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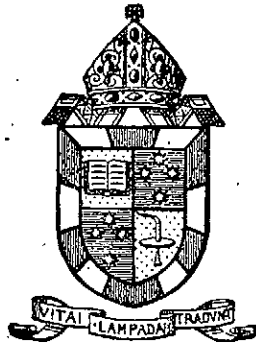
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A NATION so newly formed as ours is necessarily lacking in a history and traditions of its own; but even if we might take no account of the traditions of the mother country, in which we are proud to claim a share, our position in this respect would not be a reason for regret alone. It is an enviable thing to live in an age of discovery and awakening; it is an enviable thing to live in a newly-settled country. The very responsibility which a good man cannot but realize in such a position is at the same time a joy and a

pride to him. In his hands are the moulding of a nation and the making of its traditions. He is on his mettle to see that the work is well done. No newly-elected captain of a team but knows this sweet anguish when for the first time he leads his men into the field. He would not for all the world be elsewhere:

As it is in our public and national affairs, so is it with our schools. Our own School has been founded but twenty-five years, and a second generation has not yet begun to attend the School. But if it is too soon to expect

to find deep traditions, we must not be satisfied with the reflection that this is a sickness which time will cure. It is only right that we should from time to time consider how good traditions may be laid down—with what measure of success our conscious efforts towards this end can possibly meet.

Perhaps an answer may be suggested in some such way as this:—Imagine two Old Boys of the School meeting unexpectedly in the bush after many years. At first perhaps they do not recognize one another, but an intonation, a gesture, a chance word brings old memories rushing to the surface, and they sit down beside their camp-fire and smoke their pipes and pass a long evening in calling to mind old scenes, old adventures, old faces. A great proportion of their talk will concern the old masters and their whims and oddities and the epical punishments they sometimes inflicted, as when old So-and-So bade you "Write out the Bible." But the faces of those of whom they stood in the greatest awe will be softened and will smile more genially through the blue wisp of smoke curling up in front of the dark background of gums. The days which at the time seemed so crabbed and confined will expand and blossom under the mellowing warmth of time, and will take on the appearance of a golden age, a very state of Paradise.

Now, some one will say that they never looked upon their School as a prison, they always enjoyed it to the full; and this may well be so. But these are not so many, and they will

be the first to recognize truth in the somewhat paradoxical statement that it is under the very strictest, the tightest of rules and regulations that the keenest pleasure is to be found. We see this in our games. Imagine for a moment a game of cricket in which there was no limit set to the number of balls that might be bowled at the batsman's wicket at one time. Imagine a game of football played with six footballs on a field with no boundaries. Such Alice-in-Wonderland games would be the sheerest anarchy, and anarchy is no fun, for the fun lies in sticking to the rules and getting the most work on and out of the one ball that they allow you to bowl at a time.

But this is only another way of looking at the fact or sentiment expressed in our School song—that it is the fellow who does his very best at whatever he tries who is of the greatest value to the School, who reaps to the full the benefits it offers, who hands on the torch of life ablaze—no smouldering, smoky twist of rags. He it is who all unconsciously is laying a foundation on which others shall build; he it is who is making traditions; he it is who after long absence returns one day to see the old place, the scene of so much joy and sorrow, such scrapes and magnificent breakages of all the rules—breakages all the more delightful in proportion as the rules were more important. Much he will find changed—new faces, new buildings perhaps—but when he goes away again it will still be the old picture that remains before his mind's eye, rather than the

new, when he yarns with his old chum by the camp fire up country, or in a moment of abstraction in the midst of a busy city life.

But will his companion's mental picture be the same? Is there some one object that will stand out most clearly in his memory and form the centre to which all the rest converges in harmonious lines? If so, that is the school's most valuable possession, its best maker of tradition. There are many of us who believe that such a nucleus of tradition is to be found in a school chapel, more especially if it be beautiful and dignified, for under all shows of worldliness and Philistinism there are few of us in whose heart of hearts there is not

burning the spark of religion and love of beauty by which we test all that we come across. And after all what is such chance communion between old friends as we have mentioned but a familiar image of that communion which our Church offers to her sons, and by which our corporate life as a school would be infinitely intensified? Every year fifty or more boys leave us and attain to that enfranchisement for which many of them so longed while they were still at school; if the matter be rightly considered they are still part of the school, and it is upon them as they begin to earn their livelihood that the building of such a chapel depends as the best of all symbols for our unity in one society.

School Notes.

WE congratulate E. A. Woodward on his success in the last Senior Examination. He won the Latin, Greek, and English Medals and the Cooper Scholarship for Classics.

We have to offer our heartiest congratulations also to three Old Boys who have distinguished themselves in the University Examinations, the results of which were lately announced. Childe won High Distinction in Greek, Latin and Philosophy, and gained a Cooper Scholarship in Classics for the second time. Heath won High Distinction in Greek and Latin, and Pulling Distinction in Greek and Latin.

Morell, who was elected last term to succeed Hall as Captain of Football, was unfortunately obliged for private reasons to leave the School before taking up the office. His loss will be regretted by all. Richardson has been elected to fill the vacant captaincy.

The bat presented by Mr. A. B. S. White for the highest aggregate of runs in the First Eleven Competition matches was won this season by R. A. Barton.

The bat presented by Mr. Deane for the greatest number of wickets in competition matches was won by V. T. Hall.

The bat presented by Mr. Scott for the best all-round performer in the Second Eleven was won by A. V. Mayne.

In the last assembly before the Christmas vacation, the Headmaster expressed sympathy with the Armidale School in the loss of its Headmaster, the Rev. T. K. Abbott. He said that Mr. Abbott made a practice of calling at the School when in Sydney, and that he always left upon those with whom he spoke an impression of transparent sincerity of character.

Mr. Walter Burke is presenting a sum of money for the purpose of establishing a Foundation Prize to be awarded to the Head of the School. The School is greatly indebted to many generous donors who from year to year present prizes for special subjects, but so far the only one on the foundation has been the Uther Divinity Prize. The School will be very grateful to Mr. Burke for his generosity in founding a second, and in time, no doubt his example will be followed, until we shall be able to erect boards in the Big School or elsewhere on which shall be inscribed the names of those who have distinguished themselves as Foundation Scholars and Prizemen.

Mr. Fidler has resigned his position as Editor of *Torch-Bearer*, and his duties have been undertaken by Mr. Baker and Mr. Barton.

Mr. H. Wilshire having obtained leave of absence from the Council to visit Europe for the purpose of extending his study of French and German, sailed on Christmas Day in the *Zieten*. He is expected back at the end of the year. Mr. R. C. M. Boyce, O.B., has been taking Mr. Wilshire's work in German.

Mr. H. B. Simpkins, B.A., St. John's College, Oxford, and Mr. E. O. Hutchinson, O.B., have been temporarily appointed to the staff to fill the vacancy thus created and to take the extra forms necessitated by a considerable influx of new boys.

Mr. Ramsay has most generously presented the Boat Club this term with a set of racing oars for the second four.

V. T. Hall has been rowing in the eight during the Easter Camp in Ewing's place, while the latter was away at a military camp. His presence was of great assistance to the Boat Club at an awkward juncture.

We congratulate Mr. Pulling on his promotion to a majority as gazetted during the first term.

The Rev. John Jones, who has lately been engaged in missionary work in the North of Australia, and who is now the Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, paid a visit to the School, and gave a very interesting account of the work done by the mission stations of the diocese of Carpentaria.

CHAPEL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance per last Statement ...	1246	2	4
Interest on F.D.R. for £350 to 4/7/12 ...	6	2	6
Interest on F.D.R. for £223/15/6 to 17/7/12 ...	3	18	0
Interest on F.D.R. for £535 to 24/7/12 ...	9	7	3
Interest Govt. Savings Bank ...	4	19	0
Donations, Proceeds Concerts, etc. ...	51	7	8
	<u>£1321</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
F.D.R. No. 37,294, due 17/1/13 ...	223	15	6
F.D.R. No. 39,697, due 4/1/14 ...	350	2	0
F.D.R. No. 39,844, due 24/1/14 ...	535	0	0
Govt. Savings Bank ...	213	1	3

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Sydney, 31st December, 1912.

WILFRID DOCKER,

Accountant.

AUGUSTUS F. ROBINSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

F. R. STRANGE,

Synod Auditor.

24th January, 1913.

The Hon. Treasurer of the O.B.U. begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £2 from "Q." who promises an annual donation of a like amount till the chapel is built.

In addition to the above there are promises for £1043/9/6, which will be available when the building is started.

The following have left since last issue:—A. C. Allen, G. Allman, F. C. Boëhne (Rifle Team 1912), G. Brassey, S. C. Cattlin (Athletic Blazer 1912, 2nd XV. 1912), E. A. Charters, G. F. Cranswick (Sub Perfect, Junior 1912, 2nd XV. 1910, Athletic Blazer 1911-12), G. Deane (Sub-Perfect, Junior Matric. 1911, Senior 1912), A. F. Doig, E. E. Fallick, A. A. For-

syth, K. D. Hay, S. C. Hughes, F. C. Jones (Junior 1912), K. S. Kingsmill, H. Kirkland (Prefect, Junior Matric. 1910, Senior 1912, Second Crew 1912), H. Kruse, E. G. Lampard, W. S. Loughnan, H. Loughnan, T. Y. Nelson (Prefect, Junior Matric. 1910, Senior 1912, Second XV. 1912; Rifle Colours 1912); J. Ormiston (Sub Prefect, First XV. 1911-12, Colours 1911-12, Combined Schools Second XV. 1911, Combined Schools First XV. 1912, Honour Cap 1912), Th. V. Parker (Sub Prefect, Second XV. 1912), N. V. Price, K. O. Richard (First XV. 1912), G. L. Scott (Second XV. 1912), E. F. Smith, K. B. Stack, E. H. Stokes (Prefect, Junior Matric. 1910, Senior 1912, Athletic Blazer 1911-12), D. C. Sturrock (Prefect, Junior Matric 1910, Senior 1912, Rifle Team 1911-12, Colours 1912, winner of Venour Nathan Shooting Shield 1912, Lieutenant in Cadets), C. Spark, F. R. Snowball, C. Thomson, K. B. Voss (Senior Prefect 1912, Junior Matric. 1909, Senior 1912, Second Crew 1910, First Crew 1911-12, Colours 1911-12, Captain 1911-12, Rifle Team 1912, Colours 1912), C. Watt, E. L. Witts (Prefect, First XV. 1911-12, Colours 1912, Combined Schools Second XV. 1912, First Crew 1912, Colours 1912), L. C. Carrington (Junior Matric. 1911-12), E. A. Woodward (Prefect, Senior Matric. 1912, Medals in Greek, English, Latin, Classical Scholarship, First XV. 1912, Colours 1912, First Crew 1912, Colours 1912, Rifle Team 1910-11-12, Captain 1912, Combined Schools Team 1912, Lieutenant in

Cadets), E. A. Hall (Junior 1912, First XV. 1912, Colours 1912), J. Cole, W. Warden, A. L. Denny, S. D. Fairland.

The following boys have entered the School this term:—P. H. Andrews, R. H. Andrews, W. Bailey, A. Boyd, J. Bray, T. Brockhoff, J. Brooks, V. Bruce-Smith, J. Brunskill, A. Charlton, V. Charters, M. De Chateaubourg, D. Clark, A. Clowes, H. Cobcroft, R. Colquhoun, J. Cosh, J. Cramsie, J. Crawford, M. Crocker, A. Curlewis, C. Daymond, H. Dean, A. De Ombrain, A. Drew, J. Drew, E. Edmindson, C. Elmslie, C. Finlay,

A. Foster, M. Goddard, J. Goddard, L. Grove, N. Gullick, R. Hardy, G. Hirst, N. Hislop, E. Holcombe, L. Holmes, A. Howell, D. Hunt, G. Hutchinson, R. Isaac, R. Jeremy, K. Jones, L. Kurath, E. Kingel, C. Langbridge, W. Little, L. Mariott, S. McDonough, L. Milson, J. Minnett, G. Mullen, K. Newton, N. Nock, R. Orchard, E. Pike, G. Pike, H. Pittar, Y. Pittar, C. Pountney, F. Proctor, C. Purser, G. Ralston, J. Rankin, R. Saddington, T. Scrivener, H. Scrivener, R. Sinclair, R. Sinclair, J. Small, C. Thomas, H. Thomas, V. Freath, P. Vance, J. Vance, W. Tuckey, G. Watkins, E. Withby, J. Williams.

University Senior Public Examination—November, 1912.

