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EDITORIAL.

YOUNG countries, like young creatures, are liable to act from impulse rather than from judgment; they have little of that stability of purpose and definiteness of aim that come from more matured experience—public opinion is uneducated and undisciplined, and consequently prone to rush from the one extreme to the other. Such has been the history of some of our recent experiments in education. A very few years ago we were congratulating ourselves upon having brought “the higher education” to every poor man’s door—we had facilitated the passage from the primary schools to the University, and had thus placed the highest intellectual teaching within the reach of every boy and girl in New South Wales. There were, indeed, persons bold enough to criticise the wisdom of this policy. It was pointed out that the children in our schools were being taught fashionable accomplishments rather than useful arts, that they were not being qualified for industrial pursuits, and that the dignity of manual labour was being depreciated without any real gain in true scholarship. It was further contended that, while the State is bound, on the grounds both of duty and expediency, to provide elementary instruction for all, the principle of selection should be more strictly applied in adapting the scope of education to the special requirements and the special capacities of the persons who were to be educated. Such criticisms were, at the time, denounced as illiberal and incompatible with the aspirations of the new democracy, but now there are not wanting indications of a possible change in our educational policy. The indiscriminate craze after “higher education” seems likely to lead to an equally indiscriminate condemnation of higher teaching of all sorts. Education, like every other branch of the public service, is to be retrenched and reconstructed. Educational “luxuries” are to be enjoyed only by those who can afford to pay for them. The immediate danger is that an unwise thrift in curtailing an expenditure which has undoubtedly been unwisely lavish may, in conjunction with other causes, conduce to an undue depreciation of the value of intellectual training and of the worth of intellectual acquirements, and that this may directly tend to lower still further the tone of our public and private life. For it can scarcely be denied that there is a very intimate relation between the standard of knowledge and the standard of conduct.

But apart from the abstract claims of education, there is also a very practical aspect of the question. Parents who propose that their sons

should qualify for professional life can hardly fail to be aware that such qualification is daily becoming more difficult, while, with a view to economising the Civil Service, the test of competitive examination and of individual merit is to supersede "political influence." Under these conditions, it is only reasonable to hope that the difference between good teaching and bad teaching will receive the recognition it deserves, and that personal interest will, to this extent at any rate, correct the growing popular indifference to intellectual pursuits.

QUARTERLY HANDICAP EXAMINATIONS, APRIL—SEPT., 1895.

FIRST CLASSES.

Latin—Stephen i 183 (prize), McBurney i 181, Teece i 179, Browne 172, Griffiths 171, McLachlan i 170.

Greek—Teece i 177 (prize), Browne 168, Davis and Plomley i 159, Griffiths 153, Newman 151.

Arithmetic—Stephen ii 170 (prize), Stewart 160, Hilliard 157, Deck 156, Sharp 153, Arnold 152, Teece i 149.

LOWER SCHOOL.

1ST CLASSES IN ARITHMETIC, SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Div. I.—Beale, 93; Brearley, 92; Bubb, 81; Gale, 78.

Div. II.—Stephen iv, 93; McCarthy, 82; Bennett, 76.

Div. III.—Hedemann, 90; Marshall, 88; Latreille, 81; Bain, 76; Huntley, 75.

Div. IV.—Mills, 91; Lawrence, 81; Devlin, 76.

Div. V.—Bonamy ii, 84; Cohen v, 79; Thompson iii, 79; Thompson iv, 77; Cohen vi, 77; Paul iii, 75.

Div. VI.—Martin, 84.

Div. VII.—Cohen vii, 82; Eissler, 82; Mitchell ii, 78; Cohen viii, 78; Greene iii, 76; Phillips iii, 76.

The prize, which is given on the combined results of the Easter and Michaelmas Examinations, is awarded to Stephen iv.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held on August 15th, when the question "should the legislation prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors?" was debated.

Mr. Blanch (premier) opened in the affirmative. He said that individual places should be able to prohibit the erection of new public houses in the district, that public houses attract easy going loafers and bad characters and that this prohibition had been tried in the American State of Maine for 40 years with very successful results. Teece then left the chair, and said that the golden mean between total abstinence and drunkenness was more desirable than total abstinence; that prohibition would give rise to sly grog

shops, where, since there would be no supervision, such liquors as fusel oil and vitriol, unfit for human consumption, would be sold; also that liquor was of great value for medicinal purposes.

Waterhouse told some interesting American anecdotes, and showed how suspicious a wooden leg is, as in many cases it is simply a hiding place for a whisky bottle.

Mr. Blanch expressed great admiration for the gorgeous flow of Mr. Teece's eloquence, and then replied apparently convincingly, as the motion was won by 8—6.

A debate was held on September 5th, "Is capital punishment justifiable"?

