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EDITORIAL.

NEWS AND NOTES.

FOOTBALL at the School has been steadily declining for the last few years. There is a melancholy pleasure in feeling that it cannot possibly sink much lower than it is at present. The cause of our ill-success in this respect is not far to seek. If we send teams that have had neither practice nor training, to meet teams that are thoroughly trained and in thorough practice, what can we expect but the natural result? A correspondent states that the Grammar School team has had only *two* practice matches this season, and the season is nearly over! One cannot feel surprised that the question is being asked, "whose fault is this?" The question will, of course, be answered with the stock excuse of the difficulty of organising sports in a day-school. It may, perhaps, be sufficient to reply, that, under the management of the late Mr. Francis, when neither the numbers nor the general spirit of the School were superior to what they are present, the Grammar School always had a good team to represent it. Might one also venture to suggest that the members of the Zealandia and Strathfield teams, for instance, do not belong to a boarding school? It can hardly be a matter for surprise that those who care for the good name of the School do not feel very happy about the management of the School football.

Everyone must be pleased to notice the improvement that has taken place in the internal appearance of the School in consequence of the repairs effected during the holidays. This result is due to the energy and taste of Mr. Hewlett, and to his persuasive influence with the Trustees, who indeed have treated the school very generously in this as in other respects. To the same happy combination may be attributed the realisation of the new tennis ground (the completion of which has been delayed only by the constant rain), and the near prospect of a gymnasium, for the erection of which tenders have already been invited. Some of the apparatus has already been procured, and more has been ordered. The Trustees have offered to erect the building; the cost of the furniture and internal fittings will be defrayed by the fund subscribed by the old boys.

Natural science seems likely to become an important factor in the intellectual life of the School. Enthusiastic and efficient teaching is creating, as its natural complement, genuine interest in the subject, and the promise of good work. It is satisfactory to know that the facilities afforded by the erection of the new science room are in process of being utilised to their full extent. There are rumours of an Honour Examination in Science at the University Matriculation Examination, and of the possibility of the foundation of an entrance Scholarship in this subject.

The Debating and Literary Society has, under its new management, taken a new lease of life, and has undoubtedly developed a large amount of interest in various literary, social and political questions. Our social

reformers are discussing female suffrage with all the ardour and gallantry of youth, tempered with due regard for the maintenance of masculine prerogatives, and our budding politicians are considering the possibilities of Federation. If education consists, as Horace says (we must ask pardon for quoting so hackneyed an authority), in the capacity for forming right views and in the power of expressing such views—*sapere et fari*—the intellectual advantages of a well organised and well conducted debating society can hardly be exaggerated.

The addition of the name of Mr. Purves, B.A., Queen's College, Cambridge, to the list of our masters, has strengthened our teaching power, and will also, we venture to anticipate, introduce a wholesome influence into the athletic side of our School life. Mr. Purves comes to us with high credentials from a good school in England.

We congratulate Mr. S. Taylor upon winning the second year Scholarship at the Corpus College, Cambridge, and Griffith (recently a member of the Fifth Form) upon his appointment to a Junior Librarianship at the University.

THE OLD SCHOOL.

I.

Some fair thoughts of the past are clinging here
 To these bare walls ; 'twas here the English tones
 Of SPENSER'S muse first fell upon my ear,
 And I drank faery wine that drowns the sense
 In misty visions, where the glint of spear
 And shield throws doubtful shimmer through the dense
 Black shades, and mailed feet echo on the stones—
 Or day-dawn tints the clouds with marges clear
 And hunts the night with hasty steps away ;
 Here too, I heard the mighty thunderous cry
 Of AESCHYLUS,—the stormy midnight sky
 That saw Prometheus met my wondering gaze,
 With crash of battle when the lurid blaze
 Of jagged lightning mocked the face of day.

II.

Here MILTON'S daring rime rolled out for me,
 And Satan walked upon the burning shore
 Of Hell—a soul that brooked not slavery
 But stood erect and dared Almighty God
 To wreak His utmost vengeance—he was free,
 Now more than ever, when his proud feet trod
 The dungeon where his fellows bowed before
 His will, and he nor bowed nor bent the knee
 To any : Here the luscious notes, that cling
 About the mind with sweetness never old,
 I learnt from that "smooth" tale that MARLOWE told,—
 Undaunted Son of Phœbus ! Star of morn,
 Whose radiance led Shakspeare ! tempest-borne
 From age to age they living numbers sing.

J. LE GAY BRERETON.

MY FIRST RIDE.

Listen 'till I tell you of my first long country ride,
 When, to mount on horseback, I diligently tried.
 I thought 'twas very easy, and therefore calmly strode,
 To the fiery little galloway which I had never rode.
 He glanced at me, as much to say, " You look like something new,
 And this I could have told him was *very, very* true.
 The groom winked at the stable boy, the boy he winked at me,
 But no ! I was not frightened, as you very soon will see.
 I raised my hand to pat him, he took it very well,
 And thinks I to myself, I'll do it like a swell.
 The reins in my left hand I took, and grasped his glossy mane,
 And tried and tried to mount him, but tried and tried in vain.
 I led him to fence hard by, and climbed the topmost rail,
 And with one bound I sat him, but quite too near his tail ;
 For, foaming like a war horse, he raised his heels straight high,
 And with one kick he sent me advancing towards the sky.
 I saw the stars shine brightly, I felt my brain whiz round,
 And woke up to find me, lying flat upon the ground.
 I was none the worse for busters, and having often tried,
 Can now take with safety, my long lone country ride.

" EPOC.

EPITAPHS.

IN wandering through old cemeteries in England one often sees some very curious epitaphs, some which are well worth reading. They generally appear to have been written about the seventeenth century.

The shortest epitaph which rhymes is—

Thorpe's
 Corpse.

Some of them are also advertisements, as the following :—

Beneath this stone in hopes of Zion,
 Doth lie the landlord of the Lion.
 His wife keeps on the business still,
 Resigned unto the heavenly will.

Here we have another :—

Here lies
 The body of John Watson.
 Undertaker. His wife still carries on the
 business at the old place.

