Morgan, W. C. Moodie (1913), R. L. M. Merewether (1912), R. O. Middleton, D. MacIntyre (1914), R. J. A. Massie, F. P. MacIntyre (1914), H. A. H. Merewether, H. C. H. Nickolls, B. P. Nettleton, D. Nettleton, F. G. A. Pockley, B. C. A. Pockley, J. G. A. Pockley, T. A. Playfair, J. L. Pulling, J. L. Purves, A. N. Peach, F. Peach, Chas. G. Powell, K. Quinn, J. F. Reid, R. S. Reid, H. A. Roberts, D. H. Roberts (1914), Reg. Roberts, C. Ellison Rich, A. G. Reid, E. I. Robson, G. P. Sayers (1912), K. C. Radford (1912), Dr. F. G. M. Simpson, H. B. Shaw, C. W. Sinclair, G. W. Sinclair, S. N. Sendall, R. L. Sayers, G. B. C. Simpson, J. V. Sad-

dington, D. I. Smith, Julian Simpson, J. E. Taylor, O. J. Taylor, Ed. Twynam, N. W. Turton, G. H. Taylor, C. J. Tozer, K. Traill, W. E. Tucker, D. G. Thomson, R. M. Thornton, H. R. Tucker, G. A. Uther, Dr. G. H. Vernon, H. L. St. Vincent Welch, W. H. Wilkinson (1912), K. Williams, G. A. N. Woodcock, R. C. Wilson, P. A. Wright, H. N. Wilkinson (1912), Max E. Wright (1912), C. M. Warden, H. W. Wilshire (1914), J. B. Wood, Edgar H. Wright (1912), Dr. J. B. St. Vincent Welch, D. Williams, C. L. Willcox, A. M. Warden, E. R. Way, G. C. Way, K. E. Winchcombe, A. H. Yarnold, G. D. Briggs. (Financial Members:—Annual, 181; Life, 18.)

The statement of receipts for the Chapel Fund asked for at the annual meeting is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Total received .....	1043	15	6
Promises.....	1043	9	6
Fixed deposit in C.B. Co. of Sydney.....	850	0	0
In Savings Bank of New South Wales.....	200	0	0
In Government Savings Bank .....	54	11	3

J. N. F. Armstrong, who has been acting as general manager of the Broken Hill Block 10 mine, is leaving that company to accept an important appointment with the Great Cobar Copper Company ("S.M.H." Personal Notes).

O. B. Dibbs has become a member of the firm of Messrs. McNall & Dibbs (Members of Sydney Stock Exchange), Share, Finance and Exchange Brokers, Yaralla Chambers, Pitt Street, Sydney.

D. S. Elliott has left the Agricultural College and is dairying at Gathabawn, Bunnan, via Scone.

R. R. Edwards has been ordained and is now Curate of Wagga.

R. G. I. Dent has started practice as a solicitor at 6 Rofe's Chambers, 60 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Dr. H. V. Hordern, after his return from America, has resumed practice as a dentist at 143 Macquarie Street, Sydney.

W. H. Wilkinson is mining at Mt. Gossan, Oberon, and G. A. More is manager of a mine at Hargraves.

C. C. Linton is gaining experience as a surveyor in the survey camp at Yarra.

Congratulation to Lieut. E. Twynam on being appointed area officer for the Goulburn district.

Congratulation to D. H. Roberts, D. H. Cowper, A. A. Wilson, and G. A. More on joining the army of benedicts.