	Anc. Hist.	English	French	German	Latin	Greek	Alg.	Geom.	Trigon.	Mech.	Phys.
Deane	C		C	C	C		
Gilder	C			C		B	C	B		
Hall	C					C	C	C		
Kirkland	C			C		B	B	C		
(m) Nelson	C	B	B	B		A	B	C		C
(m) Stokes	B	A	B	B		C	C	C		
Sturrock		C				C	C	C		C
(m) Voss	C	C				A	B	A	A	C
(m) Woodward	B	A*	A		A*	A*	B	B	B	

(m) signifies "Qualified for Matriculation in one or other of the faculties or departments."
* Medal.

MATRICULATION HONOURS.

Cooper Scholarship for Classics.—Woodward.

Mathematics.—Class I.: Voss.

Latin.—Class I.: Woodward. Class II.: Stokes. Class III.: Nelson.

Greek.—Class I.: Woodward.

German.—Class II.: Stokes.

English.—Class I.: Woodward. Class II.: Stokes.

French.—Class I.: Woodward. Class II.: Nelson. Class III.: Stokes.

Special English and Geography for Engineering Candidates.—Voss, Sturrock.

Prefects and Committees.

PREFECTS.—V. T. Hall (Senior Prefect), H. D. Pulling, N. E. Brookes, R. A. Barton, G. E. Hart, T. Morell, S. Gilder.

Sub-Prefects.—Dent, Dudley, Pulling (2), Ewing, Richardson, Suttor, Playfair, Thompson i., Craig.

General Sports Committee.—All Masters, Prefects, Sub-Prefects, Witts, Thompson ii., Orr, Littler, Sawyer, Sinclair, Mehan, Spring, Bloome, Luscombe, Hall iv., Allport.

Football Sub-Committee.—Mr. R. P. Franklin, Richardson (captain), Brooks, Ewing, Pulling, Suttor.

Cricket Sub-Committee.—Mr. Harris, V. T. Hall (captain), Barton, Morell, Playfair, Ewing.

Swimming Sub-Committee.—Mr. Kaepfel, Pulling i., Barton, Huie, Suttor, Craig.

Boating Sub-Committee.—Mr. C. R. Franklin, G. E. Hart (captain), Hall i., Morell; Richardson, Sinclair.

Athletic Sub-Committee.—Mr. Davies, Mr. R. P. Franklin, V. T. Hall (Hon. Sec.), Hart.

Shooting Sub-Committee.—Mr. Harris, Pulling i. (captain), Brooks, Hart; Pulling ii., Allport.

Boxing Sub-Committee.—Mr. Kaepfel; Richardson (captain), Pulling i., Ewing, Brooks.

Library Sub-Committee.—Mr. Fidler, Brooks, Dudley, Braddon, Bourke, Charlton, McRae, Pulling i, Morell, Dent.

Debating Society.—Mr. Fidler, Dudley (Hon. Sec.), Blackwood, Fraser, McRae, Susman i.

Camera Club.—Mr. C. R. Franklin, Mr. Fidler, E. K. Burke.

General Sports Committee.

AT a meeting held on 10th February Hart was elected Captain of Boats.

Morell, Richardson and Sinclair were elected to the Boating sub-committee.

Ewing was elected to the Cricket sub-committee.

Pulling i, Barton, Huie, Suttor, Craig were elected to the Swimming sub-committee.

It was unanimously passed that the General Sports Committee approve of the recommendation of the Cricket

sub-committee, namely, that the School Blazer be granted to Thompson i, and Mehan.

The sum of £2/2/- was donated to the Trumper Testimonial Fund.

At a meeting held on 3rd March Mehan, Spring i, Bloome, Luscombe were elected to the General Sports' Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Alan Ramsay for his munificent gift of six racing oars to the Boat Club.

Mr. R. P. Franklin announced that in future the Football sub-committee

would revert to the old custom of recommending boys for colours and blazers during the season.

Richardson gave notice of motion that the Boxing Club be brought under the control of the General Sports Committee.

At a meeting held on March 17th Allport was elected to the General Sports' Committee.

The report of the Cricket sub-committee *re* colours, etc., was received.

Morell was elected vice-captain of football, to succeed to the captaincy next term.

Richardson and Ewing were elected to the Football sub-committee.

The Boxing Club was brought under the control of the General Sports' Committee.

At a meeting held on April 1st Richardson was elected Captain of Football. Suttor and Pulling i. were elected to fill vacancies on the Football sub-committee.

Pulling i. was elected Captain of Rifles. Hart, Pulling ii. and Allport were elected to the Shooting sub-committee.

Richardson was elected Captain of Boxing. Ewing, Pulling i. and Brooks were elected to the Boxing sub-committee.

Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.

WITHOUT going into details which would probably bore the reader, and which any guide book will describe far more fully and more eloquently than myself, I should like to describe a few things of interest which one sees during a trip through the South Sea Islands.

We were most fortunate in meeting at Apia, in Samoa, Hufnagel, who had but lately left the School. Hufnagel is at present managing a large plantation near Apia, but expects to leave for Auckland soon, where he will study for an architect's diploma. At present his great wish is to get together a crew of Samoans in a racing eight. The steamer remained three days in Apia and that time we spent with Hufnagel, who showed us all the

wonders of tropical life. The fruit is wonderful, and more especially as it grows almost wild. One hardly recognises an orchard, for it has not the carefully cultivated earth and the neatly pruned tree that one generally sees in Australia, but it is chaotic in its richness and splendour. One treads on a carpet of foliage two feet thick, whilst everywhere is the prevailing green colour, with here and there a brilliant splash of purple and yellow where the flowering vines twine amongst the trees.

Quite the finest thing in Samoa is the sliding rock at Papasa-ere. It is at the top of a very steep mountain about six miles from Apia. We were fortunate in having horses to ride, but even then it took up nearly an hour.

On the way up we passed several sailors from the American gunboat, which had called in at Apia, and they seemed hardly able to appreciate the beauty of the place. One of them said he would rather walk ten miles in the States than one mile in Samoa. We were able to console them somewhat by remarking that they would enjoy a cold swim the more if they were hot. When we arrived at the place we were rather taken aback by the formidable appearance of the "slide," which is really a thirty-foot waterfall overgrown with moss, with a slope of 1 in 30, and more slippery than ice. At the bottom there is a beautiful pool of water ten feet deep. Hufnagel and his friend went over first, whilst we watched the *modus operandi* and the general effect. We thought it looked very nice and decided to have a try. After carefully wriggling into position, you let go, and after a fraction of a second of mad rushing through the air, you find yourself in icy-cold mountain water wondering how you got there. The sensation cannot be described, and can only be likened to one of those night-mares, in which one feels oneself falling, quicker and quicker, until one wakes up suddenly in cold terror.

At Vavou there is one of the most beautiful and at the same time most wonderful caves in the world, called Swallow Cave, so called because of the thousands of swallows which make their nests in it, and which are always to be seen in or around it. Swallow Cave is in a small island five miles

down the harbour. It has a small entrance to the sea, but in the inside, which is circular, there is room enough to turn a large launch. So clear is the water that the different colours and shades of the rocks can be plainly seen at the bottom, which is at a tremendous depth. On one side there is a large rock, standing by itself, which will, if struck by an oar, emit a sound like the bass notes of an organ. The whole island is of volcanic origin and was probably thrown up during an eruption. There is a very interesting piece of history in connection with one of these islands, in which there is a large cave, but the only outlet it has to the air is a very small hole, like a blow-hole. It can be reached by diving under the water and swimming for some time under water until the swimmer reaches the cave. Many years ago a native prince fell in love with a girl of his own tribe and wished to marry her, but for political reasons he was commanded to marry a woman of another tribe whom he had never seen; he refused and when pressure was brought to bear on him he ran away with the girl he loved and risked all in an attempt to reach the cave. He succeeded and used to swim out at night for food. His chief eventually pardoned him and allowed him to return and live in peace. Men have since tried to swim into the cave but only one native has as yet succeeded; several men, including white men, have lost their lives in the attempt. This sounds very much like a South Sea legend, but it is true nevertheless.

But more interesting even than the natural features of the islands is the South Sea islander himself. He is a bright person, always singing and always dancing when he is not at work or sport. He enjoys anything, even work, when he can let loose his boyish spirits, and when he can laugh and play tricks on his companions. He is always ready to say *Talofa* (good day) to the *passwengere* (traveller), and to enter into a conversation; for most of them are able to speak English. Even if he cannot what does it matter so long as the traveller pretends to understand, and smiles, and says a few words of gibberish in return? The native is quite contented; he has engaged in conversation with a white man.

The native is a vegetarian for the greater part of the year; his food being coconuts, fruit, bread-fruit, and green bananas half cooked (a most unsavoury dish). It is only when a feast is being made, that they eat meat, usually a pig, roasted whole and very much underdone.

There are a great number of natives who travel on the steamers between the islands and do all the unloading.

Every night for two hours these natives sit on the hatches and sing songs, the best known of which starts *Tofa ma feleni obei a on ta a*. Their salary is two shillings a working day and four shillings if they work all night. They are given meat, biscuits, potatoes, and tea; they call the meat by the expressive name, *Bullermercow*, and they are very fond of it.

When one makes a trip through the Islands one sees within a short time three ports, Sydney, Vavou, Auckland, for each of which is claimed the honour of having the best harbour in the Southern Hemisphere. It is interesting to make a comparison. Vavou has the best harbour for navigation, Auckland is good for navigation and is more up to date with its wharves, but Sydney has the best wharves and equals the other two in beauty, although not quite the natural equal to Vavou.

To those who may spend their holidays in the islands I might add that winter is the best time to go, and that the round trip takes just about a month.

“TOFA.”

Rowing Notes.

ROWING this year, as usual of late years, started with a camp at Gladesville for the last few days of the Christmas holidays, and owing to term starting a day late this was extended straight through to the

Saturday. Camp started on Monday and rowing commenced next day, the eight being launched for the first time on Thursday. A pleasant surprise was the arrival of Morell and Brookes, both of whom were thought to have

left. Good progress was made at camp and a very respectable eight was going before the end. During the first part of the term also we were favoured with good water in the bay, and as Mr. Ramsay has been able to get across most nights the eight has made excellent progress, and except that the rate of shifting has been kept back somewhat, is now probably quite up to an average crew a month before the race. The four is good and is already fairly well together in spite of very rarely being able to be seated alike two nights in succession, but it is a very light crew and will have to be very fast off the mark if it is to be successful. Of the chances of the eight it is too early yet to speak, as the heavy men have still a lot of improvement to make, and it is on them that its final pace will depend. The eight is as follows:—J. M. Allport (bow), G. Pulling ii, C. W. Luscombe, A. E. Witts, N. G. Sawyer, E. R. Sinclair, G. E. Hart, L. L. Richardson (str.), G. F. Campbell i (cox); and the four—N. E. Brooks (bow), C. R. Ewing, B. G. Littler, T. Morell (str.).

Towards the end of the term severe westerlies on several days, including two Saturdays, prevented rowing, the water by the pontoon making launching boats too risky to be undertaken. This is bad luck coming just when the crew was feeling its feet and in need of long rows to get together. However the absence of "southerlies," although very unpleasant to the ordinary inhabitants of Sydney, has been a great boon. Mr. Ramsay has

as usual been in charge of the eight all through camp.

Characters of the viii. :—

J. M. Allport (stroke), a very neat oar, rather light and inclined to sacrifice length at the finish to smartness with the hands. Has a nice clean drive back.

G. Pulling ii (2). Has improved rapidly lately; has a nice long swing, but is still likely to kick his slide away when at all excited.

C. W. Luscombe (3). A neat oar. Rather short and a bit slack when he gets the chance.

A. E. Witts (4). Rough but powerful; has a nasty habit of going down and away from his oar at the finish of the stroke, which makes his recovery slow and so spoils his sliding.

N. G. Sawyer (5). Has made wonderful improvement during the term, but has still plenty to learn; very hard and willing worker.

E. R. Sinclair i (6). A good heavy oar, with a long swing; is rather unsteady the last part owing to stopping his swing half way forward.

G. F. Hart (7). Captain of boats. An extremely neat oar and an excellent 7; has made a very keen and efficient captain.

L. L. Richardson (stroke). Is a little awkward, but has any amount of dash and go; slides well, but is inclined to hurry the finish too much and so make the boat rather short in the water.

G. E. Campbell (cox). Is keen and has an excellent voice; can get the very last ounce out of his crew, but lacks experience both in steering and rowing.

The four as a crew are neat and well together but are light. Their practice has been very interrupted as two of them have been playing cricket three days a week and at least one has nearly always had to row in the eight.

The Regatta this year takes place on Wednesday, April 16, and we have the station next but one to the northern or Gladesville shore in each race.

A Rowing Song.

STEADY it now and swing her
along,
Easy and quiet on the feather ;
Drive her away, hearty and strong,
And every man together.

Our shed is down in Berry's Bay,
And that's where the tubbing's
done, Sir ;

But the eight and four are now away,
The Easter camp's begun, Sir.
Pick it up now and lift her along,
Clean and neat with the feather ;
Drive her away, hearty and strong,
And every man together.