One does not often see an epitaph with an answer, but here is one :—

Oh ! do not weep, my husband dear,
 I am not dead, though buried here,
 So mend your ways prepared to die,
 For soon you are to come to I.

To which is added.)

I do not weep, my dearest life,
 For I have got another wife ;
 Therefore I cannot go to thee,
 For I must stay and cherish she.

Sometimes they make fun of a name, as :—

Beneath this heap of dust and stones,
Lies the body of Mary Jones,
Her name was Smith, and was not Jones,
But Jones was put to rhyme with stones.

Over Shakspeare's grave are the lines :—

Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here ;
Blest be the man that spares these stones,
And curst be he that moves my bones.

On a tombstone in Roslyn Chapel one may see :—

Underneath this stone doth lie,
As much of beauty as could die ;
Which while it lived did vigour give
To as much virtue as could live.

BROMSGROVE.

A. H—

Advent of the Heathen.—He putteth up a sign.

The Celestial hath come like a wolf on the fold,
With his tea-caddies gleaming in scarlet and gold,
In the street of the King he has 'stablished his mart,
And displays in great letters the name of Quong Tart.

And the young are attracted thereby.

And the home of the Muses is orphaned and lone,
And the heart of the caterer turneth to stone,
And the Great Chief himself felt a chill at his heart,
When he heard of the tea and the soup of Quong Tart.

Lament of ye Caterer.

“ With the fattest of oxen their fathers were fed,
With the tend'rest of mutton, the whitest of bread ;
But they yearn for the flesh-pots of China—and part
With their sixpences freely to fatten Quong Tart.”

Consternation of ye Chief—Current of his thoughts.

No more shall we look on the heroes so bold
Who have fought for the School in the brave days of old,
For the lion of England lies struck by the dart,
Whilst his whelps lap the soup and the tea of Quong Tart.

Invocation of ye Chief by ye public fathers.

Oh Lion, arouse thee ! 'ere yet 'tis too late,
Save thy young from the heathen, thy land from its fate !
Pluck the tea-poisoned shaft from its home in thy heart,
And rescue the doomed from the wiles of Quong Tart.

“CONFUCIUS.”

WHAT YOU WILL.

“ For no man ever yet changed peace for war
 But that he meant to conquer. . . .
 Draw then your swords.”—*Ben Jonson.*

In the *Sydneian* of May the Lower School were asked to send more contributions to this magazine. Lower School, you have responded, but I confess I don't quite see the drift of the following, which was found in the Lower School *Sydneian* box :—

To be published.

I have much pleasure in sending you this note to the effect that your magazine has not been well received in the Lower School. You can buy 3 echoes and 3 evening stars, but only one *Sydneian*. I am, a sufferer,
 R. X. Y.

The Editors—I presume the Editors are addressed—are reminded with pleasure of the fact that their magazine has not been well received in the Lower School. Is it not rather hard to remind the poor Editors of what they know only too well? But the letter goes on to volunteer some information, the first part of which is no doubt true; as for the last part I am sure the Editors will deny it. Our friend says, “ You can buy 3 echoes and 3 evening stars,” and so you can, if he refers to two well known evening papers: I rather think that it is possible to buy 3 *Sydney Morning Herald*s and even three copies of the *Evening News*; all this is true. But to say that you can buy only one *Sydneian* is false, undeniably false; I know for a certainty that there are upwards of 40 copies of the last issue left over. The Editors will be only too glad, I am sure, to sell all these copies to R. X. Y. R. X. Y. says he is a sufferer, poor fellow! What from?

I suppose the whole gist of this little letter is this: that the price of the *Sydneian* should be one penny (or less, for it has not so much reading matter in it as any of the daily papers!), and then R. X. Y. would not have the pleasure of telling us that the magazine was not well received in the Lower School. Will someone please advance an argument that will convince of their absurdity, those who refuse to pay sixpence for their School paper because, as they say, it is possible to get a daily paper, in which there is far more reading matter, for one-sixth the price?

For my own part I think it is a hopeless task to try to convince such people of anything. May they ever be few and far between. R. X. Y., you must excuse me for what I have said about your letter, but I verily believe you are one of these hopeless individuals.

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Some well meaning person sends an anonymous contribution which he calls “ *Illustrated Poetry* ”; it is a pity he uses such a poor term for such a masterpiece. However, opinions differ as to whether it would be “ an improvement for the *Sydneian*.”

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I was surprised to see that another (*vide* “ *A Relic of the Past* ”) besides myself has found an old Roman relic in the excavations which were being made some little time ago for the new tennis court. The finding of these ancient manuscripts—for they must be very ancient—seems to open up new

paths of Ancient History. My find seems to be a letter written by a boy at school, to his father. After a good deal of trouble I have managed to make it intelligible. It runs as follows:—"Tommius patri suo salutem dat. Ego sum tristissimus tibi dicere nos heri ludum amisisse, quod est durae lineae. Magistri nostri non videntur curare multum de ludis. Malunt facere nos sudare ad libros quos odimus. Sunt qui etiam interdum contra nos ludant, quod est pessima forma. Illi erunt in cera si hoc videbunt. Nunquam mens! Quid est impares dum vos felices sitis? Cura ut pecuniam ad me quam prinum mittas, quia sum brevissimus. Meus natalis dies mox veniet—bonum ferrum! Saluta matrem nostram et omnes haedos. Multum te amanus. Vale.

P.S.—Non possum plura scribere quia tintinnabulum ivit.

My mental ejaculation on first reading the above was, "There is nothing new under the sun"; however, as far as the masters are concerned, fortunately for us, we have many happy exceptions.

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"And still they come, and more and more and more." The author of "Alice in Wonderland" used this line in referring to oysters, I do so in referring to correspondents. I really must thank them for affording me something to write about; the plea "I don't know what to write about" is a common one now. A gentleman who signs himself "Black-board" says—

SIRS,—Noticing last week a remarkably stale notice about the *Sydneian*, I wrote the enclosed placard. Hoping you will take a hint from its style,
I am, &c —BLACK-BOARD.

