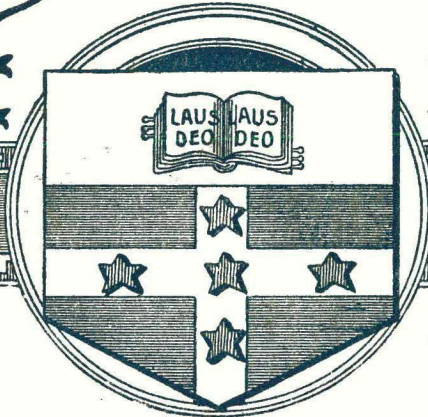


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BOUILLABAISSE.

This Bouillabaisse a noble dish is—
A sort of soup or broth or brew
Or hotchpotch of all sorts of fishes.

SOLVITUR AMBULANDO. This is not a frenzied call for "Zambuk." It merely suggests that, to find out the length and difficulty of the journey—the shortest cut is to step it out for oneself. Distances are proverbially deceptive. When the *Sydneian* appeared, a month before due date, in March, it seemed a far cry to the spring issue in August. It was easy for the new editors to promise that the far-off August number would go back to the earliest days of the School, or even beyond them, and recreate the charm of that simple epoch. But now that, jogging along, we have come imperceptibly to August, two things forbid—first, owing to the forced draught which enabled the "Fête issue" to appear before the Fête, much of first term's news was crowded out, for what seems the sufficient reason that it was not yet born into the world as news; hence this present number is swelled with matters of mere record. And, more important, the idea of casting light upon the dark ages of the School has been taken up so effectively by old boys with special knowledge that it grows into something too big for casual haste. In especial, Mr. A. J. Cape, the acknowledged authority in this field, and Mr. Vincent Dowling, who left the School in 1864 to travel to England "for health reasons," have placed at our disposal much that is quaint and instructive. For the present, therefore, we merely fulfil in part the letter of our promise, by printing the Christmas oration of the youthful Consett Stephen and some recollections of "the Father of the Common Room." For the form of these, for whatever is meretricious in them, Mr. Goldie is not responsible. In other words, all that glitters is not Goldie, the genuine ore is his.

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The result of the Fête is very gratifying. Everybody backed up everybody else with ungrudging energy and enthusiasm. The mothers of old Sydneians proved that they are fully worthy to boast old Sydneians as sons: they have a very pleasant way of retaining interest in school doings. We observe among many fine achieve-

ments the really amazing figures which express the fierce rivalry of Bill's Hoop-La and Bull's Hoop-La; seven shots for sixpence must be multiplied many times to produce £110. The net proceeds, £1,356/10/8, have been divided evenly, according to the prospectus, between the School Renovation Fund, School Endowment and Weigall Ground Debt Reduction. All three good causes have benefited somewhat from private generosity since last statement; the complete figures are not at the moment available, and may therefore be reserved for November acknowledgment.

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Many old Sydneians will rejoice that Mr. F. G. Phillips has returned to his old allegiance after more than ten years' absence as joint Head of a school of his own. Year by year the old threads are broken; it is not often that we can pick them up again and knit them into something firm and strong. We have tried Mr. Phillips and know his worth; he is that rare combination, a good Australian who has travelled, a keen theorist who can actually teach.

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Mr. H. J. Carter is well known to many Old Boys of what one may call the period of the middle distance. His son, Edward Carter, Wigram Allen Prizeman of 1904, fell in the Great War. Mr. Carter has now founded the Edward Carter Memorial Prize, of the annual value of £7. His object is the encouragement of self help and constructive talent and, especially, of the useful employment of spare time. Mr. Carter considers it axiomatic that character is shown, and largely moulded, by the use boy or man makes of such time, and believes that a prize for such effort would be such as his son would wish. One remembers that a prominent Brisbane engineer wrote of Edward Carter as "the cleanest and ablest lad I have ever met in my professional life."

It is suggested that the prize, or prizes, be awarded for (a) Mechanical construction or (b) A practical demonstration of knowledge of electricity or (c) Designs for architecture, sculpture, wood-carving, and the like or, possibly, (d) Research into some branch of natural history or geology. Failing such awards, or, until history is adequately endowed, superadded to them, some part of the prize may be diverted to the encouragement of history, which Mr. Carter regards as the finest of all school subjects for the training of the citizen.

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Mr. Lucas went to the University of Tasmania in September, last year, to fill a gap and to see the session out as Acting-Professor of Mathematics. He was asked to stay on this year, and the invitation may be plausibly explained by a desire on the part of the University authorities to take ample time in the choosing of a

new permanent man. But when they invite Mr. Lucas to keep going next year also, it can only mean that they love him for himself alone. We who know Professor Lucas find this explanation entirely adequate.

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The "Rotary Drive" to raise ten thousand pounds for the Boys' Brigade and to aid the great work in which Mr. J. O. Fairfax is so keenly interested falls in the September vacation. It has not been found possible, as the promoters hoped, to organise any G.P.S. functions in support, but Grammar, like other schools, is wholly sympathetic, and may be able to be of service later, when the extended "Brigade" is actually at work. The School is also doing its best to help the Rugby Union to make the United Service v. G.P.S. match a success.

IN THE ANCIENT DAYS.

THE Sydney Grammar School, if not identical with the Sydney College, is at least a reincarnation of it, if only in the sense that it is housed in the same bodily structure. On the façade of Big School, fronting College Street, is an inscription bearing date of the foundation, 1832. From the beginning, as it is now, the spacious room which still serves us for assembly was used for purposes of examination, but in a nobler and somewhat technical sense. The "Annual Examination" was attended by the beauty and fashion of the youthful city and conducted by the Governor in person, or some other man of mark. Possibly, on such an occasion, the less satisfactory boys, if there were any, kept themselves to themselves, in the background; at any rate, the reports of the "examiners" seem to have been uniformly favourable. In any case, the examination was really "public."

At the annual examination in 1843 the "closing address" was delivered by the boy whom nowadays we should call the senior prefect. This was the second son of Sir Alfred Stephen, then a lad of sixteen and later the founder of the famous firm of Stephen, Jaques & Stephen. It is therefore the grandfather of our own Adrian Consett Stephen, the scholar, poet, soldier who fell in France, that is speaking to us 80 years ago:—

"Closing Address at the Annual Examination of the Students of Sydney College, Christmas, 1843. (M. Consett Stephen.)

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—

"At the close of another year I stand before you as the representative of my schoolfellows, to utter our common sentiments at the temporary termination of our toils and the commencement of our Christmas festivities. The period for relaxation has again arrived, and we are all in expectation of enjoyment amid the merry scenes of our happy homes. Those among my companions who are

conscious that they have not misspent their time and who have laboured hard to do credit to their masters and to themselves, will in this season of general hilarity enjoy a double pleasure in their recreations, as labour sweetens rest and their consciences will testify that they have done their duty.

"To the patrons of this institution we again tender our sincere thanks. For another year we have experienced their fostering care, and let us hope we have not proved unworthy of our *alma mater*. To our masters, also, we return our best acknowledgments for all their care and trouble on our behalf, and we trust they may enjoy their best reward in seeing us all they would wish us to be, respected in future life and exemplifying in those stations in which Providence may place us, the useful lessons they have striven to inculcate.

"To you, ladies and gentlemen, we are grateful for your presence upon this occasion, and for the kind and candid indulgence with which you have pardoned our faults and over-estimated any excellence which we may have displayed. It is particularly gratifying to us to observe so numerous an attendance, especially at a time when all seem too much engrossed in their individual business to exhibit any interest in affairs of a less selfish, though, at least, of equally important a nature—a period, too, when we meet none but melancholy faces deploring, as we are told, the depression of the times. Now this melancholy we will try to dispel, and show you that you have a race rising around you to whom, if you cannot leave fortunes, you may safely entrust your reputation that we may preserve it unsullied, your unfinished labours that we may bring them to perfection. Your faces wear none of this gloom now, and we hope that a thought of Sydney College and those that here bear the names of many of you now present may revive the hopes of the desponding and always impart some joy when otherwise you could not but be sad.

"Having now undergone the exciting but useful ordeal of a public examination, and having passed through it, we hope satisfactorily to you and honourably to ourselves, the holidays long looked for with impatience are before us. I need then detain you no longer. I look around, too, on my companions and see them all anxious to be off, and I am afraid lest my own throat should be too hoarse to act as fugal-man to those who are ready according to annual custom to give vent to their joy in three hearty cheers."

THE VETERAN.

CHARLES JAMES DASHWOOD GOLDIE came to the School, by way of Eton and Cambridge, in December, 1877. He journeyed from England in the *Chimborazo*. The writer recalls that his own baby undershirts were kept decently together by bone buttons of

exceeding romantic value as salvage from the wreck of that good ship. Thus are the generations of men linked one to another in story. Before Sydney, the Goldies (for Charles had brought with him one of his octette of sisters, lucky man!) spent a couple of months in Brisbane, where their cousin was Governor, and where Goldie tried his prentice hand at the Normal School. "I did not like it, but I learnt something there." At S.G.S. he joined a school of some four hundred boys and a dozen masters. Pratt was just leaving, but the Whitfelds, father and son, were there, the elder a man of very high academic attainments, genial and kind, the father of a very talented family. Then there was Laurence Stephenson, an excellent teacher of mathematics, great as an oar, and still greater as a walker: at different times he tramped from Brisbane to Melbourne. Together with some of the Sixth, among them the Allens, Wilkinson and Debenham, he rowed from Albury to the mouth of the Murray, six weeks, a steady 40 miles a day, with Stephenson himself, the tireless one, never far from the oars. Goldie, too, had rowed at Cambridge, without disgracing either his famous brother or that Jack Goldie who was one day to stroke the N.S.W. crew. At Cambridge he had rowed for his college in the "sandwich boat," which starts each night bottom of the first division and top of the second. In those primitive days the first division rowed on slides, the second on fixed seats, so that Goldie had to train on both. However, they escaped gloriously by making a bump on each of the six nights.

As might have been expected from such gluttons, Stephenson and Goldie started a rowing club at Grammar. They had one string test four, the "Osprey," but most of the races were rowed in pleasure boats. Prominent members were the Fairfaxes, Geoffrey and W. B., Kemmis and Alec Thompson.

Mr. Francis was another very popular master. With Bean he started *The Sydneian* in 1875, the first number recording the second meeting of the G.S. Athletic Club on May 8, in "temperate weather" and "cheered by the choice music of the German band." It is Mr. Goldie's recollection that Francis and Bean started the Athletic Club also. Mr. Pratt was referee at the outset, but for over forty years Mr. Goldie has acted in that capacity.

Mr. Meyrick was Classical Master. As befits a good classic he specialised in entomology and had what Mr. Goldie believes was considered the best collection of moths in the world.

Mr. Michell was a tremendous swell, coming to school always in a tall hat and garments to match. Like Mr. Meyrick, he was interested in "specimens": he once sent a little, untidy boy with this note: "Dear Goldie, can you match this for dirt?" Riding with Goldie down the Jamberoo Mountain in top boots and heavy rain, Mr. Michell was compelled next morning, like a knight in armour, to

get the local blacksmith to help him into his stiff boots, unwisely dried, as they had been, in the kitchen of the country inn. He vowed this should not happen again, and next night went to bed in a beautiful blue-trimmed nightshirt and—top boots!

Stephenson and Goldie started a school house, which a year later became Wimbledon Hall, in Bourke Street. It was a fine house, near the school and with nearly three acres of garden. Then Stephenson went as head of Toowoomba Grammar, where G. P. Barbour now is, and as he had married Miss Goldie, our C.J.D.G. had to manage his twenty boarders with the help of a succession of housekeepers, including "a parson and his wife and two daughters, but they could not get on with the boys"—graceless young ruffians! Then at last another Goldie daughter was spared from the old English rectory and all was well.

Among those early Wimbledonians were Forbes Mackay, whose generous gifts to the School were recently recorded, the two brothers Dezarnaulds (the son of one is the present prefect-forward), the Osbornes, Hope and Ben, and the three Cruickshanks, the youngest of them, Ernest, being a lad of some character and resource: he punched holes in the bottom of the bath because the water was slow in running out.

Mr. Meyrick was succeeded by Mr. Hewlett. He organised a Greek play, acted in the schoolroom, with H. A. Russell and Bob Garrahan taking part very successfully. Mr. Giles made a notable first appearance on the scene about this time in his natural role as the curly-headed boy of the Common Room. Dear old Farrar, too, was a most popular master, of whom no old boy has ever had an unkind word to say. He had himself the gift of extravagant invective, but it had no bite. He once exclaimed to a careless stalwart: "Boy! Boy! Your writing is atrocious; it is enough to make a man's eyeballs burst." And it was commonly reported, and generally believed, that it was Farrar's gift of tongues that caused the removal of the cab stand from College Street: the horses on the rank could never quite get used to his outbursts. Yet Mr. Goldie remembers him first as "a cleanshaven, mild young man who seemed always to be reading home letters."

Football in those days was played in Moore Park, chiefly against the Waratahs and Wollaroos club teams. This applied also to cricket, since the only schools available were King's and Newington. It is of interest at this present moment to think of King's as our most ancient football rivals. The first issue of the *Sydneyian* (September, 1875) opens its "Foot-ball" record with a match at Parramatta. It is difficult to discover which side won. No figures are given, but there is some evidence, to a layman, that King's scored two unconverted tries to one. Here it is in the curt language of the *Sydneyian's* football expert: "Almost immediately after the kick off

by E. Bowman, our captain, S. Smith for K. School by a run in; second touch down near the boundary line; the ball was punted out but without avail. Before halftime was called, E. Bowman secured a touch down and following the precedent of the King's School the ball was punted out and Dean essayed a kick at goal but failed." There were two Newington matches; in the one "victory remained with our opponents" since Wheatly "secured a touch down and Evans succeeded in scoring" which looks like a converted try. In the other, "A. Sherwin secured a touch down for G.S. The ball was punted out and H. Barrington tried a drop at the goal, but on account of the wind failed to score." Later "G.S. ran the ball down to the enemies goal and E. Sherwin by a drop kick scored a goal." Newington failed to score until "about 5 minutes before time was called one of the N. boys touched the ball down between the G.S. posts but as he was off side a dispute to which neither side seemed willing to succumb arose and as the time was now up both teams left the field." Obviously a willing five minutes. In cricket that year we were beaten twice by Newington, who had as bowlers "Evans and Palmer," on paper a formidable pair, but beat Kings by 164 to 21 and 34. In this latter match the teams dined at the school with Mr. Weigall, and "the visiting team returned to Parramatta by the 11 o'clock train."

