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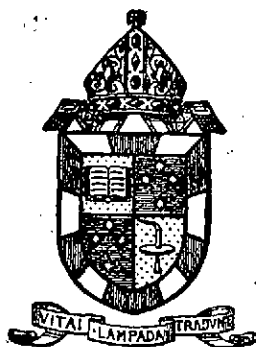
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SCHOOL NOTES.

The following boys have entered the school this term:—G. F. Alexander (3204), M. H. S. Arnheim (3205), S. A. Black (3206), E. S. S. Downer (3207), T. E. Eames (3208), G. E. Eilbeck (3209), R. Firth (3210), G. W. H. Forsyth (3211), R. H. Gilles (3212), F. N. C. Graham (3213), B. Kenny (3214), C. F. Leeder (3215), S. F. McNally (3216), M. S. Nunn (3217), R. M. Platt (3218), R. A. Rawlinson (3219), J. E. Read (3220), L. J. Richardson (3221), D. F. Robertson (3222), D. R. Ryan (3223), G. C. Santelle (3224), J. Watson (3225).

Left at the end of Term 1:—R. P. Abbott, C. C. G. Abel, E. V. Abel, C. B. P. Bell (1st crew 1920, 1921, B colours 1920-21, sub-prefect 1920), J. Bell, F. P. Boundy (Intermediate 1918, 2nd R. 1920, Lieut. in Cadets, sub-prefect 1920, prefect 1920, 2nd crew 1920, 1st crew 1921, B colours 1921), C. J. Bright (sub-prefect 1920, prefect 1921), R. J. C. Bradley, D. R. Campbell, S. F. G. Cameron, E. W. R. Cameron, L. K. Carter, L. Carver, R. B. Cooper, J. J. Curgenvin, D. C. A. Hartog, R. B. Keene, M. C. Hinder (2nd crew 1919, 1st crew 1920-

21, colours 1920-21, Intermediate 1919, sub-prefect 1920), R. E. E. L. Hitchins, F. G. Hocken (2nd R. 1920), J. D. Holmes, H. S. Lenton, N. D. McIntosh (2nd XV. 1916, 1st XV. 1918-1920, F colours 1919-20, Honour Cap 1919, 2nd XI. 1918, 1st XI. 1919-20-21, colours 1919-20-21, Intermediate 1918, sub-prefect 1919, prefect 1920, A. colours 1919, 2nd A. 1920, R. colours 1919-1920, Captain shooting 1920, Lieut. in Cadets, Leaving Certificate 1920), W. J. Lovedee, W. S. Paton, G. A. Phillips, W. G. Player, R. C. Sharp, R. R. Sinclair (1st crew 1920-21, B. colours 1920-21, sub-prefect 1920, prefect 1921), N. W. Sloane (Intermediate 1920), T. A. Trewheellar, B. Tyrrell (2nd A. 1919-20, Leaving Certificate 1919, 2nd XI. 1919, 1st XI. 1920-21, sub-prefect 1920, prefect 1921), C. E. Wakefield, R. Wevell, A. G. Weynton, B. Wilkinson (Intermediate 1919), R. F. Williams (B. colours 1921), F. E. Witts.

The following appointments have been made this year:—Prefects: L. Barr, R. Sinclair; Sub-prefects: W. Carter, F. Doyle, N. Kater, J. Brooks, M. Greive, B. Windeyer, F. Bellingham, G. Blackwood, A. Beer, C. Gordon, R. Hickson, D. Dixon, B. Wright, W. Harding.

On the 24th June the School Cadet Corps was inspected by the Inspector General, Lieut.-General Sir Harry Chauvel. After he had passed through the ranks, the two companies were marched past in column of

platoons, and then drawn up to listen to a short address from the General, in which he complimented the cadets upon their smartness and steadiness on parade. To mark his appreciation of the latter, he asked the Headmaster to give the School a half-holiday. This was subsequently given on the afternoon on which the first match against Newington College was played.

The McCaughey dormitories were opened for use at the beginning of the present term. Together they provide accommodation for thirty-seven boys, and those of the old dormitories thus released have been converted into changing rooms and common rooms. The School House has had to wait some time for a proper equipment, but beyond doubt we have now got all that can be desired.

The extraordinary storms which visited Sydney on two occasions during the term took their toll from us. The latter of the two storms tore away the pontoon in Berry's Bay, and broke up the ramp. Thanks to the kindness of Messrs. Eaton & Son, the damage was kept down to a minimum during the storm, and has since been repaired by them as a donation to the boat shed funds. At the same time the roof of the Northbridge pavilion was scattered in fragments over the oval. We acknowledge with gratitude the action of the School Council, who made good the damage

without cost to the Sports Club. They have also voted fifty pounds for putting the junior grounds near the tennis courts in better order. The development of the two new ovals to the north side of the main oval is proceeding satisfactorily, except that we have had the bad fortune to find a large area of rock on the eastern end the removal of which will add about three hundred pounds to the cost originally estimated.

The J. G. A. Pockley Memorial Organ.—It is a great pleasure to report that at last a large portion of the organ is now in place, the front pipes, keyboard and most of the mechanism being already completed. It is hoped that the whole will be finished early next term. A date will be fixed as soon as possible for the dedication. The organ will have nearly one thousand pipes, and for its size is expected to be one of the best in Australia. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Holroyd and Edwards, and is being supervised by Archdeacon Davies.

We offer our sympathy to the Rev. J. H. Maclean and his family in his ill health, which has made necessary his temporary retirement from active work.

We note with much pleasure that the School's good friend, Judge Backhouse, has completely recovered from his late serious illness.

Mrs. C. H. Hodges will be in Sydney for a few days about August 30th, when she has promised to deliver the address at the Annual Meeting of the District Nursing Association.

Messrs. Boulton Bros., 210 George Street, have, with their usual generosity, printed without charge the Fete tickets, and have given in full the programmes for Miss J. Linton's entertainment, to be given in the School Hall on August 20th, in aid of the Memorial Playing Fields, and Eric Sinclair Memorial Boatshed Funds.

Mrs. Cox, the mother of two well known Old Boys, is organising a North Shore line dance for the same funds, to be held at Killara Hall, on August 31st. Tickets (5/6 each) may be obtained from Mrs. Cox, "Orana," Northcote Rd., Lindfield.

We regret that owing to a printer's error, Shadforth's Honour pass in Modern History was omitted from the list published in our last issue.

The Blackwood Memorial Laboratory was dedicated by the Archbishop after Matins on Open Sunday, May 1st.

We welcome on the staff this term:—Miss Mackey, B.A., Royal University, Belfast; J. F. Jones, B.A., Queensland University; J. Clemenger, Sydney University.

We desire to thank Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge, O.B., for the interest he has taken in the "Torch-Bearer" by giving a senior and junior prize for the best articles for publication therein. The senior prize has been

awarded to R. A. Gilfillan for "The Unfinished Symphony," which appears elsewhere in this issue. The junior prize was awarded at Christmas.

MR. R. C. ANDERSON, O.B.

Another Sydney graduate who remained in England after war service



to pursue his studies at a British university, has achieved a brilliant success. To this there was brief reference in the cablegram recently.

Mr. R. Cairns Anderson, on graduating in 1914, at once enlisted in the A.I.F., went away as lieutenant in the 19th Battalion, eventually becoming a major on General Birdwood's staff, and receiving the O.B.E. On being demobilised in 1919 he entered the Engineering School of Birmingham University, and has now taken the B.Ss. degree, with first class honours in mechanical and electrical engineering. He has also been awarded the Bowen Research Scholarship, which entitles him to do original work in the university laboratories for a year. There was a great influx of students to this university from all parts of the Empire, and to come out first among hundreds of British students is a great honour to a Sydney boy, especially after an absence of five years from the classrooms and workshops.

Mr. Anderson was educated at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, where he was dux in 1911. He is the eldest son of Sir Robert Anderson, who is temporarily residing in London.

—"Daily Telegraph,"

Mr. T. W. IREDALE, O.B.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the "Sydney Morning Herald"



for permission to reproduce the following paragraph, together with portrait:—

"Mr. Thomas William Iredale, B.Sc., a brilliant graduate of Sydney University, will leave for England to-day to continue his research work.

"A son of Mr. Frank Iredale, the secretary of the New South Wales Cricket Association, this student was born at Castle Hill 24 years ago. His education was begun at the Turramurra Grammar School, where he gained a scholarship tenable at the Church of England Grammar School. Here he passed the junior and senior examinations, matriculating with honours in physics and chemistry.

"Proceeding to the University, he took the science course, in the second year of which he tied for first place in chemistry and won a research scholarship. In taking his degree he headed the list in chemistry, gaining honours. At the same time he was awarded a two years' scholarship, as a result of original research work which he did at Sydney University. It is to avail himself of this scholarship at Cambridge that Mr. Iredale is now going to England.

THE CHAPEL.

The Anniversary Service was held on Sunday, May 1. The Archbishop gave the address and also celebrated at the 8 a.m. early Celebration. After Mattins, he dedicated the Blackwood Memorial Laboratories. There was a large attendance.

On May 4th, there was a service for the admission of prefects. The anniversary address was given by Col. A. H. Moseley, C.M.G.

On May 5 (Ascension Day), there was an early Celebration at 7.30, the

Acting Chaplain being celebrant; at 9.15 a.m. Mattins was said and an address given by the Rev. R. E. Freeth.

This term addresses have been given by the Headmaster (2) and by the Rev. D. Davies and by Messrs. L. A. Baker, A. D. Hall, J. L. Pulling, E. M. Bagot. In the absence of Mr. Davies, the early Celebrations have been taken by the Rev. R. E. Freeth, and Mattins by the Headmaster and Mr. Freeth.

Open Sunday will be on August 21, the preacher being the Bishop of

Goulburn. The Bishop of Newcastle has promised to preach on Open Sunday in the 3rd term (October 9th).

Confirmation will be given by the Archbishop on Thursday, November 3rd at 3 p.m. There are over eighty boys attending the classes at the present time.

Messrs. Holroyd and Edwards, the contractors for the Pockley Memorial Organ, promise that a good portion of the instrument will be in position on Speech Day, August 25th.

THE UNFINISHED SYMPHONY.

A hot, moist day had given promise of rain, and even before noon the greyish scud hurrying westward had been piled up, making fantastic cloud mountains in the shimmering copper of the sky. The nor'easter moaned fretfully in the way peculiar to all its kind, and men, as they moved from place to place, wiped dripping faces and cursed the heat. And all the while, like men running to join an army, the light clouds flew onward to subscribe their humble gifts of rain and electricity to the vast array of natural forces which was advancing upon the usurping heat. And as the storm-bank climbed, pushed on by the wind behind it and continually augmented by the easterly wrack, sullen mutterings of thunder gave ominous forecast of a cessation of the enervating

weather, while the easterly wind seemed dying as one who fears the foe before he meets him.

Soon the sea-breeze ceased entirely and the thunder grew more distinct, and when, about one o'clock, the storm clouds obscured the sun, angry darts of lightning might have been seen against the black. And the storm drew on, and horses, as they stood in the streets, shivered and snorted, prompted by the sure animal instinct to fear the approaching crisis; dogs and cats alike sought shelter in their adopted homes, and men and women, with few exceptions, felt an anticipation, if not a fear, of things to come.

Then the north-easterly breeze revived, sighing as a troubled sleeper; and as I watched, some orange leaves fell fluttering from a high tree and

sank at last onto the grass like blighted hopes. I knew as I watched as well as I now know that strange eerie and unsubstantial yet very real "things" lay among those surging, brawling clouds.

An hour later the sky was completely overcast, and a very great darkness enveloped the landscape, although it was not yet three o'clock. Long rolls of thunder, whose echoes were hurled from cloud to cloud, from cloud to earth and back again, fierce flashes of lightning showed, from time to time, the advancing centre of the storm, and I grew afraid.

Yes, hardened man though I am, often though I had faced the wrath of man and nature, I felt that in this storm there was to be to me a very strange, vague, yet entirely vital revelation; and I gazed for a moment at the ground before me, and there I saw a paper lying. I picked it up and looked at it, and saw upon it some notes of music. Now, though I cannot play myself, I am fortunate in having a good ear, and so I determined to keep the paper, work out the notes and memorise the tune.

Then I looked up. You know I am not mad, but I swear upon my life that I saw a vast organ built up in the clouds, and at its keyboard was seated Schubert. Before him, upon the organ stood a book on which was the title "Symphony in B minor." Now I knew that all the world thought it unfinished, and I

waited patiently for some time.

Finally he opened the book and commenced to play. Shall I attempt to describe that music? No. An able orchestra can play the known part of the Symphony perhaps one-third as well as that master played it upon the organ. But it was when he passed beyond the second movement that I gave my whole attention to the player and the music. The third movement embodied all the impetuosity of the first with the pathos of the second movement, and the chords and harmonies are such as mortal ears may hear only once, and then they are closed for ever.—And then I saw that the notes of the third movement were the same as those on the paper I held, and a great joy seized me—a joy such as it is given to few men to know. Here then was the key to the "Unfinished Symphony," the missing part of that most glorious of orchestral pieces!

A flash of lightning struck the ground beside me with dazzling brightness, and all my senses reeled, staggered a moment and then rushed together in an inert heap whose name is oblivion.

When I recovered my consciousness, I sat up and saw the clouds tumbling away eastward, and the late afternoon sun struck upon me with a splendour such as I had never seen. The trees, freshly washed by the storms, shimmered and sparkled in the sun's great glory, and the birds in their lively plumage seemed more beautiful than anything earth-

ly could be; but they did not sing—and at this I wondered greatly.

Then I searched around me for my paper, but all I could find were some ashes a few yards away. Sorrow seized me—almost despair, and I made an ejaculation of disappointment—and then only did I realise that I was stone deaf!