N.B.—The accompanying is only a hint. The writer of this, wrote that "remarkably stale notice," and he is sincerely grateful for "Black-board's" hint. However, if "Black-board" had as much to do as M. E. just now, he would be content with a short "stale" notice, and one not so much elaborated as the "hint" to the Editors. If "Black-board" would only send in his name, the Editors would be very glad of his services on future occasions.
M.E.

ON MILITARY MATTERS.

WE are, and we are not, a military people. We are a military people inasmuch as, when the war trumpet sounds, there is no limit to the eager rush to place ourselves in the forefront of the battle, heedless of all personal considerations, and, leaving the comfort and attractions of home and friends, we gladly suffer the hardships and privations of a campaign, to say nothing of the torture of wounds and mangled limbs, and even death itself at the cannon's mouth, if only we are allowed to enrol ourselves under our country's flag and bear our part in the struggle for renown. And yet we are not a military people, inasmuch as, war once over, we immediately return to our peaceful pursuit of wealth, and almost grudge the annual outlay from our money bags which is necessary for maintaining the ordinary defences of our shores in anything like a reasonable condition of repair.

When the enthusiasm is at its height no expense is too great for carrying on the operations of war, and the country's purse-strings are freely unloosed

to buy, regardless of cost, whatever is needful to provide in men and material for the conduct of the campaign. Would it not be better if we could adopt a system between these two extremes, and, whilst possessing a wholesome horror of international strife, so maintain our defences, that in times of peace we may be actually secure from the attacks of a rapacious neighbour? On the same principle that we fasten our doors and windows against the depredations of possible midnight assailants, we should, if we were wise, be in a constant state of preparedness to resist the invasion of our shores by a foreign foe. The rate of wages in Australia rendering it impossible to maintain a paid defence force at all in keeping with its mighty interests and territorial importance, it behoves every able-bodied individual of the male population to contribute his quota of armed strength to the country's safety by undergoing a course of military training which shall fit him to take his place, in the event of invasion, in the front line of defence. The small portion of his leisure time—snatched perhaps from cricket or football—which it would be requisite to devote to military exercises in order to make him an efficient item of defence, could hardly be grudged even by the most pleasure-loving of the community, while on the other hand the utmost personal benefit would be gained, in a physical sense, by the improved carriage and erect gait so easily discernible in the man who has been trained in military deportment and the correct movement of his limbs. The society of one's comrades in arms, and friendly rivalry at the rifle butts, would, under proper arrangement by military authority, effectually prevent the monotony of the drill-shed from rendering the course of training in warlike exercises devoid of interest and competitive skill.

There surely can be no more manly accomplishment, nor one more deserving of praise and commendation from relatives and friends, than the efficient service of one's country in safeguarding hearth and homes from foreign aggression and peril. "Pro aris et focis."

MILES.

A RELIC OF THE PAST.

THE following strange manuscript was dug up where the new tennis court is being made. Since the occurrences and the names of the principal actors bear some faint resemblance to what happened on Friday, the 24th, and the officers of the present Cadet Corps, it gives us great pleasure to present it to the Editors for publication.

(If anyone cares to go rooting in the court he *may* find similar documents.)

Behold! On the day set apart for the worship of Venus, there mustered in the Campus Martius adjoining this noble building, numberless youths clothed in raiment streaked with the tints of the setting sun; their number containing both the clothes-worn veterans who served during the last campaign and made themselves a name on the blood-stained field of Wivenhoe, under the able command of the Dictator Gaius Publius Bailius, and also stalwart sons of citizens, who, having thrown off civic toga, have

lately assumed warlike apparel and burnished accoutrements, worthy of Mars himself. Their leader, the noble Consul Aulus Balbus Guigallius, is much incensed at the prolonged absence of the warlike leader of the Further Gauls, and despatches a trusty messenger to require his immediate attendance. When he has arrived the brave band prepare to set out on their expedition, but during the delay an apparition blotting out the light of day had appeared in the sky, striking even the boldest with alarm. The brave Consul himself, at a conclave of his colleagues, said to the Praetor Farrarius, "Methinks it looks threatening." Nevertheless the command to advance was given, and through the wide opened portals swept forth the vast array, and gained the sacred grove in safety. The musicians led the way; after them came the hardy Mountaineers, under the renowned Farrarius and his colleague the skilled Sorius; after them marched the dark-skinned warriors from Further Gaul. But as they paced the grove, listening to the wild strains of an alien race, Jupiter Pluvius in anger sent down grievous rain upon them. The warriors' faces are blanched, but they still courageously march on. At length, fears being entertained for their safety, the gallant Consul commanded a retreat to be made; but soon, stricken with fear, their speed increased till the grove seemed to fly past them while they went. At last, the perils and dangers of the way having been escaped, the expedition gained the shelter of the stronghold whence they had issued.

Notes for proper understanding of above:—

Tints of the setting sun—May mean the red stripe down the Cadets' trousers.

Stalwart sons of citizens, &c.—May mean recruits.

Further Gaul—We suppose the Lower School.

Mountaineers—Upper School.

Dark-skinned—Dirty-faced.

Blanched—The aforesaid dirt washed off.

STRAY NOTES.

Surely, surely slumber is more sweet than toil.—*The Lotus-eaters.*

ONCE more has the Sydney Grammar School been beaten by every representative school in the colony at football. Of course, as your editorial in the ninety-fourth number of the *Sydneyian* puts it, "The Grammar School labours under special disabilities with regard to sports," but that is only the greater reason why the sports committee should be especially energetic; instead of that, however, they are especially lazy. Last year we had an energetic committeeman in Taylor, who, despite the apathy of the rest of the committee, got up sometimes two practice matches a week: this season there have been two practice matches altogether—one at the beginning of the season, and one at the beginning of this quarter: half of the committee attended the first, not one of them attended the second. The working members of the committee should remember that it is one thing to do one's best to win on the day of a match, but quite another thing to do one's best in the weeks and months before the match

as well. It is not so very long ago that the Grammar School was first in football as well as in cricket; many boys at present at the School can remember when the "Past and Present" team tied the picked champions of England, and gave them the hardest match they played in New South Wales. I feel sure we have the material for a very good team in the School if only it were properly worked up. Let us all then awake from our torpor and do what can be done thus late in the season; if we can't win with the first fifteen, let us at least win with the second. Next year, perhaps, the committee may start in time, and we may be first in the badges. At all events, we can only hope so. EMO.