This subject had been chosen for three successive meetings, but there was no quorum each time; so it was gratifying that when at last the subject was discussed, all the members present, except three, spoke.

Mr. Blanch (who is still premier) opened in the affirmative. After having first commented upon the non-attendance of members at the last two or three meetings, he inquired with interest of its probable cause, whether it was that this subject had no future interest for any of the members, or whether they took so much interest in it that it would be uncomfortable for them to hear it discussed. He said that if imprisonment for life were substituted for capital punishment, it would be found that the latter of the two was preferable as an escape from a living death; that a planned murder deserves a similar reward; that hanging is almost painless, and there is no cruelty in it; that if a man has taken the responsibility of depriving another man of his life the State was perfectly justified in undertaking a like responsibility, and that it acts as a deterrent from crime. Teece then left the chair to lead the opposition; he pointed out that to punish a murderer the State commits another murder; he believed in a severe term of imprisonment, but not above twenty years, as a substitute. The prison regime should be made harder, and gaol would then become a terror to men, instead of a place where they would be provided with comfortable board and lodging for a time. It was very hard that a man should lose his life for a few moment's passion. He pointed out the impossibility of giving reparation to innocent men, and instanced the cases of Dean, Read and Johnson; it was hard that a young fellow like Williams, the Bridge street burglar, who had been led into crime, should be executed for excusable self-defence just as he was entering manhood.

Russell thought after some time that if a man was liable to get into a temper he should not engage in a quarrel.

Other members roused enthusiasm by rising from their seats after some hesitation, and Mr. Blanch replied.

The motion was won by 6—3.

MOCK BANQUET.

THIS function, sometimes called the Bun Fight, took place on the last day of last quarter. Naturally, it was held in the Banquet Hall, generally

known as the comfortable room. The tables were arranged in the shape of a T, and decorated with flowers, which were fortunately not so young as to make them appear too festive. Most members began with an ordinary bun, and, following an ascending order of merit, ended with a cream cake and ice cream. This last article was carefully concealed in an ice chest until the proper moment came, when it was produced, and created a tremendous sensation. By this time the lemonade, ginger beer, and ginger ale had produced their usual effect, and every one became extremely anxious to pass fragments of meringue and cream cakes to anyone at a safe distance in the quickest way possible. One active member of the committee felt it his duty to be so energetic in helping ice creams and drinks that he finally had to take off coat and waistcoat and place them in a safe corner before his mind could be at rest. Toasts were proposed for Mr. Blanch and others, and the meeting was adjourned.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

A CONCERT, held in the Schoolroom, September 26, in aid of the Boat Club, was, perhaps, one of the most successful of its kind that we have had.

A caterer for public amusement has not always an easy task, and these difficulties can be best shown by two facts in connection with the present. Two gentlemen consented to sing solos, both well-known in musical circles. Of these, one wrote on the morning of the concert declaring his inability "to oblige," the other sent a telegram to the same effect *during the performance*.

Fortunately the supply was equal to the demand, and in Mr. Martin (one of the gentlemen amateurs, who so delighted us with the glees) was discovered a tower of strength. His performance of "Come into the Garden, Maud," and "The Message," from memory, was clever and musicianly. Mr. Noble, also, at a few hours' notice, came across from another concert and gave "Out on the Deep" with his rich baritone, with good effect.

F. Barron Morley (O.S.) played his two difficult solos with great power, and shows a wonderful development of talent since we last heard him in the same room as a schoolboy play Weber's "Invitation." C. Goerg's violin solo also deserves especial mention as a performance far above the capacity of the average violinist. We hope to hear more from this gifted young artist in the future.

Mr. Lawrence Campbell "brought down the house" as usual by his fine dramatic recitation, and to both numbers this gentleman was generous enough to give encore numbers, "The House that Jack Built" being received with great applause and laughter.

Appended is the programme :—

PROGRAMME (Sept. 26, 1895).

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|--------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 1. GLEE | ... | ... | " Maidens, Listen ! " | ... | ... | <i>Adams</i> |
| | | | GENTLEMEN AMATEURS. | | | |
| 2. SONG | ... | ... | " Come into the Garden, Maud " | ... | ... | <i>Balfe</i> |
| | | | MARTIN, Esq. | | | |
| 3. PIANOFORTE SOLO | | | Rhapsodie No. 2 | ... | ... | <i>Liszt</i> |
| | | | F. BARRON MORLEY, Esq. | | | |
| 4. SONG | ... | ... | " The Sea Hath its Pearls " | ... | ... | <i>M. V. White</i> |
| | | | Miss MESTON. | | | |
| 5. VIOLIN SOLO | ... | ... | Air with variations | ... | ... | <i>Vieuxtemps</i> |
| | | | C. GOERGS. | | | |
| 6. SONG | ... | ... | " The Message " | ... | ... | <i>Blumenthal</i> |
| | | | MARTIN, Esq. | | | |
| 7. SONG | ... | ... | " It was a Dream " | ... | ... | <i>Cowen</i> |
| | | | Mrs. RILEY. | | | |

During the interval the prizes won at the School Sports Meeting were presented by Mrs. Weigall.