But a great peace descended upon my soul, for I knew that even were I deaf to all else the Symphony I had heard would never go from me; and as I sit, cut off from the world of sound, I am ever drinking a very heaven of harmony whose chords flood the echoing vast of my deafness.

Some will say that music more

beautiful than the "Unfinished Symphony" could not exist. I was once of that number, but now I know that when Schubert plays amongst the Angelic Host upon that great organ built up of clouds, and when the choirs of Heaven lift their myriad silver voices to the tune of his symphony, the manifold goodness and compassion of God will be so stirred that when Satan himself, no longer Satan, moved by the pealing voice of that harmony, prays for forgiveness, he will be pardoned with tears by a loving Father; and even I shall hear with open ears those chords with which the speaking silence ever rings.

R. A. GILFILLAN.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM NEW GUINEA.

By Dr. Eric Pockley, O.B.

On board our ketch "Kareema,"
Leaving Karema Bay, 21/3/21.

I am writing this on deck as there is a chance of our meeting a vessel to-day on its way to Port Moresby, and if so, we will stop them and get them to take our letters. So far our expedition to the Fly River is like nothing on earth—this is the life. Our party is as follows:—Ross, owner of the ketch; Baker, our skipper and captain; Gibson (character of the boat), on behalf of a Sydney syndicate, who is hunting for Nipa palm for paper pulp; Baynes, timber merchant accompanying Gibson; Stinson, a young American, who is accompanying Ross; "Steve," Gibson's French chef, and myself, surgeon to the expedition, butterfly hunter, astronomer royal, etc. We have five native boys

of varying intelligence and villainy. As Gibson is outfitting at the expense of the syndicate, we are living in the lap of luxury—tinned soups, meats, asparagus, jams, preserved fruits, olives, tea, coffee, cocoa, prunes, raisins, tinned beans, potatoes, and onions, celery, various cheeses, sardines, herrings. Our chef turns out elaborate dishes of all sorts: fresh bread daily, scones, cakes, tarts, buns, pancakes, etc., etc., wine, whisky, beer, limejuice, a wild assortment of biscuits and so on. We also get coconuts, paw-paw, bananas, crabs, fish, pineapples, etc., en route. I can't remember half the delicacies, so you can sympathise with the hardships of our lot.

The weather, day after day, has been delightful, blue skies day after day, and while we are moving in the launch, it is never hot.

So far, we have had to go on our engines all the way, with little chance of sailing, as the wind has been against us nearly all the time. Karema (where Ross has his coconut plantation) is about 150 miles as the crow flies from Port Moresby. There is a Resident Magistrate with his wife and a dozen or so native police. The R.M. hardly ever sees a white man in his district in his 250 miles of coast line, so it was quite a red-letter day for him when we arrived. He got up a cricket match between his native police and our crowd, and it was the most amusing "test" I have ever seen. Real bats, a cricket composition ball (his last), and sticks and arrows of varying height for the wicket. These wild niggers are like so many kids, and I have a theory that a white man could walk from end to end of the island unarmed, if it were possible to walk (which it is not, as you would have to cut your way yard by yard). Of course expeditions have been attacked, and boats have been driven back from the Fly, but they always look on any party of travellers as a fighting proposition. One harmless geologist, pottering about by himself, was cracked on the skull; but they watched him for a week first, cracking stones and putting rocks in his bag, and when brought to book said they did not quite know why they killed him—thought he was a devil who was putting a spell on their land and rocks, worked themselves up to the requisite frenzy of fury and "made finish."

The cricket ended in victory for us. Only two of the natives have mastered the intricacies of bowling, the rest all throw. Their batting is furious if not scientific, and they can't catch or field for nuts, except in rare instances, though they get plenty of practice at the R.M.'s station.

After the cricket we got some sports among the natives, sack races (using His Majesty's mail bags), three-legged races, wheel-barrow races, etc., which they had never seen before; and we and the native spectators were simply rolling on the

ground with laughter at their weird antics. Gibson dispensed sticks of tobacco and boxes of matches to the visitors with much ceremony and dignity a la Livingstone in the Dark Continent.

The R.M.'s billet is to dispense law and justice among the natives, be port master, military superintendent, to hold enquiries into cases of law and disorder, travel to troublesome areas, keep records of native customs, marriages, murders, desertions, tribe warfares, etc., etc. Karema is a pretty little place; we can hardly imagine ourselves in New Guinea, as last night and this morning were almost cold, and I sometimes have to put on a sweater on board in the evening.

Our engine caused trouble at first, but now is pounding bravely along, but with a slight vibration, so excuse attempts at straight writing. Most of the scenery as we go along is very fine, palms of all kinds—many ranging up into the skies—line the beaches and then range behind range of high, rugged mountains, which no one can penetrate, with clouds clothing their summits.

A few days ago, we steamed a few miles up the Tauri River, fifty to one hundred yards wide, both banks densely covered with Nipa palms as thick as they can pack. There are plenty of foreign birds, but I have heard a few the same as our own thrush, wag-tail, parrakeet and plover. Along the beach and mangroves there are crowds of climbing fish, such as Birtles described in the Northern Territory—five inches is the biggest I have seen. They leap along the surface of the water in short jumps and finish up with a leap of a foot or so on to a rock or mangrove root, scuttle up a few inches and then sit quiet with their eyes bulging out ahead like two lamps, till you get near, when they leap down on to the sand or rocks or water, and scuttle off again.

The Resident Magistrate from Karema, has come aboard this morning with half a dozen of his native police, so we are rather crowded; but he is only going to be with us for a couple of days. He is visiting

part of his district where there has been trouble, and is seizing the present opportunity of a lift.

Kikori, 24/3/21.—We did not meet the "Tamba," as we expected, to take our mails, so am adding this now. Kikori is another R.M. station, much the same as Karema—house built by natives of split palm trunks, and beautifully thatched with nipa. He shows plenty of ingenuity in making himself comfortable. His bath is the middle section of a canoe, with the ends blocked up by boards. He has an excellent imitation of a spring mattress, in the shape of a wooden frame tightly strung with interlacing cords, native made tables, chest of drawers, etc.

We have been passing through the Delta. This is a weird and wonderful place. I don't know how many hundreds of miles long and broad, nothing but an intricate maze of channels, varying in width from 20 yards to a couple of miles. These channels are all tidal. The banks at low tide are about four feet high, soft, oozy mud and densely covered with luxuriant mangroves of intricate variety, nipa and sago palms, pandanus and a few coconuts. Mangroves predominate, sometimes nothing else for mile upon mile, festooned with flowering creepers and orchids. At high tide the banks are non-existent, the trees rising straight from the water, yet even then the channels are definitely defined. The growth is so dense that you can only see a few yards in, and if you land you sink knee deep in the mud. The day before yesterday we had a very exciting experience. We took a wrong channel (how on earth one ever knows the right one, as you are twisting and turning to every point of the compass day after day, heaven only knows) and from midday till about four o'clock, our noble "Titanic" was literally forcing her way along a channel, breaking off tree tops and branches with her masts and rigging, branches, leaves, ants, spiders, orchids, flowers, berries falling in a constant shower, which nearly broke the masts, tore the rigging and awnings, and led to a great and furious

excitement on the part of our native crew. Their yells, together with the crashing of branches about our heads, the swish of leaves in the rigging and the laboring of the engine, made a real pandemonium. These branches and trees were entirely varieties of mangrove, but the mangroves in these parts have altered all my previous conceptions of the species. They are great trees, every bit as tall as our gums. We had, at last, to send the dinghy ahead with the natives armed with axes to cut away the overhanging trees and branches. Even so, the ship would catch and be held prisoner every now and then, and half a dozen boys would take headers over the side together with a loud splash to keep the crocodiles off, which are pretty thick in parts. Eventually there was so much danger of wrecking the ship that we had to try to get back to another stream, but had difficulty in finding room to turn, and found our passage so blocked by the trees and snags we had felled, that it was slow work, but we got out by late afternoon and anchored for the night near a village with several thousand wild niggers to whom a ship was a novelty, and a white man a thing of wonder. It is a regular swamp village: all their roads consist of logs laid across long poles raised about six feet from the ground, or rather water. Baynes and I prowled around these roads by moonlight, followed by a dusky horde of silent shadows. Their "dubu," or long house is over a hundred yards long, also built on poles, with a similarly raised platform in front, on which they congregate in the evenings. They built fires on sand heaps inside. They have dingo-like dogs which howl for all the world like children of ten or so crying. To this was added a concert of "gechos," night birds, insects, native drums, crocodile splashes in the swamps and in the water under our house, while various specimens of natural history chattered and scampered about in the thatch overhead. Baynes, myself, and the R.M. were the only ones to sleep ashore, the others preferring the safety of the ship. The R.M. worked us up to a proper

pitch by blood-curdling tales of a massacre which occurred here on just such a similar occasion, about two years ago. He posted a guard both outside our house on the platform of rickety logs, and also on the ship, kept getting up from his stretcher and worrying because canoes were prowling round the ship after midnight. Some semi-dingoes came and bayed at the moon (or us) in the reeds near by, and he let go with his rifle, which woke the echoes and us with "massacre" visions, but silenced the dogs. Altogether a pleasant and balmy night, but no scalps, or rather heads, were lost.

Yesterday, while threading more mazy channels, we ran aground in mid-stream and had to wait for the tide to float us off. A number of canoes put out, and after testing the feeling of the meeting and finding us friendly they came alongside. Stinson, Baynes and myself tried our luck in the canoes—just round-bottomed hollowed-out logs—with about as much decency of equilibrium as a new chum on skates. Armed with a paddle, we flopped about the universe; the spills were fast and furious—if our canoes so much as touched, over both would go. The hilarity from ship and surrounding canoes was immense. Luckily I had discarded all clothing but my trousers, and had taken the precaution of emptying them; the others were more optimistic, to their sorrow. I think my ski-ing experience stood me in good stead, so after a while I made quite a decent showing, as the balance when standing is somewhat similar. The others could not stand up at all, and immediately clopped out on attempting it. We persisted till dark and the canoe owners were showing signs of faintness from laughing, and especially at the frantic scrambles to climb aboard for fear of crocodiles. After one has tried to manipulate these crazy craft, you can appreciate the skill and abandon of the natives in strong currents and buffeting waves. However, I saw one native upset in a strong current, and he was carried half-a-mile down stream before he clambered aboard again. After

spilling out, your only chance of getting in again is to get full length at right angles to the canoe, and then gingerly pivot yourself round on your mid-ships anatomy till you are full length in the canoe, and then stand up or kneel, if you are able to do so without once more turning turtle, all the time hanging desperately to the paddle. The stern of the canoe is simply a filling of clay-like mud, and when this washes peacefully and sorrowfully out at the open tail end, the canoe fills up with a pleasant laugh-like gurgle, and you sink peacefully full length out of sight, and then paddle, submerged to the neck, the canoe upside down, and gripping her sides with your knees tighter than any bucking horse.

Tuesday, 29/3/21.—We have been making fair progress the last few days. We almost invariably anchor at night, as passages are too tricky and we have to keep the lead going about the shallower parts. We rig our stretchers up on deck where we can just squeeze them in, with mosquito curtains only very seldom necessary.

We landed at the mouth of the Boru this morning, the usual landing party—Gibson and Stinson armed to the teeth, Ross with revolver and heavy stick, and self with camera and butterfly net. As we approached, more than half the village took fright, one man loping away on all fours, knuckles and feet, and he was not seen again. The rest gradually approached. This is the usual thing when we land. The "dubu," or long house, contains human and other skulls, and all their household treasures, as well as their hunting and fishing gear.

Later.—We have been winding about, visiting various islands in the mouth of the Fly, and then went up the N.E. bank for one hundred miles or so. We have run aground a few times and struck a few healthy storms. We have been up the Oriomo, Baru, Taurana and other rivers, The Oriomo is very beautiful, palms of all kinds, nipa, sago, pandanus, coconut, etc., and trees festooned from top to bottom with creepers, but the banks everywhere

here, through the Delta, and for mile after mile up the rivers, are all low-lying, tidal, with only an occasional piece of slightly higher ground. Flocks of pigeons fly overhead, and we sometimes shoot some, and we also see numbers of pelicans, cranes, white and black cockatoo hornbills, hawks, plover and few duck, kingfishers and other small birds. We steamed up the Mabu Duan River all day: much the same as the Oriomo, about fifty yards across and very pretty. The throbbing of the engine disturbed thousands of flying foxes, which flew all round and over the boat, several large mobs of them.

Monday, 18/4/21.—We landed yesterday at Bramble Bay, a small coral sand island, out of the track of vessels and out of sight of any land. It is only a couple of hundred yards across, and devoid of any vegetation except a species of creeping, succulent weed, making a matting a few inches thick. Gulls and sooty terns had their nests all over the island. You could hardly walk without treading on their eggs and young ones. Also a few boobies' nests—each nest contains only one egg, the nest simply a small flat patch made of small bits of coal, a few shells and stems of the weed. The birds flew round our

heads in thousands, screaming incessantly. Our crew of five boys went fairly mad with excitement, throwing tomahawks, stones, etc., into the mobs of birds. Stinson kept banging away with his rifle, but I am glad to say with very little result. We also found some turtles' eggs, and recently hatched young ones. We collected a lot of the terns' eggs, yellowish-white, with purplish and brown mottling, and were glad of the addition to our food supply. We put them to the water floating test, and they made excellent eating, not a bit fleshy, in fact you could not tell them from fowl's eggs by the taste. We had also caught a large kingfish, five feet long, the day before, on a trail-line behind our ship, baited simply with a piece of white rag, so we will be well set up.