SCHOOL NEWS.

EXAMINATIONS, JUNE, 1891.

THE following 1st classes have been awarded in the various Schools:—

Upper Classical School.—English—Strickland, Mitchell, Whitfeld, Griffith i., Ludovici, Cargill, Auld, Barry, Stephen i., Kater, Nicholls, Docker, Quaife i., Smail, Cowlshaw, Riley i.

Commercial School.—English—English, Duguid, Howell, Brownrigg, Pitt, Rogers, Roberts, Ahearn, Hall, Skuthorpe, Sutherland, Skinner, Palmer, Coates, Black iii. History: Harris ii., Brownrigg, Duguid, Johnson i., Howell, Pettit, Rogers, Friend, Pitt, Saxton i., Woodbridge, Coates, Black iii. Geography: Duguid, Brownrigg, Aitken, Rock, Harris ii., Rogers, Roberts, Quodling, Royds, Black iii., Coates, Hall. French: Friend, Saxton i., Sutherland, Coates, Kirkpatrick, Duvé, Akhurst i, Witts. Arithmetic: Greenwood, Roberts, Kirkpatrick, Hall, Myers iii., Witts, Jordan. Short-hand: Brownrigg, Lions, Chapman, Hough, Wood ii., Cowdery, Hall, Muir ii., Smith ii., Friend, Rogers, Pitt, Howell.

Lower School.—English—Beveridge, Black i., Hammond, Hill i., Jones ii., Brodziak, Geddes, Hunt, Norman, Stephen iv., Deck, Ford, Perdriau, Plomley ii., Robinson, Stevenson ii., Thompson i., Williamson, Charlton, Harris iv., Hill ii., Holmes, White iii., Bavin, Cooper, Dunn, Gibson ii., Lack, Osborne, Reynolds, Smithers ii., Solomons iii. Latin: Browne iii., Hammond, Hill i., Levi, Littlemore ii., Mack, Onus, Smith ii., Toogood, Maxted ii., Stephen iv., Williams, Ford, Perdriau, Plomley ii., Robinson, Stephen v., Vernon ii., Williamson, Holmes, Maclaurin ii., McLachlan, Solomons ii., White iii., Bavin, Gibson ii., Hall i., Osborne, Smithers ii., Saxton. French: Hammond, Hill i., Smith ii., Lees, Stephen iv., Farrar i., Williamson, Deane, Harris iv., Heron, Hill ii., Holmes, Salenger ii., White iii.

JUNIOR KNOX PRIZE.—The competition this half-year was, if anything, keener than usual. The marks would have been much closer had not two of the most likely candidates been disabled by accidents; Beveridge was absent from school nearly a month, and Hedemann, through a mishap at football, was only able to take four papers. This does not, however, in any way detract from the honour due to the winner, whose marks speak for themselves. Result: maximum, 1740: Hammond, 1616; Beveridge, 1409; Smith ii., 1318: Onus, 1315; Jones ii. 1306; Hill i., 1293; Vernon i., 1292. Ten others competed.

The following scale of marks has been approved as the basis for the award of the Senior Knox Prize:—Latin, 500; Greek, 500; German, 500; French, 300; English, 300; History, 300; Natural Science, 300; Mathematics, 1000.

In the first number of the *Sydneian*, published September, 1875, there appeared the following letter:—"Mr. Editor, Can you tell me when we are going to have a gymnasium? I heard people talking about it some time ago, but the trustees seem to have forgotten all about it. I think if we had one it would be a very good thing for the School.—I remain, Sir, yours very truly,—IV. C."

In reply to this letter, we are in a position to inform "IV. C." that the trustees have not "forgotten all about it." Tenders for the erection of a large gymnasium are now being called for, and a letter ordering all necessary apparatus has been despatched to England. The trustees are providing the building. The fund raised some time ago by old boys will furnish most of the fittings; and we believe that when the gymnasium is finished (probably before next Christmas), it will be the most complete in the colonies.

We are glad to notice signs of vitality in the new tennis court. The delay in completion is due entirely to the negligence of the clerk of the weather, who is mainly responsible for a great deal of discomfort at the present time. However, our eye is upon him.

The organisation of the *Sydneian* has now been carried a step further, as was suggested in our last. Some new members of committee have been added, and the work has been more equally distributed than has been hitherto found possible. The committee now consists of the Headmaster, Mr. Giles, Mr. Vaughan, Pain, Hunt i., Cope, Whitfield, Harris ii., Huntley, Hunt ii. The work is divided between them as follows:—Mr. Giles takes the finance and Mr. Vaughan the general superintendence; Pain keeps his position of business editor, and has charge of all that belongs to the publication and distribution of each *Sydneian*; Hunt i. will be accountable to Mr. Giles for moneys received on its account; to each of the others has been allotted a definite part of the School to be worked up in the interests of the Magazine. This arrangement ought to prove useful; it must be so if each one will set himself earnestly and resolutely to work without hesitation or delay; and if there arise amongst us a real spirit of generous rivalry, through which each will vie with the others in having the best record to show at our editorial conferences, tangible results will be seen in the increased number of subscribers and of contributors, and in the wider and more fruitful range of suggestions towards increasing the usefulness and popularity of the *Sydneian*. Other results, not so tangible but none the less real, should be the wider interest shown in each new issue, and the fuller recognition of the Magazine as an important bond of School unity. We have to remark with pleasure on the larger number of contributions that have been already sent in. Some have been used, some held over for a time, and a few have had to be rejected. Without entering more into detail, we feel bound to repeat the advice that

has been so often offered to contributors, and offered apparently to little purpose—learn to write prose correctly before you attempt poetry, and even then pause before venturing on so delicate an undertaking.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