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| 8. RECITATION | ... | ... | " The Last Shot " | ... | ... | <i>Reid</i> |
| | | | LAWRENCE CAMPBELL, Esq. | | | |
| 9. GLEE | ... | ... | " The Lovers " | ... | ... | <i>Koschat</i> |
| | | | GENTLEMEN AMATEURS. | | | |
| 10. SONG | ... | ... | " Out on the Deep " | ... | ... | <i>Lohr</i> |
| | | | A. NOBLE, Esq. | | | |
| 11. PIANOFORTE SOLO | | | " Tarantelle " (from Venezia e Napoli) | ... | ... | <i>Liszt</i> |
| | | | F. BARRON MORLEY, Esq. | | | |
| 12. SONG | ... | ... | " Good-bye " | ... | ... | <i>Tosti</i> |
| | | | Mrs. RILEY. | | | |
| 3. RECITATION | ... | ... | " The School Examination " | ... | ... | <i>Anon</i> |
| | | | LAWRENCE CAMPBELL, Esq. | | | |

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF G.P.S.

At the last meeting of the association, delegates were present from The King's School, All Saints', St. Ignatius, Newington, C.E.G.S. and S.G.S. The report of the sub-committee on the sports meeting was read and adopted ; it gave the official order of the schools for the championship as follows:—C.E.G.S. 26 points, T.K.S. 22 points, Scots' College 20 points, S.G.S. 19 points, Newington and Coerwull 9 points. The balance sheet shewed a small margin on the right side. It was decided that the medals and prizes be given at the C.E.G.S. concert on December 12th. The report of the football sub-committee on the match Premier School v. Combined Schools, was also read and adopted. It advised that the match be not played on similar lines next year. The regatta sub-committee reported that the question of the alteration of the date had been gone into, but they

had decided to allow it to remain unaltered for next year, in order to offer every inducement to St. Ignatius to compete. Messrs. Buchanan, Coombes and Barbour were re-appointed a cricket sub-committee, to arrange for the combined match in December, with instructions to follow last year's lines except in so far as they referred to the ground and opposing team.

THE SPORTS MEETING.

The committee of the late sports meeting desire to thank the following for prizes or contributions to the prize fund (re-published on account of previous omissions):—His Honor Sir William Windeyer, Hon Ed. Knox, Hon. W. J. Trickett, Hon. W. A. Long, Hon. C. K. Mackellar, Prof. McCallum, A. B. Weigall, Esq., James Watson, Esq., E. W. Knox, Esq., M. C. Cowlshaw, Esq., T. H. Kelly, Esq., M. Harris, Esq., Geo. Mair, Esq., F. S. Ellis Holt, Esq., A. Hay, Esq., A. R. Docker, Esq., G. E. Blanch, Esq., E. MacDonald, Esq., O. Pbillips, Esq., B. F. Marks, Esq., Messrs. F. Lassetter & Co., Messrs. Turner & Henderson, Messrs. Allering & Co.

CRICKET NOTES AND PERSONALITIES.

THOUGH results have in part justified the mournful predictions of our last issue, we are glad to be able to adopt a more sanguine tone. Our first match against an inferior University team was a win, largely due to Howard's excellent bowling. In our next attempt we made a creditable though unsuccessful resistance against a strong Undergraduate combination, containing several of the first University team. The rank and file in this match eclipsed the stars, for though three of the latter were out for six runs, the total was brought to 117 by the plucky batting of Seale, Gould and Stephen. This total, however, was passed with only 4 wickets down. We were unfortunate in having to play St. Ignatius on a matting wicket, and Cowlshaw, whose height enabled him to cover the rising balls, was the only one to offer any resistance to the bowling of Fraser. Details of the match are given elsewhere.

Endeavours are being made to arrange the Melbourne trip, so that the team will leave Sydney on Dec. 10th, play Wagga on the 11th, Albury on the 12th, Geelong Grammar School on the 14th, and Melbourne on the 17th and 18th. Five more have been added to the permanent list of the Eleven, which leaves only two places to be filled. The latest additions are Howard, Sharp, Delohery, Stephen, and Seale. The prophet who could fill the remaining two places would have honour even in his own country.

So little is known of the personnel of the Eleven by so many of our readers, that the individuals to whom the following remarks may appear personal, must forgive the liberty we take in publishing them.

COWLISHAW (Captain): Shares with Howard the honour of being the best all-round cricketer in the school. A free bat with lots of driving capacity; rather weak on the leg stump; bowls a fast plain ball with high delivery and good length. Good ground field and fair catch.

