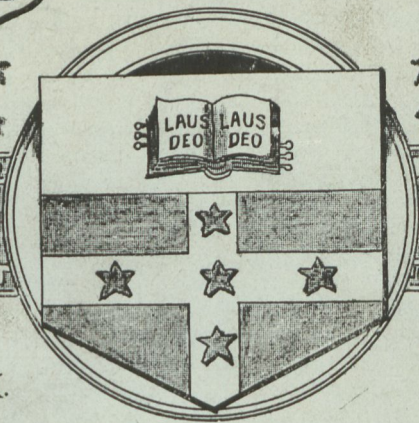


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EDITORIAL.

“THE almighty wall is, after all, the supreme and final arbiter of schools,” writes the greatest schoolmaster of recent days. In other words, the quality of work done in a school is, to a large extent, determined by the permanent conditions of its structure, arrangement and equipment. The one purpose, for which a school exists, is the training of its pupils, and school buildings should primarily be adapted for that purpose. The classrooms should be constructed with due regard to light, sound and ventilation, and should be fitted with all the appliances that conduce to health, comfort and convenience. The fixed machinery should be the best obtainable, so as to secure economy of time and efficiency of work. Architectural beauty may not always be attainable, but if boys are to honour their work, and this is the one inspiring motive of all good work, they should be able to honour the place in which that work is done. Mean surroundings naturally and inevitably produce meanness in thought and meanness in action, and it is difficult to inculcate habits of order and refinement in untidy and dingy classrooms.

We know, by bitter experience, how greatly the work in our own School has been hampered by defects in external structure, and by deficiencies in internal equipment, and we cannot feel too thankful that these original drawbacks have, so far, been counterbalanced by the personal efforts and the personal influence of the masters of the School. We have, at any rate, in spite of very considerable local disadvantages, secured a thorough organisation and a wholesome tone of public feeling. In view of the work that has been done, and of the quality of that work, we have established a claim upon the authorities of the school for generous consideration, and for liberal help in the direction of improvement to the material fabric of the School buildings. The experience of the past has supplied them with the one guarantee, that justifies the concession of further facilities, and that is the assurance that such facilities will be utilised to the utmost. What is required is the erection of new classrooms to supersede those of the present classrooms, that are obviously unsuitable for the purpose, and the thorough repair, equipment and adornment of such classrooms, as with these additions might be rendered suitable for the purpose. If new classrooms be erected, they should be erected with definite purpose, and adapted to the requirements of a day school, and be fitted with all the appliances suggested by the experience of our deficiencies in the past, and our aspirations for the future. The work should be done deliberately, and with a recognition of the principle, that cheap work is generally bad work, and in the long

run costly work. It is better to give us a few really good classrooms than a larger number of indifferent ones. Pending the erection of new classrooms, a great deal might at once be done to improve the accommodation and the appearance of many of the existing classrooms. The antiquated furniture might be gradually replaced, and the walls covered with suitable maps of various kinds, and with autotype reproductions of recognised works of art. For it is well to remember, how much of the best part of education is taken in through the eye. Finally, in each classroom the master should have, easily accessible to his hand, such instruments as help to render his teaching efficient and operative.

All this, of course, entails a large expenditure of money, and the school is comparatively poor. We cannot look for help to the Government of the country, nor apparently to private benefaction, but we venture to think that the School has so permanently won the support of the citizens of Sydney, that the money might safely be raised upon that security, and the support of the parents is the only real security that a school can offer. We feel sure that the expenditure would be a reproductive one, and we fully believe, that the improvements would eventually pay for themselves.

QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS.

QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS—April, 1899. The names that head the lists in the several subjects are:—

UPPER SCHOOL. *Latin*.—Hallard 95, Peapes 95, Stephen 95, Cameron 94, Elwell 94, Griffiths (1) 94, Byrne 91, Gale 91: Paul (2) 91, Taylor (1) 91, Deck (2) 90, Mills 89, McKeown (2) 89, McCrae 89, Owen 89, Carleton 88, Rosenfeld 88, Butler 87, Deck (1) 87, Harris (2) 87, Nathan 89, Norrie 87, Schleicher 87, Dawson 86, Dickson 86, Molesworth (1) 86, Stewart 86.

Greek.—Griffiths (1) 92, Gillett 86, Maughan 79, Harris (1) 77, MacCallum 77, Mills 75, Elwell 73, Addison (2) 71.

Arithmetic.—Kirkpatrick 95, Connell 87, Stephen 77, Griffiths 76, Himmelhock 76.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Sports' Executive has passed the following regulations to guide the election of cricket and football Secretaries and Captains.

- (a) The Upper School (and such members of the first and second teams as are not in the Upper School) shall elect a Cricket Secretary in August and a Football Secretary in March. The election to receive the sanction of the Sports' Executive.
- (b) As soon as there shall be a majority of permanent members in either team, they shall elect their Captain.

The collection held in the school on Friday, May 5th, in aid of the Hospital Saturday Fund, resulted in the very satisfactory total of £15 18s. 6½d. which has been paid to the Secretaries of the fund.

We have to congratulate H. A. Jones (1st XV. '94, '95, '96, '97) on his selection to represent the Metropolis in the match Metropolis v. Country on Tuesday, June 6th.

At the meeting held in the Science room on Friday, 2nd June, Close 2 was elected Sports Secretary, and Lindsay, Webb, Close 1, Waters, Campbell 1, and Barton, Committee.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on April 13th, the President in the chair, the only business was to elect a Secretary, vice Harris resigned, and A. M. Cohen was chosen for the position. Twelve members present.

April 20th was taken up in revising the rules, and after lengthy discussion the rules were greatly altered; 20 members were present.

The President took the chair on April 27th, Addison and Molesworth were the candidates for the position of committeeman, the former polled 8 votes, the latter six, so that Addison was elected; J. N. Griffiths then moved that "the tripartite control of Samoa should be maintained," saying "that the Berlin treaty had been drawn up with all due consideration, and the divided control had worked as well as any other would." C. Addison was of opinion that "Germany had no right in Samoa having only sneaked in, after England had sent missionaries there, and America had no right to depart from the Munroe Doctrine." Mr. Lucas would like to see the group divided up and one group given to each of the nations concerned. Mr. Carter spoke for the opposition while Vickery and Cohen sided with the Premier, and the motion was finally lost by seven votes to eight. 16 members present.

May 4th, J. N. Griffiths in the chair, the debate was "Should there be a British Railway from North to South Africa." C. Addison favoured the construction of the line, as transcontinental railways, such as the Trans-Siberian and Canadian Pacific, always proved successful, and it was hardly likely that this one would be a failure. A. M. Cohen thought the railway should be constructed but not wholly by Britain, as the concessions which must be given to Germany in order to pass through her territory would spoil the success of the line. J. R. Vickery said it would cost £8,000,000 to go through German East Africa, which was far too much. Deck and Harris both supported the Premier, and the motion was won by eleven votes to three, 16 members being present.