THE meeting for this year has been fixed for September 12th. That date is not altogether satisfactory, being the Saturday immediately before the Public Examinations. The Association Ground, however, is in such demand that it was only by an early application that a date was secured at all; but, after all, an outing on that Saturday will be the best thing for those candidates who have previously worked steadily and well. It is a long time since there was such a dearth of really good runners in the School, but the fact that cracks are scarce should encourage less speedy youngsters to enter in larger numbers. In the matter of the intervals between the different races, we shall profit by last year's experience, and guard against those tedious delays, that were the main (and almost only) objectionable feature of our last meeting. The ground authorities have adopted the plan of limiting the number of complimentary tickets, and consequently boys will have to be content with fewer than last year. We print the programme, a perusal of which will show a few departures from our last list of events. Kicking the football takes the place of throwing the cricket ball, the idea being to encourage each sport in alternate years. To meet a seemingly general demand, a mile bicycle contest for Grammar School boys has been added; contestants may ride any species of machine, but must state on entering the style of such machine. The distance for the "under 16" race has been reduced to 220 yards. The entries for handicap races will close about Wednesday, September 2nd, and for other races about the following Friday. We append the programme in the probable order of running:—

PROGRAMME.—(1) 300 yards maiden handicap; (2) 100 yards champion; (3) 120 yards under 14 handicap; (4) 440 yards house cup handicap; (5) 220 yards Lower School handicap; (6) 1 mile School bicycle handicap; (7) kicking football, place kick; (8) 220 yards School cup handicap; (9) mile walk handicap; (10) 120 yards hurdle handicap; (11) 220 yards all schools; (12) 220 yards under 16 handicap; (13) 150 yards old boys, handicap; (14) 150 yards handicap; (15) 3 miles bicycle handicap; (16) 440 yards handicap; (17) 220 yards strangers' handicap; (18) sack race; (19) half-mile handicap; (20) egg and spoon race.

FOOTBALL.

THE WESTERN TRIP.

OUR expedition into the Western district—the stronghold of Rugby football—was this year as pleasant and interesting as ever, the games being well contested, and the most friendly spirit being shown by, and towards, our adversaries throughout. The monotony of the long train journeys was largely discounted by the jollity of youth, which robbed the hours of midnight travelling of their usual weariness.

We got to Eskbank at midday, on Thursday, July 5th, and met the Coerwell boys on the Lithgow racecourse in the afternoon. The play was very even from start to finish, our forwards being if anything a little superior, but the Coerwell backs were faster than ours. We have this year nobody behind the scrimmages heavy or fast enough to score against good men or to successfully repel a vigorous attack. Our forwards, though light, have in all their matches this season (except where hopelessly outweighed by the King School team of giants) held the "scrums" manfully, and broken them advantageously, but our halves have been badly "fed" by our quarters, and out-paced by our opponents. In the Coerwell match they could not stop Beauman, who fairly ran through them three times, and simply won the match for want of "tackling." Among the forwards, White and Bice did grand work for us, while Newton and Ivy played well behind the scrimmages.

After a particularly fine "tea" at the Commercial Hotel—in which we must have "cleaned out" all the ham and eggs in the district—we were (through the courtesy of the station-master at Eskbank, who put a carriage on a goods train for us) enabled to get to Bathurst before midnight instead of waiting at Lithgow for the midnight mail. As in previous years we made our home at Reed's Hotel, whose good-natured hostess, as is her wont, "filled the hungry with good things," and we were hungry for turkeys, joints, &c., disappearing with startling rapidity. On Friday afternoon we met the "All Saints" boys on the Bathurst Cricket Ground and had another splendid match. At the end of the first half we stood level—each side having scored a try, Newton for the Grammar School and Holdship for "All Saints." In the second half the Bathurst halves proved too clever for us. In this match, Newton proved himself a first class half—his tackling being sure and his runs most effective. Jenkins also tackled splendidly. In both matches Tress and Ivy played with great dash and pluck, but both "hugged" the ball rather much, and lost many chances of effective passing. Beaumont as full back stopped innumerable runs, but is neither heavy nor fast enough to "collar" such men as Holdship, Beauman, and several other cracks whom we met at Lithgow and Bathurst.

On the whole, our team is steadily improving in condition, and considering the weight of the boys, and the fact of their having no ground either for practice or match play, the discipline is extremely good. Up to date, we have lost two cup matches against the Sydney Schools, but it is quite possible our boys may have more to say in the second round than might be expected of them under the existing overwhelming disabilities. We have in our teams some young players of great promise, notably Delohery, Weigall, and Doherty, from whom we may look for first-class football, when they acquire a little more weight and stamina.

The 1st XV. met 1st King's School in a match for the "School Challenge Trophy," on June 10th. The team was weakened, owing to members of the team not bringing their "togs," because of the wet weather. However, after some confusion, about twelve of the team went out to the Ashfield Recreation Ground, and were met with a decisive defeat, by 5 points to nil.

On Wednesday, June 17th, our 1st XV. made a fine stand against the 1st XV. from Newington College. They played up splendidly, but were outweighed by their opponents, and in the end were defeated by 14 to nil.

On the same Wednesday our 2nd and 3rd Fifteens met and defeated the 2nd and 3rd teams from Newington College, by 16 to nil and 12 to nil, respectively. Both of our teams played up splendidly.

The 1st XV. met a team, supposed to come from the Queen's School, on Wednesday, July 26th, at Rushcutter's Bay, and succeeded in defeating them by 11 to 3, after a hard match, in which Jenkins took a prominent part for us.

On Wednesday, August 5th, our 2nd and 3rd teams journeyed to Parramatta to try conclusions with 2nd and 3rd King's School. Both teams were easily defeated, the 2nd by 30 to nil, and the 3rd by 35 to nil.

OUR RIFLE TEAM AT BOWRAL.