HOWARD : A free bat with plenty of strokes ; cuts well, but is too fond of the chance cut, which trusts to the ball coming a uniform height. His best ball is a slow dragging off-break, but he mixes them with a good many loose ones on the leg. Fields well.

BROWNE : Has so far had a run of bad luck. Wishes to blossom out into a finished bat and brilliant out-field, without previously doing the always requisite hard work ; he has some good forward strokes, but, so far, little defence.

GOULD : Style quite *sui generis*, but a difficult man to get rid of. As a recruit at keeping wickets he stops the ball well, but often fails to hold it ; but is progressing, and will be useful if not brilliant.

HILL : Our left-hand bowler ; bowls a slow good length ball, not dangerous on the turf. Weak bat and field, is improving in both.

SEALE : As a bat, is powerful rather than finished. Will make runs very rapidly against any but the best bowling ; when he gets a start, his hitting powers rapidly demoralise both bowlers and fields. An energetic and sure field.

SHARP : One of the most promising of the juniors. His weakness is playing across at balls on the leg stump. A good field.

DELOHERY : Has good defence, with a nice off-drive. Will make a sound bat, and with more strength, a good bowler. Fair field.

STEPHEN : Has some good forward strokes, but is weak on the off. Is rapidly improving. An energetic but rather awkward field.

CRICKET.

S.G.S. v. R.M.S. *Massilia* played on Wentworth Park September 25th, and resulted in an easy win for the school by 5 wickets and 85 runs. Scores—*Massilia* : 81 (Cookson 47 not out) : S.G.S. : 166 (Delohery 35, Howard 27, Gould 32, Seale 39 not out, Drummond 18 not out). *Massilia* batted again, and lost 4 wickets for 39 (Woods 18, Lovegrove 10). Howard 6 for 28, and Harris 3 for 13, bowled best for the school.

S.G.S. v. University 3rd.—Played on University Oval October 9th, resulted in a win for the school by 57 runs. Scores—S.G.S. : 160 (Mr. Barbour 77, Sharp 27, sundries 20) : University : 103 (Mereweather 35, sundries 16). For S.G.S. Hill secured 4 wickets for 40, and Howard 6 for 45.

S.G.S. v. I Zingari B.—Played at Rushcutter's Bay Oval Oct. 12th, and ended in a draw in favour of our opponents. Scores—Zingari : 204 (Hughes 47, Stephen 27, Blomfield 17, T. Shepherd 66 not out.) : S.G.S. : 89 for five wickets, (Browne 25 not out, Cowlshaw 21). For S.G.S. Cowlshaw took 4 wickets for 50, and Howard 4 for 50.

S.G.S v. University Undergrads.—Played on University Oval Oct. 16th, and resulted in an easy win for our opponents by 3 wickets and 66 runs. Scores—S.G.S. : 117 (Gould 21, Seale 36, Stephen 23 not out) : University :

180 for seven wickets (Terry 50 retired, Delohery 56 retired, Clarke 30). Mr. Barbour 2 for 42, and Cowlshaw 2 for 51, took the wickets for us.

S.G.S. v. St. Ignatius College.—Played on Saturday, October 19th, on the College wicket, which was asphalt, and this was mainly responsible for the rapid fall of our wickets, as the men were accustomed to turf, whilst the St. I.C. had practised on their own wicket. St. I.C. won by 33 runs. Full scores and bowling analysis.

S.G.S.

Cowlshaw, c Dillon, b Manning	...	...	...	...	...	22
Gould, c Punch, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	5
Howard, st Dillon, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	0
Sharp, c Dillon, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	2
Seale, c Breen, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	1
Delohery, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stephen, c Dillon, b Dignam	...	...	...	...	...	9
Browne, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	5
Hill, st Dillon, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	0
McLachlan, st Dillon, b Fraser	...	...	...	...	...	1
Powell, not out	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	81

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Name.	No. of overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Fraser	14	3	16	8
Manning	10	3	13	1
Dignam	6	0	18	1

ST. I.C.