"Is crime more mischievous than mistaken zeal," was opened affirmatively by C. Addison, he assured the meeting that the English and French revolutions did a great deal of good, while burglaries and murders were

very mischievous, and no one knew when his life and property were safe. A. M. Cohen, thought that burglars and murderers only injured a few people, while such acts of mistaken zeal as Alva's persecution of the Netherlands, and George III's taxation of America, did great damage to the persecuting nations. Murray Prior said that Anarchists in their zeal did much harm in unsettling Russia. Mr. Lucas supported the Premier and said that Napoleon in his criminal ambition had murdered millions. Molesworth, Hallard, and Griffiths also spoke and the motion was lost by seven votes to five. 13 members were present.

J. S. Harris took the chair on May 25th, when A. M. Cohen moved that "An Academy of Literature should be established in England," giving as his reason that it would settle all disputes as to pronunciation and spelling. Wade Brown opposed the idea, as it was unnecessary and would cost too much. J. N. Griffiths said the Academy would govern the public taste in books. McCarthy said people would not be bound by its decrees. Harris said it would be mere waste of money as it was not wanted. The motion was lost 5 to 4.

Two impromptu debates were then held, the one that brought about most discussion was "Should England tax colonial wines." 12 members were present.

THE GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REGATTA.

Of the four Meetings of the Combined Schools perhaps the Athletic Meeting, as being the most universal, is the most important, but the Regatta certainly has the best claims to be placed next, especially now that there are three schools regularly competing with a strong probability of the Kings' School coming in later on. This year it was held on April 29th in beautiful weather and was as great a success as ever. When undertakings of this sort are specially successful the cause can generally be traced to the pre-eminent energy of one man, and as in past years success has been attributable almost solely to Mr. Devonshire's efforts, so this year to Mr. Sampson is due all accruing praise. Not only was every detail (except one) satisfactory, but the balance to credit amounts to upwards of £20. The one unsatisfactory feature was the matter of the Umpire's boat and for this the Managing Committee were in no way responsible. The "Dawn" had been promised and at the last moment the "Athena" was substituted by government officials. In theory the substitution of the Queen of the constant blue for the fickle rosy-fingered Aurora should have been welcome but *Hen, quantum mutatus ab illo*. Hector's ghost was never more disappointing to view than this crawling, seatless begrimed "Athena," which, getting a quarter of a mile start of the crews was able to keep them in view for rather more than half the distance. We would suggest to next year's Committee that they consider whether it would not be better to hire a small fast boat at about £4, and to sell, say 20 tickets at four shillings for this boat, in

addition to issuing the usual complimentary tickets. The other steamers were all that could be desired. The crowded "Bronzewing" being an ideal boat for such outings, and the "Birkenhead" amply large for its moderate freight of boys. When the boats reached Abbotsford the crews for the Schools' race were in position with S.C.E.G.S. on the north side, S.G.S. in the middle and St. Ignatius on the southern shore and just out of the sweep of the tide. The boats struck fairly well together but St. Ignatius made such a brilliant start that in a few strokes they were a length to the good with S.C.E.G.S. slightly ahead of our boat whose sluggishness both at the start and later on is at any rate partly to be attributed to the fact that some water had been shipped while waiting for the start. At Gladesville St. Ignatius pulling a very determined and powerful stroke were leading by nearly two lengths with S.C.E.G.S. rather in front of us. Rowing with power and dash the College further increased its lead, the other two boats being about level at the half distance. Thence out our boat gained on S.C.E.G.S. but did not appreciably lessen the gap that separated them from the winners.

It was not to be expected that the remaining races would evoke much enthusiasm, yet there were some splendid contests.

In the Junior Eights the two crews, Mercantile and Glebe, rowed with blades almost touching for nearly a mile, when the former drew away and won comfortably. In the Senior Fours a good contest was expected between Sydney and Glebe, but the latter were badly boated and after dropping far astern, they capsized. The last race brought out five crews (Junior Fours) and had a spice of interest to the Schools from the fact the S.C.E.G.S. had sent their second four and the University crew was composed of two old grammar School boys, Griffiths and Arnold, with one from S.C.E.G.S. and one from St. Ignatius, a federated Public Schools' Crew. These two crews, however, finished last and last but one. The winners (Mercantile) had already rowed a severe race in the Eights, but their condition and form were excellent enough to give them a decided win over Sydney (2nd) and Balmain (3rd).

SCHOOL FOURS.

1. St. Ignatius College.—W. McGuren, 10 st. 5 lbs., (bow); J. Carlton, 12 st 11 lbs. (2); M. Gleeson, 12 st. 9 lbs. (3); D. O'Sullivan, 10 st. (str.); S. Hogan, (Cox).
2. Sydney Grammar School.—R. C. McBurney, 10 st. 1 lb. (bow); J. C. Close, 11 st. 2 lbs. (2); G. U. Garvan, 11 st. 8 lbs. (3) D. C. Close, 10 st. 10 lbs. (str.); H. H. Maiden, (Cox).
3. Sydney Church of England Grammar School.—G. N. Larkin, 10st. (bow); E. D. Kater, 10 st. 3 lbs. (2); A. R. Wilson, 12 st. 1 lb. (3); J. Clarke, 10 st. 7 lbs. (str.); H. S. Bland (Cox).

Won by 5 lengths—2 lengths, between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 7 mins. 41 secs.

ROWING.

Just before the end of last quarter a meeting was held, at which Close I. was unanimously elected Captain of the Boats, in place of C. S. Browne, who had gone to the University. The writer would here like to place upon record his appreciation of Browne's services in the interests of the rowing of the School; not only did he excel as a coach of young oars, but the healthy influence for good which he had among his fellows, and which was part of his nature, will, I venture to say, be felt for many a day in every branch of athletics, in which he himself always took so distinguished a part.

As was anticipated there was keen competition for a seat in the School boat, and it was not until we had been in camp for some days that the four was definitely selected. Eventually the crew that went into training to row for the School was made up as follows:—McBurney (bow), Close I. (2), Garvan (3) and D. C. Close (str.). Farrar and Heron who had rowed with the others up to the time of the final selection of the crew, both consented to continue their training for the good of the School in the case of any unforeseen emergency, and right well did they do their work; in spite of their keen disappointment at being left out of the four, they entered into the spirit of the coming race with all the zest and ardour of the actual members of the crew, thereby setting an admirable example of unselfishness, which speaks well for the training, other than physical, which they had gained from rowing, and which is so marked a characteristic of this branch of athletics.

There were not so many recruits last camp as could have been wished, but the few there were worked hard to master the elements of rowing, and made good progress; as has been said in a previous number of *THE SYDNEIAN*, more solid good can be done in a ten days' camp, especially with novices, than in a whole quarter's rowing in Woolloomooloo Bay, where the water is mostly rough and the practice short and irregular. Intending oarsmen, therefore, are hereby reminded that if they want to succeed in rowing, and ultimately gain a seat in the School four, they must make up their minds to spend their next Michaelmas holidays in camp on the Parramatta River, where they will probably improve immensely in their rowing and enjoy themselves thoroughly into the bargain.

As usual, one of the features of last camp was music in the evenings, and although we had several fellows who could play the piano well, we missed sadly the help of Joe Woodburn, who, on previous occasions, had not only been our accompanist, but had admirably organised several most enjoyable concerts. We have, however, already engaged the services of a pianist for our next camp, so that we shall add the services of an excellent musician to the talent we already possess, and it is hoped that our next camp will be harmonious in every way.