When Mr. Goldie first saw it, Hyde Park was surrounded by a wooden fence, and all the trees were fenced. In the clean-up for the Exhibition of 1881 all these were swept away and a high fence of iron spears on a stone wall, placed round the park. The cleaning and painting of these long spikes provided convenient work for the unemployed in times of stress. From the Masters' Common Room there was a view clear through to the Observatory at Miller's Point, and Mr. Pratt and Mr. Whitfeld would watch every day to mark the fall of the one o'clock ball from the Observatory tower.

The playground was not then terraced but on a slope as steep as Stanley Street, covered with big tufts of Parramatta grass and likened by Sir Hercules Robinson to a goat-walk. Mr. Weigall's garden ran from the tuck shop to the gymnasium and a line of fig trees ran right up to the School. On the site of the present Science Room was a coal shed and stabling for Mr. Goldie's horse. In the ground floor rooms of the School rats abounded and afforded good sport to the idle little boys who angled for them with fishing lines. Mr. Justice Street, the present Chairman of Trustees, can prove an alibi on this evidence, for when Goldie came to the School Philip Street was already in the sixth. Other boys, of whom he has vivid recollections, are Milner Stephen, Rolin, Rich, the Windeyers, Garnsey, the Whitfelds, Robert Anderson, brother of H.C.L., the young master, Garran and Rennie. Most of these old boys have furnished the School with worthy successors.

Even in those quiet days Sydney was troubled with larrikins. On one occasion Mr. Goldie returned at dusk from a long ride (it had taken him as far as Queanbeyan) to find that his gardener, "Pat," had "gone on the bust," and his cook was in hysterics because the neighbourhood was roaming about the garden and smoking on the verandah. Goldie caught one man up a fruit tree, and marched him up the street by the scruff of the neck in search of the police. On the way the prisoner, released on parole, bolted and scaled a back fence, but was recaptured. Thereupon our young Goldie, blown but triumphant, was set upon by the local "push" and, declining to release the culprit, attacked *en masse* and left stunned. Fortunately, being holiday time, he could afford these little diversions. It was another day that his horse, presumably the celebrated dapple-bay, fell on him in front of an Oxford Street tram and left him so shaken "that I could not write down the names of the absentees so went home." And there for the time we may leave him, shaken, but not seriously injured, all unwitting of the tree which some day is to fall on him in a thunderstorm on the golf links, and is yet to fail, in its turn, to stop Charles Goldie from teaching boys and playing golf. He delights to tell the story how, at a rowing dinner, not so very many years ago, he made himself known to a group of old boys. "Goldie?" they said; "Goldie? Are you the son of old Goldie?" Perhaps he was always himself "old Goldie." With school boys it is the epithet of kindly and good-humoured affection. But he will die young.

SCHOOL NOTES.

"Sydnæan showers of sweet discourse."—*Crashaw*.

On Wednesday, March 26, the Annual Swimming Carnival (described fully elsewhere) was held at the Domain Baths, the Blashki Memorial Medal for the best all-round swimmer in the School going to Reid.

What shall we say of the fête? On Saturday, March 29, the Annual School Fête was held at the School, and, thanks to the time, thought and energy generously expended on it, to the friends, old boys and pupils of the School who flocked to patronise it, and to Jupiter Pluvius for giving us a beautiful afternoon for it, was a complete success, and raised the record sum of £1,356. What will Mr. Marks say of the fête? Turn it up from the index and see.

Wednesday, April 9, was a whole holiday in honour of the arrival of the British Service Squadron.

On Thursday, April 17, a party of boys from the School, along with parties from the other Great Public Schools, went on a tour of inspection over H.M.S. *Hood*, Flagship of the Squadron, and

spent two hours on board. Even then some were heard to complain that they had not seen half of what was to be seen.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 23, Sir Henry Braddon visited the School and delivered an address on relations between America and Britain. The address was perhaps a little too deep to be fully appreciated by many of the lower forms, but it left a deep impression on those for whom it was most intended. The address was followed by a few words on the meaning of Anzac Day.

On Wednesday and Saturday, April 30 and May 3, were held the heats and finals of the G.P.S. Regatta, with what results everyone knows. We are glad to be able to congratulate Caswell and his crew on victory, and also on winning the Head of the River Championship for the School for the third time in succession. The School also takes this opportunity of congratulating High and Shore on their winning of the Fours.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 7, a party, consisting of members of Sixth Form chemistry classes, visited the paint and varnish manufacturing works of Lewis Berger (Australasia), Ltd., and spent an interesting and instructive afternoon.

At Assembly on Friday, May 9, in the presence of about forty visitors, the oars were presented to the eight by Mr. Mackenzie and the rudder to the cox by a grandson of the late Mr. Savigny. A member of the very first Grammar crew said a few words about School rowing in the early days. The Assembly concluded with farewell cheers for Mr. Soar and Mr. Elkington. School then broke up for the winter vacation.

On Friday, July 25, at Assembly, the Intermediate Certificates were presented to those who won them last November.

The School welcomes heartily Mr. F. G. Phillips, Mr. F. A. Booth and Mr. E. A. Cooke, who joined the staff at the beginning of the term.

The School extends its heartiest congratulations to two of its old boys—A. M. Charlton and M. Christie—whose performances at the recent Olympic Games have rejoiced not only the School but the whole of Australia. We also congratulate our contemporary, *The Sun*, whose reporter accomplished the feat of seeing Mr. Corduroy flush with pride over the telephone.

The School was vastly entertained by the lecture delivered on August 4 by Mr. K. L. Hudson, an airman who took part in the five months' siege of Kut-el-Amara under General Townshend, in the more terrible march to Constantinople, and in the subsequent long captivity. His directness and simplicity, his quaint Digger humour, his manliness, and the intense interest of the first-hand story he had to tell, all these made an irresistible appeal to boys and masters. We tender him our hearty thanks.

The appeal for missing numbers to complete the prefects' file

of *The Sydneian* has brought a generous response from Messrs. Cowdery, Brady, and Simpson. Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 21, 23, 56, 65, 66, 76, 85, 92, 191, 234, are still lacking.

D.A.

The School, although seeming the same familiar old grey pile which always rouses within one some feeling of peaceful rock-like solidity, of tranquillity, and of changelessness, is in reality constantly, imperceptibly, but yet surely changing.

Familiar faces, noted personalities whose memories will for all time be associated with "Grammar"—these disappear, and somehow, during the bustle of school activities, although we miss them, we are inclined to forget. We reconcile ourselves to the newcomer, and so the School goes on. Yet one is given rather a nasty mental jar by a quite natural question from a Junior: "Who was Mr. Savigny?"—for to those who were touched by the fire of his keen enthusiasm for the School and for sport, and were taught by him to love all that was upright and clean, the question would be ridiculous enough.

The old boy who has lost touch with the School is apt to come back and cry out that all is changed, is different from his day. Tradition may have varied, above all old faces have gone, and the old place seems altered. But one thing there is, that was, and must be, and that is the spirit of the Grammar School. The staff of masters may gradually change, the boys and prefects of the School change constantly, while custom varies slightly, but the spirit which has characterised Grammar, both on and off the field, must never fall short of what it was when those who went before first passed it on to us. The Second, Third, and Fourth Forms hold the future of the School in their hands. What will be heard of the Sydney Grammar School in a few years' time? With them lies the answer.

That cheery friend of French and Economic students, Mr. Elkington, has taken his leave of the School. He is missed in every sphere of school life; especially do we miss his ready wit and sparkling repartee. The School wishes him all prosperity for the future.

At a recent assembly the Headmaster appointed Cureton a Prefect of the School. Congratulations!

The School crew this year was successful in winning the title of "Head of the River." We thus retain the Major Rennie Trophy for 1924. We cannot afford to become self-satisfied, but have need to look to our laurels for 1925.

The football season has so far been marked by great success. Mr. Marks again organised and handled the teams splendidly, with

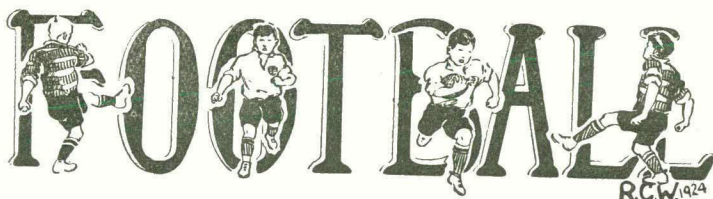
others wholeheartedly co-operating. We may specially mention Mr. T. S. R. Davis. Our best thanks are due to Mr. H. Whiddon and Mr. H. Bosward.

It would be needless to detail the recent swimming exploits of A. M. Charlton at the Paris Olympic Games, where his phenomenal staying powers over distances have won him world-wide fame. While Charlton was only a year and a half at the School, he is nevertheless an old boy; thus the School is proud of him, and we felicitate him upon his successes. His father, Mr. O. M. Charlton, writes expressing deep appreciation of the School's warm congratulations as expressed by the Headmaster.

The Boat Club is organising a dance at the School on Saturday, August 16, which promises to be a great success.

The Boxing Tournament will take place at our ground as usual on Tuesday, August 19, Thursday, August 21, and the finals Wednesday, August 27, each day at 3.45; finals at 3.15. The entries are very numerous, and the classes very even. Mr. E. Weyland, an ex-heavy-weight amateur champion, will officiate as sole judge. All the arrangements are being well carried out by Mr. Soden.

B.V.T.B.



As Old Sydneians see and report it.

GRAMMAR *v.* HIGH, July 2.

(Our O.S. scribes failing us, we reprint from *Sydney Referee*.)

The Sydney Grammar School—Sydney High School match was transferred from the Weigall Ground to Wentworth Park, a number of enthusiasts who put in an appearance at the former ground being surprised by the change. The Glebe ground is the home area of Sydney High, who, however, are unable to play their G.P.S. games there on Saturdays. Hence the desire of Grammar to accommodate them when the opportunity offered. Grammar won by 34 to 5. It was not an attractive game considering the amount of practice the teams have had. There were very few combined movements. The lighter High School boys quite held their own throughout the first half, and after the rest at the first interval they commenced with life and did most of the attacking, but the weight of Grammar told later and they poured through.

No one impressed more than King, the Sydney High half. He sent the ball out promptly when he got a chance, was smart in getting round on his opponent, and in defence played very pluckily. An old interstate Rugby Union player, who was looking on, and who still takes part in 1st Grade football, considers that only one or two Senior players are his superiors. S. King is a fine all-rounder. Wheeler and Ives showed out in the Grammar forwards, and Reid used his height to effect in the line-outs. Caswell and Herring, the wing threequarters, were very good in attack, but they had few opportunities, except those of their own making. Mainwaring and Newton (full back), in addition to King, were the pick of Sydney High. For the winners, Caswell (2), Herring (2), Bull, Campbell, Ives, and Douglass, scored tries. Mainwaring scored a try, which Forbes converted, for High.

GRAMMAR *v.* ST. JOSEPH'S.

Played at Hunter's Hill, July 10.

On Wednesday night the weather caused much anxiety, but on Thursday it proved fine. Everyone was looking forward to the event of the football season. Joey's were easily the favourites amongst gossips and critics, but Grammar followers evidently thought that the school would put up a hard tussle, by the support given to the special boat. By the way Old Boys turned up there must have been a lot of grandmothers buried on Thursday, the 10th. There was a hush as the whistle blew for the teams to come on to the arena, but the air was rent as Joey's filed into the field, and again another burst as Grammar came out. The whistle was in the capable hands of Mr. Guiney, a visitor with the All Blacks.

It was evident that Joey's had won the toss, as Grammar had wind and sun against them. As the ball fell from the kick-off there was an almighty clash and the game had begun in earnest. Grammar forwards, by hard rucking, soon had the ball in the Joey's 25. Here Joey's seemed over-anxious, and two free kicks were awarded, but Ives' kicks lacked direction. The game was hard and fast, and hung around halfway. Once Blair intercepted a pass only to be brought down by a determined tackle. Grammar were awarded another free, but Miller failed to open the score. A good kick by Reid enabled Joey's to take the initiative. From a scrum Joey's heeled to Bugden, and out to Reid, who evaded a weak tackle by Hull, swerved past Miller, and scored a very fine try. Gardiner added the extras with an easik kick. Joey's 5—nil.

Grammar came with a determined rush and were awarded a free, but Ives again failed from a difficult position. Joey's were heeling much the better, but Grammar was rucking much harder. Bull broke through, closely attended by the pack. The full back

hung on and we were awarded a free, which Miller landed. Joey's 5—3.

From the kick-off Joey's started many bursts only to be frustrated by the brilliant tackling of Douglass. Grammar forwards, rucking vigorously, got the ball to Caswell, who, running strongly, outpaced the opposition and scored in the corner. Miller failed from a difficult angle. Grammar 6, Joey's 5.

Joey's came with a burst, but Ives picked up and made a strong run which looked dangerous but he lacked support. Here Joey's came strongly and Ford obtained from a line-out and, supported by Wood, rushed to the full back, where he kicked, much to the relief of all Grammar supporters, and Miller forced. (The scores remained unchanged at half-time.)

The second half started very fast. Grammar, now with the wind to help, but not with the sun, which has a habit of disappearing at half-time, started a forward burst, but a forward pass spoilt it. Joey's relieved with two penalties and carried play to Grammar's half. Again Grammar forwards brought play back, and after a fast rush Reid scored in the corner. A good kick by Ives fell short. Grammar 9, Joey's 5.

The home pack was heeling well but Dezarnaulds was too quick for the opposing half, and Campbell was getting up well on to the five-eighth. McCathie, who showed weak tackling in the first half, was now tackling much better, and although Joey's were throwing the ball about, they could not penetrate the defence. Both Caswell and Herring were tackling well and kept the opposing wings well in hand. Caswell relieved the pressure with a strong dash and a well-judged punt, and our forwards forced Joey's to defend. After a scrum Caswell obtained, and shaking off determined tackles, dived over in the corner. No extras were added. Grammar 12, Joey's 5.

Grammar started a rush, McCathie transferring to Hull, who, though supported, kicked, and Joey's saved. Grammar forwards were backing up in great style, and stopped many determined rushes. Herring was lending his full back excellent support by coming across and diving on those he failed to gather. Joey's came hard, but Miller saved with a brilliant gather and a fine run. Joey's still continued to attack; after pressing hard they looked like scoring, as our full back was just then more spectacular than sound, and chanced picking it up rather than making sure by going down. From a ruck Campbell picked up and kicked to the open wing, which was unattended, as our backs had come in to strengthen the defence, and he only had to run over. The kick failed, the final whistle blew, leaving us victors by 12—8, and so ended one of the most exciting matches of recent times.