From Gladesville shed to the bridge
at Ryde

We know the water well, Sir ;
Of five bard miles 'gainst wind and
tide

Ignatius' baths can tell, Sir.
Press it out now and send her along,
Bow, look after that feather ;
Drive her away, hearty and strong,
And every man together.

We have some doughty crews to race,
Ignatius and St. Joe's, Sir ;
And Grammar, too, put up a pace
That's seldom very slow, Sir.

Give her a dozen and shove her
along,
Light with the hands on the
feather ;
Drive her away, hearty and strong,
And every man together.

"Half-forward now!" "Get ready!"
Bang!

And now we are well away, Sir.
Quiet on the slides, don't hurry and
hang—

We are out to win to-day, Sir.
Grip her at once and bit her along,
Quick with the hands on the
feather ;

Drive her away, hearty and strong,
And every man together.

The flags are up, the race is o'er,
And whether we've lost or won, Sir,
We've rowed for "Shore," and ever-
more

We'll pull till we are done, Sir.
Keep your button and pecker up,
too,

In sunshine or rainy weather,
Till the longest race we've rowed
right through,
And eased all together.

The Swimming Carnival.

THE eleventh Annual Carnival was
held at the Lavender Bay Baths
on March 6th—an unlucky date,
for the rain came down in sheets, filled
the baths with mud, wet the specta-

tors, and drenched the band, who
promptly departed.

Such accidents, however, do not
touch the main business of the day,
and the swimming was mostly worth

while. The principal race—the hundred yards for the championship of the School and cup presented by Mrs. Purves—was won by Huie, with Sautelle a good second. Huie and Sautelle, it may be mentioned, were the School's representatives in the All Schools Race at the S.G.S. Carnival, where they finished third and fourth.

At our own Carnival the All Schools event is a team race, which this year was again won by a very strong team from S.G.S., our team coming second.

Two races provided a particularly good finish—the 250 yards handicap, which was won by Huie from scratch after a magnificent struggle, and the 50 yards Old Boys' Handicap, which went to L. Solomons. To the latter and to Mr. Reddington the thanks of the Committee are due, for the pair gave a fine exhibition of high and fancy diving.

The Diving Championship was again a struggle between Huie and Suttor, and was finally won by the former by half a point, despite a splendid dive by Suttor from the top of the tower.

As secretary and treasurer, Suttor and Barton, with the rest of the Committee (Craig and Huie) are to be congratulated.

Following are the results in detail :
100 Yards School Championship.—Huie 1, Sautelle 2, Chenhall 3; time, 1 min. 8 1-5th sec.

50 Yards Championship (under 15).—Minnett 1, McDonald 2, Wilmett 3; time, 34 1-5th sec.

250 Yards Open Handicap.—Huie (scr.) 1, Penfold i. (65sec.) 2, Sau-

telle (scr.) 3; time, 3 min. 27 1-5th sec.

Diving Championship.—Huie 1, Suttor 2, Bloome 3.

Back and Breast Stroke Championship.—Allport 1, Griffin 2, Chenhall 3; time, 1 min. 44 2-5th secs.

50 Yards Open Handicap.—Penfold i. (11 sec.) 1, Studdy i. (9 sec.) 2, Mehan (7 sec.) 3; time, 50 4-5th sec.

50 Yards Handicap (under 15).—Pritchard (11 sec.) 1, Warren (14 sec.) 2, Goddard ii. (13 sec.) 3; time, 47 1-5th sec.

50 Yards Handicap (under 13).—Warren (9 sec.) 1, Goddard ii. (8 sec.) 2, Nankervis ii. (scr.) 3.

Upper School Forms Teams Race.—Mods. A (Allport, Mehan, Spring i., Williams ii.) 1, Upper IV. A (Eedy, Griffin, Robertson, Suttor) 2.

Lower School Form Teams Race.—Mods. B (Casper, Craig ii., Dawn, Sautelle) 1, III. B (Hirst ii., Pountney, Studdy ii., Windeyer ii.) 2.

Greasy Pole.—Penfold 1, Windeyer i. 2, Webb 3.

Stamess Race.—Penfold i. and Webb 1, Gall and Fell ii. 2.

Fancy Dress Race.—Costume, Ravenscroft and Mitchelmore; race, Gall.

Old Boys' Race.—Solomons 1, Spedding 2, Drew 3.

All Schools' Team Race.—S.G.S. (B. Longworth, B. A. Street, G. C. Finlay, R. E. Brown), 1; S.C.E.G.S. (H. W. Chenhall, N. Griffin, J. Z. Huie, E. H. S. Sautelle), 2; T.K.S. (C. Farquhar, A. Binnie, C. Barret, N. Finner), 3.

The University Camp, 1913.

THE University Camp was held this year at Austinmer, on the South Coast, from January 17th to 24th.

The campers left the Central Station on the above date by the 8.30 train. The scenery from the train is in places very beautiful. Just before Stanwell Park the train enters a tunnel, and although here there is no sight of the sea, on emerging, the beautiful South Coast suddenly bursts into view. The landscape stretches as far as the Saddleback behind Kiama, and between us and that distant point the narrow strip of coast-lands at the base of the mountains is cut into many bays. The train continues to run along the coast for many miles, and here and there, it seems possible to drop a stone into the Pacific below us.

We arrived at Austinmer at about 10.30, and proceeded to the site of our, as yet, only half-pitched camp. The camp was soon raised, and only just in time, as the rain began to come down, lasting, however, only for an hour. After dinner we went down to the sea and surfed, and one would have a difficult task had he to find a better beach for surfing.

On Saturday, 18th, "to vary the monotony of Austinmer," we walked round to Thirroul and enjoyed a surf there. The Thirroul Beach was not a popular one with us, for, if we did a good shoot, we were landed right

among the pebbles, and some of us were very much scratched. The afternoon was given to cricket or to quoits, while some surfeited themselves (I scorn a less proper phrase) on blackberries, in which the district abounds.

The 19th being Sunday, we had a surf in the morning, and after that attended Church. In the afternoon we went up to an old coal-mine, which was not, however, as interesting as the bathe which we had after our visit.

Monday, the 20th, was fixed as the day of our Beach Carnival, but, as it was raining, we substituted a paper-chase,—a glorious one, uncomfortable though it was. We had a great course to run over, but as it lay through blackberries we were all at the end of the day's chase very torn and scratched.

On Tuesday, the 21st, we walked up the world-famed Bulli Pass. The day was perfectly clear, and none of us will ever forget the beautiful walk or the view that is obtained from the summit. The majority of people who visit the Pass go generally only to the outlook proper, from which one can indeed obtain a view worth going a long way to see; but if one walks further along to Point Sublime he looks down upon the coast and sees from Cronulla to Kiama. After having had lunch and gazed at the magnificent panorama once more,

some of us went to the Lodden Falls, which, unfortunately, were not at their best.

On Wednesday we had our carnival, and one really cannot imagine in what a variety of ways we rigged ourselves up with things gathered from about the camp. Some of us went as ladies, some as niggers, and others in a great variety of costumes. We spent all the morning in preparing, and in the afternoon sallied forth in procession along the thickly-populated streets of Austinmer. Arriving at the beach, we had races and jumping, and, as we had spectators to the number of two hundred, the carnival was really a great success.

Thursday morning found us at Coledale, where we went down a coal-mine, walking for three miles underground. We had gone only to inspect the cokeworks, but the authorities there, perhaps liking our general good looks, invited us to descend into the lower regions, which were very interesting. The worst part of the expedition, however, was the aftermath of washing, the time required for which was, as the Dominic Sampson might have said, "prodeegious." In the afternoon the camp played a tennis and cricket match against the camp of the Church Missionary Association, which was also being held there. We lost the cricket, but in tennis were the winners.

And who was not weeping when Friday came?

The camp was run with amazingly little work. Each tent had to wait at table for four meals only, and then its work for the whole time was over. The only other *arduous* tasks were to carry once or twice a bucket of water from a well 300 yards away, and to keep the camp in wood. A great source of amusement was our daily newspaper, the *Rag*. This highly intellectual journal was read at dinner every evening, and was highly appreciated. The daily routine was:— 6.45, prayers; 7, biscuit and bathing parade; and 8.30, breakfast. After that we could do what we liked until lunch at 1.30, and again till dinner at 6.30. In the evening we had sing-songs, and once an amusing mock trial, the prisoner being accused of "pillow-pinchng." Before bed at 10.15 we had prayers, and in the course of these were given by the officers some very good addresses on the most pressing subjects of a boy's daily life.

All of us who went express many thanks to our officers, who exerted themselves most strenuously to make the camp a success. The Commandant this year was the Rev. Mr. Palmer, who has spent six years as a missionary in Belgian-Congo, and in March this year he is returning to his work there. On several occasions he told us very interesting stories of his work.

There were only five Shore boys at the camp. Let us have at least double that next year, for none of you can imagine the time you have until you get there.

A. A. H.

Cadet Corps.

SINCE the last number of the *Torch-Bearer* was published the chief points of interest in military work have been the camp and the military competition. The former is described in another column by one of the trainees, and it need only be added in this official notice that the experiment proved a completely successful one, not only for the immediate purpose for which it was undertaken, that of completing the annual musketry course, but also in developing the efficiency of junior officers and N.C.O's. In this connection it may be noticed that the work of Lieutenants H. D. Pulling and E. Woodward, Colour-Sergeants Morell and Ewing, Sergeants Gregory, Nelson, and Mathieson called for special commendation.

It is hoped that an equally successful camp will be an annual affair.

In the battalion competition A Com-

pany was somewhat easily ahead, and wins the battalion badges for the year. There was, however, a lack of finish in the close order work and the preliminary skirmishing, which in the Brigade Competition left them second to the King's School Company. This weakness was great redeemed by a well-carried-out attack, in which the work was greatly superior to that of King's School; but the fact that this was not sufficient to wipe out the lead obtained in more elementary work will impress upon the leaders of next year's company the necessity for accuracy in rifle exercises, marching and dressing. It must be added that the necessity for omitting members of the two crews greatly weakened the company, and it is hoped that some suitable arrangement will be made next year to ensure that the competition company will be thoroughly representative.

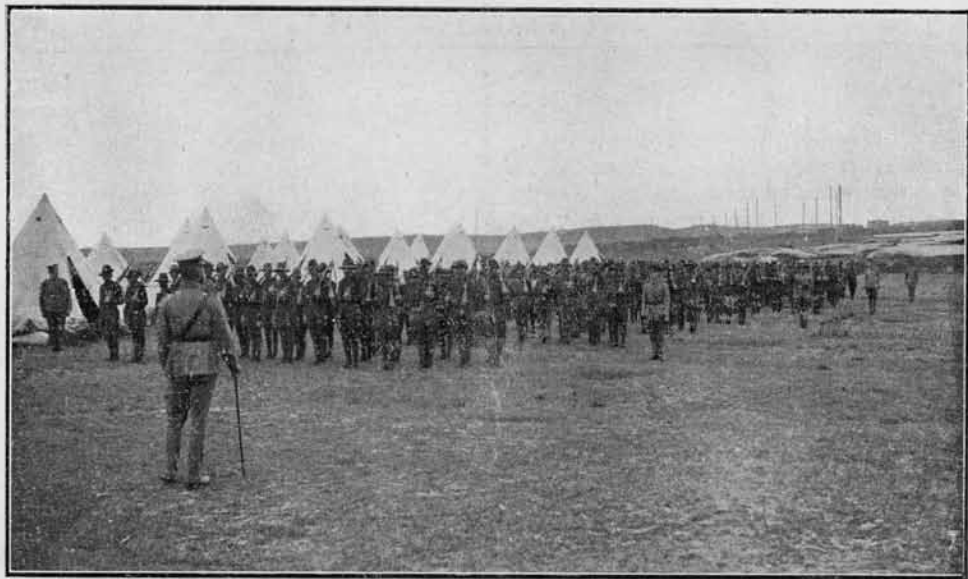
The Cadet Camp.

WE are glad to publish an account of the Christmas term Musketry Camp. This is by no means an official report, but will be sufficient to show that the undertaking was successful beyond expectation.

The School may be allowed a little pride on the camp and its result. It was, we believe, the first held of compulsory trainees' camps, for Senior Cadets were not originally part of the present scheme; and it attracted much

attention. And so it was particularly pleasing that, throughout, the discipline and order were of a very high standard, and that much good work was done. The musketry of two companies was completed in three days, without the disorganisation of school work for one day per week through a whole term, and it was completed at less cost to the Government and at a very small cost to each boy. Much better musketry instruc-

AT THE CADET CAMP.



PARADE.



TENT ORDERLIES.

tion than usual was given, as with a whole day at their disposal officers could devote attention to each cadet, and a convenient and accurate method of keeping scores was evolved. The good time in camp went a long way towards popularising the training. For this, there can be no doubt, the good catering was largely responsible, There was very little sickness, and the cadets, as well as being interested by the novelty of a military camp, gained valuable experience.