This year the race was fixed three weeks after term began, and as it

would have been madness to attempt to go back and row on Woolloomooloo Bay, it was decided that we should go from School to Mortlake every afternoon and do all our rowing then. For the last week of all, however, we stayed at Mortlake altogether, and rowed both in the morning and afternoon. During all this time the crew was steadily improving, each member from first to last did his level best to profit from the coaching, not only in improving his own rowing but in getting together with the others. During the last week they made rapid strides, and on the day of the race they were fit to row "for a Kingdom." Without a doubt it was an excellent crew.

Details of the race have already appeared in the papers, and it is not the intention of the writer to attempt a description of it. Everyone knows now that St. Ignatius won and that we were second; there is no doubt that the winning crew deserved their victory, they were a very powerful lot and rowed excellently. There is also no doubt that our fellows rowed a plucky and determined race, in spite of being heavily handicapped by carrying a moveable mass of water in the boat from start to finish, shipped from the wash of a passing steamer just before the start.

It is now the duty of everyone who is interested in the School's success in rowing to put forth his very best efforts from now onwards so that the best possible crew shall row for the School next year. Public interest in school rowing is distinctly increasing, and it is quite possible that this interest will not be confined next year to the schools of this colony only; already a movement is on foot to induce the schools of other colonies to compete in intercolonial school rowing, and we should not be in the least surprised if the crews of both Victoria and South Australian schools were seen on the waters of the Parramatta River next year. Of one thing we may be assured that it will not be for want of energy and public spirit on the part of the present secretary to the Regatta if such a state of things does not come to pass. In the meantime, so far as our own School is concerned, every boy who submits himself to the discipline of being coached, may rest assured that whether he succeeds in gaining a seat in the School four or not, his efforts will not have been in vain.

THE MINOR POET.

His hair is long, his face is sad,
He is a melancholic lad;
Folks say he is a trifle mad.

And when he gets me all alone,
He reads me poems of his own;
Upon my chair I sit and groan.

He thinks he has poetic fire,
And says, the sacred Nine inspire
His trembling hand to strike the lyre.

My trembling hand feels inspiration,
 To quite a different occupation ;
 To rouse him from his meditation.

He fain would keep me up all night,
 To hear him drearily recite ;
 Long pieces by the candle-light.

He paces up and down the floor
 With rhapsodies, that more and more
 Impel the music of a snore.

And angrily his visage glows,
 When my poor inconsiderate nose,
 Gives forth a signal of repose.

R. D. S.

FOR THE "SYDNEIAN."

The Czar when barracking for peace,
 At least so I have read,
 Was laughed at much by many men,
 Including Mr. Stead.

Enthusiastically he wrote,
 And many things he said
 Not complimentary to the Czar,
 Which was not nice of Stead.

The Czar with Stead then had a talk,
 Which to a peace has led,
 For where he thought to find a foe
 He found a friend in Stead.

—MAC.

FOOTBALL.

SINCE our last issue the season has got into full swing and our prospects seem to be as bright as we could wish. Our back division is one of which the School may well be proud, and the forwards, thanks to assiduous practice and the pains Warbrick has bestowed upon them, are gradually developing into a formidable pack, the chief shortcomings being that the ball hangs rather in the scrum and that there is rather a lack of concert in open work ; we do not yet see the whole pack coming along together with the ball at their toes or the short passes which are so difficult to block ; there is plenty of individual brilliance in open work and when the combination comes we shall have one of the most brilliant school teams we can

remember. The first team is comprised of Johuston, full back ; Lindsay, Close 2, and Webb, three-quarters, (Garde has made an excellent substitute for Close since the injury to his ankle); Manning and Gow, five-eights ; V. Harris, scrum half ; Barton and McKenzie, centre forwards, R. Harris, Waters and Garvan, second rank ; Close 1, Smail and Farrar, back rank. Munro, McCrae, Mullens, Bennett and Yeomans have also played in the team.

We opened our match record very badly against a fairly strong University team, the forwards being fairly run over, Close 2 and Manning however, sustained the reputation of the backs. In a second match against a weaker team of Quidnuncs the team played much better together ultimately winning by a narrow margin. On May 10th we met a team of Wallaroos supplemented with Pirates, Randwicks, and Marrickvilles, in which there were six representative forwards, Ward of Marrickville playing centre three-quarter for the school in place of Close 2. The game after the first ten minutes was very one sided, our opponents forwards being far too heavy and clever for us, and they soon compiled a score of over 30 points against a solitary try gained for us by Garvan. On May 17th we played a match against the Sydney Church of England Grammar School who forfeited the competition match to us as we played with the forwards of the second team against them by request. Details of this match and those against St. Joseph's College, the King's School, and St. Ignatius will be found below.

Since our last report the Football Committee elected the following permanent members of the team—Johnston, Webb, Close 2*, Lindsay*, Manning*, Gow, R. Harris*, Barton*, McKenzie, V. Harris*, Waters, Garvan (the asterisk denotes a member of the 1898 team). The team has chosen Manning captain for the year. The match against the Hawkesbury Agricultural College fixed for Saturday, May 27th, was abandoned.

S.G.S. 1ST BACKS AND 2ND FORWARDS v. S.C.E.G.S.

Played on North Sydney Oval, on Wednesday, May 17th, Mr. W. Simmons referee. From the kick off the forward play was pretty even, but when our backs got the ball the game was generally carried into our opponents territory. Gow intercepted a pass and running strongly gained the first try for us, he took the shot at goal himself but failed. Shortly afterwards Manning intercepted a pass and running nearly three-quarters of the length of the ground scored between the posts, Gow succeeded with the kick, making the score eight points in our favour. The kick off was well followed up and the game was nearly on our line but the forwards came away with the ball and V. Harris picking up transferred it to Lindsay who dodged through several opponents and scored between the posts, Gow kicked another goal, 13—0. Lindsay returned the kick high and following up hard smothered the return, and getting the ball sent it on to Nicholls, and he passed to Bennett who worked his way over and scored, Gow failed at the goal, 16—0. Fisher of S.C.E.G.S. then put in a good run well backed up by Kater but Garde tackled him well and relieved

the pressure, and the forwards taking the ball down the field V. Harris got it from a scrum and dodging round scored a try, Gow failed at goal, 19—0. Shortly after Garde rushing up from three-quarters got the ball from a line out and was over the line before the backs fairly knew what had happened, Gow again failed at the goal, 22—0. Uninteresting play followed for some time till Harris got the ball from a scrum and a nice piece of passing between Manning and Webb enabled the latter to score between the posts, Gow again failed at the goal, 25—0. The only other incident of the match was a good run by Garde who crossed the line but was held up, and after some further fast play in which the S.C.E.G.S. forwards distinguished themselves the whistle went for time. Our forwards were not over brilliant, failing repeatedly to get the ball and showing great want of dash in the open, and the backs found things too easy, with the result that there was very little combined play, most of the tries being gained by the efforts of one man practically unbacked by anybody, and it is not good to see one man careering along with the ball 25 yards ahead of his team.