THOSE of my readers who have shared with me the irksome routine of Saturday mornings spent at Flemington, must have enjoyed the pleasant trip to Bowral from Friday, July 31st, to Monday, August 3rd. The train arrangements necessitated a division of the team, and the boys started on Friday morning, reaching their destination about midday. Lieutenant Farrar, Sergeant-Major Morris and Color-Sergeant Pain came up by the express in the evening. The afternoon was spent, thanks to the courtesy of the Bowral executive, in practice upon the range, which proved very difficult to our young shots, who on our arrival were very despondent in their forecasts of our prospects for the following day. We thoroughly enjoyed the tea which our host of the Royal Hotel had considerably provided for us, and were subsequently welcomed by a deputation from the Bowral H. Company, 2nd Regt. Incidentally we gathered that owing to the rather short notice upon which the match was arranged we should not meet their full strength, and though in a measure we regretted this, we felt that our tyros were not prepared to meet too formidable a team. Still, on hearing that our opponents had defeated a team from Camden on Queen's Birthday, we were anything but confident of giving a good account of ourselves. The morning of the match broke dull and grey with thick masses of clouds ominously suggestive of a regular downpour. Fortunately the match commenced early, at 12.30, and we hoped that the rain would hold off until it was over. We were surprised to find the target comparatively high up on the side of a hill, and many conjectures were indulged in as to whether we should require higher elevation. Strange to say, the sighting shots proved the requisite elevation to be even lower than at Flemington, but this was, no doubt, partly due to the dull light. As there was only one target, one man from each team went down at the same time, which, in our opinion, is the best test for nerve, and acts as a stimulus to individual exertion. The light proved very puzzling at 500 yards, and the best score made on either side was twenty-eight on centres, a score which would not be hailed with extravagant delight at a N.S.W.

Rifle Association meeting. Our opponents scored rather better than ourselves at 500 yards, not having any distinct breakdown, and when the firing at this range was completed, were leading by about nine points. This looked serious for us, as the shooting at 600 yards is admittedly in favour of men as opposed to boys. However, we knew we had a reserve fund to draw upon where the honour of the School was concerned, and our boys showed that in spite of the adverse elements and the fact that they were fighting an uphill game, they meant to try and maintain the record established by a representative team at Bathurst, during the Western Rifle Association meeting. For fear of becoming prolix, let us at once say that when the last shot was fired, amidst the most discouraging and depressing circumstances, for, whilst the last three men were down, the rain was coming down in torrents, the Grammar School were victorious by seventeen points; and though the scoring was, from a rifleman's point of view, very poor indeed, still it must be admitted that both teams with favourable weather would have scored seventy points more than they actually did. This match has proved that we have the nucleus of a very good team, and we hope that frequent matches will result in a general improvement of nerve and self-reliance. The Bowral H. Company, 2nd Regt., extended to us a very generous hospitality, and a dinner at the Royal Hotel, followed by musical entertainment, to which the majority contributed, gave a pleasant termination to a trip which one and all most thoroughly enjoyed. The total scores were S.G.S., 396; Bowral Volunteers, 379; Lieutenant Farrar with 54, making top score for us, and Lieutenant Napier with 48 for our opponents.

CADET NEWS.

COMPANY order by A. B. Weigall, Captain Commanding.

The officer commanding has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments:—A Company—Sergeant Pain to be Color-Sergeant; Lance-Corporal Delohery to be Corporal; Cadet Allan i. to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet Amos to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet Cowlshaw to be Lance-Corporal. B Company—Sergeant Storey to be Color-Sergeant; Cadet Leitch to be Corporal; Cadet Gritton to be Corporal; Cadet Myles to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet Ruthven to be Lance-Corporal. C Company—Sergeant Weigall to be Color-Sergeant; Corporal Tress to be Sergeant; Lance-Corporal King to be Corporal; Cadet Hunt to be Lance-Corporal.

The following is the list of prize winners in the recent Handicap Rifle Shooting:—Sergeant Kater, special prize presented by Lieutenant Farrar for highest score off the rifle, £2; Corporal MacMahon £1, Cadet Myles 15s., Corporal Twynam 10s., Cadet Forrest 10s., Cadet Tange 10s.

LAWN TENNIS.

SINCE our last report the club has lost two of its strongest members. Plomley left us in the middle of last quarter, and Waller—the captain

took his departure at the beginning of the present term. The loss of these two good players has indeed been felt. Perhaps we may urge it as an excuse for our ill-success so far in the trophy matches.

In the B class we have played six matches, won 1, lost 5.

In the C class we have played 5 matches, won 1, lost 2 and drawn 2.

On Saturday, June 13th, our A team met the Grasshoppers on their court at Neutral Bay, in the B class of the trophy matches. The game resulted in a win for the home team by 5 sets to 3. Scores not to hand.

On the same day our B team met the Lorrellis on their court, in the C class of the trophy matches, and secured a win by 5 sets to 3. Scores again wanting.

On Saturday, June 20th, the match in the B class was played against the Wahgunyah Club on their court at Dulwich Hill. This match resulted in an easy victory for our opponents. Scores as under :—

Wahgunyah	S.G.S.
Doust and Wolstenholme v. Gaden and Farquhar ...	6-2 ... 6-4
Doust and Wolstenholme v. Stephen and Maxwell ...	6-3 ... 6-3
Clark and Zlotkowski v. Gaden and Farquhar ...	3-6 ... 6-0
Clark and Zlotkowski v. Stephen and Maxwell ...	6-1 ... 6-2
Result : Wahgunyah, 7 sets, 45 games ; S.G.S., 1 set, 21 games.	

In the C class, June 27th was drawn a bye for the Sydney Grammar School.

The match arranged for July 11th against the Devonshire Club in the B class, we played on July 18th. Our opponents won the match by 6 sets to 2. The scores are not to hand.

In the C class on the same day we met the "Chepstow" representatives on their court at Homebush, and got well beaten.