Manning, l.b.w., Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	0
Kelly, c Seale b Hill	...	...	...	...	20
Dillon, b Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	3
F. Punch, b Hill	...	...	...	...	11
Breen, b Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	5
F. Deery, b Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	8
Condon, b Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	5
A. Deery, not out	...	...	...	...	28
J. Punch, c Brown, b Powell	...	...	...	...	0
W. Fraser, c Cowlshaw, b Powell	...	...	...	...	0
A. Dignam, b Cowlshaw	...	...	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	...	94

Name.	Number of Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Cowlshaw	20	3	42	6
Hill	14	5	15	2
Howard	7	18	0	0
Powell	4	1	5	2

In their 2nd innings S.G.S. lost 6 wickets for 28 (Cowlshaw 10, Stephen 7 not). Fraser 4 for 7, and Manning 2 for 15, secured the wickets.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

THE second eleven played the first match of the season, against Fairlawn Grammar School, on Wednesday, October 9th, at Waverley Park. We went in first and made 92, of which Wallach contributed 35 and Powell 20. Fairlawn Grammar School had made 89 when time was called for the loss of 4 wickets. Newman gave them an additional over, but they failed to make the runs necessary to win. On Saturday, October 19th, both the 1st and 2nd elevens visited St. Ignatius' College. We lost the toss, and St. Ignatius went to the wickets, when they put up 117 before they were finally disposed of. Our team played up well, with the result that when time was called we had lost four wickets and had only six runs to make to win. Muir made 35 runs, Bond 22, Woodburn 18, and Buchanan 18 (not out). The steady batting of Alcock—who made 14 runs, not out—was quite a feature of the game. Bond, Hilliard, and Farrar bowled well for the School. Farrar's leg-break in particular seemed to puzzle the batsmen. Report says that as a result of this match one or two members of the team will have a good chance of being promoted to the 1st eleven.

LAWN TENNIS.

WE are glad to record that the interest in lawn tennis is gradually reviving in the School, and that the club is now composed of nearly fifty members. Matches are now arranged with other clubs every fortnight, and by playing A. and B. teams we hope that in consequence of the continuous practice the club will be enabled to enter a team composed entirely of School boys in next year's badge matches. For the last year the thanks of the club are due to Messrs. Lindon and Carter, who were kind enough to play for the School throughout the badge matches, and thus saved the club from withdrawing from the contest. The trophy for the B. class was eventually won by the Sydney Club, with 392 games out of a possible 432, the School coming 7th with 306.

Two of our members (Sharp and Newman) have greatly distinguished themselves lately in two important tournaments at Waverley and Strathfield. In the Single Handicap at Waverley, Sharp (owed $\frac{1}{2}$ 15) beat K. Newman (the brother of our Newman), and in the next round beat Sly, to whom he owed $\frac{1}{2}$ 15. However, in the semi-final, Rice (who lately beat Webb, (owes 15) beat Sharp by 2 sets to 1. In the Double Handicap in the same tournament Sharp and his partner Mowle were the runners up, and were beaten in the final by K. Newman and Curtis.

In the Double Handicap, in the Strathfield Tournament, Newman and Sharp beat Barbour and Edwards, 2 sets—1; Newman and Sharp beat Oakshotte and Latraille, 2 sets—1; Newman and Sharp beat Wade and Blaxland, 2 sets—0; Newman and Sharp beat Curtis and King (in the final) 2 sets—0. One or both of these players will, without doubt, in a

short time represent New South Wales in the Intercolonial Tournament, and we are very much mistaken if Sharp is not one day champion of New South Wales.

On October 10th our B. team, consisting of Gregg, Browne, Hill i, and Chapman, beat (most ungallantly we think) the Presbyterian Ladies' College A. team by 38 points, and a return match will be played shortly.

It has been decided to send over to Melbourne this year a tennis team composed of Sharp, Newman, Gregg, and another not yet picked, when we hope the S.G.S. will again be victorious.

The two divisions of the School Handicap are proceeding. The first round, and most of the second, has already been played off in each. As Sharp and Newman have to meet in the 2nd round on Thursday, October 31st, some first-class play may be expected. In their match for the captaincy last quarter Sharp beat Newman after a very close and exciting contest, the sets being called "two all," and the games "five all," in the final set, which was just won by Sharp, 7—5.

SWIMMING CLUB.

THIS club is to the fore again under the care of Mr. O'Reilly. A vote was taken as to the place of meeting, and an overwhelming majority decided in favour of Cavill's baths in Farm Cove. Boys can obtain tickets (price sixpence) from Mr. Giles during any five minutes. These tickets will enable them to get into the baths on any day of the week for threepence, but Mr. O'Reilly will only be in attendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The club has a credit balance of £1 7s. from last season, to which Mr. Giles intends to add £2 4s. 9d., the result of map sales last quarter; it will, therefore, be able to offer respectable prizes for any competitions.

THE BOAT CLUB.

THE concert held last month has materially assisted us in wiping off the club debt. The total money taken amounted to £14 3s. 6d., the expenses came to £3 19s. 8d., leaving a balance of £10 3s. 10d. to the credit of the club. All the boats and oars have now been paid for, but we have still overdrawn our allowance of £20 for the current year with the Sports' Fund by £6 13s. 10d. Another concert, possibly at the end of the present quarter, possibly in February next year, ought to put us quite on the right side of the ledger.

THE CREW.