S.G.S. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Played at Hunter's Hill, Thursday, May 25th, Mr. Rowland Kean referee. There was a light southerly breeze blowing across the ground sufficiently strong to interfere with accurate kicking, for which our opponents had a reputation, and the ground had suffered from the continued dry weather to the extent of being very dusty, making the scrums suffocating work. There were numerous King's School people on the ground to wish us good luck, and take stock of our quality. The game opened with a fine rush of our forwards headed by Waters who brought the ball through from a line-out, their progress was, however, stopped about 10 yards from St. Joseph's line and some hard scrummaging followed, but before long R. Harris got the ball and sent it on to Manning who ran cleverly and gave Lindsay a chance of scoring of which he availed himself after a smart run. Johnson made a poor shot at a goal—the ball rolling after it had been placed. S.G.S. 3, St. Joseph's 0. The kick-off was followed up by the St. Joseph forwards and the play was fixed about 30 yards from our line, but R. Harris and McKenzie brought it back to half way where it went out. From the throw out Barton and Garvan came away with the ball at their toes, and Garvan, picking up very cleanly, completely beat his opponents by his pace, and scored, Johnston kicking a good goal—S.G.S. 8, St. Joseph 0. These rapid successes seemed to take the life out of the St. Joseph forwards and our men soon had the ball again in their 25, where V. Harris, secured it and running very cleverly dodged past all the backs and scored. Johnston failed at goal. S.G.S. 11, St. Joseph 0. Waters and R. Harris were soon after prominent in a rush from the line-out—in which we repeatedly out-manoeuvred our opponents—but the St. Joseph forwards worked the ball back to half way where Garvan got it, and by great pace scored again. Johnston kicking a good goal. S.G.S. 16, St. Joseph's 0. Garde returned

the kick out at halfway, but the St. Joseph five-eighths intercepted a pass and took the ball to our 25 where he was tackled by Webb who got the ball and ran to halfway where he sent the ball into a bunch of our forwards, and Barton, R. Harris and Farrar took it into St. Joseph's 25, but Kenny of St. Joseph's was able to relieve the pressure through some poor passing on our part, but, instead of running, he preferred to kick out at halfway, whence R. Harris soon took it back again, then Lindsay got it, and, being in difficulties, passed it to Webb, who was out of his place, the result being a free against us for off side. In this connection we must record to our discredit that most of the free kicks were against us mostly for offside passing. The ball was kicked out at halfway and Garvan getting it again from the throw out scored a try by the best run of the day, evading tackle after tackle and showing powers of evasion that he had not been previously supposed to possess. This was his third try. R. Harris potted an easy goal, making the score 21 to nil in our favour. The ball was out at half way when the whistle went for half-time.

In the beginning of the second half the St. Joseph forwards played up with more determination, and for a long time the scene of play was the centre of the ground, eventually the St. Joseph forwards came away with a rush into our 25 where Waters and Gow saved us from trouble for awhile, but their opponents again pressed with a good passing rush which was only stopped 10 yards from our line; then V. Harris and Webb got possession, and the latter streaking down the side line scored near the corner—R. Harris made a fair attempt at goal. S.G.S. 24, St. Joseph 0. Lindsay returned the kick and our forwards foolishly broke the 10 yards rule and were penalised by having the ball brought right back to the place from which it had been kicked, but Waters, Barton and R. Harris soon rushed it down, and again some offside play on our part enabled Kenny to kick out at halfway. Another free to St. Joseph took the ball out in our 25 and a further free gave them a chance to kick a goal, but the kick was a "grubber" and the two HARRISES, by a good passing rush, took the ball down into St. Joseph's 25, whence it was rushed backwards and forwards by the best and most even forward play of the day until it went out at halfway. St. Joseph then got in some good work and were dangerous for the first time, the game being near our line, but V. Harris, Manning and Garde, with the forwards close up, took the game down to the neighbourhood of St. Joseph's line, but a free to St. Joseph again relieved them and Lindsay, who took the ball was tackled at halfway, and hung on so long that another free was given to St. Joseph, but the kick was a poor one and Barton, getting possession, clambered through the rack and made his way over the line, just in time to evade a tackle from behind—Johnston kicked a good goal, S.G.S. 29—0. Shortly after Johnston saved his side from an ugly rush, and some loose play near our line gave Kenny a difficult chance at our goal which he turned to account with a fine kick, scoring the only points for his side. S.G.S. 29, St. Joseph's 4. The kick-off was smothered in St. Joseph's quarters and the ball went into touch and V.

Harris got it cleverly from the throw-in and by a smart run scored our last try, R. Harris kicking a good goal. S.G.S. 34, St. Joseph 4. Shortly after the whistle went for time.

The features of this game were the immensely improved form of the forwards, who were particularly strong on the line-out and were very brisk and enterprising in the open, and the clean passing of the backs. The points we should like to draw attention to for improvement are that the ball still stayed too long in the scrum, apparently stopped in the second rank, and the frequent violation of the rules, evidenced by free kicks given against us. Everyone should remember that if a man is the cause of a free kick against his side he has done them as much injury as if he had deliberately run back twenty or thirty yards towards his own goal. Often these breaches of rules are caused by over eagerness and so are excusable, but where they result from taking improper risks, as they did on two occasions, they have no excuse whatever.

The result of the game seems to be an indication that our first team is likely to uphold the fast growing football reputation of the school, and we look forward with much more confidence to the result of the Premiership Competition.

The weights of the team are as follows :—Johnston 9st. 2lbs., Lindsay 9-13, Garde 9-2, Webb 11-2, Manning 10-2, Gow 8-12, V. Harris 11-0, Close (2) 10-9. Average for back division with Garde instead of Close (2) 9st. 12½lbs. Barton 11-8, McKenzie 10-6, Garvan 11-11, R. Harris 11-12, Waters 10-2, Smail 10-1, Farrar, 11-1, Close (1) 11-10. Average for forwards 11st. 1lb. Average of whole team 10st. 7lbs.

S.G.S. v. T.K.S.

(From the *Cumberland Argus*).

The match King's School v. Sydney Grammar School, was played on Wednesday on the King's School oval, Parramatta, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The teams were : Grammar School—Johnston, Webb, Garde, Lindsay, Manning, Gow, V. Harris, Close, Small, Farrar, Garvan, Waters, R. Harris, McKenzie and Barton. T.K.S.—Perry, Debenham, F. Futter, V. Futter, Richards, Ryrie, Body, Harrison, Bossley, Holt, White, Newton, Coward, Doyle and Cambage.

The Grammar School won the toss and King's School kicked off. Bossley's kick was answered by Johnston, but the King's School lads went into the play with such dash that the visitors had to take refuge early in a force. The ball was kicked out and the teams settled down to work, R. Harris being the first man to come into prominence (in a lucky good kick and dashing follow-on). V. Harris obtained possession and sent a pass to Manning and the visitors threatened Schools' lines, getting almost over. Harrison, White and Cambage and the other King's School forwards battled northwards for some distance, relieving the pressure upon their lines. V. Harris threatened Schools' citadel again, seriously, but Richards and Newton won relief again for the Blue-and-whites. Then V. Harris obtained a mark in Schools' twenty five, but nothing

came of it. There was at this time a good deal of difference between the play of the two teams. The Grammar back division men were doing marvellously well ; but the King's School players were very uneven and very uncertain in their work. White took the ball up northwards, and the local fellows pulled themselves together. Richards sent a pass to Ryrie who called upon Futter. The centre three-quarter was stopped by Johnston. Then Ryrie got a mark about 35 yards from the G.S. goal. Bossley kicked well, taking advantage of the wind, which was blowing favourably, but did not score. The S.G.S. forced. Line-outs became frequent, and Cambage was seen frequently in forward work for "School." Gow's kicking and Perry's weak retort meant a distinct gain for the visitors, and then the latter's back division initiated a splendid passing attack. Manning, Gow, Garde and Lindsay had a share each in this brilliant movement, and a score against "School" was just averted by the locals, the ball going out. Some marking and kicking followed, and the "School" lads began to blunder.