Friday, 22/4/21.—Arrived safely at Port Moresby last night about 9 p.m. Left Ross and Stinson at Karema and picked up G. H. Murray, Government Agricultural Expert. Everyone at Karema was expecting great windfalls from the remains of Gibson's outfit, and their food supplies were very low. Called at Yule Island for bananas, coconuts, etc., so we have not done too badly at all.

ERIC POCKLEY.

A COUNTRY RAILWAY STATION

The small tin-roofed station lies sweltering in the hot rays of the sun. It is summer, and the great stacks of wheat beside the station show that the season has been good. Down at the stacks a dozen men, with sacks arranged like cowls over their heads, toil profanely and perspiringly at their seeming endless job of loading the bags of wheat into the trucks on the rails alongside.

At the station itself, all is quiet. The stationmaster is in his office looking over some way-bills, and of

the two porters, one is doing book-work inside, while the other is helping a silent carter unload cases of fruit.

A distant whistle is heard, and the scene becomes more lively. The stationmaster comes out of his office, the porter from the single hotel and the postman with his mail-bag over his shoulder, stroll on to the platform together, a few loafers collect near the station fence, the wheat-lumpers cease work and hurry up to the station, the porter and the carter

redouble their labours, and a policeman strides majestically on to the platform.

The train rounds a bend and steams slowly, with much clanking of trucks into the station. A solitary passenger steps out of the one carriage and hands his bag to the hotel porter, who makes off with it; the porter and the carter commence frantically to pile the fruit into the brakevan, the postman exchanges mailbags with the guard and walks off, the policeman promenades slowly

up and down the platform, and the loafers exchange remarks with an acquaintance seated in one of the compartments. A flag is waved, the whistle blows, and the train clanks slowly off.

The stationmaster returns to his office, the wheat-lumpers to work, and the loafers to the shade of the hotel verandah, the policeman striding along in their rear. The day's diversion is over, and the whole township seems to turn over and go to sleep.

THE JENOLAN EXCURSION.

On Friday, June 17, a number of us who take geology as one of our subjects, went off by the early train to Mt. Victoria, on our way to Jenolan Caves. The weather was cold, and we were wondering what the air would be like when we reached the mountains. But in the train we kept ourselves warm by skylarking and by eating chocolates—in fact one of the party ate so many that he swore off chocolates for the remainder of the trip, for fear of consequences. On the way to Mt. Victoria, we learned quite a lot about the various formations, the country near the Nepean gorge being especially interesting. The big cliffs of the mountains near Blackheath, too, were wonderful.

At Mt. Victoria Hotel, we had lunch, and then began the coldest thirty-six mile ride that most of us ever had. But all things come to

an end, and we finally reached Caves House at 4 p.m., the last three miles of the road being particularly exciting. That night we went through the Nettle and Arch Caves as a kind of preliminary canter; but our real cave work began next day, with the Left Imperial and Lucas Caves. The Right Imperial Cave and field work took up the whole of the third day, the latter enabling us to get warm once more for a little while.

The return home on Monday was enlivened by a series of dire misfortunes which happened to one of the party through his attempts to be fascinating. But even he reached Sydney at last, and we all got safely home, very tired, but completely satisfied with the excursion. We are all sure that geology is a fine subject—when it includes work like this.

WOOD CARVINGS.

O tough old desk, with aged face
 Of brown and black and yellow,
 I have a favour, by your grace,
 To ask of you, old fellow:
 Permit me, in this lecture tame,
 Your surface to encumber
 With these initials of my name,
 'Twill rescue me from slumber.

And yet there scarce is room to add
 A chapter to your story;
 From edge to splintered edge you're clad
 In names with age grown hoary;
 It were a sacrilege to scratch
 My crudely wrought devices—
 What tales bestrew your latticed thatch!
 What joys, what sacrifices!

If you could tell me, hardwood friend,
 What kind of man was Horner
 Who curled his name around the bend
 Of the knot in your top corner,
 I'd like to know if he prayed or swore,
 Or worked, eschewing pleasure,
 Or did he study billiards more
 And live (and love) at leisure?

Along the edge, across the grain,
 For three years in succession,
 And by the inkwell once again!
 Dick Strange has made confession,
 That here he used to sit and wait
 While tired hours were creeping,

While lecturers would dissertate,
 And spend the time in sleeping.

Drawings in ink of bold design
 Marks where a hand has faltered;
 Here by my hand I see no sign
 That student ways have altered.
 A name, a heart, a bottle of wine,
 And over all this saying:
 "You love your love, and I'll love mine,
 In wine is no betraying!"

For, faintly writ and close beside,
 A woman's name: Rosemary.
 (Shyly modest or bold with pride,
 Or prudent or unwary?)
 It was her lover wrote her names,
 All other thoughts forgetting.
 Oh, Sir, young Sir, oh, blush for shame!
 Her name in such a setting!

O old, wise desk, you've drawn the rein
 On Time and his swift passing,
 And linked me in the carven chain
 Of men around three massing.
 Two score of years, or more or less,
 Your pattern interlaces;
 How many men, to-day, possess
 Such wisdom in their faces?

A. W. D'OMBRAIN, (O.B.)

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OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS.

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Hon. Secretaries.—J. H. Hedges, A. A. Heath.

Fourth Annual Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Executive Committee begs to submit its fourth Annual Report. During the year the Committee held nine meetings, the attendance at which was as follows:—Messrs. N. Y. Deane 9, J. H. Hedges 9, W. A. Purves 8, H. E. McIntosh 8, W. L. Rhodes 7, L. W. Carey 6, J. O. Harris 6, H. H. Dixon 6, Dr. Moseley 6, Rev. D. Davies 5, F. W. Hixson 5, G. Fisher 4, R. W. Carey 4, A. A. Heath 4, J. J. Bradfield 4, D. Esplin 4, L. O. Rutherford 3, H. H. I. Massie 2, R. Sinclair 2, W. B. Clarke 2, K. Williams 2, Ivo Clarke 1, C. S. Tiley 1, H. F. Wilson 1, H. T. Boazman 1, Dr. G. Pockley 0, L. B. Heath 0.

General.—Since the last Annual General Meeting, Messrs. Ivo Clarke, R. W. Carey and H. H. I. Massey resigned their positions on the Grounds Committee for business reasons. All three were members of the original committee, and have given an enormous amount of time to the grounds. Mr. R. W. Carey, the first Hon. Secretary, supervised the construction of the Main Oval, and it was very largely due to his efforts that the work of providing suitable playing fields was undertaken. The School is deeply indebted to him for all he has done. All three have served the School truly—they realised that the School had done something for them and they in turn have done a great deal for the School and have shown others the way to serve.

At the beginning of the present year your Executive Committee re-

quested H. T. Boazman, Senior Prefect of the School, who by the way has recently given the ground its first double century, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of L. O. Rutherford, who has entered the University.

Your Committee has again to thank Messrs. N. Y. Deane (Hon. Auditor), W. L. Rhodes (Hon. Surveyor), H. H. I. Massie (Hon. Architect), H. E. McIntosh (Hon. Treasurer), for the time and work they have so willingly given to the Memorial Grounds, and Messrs. Brooks and Deane for the use of their board room for Executive Committee meetings.

Tennis Courts.—Shortly after the last General Meeting, the Committee proceeded to put down three tennis courts in the south-west corner of the Ground. Mr. Esplin prepared plans and supervised the construction of these, which were finished before the end of last year at a cost of £290. This was slightly above our estimate, due to the fact that it was necessary to lay soakage pipes to drain one of the courts. They suffered considerably in the heavy storm in December, and this hindered their settling down. The damage, however, has been made good, and they are now in good order.

Horse.—At the end of August the horse died just when the top-dressing was to be done. Mr. Gordon Black, the donor of the first horse, most generously presented another equally suitable.

Top dressing.—Immediately after the last football season the whole of the football area was harrowed and top-dressed. The soil was obtained from the adjoining block, and has proved more suitable than the previous top-dressing. Seventy pounds of couch grass seed was sown at the same time, which has helped largely to cover the ground. The main oval was in excellent condition after the summer rains, and is now almost completely grassed, the outfield being particularly good. Further central wickets were used in the beginning of the year, and were found sufficiently true to allow 550 runs to be compiled in the first innings played.

Scoring-board.—The canvasses of the scoring-board have been repainted, and the figures are now white on a black ground, making them easy to read from the pavilion.

Showers.—There has been some little difficulty with the showers in the pavilion. This fault has been rectified, and there is now a very strong water supply.

New Ovals.—Tenders for levelling No. 2 and No. 3 ovals, and fencing the new area were received in October of last year. These ranged from £1640 to £4000. After considerable thought, your Committee decided to level the whole block, as the difference in the cost of levelling one or two ovals was only £380. The tender accepted was that of Mr. McHugh, of £1,640, less £140 for the cost of removing and re-erecting old

fence and erecting new one. The old buildings on the ground were removed and sold, from this the grounds fund received £31/10/-. When levelled, the new area will provide two more cricket or three football grounds. The cricket grounds will be 140 x 120 yards and 120 x 120 yards. These will not be fenced, but will be marked off with a white line and flags. This work has necessitated a great deal of filling and cutting. A fall of five feet is allowed in the ground, which is not considered excessive on so large an area. Sufficient top-dressing has been taken from the surface of the whole area to a depth of two inches to top-dress the additional ovals. When the levelling is finished, the ground will have to be grassed and water will have to be laid on. Both are expensive and more funds will be required, but when completed, the School will be provided with the finest playing fields in New South Wales.

Dance.—The Matrons' Dance was held in the Sydney Town Hall on October 15th last, and although socially a great success, was not so financially, the proceeds being £12/10/-. The Ladies' Committee, however, has embarked on a strenuous programme for the coming financial year with a dance in the Paddington Town Hall on Monday, June 13th, and a fete at the School in September. As regards the dance fete, your Committee has sent notices to all subscribers to the fund, and to

all parents who have boys at the School, and the Headmaster has sent the same to all members of the Old Boys' Union.

The financial position in Sydney and the country has not been favourable to the holding of fetes and other entertainments during the past year, but it is hoped that things will be easier in the spring, and we may rest assured that the fete will be most successful.

Mirror.—We have to acknowledge the gift of a most excellent mirror from Mrs. J. A. Henderson, of Mosman. It has been placed at the western end of the Pavilion, and is of the greatest use.

Circulars.—In December, a circular letter to Old Boys was printed in the "Torch-Bearer." In April another circular was sent to all parents, friends, subscribers and members of the Old Boys' Union, giving a plan of the whole ground and making an appeal for funds. Subscribers who promised for five years, and who have been behind, have been reminded of the fact, and from these

some £ have been raised. Over 1,300 copies of the last circular were sent out, and it was also published in the "Torch-Bearer."

Conclusion.—A great deal of money is still required to finish the two ovals now under construction, but we feel certain that this will be forthcoming, and that people will realise that the Great Public Schools are necessary for the good of the State, and secondly, that funds and grounds are needed to keep the schools efficient in producing boys educated in the best traditions of citizenship and honour.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the untimely death of Mr. J. Varley, for so long Assistant Hon. Secretary. His parents have our sincerest sympathy in their loss, which we feel is our own.

Your Executive Committee now retires and asks you to elect a new one.

For the Committee,
W. A. PURVES, Chairman.
J. H. HEDGES, Hon.
A. HEATH, Secretaries.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

It is perhaps somewhat remarkable that in the beginning it was ordained that in due course Australia should be inhabited by a civilized race, that on the shores of a spacious and beautiful harbour should arise a great city, destined in time to occupy in the world a pre-eminence like that of Rome and London. But

the inhabitants of this great city are not to become a stunted race gradually deteriorating in physique, for there have been provided for them two safeguards against deterioration—the sea-beaches and the Blue Mountains—though the great inestimable value of each is only now dawning upon the people. The little

children of to-day will see the beaches thronged with citizens of all ages, and the Blue Mountains carrying a heavy population. What great foresight was there in throwing out from the backbone of Australia a long, narrow tableland, straight towards the city?

An hour in the train, and we enter the promised land. Up and up we go, clearer and lighter becomes the air, and wider the blue expanse of rolling valleys; and these are not like ordinary mountains where people dwell in the valleys and gaze upwards on sky-aspiring peaks and rugged mountain-tops.

With some wisdom did the French people honour the great Napoleon, not with a towering monument at which future generations should look up, but with a sunken tomb, to see which everyone must bow the head. So, too, our Blue Mountains are unique, for all who wish to see their grandeur and their beauty must look down over precipitous walls of sandstone on the glorious panorama of the valleys below. As

we gaze down, our eyes dwell upon an ocean of tree-tops, every shade of softest green changing in the ever-changing light of the sky above, and over all a heavenly blue atmosphere stretching away to a background of precipitous walls glinting in the sunlight, while yonder the waterfall leaps in "cataract after cataract to the sea" of greenness below, its distant murmur mingling with the shrill notes of the black magpie and the oft-repeated calls of the lyre-bird from under the dense foliage. And when the valleys are shrouded in white mist, like snow piled up to the foot of the great walls, the mystery of the valley grows upon us; yet we know that things are not what they seem. But when the all-conquering sun gradually disperses the mists from the mountains and reveals to us again the splendour of the scene, when the last stray fleecy clouds move along like "white presences upon the hills," then we feel how blest indeed we are, and what a wonderful gift has been bestowed on the future people of Sydney.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Our activities during the term have been mainly concerned with trials of strength with representatives from other Great Public Schools. Although we have failed to hold the G.P.S. Debating Shield, which was so brilliantly carried off by our representatives last year, every credit is due to splendid fight-

ing achievements of Bellingham, Gibson and Gilfillan, on whose shoulders fell the honour of representing the School.