Too much praise cannot be given to our forwards, who kept

St. Joseph's fully occupied by hard rucking and determined tackling. Perhaps Bull in the ruck and Dezarnaulds in the loose were the pick of a glorious pack, while Ives made his presence felt by his determined tackling. The one feature where our forwards were outclassed was in heeling, where Joey's were much the better.

Of the backs the tackling of Douglass was superb. He puts every ounce into his tackle. Both wingers tackled very determinedly, and Caswell's runs were the tit-bits of the match. Campbell at five-eighths was sound, both in attack and defence. The match was hard, but played in excellent spirit, and St. Joseph's, both players and spectators, took their unexpected defeat with admirable sportsmanship.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at the Weigall Ground, July 19.

The day proved fine and some 3,000, including many Old Sydneians, witnessed the game. Shore won the toss and defended the Stadium end. Play started rather leisurely, and Grammar seemed to suffer a reaction after the St. Joseph match. Shore were almost immediately awarded a free, which Williamson kicked. Shore 3—nil.

This seemed to liven Grammar up, and the forwards rushed the ball to Shore's twenty-five, where Hull secured and passed to Caswell, who dashed over. Miller's kick was good. Grammar 5—3.

Shore were kept on the defensive and were tackling well. Ives made a tricky run, but Shore's defence was sound. At this stage the kicking of the full backs was particularly brilliant, but their tackling was very weak. Hull averted a nasty looking position with a beautiful tackle. Play was keeping fairly even. Once Dezarnaulds, who was playing brilliantly at breakaway, broke through, but was well stopped. Here Shore were awarded a free, and a beautiful kick by Williamson put Shore in the lead. Shore 6—5. The umpire appealed to the line umpire, Weary Williams, who, with characteristic impartiality, gave Shore the benefit of the doubt.

Grammar forwards were tackling with their usual determination, but they were showing no concerted action. They would obtain the ball in the scrum but it would stick in the pack and give Shore time to smother Douglass, who is rather slow with his pass. Grammar forwards took the ball to Shore's line and heeled to Douglass, who set his backs moving. Caswell ran round his wing, beating the full back, and scored in the corner. Miller improved the scores with a nice kick. Grammar 10—6.

Again Grammar attacked, McCathie making a nice opening,

but he hung on. The backs did not seem to grasp the great scoring mood Caswell was in. At this stage the referee seemed a little severe with Ives and Cadwallader, who were sent off without a warning, for indulging in a little rough and tumble. Seeing that no blows were struck and that boys in the heat of a game sometimes lose their heads, one thinks that a warning would have been sufficient.

After the interval play brightened, but bad handling on both sides spoilt many promising movements. Caswell, with little room to move, received the ball and raced to the corner, fended the full back, who seemed unable to stop him, and dived over in the corner. No goal. Grammar 13—6. Here Shore livened, but Miller saved with a nice kick. A passing rush between Dezarnaulds and Wheeler brought the ball to Shore line, but Merrett, who was playing well, relieved. Bull, by solid tackling, and Reid, by following on fast, stopped Shore from starting scoring movements. Grammar forwards took the ball to Shore's line, where Shore was penalised, and Miller made no mistake. Grammar 16—6. Reid, with the ball at the toe, took the ball to Shore's twenty-five, where Dezarnaulds, following fast, secured and dived over for Miller to convert. Grammar 21—6.

Dezarnaulds and Reid again headed a rush, but determined tackling kept them out. Shore, rucking hard, came again, but Wilson saved with a beautiful tackle. Shore continued to press and Williamson landed a nice field goal. Grammar 21—10. Campbell was backing up well and once broke through, but was not supported. Douglass came around the blind side, and, tricking the opposition, dived over with several hanging on. No goal. Grammar 24—10. In spite of a nice combined rush by Wheeler, Dezarnaulds, Bull, and Coppleson, the scores remained unchanged at full time.

The forwards tackled very well, especially Bull and Coppleson, but the ball was not coming out of the scrums cleanly. Ives was playing well until he went off, and Dezarnaulds and Wheeler shone in the loose. Amongst the backs, who seemed to have lost their dash, Caswell stood out as a notable exception, his determined tackles stamping him as one of the best wingers Grammar has produced.

GRAMMAR V. ST. IGNATIUS.

Played at the Weigall Ground, July 26.

St. Ignatius won the toss and ran against a slight southerly wind. They did not appear to be quite up to the standard of previous 'View teams, and the game proved rather one-sided. Although outclassed as they were, they stuck to their guns to the last. The ground was still sticky from the recent rain, but in spite of this the teams handled well.

'View, from the kick off, were forced to defend. Campbell secured from a ruck, cut through nicely, and sent Paterson over in the corner for the opening try. Paterson played in place of Herring, who was on the sick list, and acquitted himself very ably. The forwards were keeping 'View on the defensive. Ives came through, attended by Bull and Coppleson, who was given the ball on the line. He looked round for someone to pass it to, but was either pushed over or cleverly scrambled over backwards and so registered a try. The forwards were heeling well and Douglass got his backs going time and again. Hull, at outside centre, was making pretty openings for his wings, who were making the most of their opportunities. By working the blind side, Douglass, well protected by his breakaways, sent both Caswell and Paterson over for two nice tries.

Our forwards, by their superiority, were making it possible for our backs to keep the ball flying about. Wheeler and Reid were following on fast, and 'View were unable to get moving. Several times Dezarnaulds broke through, and one rush from half-way resulted in a try, which Ives converted, and the score stood at 25 to nil in our favour.

'View seemed now to liven up and brought the play to Grammar's half. A dangerous rush was stopped by a beautiful tackle by Wilson, and McCathie relieved. The prettiest try came from a scrum about half-way. Douglass sent to Paterson, who came in to five-eighth, to Campbell, to McCathie, to Hull, out to Caswell, who outpaced the full back and scored, for Ives to convert. The last try was very neat. From a scrum the ball was heeled to Douglass, who feinted to pass to the five-eighth, but doubled through the forwards, who opened out, passed to Bull, who transferred to Ives, who dashed over. Miller added the extras. Full-time whistle blew, leaving Grammar victors 46—nil.

Although the opposition proved rather weak and the forwards had things much their own way, the way they played together and heeled to the backs augurs well for the future. Very pleasing it was to see the wing men scoring the tries, as it showed that the forwards and inside backs were playing the right unselfish game. Of the forwards Wilson was always in the thick of it; Reid used his height with much advantage, and Dezarnaulds was untiring in his efforts to be with the ball. Douglass, amongst the backs, was the star tackler, while Caswell and Hull combined in some very fine movements.

GRAMMAR v. SCOTS.

Played on our ground in the presence of about 1,500 people. Grammar won the toss and defended the pavilion end. From the

kick-off Grammar attacked and several passing rushes which should have resulted in tries were spoilt by faulty handling of the backs. Grammar continued to press hard and Scots were compelled to force. From a ruck in Scots' twenty-five, Crichton-Smith broke through with the ball at his toe, and kicking past Miller, raced down the field with nobody in front of him. However, in attempting to gather the ball, he knocked on and spoilt what must have been a certain try.

Scots then livened up and attacked vigorously, but Miller relieved with a good line kick. Caswell scored the first try of the match. Campbell secured from a ruck and whipped the ball out to Caswell, who was playing with his customary dash. Swerving, he passed the full back and scored. Grammar 3—0.

The play at this stage was confined to the middle of the field, and was very scrappy. The next try was also obtained by Caswell who, securing from a line-out, dashed over. Ives added the extras. Grammar 8—0. Shortly afterwards Caswell made a brilliant run through practically the whole of the Scots team and passed to Ives, who scored. No goal. Grammar 11—0.

A rush by Scots forwards brought the ball into the Grammar twenty-five, and it looked as if they would score, but the ball was kicked out of touch. From the drop out Scots forwards took the ball to half-way, where the play was confined for a time, but Caswell again got possession of the ball (every time he does he is dangerous), and with only about three or four feet in which to move raced down the line and scored a brilliant try. Ives failed at goal. Grammar 14—0. Half-time.

Shortly after resuming Caswell again scored and Miller added the extras. Grammar 19—0. Almost immediately Douglass set his backs in motion and Caswell again scored. No goal. Grammar 22—0. The play was uninteresting for a while, and then Grammar forwards came with a grand passing rush, Wheeler and Ives prominent, which resulted in a try by Reid. Miller failed at goal. Grammar 25—0.

The Grammar backs were now playing much better football, and McCathie, breaking through, passed to Hull, to Paterson, who raced over and scored in the corner. No goal. Grammar 28—0. Our forwards were now heeling better, and Douglass, securing from a loose ruck, sent the ball to McCathie, to Wilson, to Hull, who dived over in the corner. Ives failed at goal. Grammar 31—0. Our backs, who were handling much better than in the first half, were now attacking frequently. One good passing rush, in which McCathie and Paterson figured, was spoilt by the faulty handling of Wheeler, who, however, made amends shortly afterwards by scoring

after a good forward rush, in which Ives and Reid also took part. Miller added the extras. Grammar 36—0.

There was no more scoring, and we were left winners of a rather scrappy game by 36—0. The handling of our backs, with the exception of Caswell and Campbell, in the first half of the game, was very faulty, and some golden opportunities were lost for this reason. However, in the second half it was much better, and some good passing rushes were the result. The forwards played well throughout, although during the early stages of the game they did not show their usual dash. However, they soon livened up, and thereafter played great football.

The outstanding players in the backs were Caswell, Douglass, and Campbell, and in the forwards Reid, Wheeler, and Bull.

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

Played at Parramatta, August 9.

It seemed as though it was one-way traffic to King's School. Those who could came in cars, carts or on push bicycles, and trains were packed with people going to see the match of the year. Some 10,000 people crowded round the ground, motor cars were parked three deep round the playing area, and every position of vantage, especially on the trees and sheds, was taken by enthusiastic supporters. Such cheering was never heard before; not only did people cheer their own school, but each piece of brilliant play lifted the safety valve, and roar after roar kept the gaol warders, who seemed the only people in Parramatta not at the match, informed as to the progress of the game.

King's won the toss and ran with a slight breeze. Grammar kicked off, and the pace became a corker. The forwards shone early; time after time they would break through, only to be stopped by vigorous tackling and free kicks. Grammar backs started a rush, but faulty handling by our centres nullified the effort. King's full-back, who was solid throughout, relieved with a brilliant kick, which Blair took and returned play into King's half. Grammar were again penalised, and King's relieved. Egan broke through after a scrum, but Miller gathered well and relieved. A free kick put King's once more in the attack, but Caswell relieved with a strong run. Wheeler broke through with the ball at the toe, but support was lacking, and King's stopped a dangerous movement. Play was still in King's half, where, from a scrum, Maurice set his backs moving; B. Egan cut through, but lost the ball. However, Rylance gathered and scored. B. Egan made no mistake, and King's led 5-nil.

The game still continued in King's half, owing to the vigorous play of Grammar forwards. Campbell, who was backing up well, made a nice opening, but our centre kicked and the full-back relieved.



Hull.

Egan. McCathie. Campbell.

Caswell.

Bull

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AT PARRAMATTA, 9/8/24.

From a scrum, Douglass set the backs going. Paterson in-passed to Campbell, who had backed up, and he scored in the corner. Miller's kick went astray. King's, 5-3.

King's now attacked, but by hard rucking by Bull and Blair in particular, the forwards brought play into King's territory, where Dezarnaulds was penalised for off-side. Paterson, with a nice cross-kick to the forwards, gave the backs an opportunity, but McCathie mishandled. Ives headed a rush, from which Caswell secured and passed across the field to McCathie, who in-passed to Ives; the latter swerved, passed the centre and full-back, and crossed under the bar. Millar made no mistake, and Grammar led 8-5. But the lead was not held for long. King's, who were hardly ever in the Grammar half, started a rush from their own half. Maurice gave to Woods, who dummied and passed back to Maurice, who outwitted the defence and scored. Egan again converted, and King's led 10-8.

Grammar forwards came like demons. Hull came through and punted, but the full-back gathered. Caswell, who still showed signs of his week's "flu," made a strong dash. From the ensuing ruck Campbell sent to McCathie, to Hull, out to Paterson, who dived over in the corner. Miller landed a nice kick, and Grammar led 13-10.

The pace continued a welter, and again Grammar forwards had the ball on King's line, but a free gave them relief. Half-time whistle gave the players a well-deserved rest. The pace throughout was the fastest seen for years. Grammar forwards had King's defending most of the time, but the superiority of their backs allowed them to attack from their own half.

From the kick-off after half-time, Wheeler took the ball into King's 25. Ives came round, supported by Caswell, but determined tackling effectually stopped a score. Wheeler again broke away; showing great determination, he reached the line, where he passed to Hull, who fell over. Miller again added the extras, and Grammar had an eight-point lead. Here our play might have been tightened and kept in the forwards, as King's backs were far superior, and our centres were swallowing the dummy time and again, and our full-back, although brilliant at kicking and handling, lacked sureness in his tackles.

Grammar forwards, rucking beautifully, had King's defending, but another free kick put King's in the attack. The referee was keeping our breakaways well on side, and Maurice at half was doing as he wished, but Dezarnaulds was getting out amongst the backs and King's were prevented from scoring. Ives, with a beautiful dash, took play the length of the field. Wheeler and Dezarnaulds followed on fast, but a knock-on prevented a score. Campbell, backing up beautifully, took play to King's line, but another free kick forced Grammar back. Bull and Blair, rucking hard, kept play about half-way, but King's brilliant backs started again. Miller failed to

stop Green, who was tackled on the line, but rolled over and scored. The kick went astray. Grammar, 18-13.

Grammar forwards, who had been working like demons, both checking King's hardworking forwards and helping the backs, seemed to tire, and King's kept play, for the first time, consistently in Grammar's half. King's forwards, packing solidly, heeled the ball to the backs, and Rylance dashed over. B. Egan evened the scores with a nice kick. 18 all. The forwards, who seemed to be playing their usual brilliant game, must have altered their tactics in this game, as the number of penalties given against them in this one match was about equal to those in all other matches put together. In front of Grammar goal, but well out, King's were given another free, and B. Egan put King's in the lead with a nice kick. King's, 21-18. Play still continued hard about half-way until right on time, when B. Egan obtained after a ruck and kicked a fine field goal. The whistle immediately blew, leaving King's winners by 25 to 18.