Later on the Blue-and-whites tried passing, but it became more and more evident that their back division was very weak. Bossley did a good thing for his side by kicking beautifully along the line, and the ball went out in the N.E. corner. A couple of good attempts were made by Bossley for goals off marks, but although he used his boot creditably he did not gain any points. Then the game began to incline towards "Grammar." The Blue-and-whites pulled themselves together and charged up northwards, and Ryrie getting possession went on, and when almost in front of the visitors' goal he passed to Futter, who was marked by two or three men. Had Ryrie played hard on his own he would have had a better chance of scoring than Futter ultimately found that he had. Several times mistakes of that kind were made when the hopes of the K.S. supporters had been raised ; and, so, although Cambage and Harrison and White and Bossley and the rest of their kidney, came bustling along now and again, untying the knots into which the second-rate fellows were continually getting, they could never lift their crowd across the border line.

The play had not been going for many minutes in the second half before Lindsay beat "School" backs rather easily and scored. Johnston put the ball over well amid cheers. About seven minutes later Webb went over, at the end of one of those gallant combined charges which we were accustomed in the days gone by to think no schools could execute, save the King's. Just before the no-side whistle went, Garvan, who had been very aggressive in the G.S. forwards, scored the third try for his side, and Johnston kicked his third goal.

The kicking on the part of the Grammars was on the whole very good. The work of their back men, Johnston, Lindsay, Manning, Gow and V. Harris was at times particularly brilliant, and their forwards played a hard good game. The King's School forwards were the more successful lot in the dribble, and on most occasions they got the ball out. But there

was a want of smartness behind the pack there; and that made all the difference in the game. And that was how it came about, largely, that the often-victorious K.S. fifteen were made to look a trifle squashy.

The Grammar School fellows are to be congratulated most heartily upon their win. They are undoubtedly the best team this year in the Schools Premiership competition.

Mr. A. Brown was referee, and he did his work with great impartiality.

S.G.S. v. ST. IGNATIUS.

Played at Riverview, on Saturday, June 3rd. The ground after the heavy rains of the preceeding week was very heavy and the northern half was very slippery and boggy. Within the first ten minutes of play we had put up three tries, got by Lindsay, and R. Harris, the latter securing a brace. During the remainder of the first half we pressed pretty hard, but the ground was so slippery that it was difficult to get going even when the greasy ball was fairly taken, and no further score resulted. In the second half the game was much more evenly contested. St. Ignatious forwards played with much more determination, Gleeson 1, the centre three-quarter, and Coen showing good play. After some hard rallies a free kick was awarded us for a forward pass, and R. Harris potted a very pretty goal making the score 12 to nil. From this on we had rather the worst of the game, and Coen, Gleeson 1, and some of the forwards were conspicuous in the best passing rush of the day, Gleeson 2 scoring near our goal, the kick however failed, the score standing at 12 to 3 in our favour. From this out the St Ignatius team played up with great energy and, but for the excellent defence of Garde and particularly Johnston, would have scored two or three times. The whistle went with the score as stated above. V. Harris in the absence of Manning acted as captain, and shared the honours of the back division with Gow who punted admirably, Garde, Lindsay, and Johnston, the latter tackling and kicking with splendid coolness and precision. R. Harris, Garvan, Waters and Barton played a great game amongst a good lot of forwards.

THE SECOND FIFTEEN.

THE first forwards were green and raw enough a month ago but the state of the second fifteen was beyond description. Last year's second and third teams furnished little more than half a dozen who knew anything, and the new material did not give much promise. Notwithstanding this quite a fair team has been evolved and one that has more than held its own against the other Schools seconds. The team contains but one or two natural footballers; the others owe what they know of football to constant attendance at practice and patient coaching. Of the back division Munro and McCrae play the game well and will soon be fit to graduate, on occasion, into the first, Ffrench is also promising. The forwards are a hard-working lot but quite innocent of cleverness and brilliancy. The team

defeated Newington 2nd by 49 to 3, but had a closer game with T.K.S., eventually winning by 24 to 14, though the score at half time was 11—0 in favour of T.K.S.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN.

A MEETING was held April 11th in which Cochrane was elected Captain and Addison 2. Secretary.

Five outside matches have been played of which those against Manly Gran-mar School and The King's School were won for the School, and those against St. Ignatius, Newington and the Australian College lost. In the last we were unfortunate enough to lose, almost at the beginning of the game, Cohen 7, whose arm was rather badly broken.

Regular practice matches have also been arranged for the 3rd and Lower School 1st teams on Thursdays with Warbrick as instructor; and on Mondays, thanks to Mr. Barbour's kindness, we have been able to have regular practice matches for the 4th and Lower School 2nd.

In view of these special efforts that have been made to give regular instruction to the lower teams, the results are hardly satisfactory. The majority of the boys have attended regularly but the work has been spoiled by the few who have been absent. The main advantage to be gained from practice matches is the art of combination which can only be secured when the members of the team can play regularly in their proper places: when substitutes have to be played, this is impossible. No doubt the Junior Examination must bear the blame to some extent, but a good deal is due to individual carelessness and this will have to be looked to next quarter.

The general spirit and interest of the teams have been admirable: so much so, that, had they been able to play regularly in their entirety, the results would certainly have been much more satisfactory.

SPORTS MEETING.

THE Sports Meeting has been fixed for August 4th. This is our usual date, but is less convenient this year owing to the fact that we break up late in June and consequently re-assemble later in July. This will give the Committee only the first week of next term in which to collect entries. The alterations in the programme are few, the chief one being the addition of a high jump for boys, under 15. The Committee will be glad to hear of or from anyone who may be willing to contribute to the prize fund.

The athletic championship appears to be a very open thing, for there are at least half-a-dozen who seem to have almost equal chances. This should give a great impetus to the meeting as a whole and altogether with our larger number and increased public spirit, the meeting should be as successful as ever.

PROGRAMME.

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| 1. 100 Yards | } | Championships |
| 2. 440 Yards (all schools) | | |
| 3. Mile | | |
| 4. 120 yds. Hurdles | | |
| 5. High Jump | | |
| 6. Broad Jump | | |
| 7. Throwing Cricket Ball | | |
| 8. Kicking Football | | |
| 9. 150 Yards Handicap | | |
| (3.) Mile Handicap | | |
| (4.) 120 yards Hurdles, Handicap | | |
| 10. 220 Yards Handicap | | |
| 11. 440 " " | | |
| 12. 80 Yards under 12 Handicap | | |
| 13. 100 " " 14 " | | |
| 14. 220 " " 16 " | | |
| 15. 150 " Lower School Handicap | | |
| 16. Half Mile Bicycle Championship | | |
| 17. One " " Handicap | | |
| 18. Obstacle Race. | | |
| 19. Sack Race. | | |
| 20. High Jump (under 15) | | |
| 21. 150 Yards Old Boys' Handicap. | | |

 THE GYMNASIUM.