The first contest was against St. Ignatius, the motion being that "The attitude of America towards the war and towards the Peace Treaty was justified." The contest proved a

very even one, the outstanding features being a superb opening speech by Bellingham, and a powerful third-man oration by Donohue, of St. Ignatius'. At the conclusion, the adjudicator announced that we had fallen a few points behind our opponents.

We then met the Grammar School, taking the negative in the motion that "A union engaged in a vital industry is not in any circumstances justified in sanctioning a strike."

We presented our case with most convincing argument, which our opponents failed to refute. However, the Grammar School representatives were so very superior, both in elocutionary powers and in power of appeal, that they piled up points so effectively as to gain the decision

with a fair margin. In this contest honours among our boys fell to Gibson, whose lucid and well directed argument created a favourable impression.

The third contest, against Scott's College, had to be abandoned. We found it impossible to prepare at the particular time, and Scott's found it inconvenient to grant a postponement, consequently we were obliged to forfeit.

Several ordinary meetings of the Society were held during term. Among those who have taken an active part, in addition to the team, are: Baker i, Barnes, Blake, Champion, Fife, Campbell, Blackwood and Bertie. A greater number of active members is still required.

ROWING.

The Christmas camp this year was marred to a great extent by the vagaries of the weather, which treated us to a series of cool south-easters, making the waters of the bay anything but a looking-glass, and forcing us to seek shelter under Chiswick and Abbotsford. Eighteen boys took part in the camp, and by the end of the ten days we had succeeded in boating an eight, and a four, while the second four was not finally decided upon until nearly five weeks after the camp. This was due to the paucity of material, resulting from senior boys occupying seats in

the House boats, which should have been occupied by candidates for the representative School crews.

The Easter camp was a rather mixed affair this year, as the crews departed from the shed every morning for School, and returned during the afternoon for a row. Fortunately the weather, during this period was was glorious, and some excellent work was got in. The first four, under Rev. R. E. Freeth, made splendid progress, the second four also began to improve. The eight, under Mr. Ramsay and Mr. C. P. Bell, showed signs of life, developing a

very brisk grip of the water at the beginning, and more life and movement in the recovery—two features that have been largely lacking in recent crews.

The weather for the heats and finals was all that could be desired. The eight rowed very well for the first half mile in the heat, but then lost its dash, and S.C.S. had no difficulty in holding us off, while T.K.S. captured the honour of first place. The first four rowed a gruelling race against T.K.S., finishing second; the second four had little difficulty in finding second place, though T.K.S. were a little too fast off the mark for them.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to N.C. on their fine win in the championship, the more so as it signally marked their first appearance in the aquatic competition.

In the consolation eights, the School had a comfortable win over St. Ignatius, some small satisfaction for their long spell of training. The first four made a very strong bid for honours against T.K.S., but the latter were too strong, and held Osborne's crew off until they passed the post. The second four had their revenge on T.K.S. for the defeat in

the heat, holding them off for the first half-mile, when T.K.S. had the misfortune to crab. St. J.C., however, who had been watching these proceedings, now came along with a fine spurt, which was too fast for Windeyer's crew, and they had to be content with second place. We congratulate T.K.S. and St. J.C. on their success in the first and second fours. The following are the crews which represented the School at the regatta:—

Eight.—F. P. Boundy (bow), F. D. Hixson (2), R. R. Sinclair (3), A. H. Beer (2), R. Sinclair (5), F. Williams (6), M. C. Hinder (7), C. P. Bell (str.), and S. Griffiths (cox.); A. Ramsay, Esq., and C. B. P. Bell, Esq., coaches.

1st Four.—C. P. Gordon (bow), H. S. Lloyd (2), R. C. Shields (3), J. W. Osborne (str.), and P. Budden (cox.); Rev. R. E. Freeth (coach).

2nd Four.—T. S. McKenzie (bow), R. A. Whitten (2), R. A. Gilfillan (3), B. W. Windeyer (str.), J. H. Harding (cox.); C. S. Tiley (coach).

We wish to acknowledge gratefully, the gift of two dozen spoons from Mrs. F. W. Learoyd, which has materially improved the equipment of the Sinclair shed.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Owing to shortage of ammunition, and very stormy weather on Saturdays, practices have been considerably curtailed, and it has been necessary temporarily to cut out the sec-

ond team until the normal supplies of ammunition are available.

The first team is only shaping fairly well, hardly fulfilling the promise of last year's second team; however

the usual camp at Coogee should result in turning out a fairly good team.

The 1st House match took place at Randwick on 25th June, and resulted in a win for School House with a total of 308; Barry came 2nd with 300, Robson 3rd with 296 and Hodges 4th with 278. Cowlshaw and Campbell both got possibles. The following are the scores:—

SCHOOL HOUSE.

	200yds.	500yds.	Tot.
Campbell	32	35	67
Wright	33	34	67
Champion	31	30	61
Wilson	29	32	61
Barr	26	26	52

Aggregate 308

BARRY HOUSE.

	200yds.	500yds.	Tot.
Dixon	33	33	66

Blake	31	32	63
Rickard	30	31	61
Edwards	30	29	59
Whitten	27	24	51

Aggregate 300

ROBSON HOUSE.

	200yds.	500yds.	Tot.
Cowlshaw	35	32	67
Harris	32	32	64
Dixon	32	25	57
Uther	29	27	56
White	31	21	52

Aggregate 296

HODGES HOUSE.

	200yds.	500yds.	Tot.
Roberts	31	29	60
Carter	31	27	58
Harding	30	28	58
King	25	31	56
Ward	29	17	46

Aggregate 278

TENNIS.

Great enthusiasm exists amongst the tennis followers since the General Sports Committee have officially recognised it as a School sport. A Club has been formed and already claims a very strong and large membership. The office-bearers of the Club are: Patron, W. A. Purves Esq., M.A.; Secretary, Berkelman; Committee: Pile, Lang, Janes, Yeldham, Beer, Baker, Walker, Shaw.

Fortunately we have three excellent courts at Northbridge, and the boys avail themselves of every possible opportunity to use them.

On June 3rd, we signalled the ad-

vent of tennis as a school sport by playing an all-day match against Sydney Grammar School at the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Courts, Double Bay. The Fixture was most successful: the match was keenly and evenly contested and great enthusiasm was displayed by the large number of supporters who witnessed the match. Our team, which consisted of Berkelman (Capt.), Walker, Janes, Shaw, Yeldon and Pile, were narrowly defeated by thirteen sets to eleven, the result being in doubt until the conclusion of the last match.

checked, completed to note



The following are scores of the match:—

Singles:

S.C.E.G.S. S.G.S.
 Berkelman v. Hicks, 6-1, 6-2.
 Walker v. Langdon, 6-4, 6-2.
 Yeldham v. Slade, 6-4, 4-6.
 Shaw v. Zlotkowski, 6-3, 6-4.
 Janes v. Alwyn, 7-5, 5-7.

Doubles:

Berkelman and Walker v. Hicks and Alwyn, 2-6.
 Berkelman and Walker v. Slade and Langdon, 8-10, 5-7.
 Berkelman and Walker v. Zlotkowski and Terry, 6-0, 6-2.
 Yeldham and Janes v. Hicks and Alwyn, 4-6, 0-6.
 Yeldham and James v. Slade and Langdon, 5-7, 7-5.
 Pile and Shaw v. Hicks and Alwyn, 0-6, 0-6.
 Pile and Shaw v. Slade and Langdon, 1-6, 4-6.
 Pile and Shaw v. Zlotkowski and Terry, 2-6, 4-6.
 S.G.S.: 13 sets.
 S.C.E.G.S.: 11 sets.

Our Club has now organised a point tournament in two divisions. "A" division play 80 points and "B" 50. Great interest is being taken and there is much speculation as to the ultimate winners.

Following are the results of the matches played:—

"A" DIVISION.

Crossman and White (25) beat Lang and Goddard (scr.) 80-70.
 Carlile and McVally (38) beat Henderson and Halliday (35), 80-67.
 Yeldham & Doyle (scr.) beat Packer and Owen (40), 80-58.
 Windeyer and Barr (35) beat Berkelman and Gosling (8), 80-63.
 Shaw and Chauvel (25) beat Thomson and Merrett (33), 80-78.
 Walker and Pile (8) beat Dunlop and Gilfillan (35), 80-70.
 Scarvell and Wilson ii (45) beat Black i and Edwards (30), 80-68.
 Scarvell and Wilson beat Blackwood and Wilson i, 80-73.
 Walker and Pile (8) beat Scarvel and Wilson, 80-73.

"B" DIVISION.

1st Round—

Ellis and Wolstenholme (5) beat Bertie and Evans (20), 50-43.
 Holden and Holmes (15) beat Stuart and Ions, 50-40.
 Crawford and Alcorn (20) beat Bishop and McColl (10), 50-37.
 Ashe and Chapman (25) beat Warburton and Kerr (15), 50-47.
 Beer and Gregory (scr.) beat Johnson and Kelso (20), 50-37.
 Tyrell and Degenhart (12) beat Slessor and Chiplin (10), 50-45.

2nd Round—

White and Richardson (15) beat Heath and Tool (30), 50-42.
 Ellis and Wolstenholme beat Holden and Holmes, 50-41.
 Tress and Hattersley beat Julius and Read, 50-45.
 Tyrell and Degenhardt beat Blackwood and Ketchford, 50-37.

Our Club now hopes to arrange matches in the near future with Sydney Grammar School, North Sydney High School, The King's School, and we would welcome any challenges from other schools.

FOOTBALL.

Football for 1921 has, at the time of this being written, practically come to an end, and consideration of the doings of the School in that sport for this year, may fairly reasonably lead us to congratulate ourselves on a successful season, and to look forward in a spirit of optimism. This is the second year of the House system, and though there is room for improvement in details of organisation—which should be rendered a simple matter if (and when) we have more grounds at our disposal—there seems little reason to question the correctness of the view expressed last year that this system was a great advance upon the previous one. For it enables many more boys to have the opportunity (not by any means fully utilised) of playing good football with the advantage of being coached regularly, and it also is easily linked up to the other sports (cricket, rowing, rifle shooting, etc.) enabling every boy of the School, from the oldest to the youngest, to bring honour and repute to the House to which he belongs.

That the system is appreciated from this point of view by the juniors of the School, who are to become the seniors later on, is very apparent to those connected with the junior teams, and as long as the School has such promising material, and such regular games throughout the term, we may confidently look forward to supplying teams for the

G.P.S. Competitions equal to, if not better than those, which have played so well this season.

In one respect the year has been marked off from others, as far as School football is concerned, by the fact that for the first time our team visited Armidale to play T.A.S. on their ground. For many years past T.A.S. team has visited Sydney and played various schools; this year they asked the Association to arrange for the Sydney Schools to visit Armidale, and we were the team selected to go up first. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by every one, and although the score was against us (14-13), still all the spectators seemed satisfied that the Rugby Union game, as played with the skill and in the spirit shown throughout the match, still reigns supreme for those interested in good, clean, hard sport.

Although starting the season with four only of our last year's team, still—from the form displayed by our 2nd XV in 1920, and with the probability of our having one or two likely new-comers—we hoped to put a good 1st XV. in the field. The boat-race was rather late this year, and as the holidays followed immediately, training and practices did not settle down till the beginning of the second term in June; but the preliminary matches against S.H.S. in April and against Old Boys' team in May showed us some

points where we might improve.

Since the match against H.A.C. at Richmond on 11th June, not many changes have been made other than those due to injuries or sickness. We have had rather a run of ill-luck in the latter respects in the pivot positions of the team, the halves and centres, and this has militated very severely in two important fixtures; still the other schools have suffered in similar fashion.

A football team, like a crew, is a unit and should always play as such: forwards heeling to backs and backs helping forwards with well-judged kicks and bouts of passing. This fact was well-illustrated in what was our fiercest match, that against St. Ignatius College, on 30th July, where the team won; also in the match against T.S.C., where there was very little to criticise in individual play, but not much to praise in team work. Rugby football fails very largely if it does not drive home the essential lesson of the subordination of the individual to his side—the ideal expressed by the rule, "Pass to a man in a better position than yourself."

The records of the matches given below show how well the 1st XV played, and though we did not win the competition, we at least helped to make it an interesting one, and we take this opportunity of congratulating heartily S.G.S. on their good win for the third year in succession.

The members of the 1st XV, a criticism of whom is given below,

are to be congratulated on having thrown themselves whole-heartedly into training and practices, sometimes in rather unfavourable circumstances; how well they did train is shown by the condition they were in after the hardest matches, and as several of them are, we hope, staying on, our team for 1922 will have as good a nucleus as we could wish.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. E. E. Brooks for his kindness in presenting an Honour Cap, to be awarded "as the Committee should think fit," and it very appropriate that it has been awarded to J. C. Brooks, his son, and the second of two brothers who, on the field, have stood "four-square" to all attacks, and yet have known how to defend best by attacking.

Also we desire to record our thanks to Yeldham, who went to much trouble to take notes of matches, and enabled correct reports to be made.

1st Fifteen for 1921.

A. H. Berckleman (Half-back).—Excellent in defence, and very willing worker; from habit acquired as five eight for 2nd XV, a little liable to run too much, but has improved. Very quick to take opportunities in attack, and with more experience, should turn out valuable in this position (Colours 1921).

H. T. Boazman.—(Inner centre, colours 1920). As captain of the team till his retirement (owing to injury to his knee) was invaluable both in example and precept, very resourceful, keen to seize opportunities, clever in attack and unflinching in defence. Quite unselfish in his play

and with excellent judgement. (Colours 1921.)

D. Braddock.—(Forward, 2nd row). Useful forward, but has not yet used his powers and pace. Should tackle more thoroughly; with longer experience will come to a decision more quickly and should develop into a very strong player. (Colours 1921.)