It was a well-merited win, and a triumph for King's backs. For three-quarters of the game Grammar forwards kept play almost entirely in King's half, but their brilliant backs, with whom our centres were unable to cope, would attack from their own half, and by brilliant passing, scored well-deserved tries. Our forwards played nobly. Their wonderful dashes and rugged play, if it had been better supported, must have been rewarded more often. Our backs, mainly through mishandling, did not produce the form of the Joey's match. Campbell at five-eighths played a nice defensive game, and did yeoman service with his backing up. Caswell had no opportunities, but tackled ably. Ives and Dezarnaulds played brilliant football, but were too often penalised in their efforts to stop King's brilliant backs. Blair was always in the thick of it, and Bull never missed his man.

It was a very delightful game, and played, as all Grammar-King's matches are played, in the very best of spirit. The ground was very fast and hard, and the day very warm. For once the team worked itself out and weakened a little at the close from sheer physical weariness. All the expert reporters agree that it was the game of the season. The *Daily Telegraph* man sums it up thus: "The margin of difference does not really indicate the merits of the teams. There were many experts present who agreed that 18 points all would have been a happy ending to the thrilling afternoon's sport, for first one side and then the other dominated the game. King's, however, seemed to be superior in all-round team work. Nothing finer has been seen in Sydney Rugger this season. The game was played in traditional school sporting spirit, hard and keen, but clean. The ten-thousand attendance demonstrated the widespread public interest in G.P.S. football: it was the biggest attendance of the afternoon anywhere."

2nd XV.

With seven of last year's XV. and plenty of keen new material, the prospects of the competition are bright.

The team is made up of players of grit and determination, with football brains in the right places.

Considering casualties, a really good combination has come to light when wanted.

The match against St. Joseph's was quite up to many first grade games, and, if the XV. rises to the occasion against King's, it should not be hard to account for Newington.

Firth and Campbell, the wings, are doing more than their share of the scoring, the former always doing the unexpected, and the latter always being a hard tryer. They are ably served by Paterson and Miller ii., who both make plenty of openings. Mann and Davidson have also shaped creditably at all times. All the forwards are very hard workers, particularly Cunningham, Phipps, Cureton, and Wheeler. Paterson's promotion has jolted the team. Cunningham, Phipps and Barkell ought to be quite good next year.

Results of matches to date: S.H.S., won 42-3; S.J.C., won 9-6; S.C.E.G.S., won 33-0; S.I.C., won 43-0; T.S.C., won 42-0.


 3rd XV.

The Thirds, under the careful coaching and guidance of Mr. Ritchie, are putting in some good work. Of our last year's backs we have Coghlan and Boylson, the vacancies having been filled by Anderson i., Anderson ii., Cox, Hemingway and Sykes. Our experienced men in the forwards are Leslie and Hobson, and the vacancies have been filled by Neil, Lamrock, Grimes, Harton, Hunt, and Kenny. Boylson has been elected captain, with Hobson vice. The outstanding players in the backs are Boylson, Cox and Anderson; in the forwards Leslie, Hobson, Kenny and Hunt are doing good work. The team this season so far has been fairly successful, only being beaten once by the crack St. Joseph team in the last minute of the game. Following are the results of the competition matches played up to date: S.G.S. v. S.J.C., lost 14-11; v. S.C.E.G.S., won 15-9; v. S.I.C., won 46-nil. Other matches: v. S.C.E.G.S., won 12-nil; v. T.K.S., drew 9-all; v. R.A.N.C., won 16-8; v. S.I.C., won 45-nil; v. Abbotsholme, won 34-nil.

The names of members of the lower teams, down to the tenths and even lower, will they not appear in the future football records of the School?

STOP PRESS.—The Seconds lost to King's (17-5), after holding their own for most of the game; and the Thirds beat King's (27-18).

ROWING



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THE G.P.S. ANNUAL REGATTA.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* puts it thus: "The Sydney Grammar School sprang another surprise on the rowing public by winning the Eights, after a hard tussle with the Church of England Grammar crew. 'The School' is thus Head of the River for the third successive year. The official result was, Grammar by three-quarters of a length, with St. Joseph's three lengths away, third."

As in the previous year, we rowed second to Shore in the qualifying heat. It would have been legitimate tactics to rest content with rowing second, but it is doubtful whether on the day we could have done better. Shore had an excellent crew and rowed in excellent form. Mr. Mackenzie had made no secret of his opinion that the crew would be all the better for a race, and this proved to be the case. Shore again went off with the lead, rowing beautifully, but this time Grammar stuck to them and, when Caswell called on his crew, shot ahead in a splendidly sustained spurt. All the critics were loud in praise of Caswell's judgment and the response of the men behind him. There was more life in the boat than on the Wednesday, and the crew appeared to finish fresher. The umpire, an old Shore coach, is reported as saying that Grammar boated a powerful crew, which won his admiration for perfect length and swing. One most gratifying feature was the generous way in which Grammar's "hat trick" was received. A letter from Mr. Robson is typical. "All at Shore send heartiest congratulations to Grammar upon yesterday's boat victory. It was a magnificent performance upon the part of Caswell and his crew. We are going to have another hard try next year. May all our meetings be as pleasant and well contested."

The sportsmaster at St. Ignatius ended his letter: "That the best crew won is beyond question and, although we should have liked very much to change places with the Grammar School in the race of the year, I trust we are sufficiently sportsmanlike to admit that we, like every other crew, deserved to come after them in what was undoubtedly one of the finest races ever seen on the Parramatta."

This spirit is very pleasant in G.P.S. rivalry; it is our strength and our justification. It is the business of all of us to see to it that,

whatever our fortunes in the future, this generous friendliness last on among the boys and old boys of all the schools.

Congratulations by telegraph came from Mr. Lucas at Hobart, Mr. Barbour at Toowoomba, Moss Christie and Charlton on their way to the Olympic Games, General Chauvel, "Caesar" Lucas and many others.

H.S.L.

During the third term last year we were able to boat a scratch Eight on numerous occasions. In fact, "Grammar" was the first Eight on the river, but as time went on it was apparent that we had needed every scrap of practice, for we were, in rowing terms, a "rough Eight."

Contrary to custom, it was decided that the Eight should go into camp for the first week and last three weeks of the summer holidays.

Old "Pork" Jennings (Eight, 1922-23) very sportingly filled 7 seat during the first camp, while under the able guidance of Mr. McKenzie we noticeably improved, and soon had some semblance of a "swing."

The second three weeks' camp was a pronounced success, individuals of the Eight making great headway, while King, from the First Four, proved an admirable substitute as stroke during the absence of Caswell.

The old School Practice Eight, the boat in which all Grammar oarsmen have learnt the elements of eight-oar rowing, was obviously breaking up, but St. Andrew's College very generously put their new practice boat at our disposal. Dr. Brearley had made camping conditions ideal at the shed, and we took full advantage of them. Many strange dishes, generally savouring of onion or garlic, were served up by the camp cooks; but despite many nasty things said concerning cooks, onions and dagoes, we survived, and in fact put on weight.

From the first, Mrs. Savigny, the mother of the rowers, and her faithful band of helpers, visited us. It is on record that she once, in the distant past, found prawns and other fishy débris clogging the kitchen sink; this year, happy to relate, the kitchen generally shone in a newly found sense of purity for the weekly visitation of the "Missus."

Mrs. Cureton presented us with new records for our ill-used but trusty gramophone. Mrs. MacKenzie generously provided afternoon tea on "Flappers' Day," while the crews endeavoured to create an impression by gallant dashes past the pontoon, so that going home "Gertrude" politely declared that "Flappers' Day" was "awfully nice." Despite assiduous cricket practice in the adjacent road, the rowers were unable to administer the trouncing we promised the School XI., for after a row, during which we rolled like a ship at

sea, our coach, after yelling some rather personal remarks through the megaphone, decided that we had better stick to rowing.

The Club has to thank Mr. Charles Ludowici for a training dinner, Mr. F. Stewart for a race dinner, and Mr. R. C. Broomfield for a theatre party. These gentlemen have always been staunch friends of the rowers, their generosity, needless to mention, being heartily appreciated. Mrs. Wickham also very thoughtfully gave us a race night theatre party; the performance and other diversions at the theatre were greatly enjoyed by all.

The Old Boys boated an Eight, thus accustoming the School Eight to row coolly and collectedly beside another crew. Their enthusiasm was as keen as that of the competing crews, and, while we cannot mention all, we have recollections of big Neil Stewart, Tim Ludo, Huck Finlay & Co. grinning under a sooty mantle of graphite as they vigorously polished the shining skin of the Racing Eight in preparation for the race.

Again Mr. MacKenzie performed the impossible by converting a raw and rough crew into a winning combination. Few outsiders realise what a coach means to his crew, how they lean and depend upon him; what worry and anxiety he undergoes. To him really is due every scrap of success which the crew gained, and only members of the crew can properly appreciate this fact.

The impression of his strong personality gives a crew that desperate "never-chuck-it" spirit for the race, while his infectious cheeriness dispels that "windy" sensation which all experience approaching a big event.

Mr. Bonwick camped with us during the period before the race. Besides seeing that certain ones attended to their school work, he dealt the pudding ration with stern impartiality, and with a large spoon beat back those clamorous persons whose cry was always "more."

Mrs. Savigny, known to rowers past and present as "Missus," again displayed that tireless energy and unbounded loyalty and enthusiasm which ever characterised dear "old Sav." himself in his unforgettable associations with the rowing boys of the School.

The "Missus" trimmed our singlets and saw to our every comfort, while on race day she stood with weeping eyes over a smoking fire grilling steak for sixteen hungry rowers. In this respect it must be mentioned that other ladies also assisted in a grand way on these all-important days, as indeed they did on many other occasions. It is quite impossible to mention all, but Mesdames Ludowici, Stewart, Gowing, MacKenzie, Henry, and Bull were indefatigable in their kindly efforts, as also were Misses Stewart and Caswell.

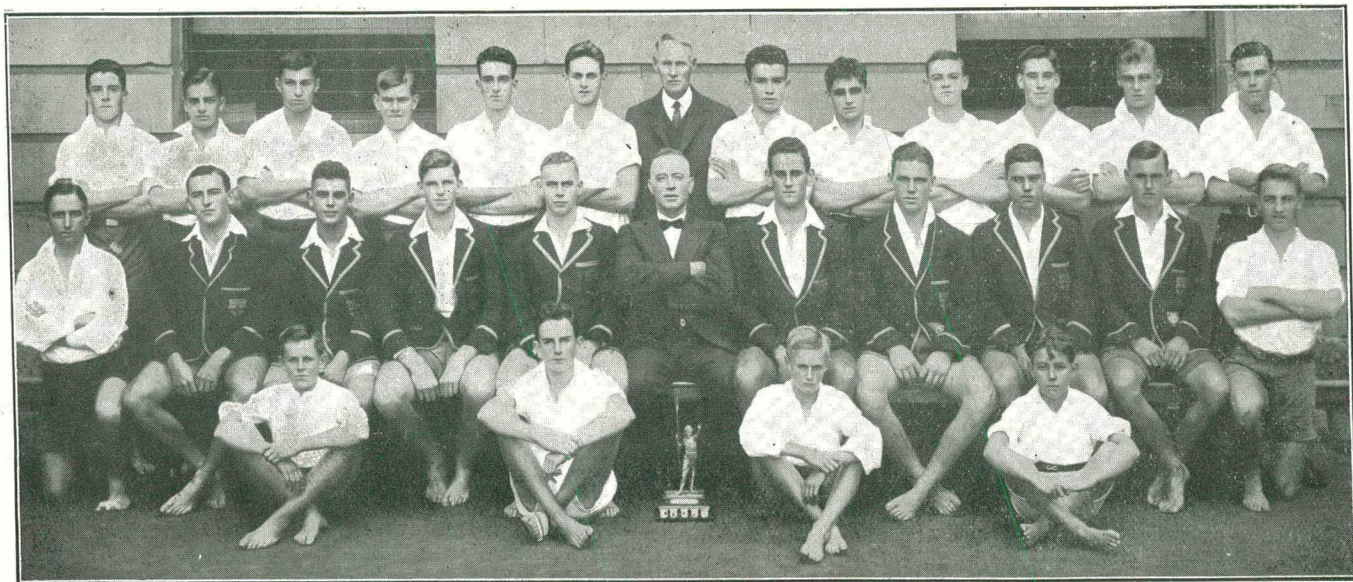
In reviewing the sources of our daily sustenance we may mention that the proprietress of the Cabarita Park Restaurant left little to be desired in the way in which she appeased large rowing

S.G.S. EIGHT — CHAMPIONS 1924.



(Cox) K. Mackenzie, (Stroke) R. C. Caswell, (7) A. T. Stewart, (6) C. R. Reid, (5) W. N. Ives, (4) A. C. Coppleson, (3) R. C. Willis, (2) B. V. T. Bull, (Bow) J. P. Cureton. *Inset:* Mr. Mackenzie (Coach).

S.G.S. ROWING CAMP, 1924.



Back Row:—B. B. Kenny, H. B. Herring, J. S. Grimes, M. R. Blair, C. E. Rich, K. R. King, E. W. Bonwick, Esq., C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, W. J. Phipps.

Middle Row:—A. G. Douglas, B. V. T. Bull (Capt.), A. C. Coppleson, C. R. Reid, R. C. Caswell (Vice-Capt.), G. Mackenzie, Esq., A. T. Stewart, W. N. Ives, R. C. Willis, J. P. Cureton, R. B. Campbell.

Front Row:—T. H. Gowing, K. B. Mackenzie, G. H. Slade, J. Wunderlich.

appetites. Breakfast after the chilly early morning and the more chilly row was thoroughly enjoyed, even though we did swallow half of it during an undignified scamper down the park for that 8 a.m. boat.

Our Fours, also coached by Mr. MacKenzie, were eliminated in their heats. On the day they were not good enough: inexperience, and in some cases, lack of weight were, perhaps, the prime factors of their failure, so that we confidently expect better of them next year.

Our Third Four was, however, successful against all comers on the morning of the regatta. This is very gratifying in viewing our prospects for next year.

On the day following the heats we held our usual camp picnic, this year motoring down the South Coast as far as the beach at Thirroul, where a splendid dinner, provided by Mr. Cureton, awaited us. The Club takes this opportunity of expressing its gratitude to Mr. Cureton. Mr. J. O. Fairfax is another school benefactor. An old 'varsity oarsman himself, he appreciates rowing needs, and most generously presented the School with a new Practice Eight. He also made possible the early use of the coaching launch. The Club has indeed much for which to thank him.

We also learn that the Old Sydneians will be responsible for a new Four. Certain individuals among them aided most generously in providing the training launch. Such a liberal spirit among our Old Boys is indeed a pleasing feature.

We heartily congratulate High upon their victory and splendid rowing in their initial appearance in the First Fours race, also Shore on winning the Second Fours race. We may also take the opportunity of congratulating Shore on the hard race they gave us in the final of the Championship Eights.