To return to the musketry. The shooting, on the whole, was very good. It is not intended in this account to give figures, but it is worth mention that, when the scores were handed in, one section of twenty-six men in A Company comprised twenty-five marksmen and one first-class shot.

A remarkable improvement in drill also was effected in both companies by Sergt.-Major Ross.

At no time did the cadets have any opportunity to catch the Australian tired-out feeling. On the first night that we were in camp Captain Bilton delivered a lecture, which made very clear to everyone the general principles of the various branches of musketry.

On the second night a different form of entertainment was provided. Without any previous warning, a fire alarm was given, and the two companies fell in with buckets and other water vessels. This rather severe test of discipline shewed excellent results. Some time later the enemy opened fire on the camp. A stirring battle was fought amongst the rattle and flash of blank cartridge. About fifteen

minutes after the last shot had been fired, about a dozen desperadoes of various sizes might have been seen to slink in at the back of the camp, somewhat bedewed and bedraggled, but plainly proud of the confusion that they had wrought. They cleaned their rifles in the store tent and quietly joined their mates.

It was natural that after this some of the wilder spirits should "kick over the traces." The guard was turned out several times to seize criminals of various kinds. Seven were arrested in all. They were paraded next morning at the orderly tent. It was very forcibly impressed on them that they were defaulters; that, in future, and in consequence thereof, whenever the defaulters' call blew, whatever they were doing, they should immediately be present at the store tent. When it was desired to give them a sample, difficulty was found in finding a bugler to blow—they all seemed to have specialised on the mess calls;—but at last a sergeant, a retired bandsman, also a retired defaulter, no doubt, blew the call twice very well. "Could the defaulters follow it?" The defaulters said they could follow it; but their fear got the better of any ear for music. Two of them at least were accomplished mouth-organists, and were in much demand among the tents, one even a performer on a nobler instrument, but at every call, from "reveille" to "lights out," a breathless bevy of nondescripts would grow out of the ground at the door of the store tent. After a few false alarms they seemed almost to have a

proprietary pride in the "defaulters." "Is that our call?" they would ask. These were the only persons who misbehaved themselves in camp, and they succeeded in blotting out the memory of their misdeeds by their promptness at any sort of a call for the rest of our stay. There were very few ill, and no complaints were made when the officer on duty asked for them, except in one case. "Yes, Tommy Atkins has revoked and taken two tricks!" The hand was played again.

There was no canteen. At first an old man brought down stale chocolates. He was not allowed within the lines. He approached the squad in which we were drilling beyond the camp one time, and we were allowed a few minutes' rest; but most of us were boarders, and none of the day boys had any money either. But later the caterer imported a load of soft drinks "at city prices." So, at first and last, a kind, good health and happiness to all.

E. A. W.

Shooting.

THE Venour Nathan Shield and the Empire Match were held in conjunction on December 12th on the worst day we have ever experienced at Randwick. The low scores are, to a great extent, due to this. Woodward, who had been unfortunately prevented from competing in any previous Venour Nathan match, was in a fair way to win until the tricky wind got the better of him in the last stage. Sturrock shot very consistently all through, and won comfortably from G. H. Pulling.

There will only be about five of our last year's team at school this year. An early start will, therefore, be made next team, in order to give the new men as much practice and experience as possible. We must make every effort to prove that our success last year was not merely a flash, but the rise of a lasting flame.

THE EMPIRE MATCH.

Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards at figure targets.

	200yds.	500yds.	Total.
G. M. Hart	29	29	58
H. D. Pulling	30	27	57
G. H. Pulling	28	28	56
E. A. Woodward...	27	28	55
N. E. Brookes.....	27	25	52
K. B. Voss	27	25	52
T. Y. Nelson	28	24	52
J. M. Allport	21	21	42
	217	207	424

THE VENOUR NATHAN SHIELD.

Seven shots at 200, 500, 600, and 800 yards.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	800 yds.	Tl.
D. C. Sturrock ...	29	29	30	28	116
G. H. Pulling ...	28	28	28	29	113
H. D. Pulling ...	30	27	27	28	112
N. E. Brooks.....	27	25	31	26	109
G. E. Hart	29	29	24	25	107
E. A. Woodward	27	28	30	19	104

And also—Nelson 99, Littler 92, Voss 85, and Allport 77.

A Trip through the North Island of New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND is without doubt the most wonderful country in the world. It is also one of the most beautiful, and is an ideal holiday resort. Having just returned from a five weeks' trip to the North Island, I would like to give a short account of the same. We—that is my father and I—left Sydney by the P. & O. Company's steamer *Malwa*, on 14th December, and had a smooth and pleasant trip across.

On reaching Auckland, and after spending two or three days sight seeing in that city, we left for Rotorua. We found the place full of visitors from all parts, sight-seeing. We immediately visited the buried village of Ohinemutu and there saw the Maoris washing their clothes and cooking their meals in the natural hot springs. We next visited Whakarewarewa, having ascertained that the Geyser Pohutu was active; and on Christmas Day saw a very fine explosion, the boiling water being thrown some fifty or sixty feet into the air.

Hamurana Spring, our next resort, is reached by steam launch across Lake Rotorua, passing on the way Makoia Island, Hinemoa's Realm, about which the Maoris tell a legend very similar to the legend of Leander. This spring is situated on the northern shore of Lake Rotorua at the head of a small and beautifully clear stream, and discharges from the bowels of the earth water at the rate of twelve million gallons per day. The upward force of this spring is so great that

nothing can sink in it, and tourists throw silver coins in to see them float about and finally rest on the ledges of rock just under the surface.

From Hamurana we next visited Lake Rotoiti and the Okere Falls. Lake Rotoiti is joined to Lake Rotorua by a small river called the Ohau, through which the launch winds its way at a very rapid rate around many sharp and dangerous curves, and through thicket and bush. Another hour passed and we at last stopped in a northerly little bay, where the Okere flows out of the lake to revel far, far below in the Bay of Plenty. The landscape suddenly changes. The Okere jumps joyfully over rocks and boulders, and deliciously cool zephyrs are wafted up from the roaring cascades. Glorious ferns and bush grow on its steep banks, quite covering it in some parts. A small path follows its curves for a little way. And here, in an excavation in the rocky wall lies, neat and clean, a power station, where part of the water force is utilised for the purpose of creating the electric power for Rotorua.

After having lunch at Okere, we started for home by coach, and now commenced a beautiful drive along the south shore of the Lake. Several Maori Pā were passed where the brown gentlemen were occupied in planting just as little as was necessary for their livelihood. After an hour's drive the road turns away from the Lake, and ascends inland to the hills.

After the delightful loveliness of the Lake and bush scenery, we arrived at the place called Tikitere, an infernal landscape of boiling lakes, spluttering mud volcanoes, and hot waterfalls. The wit of the proprietor has given them inviting names, such as Hell's Gate, Satan's Glory, Satan's Porridge Pot, Devil's Punch-bowl, Inferno; and one might well remark "*Lasciate ogni speranza voi ch'entrate*"—"Abandon hope all ye who enter here." Leaving this fearful and wonderful place, we continued our journey and reached Rotorua again about six, tired, dusty, and hungry.

Our next trip was to see the Waimangu Geyser, now quiescent, but at one time the greatest in the world. To do this trip we left Rotorua by coach, passing through the buried village of Wairoa, which is about twelve miles distant from Rotorua, and about ten miles from Mount Tarawera. This village was buried by the mud which was thrown out of the mountain in the great eruption of 1886. On one side is the wreck of a mill, on the other, a collapsed two story house with the bottom standing. In another place lies a huge mass of ruins, ovens, stoves and iron beds piled up in a heap. There is part of a fowl house still intact in which seventeen people took refuge and were thus saved. After viewing this interesting spot, we took the launch and traversed Lake Tarawera, landing at a place called Te Ariki. From here we walked to the top of the hill, being in sight of Mount Tarawera all the time. At the top we halted for

lunch while the guide Warbrick told us all that happened on the night of June 10th, 1886.

Tarawera is a flat-topped mountain, and was, previous to the eruption, considered to be an extinct volcano. On the eventful night explosions were heard proceeding from the top of the mountain. A few hours later these were succeeded by tremendous detonations. Immense volumes of steam shot up into the air and were followed by huge clouds of dust. The dust was so thick at Touranga seventy-five miles distant, that there was complete darkness at mid-day. The whole district around was covered with pumice, which can easily be distinguished in the cuttings along the roads. A village close to the Mountain was buried to a depth of over seventy feet, and with it fifty-one Māoris and one Englishman. Subsequent exploration showed that the summit of the mountain was rent in twain, a huge chasm extending South West from its foot. The chasm was twelve miles long by a quarter of a mile broad.

After lunch we took the launch again, this time on Lake Rotomahana which before the eruption was in an entirely different position, and considerably further away from the mountain. It was on the shores of this lake that the famous Pink and White Terraces were situated, and it is now supposed that they are buried some 270 feet below the surface. For five years, Lake Rotomahana was an immense boiling mudhole or a wide smoking plain. Gradually the water

oozed up through the mud until now it is almost eight times its previous size and is much deeper, still boiling in many parts, and surrounded by steaming cliffs. The only means of transit from Lake Rotomabana to Wasmauga was Shanks' Pony, over a walk of two and a half to three miles up hill and down dale across most weird and absolutely barren volcanic country, containing many wonderful sights in the way of boiling springs, sulphur lakes, and different coloured waters, and also a place called the Devil's Frying Pan.

Waimangu was the scene of the greatest geyser in the world. It first played about February, 1901. The tube is 80 ft. deep, and is situated in the middle of a small hot lake. Its crater is an oval of about 400 ft. by 250 ft., and its record shot is about 1600 ft.

Once more we are in a coach, this time bound for Waiotapu. On the way a black cone about 10 ft. high is passed, with a wooden ladder leading up to the top. On mounting this ladder and looking down into the crater, you find spluttering the boiling mud that has built this black beehive, for that is what it resembles. Among the wonders of Waiotapu is a large pool called the Champagne Pool. This pool, according to the guide, has not been bottomed at 87 ft. When sand is thrown into it, it is set into violent activity and bubbles and effervesces just like champagne. There are many other wonderful things also at Waiotapu in the way of blow holes, alum cliffs, and sulphur deposits. From Waiotapu we next journeyed by

motor to Wairakei. Here are situated in the Geyser Valley innumerable wonders, among which a scientist could spend a life-time in the pursuit of knowledge. There is one spot called the Artist's Studio. Here can be found eight or nine different coloured clays all within a yard. There is a geyser here called the Feather's or which the guides have experimented so that they can let it play just when they want it. By letting a cold stream flow into it, the geyser is kept inactive; but when this is blocked up and a hot stream allowed to flow into it, the geyser plays ever half hour. There are many other wonderful things in this valley, including the floating rock, which moves up and down two or three seconds before the geyser in which it is situated begins to play. All the wonderful things, however, that this valley contains are too numerous to mention, and all that I can say is that if any one wishes to know all about them, the best thing to do is to visit them, for no description can make one realise what they are really like.

At Wairakei there are other fine sights, and amongst them are the beautiful Aratiatia Rapids, Karapiti Blow Hole and the Waiora Valley. From Wairakei we went on to Taupo, crossed the Lake and then journeyed by coach past the snow mountain, Ruapehu (9100 ft.), and then by rail to Taumarauui, the head of the Wanganui River, where we took steamer and spent a very enjoyable time shooting the Rapids and admiring the delightful scenery of the Rhine of New Zealand. T.G.G.

Cricket.

THE past season from the point of view of our senior teams' success, has been somewhat disappointing: Before it began it seemed likely that the School would have a fair average team, but the unexpected loss of Merewether and Gregory left us with a weaker team than the School has had for many years past. The fact that fourteen 1st XI. men had left from the previous two seasons teams and that at the beginning of this season only two men had been in the 1st for more than a year made success extremely unlikely. However, the team, though for the most part young and inexperienced, has not failed for lack of trying, the captain and members of committee have worked keenly, not only for the success of higher teams, but also to bring along the younger generation, and the special practices started last season for promising boys are beginning to supply the second and third teams with a steady stream of better-grounded players. In the second term the 1st XI. lost all its matches, most of them by a large margin. Though the team was the same, except for the loss of Witts, few of the players showed the same form as in the earlier matches of the season. This was no doubt largely due in the case of the younger players to the lack of match practice, and to the interference of the military competitions with our fixtures. It is probable next year that the former will be arranged in such a way as to be practically inter-

school, a change which will enable a programme to be fixed up beforehand in such a way that the different events may not clash.