Of the members of last year's crew for the May Championship race, Spier i has left, Stephen i and Barling leave for certain before next May, and Hay is doubtful, consequently there will be three vacancies in the boat for certain, possibly all four seats will have to be filled with new men. Our opponents at North Shore will, we believe, be represented by their last year's victorious crew unaltered, so we shall have a large contract before

us to beat them ; it can only be done by hard and consistent work and steady determination.

A meeting which was summoned in the first week of the present quarter, was attended by the three members of the old crew still at school, and by Russell, Jones and Arnold, who have been through a course of coaching at Mortlake, and there were also present enough recruits to form a couple of crews for regular work. Barling was unanimously elected captain of the boats. For the rest of this quarter, and for the whole of next quarter, Mr. Bode will arrange for crews to be taken out every afternoon, and these crews, which may include six every afternoon, will be coached either by Mr. Bode, or by one of the members of last year's crews. Volunteers are however much wanted, particularly boys of fair or good physique, of whom there are plenty in the school ; it need hardly be said that the more we have to chose from, the better will be the crew eventually chosen.

For physical development there cannot possibly be any better form of exercise than rowing ; any boy who has been at school for the last two or three years need only recall, if he can, to his mind, examples of boys who have gone in for rowing, to convince himself of the truth of this statement ; an instance, which may not be generally known, of the wonderful developing power of rowing on growing boys, might be quoted here to show how desirable it is to make the most of such opportunities as the boat club affords ; Paterson, who rowed 2 in our champion four of '94, and afterwards stroked the four which won the Anderson Cup right out, whilst rowing at our Mortlake Easter camp in '94, put on almost exactly a stone in weight in less than a fortnight. Now we do not promise the same marvellous results to every boy who comes down to be coached, but we can almost guarantee that his physique will be much improved, and if he proves an apt pupil there is the honour and glory of rowing for the School next May into the bargain. These considerations should induce a number of boys to go down, and as work will be carried on every day in the week, weather permitting, boys who play cricket should not be debarred from qualifying for the crew ; special arrangements could, and would, be made to suit their convenience ; all that is necessary for anyone to do, is to give in his name to Mr. Bode, or Barling, with a memorandum of the day or days on which it would be most convenient for him to go down.

It is just within the bounds of possibility that if sufficient boys show a requisite amount of form, we may enter two crews next May in the Schools' regatta ; the championship crew, and a second crew for the maiden fours, as our North Shore opponents do ; there are, however, difficulties in the way of that, which we may not see our way to overcome.

Notices of work will be posted weekly on the upper school notice board, which will show the crews to be taken out each day in the week, and the coaches, and it will be necessary for any one whose name is on the board to tell the coach of his crew, on the day before that for which his name is down, if he wishes to be left out. Candidates will be required to state what days will suit them best, and in arranging crews regard will be

had to their convenience. Appended is a balance sheet, showing the expenditure in connection with the boat club concert:—

DR.			CR.		
£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Money received by tickets			Piano	...	1 10 0
and at door	...	14 3 6	Refreshments for Per-		
			formers	...	1 9 8
			Printing	...	0 7 6
			Attendants	...	0 10 0
			Cab Fare	...	0 1 6
			Vanman	...	0 1 0
			Balance handed to Sports'		
			Fund	...	10 3 10
		<u>£14 3 6</u>			<u>£14 3 6</u>

Examined and found correct,

H. J. CARTER.

Signed

R. H. BODE.

LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB.

Before this issue reaches the hands of subscribers the first round of the trophy matches will have been played. The handicappers may be said to have successfully concealed the winners so that all the form engaged are now on the tiptoe of expectation, each member no doubt having substantial reasons for plunging for his own representatives. 3a has to face a heavy penalty in having been restricted to 9 players, 2a comes next with 12, 3b is considered weak enough to play 13, and lastly 2b with 14 has received the maximum handicap. On looking down the lists of the various forms it seems almost useless to hazard a fancy, still if it must be done we anticipate that 3b will be making the best use of its handicap and come out on top. The representatives from 3a on the selection committee seemed so ready to give the allotted handicaps that evidently they fear no foe; and then again 2a is said to have a better all round team than any of them, so then we are as far off as ever, and after all 2b with 14 in the field has to be reckoned with, especially as several of these are capable cricketers; but they have a very weak tail, not that we mean to imply by this that they will the readier get their tails down. If each form turns out with its full strength a most interesting series of matches will undoubtedly result. The winners will hold the trophy till the middle of next term; should the majority of the winning team get promoted the trophy will go with them. As we intend also to have the names of the winning teams handed down to future generations by means of an illuminated scroll, there is still another added to the many incentives that are offered to Lower School boys to become real live members of this little school world of ours. In place of trophies such as were given last year, and also for the sake of variety, it has been decided with the sanction of the finance committee to present 12 honour caps to members of the Lower School cricket team, subject to a most important

