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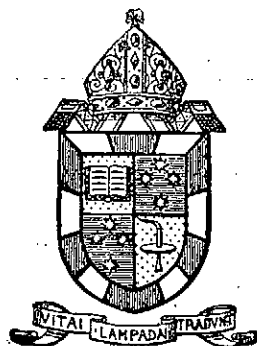
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Browning.

TO lovers of Browning it has been a matter of surprise that the centenary of the great poet-thinker of the last century has passed with so little notice. The number of those who read and admire the writer of the *Ring and the Book* is really very large. The stories of his obscurity—the one about Mrs. Carlyle and *Sordello*, and the others that we know—are still told in the social circle when talk turns on the poet; but the number of readers is steadily growing who prefer to unravel the thread of Browning's argument, and probe the meaning of his phrase, thinking the

satisfaction of having found the meaning an ample reward for the pains bestowed on its quest.

Let us in very brief space suggest some reasons why Robert Browning claims the attention of every thoughtful person, and let us first say that he does so because he is in himself the very type of the sane and healthful man. There exists in some places an idea that a poet is a neurotic and ill-balanced person, in whom the dominant factor is sentiment, and that not always a sentiment of the healthiest kind. In reply to that we may refer to the words of the young

Milton—that he that would “write well in laudable things ought himself to be a true poem”; and we may look to the pure ideals and well-ordered life of Spenser, of Wordsworth, or of Tennyson. In Browning we see combined the sanity, the broad-mindedness, the sweetness of spirit, that all true men would wish to have.

As a poet, Browning is among the very first. We can afford to forget the oddities of rhyme into which he wilfully and with evident relish has often run. We judge Wordsworth by *Daffodils*, *Tintern Abbey*, or the *Ode to Duty*, and forget the early puerilities. So, of Browning, we may leave the rhymes of *Old Pictures in Florence* and *Pacchiarotti* to Mr. Bagehot and Mr. Chesterton to discuss, while we think of *Evelyn Hope*, *The Guardian Angel*, or *Home Thoughts from the Sea*. As to the difficulty of understanding poems like *Bifurcation* or *Another Way of Love*, we may remark that Browning often chooses a subject that in its nature is not easy of treatment, a dilemma that is hard to resolve, or a phase of emotion which its subject would find difficult to express. If language is admittedly inadequate to express much of our ordinary thinking, is it strange that when Browning is describing “mind in difficulties” his words are often strained to breaking point?

In the breadth of his outlook and his many-sided interest in men and things Browning makes a wide appeal. The study of *A Grammarian's Funeral*, *Andrea del Sarto*, *A Toccata of Galuppi's*, or *A Death in the Desert*,

opens up a world of interest in the Renaissance, in the history of Art, in Music, or in Religion. In the work of the world,

“All service ranks the same with God”;

and the Boy is rebuked by the Angel because he has spurned his “lowly trade,” for, by his so doing, a note has been silenced in the world-harmony for which Heaven listens. To Browning the ideal of Life is one in which all the powers of manhood are developed, and in which all can find expression.

To Browning the evolution of character was the object of sole worth, and he saw that that which mattered was not the character actually achieved, but the character aimed at—not the result, but the effort put forth to win it.

“Ah! but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?”

The greatest task of man is to make Love the law of his being—love of ideas in and for themselves, love of Nature, love of Mankind.

“There is no good of life but love—but love!
What else looks good, is some shade flung
from love.
Love gilds it, gives it worth. Be warned by
me,
Never you cheat yourself one instant! Love,
Give love, ask only love, and leave the rest.”

The *Epilogue to Asolando*, written just before his death gives us the final expression of Browning's optimism, of the courageous hopefulness that he held resolutely to his life's end. The words are a fitting close to his life; he

speaks of

"One who never turned his back but
marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

These are words that must call forth
a response in societies of young lives
such as is our School, and, once known,
they will come in the conflict and
struggle of life like heart-cheering
music borne on the winds of Heaven.

C. B. F.

School Notes.

TERM II. ends on June 20th ;
Term III. begins 2 p.m. on
July 16th.

The following boys have joined the
School this Term:—F. C. Cheffins,
C. R. Campbell, C. M. Hayne, A. A.
Green, S. E. Jones, Pratten, N. Price,
C. R. Ravenscroft, N. T. Robertson,
H. A. D. Shaw, H. V. B. Williams,
N. A. J. Young, G. Crick.

The following boys have left this
Term:—R. C. Anderson (Senior Prefect,
Junior Matric. 1908, Senior 1911,
medal for Geometry, Hon. Sec. Athletic
Sports, Lieutenant in Cadets, Rifle Team
1911, Junior and Senior Scholar), F. W. M. Busby (Sub-Prefect,
Law Matric. 1910, Senior Matric. 1912,
Junior Athletic Shield 1903, Senior Athletic
Shield 1909-10-11, All Schools Hurdles 1912,
cox First Crew 1905-06-10 Colours, Athletic
Colours 1911, First XI. 1911-12, Rifle
Team 1910-11-12, Hon. Sec. Athletic
Sports 1910-11), S. D. Carver, W. H. Carey,
V. Cotton, D. A. Cotton, S. Crammond,
J. Crawford, F. H. Day (Sub-Prefect,
Junior Mat. 1910, Senior Mat. 1912, cox
First Crew 1908 colours), J. H. Hedges (Sub-Prefect,

Junior 1910, Senior Matric. 1912, First
XI. 1910-11-12, colours 1911), A. Hope
(Junior Matric. 1911, Senior Matric. 1912),
B. A. Hordern, A. T. V. R. King, J. H. Scarr
(Junior Matric. 1910, Senior 1911, medal for
Physics) O. Taylor, C. Tiley (Prefect,
Junior 1910, Senior 1911, First XI. 1911-12
Colours, Lieutenant in Cadets), W. H. Treweeke,
W. Peick, H. Carey, H. Fisher, G. W. Walker
(Prefect, Junior Matric. 1908, Senior Matric.
1911, First XI. 1912, athletic blazer).

The following subscriptions to the
Chapel Fund have been received:—
Messrs. R. G. I. Dent, 10/6; M. B. Hordern,
10/-; C. S. Hordern, 10/-.

As it has been found impossible to
hold the annual Musical and Dramatic
Entertainment this Term, this function
has been postponed to a later date.

Mrs. Hodges has been paying a
visit to Sydney, and on Thursday, May
30th, she was present at Prayers. Mrs.
Hodges gave a brief address, to which
we listened with very great pleasure.
We were glad to hear from her of an
improvement in Mr. Hodges' health.

Anniversary Day.

ANNIVERSARY DAY, May 4th, this year fell on Saturday.

After prayers on Friday, May 3rd, the Headmaster explained, for the benefit of new boys, that it was the custom to spend some time on each anniversary in giving a brief history of the School. He said that perhaps some of the boys wondered why we kept anniversaries at all. He thought that the value of keeping the Anniversary of the Foundation of the School was that each year those who formed the school would be led to think of the great number that had left us, and of the greater number yet to come. Short as our history was, it was unsullied, and so it was the

business of each one of us to see to it that the future should be distinguished. We had nothing in the past to handicap us, and the future was absolutely ours. In this, then, lay the value of the proceedings—that a number of different boys, filled with the same thoughts, had done the same things on this day for a number of years, and that a long succession of boys would in future years be doing the same. The Headmaster then read a number of extracts from *Torch-Bearers* of various dates to illustrate the history of the School.

The Anniversary Service was held in the Hall on June 5th. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. J. Davies, M.A., Principal of Moore College.

Empire Day.

ON Empire Day the School was favoured by the presence of Sir Francis Suttor. Mr. Purves welcomed Sir Francis and introduced him to the School. The first verse of the "National Anthem" was sung by the School, and Sir Francis Suttor then distributed certificates for proficiency in Life Saving to a number of the boys. Mr. Baker then sung "Rule Britannia" the School joining in the chorus.

Sir Francis Suttor said he was no orator, but he could, and would tell a plain, unvarnished tale. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to distribute the certificates for Life Saving, as he was President of the Society that

issued them. He impressed upon the School the necessity of having a practical knowledge of the methods, now very simple, for resuscitating the apparently drowned. He then went on to speak of the privileges we enjoyed in attending such a school as ours. He was in the habit of noticing the athletic records of the Great Public Schools and was pleased to see that we sometimes were successful. He was also pleased to see us lose sometimes—to the King's School, because it was good for us, and because he was an old King's School boy. However he was glad to say there was ample room for both Schools. He then gave reasons why parents should send their

boys to as large a school as possible, telling stories to illustrate how a big school was bound to assist in making a manly character. He then said that it was a fine idea of Lord Meath's that we should set apart one day in the year on which to parade our patriotism in a legitimate manner. He spoke of the singular gifts and nobility of life of Queen Victoria, whose jubilee celebrations he had had the privilege of witnessing, and said that for her sake alone we should be proud of her country and ours, if there were no other reasons. He spoke of the reign of King Edward, the Peacemaker, and said that George V. was no unworthy descendant of such monarchs as these. (Applause). The King had visited Australia, and he only hoped he would do so again. For, whatever some foolish people might say, he, as all of us were, was an Englishman first and an Australian second, though he was

an Australian of the third or fourth generation. Sir Francis said that the sight of the flag on the Admiral's flagship had given him the idea of speaking to us about the Union Jack. He gave us its history, and many stories of bravery in the field connected with it. He then spoke of the fact that the great characteristic of the English Empire was beneficent treatment of conquered people, and mentioned the extreme loyalty of the French Canadians. He spoke also of the Indian Empire and the loyalty of the Sepoys.

Voss called for three cheers for Sir Francis Suttor. The National Anthem was then sung, and the salute was given on the bugles. The Headmaster then called for three cheers for His Majesty the King. Sir Francis asked for and secured a half holiday for the School, the granting of his request being greeted with cheers.

Rowing.

THE Race is over, and we are two lengths to the bad; we must now start the long trend to the next race, when it is to be hoped that we shall be two lengths to the good, although a foot will do. Though we were beaten it was a shameless defeat, as in Sydney Grammar School we met a very fine crew. Before going further we must congratulate S.G.S. on pulling off the double, a feat which has never before been accomplished. This year we had an extra long camp, as both crews stayed up the river till

the day of the Race, which was ten days after the beginning of term. We got into the racing boat on Wednesday, 3rd April, the day on which we went into camp, and by the beginning of the next week we were quite comfortable in it. The better water up the river was noticed immediately, and the crew began to pick up form, also condition, which it is impossible to get in Berry's Bay. This year we were rather unfortunate in not having any crews to race against during training, but the Saturday before the

Race we had a fine $1\frac{1}{2}$ -mile spin against St. Paul's College Crew. Though the school crew was very light, averaging a bare ten-stone, this was almost compensated for by the pluck and keenness of the men. In addition to the usual means of amusement we had a gramophone, which, from the work it did, should have been in excellent condition—if anything, a trifle fine. Occasionally, some friends came to the camp to watch us rowing, and have tea with us. The thanks of the crews are due to Mr. Purves, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Robertson for cases of apples; we must also thank Dr. H. W. Kendall, who kindly came over one day and examined the crews. Robertson coxed both crews. The crew, as a whole, were inclined to rush, and, in fast work, to get short and scratchy. They want to aim more at getting the shoulders over hard and jamming the legs down, instead of getting the shoulders back and then dragging the oar through the water. The boat rowed much better than it paddled. The following is a criticism of the crews:—

V. T. Hall (stroke) is inclined to rush the last bit of the slide, and tumble over the stretcher, letting his shoulders go, this causes a hang which is at times noticeable even in high rates. Was inclined to be rather short when paddling, but less so when rowing. Is rather stiff, particularly in his arm work. Improved greatly during the last four weeks, and stroked well in the race.

G. F. Hart (7) has a fine swing, and is a splendid worker; supported his stroke well. Hart has been invaluable as secretary, and he kept the Boat Club together during the unfortunate absence of Voss.