THE attendances at the Gymnasium, from the 4th Quarter, 1897, to 1st Quarter, 1899, are appended below :

1897 4th Quarter, 83 boys.

1898 1st Quarter 67, 2nd Quarter 77, 3rd Quarter 83, 4th Quarter 74.

1899 1st Quarter 89

Average, just on 79 boys per quarter.

On June 19th the Annual Competition for the medal will be held, and the Semi-annual Competition for 1st classes. The following boys will compete for the medal—Donovan, Gale, Mills, North and Webb; while Binns, Brennan, Arnham, Ebsworth, Kirkpatrick, Mitchell and Spain have entered for 1st classes.

This quarter boxing has been again taught by Mr. Foley, to a large class of nearly forty boys. He has been kind enough to bring down a new punching ball, that is at once effective and amusing, especially to the spectators, when it bobs unexpectedly against the nose of the puncher. Amongst some of the more prominent boxers we notice Manning i., Mackellar, Garvan and Harris vii., while K. Mackellar, who, when lately a member of the school, was *facile princeps* with the gloves, is frequently at the gym. and gives valuable assistance to the members of the class.

MEDITERRANEAN SKETCHES. (No. 2.)

[By F. S. D.]

THE ISLAND OF ISCHIA.

HE comes driving up to you like a whirlwind, this Neapolitan cabdriver, in his jaunty rattling carrozella.

“Canst thou catch the Cumæan train at 9.30?”

“Sissignore, suddenly, we shall go at once, Signor.”

“The fare?”

“At your illustrious pleasure, Signor.” (With a delightful apologetic smile.)

“But how much, exactly?”

“Five francs, five little francs, Excellency!”

“No, I will give thee two!”

“Be it so, Signor! have the benignity to get in Signor, suddenly we shall be there.”

Ah! it is worth the extra three francs to see the rogue’s smiling pessimism and servility, his politeness, and self commiseration and fatalism, as he accepts a just price—and drives you off. He really respects you the more all the same for not being a fool.

What a rattling of wheels over the lava streets, what cracking of whips, what shouts of Aah’! Aah’! to the horse, what objurgations against the people whom you nearly run over in the mazy narrow streets, and at last, luggage and all, “Behold, here we are, Signor, we are arrived,” the driver exclaims, as if a miracle had happened. Twopence extra, and the miracle is paid for, and you have his prayers and liege-love for ever and ever.

Thus one gets to the train and starts for the long desired Island of Ischia, the happy Inarime of the ancients, where, according to Dean Berkeley’s letter to Pope the inhabitants still might answer the poetical notions of the golden age, “but that they have got as an alloy to their happiness the ill habit of murdering one another on slight offences.” Farewell then awhile, O Chiaja, and Camaldoli, and to thee, O Via Toledo that we may tread the shores of the Hesperides and be blessed.

The train is off and the orchards of Bagnoli and the vineyards of Puzzuoli go dancing past us by the Sapphire sea. My travelling companions were all talkative and gay, and a jolly old priest who had come from Florence (his deep throated C betrayed him) and who was going to Casamicciola to cure his gout, put his breviary aside, commented on the beauty of the shores and gardens, and offered me a pinch of snuff.

The dark-eyed oldish lady opposite, also accepted his courtesy and with a smiling “*grazie tante* Signor Parroco,” dipped her fingers daintily into the box, and applied them to her nostrils with a mixture of reverence, politeness and coquettish desire to show off her pretty hand, that was all very charming and human. In short, by the time we had arrived at Torre Gaveta we were very good friends, and knew as much of each other’s business as we did of our own.

Torre Gaveto lies upon the shore north of Cape Miseno in sight of the islands of Procida and Ischia, and Naples is hidden by the promontories of Cape Miseno. A little rickety-looking steamer was lying in the offing and we were soon seated under its cool awnings. A mandolin player and his companion with a guitar commenced their gay music and songs. Everybody was laughing, and in good spirits with the fresh wine-like air, and the beauty of land and sky, and sparkling trays of Ischian wine began to be carried about by the waiters. The ladies soon commenced to exchange confidences, and to discuss the little ailments for which they were about to visit the sulphur springs at Casamicciola, to inquire of each other how many children each had had, and what sort of dresses were most becoming for the seaside, and other things of great importance.

Slowly and leisurely we pushed our way through the opaline azure sea, and passed under the coasts of Procida. The old castles and pink and white washed houses with their flat roofs seemed to rise by enchantment out of the dreaming waters and to look more like an Arabian mirage than a city of men. Here again as on the shores of Baiae, or Sorrento or Amalfi, one's spirit is under the Proteus like spell of the Mediterranean, of this sea which is the home of highest beauty in nature, and man, and art. With old stories of Boccaccio about Joan of Procida and Santa Restituta running in my mind, and the sound of Neapolitan love songs in my ears, the steamer drew me over to Ischia. The old ruined castle of the dukes of Ischia looked down for a moment upon us from its island rock, and then the houses of the Porto lay gleaming beneath the forest and vine-clad slopes of the old volcanoes behind the town. The many-colored boats of the Ischian watermen lay floating amid their bright reflections on the placid water, waiting to convey passengers ashore. Here we landed, and a delightful drive of about an hour and a half brought me to Casamicciola. Near this town I have ensconced myself in an ideal residence belonging to an old friar named Don Giovanni; for the word "Don" still lingers in Ischia as a relic of the Spanish rule over Naples, and partly displaces the ordinary word Signor. Here, for example, I find myself addressed by my host and others as "Don Federico," which makes one feel like the villain out of some antiquated book of romance; and the good old lady, the priest's sister—a stout and wrinkled old maid, who potters about the house—one hears entitled "Donna Caterina," and then one falls to thinking of galleons and the Spanish main.

The house is on the hillside in the middle of vineyards overlooking the sea, and the great mass of Mt. San Niccolò overhangs us with its deep ravines and pendent groves of chestnut trees. The house roof is flat and terrace-like, with many parapets and cool retreats, and affords an excellent place to linger and flirt, and chat or sing in, of an evening, according to Italian fashion.

I am never tired of the richness and variety of these gardens around us, nor of the splendour of sky and sea. Little lateen sailed barks are gently moving out towards the Italian coast, and songs and music of

mandolins come from the vineyards below us. Canst thou not imagine, O dear barbarian reader, the likeness of these gardens, of which Homer and Virgil have sung. The midday light is glowing through the blue and gold green bunches of grapes, and soft winds are murmuring with all a lover's caprice among the leaves. Great sleepy fig trees spread their quiet shade, and pomegranites begin to blush and redden under the repeated kisses of the sun. Down below the vine songs of the rude peasants are heard as they gather the grapes, for it is already vintage, and as if answering them the merry cicadas, high in the chestnut trees are singing their hearts out.