J. C. Brooks.—(Full back; colours 1920). Absolutely reliable in defence; tackles hard and clean, fields very cleanly, and kicks with great judgment; saves his forwards all the time. (Colours 1921, All Schools 2nd XV. 1921.)

Cadwallader i.—(Breakaway forward). Very good in this position, always looking for and quick to take opportunities; what he lacks in weight, he makes up for by his dash and energy. Dribbling and handling of ball very sound. (Colours 1921.)

O. C. Crossman.—(Outer centre, colours 1920). Very fast and steady player; remarkably quick in following up; takes the ball well and tackles very effectively and surely. Seizes every opportunity for scoring offered to him and makes others. Is invaluable either for defence or offence. (Colours 1921, All Schools 1st XV. 1921.)

F. H. Doyle.—(Forward, second row). A strong, heavy forward, who has improved very much, particularly in combining with others. Excellent in line-out, but a little slow in getting into the scrum; has done some good scoring for his side. (Colours 1921, Reserve for All Schools 2nd XV. 1921.)

E. W. Gregory.—(Wing three-quarters.) Played at first at centre, but has improved very much on the wing; strong, hard runner, very difficult to tackle; a little too much inclined to hang-on; very determined tackle; should cultivate kicking (Colours 1921.)

M. Greive.—(Five-eight.) Captain during last part of the season, in which capacity has done very well indeed; led his team well; rather handicapped by changes of his half-back; in almost any position takes and handles ball well and passes very accurately; uses the kick perhaps a

little often; clever and resourceful both in defence and attack, and seems inexhaustible. (Colours 1921.)

V. D. Heggaton.—(Forward, front row.) A tireless worker, whether in scrum or loose; in spite of lightness and discomfort, has shown great skill in dribbling, following up and tackling; always on the ball and ready to take or pass it. (Colours 1921.)

F. D. Hixson.—(Wing three-quarters.) Improved very much during the season; difficult to stop, owing to his pace and strength, but still a little slow in deciding, and his tackling is occasionally weakened by this; needs to practise line work both in kicking and throwing-out. (Colours 1921.)

R. O. Harris.—(Inner centre during later matches.) Has good pace and tricky run, but rather inclined to try to intercept than to take his man; also to cut in instead of running straight; greatly improved on last year's form; has kicked well (place-kicks) but should cultivate punting. (Colours 1921.)

R. A. McWilliam.—(Break-away forward) Very fine forward in this position; dribbles excellently and follows up the ball all the time; a little inclined to get away too soon, but in the open is very clever; with extra weight of next year should be a great asset for 1922. (Colours 1921, All Schools 1st XV. 1921.)

I. R. Nicholls.—(Lock in third row.) Has improved all through the season; his weight and strength have stood us in good stead; and on occasion has followed on and forced his way through well, but a little inclined to hang on when a pass out would be better. (Colours 1921.)

J. H. Todhunter.—(Forward, front row.) A constant and steady worker, whose strong play in the scrum does not show out to the spectators, often, however, his play in the open has been excellent. (Colours 1921.)

B. Windeyer.—(Forward, front row.) Has played consistently good football in a position requiring great determination; follows up untiringly, tackled hard and

has led the forwards excellently; handled the ball well and was always ready to take or give a pass or dribble it on. (Colours 1921, All Schools 2nd XV. 1921.)

The following are the results of the matches of the various teams during the season:—

1st XV.

v. S.H.S.—At Northbridge, Wed. 20th April; won, 32-0. The names of actual scorers was not recorded.

v. Old Boys'—At Northbridge on Friday, 29th April; won, 28-3. No detailed account was kept of this match.

v. T.A.S.—At Armidale, Saturday 4th June; lost, 14-13.

Armidale won the toss and defended the northern end. Almost immediately after the kick-off a penalty kick was awarded T.A.S., which was returned by Greive, and from a line-out shortly afterwards, we started a passing rush in which Greive, Boazman and Crossman figured, but Carr intercepted, and with Moffat, brought play back. Shortly afterwards, Carr, running very fast, followed on one of his own punts across the line and scored. Croft kicked the goal and T.A.S. led, 5-0. Following on a high punt, Smith of T.A.S. tackled Brooks before he could get free; a free kick shortly afterwards against us, enabled Croft to have a shot at goal, which was unsuccessful and Brooks relieved by a good line kick. From a line-out, T.A.S. broke away and the result was a score by Stacy (8-0).

After several rushes up and down field we attacked strongly, and T.A.S. being off-side, Crossman kicked a fine penalty goal (8-3). We forced the ball back to T.A.S. twenty-five, where Hixson scored, and with an excellent run, scored in the corner. Boazman converted, and the score was (8-8). We were on the defensive for some little time, and though good defence was put up, T.A.S. again scored, but no goal resulted and the score at half-time was (11-8).

During the second half, our condition was not good enough to enable us to pierce T.A.S. defence, in spite of good attempts by various forwards and backs, and T.A.S. full-back punted and followed on, when Brooks was beaten by the bounce and T.A.S. scored (14-8). Shortly before time Crossman secured the ball near half-way and ended a fine run with a try in the corner, which Greive converted (14-13). This score was unaltered when the whistle blew.

v. H.A.C. 1st XV.—At Richmond, Saturday 11th July; lost, 23-3.

No details of this match are available, but our score was by Harris.

v. St. Joseph's College.

Played at Hunter's Hill, Saturday 18th June. Lost, 21-9.

Team: Brooks, Hixson, Crossman, Harris Gregory, Greive, Lane, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggaton, Reading, Nicholls, McWilliam, Sinclair, Cadwallader.

Shortly after kick-off, the ball was punted by St. Joseph's College, and, after the follow-on, Crossman intercepted and ended a good run by being pushed into touch near the corner; St. Joseph's worked the ball away a short distance, and Gregory gained twenty-five yards by a good run. Loose play followed, with North Shore attacking, resulting in Hixson scoring in the corner; the kick was a poor one, and score stood 3-0 in our favour. St. J.C. replied very vigorously, and the five-eight, by clever play, broke through and scored, but the kick at the goal failed—3-3. The score was increased quickly to 8-3 by a try converted by Purcell, and then to 11-3 by one of the St. Joseph's forwards seizing a good opportunity. At this stage, Nicholls, our lock-man, retired with an injured wrist. Our defence against these attacks was very mediocre, both in getting the ball from the scrum and in tackling.

After half-time, we looked for a repetition of our performance on the same ground at a corresponding stage of the game in 1920, but our hopes were not realised, although the break-aways were do-

ing good work, and the backs' tackling improved.

With a penalty kick, Harris made a good attempt at goal, the ball just fell short, and then St. J.C. forwards handling the ball well and getting it out to their backs, the latter crossed and converted, making the score 16-3. After the kick-off Lane took the ball and sprinted across; Crossman seized the chance and running hard scored in the corner, but the kick at goal failed and the score stood 16-6. S. J.C. full-back, shortly after this, relieved their position with a fine line-kick, and from the line-out their half broke through and scored, converting the try and making the score 21-6. Shortly before full time, Crossman kicked a good goal from a penalty, and the game ended 21-9 against us.

v. Newington College.

Played at Northbridge, Saturday 25th June. Won, 11-8.

Team.—Same as previous Saturday, except that Boazman came in again at centre and White played in Nicholl's place.

Newington won the toss and ran with the wind. After kick-off, the game hovered about half-way for a time, but N.C. began to press us back to our twenty-five, where Newman, being blocked from passing, tried for a field goal, which missed and Brooks forced. Again N.C. attacked, but Greive relieved with a good line-kick. From a scrum about half-way, Newman secured the ball, and with a fine punt found touch near the flag, but our forwards stalled off the attack and returned the ball well up field. Again Newman was given the ball and scored, after a fine run, in the corner; Calder failed to convert, and N.C. led 3-0. Shore now woke up, and after a fine passing rush, Greive took the ball well inside the N.C. twenty-five, but their forwards, with excellent work, brought it back and one of them almost scored. The position was saved by Brooks, whose kicking was very sure, though the wind made it very difficult to judge the line. From the line-out N.C. again at-

tacked, but Crossman intercepted and returned the ball to half-way. N.C. kicked over Brooks' head, but Crossman beat the N.C. man and forced.

After the drop-out and a fine dribbling rush by McWilliam, Todhunter, Windeyer and Cadwallader, Greive kicked over the line and dived on it; but Boazman missed the kick and the half-time whistle went with the score 3-3.

Early in the second half, the ball passed up and down the field several times, when our men, using too little judgment of strength of the wind, kicked over and N.C. forced. This happened again quickly, but on a third occasion N. C. kicked down into our twenty-five, and Moulton finished off a fine rush of his forwards by scoring, Calder kicking the goal and making the score 8-3 for N.C.

After the kick-off, Greive, by judicious punting, brought us into N.C. twenty-five, where Lane caused N.C. to force. Another rush instituted by Boazman brought us back to N.C. twenty-five, where Crossman kicked a good penalty goal—8-6.

Several scrums followed the kick-off, from one of which Lane passed to Greive who punted across, and Hixson following on well, scored, Crossman adding the extra points and making the score 11-8 in our favour. This score was unaltered at full time.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. Newington College.

Played at Newington on Monday 4th July. Lost, 12-5.

Team: Brooks, Gregory, Crossman, Boazman, Hixson, Greive, Lane, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggaton, Reading, White, McWilliam, Sinclair, and Cadwallader.

This, our first competition match for the year, was played on the Monday, as the G.P.S.A.A.A. had postponed all fixtures of the preceding Saturday in favour of the match against the Springboks. The weather was very favourable for good football, and the match was evenly contested.

Soon after the kick-off, N.C. were awarded a free kick, which brought them to our twenty-five, where their rush was stopped by Boazman, who returned play to half-way. Another free kick for N.C. gave Calder a chance at goal, but he failed. The ball was returned by Brooks, and another attack by N.C., who kicked rather too hard, and Brooks again saved us by forcing.

Our forwards livened up a little, and Cadwallader, dribbling very cleverly, brought play to N.C. twenty-five, when the ball was taken by Boazman, who, by a quick over-pass to Hixson, enabled the latter, travelling at full speed, to take it over and score. Boazman kicked the goal and made the score 5-0.

With the kick-off, N.C. attacked very strongly, but good line-kicking by Hixson sent them back. Here N.C. marked and again brought play to our twenty-five, from a penalty for off-side by one of our forwards, Calder kicked a good goal—5-3. Good forward play by both sides followed, and Gregory securing, drove back by a good line-kick. More dribbling by Cadwallader and McWilliam brought us to the attack, but nothing resulted before half-time.

Shortly after the resumption of the game, N.C. were awarded a free kick, which was not successful. Another attack by N.C. brought play to our twenty-five, where the ball remained for some little time, until, from another free kick for off-side at the scrum, Calder kicked a good goal (6-5).

Some good attacking by Newman and Moulton, and good defence and line-kicking by our locks led up to a scrum near our line, from which Newman secured and scored, but the try was not converted (9-5). Fast and interesting play followed, with attacks by N.C. predominating, while our back division defended very well. From loose work McWilliam broke through with the ball, but was unsupported. N.C. forced the ball back, but their attack was smothered by our forwards, including Todhunter, Heggaton, Windeyer and Cadwal-

lader. Again they attacked by a forward dribble, and one of their forwards scored, but the kick failed and a hard, interesting and exciting game finished with N.C. 12 to S.C.E.G.S. 5. (Referee: Mr. E. E. Keary.)

v. St. Joseph's College.

Played at Northbridge, Saturday July 9th. Won 17-0.

Team:—Brooks, Hixson, Harris, Boazman, Greyory, Lane, Berkleman, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggarton, Doyle, Brad-dock, McWilliam, Nicholls, Cadwallader.

Shore kicked off and the game at once became fast and spirited. The return kick by St. Joseph's was taken by Boazman, who passed to Gregory, and the latter found the line well near their twenty-five. Here McWilliam dribbled well and nearly scored, but St. Joseph's backs transferred play to half-way, where off-side by a Shore forward gave St. J. a free kick, which was nullified by our forwards, and Windeyer carried the ball well down the line, but was tackled in the corner. From the throw-in he again secured and scored, Boazman making a good goal from well on the touch line, leaving score 5-0 in our favour.

After the kick, we again brought play to St. Joseph's twenty-five with some excellent forward work by Doyle and McWilliam. St. Joseph's attempted to bring it back by a passing rush, but Harris cleverly intercepted and broke away clear. Approaching the full-back, he kicked and followed on, when, for illegal interference by St. J., a penalty was awarded us, but the easy kick at goal was missed, and the half-time whistle blew. During this half, Shore had had the best of the game, though S. J. had carried out some good attacking rushes which were all but successful.

At the beginning of the second half and for some little time, play centred in St. J.'s twenty-five, where McWilliam, Cadwallader and Heggaton got the ball, dribbling beautifully to the line, where McWilliam scored; the kick at goal failed and the score was Shore 8-0. From the kick-

off we returned, their backs replied not very successfully, and Doyle, with a fine piece of play, scored; the kick again was unsuccessful (11-0). St. Joseph's now made a very vigorous offensive, but our defence was too strong, and we drove them back gradually until Berkleman set his backs going and we got right up to their line where Boazman landed a good goal from a penalty for off-side (14-0). St. Joseph's again attacked very vigorously, and in turn were driven back, when, as a result of some heavy ruck work, two of their men had to retire—one with a sprained ankle and the other with a strained muscle in the leg. St. J. did not diminish their efforts, but our numbers were too much, and after good runs by Harris and McWilliam, Berkleman worked Hixson into a nice position and the latter scored, but the kick failed, leaving scores S.C.E.G.S. 17, St. J.C. 0.