E. A. Woodward (6) rowed very well at first, but lost a great deal of his dash in the

later stages. He must remember that the crew is a crew and not eight individuals. Wants to support his stroke better, and is apt to be slow at times. He must also hold out to the finish, and keep his eyes in the boat.

E. L. Witts (5) wants to hold out the finish and support No. 7. The hands, slide and legs must be finished to gether; right through the stroke he must keep his slide grinding back all the time, and support his body with the legs.

C. G. Lindsay (4) latterly cultivated a tendency to lie away at the finish, and look at his blade. He must swing his body well out from the hips, and take it back in one clean lift and drive, getting his hands away smartly at the recovery, and swing his body after them.

V. W. Smith (3) must steady his forward swing, and not leave his head behind; he also must get his shoulders well over on the catch.

K. B. Voss (2), Captain. An excellent captain in every way, and a fine oar. His keenness never flagged throughout the whole season, and he managed to avoid the fatal mistake of allowing the responsibility of his position to get on his nerves.

G. S. Lloyd (bow). A neat and lively oar; rather lacking in real leg drive. Is inclined to row his blade in instead of getting hold of it right behind the rigger, thus failing to take the weight off his 3's shoulders.

R. S. Robertson (cox) must not try and swing the boat too quickly round corners, or use the rudder too hard. When there is a cross-wind he must keep feeling up into it without taking the boat too much out of its course. Must take the advice of his coaches as to the course he must steer.

The crew of the second boat were lively and quickly off the mark, but, like the first crew, were handicapped by lack of weight. The criticism of the crew is as follows:—

L. L. Richardson (stroke) showed any amount of grit and dash, but failed to improve as an oar. Has fair length, and if he can get rid of his faults will be good next year.

H. S. Kirkland (3) worked well and backed up his stroke, but like him, also failed to become neat. Swings too far back, thus cramping his swing forward, and unnecessarily tiring himself.

L. E. Lillyman (2) always tried, but slowness with his hands, and the beginning and finish made his work much harder for him than was necessary. Was inclined to row in badly at times.

T. Morell (bow) was very light, but pulled his weight. Inclined to make two pieces of his stroke, and never entirely lost a bad habit of screwing his body. Improved a lot during the season.

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The starter, Mr. J. Macgregor, succeeded in getting the crews away splendidly together. S.C.E.G.S. rowing a solid 39 in the first minute appeared to have a slight lead, but at Bottle Point St. Ignatius' were falling back, while the other three crews were racing neck to neck. S.C.E.G.S. got out of their swing for a short distance and S.G.S. shot a length ahead, then Hall, getting his men going again, spurred up to S.G.S., and Putney was passed with the two crews on equal terms, St. Joseph's a length and a half behind, followed by St. Ignatius'. The powerful S.G.S. crew again dashed away with a fine effort, and although S.C.E.G.S. tried very hard to hold them, getting within half a length at Cabarita, they could not get level with them. St. Joseph's, meanwhile, were making grand spurts, and at one time began to look dangerous; St. Ignatius' had dropped further behind. S.C.E.G.S. made another spurt, and improved their position a little; then, towards Gladesville, S.G.S. shook them off, and established a lead

of two lengths, which they maintained to the finish, about the same distance separating us from St. Joseph's, who led St. Ignatius' by a little more. It was a fine race, interesting from start to finish, and the conditions were as perfect as they could possibly be. Undoubtedly the best crew won, but S.C.E.G.S. put up a splendid fight against their more powerful opponents.

The crews were as follows:—

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| Sydney Grammar School: | R. H. Waite (9.9), bow; | F. Barnet (10.0), 2; | E. J. Roberts (10.9), 3; | R. C. Stafford (11.2), 4; | R. R. Harper (12.7), 5; | H. R. Scrivener (12.8), 6; | J. Rossell (11.3), 7; | R. C. Inglis (12.5), stroke; | R. H. R. Grieve (cox) | ... | ... | ... | I |
| Sydney Church of England Grammar School: | G. S. Lloyd (9.11), bow; | K. B. Voss (9.13), 2; | V. W. Smith (9.13), 3; | C. G. Lindsay (9.9), 4; | E. L. Witts (10.6), 5; | E. A. Woodward (10.3), 6; | G. E. Hart (10.12), 7; | V. T. Hall (9.9), stroke; | R. S. Robertson (cox) | ... | ... | ... | |
| St. Joseph's College | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| St. Ignatius' College | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Won by two lengths. Time, 8min. 51sec. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SECOND CREWS.

From an excellent start S.C.E.G.S. fairly dashed away, rowing beautifully together; they struck 40 in the first minute and gained nearly a length from S.G.S., who were well in front of St. Joseph's and St. Ignatius'. At Tennyson, S.G.S. spurred and gradually worked to the front, and at Cabarita were leading by half a length. Up to this point it had been a grand race between the two school crews, the college crews being several lengths in the rear. Approaching Gladesville, the S.G.S. crew, rowing splendidly, went rapidly away, and reached the

judge's boat four lengths in front of C.E.G.S., St. Ignatius' a considerable distance away third, and St. Joseph's fourth. The winners were an exceptionally fine Second Crew, and showed excellent form all the way. The crews were as follows:—

Sydney Grammar School: C. C. Finlay (10.3), bow; F. E. Leah (10.9), 2; W.

P. McCallum (11.4), 3; I. C. Robson (10.0), stroke; A. A. Street (cox) ... 1
 Sydney Church of England Grammar School: T. Morell (9.3), bow; L. E. Lillyman (9.6), 2; H. Kirkland (10.2), 3; L. L. Richardson (10.3), stroke; R. S. Robertson (cox) ... 2
 St. Ignatius' College ... 3
 St. Joseph's College ... 4
 Won by four lengths. Time, 6min. 24sec.

The Rowing Machine.

AS an account of the new Rowing Machine may prove interesting to rowing Old Boys, I shall attempt to describe its main features. The idea is that one sits on a stationary framework and purges the oar through a channel which, full of water, runs along the side of the boat, and swinging round comes back underneath the seat to join the side stream again. There is a similar channel on the other side, which also turns at each end and flows under the seat. The whole thing has rather the appearance of an ellipse, the centre channel running along the straight line that joins the axes of the ellipse. The oars, being purged through the side channels, bank up the water in front of them, and send it on round the corner and

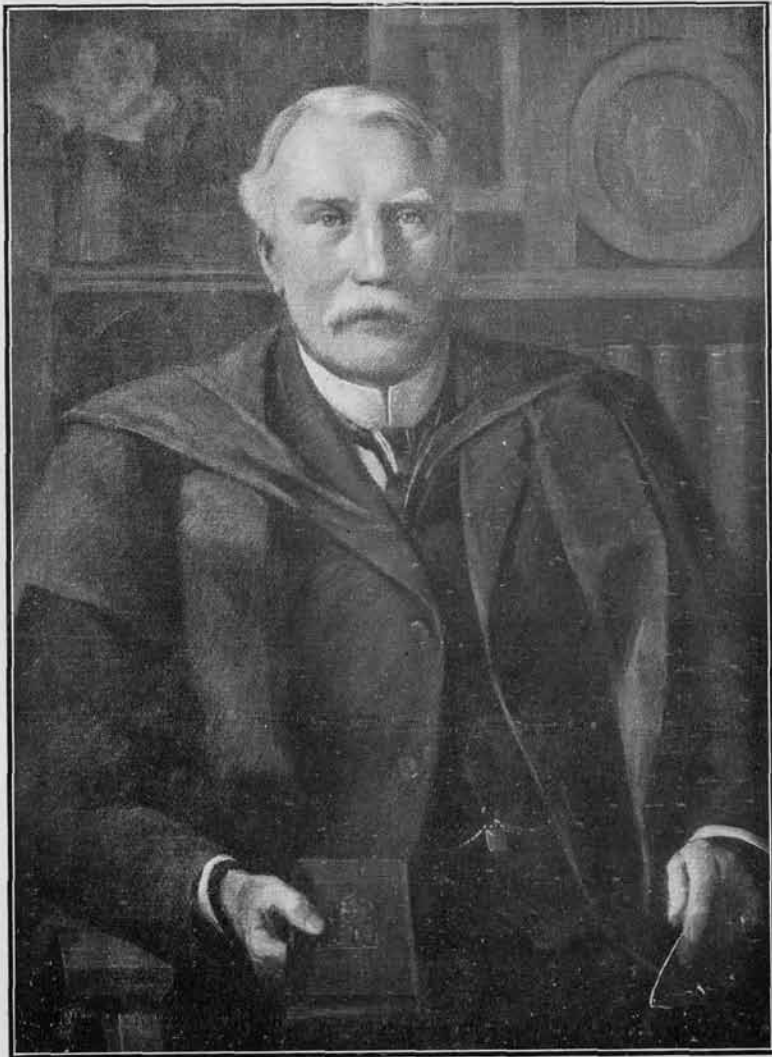
back up the centre channel. Thus, when the water is set moving, it gives, approximately, the motion of a boat, and one has to get a firm catch; otherwise the water—not the boat in this instance—gets away from him. The side channels are about a foot deep at the far side, and slope gradually to within a couple of feet of the side of the boat. The channel proper is about eighteen inches wide and a foot deep. By means of this machine we should be able to get rid, slightly, of the "stage-fright" which a new man feels on first getting into a boat. During the winter it should be of great service, too, in giving old men a few minutes to prevent their becoming stiff or rough.

K. B. V.

Portrait of Mr. Hodges.

The portrait of Mr. C. H. Hodges, Headmaster of this School from 1901 to 1910, is now completed and is at present to be seen in the studio of the

artist; Miss E. Stephens; it will shortly be hung in the School Library. Miss Stephens has painted the portrait from life, spending some weeks in Orange



Portrait of C. H. Hodges Esq., M.A.

in order to secure sittings. Beyond doubt she has been successful; the more it is studied the more completely will the portrait satisfy, and each friend will, one thinks, find in the face just that power, beneficence and intellect which he knows so well. It may be that a stranger should never judge a portrait, and it may be that

the character portrayed will never reveal itself unless it is sought for; but this is not the place for a discussion of idealism, but rather for hearty congratulations to the artist on an admirable work, and the school on the possession of "a representation of worth and wisdom drawn and finished by no unskilful hand."

The Headmaster's Portrait Fund.

Committee: The Headmaster, Prof. Holme, Rev. D. Davies, Messrs. W. B. Clarke, C. J. Tozer, Keith Williams.

The portrait of Mr. Hodges is now finished, and several friends who have seen it are very pleased with the painting. It is at present on view at the exhibition of Miss Ethel Stephens' paintings in her studio in Rosebank Street. Old Boys and others who wish to subscribe to the fund are asked to send their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. D. Davies, so that the committee may be able to give a commission for the portrait of the first Headmaster.

The following criticism of the painting is taken from the *Sydney Daily Telegraph's* review of Miss Ethel A. Stephens' pictures in her annual exhibition:—"The most prominent work of the collection is a portrait of Mr. Charles H. Hodges, who was Headmaster of the Church of England Grammar School from 1900 to 1910. Mr. Hodges is represented seated, and in the fidelity of

the flesh tints, the easy pose of the figure, with the red-lined University gown drawn across the shoulders; and the frank and genuine expression from the eyes, the artist has been extremely happy. The silvery hair, the well-managed light, and the treatment of the hands, in one of which the sitter holds a book, while a pair of spectacles depends from the other, are also notable points in a strong picture."