condition, which is that no member shall be eligible unless he can show a creditable record for unselfishness, and that his influence has at all times tended to the club's welfare. If any be excluded on this account the committee will look round for the next most eligible member. Mr. Giles has again kindly consented to provide the negative of the photograph of the Lower School eleven at the end of the present quarter; we therein hope to see the members wearing their honor caps. With the negative so provided, we shall be able to sell the photograph at the same rate as last year, viz., 6d. each. We are now arranging matches with Newington College and with the Church of England Grammar School. Several challenges have recently come to hand, present appearances seeming to indicate that we shall have a very busy season for the first eleven, but we shall not be satisfied till we can arrange more matches for the smaller boys; where are the clubs that used to stipulate for members of 1a, 1b and 1c *only*, or that used to make equally stringent conditions as to age? surely boys from those forms can find suitable opponents for Saturday mornings or afternoons, we have ample material and would only be too glad to see the play-box emptied every Friday afternoon; that reminds us by-the-by that the material has so far been carefully returned, and we trust that as much common sense will be shown by all members throughout the season. Several matches were played towards the close of last quarter, particulars of which are as follows:—On September 18th, a scratch match was played on Moore Park, the respective captains being Hedeman and Campbell ii; Campbell made 32, Latreille 12, Harvey ii 25, and Hedeman 24 (retired); the scores were Hedeman's side 69, Campbell's side 62. On the same date 2a played 2b, the latter closed their innings with 89, of which Alworth made 28, Rogers 18, and Campbell i 25. 2a responded with 53 for 4 wickets, of which Harvey made 22 (not out) and Crane i 12, the match thus ending in a draw. On the following Wednesday 3a was set down to play 3b; the weather being threatening the match had to be abandoned, not, however, before several had secured material and made their way to the park. On October 29th, in a scratch match, Allan made 25 and Rogers 23, Rutter, Brooks and Allan bowling most effectively. The first of our outside matches was played on Saturday, October 12, against the Fitzroy Club at Rushcutters' Bay. We had a weak team, composed principally of boys living about the Bay. Of our score of 21 Harvey (i) made 10, the Fitzroys with 58 winning easily. Roberts secured the best bowling average. The wicket was very bumpy, and the game was interfered with by larrikins. A word of advice, by the way, will not be out of place here regarding those pests of the parks. If it be found necessary to take measures to secure a quiet game this end will be the more safely attained by appealing to some adult spectator or to anyone handy; certainly not—as was done in this case—taking the law into one's own hands, this only gives some justification for further annoyance. On Wednesdays a master or masters will accompany teams to Moore Park, but in the case of Saturday matches this cannot be arranged.

The captains of forms for the current quarter are as follows :—

3a. Ellis	3b. Lawry.	2a. Harvey (i).	2b. Buchanan.
1a. Hilliard.	1b. Hedeman (i).	1c. (None elected to date).	

The selection committee consisting of the first four. A new matting has been laid down on our pitch, so as soon as we have sufficient indication to go upon a Lower School captain will be appointed and a day will be set apart for the 1st eleven to have the exclusive use of the pitch. All members are particularly requested not to "slog" the balls out of the ground; not only is this practice quite unnecessary, and a source of serious loss to the Club, but it often entails the unpleasant experience of the members being without a practice ball for some days. Details of the play in the first round of the trophy matches have just come to hand. In the match 3a. v. 3b., 3b., with 13 men, went in first and made 48, Warburton, who is always springing surprises upon us, being top scorer with 14. Rosenfeld and Jacobs each made 8, Beattie and Lawry 5 each, Bain and Webb bowling throughout with about equal success. 3a., from whom so much was expected, could only make 29, White (with 13) being the only one that played the bowling of Lawrence and Lawry with any confidence, no less than five of the team being caught. The wicket was bad even for Moore Park, still, with only 49 runs to get to win, no wonder that the game was looked upon as a "good thing" for 3a., and great was the consequent surprise when so many good batsmen could hardly get half that number. In the other match, 2a. v. 2b., a very exciting finish resulted. 2a., batting first, made 69, Garnsey getting 14, Rogers 11, Crane 11, Alworth 6, Rowntree 6, Riemen 8, and Roberts 4, Smith, Allan, and Curtis dividing the bowling. On such a wicket this was a formidable score for the junior form to face, but as events show they did so with such good heart that they were barely beaten by 12 runs, the 2b. score being 57, of which Isaacs made 15 in capital style, Smith (iv) 11, Bubb 6, Byrne and Beale 4 each. Garnsey being in great form with the ball took 3 wickets at a cost of seven runs. Rieman, Schneider, and Smith also bowled well. On the same date 1a. played 1b. and 1c. combined. This was a rank challenge, seeing that 1b. is distinctly the strongest of the three. The combined form made 53, of which Hedeman (ii) got 36 and Harvey (ii) 9. 1a. made a feeble stand against the bowling of Street and Blaxland, and could only get 17, of which Pickburn got 7 and Samuel 5. In the match Clifton C.C. v. Lower School, which took place on Saturday, October 19th, at Waverley Park, the scores were—L. School 17 (Ellis 6, Rutter 4, Rogers 4). Clifton 25—(Kellick 7, Gowing 4.) Bain took 5 wickets at a cost of 10 runs, and Ellis 3 wickets for 5 runs. In the second innings L. School scored 42, Bonamy 17, Rogers (not out) 8. We hope to meet this club again during the season, when we shall try to get a stronger team against them. A list posted up on L. School notice board will indicate vacant dates which we are anxious to fill up as soon as possible.