The older members of the team proved rather disappointing, and the absence of a really good length bowler left the attack very weak, especially in the case of left-hand batsmen. To come to individual performances, Barton secured the aggregate with 200 runs, and though this was mainly due to his excellent 93 against S.H.S., on several other occasions he got out in some unfortunate way when well set. Morell, 168, opened the season well with 66 and 37, but afterwards fell off until the end of the season. The most reliable bat in the second quarter was H. T. Thompson, who scored 150 in all matches, a creditable performance for a player who was practically promoted from the 3rd. V. Hall, 138, scored heavily in non-competition matches, but after one good innings in the first match, against S.J.C., failed to strike form in the other competition matches. Playfair, 130, was unfortunate in missing several matches through illness; he played well in the first, N.C. match, and the second, S.G.S. match, but his form was very patchy. T. Hall, 132, had one excellent performance, 70 in the first T.K.S. match on a moist wicket.

The bowling practically was monopolised, as far as getting wickets was concerned, by V. Hall, Seaton, and Barton, and the team suffered badly from the lack of a fast or even

medium right-hander. V. Hall got 28 wickets and bowled well throughout, but necessarily had too much work to do. Seaton 18 wickets and Barton 12 were the most successful of the remainder. The other bowlers, while useful to keep an end going, were seldom dangerous and often expensive.

The fielding was fairly good at the beginning of the season but fell off badly at the end, no doubt owing to lack of match practice. Special mention may be made of Orr, whose ground fielding was always clean and effective; he was also very useful as reserve wicket-keeper.

V. Hall captained the team well and managed the weak bowling with judgment.

The 2nd XI. has lost the majority of its matches, but, comparatively speaking, has shown better form than the 1st, as several of the matches were lost by a narrow margin. The team suffered more from a lack of good bowlers than bats, as the side generally put up a respectable score but failed to get their opponents out for less. The team was well captained by Mayne after Suttor's promotion. Hyne, Cornish, Orr, Mayne and Forbes showed considerable promise as bats. Most of the runs were made by Bloome, an unorthodox batsman with a vigorous style of his own. Mayne bowled with a good action and style but was rather erratic, and Charlton was fairly successful with leg-breaks. The most promising bowlers are the two most recent importations from the 3rd XI., Forbes, who can keep a good

length, and Roberts, whose leg-breaks should be valuable next season. The team fielded fairly well and played and practised keenly.

SCHOOL, v. S.G.S. 30th Nov. 1912.

S.G.S.	
W. McLean, c Morell, b Hall...	71
W. MacDonald, run out ...	44
R. Bardsley, c Hall, b Barton ...	18
H. Hendry, run out ...	44
O. Cohen, b Barton ...	30
B. Barrack, c Ewing, b Hall ...	14
G. Street, b Hall ...	0
R. Stafford, not out ...	150
C. Trumper, b Witts ...	85
A. Buckle, b Hall ...	18
J. Brennan, b Hall ...	6
Sundries ...	39
Total ...	519

Bowling Analysis.—Seaton, 0 for 94; V. Hall, 5 for 116; Mehan, 0 for 47; Barton, 2 for 76; Ewing, 0 for 30; Witts, 1 for 72; Orr, 0 for 20; J. Thompson, 0 for 13.

SCHOOL.

V. Hall, b Street ...	11
R. A. Barton, c Buckle, b Hendry ...	7
T. Hall, b Hendry ...	3
J. Thompson, c MacDonald, b Brennan ...	12
T. Morell, b Street ...	0
L. V. Seaton, c Stafford, b Street ...	0
C. R. Ewing, b Brennan ...	9
H. T. Thompson, b Stafford ...	9
A. Mehan, lbw, b Street ...	0
E. L. Witts, b Brennan ...	21
G. Orr, not out ...	0
Sundries ...	2
Total ...	74

Bowling Analysis.—Stafford, 1 for 16; Street, 4 for 36; Hendry, 2 for 8; Brennan, 3 for 12.

SCHOOL v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

7th Dec., 1912.

N.C.	
J. Taylor, c V. Hall, b Seaton...	22
Dawson, c Barton, b V. Hall ...	2
Muir, b Seaton ...	6

Roseby, b Witts	19
H. Taylor, c and b Ewing	0
Pettitt, c V. Hall, b Ewing	115
Brown, c V. Hall, b Seaton	72
Warry, thrown out	67
Holiday, c and b Hall	7
Watson, thrown out	10
Willard, not out	15
Sundries	40

Total 375

Bowling Analysis.—T. Hall, 1 for 42; V. Hall, 1 for 72; Seaton, 3 for 39; Ewing, 2 for 34; Mehan, 0 for 23; Barton, 0 for 31; Witts, 1 for 47; Playfair, 0 for 31; J. Thompson, 0 for 21.

SCHOOL.

M. T. Hall, c and b Willard	5
H. T. Thompson, c and b Willard	2
V. Hall, b Dawson	1
E. Playfair, c and b Watson	36
R. Barton, c and b Willard	0
J. Thompson, c and b Willard	33
T. Morell, c Watson	12
C. Ewing, c Willard	2
L. Seaton, b Willard	0
A. Mehan, b Watson	5
E. Witts, not out	0
Sundries	12

Total 108

SCHOOL v. M.C.E.G.S.

13th Dec., 1912.

SCHOOL.

V. Hall, c Moyes, b Patterson	2
E. Playfair, c Moyes, b Dean	0
T. Hall, c Campbell, b Moyes	23
T. Morell, c Moyes, b Patterson	0
L. V. Seaton, lbw, b Dean	5
C. R. Ewing, c Patterson, b Steele	3
J. A. Thompson, c McDonald, b Moyes	0
H. T. Thompson, c Cox, b Moyes	3
E. L. Witts, c Moyes, b Steele	6
P. Mehan, c Cox, b Moyes	0
G. Orr, not out	0
Sundries	8

Total 50

Bowling Analysis.—Patterson, 2 for 13; Dean, 2 for 8; Moyes, 4 for 14; Steele, 2 for 6.

M.C.E.G.S.

Dean, b Seaton	9
Cox, b V. Hall	5
Patterson, b Mehan	8
Campbell, not out	79
Currie, b Mehan	17
McDougall, not out	34
Sundries	25

Four wickets for 177

Bowling Analysis.—Seaton, 1 wicket; V. Hall, 1 wicket; Mehan, 2 wickets.

SCHOOL v. T.G.S. 16th Dec., 1912

T.G.S.

J. H. Hornbrook, not out	55
F. G. Barbour, b V. Hall	1
E. C. Knowles, b V. Hall	0
J. R. Lindrum, b T. Hall	2
S. H. Andrews, b Seaton	3
J. H. King, b Mehan	0
A. W. Stark, c Witts, b Seaton	5
R. J. Jackson, lbw, b Barton	6
W. M. Forbes, lbw, b Ewing	15
F. M. Lloyd, b Barton	9
G. A. Forbes, c Thompson, b Barton	0
Sundries	11

Total 107

Bowling Analysis.—T. Hall, 1 for 16; V. Hall, 2 for 21; Seaton, 2 for 3; Mehan, 1 for 9; Witts, 0 for 4; Barton, 3 for 12; Playfair, 0 for 20; Ewing, 1 for 11.

SCHOOL.

V. T. Hall, b Forbes	1
E. S. Playfair, c C. Forbes, b W. Forbes	39
R. A. Barton, b Lindrum	0
T. M. Hall, lbw, b W. Forbes	3
J. A. Thompson, b W. Forbes	0
T. Morell, b Lindrum	0
C. R. Ewing, c Lindrum, b W. Forbes	13
H. T. Thompson, not out	6
L. V. Seaton, b W. Forbes	11
P. Mehan, b W. Forbes	0
E. L. Witts, thrown out	2
Sundries	22

Total 96

Bowling Analysis.—Lindrum, 2 wickets; W. Forbes, 7 wickets.

AT THE CADET CAMP.



DRAWING RATIONS.



ON THE MOUNDS.

SCHOOL v. S.J.C.

Played on No. 2 Oval on Wednesday, 19th Feb., resulting in a win for S.J.C. by 142 runs. S.J.C. won the toss and batted on a good wicket, making 278. The feature of the innings was the batting of Mullarky, who made a chanceless 151 not out. At the beginning he took no risks and played correct cricket, but as he approached his century he became more aggressive, and scored very fast with a succession of fine strokes all round the wicket, his straight drives being specially effective.

The School's innings was a repetition of many others of this and last season. The earlier batsmen, after playing over-cautiously for a few overs, succumbed for small scores, and the innings was only redeemed from complete failure by the later men. H. T. Thompson is, who has batted with consistent defence all through the season, showed that he had developed some scoring strokes in making 48. His defensive play was sound and confident, and his scoring strokes, chiefly cuts and square chops, were well timed and placed. Orr batted in good style for 27, and Suttor signalised his ascension to the first by making 15 not out in vigorous style. The School's innings totalled 136.

S.J.C.

W. D. Ryan, b Seaton	...	...	0
D. J. McDonald, b Seaton	...	...	11
T. Thompson, b Seaton	...	...	4
M. Mullarky, not out	...	...	151
H. Deary, run out	...	...	24
M. Storman, c Suttor, b V. Hall	...	...	5
A. Cusack, c T. Hall, b V. Hall	...	...	0
H. McKillop, c Ewing, b Barton	...	...	28
J. Dalton, c Ewing, b V. Hall	...	...	12
R. McCarthy, run out	...	...	8
M. Hoare, c Suttor, b V. Hall	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	26
Total	...	...	278

Bowling.—T. Hall, 0 for 11; V. Hall, 4 for 78; Seaton, 3 for 78; Ewing, 0 for 31; Barton, 1 for 30; Playfair, 0 for 18; Suttor, 0 for 32.

SCHOOL.

V. Hall, lbw, b McDonald	...	...	0
E. S. Playfair, b Ryan	...	...	14
R. A. Barton, lbw, b Ryan	...	...	7
T. Hall, b McDonald	...	...	4
L. V. Seaton, run out	...	...	2
H. T. Thompson, b Hoare	...	...	48
T. Morell, b Ryan	...	...	0
J. A. Thompson, b Ryan	...	...	11
C. R. Ewing, b Ryan	...	...	1
G. Orr, c McDonald, b Ryan	...	...	27
E. L. Suttor, not out	...	...	13
Sundries	...	...	7
Total	...	...	136

Bowling.—Ryan, 6 for 57; McDonald, 2 for 32; Hoare, 1 for 32; McKillop, 0 for 15.

v. T.K.S.

Played at Parramatta on 26th February, resulting in a win for T.K.S. by 331 runs. T.K.S. won the toss and batted on a good wicket, scoring 449 for nine wickets (innings closed). The feature of the innings was the fine batting of Rock, who made 209 with only one chance, scoring rapidly with a great variety of strokes all round the wicket. The most successful bowler was Ewing, who obtained two wickets for 42 from 10 overs, using the leg theory a good deal. The School opened with the two Thompsons, but J. Thompson succumbed to a tempting slow from Best, and T. Hall, who followed, dragged one wide of the off stump into his wicket. Barton and H. Thompson made a good stand, though the scoring, especially of the latter, was very slow. Barton, after making 30 in good style, was out to a very bad ball from Farquhar, which he put up after its second hop. After his departure a rot set in, and Potts, who was bowling well, coming quick from the pitch and occasionally coming rather low, got Playfair, V. Hall, and Ewing cheaply. H. Thompson, who had batted confidently, but without scoring, tried an impossible run and was out for 14. Seaton was stumped for a vigorous 13. Mcrell (25) and Orr (10) played out.

time, which was put on to 6.15 in the chance of finishing, neither of them looking like getting out. At this stage it was decided to abandon the game and give the match to T.K.S., as it was not worth while for three men only to make another trip to Parramatta for perhaps only ten minutes' play, when there was no possible chance of catching the T.K.S. score. The innings was therefore ended with eight wickets down for 118.

T.K.S.		Runs
Best, c T. Hall, b V. Hall	...	5
Lester, c V. Hall, b Seaton	...	55
Rick, c V. Hall, b Ewing	...	209
Graham, c and b Suttor	...	2
Riley i., b Suttor	...	36
Potts, c Playfair, b V. Hall	...	21
Farquhar, c Ewing, b Playfair	...	50
Vickers, c Ewing, b Barton	...	4
Riley ii., c Barton, b Ewing	...	6
Richards, not out	...	11
Capel, not out	...	25
Sundries	...	25
Total	...	449

Bowling Analysis.—Seaton, 1 for 80; V. Hall, 2 for 93; Ewing, 2 for 43; Barton, 1 for 75; T. Hall, 0 for 32; Suttor, 2 for 71; Orr, 0 for 12, Playfair, 1 for 18.

SCHOOL.		Runs
T. Thompson, run out	...	14
J. Thomson, c Rock, b Best	...	0
T. Hall, b Best	...	2
R. A. Barton, c and b Farquhar	...	36
E. S. Playfair, b Potts	...	6
V. Hall, b Potts	...	4
C. R. Ewing, b Potts	...	0
L. V. Seaton, st, b Lester	...	13
T. Morell, not out	...	25
G. Orr, not out	...	10
Sundries	...	14
Eight wickets for	...	118

Bowling Analysis.—Potts, 3 for 39; Best, 2 for 16; Riley i., 0 for 6; Farquhar, 1 for 23; Lester, 1 for 20.