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions, received up to May 31:—

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| J. M. Allport | ... | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. R. C. Anderson | ... | 10 | 0 |
| K. P. Anderson... .. | ... | 2 | 6 |
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| Mrs. H. F. Barton | ... | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. E. Bennett... .. | ... | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. L. Blackwood | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Mr. R. W. Carey | ... | 1 | 1 |
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| Mr. W. B. Clarke | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Mr. A. H. Cook... .. | ... | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. R. E. Crisford | ... | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. D. Davies | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Mr. V. Y. Deane | ... | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. C. J. I. Dent | ... | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. R. G. I. Dent | ... | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. T. H. Dent | ... | 10 | 6 |

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| D. M. Fell | ... | ... | 2 | 6 | | Mr. B. P. Nettleton | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. C. B. Fidler | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Mr. D. Nettleton | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | |
| Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | | Mr. J. O. H. Nicoll | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | |
| Mr. L. Hagen | ... | ... | 10 | 0 | | Mr. J. G. A. Pockley | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | |
| Mr. J. W. Hayne | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Mr. J. L. Pulling | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| The Headmaster | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Mrs. E. G. Richardson | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. J. O. Harris | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | | Mr. F. N. Richardson | ... | ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Mr. T. W. Heney | ... | ... | 10 | 0 | | Mr. D'Arcy F. Roberts | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | |
| Prof. Holme | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Mr. H. A. Roberts | ... | ... | 10 | 6 | |
| Mr. C. S. Hordern | ... | ... | 10 | 0 | | H. R. and R. T. Scott | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| D. McColl McCowan | ... | ... | 10 | 0 | | Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. H. Meredith | ... | ... | 5 | 0 | | Mr. A. B. S. White | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. E. A. M. Merewether | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Mr. Keith Williams | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |

The Pre-Columbian Discovery of America.

ON Saturday evening, May 11th, a lecture on the Pre-Columbian Discovery of America was given in the School Hall by Mr. Kaepfel. We print an abstract of the lecture.

There are many claims to the discovery of a world beyond the Atlantic before the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492. One claim stands out entirely by itself—that of the Northmen in the tenth and eleventh centuries. Sailing in their long warships they explored the Arctic Ocean to the innermost recesses of the White Sea; they settled along the shores of Scotland, Ireland and France; they made their way into the Mediterranean, fighting in Algeria and taking service with the Byzantine Kingdom against the Saracens; they colonized Iceland and Greenland and, penetrating through Finland, founded the state which has

developed into the Russian Empire; and in so doing they infused some of their own energy into Europe, and made possible the Age of the Crusades, and subsequently, the Renaissance.

In 872 King Harold Fairhair abolished the allodial tenure and consolidated the Kingdom of Norway, and many chose exile; of these, some established themselves in Iceland, which had been discovered early in the eighth century, but was then uninhabited. The new state flourished and commercially and politically was far ahead of the rest of Europe; in it grew up the earliest modern literature—a literature of considerable merit, and still extant.

Only two years after the settlement in Iceland, a colonist, Gunnbjorn, was driven out of his course by storms until he sighted a new land. More than a hundred years later, in 983, Eric the Red was outlawed and decided to found a colony in the land that

Günbjorn had seen. On a fjord, at the end of which was a well-grassed plain, Eric settled, calling the country Greenland. The spot of Eric's choice is to this day in summer time a veritable green-land, but the name is a misnomer when applied to the whole of the island.

Soon after this Leif Ericsson, the son of Eric the Red, wishing to convert the settlers in Greenland to Christianity, set sail from Iceland, and making due south, came to the coast of Labrador; landing he raised a cairn and named the place Helluland, or slab-land, because of the numbers of flat stones found there. Sailing further south Ericsson came to a sheltered bay, into which flowed a river; here he landed and prepared to winter. A German of the party discovered grapes growing wild, and the place was named Vinland. Its exact position cannot now be discovered, but the description of the coast given by the Saga is that of the American sea-board below Boston. The account of the flora and fauna is correct in every detail, but several place about the latitude of Cape Cod would fulfil all its conditions.

Leif and his men returned after the winter to Greenland, when Thorwald, his brother, borrowed his boat and sailed to Vinland. In the spring they began to explore, and, being driven on shore by a storm, find the first signs of men. Coming upon three skin boats with their crews, they killed the latter, all save one, who escaped, and in the night brought a countless host to the shore. Thorwald and his men beat off their attack, but Thorwald is killed and is buried by the shore with a cross at his head and his feet. The "savages" thus met with are described in the Saga as of swarthy complexion, ferocious countenance, ugly hair, high cheek-bones, and big eyes. (The American Indian has a small eye, but the eye-socket is particularly large, and the description may well refer to that). Their weapons were the bow and arrow, the sling, and tomahawk; their method of fighting with the *ballista* or demon head is specially noted.

The news of Thorwald's death is taken home, and a third brother, Thorstein, sets out for Vinland, but failing to reach it,

returns and leaves his young and beautiful wife, Gudrid, a widow. She marries a nobleman, Karlsefni, who will make the expedition on a larger scale. In 1007 they set out with 150 men, and a large cargo of cattle. They establish themselves in Vinland and a son is born to Karlsefni and Gudrid. From this son, Snorro, the first American born of European parents, many of the more famous men of Denmark and Iceland trace their descent. For three years the colony maintained its existence, but the hostility of the Indians finally drove Karlsefni back to Greenland. His was a heavy sense of failure; his attempt, had it succeeded, must have changed the course of history.

One more attempt was made at colonizing Vinland, by one Thorward and his wife Freydis. Dissension, fomented by Freydis, broke out between Thorward and his brothers, and the latter, with their wives, were massacred. On their return to Greenland Leif foretold that the posterity of Thorward and his wife would never thrive.

Thereafter the Saga makes no reference to further voyages to Vinland, and as Greenland declined, journeying thither became impossible, for the route was from Iceland to Greenland, and thence to America.

Greenland was destroyed by the attacks of the Eskimos, by the plague, and more than all else, by the interference of the home government. In 1272 Iceland formally acknowledged fealty to Norway, and on Queen Margaret's accession the trade with Iceland and Greenland was made a royal monopoly. Under this regime Greenland gradually falls into oblivion. It is mentioned as late as 1409; then we hear no more of it.

It may be asked why, after the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492, no claim was made by the Northmen. The routes taken by the Norsemen and Columbus were entirely different. Vinland was a shadowy land somewhere beyond Greenland; the world of Columbus was a continuation of the Indies. It was long before the identity of the two was established.

The history of Vinland is told along and interwoven with numberless events in the middle ages, the truth of which can be established at every turn. Wherever we can

check it it tallies with archaeology and natural history. In short, it is a plain, straightforward narrative of a great exploit. The Viking ship dug up at Landefjord, and

now in the Museum at Christiana shows that the Norsemen were well able to undertake hazardous voyages across the stormy North Atlantic.

Cadet Corps.

EACH Thursday of this term has been devoted to the new course of musketry. A special train has conveyed one hundred cadets to the Randwick Rifle Range, and three strenuous hours have been put in at the targets. The chief feature of each occasion was the putting away of the rifles in the armoury at seven o'clock in a dim light, when every one was suffering greatly from the pangs of hunger. On the first two occasions the lighting was scarcely adequate, but now, with bicycle lamps, lanterns and matches, the armoury presents a dazzling spectacle.

This new course of musketry is much more instructive than the old one. The grouping system is used at the first practice, and, though time will not allow each individual to inspect his target as is intended by the instructions, it has proved eminently satisfactory as an elementary practice. This practice is useful also inasmuch as it restrains all nervous excitement until the shooter has quite finished. Think of the strain on the poor cadet whose last shot of his third attempt must be a bull's-eye, to get fourteen! The rifles have proved to be reliable up to 400 yards.

This musketry course is a long and serious business, but it is felt that in every case the recruit has learnt some-

thing of the art. It is hoped that it may be arranged next year for some of the older cadets to camp near the Rifle Range and do their musketry course with a minimum of tram travelling.

Marksman's badges will be awarded to those who scored 110 or more out of a possible 185. There are a very creditable number of these already.

At a meeting of the Rifle Team Woodward was elected Captain. Brooks, Sturrock and Nelson were elected to vacancies on the Sub-Committee. There are six of last year's team still at school, and the musketry has brought several names under our notice. If possible, there will be a match against St. Paul's College at the end of this term. With this object in view several practices have already been held, and some new comers have shot in such a way as to shew a great amount of promise for the coming season.

Promises of assistance in coaching the Rifle Team have been received from Mr. Dakin, Secretary of N.R.A., and from Sergeant-Major Harvey, who is an experienced shot.

There are to be two team's matches in the N.R.A. meeting in October for cadets, with the cadet rifle. The

prizes offered for these are very attractive and teams will be put into practice immediately the musketry course is fired.

CADET OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s.

A COMPANY.

- Commanding Officer: Capt. J. O. Harris.
 Subalterns: Lieut. Brooks.
 " Pulling.
 " Dent.
 N.C.O.'s.: Col. Sgt. F. Morell,
 Sgt. Gregory.
 " Hart,
 " Nelson.
 " Lillyman.
 " Luscombe.
 Cpl. Hall,
 " Irvine.
 " Lindsay.
 " Sutor.

- Cpl. Kingsmill.
 Lt.-Cpl. McCrae.
 " Kirkland.
 " Wiltshire.
 " Doig.

B COMPANY.

- Officer Commanding: Lieut. Starrock.
 Subalterns: Lieut. Woodward.
 " Richardson.
 N.C.O.'s.: Col. Sgt. Ewing.
 " Sgt. Playfair.
 " Barton.
 " Smith.
 Cpl. Matheson.
 " Deane.
 " Boehme.
 " Stokes.
 " Wits.
 " Lindsay.
 " Stack.
 Lt.-Cpl. Cranswick.

Camera Club.

THIS Term we have to report two outings, for both of which we had most suitable weather. On the afternoon of the 23rd March; a party went by train to Roseville Station and walked to Middle Harbour. A boat was hired and the party rowed some distance down the Harbour, securing photos. of the surroundings.

On Saturday afternoon, May 11th, an excursion was held to Watson's Bay. The ferry was taken as far as Parsley Bay, and some photos of the neighbourhood were secured, the Suspension Bridge that crosses the Bay being a specially suitable subject. Watson's Bay was then visited and some photos. were taken of the "Gap." Although it was a calm afternoon,

there was sufficient sea to show that in rougher weather fine studies of breakers could be got.

A competition has been held this term, and before the end of Term an exhibition of photographs of general interest will be held.

It is to be hoped that more boys in the School who are interested in photography will join the Club, as we feel sure that much information will be gained on the subject by those who do so.

We are pleased to note that the Club has been represented in outside competitions, one member being successful in the "Town and Country Journal Competition," and we hope that others will follow this example.

From our French Correspondent.

Mon cher Torch-Bearer,

Pas n'est besoin de vous dire que je porte le deuil—et vous savez bien pourquoi!

C'est que, depuis le 24 du mois passé—date à jamais funeste dans notre histoire—je ne fais que porter—n'importe où je vais—un morceau de crêpe noir autour de ma canne—ma chère canne, que j'ai tant de fois agitée en l'air pour signaler encore un triomphe ajouté à notre liste déjà si longue! Mais que sommes-nous donc devenus? Où sommes-nous? Est-ce que nous avons oublié que nous avons toujours été "head of ze river?" A bas tous les effrontés prétendants à ce titre-là! Qui est-ce donc, que ce "Grammar" dont nous avons depuis peu entendu parler? Qui est-ce qui leur a donné permission de s'établir maîtres d'une rivière que nous possédons à nous exclusivement, il y a maintenant presque un quart de siècle? A bas "Grammar!" A bas tous ceux qui ne sont pas "Shore"! Moi je pense en effet que cette équipe-là qui s'est trouvée l'autre jour en avant de nous à la fin de la course n'a consisté après tout que d'une société secrète d'espions allemands déguisés—voilà ce que je pense, monsieur, et peu m'en chaut si le monde entier le sait! Morbleu, mais attendous!—attendons, dis-je, et nous verrons qui sera vainqueur l'année prochaine, et la suivante, et la suivante, et ainsi de suite à toute éternité—dix mille tonnerres! Nous allons avant peu apprendre aux es-

pions allemands qu'il y a encore des héros vaillants sur le Nort' Shore qui pourront les laisser bien en arrière—morbleu, quand j'y pense, monsieur, le sang me bout, et je me sens comme un ogre, comme un éléphant, comme un crocodile acharné qui voudrait bien faire bon marché de tous les espions allemands qui aient jamais rendu hideux la surface du monde! peste soit des butors! sapristi! mordieu! morbleu! nom d'une pipe! mille diables! les voleurs! les traîtres! les brigands! les corsaires! les pirates! les boucaniers! les détrousseurs de grands chemins! les burglaires masqués! les coquins! les scélérats! les hypocrites! que le diable les emporte tous—faquins, gredins, fainéants, tas de brutes, gueux—revanche! revanche! Attendez l'année prochaine! nous allons leur mordre la queue! nous allons leur apprendre à ramer! nous allons les perdre de vue! nous allons les instruire dans le noble art de brandir les rames! les tyrans, les bourreaux, les despotes, les ferrailleurs, les parvenus, les requins, les monstres marins—que dis-je? Ce ne sont que des balayeurs marins! les larrons! les reptiles chétifs! les pariahs! les vauriens—ah je n'en puis mais—adieu, mon pauvre cher Torchbearer maltraité, déçu, trahi!