It may be added that the best of comradeship existed between ourselves and Shore; in fact, our sheds being close together we constituted one big rowing camp.

The services of Campbell and "Pongo" Douglass as trainers to the Eight were most valuable. While he was not rubbing down or making the cocoa, "Pongo" was always as good as a variety show, so that we did not have many dull moments. Added to this Coppleson quite often imagined he was back east of the Pilliga Scrub in his home town—Wee Waa—among the blacks, and accordingly made some frightful noises and gave us an occasional corroborree before bed.

The Old Sydneians gave the oars which were presented to the crew by Mr. MacKenzie at the assembly after the race.

At a meeting of the Club Caswell was elected Captain and Cureton Vice-Captain for next year. Congratulations!

B.V.T.B.

The following is a list of the Schools crews:—

The Eight.—J. P. Cureton (11.1, bow), B. V. T. Bull (11.0, 2), R. C. Willis (11.2, 3), A. C. Coppleson (11.8, 4), W. N. Ives (12.0, 5), C. R. Reid (13.0, 6), A. T. Stewart (12.0, 7), R. C. Caswell (11.0, stroke), K. B. McKenzie (8.0, cox.); coach, Mr. G. MacKenzie.

First Four.—J. S. Grimes (bow), N. Blair (2), C. R. Rich (3), K. King (str.), W. G. Gowing (cox.).

Second Four.—E. J. Slack-Smith (bow), A. Hobson (2), J. Phipps (3), C. Dezarnaulds (str.), G. H. Slade (cox.).

Third Four.—R. N. Smail (bow), B. Kenny (2), R. B. Campbell (3), H. B. Herring (str.), G. E. Wunderlich (cox.).

CRITICISMS OF THE EIGHT.

(BY THE COACH.)

J. P. Cureton (bow): Very good blade work with a smart beginning; a strong shoulder lift, but at times late in sending the legs down, also a tendency to bend the wrist in the pull home to the body. Possesses grit and determination.

B. V. T. Bull (No. 2): Has a good shoulder lift with a powerful leg drive. The hands would come away with more freedom if the body were held up at the finish. His fine temperament and work as Captain of the Club had a great influence on the crew.

R. C. Willis (No. 3): Has a fine, even length of body swing, with a good shoulder lift and leg drive. His blade work is faulty, caused by not pressing the button hard up; also a tendency to look out of the boat; nevertheless, rowed well.

A. C. Coppleson (No. 4): Possessed at the outset all the faults imaginable, but he was out to overcome them, with the result that he rowed well in the final through sheer pluck and determination.

W. N. Ives (No. 5): Put up a good performance, considering that it was his first attempt at rowing. He has good slide work, with a powerful shoulder lift. The leg drive is weakened by bending the arms too soon; with these faults remedied will make a very fine oarsman.

R. Reid (No. 6): Has the length and strength, and when properly applied will make a splendid oarsman. He has good shoulder work. The leg drive and rip home of the hands is weakened by the body swinging away from the rigger. The body should be kept up at the finish of the stroke. He occupied a very heavy seat and did remarkably well.

A. T. Stewart (No. 7): Has proved himself a very fine oar by rowing seven in two winning eights. His blade work was good. The arms bent too soon, spoiling the leg drive. He followed Caswell well, setting the foundation of a good swing.

WALTON
SPRING

THOMPSON
CRADDOCK

POWER
MARTIN

ANTHONY
DOUGLASS



YOUNG GRAMMAR AT THE CARNIVAL.

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AND

PAUL FREYMAN

ALBIE STONE

R. C. Caswell (Stroke): He is a wonderful stroke, his coolness and determination allowing him to take any advantage that may present itself. His speed of catch, length of stroke and ease of movement are a treat to watch, and won the admiration of all rowing enthusiasts.

K. B. McKenzie (Coxswain): A splendid cox. Has sound judgment, and knew when to drive his crew; steered a splendid course in the race.



OUR Twenty-eighth Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Domain Baths on Wednesday, 26th March, 1924. Great interest centred round the first event on the programme, which was to decide the 100 yards Great Public Schools' Championship, and also, for our boys, the S.G.S. 100 yards Championship, which carries with it for one year possession of the Griffith Cup. This great race resulted in C. N. Stuart (S.C.E.G.S.) winning the G.P.S. 100 yards championship, with our representative, A. Coppleson, 2nd. Coppleson, who is the present 100 yards State Champion, thereby became the holder of the Griffith Cup for the third time.

C. R. Reid, by winning the 220 yards Open Championship, the 50 yards (under 17 years) Championship, and the 50 yards Open Championship, was awarded the Blashki Memorial Gold Medal. Donated in 1918 by Mr. A. A. Blashki, this valuable trophy is awarded annually to our best all-round swimmer in memory of an Old Boy, Captain Roy Hector Blashki, who was killed in action in France, August, 1917. Previous to Reid this year, its winners have been:—

1918, D. A. Nelson; 1919, A. N. Hall; 1920, C. E. Huntley; 1921, C. E. Huntley; 1922, A. Coppleson; 1923, A. Coppleson.

The results of the Carnival were:—

100 Yards G.P.S. and S.G.S. Championship—C. N. Stuart (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; A. Coppleson (S.G.S.), 2; M. Campbell (S.C.E.G.S.), 3. 100 Yards Championship, under 16 years—E. Anderson (W.O.). 50 Yards Championship, under 14 years—R. Cameron, 1; Carpenter, 2; Spring, 3. 50 Yards Breast Stroke Championship—Willis, 1; Bohrsman, 2; Duff, 3. 50 Yards Championship, under 16 years—Aird, 1; Anderson, 2; Smithers, 3. 50 Yards Cham-

pionship, under 17 years—C. R. Reid, 1; Canvin and Hagon, dead heat, 2. *Senior Dive*—McKenzie, 1; Newton, 2. *Sixth Forms' Team Race*—6C. (Bayldon, Willis, McKenzie, King). *Fifth Forms' Team Race*—5B. (Kirkham, Daly, Campbell, Lamb). *Fourth Forms' Team Race*—4C. (Aird, Mant, Anderson, Hagon). *Third Forms' Team Race*—3C. (Hawkins, Antill, McArthur, Walton). *Second Forms' Team Race*—2A. (Carpenter, Cameron, English, Gehrig). *33 Yards Breast Stroke Championship*—Anderson, 1; Hagon, 2; Boylson, 3. *33 Yards Championship, under 13 years*—Walton, 1; Gehrig, 2; Stone, 3. *50 Yards Open Championship*—Reid, 1; King, 2; Anderson, 3. *100 Yards Old Boys' Championship*—W. Longworth, 1; A. N. Finlay, 2; N. Longworth, 3. *Junior Dive*—Begley and Johns, dead heat, 1; Campbell and Griffin, dead heat, 2. *220 Yards Open Championship*—C. R. Reid, 1; Corlis, 2; Smithers, 3. *50 Yards Championship, under 15 years*—Yonge, 1; Meek, 2; Hawkins, 3.

E.N.C.



V. C.E.G.S. AT NORTHERIDGE, MARCH 15.

On a wicket damaged by rain we were sent in to bat. We had five men lbw. Anderson batted well in both innings, and Cox was our best bowler. Scores:—

S.G.S.—1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
Davidson, lbw, b Allen ..	..	18		b. Smith .. ..	..	1	
Evans, b. Smith .. ..	..	5		lbw, b Smith .. ..	..	0	
Leslie, lbw, b Allen .. ..	..	5					
Cox, lbw, b Allen .. ..	..	3		b. Smith .. ..	..	0	
Douglass, lbw, b Allen .. ..	..	0		b. Allen .. ..	..	7	
Miller, c and b Byers .. ..	..	18		c. Salmon, b Merrett ..	..	24	
Anderson, c Salmon, b Byers ..	..	33		not out .. ..	..	40	
Hull, lbw, b Byers .. ..	..	3		lbw, b Byers .. ..	..	8	
Paterson, c Byers, b Smith ..	..	1		not out .. ..	..	7	
Storey, c and b Byers .. ..	..	16		b. Merrett .. ..	..	0	
Sykes, not out .. ..	..	5		c. Ralston, b Merrett ..	..	4	
Sundries .. ..	..	3					
Total .. ..	..	110		Total, 8 for ..	..	96	

Bowling.—S.C.E.G.S.: Smith, 2 for 28; Allen, 4 for 25; Salmon, 0 for 8; Byers, 4 for 30; Ralston, 0 for 16.

S.C.E.G.S.—1st Innings.

Eagles, lbw, b Cox	..	..	..	..	..	3
Merewether, c Leslie, b Sykes	..	..	..	..	..	30
Allen, run out	..	..	..	..	..	0
Byers, lbw, b Cox	..	..	..	..	..	13
Mackellar, b Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	7
Salmon, not out	..	..	..	..	..	73
Cadwallader, b Cox	..	..	..	..	..	24
Ralston, c Davidson b Cox	..	..	..	..	..	0
Arnott, run out	..	..	..	..	..	9
Smith, lbw, b Storey	..	..	..	..	..	7
Merrett, b Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	14
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	7

Total 187

Bowling.—S.G.S.: Cox, 4 for 39; Sykes, 1 for 42; Hull, 0 for 16; Anderson, 2 for 39; Miller, 0 for 16; Storey, 1 for 10; Evans, 0 for 5; Paterson, 0 for 6; Leslie, 0 for 7.

V. KING'S, AT PARRAMATTA, MARCH 22.

Again we were sent in and did fairly on a sodden wicket, Douglass saving the side. King's began well, but Cox and Anderson gave us a fine win by excellent bowling. In a second knock we did very well. Scores:—

S.G.S.—1st Innings.

Evans, lbw, b T. Egan	..	..	13	not out	..	..	35
Davidson, b. Jones	..	..	0	lbw, b. Jones	..	..	45
Leslie, c Jones, b Ritchie	..	..	1	b B. Egan	..	..	29
Douglass, c B. Egan, b T. Egan	..	..	43	c T. Egan, b B. Egan	..	..	25
Miller, c Hogg, b B. Egan	..	..	2	b B. Egan	..	..	0
Cox, c and b B. Egan	..	..	19	not out	..	..	14
Anderson, c Ritchie, b B. Egan	..	..	1				
Hull, c Maurice, b B. Egan	..	..	8				
Paterson, c Hogg, b Jones	..	..	4				
Storey, st Stokes, b T. Egan	..	..	3				
Sykes, not out	..	..	9				
Sundries	..	..	4				

Total 107

Total, 4 for .. 148

Bowling.—T.K.S.: Jones, 2 for 9, Ritchie, 1 for 21; B. Egan, 4 for 22; Rouse, 0 for 16; T. Egan, 3 for 35.

T.K.S.—1st Innings.

B. Egan, lbw, b Cox	..	..	..	..	38
G. Hogg, c and b Anderson	..	..	..	..	11
T. Egan, lbw, b Cox	..	..	..	..	0
Maurice, lbw, b Cox	..	..	..	..	13
J. Hogg, b Anderson	..	..	..	..	9
Stokes, b Cox	..	..	..	..	1
Rouse, c Storey, b Cox	..	..	..	..	6
Jones, c Hull, b Anderson	..	..	..	..	3
Arnott, c Cox, b Anderson	..	..	..	..	2
Green, not out	..	..	..	..	6
Ritchie, c Leslie, b Cox	..	..	..	..	0
Sundries	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	91

Bowling.—S.G.S.: Cox, 6 for 40; Hull, 0 for 27; Anderson, 4 for 22.

Other match, v. Gladesville Hospital, March 29.—S.G.S. 95 (Leslie 14, Cox 13), Gladesville 306 (Barnes 95; Cox 4 for 65, Anderson 4 for 112). Gladesville had a hot side, including McCoy and O'Sullivan.



DEBATING in the G.P.S. has received a great encouragement this year by the organisation of a "B" Grade Competition, for which thanks are due to our energetic Secretary, Ralph Piddington. It was he who proposed its formation at the general meeting of the All-Schools' Debating Society, and to him and Mr. Lumsdaine was assigned the task of arranging the details of the competition, the success of which reflects great credit on the organisers.

Debating enthusiasts have long felt that there is material for two teams in the schools, and that by having a "B" Grade Competition younger and prospective "A" Grade speakers would gain valuable experience. Now that this competition has been brought into being we may reasonably expect that in future years the standard of "A" Grade debate will be considerably higher, as most of the speakers will have had previous experience in the "B" Grade.

The Society has received even less support this year in the School than it did last; fewer boys have come forward to speak, and the audience could usually be counted on the fingers of one hand.

This is very disheartening to all who are interested in the Society, and becomes worse when compared with other G.P.S. At our last debate—against the High School—our supporters filled two benches, while High School's filled two blocks! Surely such miserable support of a Grammar team—a team endeavouring to win back for the School the most imposing and most handsome of all the Competition Shields—reflects greatly on the spirit of the School.

There have been two debates in the "A" Grade Competition this year, against St. Joseph's and High School. In the first the School team—Warburton (leader), Anderson and Garnsey—won by 177 points to 152. For the High School debate, Piddington took Anderson's place, and the team, after an excellent debate, lost by 163 points to 174½.

It was a great disappointment to us to lose, as we have now no hope of winning back the "Lovat Shield" this year. However, though beaten, we were not disgraced, and the winning back of the shield will be a spur to the team for next year.

The "B" Grade team, consisting of Cooper (leader), Griffiths and Hills, lost their first debate against Newington College by 133 points to 149. Though the losers, they put up a good fight; it was an interesting debate.

Our President, Mr. Lumsdaine, has, as usual, been untiring in his work for the Society, and Mr. Phillips, who has been elected a Vice-President, has given us much practical help. We are also indebted to Messrs. Wing, Mote and Wilshire for their criticisms and advice. Our Headmaster, Mr. Dettmann, has taken a keen interest in the Society and helped us in many ways—notably by allowing us periods off when necessary!

Last, but by no means least, are the hearty thanks we tender to Messrs. Webb, Nelson and Manning, old boys who made up a team and spoke against us in a practice debate. Such practical help as this is a great encouragement to the Society, and we greatly appreciate it.

M.E.W.

ANY FRIDAY AT ONE: THE CHIEF TAKES ASSEMBLY.