The game was a good display of Rugby football, played right out, and the result was inspiring to us, as our last victory against St. J.C. dates back further than we care to recall exactly. (Referee, Mr. C. E. Morgan.)

v. The Scot's College.

Played at Rose Bay on Saturday, 16th July. Won, 3-0.

Team:—Brooks, Gregory, Crossman, Boazman, Hixson, Greive, Berkleman, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggaton, Doyle, Braddock, McWilliam, Nicholls, Cadwallader.

Scots kicked off before a large crowd. The wind was very variable and gusty, blowing across the ground. Shore got command of the ball, and for the attack the ball came out well to Boazman, who made a good dash for the line, but was brought down. Shortly afterwards T.S.C. were awarded a free kick, a line-out following about half-way; loose play followed, and in the resulting attack, Boazman was injured and retired, thus reducing our team to 14 men. Hixson was brought to inner-centre and McWilliam transferred to the wing, leaving a 2-3-2 scrum, which

T.S.C. also employed throughout the game. Attacking strongly after this, Shore were awarded a free kick in T.S.C. twenty-five, and Crossman kicked a good goal (3-0). The game now settled down into rather an uninteresting struggle, during which Shore attacked several times, but failed to score owing both to good defence by T.S.C. and our own faulty handling and failing to put the finishing touch. T.S.C. drove us back slowly, and then, with a good forward rush, looked very dangerous, but Brooks, kicking well, relieved the situation, following on hard, Gregory picked up, drew the defence and Shore should have scored, but again failed, and the half ended with up and down play, mostly in and around T.S.C. twenty-five.

On resuming play, our team was altered by Calwallader going to the wing and McWilliam going back to the forwards. We again attacked, and Lane and Crossman broke through, but the ball came through too fast and Crossman just failed to reach it inside the dead-ball line. Another attack (resultless) by our forwards followed quickly, but T.S.C. defending well, drove us back steadily into our twenty-five, where Brooks saved well by getting his man just short of the line. Todhunter then broke away and took the ball right down the field to T.S.C. twenty-five, the latter returning it very ably to our twenty-five, where they had a chance from a free kick, but failed to get the goal. The ball travelled up and down the field over and over again, neither side being quite able to finish off its attack and the game ended 3-0.

The game generally was one of defence rather than attack, both sides failing to "finish off" a movement in the only way that is useful, viz., in getting across the enemy's goal line.

v. Sydney Gramamr School.

Played at Northbridge on Saturday 23rd, July. Lost 5-0.

Team: Brooks, Gregory, Crossman, Harris, Hixson, Greive, Lane, Todhunter, Win-

doyer, Heggaton, Braddock, Doyle, Cadwallader, Nicholls, McWilliam.

In the face of a howling wind and pouring rain the game began. At once play centred round Shore's twenty-five, and they had to force three times. Then Harris and Crossman transferred play to the other end of the field, when once again Shore was driven back. By this time the colours of the players were indistinguishable, and the whole field was a pool of mud. Grammar, by a series of punts, carried to Shore's twenty-five. Here Shore was penalised, and Loudowici high punted. The ball hit the bar and bounced back into play, and Bayliss, who had followed up the kick, scored. Campbell-Jones converted. (Grammar 5-0).

In the second half we had the wind behind us, and tried hard to overtake the Grammar's lead; but, although time after time we succeeded in reaching Grammar's line, we could not score. It was utterly impossible to handle the ball, and everyone was constantly slipping in the mud. Towards the end, Crossman broke away, but when in a good position for scoring, slipped. Thus ended this muddy game, which, in fact, could not be called football.

v. St. Ignatius College.

Played at Riverview on Saturday, 30th July: Won, 21-9.

Team:—Brooks, Hixson, Crossman, Harris, Gregory, Greive, Berckleman, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggaton, Braddock, Doyle, Cadwallader, Nicholls, McWilliam.

The match, timed to start at 3.15 p.m., did not start till just before 4 p.m., owing to the non-appearance of the selected referee. St. Ignatius kicked off with a strong favouring breeze blowing from corner to corner. Following on very fast, they brought their formidable back division into play and Windeyer stopped what looked a very dangerous attack by finding the line. Play hung round our twenty-five for some little time, until McWilliam broke away and transferred the scene of action

to the other end of the field. Here we tried hard, but unsuccessfully to score, and were driven back, only to come again, when, after some clever work on Crossman's part, Doyle scored, but the kick at goal by Crossman failed (3-0).

Once again we attacked and again Doyle, running strongly, scored, and this time Crossman succeeded (8-0).

St. I.C. now, after kick-off, made a very determined rush, and their backs ran very strongly, only to be stopped by the excellent defence of Crossman, Gregory and Brooks, whose tackling was very accurate and thorough.

Again they attacked, and with very fine passing Morrissey enabled Campbell to score in the corner, but the kick at goal failed, and the score (8-3 in our favour) was not altered up to half time, although the game went on very fast and with both sides working excellently. Our forwards in the open work were superior to their opponents, and it would be difficult to find a pack to show to better advantage.

On play re-starting, Riverview backs again got going, their passing being clean and accurate, and came on to our twenty-five, where Greive, with a good line-kick, relieved the pressure. From the line-out we forced the ball down to their twenty-five, where, from a scrum, Berckleman securing passed out to Crossman, who ran hard and short-punting over Duffy's head, scored a good try, which he converted making the score 13-3. After the half-way kick, both teams, particularly the forward divisions, seemed to make the game even faster, St. I.C. recognising that they must score, and score fast, to avert defeat, while we were intent on making victory doubly sure.

The roars of the crowd were very inspiring and the recognition of good play on each side was very impartial, for the spectators were looking on at a fine game. The ball was gradually worked down to St. I.C.'s twenty-five, but only with consistent effort on the part of all our forwards, every man doing his job thoroughly. Mention must be made of particularly fine

dribbling by McWilliam, Cadwallader and Heggaton, though the others were very little behind them. The ball was secured by Hixson on the wing, who kicked high, and Crossman following on scored again (18-3). Riverview again made a determined effort, pushing us back, and with a fine finish scored between the posts, but the goal was not kicked (18-6). We replied with another fine run by Crossman, who scored again (21-6). The last few minutes were very exciting, the ball travelling fast back and forward, ending for a while by Morrissey punting high, thus giving Comrie-Thompson an opportunity to charge down and gain a good try: the kick failing (21-9). We made another attempt with a good run of backs, but Crossman was stopped, and the game ended without any further score.

Generally speaking, the game was a fine display of Rugby forward work in all departments—dribbling, heeling, passing and tackling, while the defensive work by the backs was also of a very high class.

v. The King's School.

Played at Northbridge on Saturday, 6th August. Won, 6-3.

Team:—Brooks, Gregory, Crossman, Harris, Hixson, Greive, Berckelman, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggarton, Braddock, Doyle, Cadwallader, Nicholls, McWilliam.

We kicked off with a slight breeze in our favour, and T.K.S., by excellent line kicks, in return soon transferred play to our twenty-five, where a penalty kick against us for off-side, enabled T.K.S. to score the first points by a good goal (3-0). Play now became very fast and exciting, a little to our advantage, though Gregory, in spite of a good effort, failed to score owing to good defence by T.K.S. centre and wing. Driven back slowly to our own side of half-way, we again pushed forward, mainly owing to fine work by Brooks and Greive; the latter punted high, and Nicholls following on hard secured and forced his way over; the kick failed and the score was 3-3. T.K.S. kicked off with not sufficient judgment, and our forwards rushed the ball down, when Nicholls

again shone out, but was not sufficiently supported and the attack failed of its object. A penalty against us for off-side among the forwards (which was rather too apparent) gave T.K.S. another opportunity at goal, but the attempt failed, and Brooks again relieved us by well-judged kicking.

T.K.S. now made several very vigorous pushes, and their passing was good as they raced for our line, but Harris (at centre) and Brooks again relieved. T.K.S. again attacked, and in our twenty-five a penalty for "feet up" in the scrum gave them another chance, which was not successful and at half-time the score was 3-3.

From the kick-off, Berckelman secured and punted, the forwards followed up well, dribbling, and then by skilful heeling, the ball was sent out to Crossman, who ran very strongly, and beating two or three men, scored in the corner; the kick at goal failed and we led 6-3. T.K.S. kicked well out to the wing and following up well, prevented any good rush by us, but Heggaton dribbled on with great skill at a fast pace, and with him Windeyer, Cadwallader and Todhunter. In the loose work that followed, we were again penalised. Brooks took the kick by T.K.S., and, blocked from running forward, took a shot at goal, but missed and T.K.S. forced.

After the drop-out their forwards made a vigorous attack, and forcing us down the field, heeled out to their backs, who, however, were warded off by excellent tackling of our backs. Brooks just at this stage retired hurt, and we played without a full-back—a rather risky experiment against a team with the knowledge and skill which T.K.S. possessed. However, no further scores were made and we finished as winners, 6-3.

Sydney High School.

Played at Northbridge on Saturday 13th August. Won, 26-3.

Team: Rawling, Gregory, Crossman, Coote, Hixson, Greive, Berckelman, Todhunter, Windeyer, Heggaton, Doyle, Braddock, Cadwallader, Nicholls, McWilliam.

Shortly after kick-off, we were penalised for off-side quite close to our line and S.H.S. kicked the goal (3-0). We now carried play, by a series of vigorous rushes by forwards and three-quarters, to S.H.S. twenty-five, where Gregory scored, but the kick failed (3-3).

After loose work up and down and several scrums, Coote ran well and passed to Greive, who scored, but the extra points were not added (6-3).

Shortly before half-time, McWilliam scored, but we seemed unable to kick the goal, and the score was 9-3 in our favour.

On play re-starting, Crossman secured but was well tackled and the attack was renewed without success. Greive marked, but failed at goal. He again secured, and passing out to Cadwallader, enabled the latter to score (12-3). The play centred mostly round S.H.S. twenty-five, and here Coote picked up well and scored, this time Greive obtained a good goal (17-3). Tries were also obtained by Doyle and twice by Berekleman—one from a good pass out by Doyle, and another as a result of a good piece of work by Todhunter: none of these were converted, and the score was 26-3 when the full-time whistle went.

2nd Fifteen.

The 2nd XV. this year has played fairly consistently, and is to be congratulated on being called upon to play the final for 2nd grade premiership against St. J.C. as the 2 p.m. match on the 20th August, the result of which was that St. J.C. won by 17-3.

There has been a lot of changing about in the three-quarter line, owing to injuries or sickness, but the constitution of the forwards has been fairly steady. The team picked to play against St. J.C. was as fol-

lows:—Rawling (Capt.), Pannifex, Coote, Hardy, Urquhart, Lane, Manchee, Braye, Cunninghame, Throsby, White, Reading, Ward, Sinclair, Howard.

Most of these have played fairly regularly through the season, and the standard of play has improved in consequence. None of the forwards would be altogether "at sea" if called upon to play with 1st XV., while several of the backs have played on occasions. There is still among second and third rows, a little tendency to slowness in getting down, but in open work they have followed well, though their tackling is often a little unfinished and so partially ineffective. With these faults eradicated, they give promise for the future. Rawling at full-back has shown out well, particularly in his fielding, kicking and following on, and also as captain of the side; his tackling is a little on the weak side. Pannifex has scored very consistently for the team, while Urquhart is sounder in defence than in attack. Coote has well justified his quick promotion. Hardy has suffered a little from lack of practice, but must devote more attention to stopping his opponent. Manchee and Lane give promise of developing into a good pair, a combination which should do well next year.

- v. Barker College I.—Lost, 14-0
- v. H.A.C. II.—Won, 10-3. Pannifex scored twice, and Carter and White converted on each occasion.
- v. T.K.S.—Lost, 11-5. Doyle scored and Carter converted.

- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 22-8. Try by Shadforth, converted by Carter; Rawling kicked a penalty goal.
- vx. N.C.—Won, 5-3. Harris scored one try and kicked the goal.

Competition Matches.

- v. N.C.—Won, 11-9. Harris scored once and Berckleman twice; the former kicked one goal.
- v. St. J.C.—Lost, 9-0.
- v. T.S.C.—Won, 35-9. Tries by White (2), Pannifex (2), Hall, Hardy and Coote; field goal by Coote. White converted two tries and Rawling three.
- v. S.G.S.—Won 8-3. Try by Pannifex, which Rawling converted; the latter also kicked one penalty goal.
- v. St. I.C.—Won, 14-9. Tries by Pannifex (2), Urquhart and Coote; one goal by White.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 8-3. Tries by Hardy and Coote, one of which White converted.
- v. S.H.S.

3rd XV.

- v. Barker College 2nd XV. (4th June)—Won, 36-0.
- v. T.K.S. (11th June).—Lost, 8-6. Hall scored try and Barr kicked a penalty goal.
- v. S.J.C. (18th June).—Lost, 39-0.
- v. N.C. (25th June).—Won, 11-10. Jameson and Hall scored a try each and Carter kicked a penalty goal and converted one try.
- v. N.C.* (2nd July).—Won, 8-3. Pannifex and Hall scored a try each and Carter converted one try.
- v. S.J.C.* (9th July).—Won, 11-10. Coote tries, kicked a penalty goal and converted one try.
- v. S.G.S.* Lost, 17-12. Furner scored two tries, Walker and Carter scored one try.
- v. S.I.C.* (30th July).—Lost, 9-6. Griffiths and Carter scored a try each.
- v. T.K.S.* (6th August).—Won, 6-0. Robertson scored a try and Carter kicked a penalty goal.

* Indicates Competition matches.

4th XV.