Et vous autres, vous tous, grands héros aquatiques, Salle, Cœur, Verslebois, Esprits, Lindire, Forgeron, Vossé, Lloyd (comment donc prononcez-vous ce traître de mot-là?) et Filsderoberth—en 1913 SOUVENEZ-

VOUZ DE 1912!!! Deslarmes aux
yeux, et la revanche au cœur

Toujours à vous, monsieur,

ALPHONSE GOUGOUQUES.

[It will be seen that our contributor

is not quite correct in his history of the School's successes on the River. We overlook this fact in view of his Gallic enthusiasm and his fervent loyalty to ourselves. — ED. *Torch-Bearer.*]

The Debating Society.

A DEBATE was held on Tuesday, April 30th, the President (Mr. Fidler) in the chair. The subject was, "That Home Rule ought not to be granted to Ireland by the Imperial Parliament."

There was a fair attendance.

Tyler (proposer) said that the granting of Home Rule would disunite the Empire by breaking off a part of Great Britain which had long been governed by England. The Protestants were ready to fight against Home Rule. The next step would be that Wales and Scotland would demand Home Rule. The Government which was bringing in this proposal had not the support of the people. It would mean that the priest would rule Ireland. The fact that the Irish themselves were not enthusiastic was shown by their being compelled to canvass Australia for funds. The Irish were no longer a different race from the English. They had helped to make the debt of England, and must not secede now in the time of their prosperity. Home Rule would be only a step towards complete separation.

Dudley (opposer) said that England had always stood for liberty, and must not now prevent the Irish from ruling

themselves as they liked. Ireland's interests were now swamped by force of numbers in the British Parliament. The Protestants of Ulster were a small minority in Ireland, and it was the wishes of the majority that must be conceded to. They could not expect that there would be a Roman Catholic tyranny, for it was just as likely that the Protestants would tyrannise during their period of power. Bloodshed would be inevitable if Home Rule were not allowed. The case of Ireland was altogether different from that of Scotland: one was divided naturally from England, the other was not. There was no reason for thinking that the people did not know what they were doing when they put the present Parliament into power. The Irish of the South were as enthusiastic as they could be, and were quite willing, no less than the people of Ulster, to fight for their cause. The Irish were still an obviously separate race, and were easily to be distinguished from the English.

Fraser said that Ireland got its rights now, so that it had no need to be separated.

Voss said that Ireland was small and would be unable to hold her own

against the other nations either in commerce or in battle. The Irish had no more right to govern themselves than had the boys of a school. The parts of the Empire must stick together, just as they had to do in Australia.

Lloyd pleaded that the Irish had always been persecuted, and had never had a chance of showing that they could govern themselves. They had supplied great men in War and in other departments of public life. They had very good reason to wish to break off. The Irish were, and would continue to be, perfectly loyal to the King and to the Empire.

Mr. Barton defended the Irish against the merciless attacks on their character and intelligence. Their discontent would cease when they were allowed to govern themselves. England could not do all her business at present. The Irish said a good deal more than they meant, because they were not allowed to illustrate their opinions in the manner natural to them.

Blackwood showed the danger of allowing Ireland freedom to become a dangerous naval station, to foreign powers.

Tyler replied and a vote was taken; the motion was declared carried.

A debate was held on Tuesday, the 14th May, the President being in the chair. The subject was, "That the Sydney Summer is more enjoyable than the Winter."

Voss (proposer) said that there were comparatively few sports in Winter.

It was much easier to cool oneself than to warm oneself. It was not healthy to keep in front of a fire, muffled up, unable to breathe fresh air. The rain and the westerlies, which no clothing could keep out, were unpleasant on land, and the dreadful storms that prevented even the Milson's Point boat from mooring were unpleasant on the water. The Sydney people preferred either Queensland, where there was no winter, or Kosciusko, where there was a real Winter with Winter sports. The Winter afternoons were too short. One got continual colds in Winter, which could only be cured by making oneself perspire; an impossibility sometimes. The great tram strike took place because the tram-drivers wanted protection from the cold. The Winter occupied more than half the year.

Dudley (opposer) pointed out that we, as the descendants of Englishmen, ought not to feel the Sydney Winter. If they could put up with theirs, surely Sydney people could enjoy theirs. Those of us who had lived in higher altitudes would agree that Sydney had no real cold. There was none of the frost, or snow, or sleet, which made Winter unpleasant. Sydney had a temperate climate by reason of its altitude and its latitude. More boys liked football, the Winter sport, than cricket, the Summer sport. Surf-bathing was rendered necessary for comfort by the unpleasant heat of Summer. Winter was the time for action. In Summer one had no energy to do any work at all. On a hot Summer's night, with mosquitoes

driving us to distraction, one could not work. It was never too cold to enjoy a shower bath. The train-drivers wanted protection only against rain, not against cold. The Westerlies of Winter were not as bad as the North-Westers of summer.

Mr. Barton said the Proposer had looked at the Winter with a frown upon his face. A true lover of surf-bathing could continue to patronise the surf all through Winter. The water was tepid in Summer, and a shower was

more enjoyable in Winter, when one could feel the water. Mr. Barton drew a graphic picture of the joys of Winter for the enthusiastic walker, and of the miseries of the Summer night.

McRae described the beauty of the fruits, and flowers, and ladies' dresses, which were not seen in Winter. He recommended walking for a Summer night.

Stokes also spoke, and Voss replied, after which the motion was put to the vote, and carried.

Akhnaton the Reformer.

Notes on Weigall's *Akhnaton, Pharaoh of Egypt*. By Mrs. C. H. HODGES.

IT is only within the last century that the marvellous treasure of Egypt, found in its tombs and temples, has been given to the world, and by far the most interesting finds have been made during the last twenty years or so. While Memphis and Sakkara, the cities near the Pyramids, have been known, and their tombs ransacked since systematic excavation was first carried on, further up the Nile, and especially at Thebes, both tomb and temple have yielded their secrets quite recently. Tel el Amarna, about 150 miles above and south of Cairo, was excavated in '88, '91, and the numerous clay cylinders, known as the Tel el Amarna tablets, deciphered and distributed among the principal European and Egyptian Museums. But it was only in 1908 that the body of the "heretic king," who built the city of El Amarna, was discovered, and it is of this king, Amenophis W., or as he called himself, Akhnaton, that I speak to you now.

Why was he called "the heretic king?" Because he so hated and detested the idolatrous worship of Ammon, and innumerable other deities carried on at Karnak, and in his native royal city of Thebes, that when only 18 years of age, being already Ruler of Egypt for several years, he left Thebes in disgust (as Abraham fled from his native

land), brought his whole court down to Tel el Amarna, and there marked out boundaries, and built palaces for himself and his nobles, and temples in which a new religion, and yet a very old one, was taught, and a simple and pure form of worship carried on. The word Amenophis reminding him of the Ammon worship he cast aside this hereditary name—he was fourth of his line—and took the name of Akhnaton—the heat that is in Aton. Aton is the same as the Syrian Adonis (Adonai), and signifies the sun, and the syllable *ra* in Pharaoh also meant sun, and traced its origin to the Archaic worship of the sun disk, which had always been a part of Egyptian worship, but had become overlaid and lost by the worship of Isis, Osiris, Apis, Horus, Khnub, Khonsu, Hattior, and innumerable others. hawk, cat, crocodile, the Nile itself, a weary and unprofitable catalogue.

Akhnaton did not, however, worship, or allow to be worshipped, the sun disk itself. The wonderful thing is that, untaught, as far as we know, by any human guide, he went behind the visible and sought the invisible. He did not worship the sun, but the energy that is in the sun, and the representations of the deity are always of rays poured forth each day holding out hands of

blessing, and to the King, the mysterious creative symbol, the Key of Life. Is not one reminded as one thinks of him rejoicing in the rising sun, and singing praise for its appearing of Wesley's hymn :

"Sun of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Day spring from on high, be near,
Day star in my heart appear."

Akhnaton showed his joy in the life giving sun rays by rejoicing in their results. On every palace floor, wall and ceiling were painted the most exquisite scenes; on the ceilings doves and butterflies; on the floor the translucent and iridescent Nile water rippling along, not its surface, but the water itself, in it fish swimming, lotus blooming, reeds waving; on the walls birds winging their way to the windows, pursued by hunting dogs. Nature was to be expressed in every way, no more stiff conventional attitudes, no canons of art. The figures were often uncouth and disproportionate, but

easy and natural in attitude; instead of a pompous Pharaoh with his wife standing stiffly beside him, hardly reaching to his knee, we find Akhnaton driving with his wife and little daughters, or leaning from a canopy, or seated at supper, but always with his wife and children round him. In one, he is joking with his little girl, who stands in the chariot with him poking the horses with a stick; in another, she is patting her mother under the chin; at another time we see him caressing his wife with a pretty gentle gesture of affection. Other Pharaohs were proud, harsh and cruel; this one was sweet and kind, with a heart overflowing with love and joy in the bounteous gifts of nature.

A hymn has been found inscribed on the walls of one of the tombs at Tel-el-Amarna, which was one of those sung in the temple worship. It bears a remarkable resemblance to the 104th Psalm, and Weigall thinks that the two undoubtedly had a common origin. The following are some of the most remarkable parallel passages:—

AKHNATON'S HYMN.

104th PSALM.

1. The world is in darkness like the dead.
Every lion cometh forth from his den.
Darkness reigns.
2. When thou risest in the horizon, the darkness is banished: then in all the world they do their work.
3. All *trees* and *plants* flourish, the *birds* flutter in their marshes, their wings uplifted in adoration to Thee. All *sheep* dance upon their feet.
4. The *ships* sail up-stream and down-stream alike. The *fish* in the river leap up before Thee, and thy rays are in the midst of the great sea.
5. How manifold are Thy works: Thou didst create the earth according to Thy desire; men, cattle, all that are upon the earth.

1. Thou makest darkness that it may be dark, wherein all the beasts of the forest do move. The lions roaring after their prey do seek their meat from GOD.
2. The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, and lay them down in their dens. Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening.
3. The *trees* of the Lord also are full of sap; even the *cedars* of Libanus, which He hath planted wherein the birds make their nests, and the *fir trees* are a dwelling for the *stork*. The high hills are a refuge for the *wild goats*.
4. Yonder go the *ships*, and there is that *Leviathan* whom Thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
5. Oh Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hath Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.

6. Thou hast set a Nile in heaven that it may fall for them, making floods upon the mountains and watering their fields. The Nile in heaven is for the service of strangers, and for the cattle of every land.
7. Thou makest the seasons. Thou hast made the distant heaven in order to rise therein. Dawning, shining afar off, and returning.
8. The world is in Thy hand, even as Thou hast made them. When Thou hast risen they live, when Thou settest they die. By Thee man liveth.
6. He watereth the hills from above; the earth is full of the fruits of Thy works. He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men.
7. He appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun knoweth his going down.
8. These wait all upon Thee. When Thou openest Thy hand they are filled with good. When Thou hidest Thy face they are troubled. When Thou takest away their breath they die.