Chepstow.	S.G.S.
K. Newman and C. Newman v. Stephen and Wilson ...	6-0 ... 6-1
A. Newman and — Newman v. Stephen and Wilson ...	6-1 ... 6-3
K. Newman and C. Newman v. Richardson and Kater ...	6-4 ... 6-4
A. Newman and — Newman v. Richardson and Kater ...	3-6 ... 6-3
Result : Chepstow, 7 sets, 45 games ; S.G.S., 1 set, 22 games.	

On August 1st our A team played against the Manly team, in the B class, and again managed to secure a defeat, perhaps through the not too brilliant play of some of our team, but certainly because our opponents were superior.

Manly.	S.G.S.
Ridge and Strickland v. Johnson and Richardson ...	6-1 ... 3-6
Ridge and Strickland v. Gaden and Maxwell ...	6-3 ... 6-4
Forster and Newman v. Johnson and Richardson ...	6-5 .. 6-1
Forster and Newman v. Gaden and Maxwell ...	1-6 ... 2-6
Totals : Manly, 5 sets, 36 games ; Grammar School, 3 sets, 32 games.	

On July 25th our B team met St. Leonards on our court, the game resulting in a draw. Sets 4 all.

S.G.S.

St. Leonards

Maxwell and Kater v. Griffith and Rich	6-2	2-6
Stephen and Delohery v. de Kantzow and Cusack ...	6-5	4-6
Maxwell and Kater v. de Kantzow and Cusack ...	1-6	2-6
Stephen and Delohery v. Griffith and Rich	6-2	6-1

Last Saturday, August 8th, we met the Yarrandabby Club, in the B class, on their court, Roslyn Gardens, and were again defeated.

Yarrandabby

S.G.S.

Caddell and Hunt v. Gaden and Maxwell	6-1	6-0
Caddell and Hunt v. Johnson and Richardson ...	6-0	6-3
Wilkinson and Edwards v. Gaden and Maxwell ...	6-5	5-6
Wilkinson and Edwards v. Johnson and Richardson	6-0	6-3

Result: Yarrandabby, 7 sets, 47 games; S.G.S., 1 set, 18 games.

At the same time our second team was being defeated in the C class by the Wahgunyahs at Dulwich Hill. This match was, however, closer than that in the B class, and resulted as follows:—

S.G.S.

Wahgunyah.

Stephen and Delohery v. Lack and Dunlop	4-6	2-6
Strickland and Kater v. Zlotkowski and Fairfax ...	5-6	6-1
Stephen and Delohery v. Zlotkowski and Fairfax ...	5-6	6-1
Strickland and Kater v. Lack and Dunlop	6-4	4-6

Result: Wahgunyah, 5 sets, 36 games; S.G.S., 3 sets, 38 games.

It was expected that our new court would be ready for use by the beginning of this term, but owing to the continuous wet weather it is not finished yet. At any rate by next quarter it will be in full swing, thanks to the untiring exertions of Mr. Hewlett.

Since Waller has left the School it became necessary to elect a new member of the committee in his stead. At a meeting held for that purpose Maxwell was elected.

The distinction of captain of the club has again to be fought for, and the matches have already been begun. The match between Johnson and Kater, in which Johnson was victorious, is, however, the only one played as yet.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC DEBATING SOCIETY.

Thursday, June 4th.—Debate: "Should the Chinese be expelled from the Colony?" H. F. Maxwell was in the chair. The premier (Barry) opened in the affirmative; Waddell replied. The other speakers were: for the motion—Maxwell and Cope; against—Teece, Pain, Griffith, Kater and Mitchell. On a division ten voted for the ministry, and thirteen for the opposition; Waddell was then called upon to form a new ministry. Twenty-four members were present.

Thursday, June 11th.—Debate: "Should it be compulsory for every boy in the school to take part in some form of sport on behalf of the

School?" H. F. Maxwell was in the chair. In the absence of the premier (Waddell), Teece began the debate, taking the negative side of the question. L. Stephen followed, and proved the opposite side very conclusively to himself. Mitchell and Barraclough supported the ministry, while Pain and Mr. Blanch spoke for the opposition. The meeting divided as follows:—For the ministry, nine votes; against, fourteen votes. This debate, perhaps owing to the absence of the premier, fell rather flat. There were twenty-six members present.

Thursday, July 16th.—Election of office-bearers for the ensuing six months. H. F. Maxwell was in the chair, and on opening the meeting declared Speir to be duly elected a member of the Society. L. Stephen proposed, and Mitchell seconded Maxwell for the position of Chairman; no opponents offering themselves, Maxwell then declared himself duly elected. Cope proposed and Griffith seconded Teece for the Secretaryship, and Mitchell proposed and Simpson seconded Weigall for that post; on a ballot being taken, Weigall was elected by ten votes to seven, two ballot-papers being declared informal. For the Treasurership Strickland proposed and Weigall seconded L. Stephen, Waddell proposed and Smith seconded Teece, Mitchell proposed and Simpson seconded Cope; Cope was elected, the voting being as follows:—Cope 10, L. Stephen 5, Teece 4. Some discussion then arose whether there should be two or three extra Committee-men, as the Secretary and Treasurer were now two different members, instead of one; it was, however, decided that there should be three as before. The following members were then proposed for the committee—Smith, Pain, Barry, Mitchell, Griffith, Strickland, Teece, Hunt and Waddell, the votes received by each being as follows:—Teece 10, Strickland 8, Barry 8, Mitchell 6, Waddell 6, Griffith 6, Smith 5, Pain 4, Hunt 3. Teece, Strickland and Barry were then declared elected. There were twenty-two members present.

Thursday, July 23rd.—A description of a climb up the "Breithorn," by Mr. Blanch. H. F. Maxwell was in the chair. After some business had been settled, a new rule was proposed which, after some discussion, resolved itself into this form—"That the subscription to the society be one shilling, but if such subscription be paid before the fourth meeting in the quarter, sixpence shall be struck off." Then it was decided that instead of the "Discussion on the Modern Poets," arranged for August 6th, there should be an impromptu debate. Mr. Blanch then gave the most enjoyable paper that has been given since the club started. 28 members were present.