SCHOOL v. N.C.

Played at Stanmore on Wednesday, March 5th, and lost by 197 runs. For the second time in competition matches, Hall won the toss, and elected to bat on a good wicket. T. Thompson and Playfair opened to the bowling of Brown (fast) and Willard (slow left hand). Thompson started well, square-cutting and driving well, but Playfair was not at home to the left-hander, and was bowled before he had scored. Barton followed, and made 15 in good style, until he was foolishly run out. V. Hall, obviously out of form, was very slow in making 12. Ewing was the only other batsman to go out at the bowling with any success; he scored 16 chiefly by good leg hits. Sundries 12 helped to raise the score to 94, a very meagre total considering the good wicket and the not over-difficult bowling. Willard, 4 wickets for 27, was the best bowler.

Newington started with J. Taylor and Muir. Both batsmen were quiet, but Taylor was hitting the loose ones very hard. However, when 21, he played a ball on from Ewing, who was bowling leg theory very well. The bowling, however, soon lost its sting. Most of the batsmen scored, Holliday top-scoring with 58, and the total reaching 291. Barton got 3 wickets, but was expensive. Ewing's leg theory was most successful, as he got 2 for 14 off 10 overs.

SCHOOL.

H. T. Thompson, run out	...	20
E. S. Playfair, b Willard	...	0
R. A. Barton, run out	...	15
V. T. Hall, b Brown	...	12
T. Morell, lbw, b J. Taylor	...	0
G. Orr, c Brown, b J. Taylor	...	4
T. Hall, c J. Taylor, b Willard	...	12
L. V. Seaton, b Willard	...	3
C. R. Ewing, b Willard	...	16
L. E. Suttor, c Brown, b Watson	...	0
Mehan, not out	...	0
Sundries	...	12
Total	...	94

Bowling Analysis.—Brown, 1 for 21; Willard, 4 for 27; Muir, 0 for 10; J. Taylor, 2 for 10; Watson, 1 for 16.

N.C.		
J. Taylor, b Ewing	...	21
Muir, b Ewing	...	55
Pettit, c Playfair, b Seaton	...	15
Brown, c T. Hall, b Barton	...	26
Rosby, b Suttor	...	41
H. Taylor, st, b Barton	...	10
Warry, b Seaton	...	12
Holiday, run out	...	58
Hawke, b Barton	...	13
Willard, b V. Hall	...	5
Watson, not out	...	5
Sundries	...	30
Total	...	295

Bowling Analysis.—V. Hall, 1 for 26; T. Hall, 0 for 5; Seaton, 2 for 54; Mehan, 0 for 27; Ewing, 2 for 14; Suttor, 1 for 20; Barton, 3 for 102; Playfair, 0 for 13.

SCHOOL v. S.G.S.

Played at No. 2 Oval on Thursday, March 13th. Lost by 8 wickets and 131 runs.

Hall won the toss, and sent in Orr and T. Thompson, who took strike to Street. Hendry bowled from the northern end. Thompson, who had scored 6, was bowled by Street in his second over. Orr was the next to go. He cut a fast ball from Hendry very hard, but Schofield, fielding third slip, jumped and brought off a splendid one-hand catch. Playfair batted very confidently, and scored freely off Hendry, but after making 32 he hit one up from Street, and Cohen took the catch. Of the others T. Hall played well for 20, run out, and J. Thompson, starting confidently, hit out well for 34. Ewing and Suttor added 27 for the last wicket. With sundries 16, the innings closed for 156, Suttor being 11 not out.

McDonald and McLean opened for the Sydney Grammar School, the bowlers being V. Hall and T. Hall. Both batsmen played carefully, and took no risks, the first wicket, McDonald's, falling for 73. Bardsley livened up the rate, and the School's total was soon passed. The second wicket fell for 259, Bardsley having made 107 in good style. At six stumps were drawn for a total of 287, McLean being 102 not out, made in excellent style but rather slowly.

SCHOOL:		
G. Orr, c Schofield, b Hendry	...	2
H. T. Thompson, b Street	...	6
E. S. Playfair, c Cohen, b Street	...	32
R. A. Barton, lbw, b Street	...	9
V. Hall, st, b Street	...	4
L. V. Seaton, lbw, b Schofield	...	8
T. Hall, run out	...	20
J. A. Thompson, st, b Jeffries	...	34
T. Morell, b Street	...	6
C. R. Ewing, b Jeffries	...	11
L. E. Suttor, not out	...	11
Sundries	...	16
Total	...	156

Bowling Analysis.—Street, 5 for 62; Hendry, 1 for 55; Jeffries, 2 for 16; Schofield, 1 for 10.

S.G.S.

McDonald, c V. Hall, b Suttor	...	43
McLean, not out	...	102
Bardsley, b Barton	...	107
Hendry, not out	...	21
Sundries	...	14
Two wickets for	...	287

Bowling Analysis.—T. Hall, 0 for 40; V. Hall, 0 for 47; Seaton, 0 for 33; Ewing, 0 for 24; Barton, 1 for 56; Suttor, 1 for 42; Playfair, 0 for 20; J. Thompson ii, 0 for 15.

SCHOOL v. S.H.S.

Played on No. 2 Oval, resulting in a win for S.H.S. by 72 runs. Winning the toss, S.H.S. batted, and put up the respectable total of 273. Garner made top score, with 53. The School bowling was lacking in sting, and the lack of a good length bowler was especially noticeable against the left-hand batsmen. V. Hall, after some loose overs to begin with, settled down to his length, and finished with 5 for 53. Suttor, 3 for 63, also bowled well, though he was lucky in his wickets.

The School opened with the Thompsons, and three wickets fell cheaply for 30. Then a good stand was made by H. Thompson and Barton. The former was batting in his usual steady fashion, now and then opening

out with a fine square cut. Barton began brilliantly, scoring boundaries with beautiful shots all round the wicket, but the rate of scoring soon slowed down. At 79 Thompson was bowled by Crane with a "wrong 'un." Good stands were made by V. Hall and Barton and by Seaton and Barton. Morell, with several fine leg strokes, ran to 22 in ten minutes, and at 5.45, with six for 193, a postponement looked certain and a win possible. But Barton was bowled by Garner off his foot, and Morell, Ewing and Suttor were out lbw to the same bowler, and the innings closed for 201. Barton, 93, was unfortunate in not reaching his century. He batted with sound defence and good style, scoring most of his runs with well-timed cuts and off drives. Garner completed a fine double performance by taking 9 out of the 10 wickets.

T.H.S.		
Saxby, b Suttor	...	42
Preston, b V. Hall	...	9
Hooke, b Suttor	...	30
Garner, c Barton, b Seaton	...	53
Cook, c Suttor, b V. Hall	...	44
Byrne, b V. Hall	...	20
Crane, b V. Hall	...	36
Magill, b Suttor	...	8
Martin, b Playfair	...	3
Clairmont, b V. Hall...	...	4
Fraser, not out	...	12
Sundries	...	35

Total 273

Bowling Analysis.—T. Hall, 0 for 35; V. Hall, 5 for 53; Ewing, 0 for 21; Seaton, 1 for 24; Barton, 0 for 27; Suttor, 3 for 60; Playfair, 1 for 21.

SCHOOL.

H. T. Thompson, b Crane	...	29
J. H. Thompson, lbw, b Garner	...	3
G. Orr, c Crane, b Garner	...	11
E. Playfair, b Garner	...	1
R. A. Barton, b Garner	...	93
V. T. Hall, c Preston, b Garner	...	19
V. Seaton, st, b Garner	...	14
T. Morell, lbw, b Garner	...	22
M. T. Hall, not out	...	1

C. R. Ewing, lbw, b Garner	...	0
L. E. Suttor, lbw, b Garner	...	0
Sundries	...	8
Total	...	201

Bowling Analysis.—Garner, 9 for 53; Crane, 1 for 30.

OTHER MATCHES.

February 1st, v Gladesville C.C. at Gladesville. Lost by 183 runs. Gladesville 287. (V. Hall 2 for 39, Barton 4 for 52). School 104 (Barton 20, J. Thompson 21, Orr 34).

February 5th, v Callan Park C.C. at Callan Park. Drawn. School 195 (V. Hall 47, Barton 40, J. Thompson 47). Callan Park 0 for 30.

2nd. XI.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

v S.J.C. Lost by 62. School 182 (Bloomer 57, Charlton 22, Braddon 20, Mehan 17, Plaskitt 13). S. J. C. 244. Mehan 7 for 85, Seaton ii 2 for 31, Mayne 1 for 17.

v T.K.S. Won by 188. School 103 and 7 for 235. (Hyne 22 and 67, Mayne 19 not out and 32, Bloomer 12 and 21, Forbes 11 and 16, Mehan 6 and 22). T.K.S. 90 and 60. Mehan 10 for 52, Seaton ii 4 for 9, Mayne 3 for 22, Charlton 2 for 38.

S.C.E.G.S. v N.C. Won by N.C. by 45 runs. N.C. 292. S.C.E.G.S. 247. (Thompson ii 82, Hyne 26, Bloomer 48, Forbes 15, Mayne 15). Forbes 4 for 68, Charlton 1 for 31, Mayne 2 for 66, Plaskitt 1 for 14.

S.C.E.G.S. v S.G.S. Won by S.G.S. by 56 runs. S.G.S. 119. S.C.E.G.S. 63 (Gilder 16). Roberts 5 for 43, Mayne 4 for 18, Charlton 1 for 26.

OTHER MATCHES.

v Kuringai. Lost by 198. School 75 (Cornish 17). Kuringai 273. Charlton 6 for 91.

v Barker College. Lost by 46. School 77 (Cornish 18, Plaskitt 13). Barker College 123. Suttor 5 for 27, Charlton 3 for 27, Bloomer 1 for 10, Carter 1 for 14.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

V. T. Hall: Vigorous bat with plenty of strokes, but badly out of form this season; good leg break bowler, would have done better if most of the burden of bowling had not fallen upon himself. Captained a weak team with judgment and kept the side well together. (All Schools 1912, Colours 1911-12-13).

R. A. Barton: Correct bat with effective scoring strokes when in form; slow leg break bowler, length rather uncertain; good field. (Colours 1912-13, All School 1st, 1911, All Schools 2nd, 1912).

E. S. Playfair: Stylish bat with fine off strokes, rather weak on the leg; defence not quite sound. Good field. (Colours 1913).

T. Morell: Fair wicket-keeper, fell off at the end of the season. Aggressive bat with vigorous off-strokes, defence rather weak. (Colours 1913).

C. R. Ewing: Useful change bowler, keeps a good length and rises from the pitch; unorthodox bat; excellent field, especially at catching. (Colours 1912).

V. Seaton: Good left hand bowler with plenty of spin; makes pace off the pitch, requires to use his head more. Greatly improved bat and field. (Colours 1913).

H. T. Thompson: Greatly improved bat, very sound defence; rather slow scorer, but is developing some good strokes, especially on the off. Slow in the field. (Colours 1913).

M. T. Hall: Fair bat, showed great promise early in the season; useful change bowler, swings with a new ball. Safe field. (Colours 1913).

J. A. Thompson: Improved bat, fairly good style on the aggressive side. Generally makes runs. Slow in the field. (Colour 1913).

G. Orr: Good reserve wicket keeper, cleanest field in the team. Bats in good style and was beginning to shape well at the end of the season. (Colours 1913).

L. E. Suttor: Useful change bowler, fair bat, safe field. (1st XI. 1913).

E. L. Witts: Useful length bowler and fair bat; very reliable and sometimes brilliant field. (1st XI. 1913).

3RD XI. MATCHES.

v. St. Joseph's College, February 13th. Lost. S.J.C., 176; C.E.G.S., 131 (Forbes 54, Robertson 21, Holcombe 26. Roberts 5 for 68, Robertson 2 for 42, Carter 2 for 17).

v. Newington College, March 1st. Won. N.C., 99; C.E.G.S., 148 (Robertson 38, Charlton 32). Robertson, 9 wickets.

v. T.K.S., March 5th. Lost. T.K.S., 174; C.E.G.S., 158 (Robertson 68, Heath, 23). Roberts 5 wickets, Holcombe 2 wickets, v. St. Ignatius College, March 15th. Won. S.I.C., 76; C.E.G.S., 99 (Holcombe 18). Holcombe 3 for 29, Seaton 2 for 12, Lewington 4 for 10.

SENIOR DISTRICT COMPETITION.

A final match proved necessary, as Mosman and S.H.B. were level, in which S.H.B. were successful.