But there is one little bit that stands quite alone, and somehow touches the heart at least of any hen-wife, who has anxiously watched the hatching of a clutch of chicks, for nothing could mark more wonderfully the difference between the simple soul of this young king and the long series of proud rulers, who for thousands of years had tyrannised over their dependents, not only in the Nile Valley, but far to the south and east and north:

"When the chick crieth in the egg-shell
Thou givest him breath therein to preserve
him alive.
He cometh forth from the egg to chirp with
all his might.
He runneth about upon his two feet."

Is this not a perfect little nature-poem, so simple and direct, and so entirely founded on close and sympathetic observation? It reminds one of Blake's songs of innocence and experience, and might easily be a paraphrase of one of them, and are we not also reminded of the words of another who had watched how "The hen gathered her chickens under her wings?"

Akhnaton was always very delicate and fragile; he appears to have had a misshapen skull, to judge from the death mask taken from his mummy, but in spite of these hindrances he lived a full active life, ruling, driving, planning, building, and at the same time organising a pure reformed religion, detaching the name of Ammon. He limited his interests, however, in one direction. He hated and detested war, as such a sensitive tender-hearted man might well

do, and he utterly ignored the persistent cries of his subjects in Syria, recorded in the letters found among the El Amarna tablets, for help against the incursions of enemies from the north and east. He was not alone in this. For twenty years in the reign of his father and grandfather, appeals for help had come, but not one had ever been answered. Whatever the Egyptian soldiery were doing they were not guarding the frontier of the kingdom, and so disaster came speedily. Tribute ceased, the treasury became empty; city after city was lost, and when at last he realised too late the true state of affairs, Akhnaton had no strength or spirit to stand against the flood of trouble. He was reaping the whirlwind, the results of his forefathers' neglect, and he reminds us in this of Louis XVI., in whose court the same efforts, after a return to nature and simplicity of life, appears to have been made, at least, by Marie Antoinette in her happy country life at Trianon. After a short illness he died, only 28 years old, and though he had built a tomb for himself in the hills behind El Amarna, his body was never laid there, but carried back to the hated idolatrous city of Thebes, there to be buried in the tomb of his Mother Tiy, where it was found by Weigall only five years ago. Till then, Akhnaton was always assumed to have died in middle age, but the bones, which were at first thought to have been those of Queen Tiy herself, were found on expert evidence to be those of a young man of about twenty-eight years of age.

Akhnaton left seven daughters but no son, and in a very short time the "Aton-

Gleam" faded away, and the tyrannous priests resumed the sway which had hardly been weakened by his influence. His successor on the throne was one of his nobles, who married a true descendent of the Pharaohs, the sister of his wife Nefertiti. His daughters also married, and were absorbed into the old line. Akhnaton, after establishing his kingdom, had shown active animosity against the old religion by commanding the name of Amon to be defaced in the temples at Thebes and Kamak, and elsewhere, where the work of the iconoclasts can still be seen. It seems a childish way of showing contempt and hatred this chopping of insensate blocks of stone, but how universal it has been. In the temple of the Vestal Virgins in Rowe, one sees a tombstone with the name erased; it is believed that the Vestal had become a Christian before her death, and that the stone was erected, but immediately defaced. In many a Cathedral in England one sees fury marked in the same way, "and now they break down all the carved work thereof with axes and hammers," the old sad words being fulfilled again, in the effervescing fervour of our zealous English reformers.

So, Aton having worked his will on the temples of the old faith, its representatives were prompt with their reprisals, and not only was the City of the Sun "speedily deserted and ruinous," but the very name of Aton was erased and defaced wherever it appeared. Not only so, but Akhnaton's body was not spared. His mother's tomb was broken open, her shrine and coffin removed from the defiling presence of "that criminal," as he was now called, and though his coffin was left with his name on it, gold foil wrappings of the mummy were tampered with, and wherever his name appeared the name of Akhnaton was cut out; and thus it was found when the tomb was opened the other day. The bier on which the coffin lay, as well as a great part of the coffin, had decayed, and the head and feet were exposed, and fast crumbling away, but the remains of the coffin were rich, and beautifully inlaid with glass and precious stones. A golden hawk lay on the forehead shewing that his hatred of the old gods had been ignored even in his very burying, and as it

was found impossible to preserve the mummy the bones were collected, soaked in wax to preserve them, and sent to Cairo, where they are at the present time.

Special interest in this Pharaoh lies in the fact that his mother Tiy, who undoubtedly had great influence with her son, was a Syrian. Her father and mother lived with her at Thebes, and the magnificent tomb she built for them has yielded up the richest treasure that has been found in Egypt. The contents have a room entirely devoted to them called the Theodore Davis room from the American archeologist, who discovered and excavated the tomb at his own expense. Beds and chairs, jewel boxes, and wicker clothes baskets, cushions, and alabaster jars, mummified fowls, ducks, and turkeys, even wigs are to be seen there, and the lovely little chariot, of which I have a photograph here, is one of the most interesting finds ever made: it is of Sycamore wood, with a leather body richly enamelled or painted with gold, scarlet, blue, and black. It is in almost perfect condition, and though, perhaps, only a model, may quite possibly have been used by Akhnaton's grandfather or mother, or, perhaps, by Akhnaton himself, for it is not much smaller than the light racing sulkies which we see on the show-grounds to-day. The extreme wealth and luxury in which all the Pharaohs of the eighteenth dynasty lived, and not the artistic dreamy character of Akhnaton himself, is that to which I should be inclined to attribute his failure in patriotism when put to the test. We learn that it was not only he, but his father and grandfather who had failed to hear the cry of distress from the far distant frontier of the kingdom, and we must remember also that the sense of care and responsibility for those under our rule is only now beginning to dawn on the world. To the ancients, as to the Empress of China, and to the Sultan of Morocco in our own day, they were merely chattels to be used for the king's pleasure, profit, and aggrandisement. So that it is not surprising that the young king had not got far enough in his search for truth to apply the spiritual principles of "Love, joy, peace," to the saving of his oppressed subjects in a distant dependency. As we have seen, he suffered

for the faults of his qualities in the ruin of his city, and the total eclipse of his sweet bright religion, but the light which shone upon his soul was not obliterated; it dawned for the whole world thirteen hundred years

later, and it is shining still among all the murky clouds which envelop it, and we may feel perfect confidence that it will shine ever more and more unto the perfect day.

The Memorial Library.

WE have to thank Messrs. Geo. L. Shuman for presenting to the Library a copy of Stoddart's Lectures.

We have also to thank W. E. Pope for presenting a number of volumes to the Library. *O si sic plures!*

Nelson has been appointed to the Library Committee.

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Football.

WE are apt to regard the competition matches as all-important in school football, and judged on them the football has perhaps been disappointing this Term. We beat St. Joseph's College and St. Ignatius' College, drew with the King's School, and lost to Newington and Sydney Grammar School. The team was very uneven. We started the season well in practice matches, but the loss of Hall disorganised the back division to a certain extent; and for a short time it looked as if the team were going to pieces. However, we recovered ourselves and finished up with a really good game for the last match. The failure in the team was due to the inability to play up to form in big matches. There is plenty of football in the team, but they have on several occasions failed to make the most of

their abilities. Lillyman among the backs and Ormiston among the forwards have played consistently well right through the season. A Beckett has played very well sometimes, but not quite consistently; his passing has sometimes been at fault, but his defence has always been very sound. Morell is slow, but is improving very fast, and should make a good five eight. The three-quarter line had to be changed in the middle of the season, Brooks and Lillyman coming into the centre, where Brooks has been weak in handling and slow in getting back to defend, but can always be relied on to go hard; while Lillyman's chief fault has been a tendency to bunch in on his insides. Gregory is developing into a very strong attacking wing, and his defence is improving. Cattlin on the other wing needs to cut in less

and to improve his handling. The forwards are a very level lot, but far too inclined to take things easily. Ormiston was always doing his best, and in the later matches Witts, Woodward, and Lindsay, while Richardson was the best forward on the field in the King's match, after playing a disappointing game in the other matches. Suttor, who came up for the last match, well justified his inclusion. Ewing and Hall are light, but are both capable of very good football. We lose a' Beckett this Term, after three years in the school team. His play has always been fearless and hard, and we shall miss him.

The Second XV. should be better than they are; at times they have shown great capacity for attack, but it is far too often spoilt by bad handling. Mayers and Carter are both very good individual players, but weak in passing and inclined to "hang on" too long, with the result that the ball does not get out to the three-quarters quick enough. The defence of the back division is very fairly sound, but they do not get back quick enough when they have lost the ball—a noticeable fault even in the first—and do not tackle instantaneously as they must to make their attack effective. The forwards are a fairly strong pack. Craig and Cooper are an effective pair of breakaways, and Scott should make a good lock with practice. The hooking has been far too slow; the forwards must remember that to be any use they must do everything at top speed. The following-up is not hard enough, and

the tackling is not half solid enough. Generally the faults of the teams are due to the fact that they do not play their hardest in practice, and so cannot play their hardest in matches.

But apart from the competition matches, the football throughout the school has been satisfactory. The colour matches have been played hard, though sometimes players have turned out late; and the junior teams are all playing keenly. We have a still further increase in the numbers playing in this team, and very little failure to turn out without notice. Every boy must remember that if he is a member of a team he owes it to that team to turn out regularly, and if he cannot, the least he can do is to make sure that his captain knows in ample time. The fault that is most noticeable in the junior teams generally is that when the backs get the ball they run across the ground instead of straight for the opposing goal-line, while the tackling is far too often done high. The prospects for the future, however, are very fairly bright, as the play throughout the school is keen, and keen players are sure eventually to develop into good players. Our thanks are due to Sayers and Hamilton for assistance in practice, and to Thornton for undertaking the reporting of competition matches.

COMPETITION POINTS

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| Newington College | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| The King's School | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| S.G.S. | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| C.E.G.S. | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| St. Joseph's College | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| St. Ignatius' College | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

THIRD XV.

One or two of last year's Third XV. being left as a nucleus and with several of those, who were promoted, well-skilled in the rules and practices, it was expected that the Third XV. would do fairly well this season. Having started off rather unfortunately at Riverview the team played very much better against St. Joseph's and Newington, the backs showing much better form and the forwards also combining better; the latter are still far too fond of watching what is going on instead of taking part in the match. This is a bad fault and is very noticeable in their failing to form down round their backs when the opposing side, after beating the forwards, rush the ball down and the backs stop the rush. When attacking it is an excellent thing for each man to endeavour to score, but he must also remember that there are others whom he can help—in other words, combination in and between both divisions of the field is the beginning and end of successful play. Several of the forwards will have to work hard to retain their places in the next half of the season, especially in regard to tackling.

School v. St. Ignatius College, 1/5/'12.—Referee, Mr. Hanson. Played at Riverview. Won, 16-0.

The team was as follows:—Gillies, Brooks, Gregory, Hall, Lillyman, a'Beckett, Morell, Hall, Ormiston, Ewing, Witts, Woodward, Cooper, Lindsay, Richardson.

S.I.C. kicked off against a light breeze and immediately play was transferred to their 25, where they were awarded a free kick for off-side. McKay, after a good run, kicked out at 25, where, from a mark, they made a good but unsuccessful kick at goal. V. Hall picking up at 25 made an opening for Gregory who, after drawing two men, passed to Brooks, who scored in good position. V. Hall converted. Soon we attacked again but were driven back by good line kicks from marks. Then a good rush by our backs brought play again on to their line, where they were awarded a free for Brooks being off-side. S.I.C. now livened up and brought play in to our 25

where Gregory relieved by a good line kick. From a ruck Lillyman obtained and running round on open side passed to Hall, to Gregory, to Brooks and back to Gregory, who scored in the corner. Gregory's kick failed. From a scrum at 25 Brooks took the ball on the blind side and ran to the full back and instead of passing was tackled with the ball and thus lost a certain try.

Half time scores 8-0.