G. L. Randall has been appointed Manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney's Branch at Wilcannia.

The following Old Boys have been playing this season : In representative matches, A. J. Hopkins, R. B. Minnett and Dr. H. V. Hordern played at Brisbane for N.S.W. v. Queensland, Hordern performing splendidly with the ball; Hordern has also played against South Africa for N.S.W. in Sydney and for an Australian XI. in Brisbane. In this match he made 54 and took 2 wickets in 1st innings and 3 for 71 in the second. In grade cricket, R. B. Minnett with bat and ball, C. J. Tozer in batting and R. J. A. Massie in bowling have been successful for the University; A. J. Hopkins, N. Y. Deane, V. Y. Deane, Dr. Hordern, R. V. Minnett, L. A. Minnett and A. G. Reid for North Sydney. R. B. Minnett, R. V. Minnett and N. Y. Deane have made centuries in 1st Grade Cricket this season. C. J. Tozer playing for University II. played an innings of 211, and signalled his promotion to 1st Grade with two splendid innings of 73 and 33 not out. In Second Grade, R. C. M. Boyce, H. M. Barker, L. Clarke, K. Allen, J. O. Harris, C. Allen have been successful.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee presents to you its report for the period which has elapsed since the last Annual General Meeting which was held on Friday, Dec. 3rd last. The great success which attended the plan tried for the first time last year of holding the Annual General Meeting on the same night as the cricket match encouraged your Committee to repeat the experiment this year. Your Committee

gratefully recognises that the main factor in making for the success of that function was the kindness and hospitality of the late Headmaster and Mrs. Hodges in inviting the Union to tea at the School, and as the Headmaster and Mrs. Purves expressed a keen desire that the Union should participate of their hospitality this year your Committee was enabled to make the same arrangements as for the last occasion, and desires to record its grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Purves.

It is with deep regret that your Committee has to record the enforced retirement of Mr. C. H. Hodges from the Headmastership of the School and consequently from the Presidency of the Union. To quote the words of the farewell address presented on behalf of the Old Boys, the full text of which has already been printed in the *Torch-bearer*, "We believe that his name will live in the history of our land, and we know that his memory will last among ourselves as that of a great Headmaster, a Gentleman, and a Christian, to whom we owe more than we can attempt to declare." The rest and change of climate has, we are happy to say, had a most beneficial effect on Mr. Hodges' health and his letters about himself are most happy and reassuring. To our new President, Mr. W. A. Purves, and to Mrs. Purves, we extend a most hearty welcome, and we look forward with the utmost confidence to the continued success of the School under their guidance and of the Union under our new President.

During the greater part of last year the Union was without the valued services of its Hon. Treasurer, who was compelled by ill-health to take extended leave of absence. On the eve of his departure for England an informal dinner was tendered him at the University Club by the members of your Committee, who presented him, on behalf of the Old Boys, with an address and a purse of sovereigns as a small reminder of their keen appreciation of his devoted services to the School and the Union. We rejoice that he has now returned to us quite restored in health, and trust that it will be many more years before the Union has again to be without

his experienced guiding hand for any length of time. In his absence his duties were ably and conscientiously carried out by Mr. A. D. Fisher, and your Committee wishes to put on record its keen appreciation of his services. To Mr. C. J. Tozer also your Committee desires to express its grateful thanks for the keen and efficient manner in which he carried out the duties of Acting Hon. Secretary during the three months' leave of absence granted by the Committee to your Hon. Secretary.

Since the last Annual Report about 24 new members have joined, including two life members, and one of last year's ordinary members has paid a life subscription. The Hon. Treasurer wishes once again to remind members that the payment of subscriptions is very irregular; and as it is impossible to carry on the Union without regular payments, and as it is desirable to make an increase in the amount of the annual scholarship which you decided last year should be awarded, your Committee would remind you that it is imperative that subscriptions should be punctually paid. About 50 subscriptions are still unpaid.

The Sub-Committee appointed by you last year drafted the rules of the Union Scholarship and upon the recommendation of the then Headmaster unanimously appointed Leo Barclay-Heath first scholar.

The Annual Dinner was held at Sargent's Cafe on April 6th, about 53 being present. The date of this function was fixed as near Easter week as possible in order to enable any country members who should be in town to attend. It could not be held before Easter because of Lent, nor could it be held during Easter week as that would have debarred the Headmaster and Assistant Masters from attending, owing to the School holidays. It so happened, we regret to say, that the Headmaster was unable, owing to illness, to attend, and the chair was taken for the first time by an Old Boy, Mr. W. B. Clarke, one of our Vice-Presidents.

As regards the School, the annual prize given by the Union for an essay subject

was awarded for the best paper returned in an examination in general knowledge held at the end of last year, and was won in the upper middle and lower schools by Digby, Sturrock and Trener respectively. In the Senior Examination three candidates were successful, Boyce obtaining 5 first classes; while in the Junior Examination 26 candidates passed, of whom Pulling ii. obtained 5 first classes as well as being prox. for the arithmetic medal, while Dudley i. was first of all candidates in Geology.