The winning team was as follows:—Cameron i (Captain), Anderson (Vice-Captain), Carter, Holcombe, Edwards, McCall, McCowan, Dawn, Spring ii, Heron, Ellerton, Sawyer ii, Moore ii, Holcombe ii, Park, Small, Jeremy.

S.H.A. v. S.H.B., Feb. 6. Won by S.H.B. S.H.A., 97 (Robertson 34, Seaton 25; Robertson, 4 for 56). S.H.B., 103 (Holcombe 25, Heron 24; Anderson 4 wickets, Heron 4 wickets).

—Mosman v. N. Sydney, Feb. 10. Won by Mosman by 115 runs. Mosman, 202 (Hale 25, Heath 73, Crawshaw 48 not out). N. Sydney, 87 (McKinnon 32, Alderton 26; Lewington 3 wickets for 28, Thomas 3 for 23; Crane 3 for 21).

Hornsby v. Senior House A, Feb. 14. Won by S.H.A. by 36 runs. Senior House A, 119 (Roberts 25, Seaton ii 40; Seaton 6 wickets, Robertson 3 wickets). Hornsby, 83 (Starkey 19, Pike 19, Busby 14; Roberts 6 wickets).

Mosman v. Senior House B, Feb. 20. Drawn. Mosman, 228 (Hassal 40, Casper 27, Nankervis i 51; Heath, King, and Hale i wicket each). S.H.B., 4 wickets for 213 (Holcombe 55, Heron 41, Anderson 46; Carter 3 wickets for 50).

S.H.B. v. Hornsby, Feb. 22. Won by S.H.B. S.H.B., 87 (Heron 27, Cameron 26; Carter 3 w. for 14). Hornsby, 51 (Spanswick 18; Spanswick 7 wickets for 11 runs).

North Sydney v. Hornsby, Feb. 23. Won by North Sydney. North Sydney, 106 (Smith 18; Lewington 6 wickets). Hornsby, 102 (King 27, Spanswick 27; Spanswick 7 wickets for 58 runs).

Mosman v. S.H.A., Feb. 28. Won by Mosman. S.H.A., 32 (Boyd not out 12; Robertson 7 wickets for 21 runs, Mayers 3 wickets for 5 runs). Mosman, 48 (Casper 12; Brooks 6 wickets for 20 runs, Hale 3 wickets for 10 runs).

Senior House B v. N. Sydney, Mar. 7. Won by S.H.B. by an innings and 22 runs. Senior House B (Holcombe 77 not out,

Anderson 35; Carter 4 wickets for 27, Holcombe 5 wickets for 12). N. Sydney (Chettle 19).

Hornsby v. Mosman, Mar. 10. Won by Mosman by an innings and 23 runs. Mosman, 135 (Casper 33, Hale 12, Heath 31 not out; Ralston 8 wickets). Hornsby, 32 and 80 (Charlton 14, Shirley 8).

FINAL FOR COMPETITION.

Senior House B v. Mosman. Won by S.H.B. by 38 runs. Mosman, 58 (Casper 7, King 7, Heath 7). Senior House B, three wickets for 96 (Holcombe 54 not out, Cameron 32 not out; Carter 6 wickets for 24, Holcombe 3 wickets for 15).

Debating Society Notes.

ON Friday, February 14, the motion that "Australia has no characteristic literature of its own" was debated.

Tyler (proposer) pointed out that there were very few examples of good Australian literature. Our newspapers showed very poor literature in comparison with that of other countries, and the magazine stories were not good. There was no drama, and indeed only two or three novels. The poetry of A. L. Gordon was fairly good in its own way, but was not fine literature, worthy to be classed with the great English poets.

Dudley (opposer) said it was enough to show that certain things had been written well in Australia, which could only have been written there. The novels of Marcus Clark and "Rolfe Boldrewood," and the poetry of Gordon were characteristically Australian, and had also attained a certain degree of artistic excellence. The work of Kendall was very favourably criticised in the *Athenæum*. Australian writers followed English models, but introduced as well the scenery and sentiment which was characteristic of Australia.

Carrington said that no one who had read the works of Clarke, Boldrewood, and Gordon could doubt the existence of an Australian literature. The novel "For the Term of His Natural Life" was a benefit to mankind, showing up the evils of the convict system.

Mr. Barton argued on the analogy of American literature, that that of Australia was not definitely characteristic. The scenery might be distinctive, the vocabulary a little different, but until more definite national characteristics should be developed, there was nothing in the tone of Australian literature which separated it from that of England.

McRae spoke of the poets from Wentworth to Lawson, and showed that Australia had a characteristic literature, but no great poets or prose writers.

Mr. Hutchison said that no Australian writers, although characteristically Australian, were really great. We had no past generations of literature to look back upon.

Blackwood agreed that Australia could make no claim on genius; there were no great writers, and Australians were too highly civilised to produce primitive epics like the *Nibelungenlied*. Many people read

very little literature but that of America and England, and then judged Australian literature by those standards. Our customs and manners were quite distinctive.

Fraser complained that Australian writers were not encouraged, while their work was certainly characteristic and interesting, as in the case of Steele Rudd.

After Tyler's reply a vote was taken, and the motion declared lost.

On February 28th the subject was "That a barbarian is happier than a civilised man."

McRae (proposer) pointed out that a barbarian enjoyed far greater freedom than a civilised man, and was not compelled to obey any rules. He was content to hunt for his own food, and even found it a healthy exercise and a pleasure. A barbarian was less sensitive to pain than a civilised man, and was far more healthy than we were now-a-days, with our many diseases. Although there were instances of superstition and cruelty among barbarians, they were not so loathsome as the civilised criminal. A savage race always became degraded when the civilisation of an invading race was imposed upon it.

Dudley (opposer) said that civilised men were glad to have their laws, without which only a few men would be happy. The reason why there seemed to be more disease now, was that the various diseases used to be all classed under the same name, while there were now a great number of names. It was only when a barbarian was partly civilised that he suffered for his civilisation. A barbarian was perfectly happy when he had had enough to eat, and leisure to sleep. This kind of happiness was not nearly so intense as the happiness of a civilised man in ideal surroundings. The average barbarian had to work much harder, and under less comfortable conditions, for his food than had the average civilized man. No man was so much pitied and despised as the man who had thrown off his civilisation, and was living the life of a savage. The nearer we

approached to the final outcome of evolution, the fully civilised man, the happier we would become.

Knox spoke of the happiness that arose from the conveniences of modern civilised life. Barbarians were cruel in their custom of killing old people who were no longer useful, and of murdering all prisoners of war. The barbarian knew nothing of what was going on outside his own part of the world.

Blackwood stated that there was always something, intellectual or spiritual, lacking to the barbarian. A barbarian led a monotonous life, and to live out of doors was not comfortable in winter. A civilised man could face death intelligently.

Smith mentioned the ease with which modern civilised men could always obtain enjoyment, while barbarians found their pleasures only in war and bloodshed.

A vote was taken, and the motion declared lost.

On

On March 14th the subject was: "That the results of Polar expeditions do not justify the sacrifice involved."

Frazer (proposer) admitted that many Polar explorers had acted for the good of their country, but it was their duty to their country to preserve their own valuable lives. Men who lost their lives in Polar expeditions, and left wife and children destitute, were worthy of blame. There were other things to do which were worthy of great men, but which were safer, and there were other branches of life which involved as much danger and sacrifice, but had a noble object in view. Polar discovery neither educated nor benefited the majority of the people, nor opened up any new industry.

Blackwood (opposer) said that it was only immediately after a great tragedy like that which befell the Scott expedition, that we wondered whether it was worth while; after the successful expeditions, now quite frequent, we knew it was so. It is owing to the fact that Captain Cook was a venture

some sailor that Australia was added to the empire, and now the Polar explorers were increasing Great Britain's power. They were showing that the English race was not degenerating, and were setting a noble example to others. The reports of meteorologists on Polar expeditions were a great help in perfecting weather charts.

Dudley denied that the British power was increased by Polar discoveries. Such sacrifice was only excusable when there was a noble end in view, such as the saving of one's country. No unhappy man was made happy, and no starving man was restored by virtue of the results of a Polar expedition.

R. C. Anderson, O.B., our late Secretary, who was kind enough to pay us a visit, expressed his pleasure at being once more on familiar ground. He said that Columbus had been discouraged when about to make his famous voyage by people who said that he would not come back, and that he would find nothing worth the trouble. These pioneers of exploration went out with no certainty of accomplishing anything or of returning. A modern Polar explorer was certain of some result, and was much more likely to return. The information gathered by Polar explorers was of great use to airmen, who required to know the winds that would probably prevail. They also had found coal deposits, which some day would have to be worked. The greatness of the sacrifice must improve the characters of the men themselves, and their example had a tremendous effect on the character of a nation.

Pulling said that Polar explorers very often had base motives. Peary had left all his companions at a short distance from the North Pole, and had gone on himself alone, so as to have all the glory. Amundsen's object had been to race Scott to the South Pole. There was no result that compensated for the sacrifice of several of the best men in the world.

Boyd contrasted Polar exploration, where the glory and the sense of achievement were the only rewards, with other voyages of discovery. Columbus had gone out to discover something new, but Captain Scott was visiting a place where other men had already been.

Knox mentioned the valuable scientific results of such expeditions. The object was as great as when a man went to fight for his country, and so Polar explorers were heroes as great as any in our history.

Burke said that any weather reports could be distributed by wireless telegraphy from places on the edge of the Antarctic circle.

Mr. Barton said that these expeditions could not be justified by any material gain; in so far as they stimulated our love of romance they were justified. It seemed a pity not to leave two places on the earth undefiled by man with his commercial aspirations. The real motive was the modern desire for excitement.

Susman said that scientific men expected the sun's rays and the tides to be harnessed before our coal supply gave out.

After Fraser's reply a vote was taken and the motion declared carried.

Colombo.

COLOMBO is beautiful beyond all praise. To see Colombo under ideal conditions is to receive a staggering blow to one's provincialism. Both Colombo and Australia have a sky above and earth below, and there the resemblance seems to end. If I had been suddenly transported to Mars,

or some planet of another solar system, I should hardly have had more reason for astonishment. It is surely one of Nature's benevolent jokes to show you Colombo after Fremantle.

After breaking through the inevitable cordon of hawkers who are allowed to swarm the ship with their

ebony and ivory ware, their laces, their alleged jewellery, and the rest, our party descended the ladder to take boat to jetty, and the Coolie boatmen fought for us like sparrows for a handful of corn. The moment I landed I was assailed with a fusillade of new and strange impressions which quite bewildered me. I took condensed notes, which it afterwards needed over eight hours to expand, and the following consists of extracts:—

As everyone knows, the three dominant colours which strike the retina in Colombo are red, white, and green. The roads are red ironstone, the bungalows are generally white, and the vegetation is every shade in green. Nature is here apparently reckless of her resources. She allows no bare patches; even when the ground is exposed to the equatorial sun the grass is rich, green, and everywhere. On the road to Mt. Lavinia we stopped to inspect a Buddhist temple. To reach it we had to walk down a long, narrow lane (with bungalows on either side lost in rich vegetation), opening into a sand-strewn courtyard, where the lay keeper met us and proceeded to jabber out a mass of explanations while leading us into the temple. On the altar are fresh offerings of native flowers—water-lilies, arecanut flowers, and others. Inside a glass panelling, about 30ft. long by 15ft. high, is a recumbent Buddha, cut out of solid stone 1000 years old, twenty-seven feet long. One eye is an emerald, the other a sapphire. When the temple-door is closed they sparkle. The floor is a sort of concrete inlaid with fragments

of fancy chinaware; grotesque carvings everywhere; ceiling of sandal-wood painted in multifarious designs; small tapers burning on altar; all round the walls pictorial representations of different kinds of punishment in the next world awaiting various sins committed in this. All these punishments are temporary. Music is played on every full-moon day.

We leave the temple and visit the tomb containing relics of Buddha—a high dome with a moonstone set right at the top, glistening in the sun. On every side are stone parapets, flights of stone steps, courtyards, bungalows, all shaded by amply-spreading foliage.

The Museum and its surroundings are simply enchanting. The ground on every side is absolutely level. The building stands back from road about 100 yards. Acres of perfectly level, closely-mown rich grass, broad iron stone gravel paths; the building itself is a massive, white, flat-roofed pile, thus giving the harmonious ensemble of red, white, green. I had only time to examine the exhibits superficially.

It is particularly quaint to see electric trams go by with none but black passengers, black drivers, black conductors; motor cars are fairly common; one went by with two very well dressed Cinghalese girls in it; we passed a native picnic party gorgeously dressed in motley "surrams" and gauzy scarves; some women pierce one nostril only, and wear a spangle in it; the chewing of the betelnut makes the teeth a disgusting red, which is coveted as a

trait of beauty. We passed a bullock with horns silver-mounted; a lady of our party said he was wearing hat-pin guards.