Soon after the kick off Hall, beating the opposing centre, made a good opening for Gregory who ran to the line and then passed to Brooks who scored in the corner. Gregory failed to convert. Ormiston was playing excellently, especially on the line out where he on several occasions broke away and ran to the full back. A good rush by S.I.C. forwards brought play to our 25 and after dribbling past Gillies they were just stopped in time by V. Hall. Play was again transferred to their 25 where Morell picked up and scored behind the posts. a'Beckett converted. Gillies line kicking at times was excellent.

The no-side whistle sounded with the scores 16-0 in our favour.

The backs played well in this match but did not make full use of their opportunities. a'Beckett and Morell were excellent and Hall played a great game, especially in the second half. Ormiston was the best of a level pack of forwards, their scrum work being very good.

School v. S.J.C. Played on North Sydney Oval, No. 2, May 8th, and resulted in a win for us by 14 to 5. Referee, Mr. Hull.

The team was as follows:—Gillies, Brooks, Gregory, Pulling, Lillyman, a'Beckett (capt.), Morell, Hall, Ormiston, Ewing, Witts, Woodward, Cooper, Lindsay, Richardson.

S.J.C. kicked off against a light southerly breeze. From the kick off play remained in our 25 for some time until Ormiston, breaking through from a line out, with the ball at toe, transferred play to their 25. Our forwards did more than their share at getting the ball from the scrums, but among the backs, considerably weakened by V. Hall's absence, handling and passing were very bad at the start; Morell, Pulling and Gregory being

the chief offenders. Barnett, on their wing, broke away and ran to Gillies, at full-back, who tackled him on the line. However, from a ruck, their forwards dribbled over the line and diving on it scored. Nicholson converted. Soon after the kick off Morell picked up at centre and ran to their 25 but was unsupported and a good chance of scoring was lost. At this stage play became rather uninteresting as the ball was merely being kicked up and down the field, the backs taking very little part. From a scrum a'Beckett obtained and feinting to pass cut in and ran hard for the line and scored an excellent try in good position. Gregory failed to convert. A few minutes later we increased our score, Lillyman secured from the loose and passed to a'Beckett who drew the full-back and then passed to Richardson who scored in the corner. Gregory's kick failed.

Half-time scores were 6 to 5 in our favour.

For a time after the kick off play, although very hard, was somewhat uninteresting, the ball remaining mostly among the forwards. Then S.J.C. livened up and an excellent rush by their backs nearly resulted in their wing, scoring; however, we relieved by a force. Our backs throughout were showing bad judgment in their short kicks by always kicking into the opposing full-back's hands and losing ground each time. From a scrum at centre the ball was passed to Lillyman who ran along the wing and, after excellently side-stepping the full back, scored. Again Gregory's kick went wide. We continued to attack and from a ruck Gregory obtained and running well passed to Pulling who scored nearly under the posts. a'Beckett converted.

Final scores were 14-5.

May 22, v. S.G.S. at Ruschutters Bay. S.G.S.—Full back: R. Bardsley. Three-quarters: Kerr, Miller, Stafford, and Stevenson. Halves: Evans and McLean. Forwards: Rossell, Finlay, Brown, Barnett, Scott, Roberts, Leah, and McCallum.

S.C.E.G.S.—Full back: Gillies. Three-quarters: Gregory, Lillyman, Brookes, and

Cattlin. Halves: Morell and a'Beckett (c). Forwards: Ewing, Ormiston, Halli, Witts, Woodward, Cooper, Lindsay, and Richardson. O. Harding, referee.

S.G.S. kicked off, and play at once visited neutral territory, until Morell found the line well inside their 25, the S.G.S. forwards soon transferred, and we were at once on the defensive; some solid scrummaging ensued, with Grammar School obtaining possession, Morell again eased matters by short line kicks. a'Beckett once or twice tried to set his backs going, but the passing was faulty. On one occasion Lillyman broke though only to be driven back by a fine line kick by Bardsley. From the line out Grammar School secured, and the forwards working play to our line, Rossell picked up and notched the first try, the shot at goal failing. From the drop out our forwards, through the agency of Ormiston, put us in a good position, but a fumble by Gregory spoiled a promising movement, and the opposition were once more enabled to attack. An exchange of punts by Gillies and Stafford saw the former put the ball out at half-way, where S.G.S. started a passing rush until a good tackle by Lillyman ended the movement. Our forwards were now playing lethargically, our opponents showing marked superiority in the forward rushes. On two occasions we were compelled to force, and once Gregory tried at goal without success.

When half-time arrived we were still three points in the rear. On resumption, our opponents again had us on the defensive, but Morell saved. S.G.S. forwards, led by Rossell and McCallum, dribbled to the 25, but a hard kick enabled us to force. A little later McCallum scored in the corner for S.G.S., the goal not being kicked. S.G.S., 6-0. From the drop out Lillyman secured and cutting in made a fine opening, which enabled Gregory to score in the corner. A fine kick by the same player made the score 6-5 against us. After the kick out play assumed a more attractive aspect for the spectators until our defence was caught napping, and we saw three more points registered against us, the scores being S.G.S., 9; S.C.E.G.S., 5. Our whole-

fifteen now began to play hard, and at last showed a little sparkle, the last try being a reminder of our carelessness in defence, both forwards and backs attacked with great vim. Gregory securing on the wing scored a splendid try after a fine bumping run, his fending being a treat, his kick at goal this time lacked the necessary force. 9-8 the board showed. With six minutes still to play, Stevenson had the misfortune to fracture his knee-cap, and S.G.S. played one short. a'Beckett opened up play, and on one occasion Lillyman broke right through to the full back, but was tackled, and the whistle blew with S.G.S. one point in the lead.

May 15, v. Newington. S.C.E.G.S.—Full back: Gillies. Three-quarters: Lillyman, Gregory, Pulling, and Brookes. Halves: Morell and a'Beckett (c). Forwards: Hall, Ormiston, Ewing, Witts, Woodward, Richardson, Lindsay, and Cooper.

Newington College.—Full back: Whyte. Three-quarters, Hull, J. Taylor, H. Taylor, and Warry. Halves: Crozier and Roseby. Forwards: Roper, Robertson, Pettitt, Englert, Watson, Moffatt, Greggs and Ferguson. W. W. Hill, referee.

S.C.E.G.S. kicked off, and after an exchange of punts a'Beckett found touch in the proximity of half-way. Close forward play followed, then the visitors' backs started a movement, which terminated abruptly owing to a fine tackle by Lillyman. Here H. Taylor tried an unsuccessful kick. Newington's backs were running strongly, and twice had us in danger. A scrum near the line took place, and H. Taylor receiving a pass cut in and beat the weak defence. J. Taylor kicked the goal, and the scores read 5-0 against us. The game had not been in progress many minutes when Warry secured on the left wing, and flashed over the line, the extra points were not added. N.C., 8; S.C.E.G.S., 0. From the drop out our forwards managed to work play to the 25, but it was soon in our territory again. Hull securing dashed over and scored, the kick at goal was a failure. 11-0. Some scrambling play followed, and although Lillyman and

Ormiston put in some good work, we looked a hopelessly beaten team when the half-time whistle sounded.

On resuming more disasters were in store for us, and some fine work by J. Taylor enabled Englert, although tackled by Brookes to score. H. Taylor converted N.C. 16, S.C.E.G.S. 0. From the kick out a'Beckett endeavoured to set his backs moving, but the five eight and two centres took root in the ground, and generally caught the ball running backwards. However, Newington forwards, with Roper, Englert, and Robertson in the van, carried play over the line, when Englert finally grounded the ball and J. Taylor did the rest. 21-0. In a scramble near the line Newington again scored, but the goal was not kicked. 24-0. We at last woke up, and play was for the first time transferred to the visitors' 25. Ormiston tried hard to break through, but each time kicked too hard. In an instant we were again on the defensive, thanks to J. Taylor, who secured and rushed play to our 25, where Pettitt scored. J. Taylor converted 29-0. From the kick out the visitors again attacked, and J. Taylor put in a fine run, making our backs look like a B grade color team he added the extras, and we left the field out-classed in all departments with a 34-point defeat.

May 29, v. King's School at North Sydney Oval, the teams were:—S.C.E.G.S.—Full back: Gillies. Three-quarters: Gregory, Lillyman, Brookes, and Cattlin. Halves: a'Beckett, and Morell. Forwards: Ormiston, Ewing, Witts, Woodward, Sutor, Hall, Richardson, Lindsay.

T.K.S.—Full-back: Binnie. Three-quarters: Fenner, Farquhar, Lester and Farrier. Halves: Barrett and Ross. Forwards: Buckland, Erby, Gaden, M. White, Reynolds, Graham, Bigg, and Walsh. O. Harding, referee.

T.K.S. kicked off and we were instantly defending hard in our 25. Barrett marked but Farquhar's kick lacked direction, and we forced. From the drop out our backs attacked, and a'Beckett's line kicks enabled

us to obtain possession well inside their 25, where from a scrum Brookes secured and making a good opening transferred to Cattlin who beat the full-back and scored near the posts. a'Beckett failed at goal and we led by 3 to nil after ten minutes' play. From the kick out our forwards by strong rushes managed to stave the attack, until Farquhar secured and dropped at goal without success, the ball reaching home boundary. a'Beckett was noticeable on several occasions for good short line kicks, which added materially to our position. Our backs started a passing movement and Lillyman was almost in, the full-back stopping him on the line. On another occasion Gregory ran along touch with only the full-back to beat but used little judgment, running straight into Binnie. T.K.S. now took a hand and kept up a hot attack on our line until Suttor relieved by breaking away and dribbling to near neutral territory. Soon after the half time whistle sounded with C.E.G.S. having the better of the game. On resuming T.K.S. were immediately awarded a penalty and our opponents threatened danger. Gillies eventually relieved by a good line kick. Buckland, Erby and Gaden dribbled back again, and once more a line kick by a'Beckett relieved the pressure. Our backs got moving and Gregory, running hard, again lacked judgment in allowing himself to be tackled with the ball. On several occasions we obtained possession but Brookes was receiving the pass too close in to his support and our attack consequently suffered. T.K.S. backs, by line kicks, worked to well in our 25, where a splendid tackle by Richardson stopped a certain try by King's. From the line-out Ewing secured and kicked well down the field, the ball going out near half way. T.K.S. were having a slight advantage in the scrums at this period but through good line kicking by our backs we were able to keep them out. However just on time a'Beckett marked, and the kick being charged down (a rather careless piece of work), Farquhar secured and, brushing the opposition aside like so many flies, scored near the posts. The kick at goal was, fortunately for us, a grubber, and the whistle sounded with the scores 3 all.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED.

FIRST XV.

| Date. | Opponents | Result. |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| April 25 | University Third XV. | won, 21-0 |
| April 27 | Barker College F.C. | won, 26-0 |
| May 1 | St. Ignatius' College | won, 16-0 |
| May 3 | Old Boys' XV. | lost, 12-10 |
| May 8 | St. Joseph's College | won, 14-5 |
| May 15 | Newington College | lost, 34-0 |
| May 22 | Sydney Grammar School | lost, 9-8 |
| May 28 | The King's School | drawn, 3-3 |
| June 1 | Stammore Camb. F.C. | won, 12-9 |

SECOND XV.

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| April 27 | Y.M.C.A. | won, 35-0 |
| | Richard (3), Carter (1), Suttor (1), Cattlin (1), Mayers (1), Seaton (1), converted by Hall, Fox, Suttor (2). | |
| May 1 | Scot's College | lost, 9-3 |
| | Pulling Scored. | |
| May 8 | St. Joseph's College | won, 9-3 |
| | Craig and Carter scored, Suttor kicked penalty goal. | |
| May 15 | Newington College | won, 14-5 |
| May 22 | Sydney Grammar School | won, 3-0 |
| | Spring scored. | |
| May 28 | King's School | lost, 16-13 |
| | Playfair (2) and Mayne (1) scored. Mayers (2) converted. | |

FIRST XV.