Thursday, July 30th.—Debate: "Was Hannibal a better general than Napoleon?" H. F. Maxwell was in the chair. Owen Griffiths was declared to be elected a member of the Society. Teece then proposed a new rule, but Weigall objected to its being put to the meeting on the ground that all new rules ought first to be proposed at a committee meeting. Since the Premier (L. Stephen) had been called away by a telegram, Teece opened in the affirmative. Pain answered. The following members also spoke—For the ministry, Docker, Barry and Mr. Blanch; for the opposition, Hunt, Mitchell, Strickland and Weigall. On a division the ministry won by fourteen votes to twelve. Twenty-six members were present.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WE would remind intending contributors of two things—first, that it is very inconvenient to receive contributions written on both sides of the paper; and, secondly, that every article must have the name of the writer, not necessarily, however, for publication.

Mr. Brereton, one of our late and much esteemed editors, writes to deny that a certain paragraph in our last issue can be justly applied to any of the articles that appeared in the *Sydneian* whilst it was in part under his direction. We cannot but regret that he has thus misconstrued a mere general statement into a personal attack upon himself and his colleague. So “malicious a personality” would have been subversive of the whole argument. Whilst assuring him that nothing was further from our purpose than any particular application of the general proposition laid down, we must ask him to read again, and in a more kindly spirit, the whole article to which he has taken exception.

“C.’s” contribution would have been published had it not been anonymous and rather vulgar.

The letters of “A Nose” and “Constant Reader,” being anonymous, have been rejected. [Much as we would like to publish these two letters, we cannot, for it is against our rules. No magazine with any self-respect publishes anonymous contributions.—EDS.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRS,—Some time ago it was suggested that the Old Rifle Range should be turned into playing fields for the Sydney Schools. I believe the Minister for Instruction was approached in the matter, and that he suggested a division into three parts—for the Grammar School, the High School, and the Public Schools respectively—and that the trustees have already moved in the matter. But nothing seems as yet to have come of it, and I should like to ask if the Sports Committee cannot do something, or if in some other way steps could be taken to bring the matter again into notice in proper quarters.

G.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRS,—Can you tell me why some of the officers of the Cadet Corps do not wear the exact uniform supposed to be worn? I noticed that one of them wears the wrong button on his hat, whilst another has a thin instead of a thick stripe on his trousers. These details may appear insignificant in themselves, but they destroy the effect of the uniform. I want to know also whether an officer who is avoidably absent from parade is fined in any way or not? Trusting that you will be able to inform me,

I remain, &c.—TIRUNCULUS.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRs,—It is now four months since a correspondent wrote to you asking "What steps had been taken with regard to the presentation which was to have been made to a late master of the S.G.S., and for which subscriptions were collected?" but as yet I—as others, no doubt—have looked through your columns for an answer to that query in vain. I hold 'tis only right contributors should know what has been done with their money. My opinion may be wrong; your pages seem to have told me it is; however, whether such is the case or not, is it too much to ask—say, in justice to contributors—what has been done with their subscriptions to that ——— presentation?

I am, &c.—INQUIRER.

June 22, 1891.

[We have again inserted "Inquirer's" letter, since he has again addressed us, but we hardly understand the somewhat aggressive tone he has adopted. Surely he does not imagine that we are accountable for the failings and shortcomings of the whole School. As a subscriber to the testimonial, "Inquirer" will doubtless remember the names of the secretary, the treasurer, or some of the committee, and we should imagine that a letter addressed to some one of these would readily elicit the desired information.—EDs.]

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRs,—Amongst the happy things you spoke of in your last issue, it was proposed that the *Sydneian* should be illustrated. Why should it not be? You complain that you have not an editor who will take upon himself the responsibility of managing the pictorial part of the paper. One of the other proposals is, that one or two editors be elected from the Commercial and Lower Schools. Why not use one of these? You will probably say, that they are, for the most part, too young and inexperienced. Not a bit of it! If they do not understand the management of affairs at first, they will soon learn. Wishing success to your new issue,

We remain, &c.—ADVANCE SYDNEIAN.

[We thank "ADVANCE SYDNEIAN" for his kindly wishes, but are afraid that he has inadvertently misunderstood the meaning of what was written, *re* the illustration of this magazine, in the last issue of the *Sydneian*. The illustrations, we hope, may come upon him as an agreeable surprise.—EDs.]

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRs,—We should like to ask, on behalf of the Cadets, for what purpose our heroic lieutenants are armed with swords—for ornament or use, to give tone to the corps, or to scare the noisy rabble and prevent them doing our sturdy defenders any injury? If for the latter purpose, why do they turn their weapons against the hindquarters of such of their own men, whom they ought to protect, but who fail to step in time to the awe-inspiring strains of "Whist! whist! here comes the bogey man?"

If the front rank, in its martial eagerness (to get home), steps out too fast, the officer calmly stretches forth his extenuating sword, thus putting an impassable barrier between them and their much desired goal.

Now, Sirs, we hope that you can inform us whether this is the regular use of a sword. Mark you, we speak from experience, as "*les sièges de nos pantalons*" can testify.

We are, &c.,—"ANOTHER PAIR OF SUFFERERS."

[This "Pair of Sufferers" seem to have a great grievance. We can do no more than refer them to that excellent work, "Infantry Sword Exercises," published by the Horse Guards War Office. We would like to ask the "Sufferers" a question. What is an "extenuating" sword?—EDS.]

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

DEAR SIRs,—I remember seeing something about forming a Dramatic Club last quarter, but nobody seems to bother his head about it. There are a lot of boys who take a great interest in music, &c. Now, why shouldn't we form one? There's no harm in it: there's nothing like trying. I'm sure some of the masters would join. I hope before long to see a Dramatic Club formed.

I remain,

TO BE ONE OF THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

The Editors acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—"The Durham University Journal" (4), "The Alleynian," "The Bathurstian," "Ulula" (2), "The Cheltonian" (3), "St. Peter's School Magazine," "St. Andrew's College Magazine," "The Marlburian" (2), "The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly," "The Cliftonian," "The Oldhallian," "The Newingtonian," "The Cinque Port."

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