The two crowning glories of Colombo are its better-class bungalow, and its amazingly rich vegetation.
H.W.

Old Boys' Union.

ADDITIONS and corrections to names and addresses of members published in the last three issues:—

- L. C. Carrington, Dunton, 372 Alfred Street, North Sydney.
- Rev. O. G. Dent, The Rectory, Austimmer.
- A. J. Doig, McMahon's Point, North Sydney.
- A. C. Elliott, c/o Messrs. McDonnell & Moffitt, Solicitors, Box 472, G.P.O., Sydney.
- J. M. Gregory, c/o Mrs. J. B. Skinner, Ormiston, Carabella Street, Kirribilli Point.
- H. Ireland, c/o J. Ireland & Co., Ltd., General Importers, Newcastle.
- A. K. Joscelyne, St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, England.
- Lieut. F. P. Macintyre, (King's) Hussars, Mhow, Central India.
- R. D. H. Merewether, St. Paul's College, Darlington.
- E. L. Morgan, c/o Mrs. Harrison, West Hampton, Bydown Street, Neutral Bay.
- D. R. Munro, Beverley, Quirindi.
- T. Y. Nelson, Goumea, Upper Bay-View Street, North Sydney.
- Edgar Palmer, c/o Miss Morran, Beechmount, Hazelbrook.
- R. Grant Ward, 37 Wharf Road, Balmain.
- Keith Williams, c/o Messrs. Windeyer and Williams, Solicitors, 78 Pitt Street, Sydney.
- H. Ferrier-Watson, c/o Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Fremantle, W.A.
- E. A. Woodward, St. Andrew's College, Camperdown.

The result of the *post* ballot for members of Committee resulted in the election of W. B. Clarke, V. Y.

Deane, L. B. Heath, Dr. H. V. Hordern, R. J. Massie, C. E. Murnin, D'Arcy F. Roberts, C. J. Tozer, P. E. Voss.

The other officials are:—President, The Headmaster (*ex-officio*); Hon. Sec., Keith Williams; Hon. Treas., Rev. D. Davies; Hon. Auditor, N. Y. Deane; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. H. Hodges, Mr. E. I. Robson, I. G. Mackay, Dr. Kendall, Prof. E. R. Holme.

V. Y. Deane has sent in his resignation as member of Committee owing to inability to attend meetings, and the Committee have elected Dr. Howard Bullock to fill the vacancy,

The Anniversary Service will be held in the School Hall on Sunday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Football Match v. The School is fixed for Friday, May 2nd. The Dinner will take place on the same date. It has not yet been decided where it will be held. Particulars will be sent to members after the Committee meeting to be held in the first week of April.

In addition to the notices of motion published in our last issue, D'Arcy F. Roberts has given notice of the follow-

ing: "That an Assistant-Secretary be elected from members who have left the School during the last three years.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET (communicated).

R. B. Minnett, C. J. Tozer, R. J. A. Massie, Dr. H. V. Hordern have been playing with the State this season. Massie has been remarkably successful with the ball, taking no fewer than 59 wickets for N.S.W. Tozer captained the colts and scored heavily in all matches.

In grade cricket the North Sydney teams as usual have a large number of Old Boys—R. V. Minnett, L. A. Minnett, A. J. Hopkins, Dr. H. V. Hordern, J. M. Gregory, L. Clarke, H. H. Massie, H. M. Barker, Gillies, C. Allen, G. S. Hall.

Hordern has taken 58 wickets for North Sydney, and is principally responsible for this Club's present position at the head of the Grade.

C. J. Tozer, R. J. A. Massie, R. B. Minnett, and R. M. Boyce have been performing well for University.

We are glad to see L. A. Minnett about again after his illness, and hope he will be well enough to captain North Sydney to victory in the grade competitions.

The Rev. O. G. Dent has returned from England and is now *locum tenens* at St. Oswald's, Haberfield. He is to be inducted to the charge of Austinmer, Coledale, and Clifton on April 1st.

During his stay in England Dent held a curacy in London West for six months, then he entered Durham University where he got his blue for

cricket and stroked the second 'Varsity boat. On leaving Durham he held a six months' curacy in Yorkshire and for the last year was senior curate in Brandon, Suffolk.

An old boy under the name "Q." has sent the writer a cheque for £5 to be disbursed as follows:—£1 to Sports' Prize Fund, £1 Hospital, Mission and Charity Fund, £2 Chapel Fund, £1 Library Fd. (Headmaster's Portrait). He writes that he intends the above to be an annual donation.

The Hon. Sec. of the O.B.U. wrote some time ago to ask Mr. Robson, on behalf of the Committee, if he could find some artist in Melbourne to paint his portrait as a companion to that of Mr. Hodges. The work has been undertaken by Mr. F. McCubbin, and is now nearly finished. Before being hung in the Library it is to be exhibited in Melbourne. Since our last issue the Hon. Treas. has received £1 from "Q.," and 5/- from B. R. Hutton. Old Boys are reminded that a sum of £25 is still required.

In the visit of the country cricketers to Sydney W. L. Trenery headed the bowling averages with 13.3 and also secured the greatest number of wickets (19). Trenery was also second in the batting averages with 243 runs, and an average of 40.5.

H: J. O. Marshall and G. S. Hall played for the N.S.W. Banks v. Victoria, and J. M. Gregory for the N.S.W. Insurance Offices.

Congratulations to R. N. Hickson and N. E. Giblin on joining the O.B.U. army of Benedicts.

Keith Williams, the Hon. Sec. of the O.B.U., has left the office of Messrs. Russell, Russell, and Williams, and has entered into partnership with Mr. W. A. Windeyer, the firm being now Windeyer and Williams, solicitors, 78 Pitt Street, Sydney.

R. V. Minnett has left the firm of Messrs. Spain, Cosh, and Minnett, architects, and is now practising on his own account.

Congratulations to L. Solomons on being awarded the Gold Medal (the highest award) of the Royal Humane Society for an attempt at rescue in Sumner, New Zealand. The following account is taken from the *Christchurch Star*:—"A man was carried by the undertow into deep water when the Sydney Surf-bathing Club was giving a demonstration 400 yards down the beach. Solomons and H. Hay sprinted along with a reel, but when Solomons came to the spot where he had seen the man sink there was no sign of him. Both Solomons and Hay dived a score of times, but without avail. This is their first failure to save life in similar circumstances, and Solomons has rescued nearly eighty persons in Sydney, but he received the alarm too late." The rescuers had to swim out for the best part of a mile in a nasty choppy sea, with a very strong current; and one can form some idea of what the danger

was when the Humane Society gave their highest award for the attempt at rescue.

Dr. Howard Bullock has been granted the degree of Bachelor of Science by the University of Oxford for bacteriological research.

It is intended to bring the "School Register" up-to-date shortly. Will Old Boys be good enough to send to Mr. Davies an account of their doings, and also of all Old Boys with whom they are in touch, so as to have the published information as accurate as possible? Old Boys are also reminded that accounts of their doings are read with great interest by other Old Boys working under different conditions, as well as by present members of the School. Letters are continually received from Old Boys far away in the back blocks, stating how much they look forward to the publication of the *Torchbearer* and how interested they are in the account of the doings of the School and of their former school-mates. Every care is taken that copies of the *Torchbearer* are sent to all members of the Union; and if such are not received the fault is with the post offices.

H. Selwyn Jackson writes from the *Rue du Bac*, Paris, where he is engaged in preparing pupils for the "Agrégation" and "licence"; doing with the former advanced work in English literature. His note on the work for the former says that the programme is divided into—1. *The spirit of adventure*

and conquest, with Henry V., Robinson Crusoe, Kipling, Roderick Random, etc. 2. The influence of the Bible and the spirit of religion, with the Psalms, Couper's Letters, Browning's, Christmas Eve, etc. 3. The criticism of contemporary English society, with Carlyle's Past and Present, Galsworthy's Man of Property, etc. Jackson is teaching Scandinavian languages as well, and is doing some translation from the Scandinavian writers. He is also lecturing on Shakespeare. Those who know the points of literary association in Paris will be interested to read that Jackson lives opposite to the house in which Chateaubriard died, and which bears an inscription to his memory.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following (received up to March 13st):—

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BIRTHS.

Hale—On March 8 at Forsyth, North Queensland, the wife of Carl E. Hale—a daughter.
 Peach—On March 1st at Stirling, Wollongong-road, Arncliffe, the wife of Norman Peach—a son.

MARRIAGES.

Hickson—Bell. — At St. Peter's Cathedral, Armidale, on December 31st by the Venerable Archdeacons Lewis and White, Robert Newburgh Hickson to Ella Violet Bell.

Giblin—Raymond.—At St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, by the Rev. Willoughby Flower on December

18th, Norman Ernest Giblin to Gertrude Patience Raymond.

COLIN CAMERON,
Born April 4, 1893.
Entered the School July 12, 1910,
Left School December 15, 1910.
Accidentally shot at Ayrshire
Downs, near Winton, in
Queensland,
January, 1913.

Memorial Library.

BROOKS is appointed Sub-Librarian in place of Sturrock, who left last term, after doing excellent work in the Library for a long time. The other members of the Library Committee are—Braddon, Burke, Charlton, Dent, McRae, Morell, Pulling. Additional shelves are being made to accommodate the ever-growing supply of books, and a new catalogue is to be issued soon.

The following books have been added this term:—

1588	A Girl of the Limberlost	...	...	...	<i>G. S. Porter.</i>
1588A	The Harvester	...	...	...	<i>G. S. Porter.</i>
3621	The Book of Saints and Heroes	...	...	...	<i>A. Lang.</i>
1589	The Strayings of Sandy	...	...	...	<i>D. Conyers.</i>
1331C	A Captive of the Corsairs	...	...	...	<i>J. Finnermore.</i>
162R	The Lost World (2nd copy)	...	...	...	<i>C. Doyle.</i>
928A	The Pilots of Ponomá	...	...	...	<i>R. Leighton.</i>
1590	The Boy Scouts of Birch Bark Island	...	...	...	<i>R. S. Holland.</i>
1563A	Stories of Dante	...	...	...	<i>S. Cunningham.</i>
1586	The Dragon of Wessèx	...	...	...	<i>F. Dearmer.</i>
37E	Sea Yarns	...	...	...	<i>J. A. Barry.</i>
1582	The Sea Monarch	...	...	...	<i>P. F. Westerman.</i>
1452M	The Romance of Modern Locomotion	...	...	...	<i>A. Williams.</i>
879F	Foes of the Red Cockade	...	...	...	<i>Capt. F. Brereton.</i>
1587	A Polish Hero	...	...	...	<i>S. Braine.</i>

1585	On Nature's Trail ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>F. St. Mars.</i>
1584	John Graham, Sub-Lieut. R.N. ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>T. T. Jeans.</i>
1583	Adventures among Wild Beasts ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>H. W. G. Hyrst.</i>
723K	Corporal Cameron ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>R. Connors.</i>
1591	A Boy of the Country ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>J. Stevenson.</i>
1592	France ... ..	...	...	...	...	<i>C. Headlam.</i>
	The Cambridge History of English Literature Vol. 9.					
	Dictionary of National Biography Sup. Vol. 2.					

School Calendar.

January	28—Term I. Commenced.
February	1—1st XI. v. Gladesville. Lost by 183 runs.*
"	5—1st XI. v. Callan Park. Drawn.
"	12—1st XI. v. M. Clarke's XI. Cancelled.
"	15—1st XI. v. St. Joseph's College. Lost by 142 runs.
"	22—1st XI. v. The King's School. Lost by 331 runs.
March	1—1st XI. v. Newington College. Lost by 197 runs.
"	5—1st XI. v. Training College. Lost.
"	6—Swimming Carnival.
"	8—1st XI. v. Sydney Grammar School. Lost by 8 wickets and 131 runs.
"	15—1st XI. v. Sydney High School. Lost by 72 runs.
"	17—Final of Brigade Competition. Lost by 10 points.
"	19—Easter Holidays began.
"	20—Easter Rowing Camp began.
"	31—School Reassembled.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The *Torchbearer* is published quarterly. The Subscription is 2/6 per annum, post free. The next number will be published in March. Communications should be sent in not later than May 31st, to "The Editors, S.C.E.G.S., North Sydney." Contributions should be written on *one side* of the paper only, and must be signed by the author as a guaranteed of good faith and originality.

The Editors acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines:—*Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal, King's School, The Newingtonian, Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, Dalgety's Review* (Dec.), *Dalgety's Review* (Jan.), *Sibyl, The Melbournean, The Agricultural Gazette, The Swan, The Carpentarian, The Eagle, The School Magazine, Ipswich Grammar School Magazine, Launcestonians, & Geelong Grammar School Magazine, St. Peter's College Magazine, Wanganni Collegian, The Leodicusian, The Bathurstian, Bush Brother, The Armidatian, Hermes.*