Gillies
 Cattlin
 Lillyman
 Brooks
 Gregory
 Morell
 a'Beckett
 E. Hall
 Ormiston
 Ewing
 Witts
 Woodward
 Suttor
 Lindsay
 Richardson

SECOND XV.

Fox
 Playfair
 Pulling
 Parker
 Mayne
 Carter
 Richard
 Spring
 T. Hall
 Fell
 Hart
 Hutton
 Cooper
 Scott
 Craig

THIRD XV.

Wednesday, 1st May, St. Ign. iii., at Riverview; lost, 0-6.

Wednesday, 8th May, v. St. J. iii., at No. 1 Oval; won, 6-0. Try scored by Barton, and a penalty goal by Bloome.

Wednesday, 15th May, v. N.C. iii., at No. 1 Oval; won, 16-5. Mayne, Seaton (2), and Luscombe scored tries, two of which were converted by Seaton and Bloome.

Wednesday, 22nd May, v. S.G.S. iii., at Rushcutter's Bay; lost, 11-14. Mayne scored twice, and Witts ii. once, one of the tries converted by Seaton.

Wednesday, 29th May, v. T.K.S. iii., at No. 1 Oval; lost, 0-21.

OTHER MATCHES.

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| May 4 | IV. v. Knox College | lost, 0-17 |
| " | VII. v. " " | won, 34-0 |
| May 18 | IV. v. N.C. | won, 16-0 |
| | Tries by Archer (2), Kidston, and Littler; Littler converted two. | |
| May 18 | VII. v. R.P.S. | won, 27-0 |
| " | IX. v. M.P.S. | won, 29-0 |
| June 1 | IV. v. T.K.S. iv. | lost, 0-11 |
| " | V. T.K.S. v. | lost, 3-8 |
| " | Matheson, one try. | |
| " | VI. v. T.K.S. vi. | lost, 0-26 |
| " | VII. v. T.K.S. vii. | won, 12-0 |
| | Tries by Smith iii., King v., Spring ii., and Chapman. | |
| June 1 | VIII. v. T.K.S. viii. | lost, 0-6 |
| " | IX. v. T.K.S. ix. | won, 15-3 |
| | Tries by Reid (2), Pope, and Kruse; Alderton a penalty goal. | |

In the Colour Competition a change has been made this year, there being separate competitions from April to June and from July to August. As a result of the first round Whites are leading, as will be seen from the table printed below. The following are the results of the matches:—

A GRADE.

Team named first won (except in case of a draw).

Matches marked 1 on No. 1 Oval.

Matches marked 2 on No. 2 Oval.

(1) Monday, 29th April.—Green v. Yellow, 26-5. For Green tries by Playfair (4), Fraser, Heath, four being converted by Playfair. For Yellow Kidston scored a try, which Anderson converted. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

(1) Tuesday, 30th April.—White v. Blue, 17-3. Tries for White by Bloome, Haydon, Thompson ii., Shields, and Hillyar; Bloome converted one. For Blue Mack scored. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

(1) Monday, 6th May.—Red v. Yellow, 33-0. Tries by Littler, Thompson iii. (3), Mayne (2), Dent, Elliott, and Forsyth. Mayne converted two and Littler one. Referee, Mr. C. R. Franklin.

(1) Tuesday, 7th May.—White v. Green, 19-0. Tries by Bloome (2), Haydon, and Witts ii.; one penalty goal; and two tries converted by Bloome. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

(1) Friday, 10th May.—Blue v. Red, 5-3. Scores: For Blue Barton scored a try and converted it; for Red, Mayne. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

(1) Tuesday, 14th May.—Red v. Green, 15-3. Scores: Smith for Green, and Forsyth, Nelson, Littler, Thompson iii., and Mayne for Red. Referee, Mr. R. P. Franklin.

(2) Tuesday, 14th May.—Yellow v. Blue, 11-8. Tries for Blue by Barton and Casper, one of which Weston converted; for Yellow Kidston and Mackinnon, and Seaton converted one. Referee, Mr. C. R. Franklin.

(1) Friday, 17th May.—White v. Yellow, 18-0. Tries by Bloome (3) and Witts, three of which Haydon converted. Referee: Mr. Dixon.

(1) Tuesday, 21st May.—Green v. Blue, 11-8. For Green Sinclair, King i., and Tyler scored tries, one of which Heath converted; for Blue Hassal scored a try, and Weston scored a try and converted it. Referee, Mr. Dixon.

(2) Tuesday, 21st May.—White v. Red, 14-13. Bloome scored three tries, Plaskitt one, and Haydon converted one for White;

for Red Thompson iii. (2) and Mayne; Chettle and Littler converted one each. Referee, Mr. C. R. Franklin.

JUNIOR COLOUR MATCHES.

FIRST ROUND.

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| April 25. | —Orange | defeated | Red, 46-0. |
| " 29. | —Green | " | White, 11-0. |
| " 30. | —Orange | " | Blue, 26-0 |
| May 6. | —Green | " | Red, 32-0 |
| " 7. | —White | " | Blue, 15-0 |
| " 10. | —Orange | " | Green, 3-0 |
| " 13. | —Blue | " | Red, 17-0 |
| " 14. | —Orange | " | White, 13-0 |
| " 17. | —Green | " | Blue, 14-0 |
| " 20. | —White | " | Red, 18-0. |

POINTS IN FIRST ROUND.

"A" GRADE.

| | R | W | B | Y | G | |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Red | - | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| White | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Blue | 3 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Yellow | 0 | 0 | 3 | - | 0 | 3 |
| Green | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | - | 6 |

"B" GRADE.

| | R | W | B | Y | G | |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Red | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White | 2 | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Blue | 2 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Yellow | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | 8 |
| Green | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | - | 6 |

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FOOTBALL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—

I wish to try and obtain information on a subject that, with, I am sure, a number of others in the School, I have been thinking of lately. The Old Boys' Football Match seems to me to be held at present at an unsuitable time of the year. If the match were played at the end of the season the team would by that time have developed into a more solid combination, and could put up a far better game against the Old Boys, who are usually a very strong team. There would also be much less danger of the accidents that are very likely to occur when the School is at the beginning of the season, playing a team of bigger and heavier men. It is, to say the least of it, annoying to have men unavailable for school matches owing to injuries sustained in

what is, more or less, an outside match.

While I am writing about a subject of this sort I should like to state that it seems to many that the selectors for the All Schools' teams would be able to choose the teams with more certainty at the end than in the middle of the season. At the least I should like to hear the reasons for holding the matches in the middle of the season.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. WOODWARD.

[The Old Boys' Match has been held on Anniversary Day as, after much consideration, this date seems best to meet all the circumstances of the case. We shall, however, be glad to have the views of other correspondents upon this matter.

It is impossible to hold the All Schools' matches later owing to the proximity of the Sports Meetings at the end of the season.—Ed. Torch-Bearer.]

BOXING.

(To the Editor of the *Torch-Bearer*.)

DEAR SIR—

May I be permitted to ask why Boxing is not encouraged in the School? Some time ago an effort to encourage this sport was made, and a tournament open to members of the Boxing Class was held; but this was a very small step in the right direction and was not followed up. Almost every school of any standing has Boxing tournaments and there is absolutely no reason why we should not do so. If we obtained a regular system we might go a step further and have an inter-School tournament for members of the Great Public Schools. I should like to suggest that our first tournament be held at the beginning of next term, before the first Football Competition match.

Yours faithfully,

V. T. H.

TENNIS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—

There are many of your readers who would like to see Tennis properly recognised among the Sports of the School. The University Letter asks that recruits may be sent for the Varsity Tennis, but as a school we can at present do nothing. Quite a number of Old Boys have taken part in the recent University tournament, but these have had the advantage of using private courts.

Matches would be arranged with the other schools, if we had a School team. We have already a Tennis match against the Old Boys, but that is only possible through the kind hospitality of Mr. T. A. Dibbs.

The difficulty is of course to find room for courts. Perhaps if the matter is taken up earnestly, courts could be made, or found. Such is the earnest hope, dear Mr. Editor, of

Yours faithfully,

R. D. H. M.

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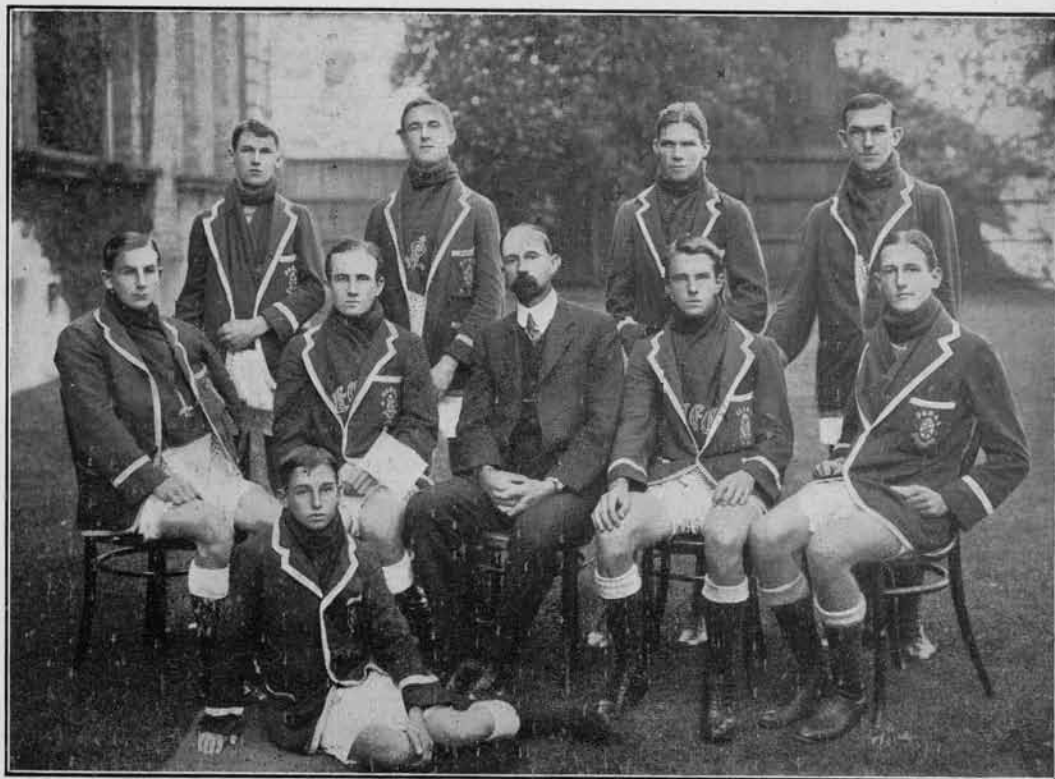
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 G. A. N. Woodcock, c/o Colonial Sugar R.
 Co., Ltd., O'Connell Street, Sydney.
 P. A. Wright, Wongwibinda, Armidale.
 Max. E. Wright, Bickham, Blandford.
 Edgar H. Wright.
 A. H. Yarnold, C.E. Preparatory School,
 Mosman.

A list of addresses of members of the Union is published above. If there are mistakes will members kindly communicate with the Hon. Treasurer.

The Annual Football Match v. the School was played on the North Sydney Oval on Friday, May 3rd. The O.B.U. was strongly represented, especially in the back division. After a very evenly contested game victory rested with the Old Boys. A detailed account of the match will be found in the football article.

On Friday evening the Annual Dinner took place at Sargent's Café, and turned out a very successful function. There was a very good gathering of Old Boys but the committee ought not to be satisfied till at least one hundred sit down at dinner. In addition to that of "The King" the only official toast was "The School," proposed in a very happy speech by the Hon. R. J. Black, and responded to by the Headmaster, Mr. Purves. Owing to repeated calls short speeches were given by Mr. W. B. C. Tiley, Mr. Allan Ramsay, Mr. Linton, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Davies. There is a general feeling among the older members of the Union that speeches should be limited to those in the official toast list and an opportunity thus afforded to those present for general conversation and a renewal of the intimacies of earlier years.