PLACING A FIELD.

THE following rules for placing a field may perhaps help some Lower School boy out of a difficulty, when he finds himself duly elected for the first time in his life to captain his form eleven.

The first consideration which naturally arises, is to try and imagine the difficulties and opportunities which the different styles of bowling give the batsmen, and then to place the field accordingly. Every boy knows that, if the bowling is swift, the average batsman will be very unlikely to hit the ball to the out-field, or make many runs from balls hit in front of his wicket. He will make runs in the slips, and give chances in the slips, and therefore the out-field can with safety be reduced, perhaps long on and long-off may be dispensed with, if mid-on and mid-off stand well back, and every available man placed behind the wickets, as deep as possible, for any chance given will be sure to be a hot one. A long-stop is indispensable. On the other hand, if the bowling is slow, the batsman will not make many runs behind his wicket; he will presently begin to open his shoulders, and then will come chances for the out-field, who should be placed well back, ready for their opportunities: on the other hand, the men in the slips should be brought closer to the wickets, for their chance will probably be the result of a miss-hit, and they will certainly get nothing fast to field. If the wicket-keeper is up to his work, a long-stop should be dispensed with, and the man in the slips should stand rather fine, and keep a sharp look-out for byes. If you have a left-hand bowler with a leg-break, it is absolutely necessary to have a man at leg, for some balls will certainly be pitched too far to leg; but if, on the other hand, your bowler is tolerably reliable, and bowling with a break from the off, your man at leg should be sent over to third-man or cover-point, where he will be likely to get a chance from a feeble attempt at a cut. Of course these rules must be modified to a certain extent by the style of the batsman: if he is stonewalling, everyone should be brought in closer than if he were hitting out freely, but the main ideas which we have given in regard to the bowling will still hold good.

In conclusion, a captain (and bowler too) should use *his head* in placing his field, just as a batsman and bowler must do, if they wish to excel in their own departments of the game.

VERITAS.

 LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY.

THE money received from the sale of maps to Lower School boys during the second quarter of this year, amounted to £4 11s. 0d.

This money Mr. Giles has very kindly devoted to the Lower School Library.

Mr. Goldie was thus enabled to purchase a number of new books last quarter, and several more will be added to the Library in the course of few days.

 THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

THE funds of the union are not yet in a satisfactory condition. A special effort is now being made to get in the overdue subscriptions in order to pay off our debts, and to initiate a fund for the scholarships. A letter has been received from Mr. E. W. Knox, one of the vice-presidents, suggesting, as an alternative scheme for the initiation of the scholarships, that an appeal should be made to old boys for promises of annual subscriptions for a term of years in lieu of donations to a capital fund. Mr. Knox makes a very generous offer on his own account if the suggestion be adopted by the committee. The letter will be considered at the next meeting of the committee, which will shortly be held.

The Rev. T. K. Abbott, a member of the committee, has been obliged to resign his position on the committee owing to absence from Sydney. The vacancy caused by his resignation will be filled at the next committee meeting, and the result duly announced.

A challenge has been received from the hon. sec. of the King's School Old Boys' Union for a cricket match to be played between teams selected from members of the two Unions. The matter has been referred to A. H. Garnsey to see if he can manage a team. The ground is likely to be the chief difficulty.

 EXCHANGE COLUMN.

FOR SALE, several pairs of Jacobin and tumbler pigeons.—**ROWE**, Middle IV.

 CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The Sydneian.

DEAR SIR,—Last term the Philatelic Society flourished. Members have not heard of it this term. If it has become extinct, what does the secretary purpose doing with the Society's materials?—Yours,

MEMBER.

To the Editor of The Sydneian.

DEAR SIR,—If the inter-Form cricket matches are to be conducted as the match last Wednesday between the Remove and Lower Fourth was, I venture to say they will be complete farces. On the occasion to which I refer, when the Lower Fourth team found themselves being beaten, one half left the field. Should not steps be taken to prevent a repetition of this?—Yours,

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