(A SYDNEY daily—new style—has discovered, 8 Aug., 1924, that S.G.S. boys have "most uneasy minds." The boys feel "in some indistinct way" that their Head, "formerly a New Zealand classical Professor," has been "slinging off at them in the vein of a New Zealand Horace." The speech which causes these fears was delivered last December, and the *S.M. Herald's* excellent report of it was reprinted in the last *Sydneian*. The report shows the twisted malice of this strange attack, an incomparable example of misquotation. We are favoured with an advance copy of a typical address at Assembly. Note that the metre is not strictly Horatian):—

1. Remember you are Grammar boys, you did not ought to make
a noise, to incommode your elders.
Now hearken why the other schools despise you all as knaves
and fools, while *they* are nation-welders.
2. The clerkly chaps who go to 'Shore, they drop no crusts upon
the floor nor aggravate the master,
But when he begs "Don't swot so hard" (N.B.—At Grammar
swots are barred), they only work the faster.
3. Their shoes are brushed, their cheeks are pink, they never spill
a drop of ink, but keep it all the nib on;
They're *so* polite in train and tram, they never smoke, they *can't*
say dam, they sport a straw—and ribbon.
4. The worthy wights of Newingtún, they work and play and shoot
and run, to please good Doctor Prescott;
But you are rebels all, I ween, you'd like to smite your Chief
atween the buttons of his westcott.
5. The football fans who play for King's are cherubs all (with two
fast "wings"); they scorn to tell a crammer;
They talk with terror of the toughs, the rugged, ragged, rowing
roughs, the rogues that roar for Grammar.
6. Upon the steeps of Armidale, they loathe you as beyond the
pale, the scourings of Hoi Polly,
Their Greek no stern invective knows, to brand, in Armidalian
prose, "such cataclysmal folly."
7. Why can't you be as nice as Scots? They haven't got no nasty
blots, upon their braw escutcheon;
They toil like busy little Bees, their heads grow round and red
like cheese, that grocers mark up "Dutch" on.
8. The laughing lads of dear old Joe's have sunny smiles for
friends and foes; they don't forget their manners,
But bow like little gentlemen; they'd swoon with horror in this
den of moral also-ranners.
9. I know a youth who came from Ig's, he never *speaks* of you as
pigs; he knows it isn't proper;
But think what grief his heart must rend, if you your ways
refuse to mend and come an awful cropper.

10. You live in growing fear of High, they're bound to beat you
by-and-bye, upon the Parramatta.
Unfriended, melancholy, slow, your day is done, your cake is
dough, you boneheads fried in batter!
11. I trust I make my meaning plain? I hate to cause that journal
pain, with yon vague katzenjammer.
Perhaps, if I could drown you all, the lean, the fat, the short,
the tall, there'd be some hope for Grammar!

THE PRÆFECTS.

(Reprinted from *The Sydneian*, No. IX., April, 1878.)

ONE of the greatest and most important innovations that has taken place since the foundation of the Sydney Grammar School occurred on Friday, March 29, when the whole School were assembled to hear the names of those boys appointed by the masters to be Præfects of the School. The following boys were appointed:—Allen i, Ayres, Barker i, Barlee i, Ebsworth, Moore i, Rennie, Wilkinson i, Trebeck, Mullins i, Lowe, Neill i, and Parnell. The duties will be to stop any quarrelling that may go on about the School, to put down bad language, and to keep up the moral tone of the School, which is admitted to be the leading school of the colony. Mr. Weigall explained to the boys that the idea of appointing Præfects had occupied the attention of himself and the other masters for some time, and that they had come to the conclusion that such a measure would tend eventually to promote the welfare of the School. We heartily concur with what Mr. Weigall said: "That if the boys could be gradually schooled into subordination to the intellectual and moral leaders among them, the habits of obedience thereby created would be of immense benefit to themselves, besides relieving the masters of a duty which can be far more effectually done by the boys themselves." Though some of the Præfects are not giants physically, still it is to be hoped that moral courage will be of sufficient strength to them as long as they know what they are doing is right and for a good purpose, and, above all, let them fearlessly do their duty. Mr. Weigall and the masters are prepared to assist the Præfects in every way possible, and will carry out whatever punishment they as a body may advise. Any boys injuring trees, and otherwise damaging School property will be punished. These trees are intended at some future time to afford shade. Mr. Weigall intends on every monthly half-holiday to assemble the boys in the Big School, and there speak about such matters as may be necessary connected with School discipline. In conclusion, we beg of all boys in this School to assist in carrying out the orders of the Præfects, to give them as

little occasion for interference as possible, and to bear in mind that when a boy is reported by a Præfect, that Præfect is simply doing his duty, and therefore should not be denounced as a "sneak" or "tell-tale."

THE EDITORS (*i.e.*, of 1878).

THE BALLAD OF BURDENS.

(Reprinted from *The Sydneian*, October, 1896.)

THE burden of dull teaching. Small delight
Cometh to one that toileth all the day,
Instructing brainless boys to read and write,
And striving information to convey.
For prematurely shall thy hair turn grey
In fathoming their depth of dulness dire;
They know not what they knew but yesterday:
This is the end of every boy's desire.

The burden of much nagging, when in spite
Of all thy exhortations to obey,
They disregard thy strict injunctions quite,
And when thou shoutest, look the other way.
"With some stout stick," thou to thyself dost say,
"Into these youths how gladly would I wire."
Yet hast no power to scourge them nor to flay.
This is the end of every boy's desire.

The burden of much running, when in sight
Of all the boys at football thou dost play;
And thy lean limbs, no longer nimbly light,
Progress but slowly o'er the clinging clay,
Then shall the heart of every boy be gay,
When thou dost most unpleasantly perspire;
And on thy shins their wrong they shall repay:
This is the end of every boy's desire.

A MASTER.

DISILLUSIONMENT.*

It seemed that I at last had found the place
Which I had wished for many years to find—
A spot ere now untrod by foot of man,
Virgin and undefiled by mankind.

No tracks could I discover, and I felt
Like some explorer when, before his view,
Expands the country he is first to see,
Untouched and quite unspoiled—entirely new.

The beauty of the place enthralled me then;
 So quiet and so dark, it seemed to be
 A play resort for dryads and for elves,
 Which now the sprites would have to share with me.

The ferns grew thickly under ancient trees,
 The sunlight hardly reached that sylvan place,
 While dark green ivy clung to every trunk,
 Killing and strangling with its fierce embrace.

But then some object rolled beneath my foot,
 To insignificance my dreams all pale;
 It was a bottle which had not contained
 Ambrosial nectar—only dinner ale.

B.

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WITHIN THE LAW.

ON a verdant stretch of greensward, under the shadow of ancient trees, was a closely packed crowd of men.

They were a wild unshaven lot, roughly garbed and hawklike of countenance. All were gazing with fierce accord at the two contestants in their midst. They stood tense with excitement, craning their heads to see over one another, and never uttering a sound.

Suddenly a blue-uniformed man approached with purposeful tread. Those on the outskirts of the mob shuffled uneasily, and eyed him askance, but the majority were too excited to take any notice.

After one glance at the group, however, the minion of the law passed on. Even an ignorant policeman knows that draughts, as played by the Hyde Park deadbeats, is quite a harmless game.

B.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

LATELY the Examiners have been setting questions which have frequently troubled candidates, and in a few isolated instances have actually worried them. We beg to submit the following specimen paper as typical of the sort we would like to see set in the future:—

ENGLISH.

Not more than three questions to be answered. Candidates must attempt not less than two questions in Part 1, of which one must be at the higher standard if the candidate attempt more than

two, but all the questions must be attempted in Part 2, in which the first and second are to be included if the honours standard be taken in Latin. If not, the previous statement holds good.

The number of questions answered depends on:—(a) The flow of ideas in the candidate's brain; (b) The flow of ink in his pen. Candidates are advised to provide themselves with some reliable make of (a) brains, (b) pen.

Papers must be given up in as many bundles as possible. No notice (except of a hostile nature) will be taken of papers given up in the wrong bundle.

Question 1.—How, when, and where are the following:—

- (a) The publicity agent of the Dramatic Society?
- (b) The erstwhile lions of the Debating Society?
- (c) The water supply in the two bubblers (so-called) on the upper playground?

Question 2.—Enumerate twenty-five writers of sonnets who were, in your opinion, insane. It is not necessary to give reasons for your answer.

Students taking honours in English Literature should have no difficulty with this question.

Question 3.—“The term ‘summary’ is in its primary connotation synonymous with synopsis, but it must never be forgotten that sententious plagiarists are apt to suspend, in favour of supercilious supernumeraries endowed with xylophagine craniums, the proper functioning of the reification of such categories.”

Comment on the above in such a way as to show that you thoroughly understand the allusions. Point out any beauties in the language.

If you don't feel quite equal to this, don't wrinkle up your dear little face trying to think. Just hand in your papers (with the firm conviction that you will pass the Exam.), and go down to the T-ck Sh-p.

We submit this specimen exam. paper trusting that the gentlemen who set the usual examination papers will give it the attention it so richly deserves.

R.B.L.C. (VIA.)

BLAZING BIRCHES.

A HEART-RENDING, SOUL-STIRRING, FACE-WASHING DRAMA OF THE GREAT NORTH-SOUTH-WEST.

CHAPTER I.

NIGHT was falling, slowly at first, but gradually gathering speed, until the mighty forest resounded with the crash of oncoming darkness.

Alexis Featherstonehenge dashed the flask of home-brew from

his mouth as though he had drunk enough, and leaned against the trunk of a giant gooseberry tree for support, for he was quite overcome by the beautiful spirit of the great North-South-West. As he gazed at the setting sun, he thought of his past life; he saw himself leaving school, carrying off the prizes for needlework and cookery, going to College, where he soon became captain of his put-and-take team. He saw himself as a leader in society, the pride of his manicurist and the despair of his tailor, and the idol of his girl friends, except one.

His thoughts were interrupted by the approach of a pack of wolves, who gambolled around him and timidly took the life-savers which he offered them, licking his hand and even his face as they did so. He made a fine picture as he stood there, surrounded by the beasts, which were even wilder than he. He was a smallish man, about six feet tall, and his skin was tanned by the midday moon, while his nose wore that peculiar ruddy tint which comes from frequent exposure to the rays of the setting sun.

CHAPTER II.

"Yes," said the General Manager of the Transylvania Tooth-pick-Trust; "there is only one way to get rid of those letters, you know" and he winked both eyes as though he knew something.

The other occupant of the table was a thin, spare man of some twenty stone, whose fox-coloured hair betrayed him as a half-caste or even three-quarter-caste Indian.

"Yes, Boss," said he, "me understand," and he drank down a malted milk at a single gulp.

Their conversation was interrupted by the entry, nose first, of Solomon K. Cohen, owner of the T.T.T., New York's greatest business brain, whose trade-mark (three balls, rampant, three-quarters in a field of old knives and forks) was known and feared throughout the U.S.A., Europe, and even in the Sanjak of Novi Bazarr. He was followed by his wife, who carried his suitcase, for she was a perfect lady, and their daughter Anastacia, who held a trunk in each hand and a birdcage in the other. What was this lovely girl of eighteen summers and twice as many winters thinking of as she gazed longingly at the beer pump? Was she thinking of Alexis, the man whose life she had ruined? No, dear reader, she was not thinking at all; that would have been too much of a strain on her sylph-like form; but the General Manager of the T.T.T. was thinking, and thinking hard; yes, a forest fire; it was the only way.

CHAPTER. III.

Terror and excitement reigned in the village, for the forest fire had swept over the mountains. In the village street stood crowds of frightened men and even women, while the village priest rushed up and down, swearing at the lines of children who ran from the garage to the fire, carrying buckets of petrol, which they scattered far and wide in a vain effort to quench the blaze.

In the old log cabin was the girl who had been taken there by the half-breed, who, when the fire started, left the girl to die, bolting the door on the inside as he went. She rushed up and down the hut, half-choked by the smoke and a quarter-choked by the gag which was tied firmly around her head, so that in all she was three-quarters choked, yet she sought to release herself, throwing herself against the door, even at the risk of breaking it open.

Suddenly the man appeared, and seizing the girl in his arms, he rushed through the flames. They reached a place of safety just as the first rays of dawn were darkening the western sky; then, as they sat on a rock, which was still white hot from the blaze, he gazed in her eyes and realised the awful truth. He had saved the wrong girl! With a cry of despair, he picked her up again, faced about, and rushed back into the flames!

R. PIDDINGTON.

Contributions are acknowledged, some of them anonymous, from J.K., N.J., "One Who Knows," "L'Allegro," C.S.M., B.K., A.F., "Apollo" (a poem on "Dawn"), M.E.W., "Judex," "Old Contributor," and S.R.T. It may be possible to use some of these next issue; meantime the Editors express their sincere thanks.

EXCHANGES.

THE Editors acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines:—*Armidalian*, *Ascham Charivari*, *Cliftonian*, *Corian*, *Cranbrookian*, *Cygnets* (2), *Excelsior*, *Framlinghamian*, *Galmahra*, *Guildford Grammar School Magazine*, *Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal* (2), *Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Magazine*, *Lux*, *Malvernian* (2), *Marlburian* (2), *Melburnian* (2), *Mitre* (2), *New England Girls' School Magazine*, *Newingtonian*, *Pegasus*, *Prince Alfred College Chronicle*, *St. Andrew's College Magazine*, *St. Joseph's College Magazine*, *Scotch Collegian*, *Southportonian*, *Swan*, *The King's School Magazine* (2), *Toowoomba Grammar School Magazine*, *Torchbearer*, *Waitakian*, *Wanganui Collegian* (2), *Wesley College Chronicle*, *Weaver*.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE ATTENTION OF OLD BOYS AND ALL FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:—

On Friday, August 22nd, and Saturday, August 23rd, the Sydney Grammar School Amateur Dramatic Society will present:

1. Mr. A. A. Milne's amusing one-act play entitled "The Boy Comes Home,"
2. The Comic Interlude from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream,"
3. A Screaming Farce by Gertrude Jennings, entitled "The Bathroom Door,"

AT THE CONSERVATORIUM, WHERE THE SEATS ARE COMFORTABLE.

The fact that the first item on the programme is by the author of "Mr. Pim Passes By" and "The Dover Road," is a sufficient guarantee of its amusing and witty quality.

The "Comic Interlude" will be presented with picturesque scenic and lighting effects.

The farce is a side-splitter, and will be presented last, as a stirrup-cup of fun.

On Friday night the Old Boys' Jazz Orchestra will operate upon the nerves. This will be regarded as a special School night.

On Saturday night a special orchestra will play appropriate music of a different nature for more sophisticated tastes.

Observe that the entertainment will be given this year in THE CONSERVATORIUM HALL at 7.45 each evening.

Prices of the seats will be 5/- and 4/- reserved, and 2/- unreserved. Booking at the School, at the Old Boys' Club and at Paling's.

The net proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of new books for the School Library (Boys') in order to complete the new Library now being fitted for the use of the boys.