- v. T.K.S. (15th June).—At Parramatta. Draw 3 all. Pennefather scored.
- v. St. J.C. (18th June).—Lost 14 nil.
- v. N.C. (2nd July).—At Stanmore. Won, 22-0. Mazoudier, Osborne, Baker, Griffiths, Whitten tries, Mazoudier and Walker converted, and Walker kicked a penalty.
- v. St. J.C. (9th July).—At School Ground. Lost, 17-0.
- v. St. I.C. (30th July).—At Riverview. Won, 21-3. Tries by Cadwallader ii (3), Robinson, Warden and Scott; Warden and Walker converted one each.
- v. T.K.S. (6th August).—At School Ground. Won, 3-0. Hyndes scored.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

Robson won in the 2nds, and School in all other grades, with Robson second in each class. Influenza interfered a great deal with the teams, and no doubt affected the result of more than one match.

School won 33 matches and drew 10; Robson won 29 matches and drew 7; Hodges won 18 matches and drew 6; Barry won 4 matches and drew 3.

The final points were:—

1st, School, 35.
2nd., Robson, 29.
3rd, Hodges, 14.
4th, Barry, 4.

1sts.

One round only was played; School House won the competition; Robson were second, Barry third, and Hodges fourth.

School and Hodges drew, 3 all. For School, Hixson i, and for Hodges, Gordon scored.

Robson beat Barry by 13 to 3. For Robson, White i, Doyle i and Pannifex scored tries; Harris i converted 2 tries. For Barry, Brooks scored a penalty goal.

Robson beat Hodges by 11 to 3. For Robson, Pannifex and Lane scored tries; Grieve also scored a penalty goal and converted one try. For Hodges, Carter i scored a penalty goal.

Barry beat Hodges by 22 points to nil. For Barry, Cadwallader i scored 3 tries, Urquhart, Pearce and Robertson i one each. Hyndes kicked two goals.

School beat Barry by 14 to 6. For School, Crossman obtained two tries, converted one and kicked a penalty goal. For Barry, Howard one try, Hyndes one penalty goal.

School beat Robson by 14 to 9. For School, Hixson i two tries, Shadforth one try and a penalty goal; Crossman converted one try.

2nds.

There were three rounds of which Robson won two and School one. Hodges came second in each round. The final positions were:—

1st Robson, 2nd Hodges, 3rd School, 4th Barry.

1st Round.

Robson beat Barry by 19 to 6. For Robson, Beckleman three tries, Furner 1, Uther ii one; Beckleman and Griffiths converted one each.

Hodges beat Barry by 6 to 5. For Hodges, Weaver and Verbrugghen scored. For Barry, Hyndes scored and Merrett converted.

Barry beat School by 12 to 6. Cadwallader ii scored two tries.

School and Hodges drew, 6 all.

School and Robson drew, 3 all.

Robson beat Hodges.

2nd Round.

Hodges beat School by 17 to nil. For Hodges, Coote three tries, Gaden and Smith iii, one each; Coote converted one try.

Robson beat Barry by 14 to 5. For Robson, Berckleman one try, Furner two, Thomson i one; Berckleman converted one. For Barry, Cadwallader ii scored and Hyndes converted.

Robson beat School by 6 to nil. Griffiths i and Furner scored.

Hodges beat Barry by 18 to 8. For Hodges, Coote scored three tries and kicked a field goal; Verbrugghen converted one

try. For Barry, Hyndes scored twice and converted one try.

School and Barry drew, 6 all. For Barry, Cadwallader ii and Halliday i scored. For School, Fowler scored twice.

Robson beat Hodges by 8 to 6. For Robson, Griffiths i and Furner scored and Hickson ii converted one try. For Hodges, Coote scored twice.

3rd Round.

School beat Hodges by 6 to 5. For School, Barr and Fowler scored. For Hodges, Coote scored and converted one try.

Robson beat Barry by 6 to nil. Harriks and Furner scored one try each.

School beat Barry by 22 to 0. Gosling scored two tries, Jameson, Hall, Busby and Barr one each; McNamara and Barr converted one each.

Hodges beat Robson by 8 to nil. Craig iii and Scott iv scored; Walker ii converted one try.

Hodges beat Barry by 6 to 3. For Hodges, Craig iii and Langley scored. For Barry, Cadwallader ii scored.

School beat Robson by 18 to 3. For School, Hall, Wheeler, Best and Fowler scored; McNamara converted three tries. For Robson, Pennefather scored.

3rds.

There were four rounds, of which School won two, Robson one. The final positions were:—1st School, 2nd Robson, 3rd Hodges, 4th Barry.

1st Round.

Robson beat Barry by 18 to 0. For Robson, McDonald two tries, Paige, Meredith, Capper, McKellar one each.

Hodges beat Barry by 17 to 8. For Hodges, Langley, Black, Melville, Perks i, and Douglas scored tries; Melville converted one.

School beat Barry by 42 to nil. Richards, Warden, Shorter ii, Busby and Chapman scored; McNamara and Busby converted one each.

Robson beat Hodges by 11 to 0. For Robson, D. Thompson two tries, Merewether one; Ramsden converted one.

School beat Hodges by 11 to 3.
School beat Robson by 15 to 4.

2nd Round.

Robson beat Barry by 21 to 0. Wilson iv, Doyle ii, McKellar, Ramsden, McDonald i, Hickson iii, Paige scored.

Hodges beat Barry 12 to 6. For Hodges, Black scored twice, Craig and Macoun once each. For Barry, Swire scored twice.

Robson beat School by 15 to 3. For Robson, Ramsden one field goal, Mackellar McDonald, Merewether one try each; Williamson converted one.

Robson beat Hodges by 52 to nil. Merewether and McDonald three tries each, Ramsden and Paige two each, Mackellar, Hickson iii, Hurd, Hill, Kennedy one each; Williamson converted four.

Barry forfeited to School.
School beat Hodges 13 to 3.

3rd Round.

School beat Hodges by 14 to 0. Warden, Busby, McNally and Shorter ii scored; McNamara converted one try.

Robson beat Barry by 33 to nil. Weir, Merewether, Paige and McDonald scored two tries each, Thompson one; Williamson converted two and Paige one.

School beat Robson by 11 to 3. For School, McNally and Warden scored tries; McNamara converted one try and kicked a penalty goal.

School beat Barry by 19 to 5. For School, Warden scored two tries, McNally and Whitty one each; Chapman converted two tries. For Barry, Merrit scored a try which Stokes converted.

Barry beat Hodges by 8 to 6. For Barry, Pilcher and Stokes scored; Stokes converted one. For Hodges, Ross scored.

Robson beat Hodges by 38 to 6. For Robson, McDonald three tries, Ramsden and Paige two each, Doyle, Mackellar, Hurd, Hickson iii one each. Ramsden converted one. For Hodges, Ralph two tries.

4th Round.

Robson beat Hodges by 20 to 5. For Robson, Hill scored three tries, McDonald, Griffiths iii, Paige one each. For Hodges, Craig scored and converted once.

School beat Barry by 23 to 0. McNally three tries, Richards ii, Carlile, Shorter i, Busby one each; Chapman converted one.

The matches Robson v. Barry and School v. Hodges were cancelled, each team being credited with a draw.

Hodges beat Barry by 11 to 3. For Hodges, Linton two tries, Craig one; Evans converted one. For Barry, Stokes one try.

School and Robson drew, nil all.

4ths.

There were four rounds. School won three rounds, Robson won one round. The final result was: 1st School, 2nd Robson, 3rd Hodges, 4th Barry.

1st Round.

Robson beat Barry by 27 to 6. For Robson, McDonald three tries, Kennedy two, Bremner i one, Griffith one; White converted three tries. For Barry, Merritt and Byrne one try each.

Robson beat School by 9 to 6. For Robson, Thomson v and White one try each, Paige kicked a penalty goal. For School, Brown and Hudson one try each.

Robson beat Hodges by 18 to 6. For Robson, Doyle ii three tries, White, Thomson v and Booth one each. For Hodges, Linton two tries.

Hodges beat Barry by 46 to nil. For Hodges, Tress scored four tries, Smith G. V. three, Evans two and two goals, Linton two, Brown ii one, Plaskitt one, Mason i one.

Barry forfeited to School.
School beat Hodges 9 to 3.

2nd Round.

School beat Hodges by 15 to nil. Ash scored three tries, Read one and a penalty goal.

Barry forfeited to Robson.

Barry forfeited to School.

School beat Robson by 26 to nil. Brown scored four tries, Tyrrell and Shields ii one each; Read secured four goals.

Robson beat Hodges by 3 to 0. Holmes scored one try.

Hodges beat Barry.

3rd Round.

Barry forfeited to Robson.

School beat Hodges by 22 to 6. For School, Brown i four tries, Boulthee one, Cobb one; Read converted two. For Hodges, Brown ii and Tress scored.

School beat Barry by 45 to 3. For School, Read four tries, Cobb, Tyrrell and Sherrington two each; Bligh ii, Bishop i, Parkinson, McColl, Boulthee one each. For Barry, Harvey scored.

Hodges beat Robson by three to nil. For Hodges, Evans scored.

School beat Robson by 16 to 8. For School, Brown three tries, McColl one; Read converted two. For Robson, Thompson ii and Holmes scored one try each, Harris ii converted one.

Hodges beat Barry by 47 to nil. Linton scored five tries, Gurr four, Mason, Jeans i, and Smith two each, Dixson iii one; Evans converted one.

4th Round.

The matches School v. Barry and Hodges v. Robson were cancelled, and the matches considered to be drawn.

School beat Hodges by 17 to 11. For School, Shields ii, Parkinson, Bligh ii, Heane ii and Read one try each; Read converted one try. For Hodges, Linton two tries, Plaskitt one; Packer iii converted one try.

Barry forfeited to Robson.

Barry forfeited to Hodges.

School and Robson drew, scores 3 all. For Robson, Ryan and for School Bligh ii scored.

5ths.

There were four rounds; School won three rounds and tied with Robson in one round. Hodges came second in two rounds. The final order was: 1st School, 2nd

1st Round.

Robson beat Barry by 26 to nil. Thompson four tries, Fletcher one, Hemery one; Hemery converted four.

School beat Hodges by 15 to nil. For School, Bray ii two tries, Ashe, Hudson and MacDonald one each.

School and Robson drew. For School, Bray ii two tries. For Robson, Hemery two tries.

Robson beat Hodges by 15 to nil. Hemery three tries, Stewart ii and Simpson iii one each.

Hodges beat Barry by 26 to nil. Gurr three tries, Craig two, King ii, Sautelle and Mort one each; King ii converted one.

School beat Barry by 19 to nil. Bray four tries, Richards ii one try; Bray converted two.

2nd Round.

Robson beat Barry by 15 to nil. Humphreys three tries, Holmes i and Nicklin one each.

School and Hodges drew, 6 all. For School, Bray ii and Waller ii scored. For Hodges, Allan kicked two penalty goals.

School beat Barry by 24 to three. For School, Bray ii four tries, Dawson ii and Harding ii one each; Bray converted three tries. For Barry, Manning one try.

School beat Robson by 11 to 3. For School, Bray ii two tries, Murdock one and one goal. For Robson, Molloy one try.

Hodges beat Barry by 18 to nil. For Hodges, Craig ii, Allan, Dickson iv and Mort scored one try each; Gurr scored two tries.

Robson drew with Hodges, 9 all. For Robson, Holmes i three tries. For Hodges, Smith iv, Linton and Stephens scored.

3rd Round.

Robson beat Barry by 18 to 3. For Robson, Holmes i four tries, Hordern one try and one penalty goal. For Barry, Bedwell ii scored.

School beat Robson by 27 to nil. Bray ii four tries, Eagles ii, Vowell, Lane, Waller i, Harding ii one each.

Hodges beat Barry by 23 to nil. Stephens iii, Deane ii, Santelle ii, Gurr and Abrahams scored tries; Allan kicked a penalty goal; Esplin converted one try.

Hodges beat Robson by 9 to 6. For Hodges, Gurr two tries, Mort one. For Robson, Humphries and Simpson iii scored.

School beat Barry by 24 to nil. Bray ii and Harding two tries each, Eagles ii, Murdock one each; Bray ii, converted three tries.

School beat Hodges by 22 to 3.

4th Round.

Barry forfeited to School.

Robson beat Hodges by 15 to 3. For Robson, Humphress four tries, Holmes ii Ryan and Scott ii one try each. For Hodges, Stephens one try.

Robson beat Barry by 36 to nil. For Robson, Humphress four tries, Homes ii two tries, Stewart ii two tries, Simpson iii, Scott v one try each. Hordern, Johnson iii and White iv converted one each.

School beat Robson by 6 to nil. Waller i and Harding ii scored.

Hodges beat Barry by 18 to nil. Craig, Allen, Dickson, Mort and Gurr scored.

School beat Hodges.

Junior Cadets.

The teams of Junior Cadets could not be fitted into the House scheme, as they were too unequal in numbers, so games were provided for them on drill days, and many of them were good contests.

Far too many of the boys brought excuses, very often on flimsy pretences, and it makes the running of any reasonable competition amongst such boys a very difficult matter.

Matches were arranged for two teams under 14 against corresponding teams from T.K.S. Those played at Parramatta were won by T.K.S., one by 17-6 and the other by 53-0. The return matches played at the School were, however, better contests, one was lost (6-3), and the other won (41-0).

In connection with these matches it is to be remarked that several boys who had been rather too consistently excused by request from the regular games at School, would, but for that, have been likely candidates for the outside matches.

'Tis a glorious winter day, as we hurry
off to play,

For the sun is beaming brightly in the
sky,

And the gently blowing breeze is just
enough to shake the trees,

While the sward beneath us stretches
hard and dry.

There is many a lusty shout as we throw
the ball about,

While the game sways back and fore
across the ground,

And the play grows fast and faster, and
we feel that we have passed a

Happy time when comes the final
whistle sound.