The School has won the first All Schools' Boat Race, rowed in eights, and regained the proud position of Head of the River. Our old and valued friend, Mr. Allan Ramsay, again coached the crew, and your Committee finds it impossible to adequately express the gratitude it feels for his unselfish efforts. The School is to be congratulated upon turning out a crew so worthy of its rowing traditions; and although the St. Joseph's College crew was generally conceded to be distinctly their superiors in all but coolness and grit the School crew just managed to win by a canvas with a sprint which is without parallel in the history of our School rowing. In cricket and in football, too, the School took good position, and the Cadets won the National Rifle Association Challenge Shield for shooting with a record score.

Of the state of the Chapel Fund our Hon. Treasurer will give you a full account later on in the evening.

One member of your Committee, Mr. H. H. I. Massie, resigned during the year, as he was taking a trip to England, and his place was taken by his brother, Mr. R. J. A. Massie.

Attendances at Committee meetings, of which there have been six, were as follows:—C. W. Rundle 4, H. H. Massie 2, I. G. Mackay 3, B. C. Pockley 2, A. D. Hall 4, A. D. Fisher 5, H. W. Kendall 3, C. J. Tozer 4, R. J. Massie 1, R. B. Minnett 0.

October 28th, 1910.

## BIRTHS.

Roberts—June 25, at Greenwich, the wife of D'Arcy F. Roberts—a son.

Morson—November 6, at Dapto, the wife of W. J. Morson—a son.

Carey—November 12, at West Maitland, the wife of Randal W. Carey—a daughter.

Simpson—November 17th, at Macleay Street, Sydney, the wife of Dr. F. G. McNeill Simpson, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

More—Cousens—At Tamworth, May 11, 1910; George Allan More to Maud Bessie Campbell Cousens.

Wilson—Sayers—Sept. 14, 1910, at St. Peter's, Neutral Bay, Arthur Avonmore Wilson to Mary Helena Sayers.

Roberts—Tucker—October 26, 1910, at St. Giles, Greenwich, Dudley Haughton Roberts to Ida Maude Tucker.

Cowper—Wright—November 16, 1910, at Holy Trinity Church, Sydney, Sydney Dudley Harrington Cowper to Effie Wright.

### School Calendar.

#### TERM IV., 1910.

Oct. 4—First day of Term IV.

" 5—Rawson Cup—Service Match, Randwick.

" 6—G.P.S. Challenge Shield.

" 6—N.R.A. Shield.

" 8—1st XI. v. St. Ignatius College. Won.

" 12—1st XI. v. University Wed. XI. Lost.

" 25—Battalion Parade, Centennial Park.

" 26—1st XI. v. St. Joseph's College. Won.

" 28—Visit of Bush Brothers

Old Boys' Match. School 235, Old Boys, 204.

Shooting Match. School 308, Old Boys 299.

Tennis Match. Old Boys won.

Nov. 4—Lecture on "Life of Stonewall Jackson," by Mr. Parker.

Presentation of N.R.A. Shield by Mrs. Cullen.

" 5—1st XI. v. Sydney High School. Won.

" 9—1st XI. v. V. Trumper's XI. Lost.



- Nov. 12—1st XI. v. N. Sydney Vets. Drawn.  
 „ 15—Senior Public Examination began.  
 „ 16—1st XI v. Mr. Clarke's XI. Won.  
 „ 26—1st XI. v. Sydney Grammar School. Lost.  
 Dec. 1-2—Scholarship Examination.  
 „ 3—1st XI. v. The King's School. Lost.  
 „ 6—Inspection of Cadet Corps by Major Dove.  
 „ 8—Annual Confirmation, Christ Church, N. Sydney.  
 „ Battalion Parade, Centennial Park.  
 „ 9—Schools of the Empire Match, Sailor Bay.  
 „ 13—Competition for Venour Nathan Shield, Randwick.  
 „ 15—Last day of Term IV.  
 „ 1st XI. v. Melbourne Grammar School.  
 „ 16—1st XI. v. Melbourne Grammar School.  
 Jan. 31—Term I., 1911, begins.

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