SATURDAY WILL BE THE SPECIAL OLD BOYS' NIGHT.

Dr.		£ s. d.		Cr.		£ s. d.	
To Stalls—				By Wages	10	10	0
Refreshment ..	73	19	5½	„ School Carpenter	9	18	6
Fancy	138	17	0	„ Walder (Stalls and Decorations) ..	38	0	0
Provisions	22	17	0½	„ Printing	5	10	8
Cakes I.	26	0	0	„ Ritson (Aunt Sally, Darts, etc.) ...	3	7	6
Cakes II.	21	7	1	„ Donation to Civil Ambulance	3	3	0
Ice Cream	19	11	2	„ Balloons for Stalls	1	12	11
Lucky Parcels .	161	15	6	„ Wreath (the late Mrs. David Walker)	1	1	0
Flowers	13	16	0½	„ Sundries	2	17	3
Sweets	219	2	4				
Bachelors'	103	5	3½				
All Sorts	32	7	1				
Bran Pie	10	2	6				
To Dancing	52	2	9				
„ Old Boys' Hoop-La	57	19	6½				
„ Prefects' Hoop-La	51	15	9½				
„ Aunt Sally	12	15	0				
„ Darts	8	15	3				
„ Golf Putting ...	3	9	6				
„ Rifle Shooting ..	4	3	4				
„ Vaudeville	19	14	6				
„ Fortune Teller ..	4	13	6				
„ Public Gate	62	9	0				
„ Motor Gate	9	4	0				
„ Sale of Tickets .	89	2	0				
„ Radio Show	11	14	1				
„ Punch and Judy.	1	17	0				
„ Parcels' Office ..	1	14	9				
„ Boys' Donations.	92	16	3				
„ Friends' Donations	68	5	3				
„ Mrs. Leslie's Dance	35	0	0				
„ Surplus Cash ..	1	19	6				
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OLD SYDNEIANS' UNION.

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BUSINESS NOTICE.

THE annual subscription to the Union is 7/6, and the life subscription five guineas, both inclusive of *The Sydneian*.

The Union year runs from June 1 to May 31 of succeeding years. Subscriptions should be paid to the Treasurers, the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited), 33 Hunter Street, or to the Secretary, at the Old Sydneians' Club, 91 Phillip Street.

All changes of address, and any failure to receive notices of meetings, receipts, *Sydneians*, etc., should be notified immediately to the Secretary, at the Old Sydneians' Club.

MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Again a large number of members of the Union are unfinancial, even though their subscriptions fell due in June, 1923. Experience has shown that the great majority of these will pay eventually, but it cannot be too strongly emphasised that every man who fails to make prompt payment of his subscription is adding in no small measure to the overhead cost of conducting the Union, and is thus depriving his fellow members of benefits which they would otherwise receive, and very materially restricting the scope and usefulness of the Union's activities. An inordinate amount of the Secretary's time is wasted, and almost half the charges for printing, stationery, and postage, are incurred, in collecting overdue subscriptions. An earnest appeal is made to all members to make a point of it that their subscriptions are paid immediately they fall due—that is, as soon after 1st June in each year as possible.

The following members having neglected to notify their changes of address, letters and *Sydneians* addressed to them have been returned:—

A. M. Armytage, R. R. P. Barbour, F. C. Barnett, W. H. Beck, S. C. Burnell, Dudley Deering, Hastings Deering, R. A. Donovan,

R. Doutrebande, J. G. Duff, C. Dunstan, A. M. Edgar, F. E. Elliott, J. S. Gardiner, B. K. A. Hind, H. Ipkehdariz, R. S. Kay-Cooper, V. C. Kennelly, N. Laing, A. H. Lees, A. G. Lucas, M. G. Morgan, A. H. K. Petrie, D. H. Potts, J. E. Quinlan, C. Sherwood, L. H. Trenn, A. R. Wheeler, H. E. Witts.

The Secretary will feel obliged for information as to the correct addresses of any of the above.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting was held in the Big Schoolroom on June 25th last. The attendance was fair. Dr. E. A. Brearley, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and among those present were Dr. E. S. Littlejohn, Messrs. H. A. Russell, F. P. Cureton and A. E. Stephen.

The report disclosed a most satisfactory year's work. The chairman, in moving its adoption, referred especially to the generous financial support which Old Boys had given to the School through the Union, to the valuable assistance accorded to the Trustees by the Union Committee, and to the several successful reunions which had been held during the year. Mention was also made of the increase in the Union membership, which was now approximately 1,700. The revenue account showed a credit balance for the year of £134, which constituted a record for the Union.

Mr. R. J. Black, M.L.C., was re-elected to the position of patron; Mr. Robert Vicars was elected president for the ensuing year; and the name of Mr. H. S. Dettmann was added to the list of vice-presidents. Messrs. N. L. Cowper, J. G. Pritchard, and G. K. Herring were appointed honorary Secretaries; and the following were elected to the committee:—Messrs. G. E. Fairfax, H. V. Douglass, F. F. Buchanan, R. J. Yeomans, W. R. French, R. H. Bode, A. E. Kaleski, J. S. Palmer, R. E. Ludowici, F. H. Mullens, R. S. Murray-Prior, H. S. Storey, A. N. Finlay, S. F. Utz, J. M. Rossell, and Dr. H. R. Grieve.

At the close of the meeting, the new President and Mr. H. A. Russell and several other members spoke in the warmest terms of Dr. Brearley's splendid work during his presidency, and the feeling of the meeting was placed on record by a unanimous resolution of thanks.

The election of Mr. Robert Vicars in Dr. Brearley's place was a fitting tribute to one who has shown zeal and conspicuous ability in the service of the School, both as a trustee and as an active member of the Union Committee. His sound commonsense, direct and practical manner, and kindly, courteous nature have recommended

him strongly to all who have been privileged to work with him. We feel confident that he will not fall short of the excellent standard which his predecessor has set, and we look forward to another year of fine achievement under his guidance.

Practically the only new members of the Committee are Messrs. G. K. Herring and A. N. Finlay. Herring has taken "Bill" Ludowici's place as one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries. He has long been a keen member of the Club, and has frequently rendered unselfish and valuable assistance in connection with Union activities. "Bill" Ludowici, after useful work as an Hon. Secretary, takes a seat on the Committee. A. N. Finlay, as one who has recently left the School, is a valuable addition to the Committee's ranks. It is with regret that we say good-bye, for the time being, to Messrs. C. E. Weigall and A. S. Carfrae.

COMMITTEE NOTES.

G.P.S. REGATTA. OLD SYDNEIANS' BOAT.

ON the two days of the Boat Race this year, the Manly steamer, the s.s. *Kuring-gai*, carried members of the Union and their friends to view the racing. The venture was again an unqualified success. For the Saturday, all tickets were sold out three days beforehand, although the accommodation was three times greater than was provided in 1923. A splendid view of the races was obtained; the afternoon tea arrangements, carried out by Mrs. A. G. H. Morris and her band of helpers from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Auxiliary, were practically faultless, and there was no overcrowding or other discomfort; and the courtesy and efficiency of the Ferry Company's officials were notable. A novel feature was the Magna Vox Amplifier provided by the energy of J. G. Pritchard and the generosity of Messrs. Anthony Hordern & Sons. All that was needed to complete the enjoyable nature of the occasion, and to supply an added touch of enthusiasm, was the dashing victory of the School Eight. It was a very happy boatload which returned to Sydney on the day of the Finals. Socially, financially, and in every way, this reunion was a triumphant success.

ANNUAL BALL.

This took place at the School on Saturday, July 19. The President of the Union and Mrs. Vicars received the guests of the evening, who included Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hyman, and representatives of all the other Great Public Schools. There was a large attendance, and all arrangements worked smoothly.

The Big Schoolroom has now an excellent dancing floor, and even the most hardened jazzers beamed with approval.

Those who have not seen the School since the recent repairs and improvements were effected, and whose business ties do not permit of their returning to one of the assemblies on Fridays, should take the opportunity afforded by the Club Dances, and the Annual Ball of the Union, to see how the old place has been changed. The shabbiness and air of general decay by which it used to be characterised, have given place to a cleanly brightness, and the splendid memorial in the Big Schoolroom gives an impressive dignity to the whole School.

ANNUAL DINNER.

As usual, the Annual Dinner will be held on the night of the G.P.S. Athletic Meeting, which falls this year on Saturday, October 11. Tickets will be available shortly. The Big Schoolroom will again be used for the occasion, and thus Old Sydneians will have another opportunity of renewing their association with the old school buildings.

CRICKET MATCH.

The Annual Cricket Match will take place on December 23, and all Old Sydneians who are willing to take part should send in their names to the Secretary of the Union at an early date.

SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE.

The Committee has for some time past had under consideration proposals for establishing a School Boarding House, which would be managed by a Master of the School, under the direction of a Board of Trustees comprising representatives of the Trustees and of the Union, and which would cater for a large number of boys. At present the School loses many boys of a very fine type, sons of Old Sydneians in country districts, who are sent to other schools because the School is regarded as being a day-school only. No practicable scheme has yet been forthcoming, but the Committee are hopeful that, before the next issue of *The Sydneian*, definite proposals will have been worked out, and that the New Year will see a large School Boarding House an accomplished fact. The main difficulty is, of course, finance; and it appears to be essential that some thousands of pounds should be raised, either on loan or by direct gifts, before such a venture can be started on a satisfactory footing. It is certain that those who devote money to such an object will be doing an immense service to the School, and, indirectly, to the community.

BRANCHES OF THE UNION.

LONDON.

ON the 3rd July last, the following cable was received from Dr. Levick and Mr. H. L. Boyce:—

"Grammar Reunion, London, July Eleventh. Propose establish Branch Old Boys' Union."

After a meeting of the Union Committee, the President replied:

"Greetings. Heartiest good wishes for successful establishment and enduring life of London Branch. From Committee Old Sydneians' Union."

There has not been time for further news to be received by letter, but it will be interesting to hear the result of the meeting on July 11. C. B. Levick is a graduate of the Sydney University in medicine, who went to England for post-graduate experience, some three or four years ago. It will be remembered that he wrote, last year, from the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, where he was the Resident Medical Officer, of his intention to co-operate with H. L. Boyce in forming a branch of the Union in London. His letter was published in the August issue of *The Sydneian*. H. Leslie Boyce, who had a fine war record, and as a junior member of the English Bar was appointed to assist Mr. Justice Rich on Australia's delegation to the meeting of the League of Nations' Assembly in 1922, has also shown himself very keen to keep in touch with the School and with Old Sydneians in England. Their enterprise will have the hearty approval of all Old Sydneians.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

C. E. Newsham writes from the Auditor-General's Department, Perth, to the Headmaster:—

"I thank you very much for your personal acknowledgment of the contribution from the Old Sydneians here to the Fête in aid of the Weigall Memorial Fund.

"It was a great pleasure to do what I did—merely forward the draft (14 guineas) to Mrs. Marks. E. D. Gilchrist issued the circulars and did all that was necessary. All were glad to show their appreciation of the fact that they were 'Old Sydneians.'

"The memories of the old School, and the high esteem and personal regard for their old chief, the late Mr. Weigall, are very live things in the hearts of the Old Boys here, and at our Annual Reunions it is a pleasure to realise how proud we are of the traditions of this great School, and how interested in hearing the latest news of its progress. *Esto perpetua.*"

W. H. Suttor writes from the Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., William Street, Perth:—

"Unfortunately there appear to be very few Old Sydneians in this State, but it occurs to me that there must be a considerable number of boys leaving the School who make Western Australia their home, and if there is any way in which the local Old Boys could be advised of these, it would materially help our Secretary (Mr. Newsham) to get in touch with them. Needless to say, this is a very large State, and many people arriving from the eastern States go direct to the country districts, and consequently do not meet the Old Boys here. Possibly you may be able to do something in this connection to enable us to increase our local membership."

The only suggestion we can make is that any Old Sydneian who contemplates going to Western Australia should advise the Secretary of the Union (Mr. Gibson) before he leaves, or else write direct to Mr. C. E. Newsham, the Auditor-General's Department, Perth.

The keenness of the members of the Perth Branch is commendable. There is no reason why every capital city in the Commonwealth should not have its branch as strongly established as the Western Australian.

VICTORIA.

E. K. Barraclough, of 219 Collins Street, Melbourne, advises that, owing to the Police Strike, which came at the time when the Annual Dinner of the Union in Sydney was being held, it was found impracticable to hold the usual Dinner of the Victorian Branch. This year it is hoped that the Dinner will again take place on the same date as that of the parent body, namely, Saturday, 11th October.

THE OLD SYDNEIANS' CLUB.

Chairman of the Board: H. S. P. Storey.

Hon. Treasurer: F. H. Mullens.

Secretary: C. Hyne Gibson.

The Club rooms are at "Cromer," 91 Phillip Street, and comprise a billiard-room, reading and smoking and card rooms, bath-room, etc.

Entrance Fee: £1 1s.

Subscriptions—Annual: £1 1s.

Life: £21.

The Club's financial year runs from June 1 to May 31, and subscriptions for the current year are now due. They should be paid to the Secretary, at the Club rooms.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the billiard-room of the Club building on June 30 last. The Report and Balance

Sheet showed a satisfactory year's working, and gave promise of continued progress in the future. The following Directors were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Chairman: H. S. P. Storey.

Vice-Chairman: W. R. French.

Hon. Treasurer: F. H. Mullens.

G. K. Herring.

C. G. Hill.

N. L. Cowper.

A. E. Kaleski.

R. E. Ludowici.

G. E. Seaton.

R. J. Yeomans.

Messrs. F. H. Mullens, G. K. Herring and C. G. Hill constitute the House Committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE NOTES.

CLUB LECTURETTES.

We once knew a Professor of Philosophy who would illustrate a single lecture with quotations from Spinoza, Kant, Hegel, Shakespeare, Goethe, the fashion columns of the *Herald*, *The Worker*, *Truth*, *The Woman's Budget*, *Fairplay*, Gibbons' *Decline and Fall*, Descartes, and the Bible. After hearing Mr. Dettman deliver the first of the Club lecturettes at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on June 30, we dare swear that his reading is wider, if somewhat more judicious. He spoke on "Some Literary Trifles." For the feast of wit and humour which he laid before us, he had gathered scraps from many and various places, and the majority of the learned authors whom he quoted would be regarded by the average pedagogue with cold disdain. But it was a rare intellectual treat which his extensive reading, retentive memory, ready turn of phrase, and facile, genial humour enabled him to provide. For more than an hour he held the keen attention of his hearers, and had their laughter at instant call. He even managed to change, for the moment only, our opinion of that detestable form of pleasantry, the pun. When next the Directors of the Club prevail upon Mr. Dettmann to deliver a lecturette, we strongly recommend them to use the Big Schoolroom. Anything smaller will be totally inadequate.