But it's quite another tale when there
blows a howling gale,

And the rain falls in a never-ending
shower—

All the ground is water-logged, and the
players nearly bogged,

Slip and tumble through the long and
dismal hour;

But we wallow in the pools, and we look
like muddied fools,

As we try to pass the slippery sodden
ball;

Yet for all the mud and grime, we are
happy all the time,

Till the umpire blows the final whistle
call.

OLD BOYS' UNION.

The following additions and corrections have been notified to the names and addresses of members:—

- R. P. Abbott, Barsham, Blandford.
 R. C. Bartle, Main Street, Katoomba.
 F. K. Barton, Turramurra College, Turramurra.
 W. A. Burcher, Irish Lords, Mossiel.
 H. E. Brissenden, Jelliby, via Wylong.
 F. P. Boundy, 128 Wycombe Rd., Neutral Bay.
 W. S. Capper, Box 627, G.P.O., Sydney.
 W. L. Carver, Club Hotel, Garah.
 H. F. Clarke, Rarawai Mill, Ba River, Fiji.
 R. G. Colley, Winsford, Myra Street, Wahroonga.
 H. C. Cullen, Inglewood, Turill, via Mudgee.
 E. J. Crawford, Springfield, Beechworth Road, Pymble.
 R. B. Heggaton, Hazebrouch, Murrumburrah.
 W. H. Harris, Westhall, 135 Queen St., Woollahra.
 R. Lytton-Hitchins, The Hut, Mossvale.
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 F. G. Hocken, West Wallsend, Newcastle
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 G. T. King, Yarrowah, Sinclair St., Wollstonecraft.
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 A. Phillips, Greyholme, Piambra, Mudgee Line.
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 L. O. Rutherford, Uig Lodge, Wentworth Court, Point Piper.
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 K. Martin-Smith, Wallamari, Binya.
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 W. E. Tait, Dundas.
 B. N. Wells, c/o J. F. Leacock, Esq., Glenfield Farm, Liverpool, N.S.W.
 W. G. Wilson, Experimental Farm, Bathurst.
 R. Wevell, c/o Mr. J. R. Wilson, Chemist, Gundagai.
 W. Yeend, Lamoi, Old South Head Road, Bondi.

In the annual football match at Northbridge on April 28th, there was a good number of prominent footballers of the past, including D. C. Suttor (Capt.), C. S. R. Pountney, R. W. L. Boyce, M. T. Hall, J. and W. Manchee, L. Bennett, C. K. Sheedy, A. H. Curlewis, R. A. S. Murray, W. P. Bragg, S. H. Litch-

field, E. A. F. Smith. An account of the game may be found in the Football article.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Burlington Cafe, on April 29, 1921, and proved a great success. Old Boys representing nearly every year since the foundation of the School were present. The guests were His Grace the Archbishop and Messrs. Colin Bell, E. E. Brooks, Donald Esplin, F. W. Hixson, H. E. McIntosh, Allan Ramsay and Professor E. R. Holme. Apologies were received for being unable to attend from the Hon. R. J. Black, Judge Backhouse, A. F. Robinson, R. Sinclair. The toasts were "The King," proposed by the President (Mr. W. A. Purves); "The School and the Union," proposed by Dr. A. H. Moseley and Mr. Dudley Williams, and responded to by the President and Mr. Macartney Abbott), "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. H. V. Jaques and Mr. A. A. Heath, and responded to by Mr. Colin Bell. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very successful evening to a close. The arrangements were made by Mr. J. L. Pulling, Dr. A. H. Moseley and Mr. A. A. Heath, who are to be warmly congratulated on the result.

As a large number of Old Boys are living within easy distance of one another in various centres in the country, it has been suggested that there should be several gatherings on the same date as the Annual Din-

ner in Sydney. The Hon. Treasurer has received a good number of letters to this effect, and it is to be hoped that something of the kind will be done in the near future.

Dr. C. C. Minty is now Medical Superintendent of the Nukualofa Hospital, Tonga.

J. Jeremy has been transferred from the Commonwealth Bank in Sydney to the branch of the same bank in Charters Towers, Queensland.

L. H. Lehmaier has, by permission of the Attorney General in November, 1919, reassumed his old family name of Lemaire. He leaves Sydney for New York and South America on the 19th inst. His new address is L. H. Lemaire, 906 West End Avenue, New York, U.S.A.

H. C. H. Nicholls has left the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission at Leeton owing to the Government closing down the whole of the Architectural Branch, and is now practising his profession as architect at 519 David Street, Albury.

Dr. G. R. Hamilton has started his profession as a skin specialist and has rooms in Macquarie Street.

In our last issue, by a printer's error, K. A. Cameron's address in England was given as Ragly instead of Rugby.

Heartly congratulations to Major Cairns Anderson on graduating with first-class Honours in the Engineering School of the Birmingham University, and on winning the Bowen Research scholarship.

John K. Shirley has just returned from America on holiday. He spent his term of articles with Messrs. Kent, Budden and Greenwell, Architects, Sydney, and was advised to go abroad for some further experience before setting up in practice for himself. He therefore decided to take a special advanced course in Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, but before doing so, he spent six months, and got a lot of experience, in some of the large American offices. At the end of the first year at the University, he intended going to New York for further experience, but owing to a great slump in the building trade, very little was doing, and he came on a visit home instead. He leaves by the "Marama" shortly to complete his course in the U.S.A., and then intends to go to England, France, and Italy, before returning to Australia about Christmas twelve-month to start on his own. He asks any Old Boys who are going to the University of Pennsylvania to look him up. His address is c/o the Department of Agriculture.

Gregory is still keeping up his reputation with the ball in England and has lately been giving an exhibition of fast scoring and big hitting.

Norman Peach's team were successful in the Davis' Cup contest v. Canada, and also v. England.

Major G. H. Vernon, M.C., was appointed last year by the Australian Board of Missions to visit some of the Mission Stations and send in a report. He began his tour in August by visiting Yarrabah, where he found the general health of the natives in the reserve very good. He went next to Thursday Island and visited Moa and one of two of the neighbouring islands, and "held a dental seance for some of the coloured ladies," besides doing some research work for hookworm. Then on to the Mitchell River by the Francis Pritt." A description of the trip will be found in the A.B.M. "Review" for December last. He was most enthusiastic about all he saw of the Mission work which is being carried on under Mr. Matthews. Major Vernon returned overland to his own coconut plantation near Port Douglas, although it meant walking the last forty miles. Anything was better than another trip in the "Francis Pritt!"

After a short interval at home, the Major went to New Guinea to inspect the various sections of the Anglican Mission over there and again sent satisfactory reports. This concluded his tour, which seems to have been a very pleasant one. Major Vernon has now gone to Thursday Island in Dr. Markwell's place for a time, leaving his partner, Sergt. Thorpe in charge of the coconuts.

B. O. Mocatta writes from Kaiuring, in the N.W. Pacific Islands. After returning from active service he settled down to study Law, to follow in his father's footsteps, but after working one year for the profession he found that he was never inclined or adapted to its studies, so, after consultation, he and some friends decided to try their luck in the tropics, where they are now all settled, and unanimously thought that there was no life like that which they were leading and which consisted of running a plantation, natives and so forth. Among his friends who went out with him was Geoffrey Braddon, whose plantation is about twenty miles away. They are the only School representatives, but the other five are all G.P.S. boys. They all have motor cycles, so that during the week-ends they are always able to gather at the different places in turn and so enjoy a good week-end together. The roads on the island are exceptionally good, so that they are fortunate in that respect with regard to motor cycling.

He adds that though too far away to take an active part in the School's doings, he was always most interested in them, and looked forward to the "Torch-Bearer" at all times.

Writing from New College, Oxford, on June 8th, Vernon Treatt, our Rhodes scholar, tells us that in the "eights" New College bumped Magdalen on the second night going and remaining head of the river. He himself rowed in their second eight,

which bumped B.N.C. and Keble. At the time of writing he had been selected as ninth man for the first eight which was entered for Henley. He finds his Law work extremely interesting. After Henley, he was to go for a tour through France and Germany, which reminds us that he was one of the first to discover the supposed "Corpse Factory" (which he soon found to be nothing of the sort) when he was in the war.

Congratulations to H. F. Clarke on his marriage. He is now at the Rarawai Mill, Ba River, Fiji.

Edgar and Rupert Palmer are leaving soon for England to complete their medical course. Their address will be Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge.

The Hon. Treasurer has received a postal note for 4/6 (No. C 87929B) and sixpence in stamps. Postal stamp is Upper Manilla. Will sender please communicate with the Hon. Treasurer.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge subscriptions for the following received up to August for the year ending May 4th, 1922:—

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A. H. Yarnold (1923), W. Yeend.

BIRTHS.

Meynink.—May 26th, 1921, the wife of H. R. Meynink, of Minargo; Col-larencbri, N.S.W.—a son.

McMaster.—June 8th, at Beaufort Court, Darlinghurst, the wife of Leslie John McMaster, Binnia Downs, Coolah—a son.

Pockley.—June 10th, at Myrong, Wellington Street, Woollahra, the wife of Dr. Guy Antill Pockley—a daughter.

Peach.—On May 4th, at "Hinemoa," Kogarah, the wife of Francis Peach—a son.

MARRIAGES.

Briggs—Stevenson.—On March 10th 1921, at Terra Bella, by the Rev. Canon Barry Brown: George Douglas, son of the late Mr. George and Mrs. Briggs, Delf Hill,

Tomingley, to Ethel Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, Terra Bella.
 24th, at Boogadah, New Mollyan, by the Rev. E. S. Benyon: R. Keith, youngest son of the late F. S. MacCulloch, of Buckinbah, Yeoval, and Mrs. K. MacCulloch, of Sutherland, to Nora, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hos-

king, of Boogadah, New Mollyan.
 Buck—Wilshire.—On March 30th, at St. James' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Walker Charles Francis: C. F. Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Buck, Sydney, to Irene Gilbert, daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Wilshire and Mrs. Wilshire, Chatswood.
 MacCulloch—Hosking.—On March

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION.

Balance Sheet as at 25th March, 1921.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Benevolent Fund ..			15	2	1
Life Membership ..	258	19 0	Cash at Savings Bank ..	337	10 8
Add. New Mem.	147	0 0	War Loan ..	350	0 0
	405	19 0			
Less Deprecia- tion Life Mem- bership on basis of 17 and 21 years.	26	0 0			
		379	19	0	
Subscriptions paid in Advance—					
1922 ..	53	5 0			
1923 ..	20	5 0			
1924 ..	9	0 0			
1925 ..	1	0 0			
1926 ..	10	0 0			
1927 ..	5	0 0			
		84	5	0	
Income and Expen- diture Account—					
Balance, 25/3/20	314	14 9			
Less Loss ..	106	10 2			
		208	4	7	
		£687	10	8	
					£687 10 8

Having audited the books and vouchers of the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Old Boys' Union, I hereby certify the above figures to be in accord ancetherewith.

N. Y. DEANE,

23rd May, 1921.

C/o Brooks & Deane Incorporated Accountants
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THE TORCH-BEARER.

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Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 25th March, 1921.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Scholarship				23		8	By Life Membership	366		0			
" "Torch-Bearer"				50		0	New Members	147		0			
" School Prizes				3		0							
" Cost of Badges				12		10							
" Stamps, Registration, addressing envelopes, etc.	32		0					513		9			
" Printing				14		7	" Annual Apportionment to Revenue on a basis of 17 to 21 years				26		0
" Donation Memorial Sports Ground				105		0	" Subscriptions	61		15			0
" Stationery				1		15	" Add. receipts for this period	159		10			0
" Head Master's Portrait	63		0										
Less in hand	5		7	6	57	12	221		5				
" Loss on Dinner	13		12				Less subscriptions paid in advance per Balance Sheet	84		5		0	137
Less refund	3		13				" Interest, Sav. Bk.	10		15			2
							" " War Loan	15		15			0
							" Sale of Badges						13
													203
							" Balance						106
													0
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" Balance brought forward, 1920 314 14 9
 Less loss as above B/D 106 10 2

£208 4 7

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 25th March, 1921.

To Balance, 25/3/20	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Scholarship	£	s.	d.	By "Torch-Bearer"	£	s.	d.
				305		18	" School Prizes	3		3	" Cost of Badges	12		10
" Subscriptions	159		10				" Stamps, Registration, addressing envelopes, etc.	32		0	" Printing	14		7
" Life members	147		0				" Donation Memorial Sports Ground	105		0	" Stationery	1		15
" Interest	26		10				" Head Master's Portrait	63		0	" Loss on Dinner	9		19
" Sale of Badges				13		0	" Balance				337		10	
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SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Term iii, 1921.

September 12.—1st day of Term.

September 17.—School Fete on School grounds.

September 24.—1st XI v. Y.M.C.A., Northbridge.

September 30.—Annual Meeting of O.B.U., Cricket Match, Tennis Match.

October 1.—1st XI v. S.H.S., Northbridge.

October 8.—All Schools' Athletic Meeting.

October 9.—Open Sunday; Preacher: Bishop of Newcastle.

October 15.—1st XI v. T.K.S. at Parramatta.

October 22.—1st XI v. S.G.S., Northbridge.

October 29.—1st XI v. Scot's College, Bellevue Hill.

November 3.—Confirmation by His Grace the Archbishop.

November 5.—1st XI v. N.C., Northbridge.

November 12.—1st XI v. S.J.C., Hunter's Hill.

November 16.—All Schools v. University.

November 19.—1st XI v. I Zingari, Northbridge.

November 23.—All Schools v. N.S.W.C.A.

November 26.—1st XI v. Wanderers, Northbridge.

The Editors acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines:—
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