On Sunday evening the Anniversary Service was held in the School Hall, and, notwithstanding the wet night, the room was well filled. The preacher was the Principal of Moore

College, the Rev. D. J. Davies, who gave a most impressive address, which appealed strongly to all those present. It was based on Rom. xii. 5, "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ." At the conclusion of the service the visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Purves in the School Dining Hall.

Just as the last number of the *Torch-bearer* went to press news was heard by cable of the death of A. M. Lomax while motoring at Polesworth, Birmingham, England. At the time of his death he was engaged at the Birmingham Small Arms Works at Redditch. The body arrived in Sydney by the *R.M.S. Orsova* on May 23rd., and was interred at Morpeth, on Monday, May 27th. Our sincerest sympathy goes to the parents and brothers and sister at their loss of one whose career promised to be a very successful one.

In a separate article will be found a list of subscriptions received so far for the ex-Headmaster's Portrait Fund. It is hoped that enough subscriptions will be forthcoming to warrant the Committee in giving the commission for the second painting.

In the Champion Pairs Bowls Competition Dr. G. R. Clarke and his partner, Mr. Alderson, representing the Northern Metropolitan, won the first two rounds but were defeated in the final. The morning papers speaking of Clarke's play in the second round said, "Clarke played an expert game and was easily the finest player on the green during the competition."

Among those who were presented with their "blues" for 1911-12 at the recent Undergraduates' Commemoration were the following Old Boys:—

Cricket—R. J. A. Massie and R. C. M. Boyce.

Football—R. J. A. Massie and B. C. A. Pockley.

Rowing—D. Williams, L. B. Heath, and P. E. Voss.

The following old boys are playing first grade football this season:—

For 'Varsity—R. J. A. Massie, L. B. Heath, R. C. Irving, C. A. Pennefather

For North Sydney—R. L. Sayers, and W. T. Tucker.

For Western District—D. C. Suttor.

The following are rowing in the University crew:—P. E. Voss (7), L. B. Heath (6), R. G. Fitzhardinge (2), with Keith Williams as coach.

In the Inter-College Boat Race, the following took part:—St. Paul's: P. E. Voss (7), L. B. Heath (8), B. G. C. Simpson (3), C. W. L. Pulling (2), F. W. M. Busby (cox), Keith Williams (coach). St. Andrew's: R. G. Fitzhardinge (stroke), W. Hay (6), G. Gunning (coach).

P. E. Voss was invited to go to Stockholm with the Olympic Crew, but was unable to accept.

In Lawn Tennis G. P. Sayers holds the double championship of N.S.W., and B. St. John the Brisbane Singles Championship. Dr. E. O. Pockley is well to the fore in England, and Frank and Norman Peach, and Geoffrey Uther in Sydney district competitions.

At the recent Sydney University Sports Meeting R. J. A. Massie tied for first place in the 120 yards hurdle championship, H. L. St. Vincent Welch being third. In the high-jump championship Massie and Welch tied for second place.

G. R. Hamilton was highest scorer in the recent inter-University Rifle Match. His total of 189 out of a possible 210 at ranges from 300 to 1000 yards was a remarkably fine performance, on which we heartily congratulate him. R. C. Anderson was also a member of the Sydney team and shot well.

In the Hawkesbury College lists, B. M. Arthur, V. Williams, A. M. Garbett, A. Kelynack, have Second Year certificates. Arthur has also the Burdekin medal, first aggregate prize, and best dairy.

Movements of Old Boys can be gathered from the list of addresses given, so it is unnecessary to give individual accounts.

Under Correspondence a letter will be found suggesting another date for the annual Football Match. Will members kindly send their views on the question.

Heartly congratulations to Norman Peach, Lawrence Childe, H. P. Christmas and A. G. Reid on joining the ranks of the benedicts. Reid was married by the Rev. R. R. Edwards, an old boy.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following (received up to May 31st):—

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. Nicholl, J. Burns, Spencer Simpson, Dr. E. H. Rutledge, The Headmaster (Mr. W. A. Purves), A. J. Simpson, H. P. Harriott, Dr. H. V. Horderu, W. G. B. Boydell, Dr. J. B. St. Vincent-Welch, Gordon A. Uther, Dr. W. E. Giblin, Rev. I. D. Armitage, George N. Allen, G. Gordon Black, Dr. R. Black, W. N. Stephens, Julian Mackay, F. D. W. Oatley, P. E. Browne, R. G. I. Dent.

FOR 1912-1913 :

J. N. F. Armstrong (1915), R. J. Adams (1914), A. B. Adams, Dudley Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. M. Allport, Bruce M. Arthur, Dr. H. Bullock, G. D. Briggs, P. Briggs, Dr. Burton Bradley, R. W. L. Boyce, Russell Barton, F. W. M. Busby, L. Cadell, A. T. Carlisle, Dr. G. R. C. Clarke, R. W. Carey, Harold Capel (1914), Russell B. Cowan, R. C. Cliff, H. Cuthbert, C. J. I. Dent, N. Y. Deane (1914), O. B. Dibbs (1914), E. H. Dodds (1914), J. T. M. Dixon, Frank H. Day, A. T. Edols (1914), P. F. Fenwick, H. V. Gillies, E. N. Greenwell, W. Hay, G. B. Haydon (1915), A. D. Hagen (1914), J. W. Hayne (1915), E. O. Hutchinson, L. Hagen (1914), J. Hay (1915), R. N. Hickson, M. B. Horderu, C. R.

Huxtable, L. E. Hagen (1918), R. A. Holden, G. R. Hamilton, H. Ireland (1914), H. V. Jaques (1914), C. C. Linton (1914), N. R. Lillyman, G. S. Lloyd, L. A. Minnett, H. H. J. O. Marshall (1915), Jack S. Mehan, I. G. Mackay, C. F. Macintosh, W. C. Moodie, R. O. Middleton, A. F. Martin, D. Macintyre (1914), K. V. McDonald (1915), F. P. Macintyre (1914), C. C. Minty, E. L. Morgan, A. N. Peach, F. Peach, K. C. Radford,

D. H. Roberts (1914), A. C. Ross, F. N. Richardson (1914), C. W. Sinclair, D. H. Slade, S. N. Sendall, G. C. Smith, E. S. Shaw, J. H. A. Scarr, E. L. Spencer, O. J. Taylor, G. H. Taylor, C. S. Tiley, W. E. Tucker, D. G. Thompson, L. Trenergy (1914), W. D. Mann Thompson, W. T. Tucker, G. A. N. Woodcock, R. C. Wilson, C. M. Warden (1915), H. Wilshire (1914), J. S. Wilson, Geoff. W. Walker, A. H. Yarnold.

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Balance-sheet as at 25th March, 1912.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | ASSETS. | | | | | |
|---|-----|-------|------|------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|---|
| 1912—March 25: | | | | 1912—March 25: | | | | | |
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | |
| To Benevolent Fund | 13 | 10 | 7 | By Cash at Savings Bank | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| „ Benevolent Fund Interest | | 10 | 1 | „ Cash at Bank, North Sydney | 34 | 19 | 6 | | |
| „ Life Membership | 64 | 7 | 0 | | | | 234 | 19 | 6 |
| „ Add New Members | 46 | 4 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 110 | 11 | 0 | | | | | | |
| „ Less Depreciation Life Members on a basis of 17 years | 7 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | | | 103 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Subscriptions paid in Advance— | | | | | | | | | |
| Unexpired 1913... | 15 | 10 | 0 | | | | | | |
| „ 1914... | 6 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | |
| „ 1915... | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | |
| „ 1916... | 5 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| „ 1917... | 5 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| „ 1918... | 5 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 24 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Headmaster's Portrait Fund—Donations | | | 24 | 19 | 6 | | | | |
| „ Profit and Loss Ac.— | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance as at 25th March, 1911 | 47 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Profit for Current Year | 20 | 14 | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | | 67 | 18 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | £234 | 19 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | | £234 | 19 | 6 | |

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Profit and Loss A/c from 26th March, 1911, to 25th March, 1912.

| DR. | | CR. | |
|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| March 25, 1912. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| To Stationery, Printing, Postage, etc. ... | 11 12 9 | By Life Membership ... | 75 12 0 |
| „ Torch-bearer ... | 15 0 0 | „ New Subscriptions ... | 46 4 0 |
| „ Old Boys' Union, Prizes ... | 3 3 0 | | 121 16 0 |
| „ Scholarship ... | 10 0 0 | „ Annual Apportionment to Revenue on basis of 17 years ... | 7 5 0 |
| „ Expenses, Dinner Loss ... | 6 0 0 | „ Subscriptions ... | 24 10 0 |
| | | „ Add Receipts this period ... | 54 10 0 |
| „ Balance carried down, Net profit for period ... | | | 79 0 0 |
| | 45 15 9 | „ Less Subscriptions paid in advance as per Balance-sheet ... | 24 15 0 |
| | <u>£66 10 0</u> | „ Interest, Bank ... | 5 0 0 |
| March 25, 1912. | | | <u>£66 10 0</u> |
| To Balance as per Balance-sheet ... | 67 18 4 | March 25, 1912. | |
| | | By Balance, net profit previous year ... | 47 4 1 |
| | | „ Net profit this period ... | 20 14 3 |
| | | | 67 18 4 |
| | <u>£67 18 4</u> | | <u>£67 18 4</u> |

Statement showing Receipts and Payments from 26th March, 1911, to 25th March, 1912.

| DR. | | CR. | |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| 1912—March 25: | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| To Balance as at 25th March, 1911 ... | | By Stationery, Printing, Postage, etc. ... | 11 12 9 |
| „ Subscriptions— | | „ Torch-Bearer ... | 15 0 0 |
| Life Members ... | 46 4 0 | „ Old Boys' Union— | |
| General ... | 54 10 0 | Prizes ... | 3 3 0 |
| | | Scholarship ... | 10 0 0 |
| „ Interest ... | | „ Loss on Dinner ... | 6 0 0 |
| „ Headmaster's Portrait Fund—Donations ... | 24 19 6 | | 45 15 9 |
| | | „ Balance ... | <u>£234 19 6</u> |
| | <u>£280 15 3</u> | | <u>£280 15 3</u> |

Having audited the Books and Vouchers of the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Old Boys' Union, I hereby certify the above figures to be in accordance therewith.

Belmont Chambers,
25th April, 1912

V. Y. DEANE, Incorporated Accountant,
15 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

MARRIAGES.

Christmas-Southouse.—On March 28, at St. Phillip's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon Bellingham, Harold Percy Christmas to Constance Vera Southouse.

Childe-Fairbairn.—On April 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, North Sydney, by the Rev. S. H. Childe, assisted by

Rev. W. J. Cakebread, Lawrence A. Childe to Mary Threlkeld Fairbairn. Peach-Tye.—On April 27th, at St. George's Church, Hurstville, by the Rev. Dixon Hudson, Alfred Norman Peach to Eveline Tye.

Reid-Evies.—On May 16th, at Wagga, by the Rev. R. R. Edwards, Aylmer George Alfred Reid to Emmaline Channon Evies.

School Calendar.

April 15—Term II. commenced.

„ 24—Schools' Regatta.

„ 25—1st XV. v. University III. Won, 21-0.

„ 27—1st XV. v. Barker College. Won, 28-0.

May 1—1st XV. v. St. Ignatius College. Won, 16-0.

„ 3—Anniversary of Foundation of School and Old Boys' Day. Anniversary Service.

School v. Old Boys. Lost, 12-10.

„ 8—1st XV. v. St. Joseph's College. Won, 14-5.

„ 15—1st XV. v. Newington College. Lost, 34-0.

„ 22—1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Lost, 9-8.

„ 24—Empire Day. Address by Sir Francis Suttor. Distribution of Life-Saving Certificates.

„ 29—1st XV. v. The King's School. Drawn, 3-3.

June 12—Combined Schools v. University.

„ 20—Last Day of Term II.

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