And down there under a cool mass of peach tree branches, a little two-roomed cottage peeps out of the shadow. There my padrone, the old priest, is taking his midday siesta, and will return to his finer residence in the evening. A few books are scattered about the room, old breviaries and missals and the account books of the vineyard, all written, except the last, in the Latin tongue. Any afternoon between two and three o'clock if you take that path to the left, where the muscatels are just ripe, and walk ten minutes leisurely under the vines to where the mountain slope is more abrupt and ivy grows instead of vines, and where there is a great portal to a deep cellar hewn ages ago out of the pumice rock, and shut with a large grated wooden door covered with spider webbs and shaded with an awning of dry sweet scented russet leaves of chestnuts—if you take that path, I say, and follow it to this spot you will find Don Giovanni sitting in the shade, bent over a large type book with the paragraph letters in red, and repeating the allotted portion of the daily office. The book is the Latin breviary, and for the help of frail scholars the words are mostly marked with stress accents.

It is a spot where a poet might come to worship or where a devout student might linger with Theocritus or Homer in his hand, or a lover might perchance come to write madrigals to his mistress's eyebrows. As for Don Giovanni, he is content with his breviary, and nods and dozes in the midst of his Arcadian and secluded devotions. Sometimes a little zoccolo peeps down from the crevices of the trellis above him, viewing him with wondering eyes, as he sits there nodding in naive rusticity and sanctity. The big keys of the wine cellar and a half-emptied jug of yellow wine are by his side on the ground. He has laid aside his priestly sottana, and the sleek broad-brimmed hat he wears in the streets of Casamicciola, and is now clad in his dingy old garden clothes. Many buttons are off his waistcoat and trousers, and his white shirt takes no care to disguise its want of snowiness. If it were not for Sundays it is a problem how long the good friar would go on wearing that long-suffering garment. Was it not Mirabeau who defended the Sabbath for recurring on every seventh instead of every tenth day by stating that a week was the limit a laboring man could honestly go without changing his shirt? A great philosopher! And Don Giovanni's garment is open at the front and shows a neck and throat wrinkled and gristly with age, but still full

of a dark coppery glow of health. It is the neck of a good wine drinker, perhaps. The face is deeply seamed and rutted, and the short tip-tilted nose recedes into two bushy, half-grey eyebrows. The good man shaves on Sundays, and as to-day is Thursday a thick stubble gives his face a somewhat dirty and Grobian look, the effect being heightened by the sundry remnants of snuff that cling to the nostrils and to the upper lip. But what does that matter! Let the Signor Curato daff the world aside in his own way. He has his own vineyard, has his prayers to read, he is fairly rich (in an earthly sense, for the present), why should the world bother him with its fads for tidiness and cleanliness? Let him go his way.

There he sits and nods, then, and mumbles and turns the pages of his breviary; and the wild bees and the humming wasps fly past him, and the cicadas, and the green lizards, and the spiders probably now all know him by sight, as he sits day after day in shady nook and sips his wine and slumbers over his Latin prayers.

(To be Continued.)

LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

Gradually, but none the less surely, the number of boys in the Lower School who play football is increasing, and I am glad to say that with the quantity the quality is also improving vastly. Both the first and second teams are now having regular weekly practices in addition to Wednesday and Saturday matches and, up to the present, there has never been any difficulty whatever in raising teams for either practice or matches. Every Thursday afternoon the 1st XV. plays a practice match with the School 3rd on the Agricultural Ground, Mr. Warbrick coaching them, and already his instruction is making itself apparent in the individual and collective play of the team. On Mondays the 2nd XV. practices with the School 4th on the Centennial Park, when Mr. Barbour very kindly trains them in the way they should go. The members of both teams show their appreciation of these practices by being regular in attendance and by paying attention to the instruction.

Up to the time of writing the Lower School 1st has played four matches, winning three, and losing one. We have still with us seven of last year's team, Robertson, Marsh, Goddard and Blaxland i. in the forwards, Elliott, scrum half, with Powell and Crouch (Captain) three-quarters. Lhoest, Mackellar, Cooke, Goldfinch and Powell i. have regularly played with the firsts also, with Blaxland 2, Docker Watson and last, but not least, Hinton, playing occasionally. Hinton, when he has become used to running in company with a football, should prove himself of great use.

Commencing with this season, we hope always in future to have a "Lower School Cap," both for football and cricket. The boys, named

above, who played for the Lower School last year, have been the first to receive them.

The 1st XV. have played the following matches :

Newington College 3rd.—On April 26th at N.C. Won, 22—0. A very fine game for the first half, after which S.G.S. had the best of the game. Tries were secured by R. Powell 2, M. Powell, Lhoest, Blaxland 1, and Crouch. Robertson and Blaxland 2 each kicked a goal.

T.K.S. 3rd.—At Parramatta on May 3rd. Won, 6—0. A good game. Both tries were obtained by R. Powell, one after a fine run, the other the result of a rush.

S.C.E.G.S. 2nd.—May 10th, on Centennial Park. Won, 17—0. A closer game than the result would imply, our success being mainly due to the good play of our forwards. The Lower School 2nd was playing S.C.E.G.S. 3rd at the same time, and we were delighted to see such a large number of boys from both schools looking on, in addition to six of the masters. At half-time the four teams were photographed successfully. Tries were obtained by G. Blaxland (3), R. Powell, and Robertson, the last named kicking a goal.

Manly University School.—At Manly on May 17. Lost, 17—14. We deserved to lose, too. Something seemed to be wrong with the forwards : was the ' sea-trip ' too much for them ? Tries were obtained by R. Powell (a consistent scorer), Marsh and Elliott.

The remaining matches of this quarter are —

Wednesday, June 7	...	St. Ignatius 3rd, at Riverview.
Saturday . . June 10	...	T.K.S. 3rd, at Parramatta.
Wednesday, June 14	...	Manly Univ. Sch., Centennial Park.
Wednesday, June 21	...	S.C.E.G.S. 2nd at North Sydney.

2ND AND 3RD FIFTEEN.

There is nothing more enjoyable than watching an even game between two teams of very little boys, and I am sure any S.G.S. boy who took the trouble to go over to North Sydney or Parramatta when our Lower School 3rd XV. were playing the T.K.S. or C.E.G.S. youngsters, would feel that he had not thrown away his Saturday morning. "Brilliant" is hardly the word to apply to these youngsters ; but there are undoubtedly some most promising little fellows amongst our youngsters. Gurdon, captain of the second fifteen, has fulfilled last year's expectation, and we look forward to seeing him distinguish himself in the first in the near future. Deery, Amos, Backhouse, Rundle, Docker, Yeomans, "Billy" Levien, and North are also prominent members of the 2nd, who work like Trojans and have already learnt a great deal about the game. In the thirds we have also some fine little chaps who promise well for the future and are as enthusiastic as they can be. Paterson, for example, the diminutive scrum half, is a most formidable opponent and has a most marvellous knack of getting the ball and doing the right thing at the right time when he gets it. The two Woodburns, Williams, Weaver 1, and Clayton, deserve

a word of praise too, whereas little Russell-Jones 2, as full-back is quite excellent. His tackling and coolness at North Sydney the other day were almost (not quite) equal to Johnston's at Parramatta on May 31st. By the by, we were glad to see so many of the lower school boys up at Parramatta that day, watching the King's School match.

The following matches have been played—

2nd v. T.K.S. 4th.—On Centennial Park, April 25th. Won, 5—3. An exciting game, Gurdon scoring for us and Philp for T.K.S.

2nd v. N.C. 4th.—At Stanmore on May 6th. Lost, 51—0. We were quite out of it from the start and this game shewed us that some of our fellows do not know how to play a losing game.

2nd v. C.E.G.S. 3rd.—May 10th on Centennial Park. Won, 32—0. Deery and Gurdon covered themselves with glory on this occasion, both boys playing very well. Tries were obtained by Deery (4) Gurdon (3), Weaver, Levien, North, and Woodburn ii. kicked one goal.

2nd v. T.K.S. 4th.—At Parramatta, May 13. Lost 6—3. A good game. Williams scored twice for T.K.S. and Amos once for us. T.K.S. played a jolly good game, Champion 2 and Davis being especially brilliant.

2nd v. T.K.S. 4th.—At Parramatta, May 27th. Won 11—0. Tries were obtained by Backhouse, Jones, and Amos, and Jones kicked a goal. Backhouse played very well.

3rd v. C.E.G.S. Juniors.—April 22, at North Sydney. Lost, 11—9. A splendid game, though not very scientific on either side. Tries for C.E.G.S. Salway (2) and Dent, for S.G.S. Rundle and Woodburn (2).

3rd v. T.K.S. 5th.—April 25th on Centennial Park. Lost, 6—3.

3rd v. N.C. 5th.—May 6th, at Stanmore. Drawn, 6—6. I think the tongues did the most work in this game. There was too much "line that man," and "folla ron."

3rd v. T.K.S. 5th.—At Parramatta, May 13. Won, 6—0. A good game, tries by Backhouse and Purves.

Juniors v. C.E.G.S. Juniors.—At North Sydney, May 20th. Lost, 11—9. Quite the best junior match yet played. Tries for C.E.G.S., Black, Bland, Salway—for S.G.S. Gurdon, Rundle, Backhouse. Salway and Bland played well for C.E.G.S. and Russell-Jones' tackling for S.G.S. was quite remarkable.

3rd v. T.K.S. 5th. At Parramatta, May 27. Won, 14—6. A grand game. At half-time the score was 3—3, after which T.K.S. seemed to lose heart. Tries for T.K.S. by Champion ii. (2), a splendid little player. For S.G.S. by Purves, Deery (2), Weaver.

The following matches have yet to be played—

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| Saturday, June 3. | 3rd v. C.E.G.S. at North Sydney. |
| " " | 2nd v. St. Ignatius 4th at Riverview. |
| Wednesday, June 7. | 2nd and 3rd v. Newington College 4th and 5th on Centennial Park. |
| Saturday, June 10. | 2nd and 3rd v. Newington College 4th and 5th at Stanmore. |
| Saturday, June 17. | 2nd v. "Federal" at Strathfield. |

OLD BOY'S COLUMN.

To the Editors of THE SYDNEIAN.

Dear Sirs,—In view of the ever-increasing number of boys who, though they have left the School, still cherish tender memories of the happy days spent within its walls, and take a lively interest in the achievements of the School in the various branches of athletics and learning, it would not, perhaps, be asking too much of you to devote a small space in the pages of the SYDNEIAN to the doings and whereabouts of some of them. There are some whose occupation does not allow them to identify themselves with the present members of the School as they would like, while others can only follow the successes of the School by a perusal of the SYDNEIAN. Accordingly I fancy that if you publish a few words, each issue, about some of the ex-students, it would not only serve to keep them in touch with one another, but also, to a considerable extent, with Grammar School boys of the present time.

Interest, I suppose, naturally centres, in most cases, on those who have been the last to join the multitude of "Old Sydneians," and I will let you know how some of these are faring.

A. H. Stewart, (our Champion athlete in '97 and '98) is at the University and has entered the School of Mining. He has not had very much time to train, but even so, in the Inter-University sports last month, he ran second to Moir of Melbourne in the 100 yards Championship, and so proved himself the fastest man over 100 yards at the University of Sydney. He was also chosen to represent the University in the Broad Jump, but, through want of training, only got third place. He has got his "blue" for Athletics.

J. M. C. Corlette, (1st XV, '97-'98) is also in the Engineering School, and is playing football for the University B in the second grade competition.

D. Thomas, Clayton, Brookes, Weigall and Wood are also doing Engineering.

C. S. Browne (1st XV, '95, '96, '97, '98,) and S. Powell (1st XV, '96, '97, '98,) have won their places in the University A team, playing 1st grade. Browne has also played for the University Undergraduates in Cricket, and is the only one from the School in the 1st year in Medicine.

J. W. Woodburn (1st XV, '96, '97, '98,) has played Cricket for the Undergraduates on three occasions, but did not strike form. He is doing Arts.

G. Raffan (1st XV, '97, '98,) is playing for the University B team.

Amongst those in the 1st year in Arts I noticed Powell, Raffan, Woodburn, A. G. McCrae (also playing for the University B team), Harris (full back for the 1st XV, during the early part of last season,) W. Hinton, H. Wilshire (Modern Language Scholar '98), J. P. Tivey (Mathematic Scholar '98), R. N. Teece (General Proficiency and Classical Scholar '98) and A. R. Mote. Mote has officiated several times at the Grand Organ in the Great Hall. He gave a recital during the Annual Commemoration and also accompanied the students' songs.

The success of the Football team in their match against the King's School was very gratifying to those old boys who went to Parramatta to see the game. Amongst the "Old Sydneians" present I noticed S. Powell, H. A. Jones (1st XV, '94, '95, '96, '97), J. C. Wilson (1st XI.), B. W. Farquhar (1st XI and XV), R. V. Spier (1st XV, '96, '97) and M. Vernon. Coming home I ran across A. Robertson who played with the 1st XV last year.

H. A. Jones ("Jonah"), played for the A team of the University all last season, and is playing again this year. He has not done much running since he left school, but last week he won the 100 yards Inter-Collegiate Championship. He is going to row for St. Andrew's College next month.

E. C. Delohery ("Cunning"), has played all through the Cricket season for the Undergraduate team (the winners of the competition) and played one splendid innings of 182. He is also playing scrum-half for the University A team, and though very small, has played some excellent games. He is in the second year of his Engineering course.

R. V. Spier who played for the 1st XV in '96 and '97, and rowed bow in the '96 and '97 crews, find that his work prevents him from taking part in sport. He is in second year Engineering.

J. Richardson ("Bull") (1st XV, '97, '98) and G. R. Campbell (1st XV '98, 1st XI '97, '98) are at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

An Old Boys match had been arranged for this term, but fell through. However, one will be definitely arranged for next term. Browne and Jones are working it up and will get together a team which should make the School team show its best form. The following are available:—T. Howard, H. Gould, C. B. Cameron, A. G. McCrae, E. C. Delohery, C. S. Browne, H. A. Jones, J. B. Jones, H. Marks, S. Powell, A. Robertson, J. M. C. Corlette, G. Raffan, R. V. Spier, A. Gow and F. G. Griffiths.

I will have something to say about some of the "older old boys" next time.

Very sincerely yours,

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