These lecturettes are to be delivered regularly on the first Wednesday of every month. The second, on August 6, fell to Mr. Giles, who spoke on "The Great Public Schools and Public Life." During an informal talk extending over an hour, he outlined many of the problems which face the community, and without revealing his own

opinions more than was necessary, said enough about each to indicate its pressing importance. Then he went on to plead that the Old Boys of the Great Public Schools should realise the duty which they owed to their fellow citizens, and fulfil it by the earnest study of such problems. The one great essential was clear and honest thinking. To think wrongly was no great fault; but to think indifferently was to commit a supreme crime against society.

Not the least valuable parts of the lecture were the inevitable glimpses which were afforded of the speaker's own life and character and ideals.

We were grateful for these pieces of self-revelation from one of that select band who have moulded the Grammar School into what it is to-day.

But whence this violent anti-feminism? We could murmur hearty approval of nearly everything else, "Gilo," but here we really could not follow you. And when we heard Mr. Dettmann breathing emphatic "Hear, hears" behind us, we wondered what there is in the atmosphere of the School to encourage such robust and cynical disdain of the other sex!

An entertaining and pertinent speech by Mr. Dettmann concluded a most stimulating evening.

SNOKKER AND BILLIARDS.

On March 28 the final round of the Club Snooker Championship was played, and resulted in a win for F. F. Buchanan. Two billiard matches were played on the same night against the Old Newingtonians' Club. Results: S. S. Smith (S.G.S.) 200, beat M. A. Walker (N.C.), 180. L. Payne (N.C.) 250, beat W. Leslie (S.G.S.) 168.

The Club Billiard Championship is now under way. A gala night will be arranged for the final round.

BRIDGE AND GOLF.

Several bridge evenings have been held during the last few months, and have been attended by enthusiastic players, who insisted on saying that they enjoyed themselves immensely. As the writer is not a bridge player, he cannot vouch for this.

Early in June a team of Scotch and near-Scotch members vied with the School at the royal and ancient game of golf. Owing to the Club team having to guard their language in the presence of their younger brethren, they were placed at a disadvantage, and thus lost the match. It was also a windy day, which, of course, does not suit our team.

When the weather becomes less windy, we hope to play the School at golf again, and this time we will make no mistake.

We have an idea that we can arrange a Club Championship for golf before the winter closes. If members interested in this game will keep their eye on the notice board, we will place a notice there, convening a meeting to discuss the matter.

A Bridge Evening will be held on August 20. Intending players are requested to arrange their own "fours," and book their tables on the list on the notice board.

CLUB DANCE.

A few weeks after the Boat Race, the third Club Dance was held at the School, and was most enjoyable. As a social success it surpassed the previous dances.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following have been elected members of the Club since the list which was published with the Annual Report was compiled:—
T. J. Williams, K. L. O'Brien, G. D. Innes, A. T. Stewart, D. T. Saville, J. K. Manning, H. Y. Christmas, O. F. Alexander, P. Lavender, G. Dobell, (Dr.) W. Moppett, H. Langer.

NOTES AND NEWS OF OLD SYDNEIANS.

WE CONGRATULATE:—

Dr. G. A. Waterhouse, D.Sc., B.E., on his election as President of the Royal Zoological Society for the ensuing year; and on obtaining the degree of Doctor of Science, and being awarded the University Medal for research work, and an elaborate treatise on the hybridisation of butterflies. Dr. Waterhouse, who is a brother of E. G. Waterhouse, formerly Modern Languages Master at the School, attended the School from 1890 until 1895. He is connected with several scientific bodies, but has specialised in the study of butterflies.

Tom Moore, B.A., on gaining the James King of Irrawang Travelling Scholarship. He recently graduated with first-class honours in the Faculty of Arts, his record in every year being brilliant; and, in addition, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Union, and a Vice-President of the Undergraduates' Association, and took his full share in the sporting and community life of the University. He left for England at the beginning of August.

Andrew Charlton on his remarkable performances at the Olympic Games.

H. W. McLelland on winning the Golfing Championship of the State.

We print with pride the following letter to the Editor:—

"Every issue of our mag. gives news of individual doings of Old Boys, and for a change you might like to have an example of *team* work, so I'm sending along a clipping from the advertisements of Perpetual Trustee Co., Ltd. This, as you know, is now one of Sydney's biggest financial institutions, and is the Treasurer of the Old Sydneians' Union.

"The clipping may be said to show the Company's '*First Eleven*,' but it's a 'work' team, not a cricket team. With the exception of *one* (Mr. Roberts), all the officers in the list are Old Sydneians. Can any other concern of anything like the size and importance of the Perpetual Trustee Company equal this as an ad. for the old School?

"Yours truly,

"H. K. W. CORDEN."

"P.S.—We have a lot of other Old Boys not yet in the First Eleven."

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(Emergency also S.G.S.)

Denys Radford recently returned to Sydney to take up the position of Senior Classical Master at the Cranbrook School. He left the Grammar in 1915, gained the Cooper Scholarship for Classics at the University, and graduated in the Faculty of Arts with first-class honours in Classics, and then proceeded to Balliol College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree with honours.

James A. Anderson, writing from "Tallangatta," Upper Burringbar, North Coast, says:—

"It is a great pleasure for me to be in touch with the old School again, for I am sure every Old Boy looks back with a big amount of pride to the days spent there.

"Dr. Goldsmid, A. E. Francis and myself, all old Grammar boys, arranged to have a reunion, and as there was not a great number of Old Sydneians at the start, we arranged a Great Public Schools' reunion. We held a dinner at Murwillumbah on the night of the Great Public Schools' Sports, and had a gathering of eighteen men from all schools. It was very successful, and this year will be even better, as the number is increasing. Grammar was well represented with ten Old Boys."

Lang Gibson ("Piggy"), noticing from the Annual Report that subscriptions were required for the new Four, promptly sent along a cheque for two guineas—"a small contribution, but still pence make pounds." He is resigning the management of Nottingham Downs Station, Whitewood, Queensland, having bought an interest in a property west of Winton. We wish him the best of good luck.

From G. N. Thompson, of the Commercial Banking Company, Oaklands, Riverina:—

"It may interest you to know that two Old Sydneians (myself and C. H. McKenzie, of "Nangunia," Berrigan), the only two O.S. in the district so far as I know, were partners in the Men's Handicap Doubles at the recent Yarrawonga Tennis Tournament. We had a great spin together, thanks mainly to McKenzie's efforts, and were finally beaten in the semi-finals by the winners of the event."

McKenzie was in Sydney on a holiday recently, and was an enthusiastic barracker at the match against St. Joseph's College. Others whom we noticed were Alan Harnett, who had come up from Cooma for the Ram Sales, and was in the company of his old friends, Hamilton Merewether and John Cowdery, who are now surveyors in Sydney; Bob Stewart, who is still at Koorawatha, but has taken on sheep instead of wheat, and is doing well; and the two Munros, Gordon and Doug., fresh from their dashing displays on the polo ground.

Theo. Mason has just come back from Queensland, where he has been trying to make a success of cotton-growing. Apparently, the prospects for the industry in Australia are by no means as bright as they are painted.

His brother, N.K., "Tug," who was recently married, and is living at Mosman, is with the firm of Makinson & d'Apice, solicitors.

John Mant, after gaining his LL.B. degree in March last, was admitted to practice as a solicitor, and is with Mr. H. C. Ellison Rich.

Colyn Keith-Cohen, who obtained second-class honours at the Final LL.B. Examination in March, has joined the firm of Braye, Cohen & Cragge, of Newcastle.

Keith Coldham was recently in Sydney on his first holiday for some years. He is on the land at Prairie, near Longreach, Central Queensland.

Tom Moore, in thanking the Headmaster for congratulations, says:—

"Not the least of the pleasures derived from Success is the feeling that one has done something for the School, and made a small contribution to its glories—even if it be only in the insignificant academic world. The Boat Race was just great. I take the opportunity of congratulating through you the School, the Crew and yourself. I was very sorry that I could not get along to the Presentation of Oars."

Phil Lavender came nearly five hundred miles to see the Boat Race, and, needless to say, was well rewarded for his trouble.

SPORTING.

To "Slip" Carr was given the honour of carrying the flag of Australia at the head of the Commonwealth team in the March Past at the Olympic Games. His performances in the 100 and 220 metres events were disappointing; but while he himself would be the last to make any excuses, we may be permitted to express the opinion that he was not at his best, and that in his true form he is capable of holding his own with any of those who defeated him. He showed a flash of his real brilliance at the Empire-U.S.A. contest subsequently.

Of Charlton's achievements there is little need for us to speak. We are proud of them, though we cannot claim that the School had any share in his development as a swimmer. To our minds, the greater credit is due to him for his modest and sensible demeanour in the face of much newspaper hysteria over his victories of the last year or so, and we only hope that on his return from the Games he will adhere to his frequently expressed determination to go on the land and stick to it, and will not be lured back to the easy life of the city by newspaper propaganda and the persuasions of well-meaning friends. The building up of a first-class flock of sheep is a finer achievement than the breaking of all the records that were ever created.

Moss Christie swam well, and did his part worthily at the Games.

H. W. McLelland, in winning the State Golf Championship, had a strenuous tussle with another Sydneian, H. R. Sinclair. He now assumes the mantle which was worn for several years by Eric Apperly. "Billy" Windeyer umpired the final match, and his decisions gave rise to much comment, and to a long letter in the *Herald*, in which he justified them by reference to principle and precedent, after the manner of a Lord of Appeal delivering his judgment. Altogether, it was quite a Sydneian occasion.

A. S. B. Walker, Gordon Walker, Norman Smith and T. S. R. Davis are the only Sydneians who have been prominent in representative football this year. "Wakka" again led the State team, and his displays behind the scrum were better than ever.

A. L. North has been showing good form in the tennis world, and has recently represented N.S.W. against the Stanford University Tennis Team.

COMMENTS.

(BY THE BUSH LAWYER.)

PROBABLY for the first time during the history of the School its Old Boys as a body are able to look back with some small measure of pride on the help they have given it. During the last few years upwards of nine thousand pounds have been subscribed to the War Memorial Fund, which has furnished an impressive and beautiful memorial at the School, and the nucleus of a permanent Endowment Fund. Some two or three thousand pounds have been provided to reduce the debt on the Weigall Ground and to carry out improvements and repairs at the School and the ground, and, in addition, there have been many monetary donations for the various sporting clubs and the general purposes of the School. Last, but not least, are the services of energetic and able men as members of the Board of Trustees and various committees.

It is a worthy record, but not one which justifies us in sitting back on our haunches and feeling satisfied. During the same period the Geelong Grammar School has received from its Old Boys gifts totalling nearly one hundred thousand pounds; the Old Melbournians have raised nearly eighty thousand pounds; the Scotch Collegians over fifty-four thousand pounds; and the Old Boys of the other

Victorian schools have contributed in proportion. In this State, when their smaller numbers are taken into account, the Old Boys of The King's School and Newington College have done more for their schools than ours. Besides, it cannot be said that Old Sydneians as a whole have realised their obligations. The giving has been restricted to a comparatively small number, and the same names appear in list after list. The habit of giving is growing amongst an ever-widening circle, but the great majority have yet to realise the duty they owe to the School, and the urgent need for their help.

The need becomes greater year by year. If the School is to go on in the future as it has done in the past, it is essential that it should be able to command the services of the best men as masters. A school must stand or fall by the quality of its teaching staff. It will only be able to keep up the standard of its staff if it can offer attractive salaries and conditions. Only in that case can men of the stamp of Farrar, Savigny, Barbour and Giles be obtained, and if the Trustees are to be able to pay adequate salaries, it is essential that the ordinary revenue of the School shall be supplemented from a permanent Endowment Fund. Every other large school has had the same experience. There is not a public school in England which is able to rely only on its current revenue.

Already we see a tendency for undesirable practices to grow up through the straitened circumstances in which the School authorities are placed. Certain other Great Public Schools have employed professional coaches in such sports as football and rowing. Nothing could be more harmful. It is deplorable that any school should have to go beyond the ranks of its own masters and Old Boys for assistance in its sporting activities. I earnestly hope that the advance which has been made at the Grammar School towards the adoption of the practice will not be continued. I do not wish to say more on this point, because I realise the difficulties by which the Trustees and the Headmaster have been faced. But it serves to illustrate the imperative necessity for the School to receive continued assistance from those who owe a duty to it.

During the last two or three years the examination results from the School entrants were most disappointing to many Old Sydneians. It is to be hoped that in the Public Examinations at the end of this year the School will again take its rightful place. The traditions of the School have always given the places of highest honour to those who, while taking their full share in the sporting life of the School, excelled in the classroom as well.

Sydneians generally were immensely pleased at the splendid victory of the football team over St. Joseph's College, for the reason

that their chances were generally reckoned as slender, and they rose to the occasion in the best Grammar style. With one or two exceptions, every man in the team tackled grandly; and that is as it should be amongst Grammar School boys. With a surface like the Weigall Ground for training, the hard, low tackle in the Caswell style should be universal. Yet in other matches, and amongst the lower teams, the tackling has been simply deplorable, and feeble efforts to embrace their men around the neck have been the rule rather than the exception. The whole trouble is that these high tackles sometimes come off, and earn a lot of ignorant applause.

THE UNIVERSITY LETTER.

Dear *Sydneian*,—

Since last we wrote much water has passed under the bridge, and with it have passed several well-known Old Sydneians. This is due to the publishing of the Final Medical and Law results. As may be seen from the following lists, Old Sydneians have gained quite their usual share of the honours.

In their Final degree for Medicine, we find that M. S. S. Earlam and J. W. S. Laidly shared the University Medal. The same two also obtained First-Class Honours at graduation. Walter MacCallum gained Second-Class Honours, and George Clough a Credit. Also passed G. H. and J. H. Blackmore, Ian Mackerras and that cheerful old optimist, Tom Barnet.

In Law we see Tom Moore adding still more to his long list of laurels by passing Section I. of his Intermediate LL.B. Examination, and being awarded the James King of Irawang Travelling Scholarship. His old friend and rival, R. W. G. Mackay, annexed the Beauchamp Essay Prize. Others who also passed their first section of Intermediate LL.B. are G. P. Storey, S. R. Phippard and N. C. Nelson. In the second section, L. A. Whitfeld passed, whilst R. Chambers, L. S. Aitken, W. J. V. Windeyer and J. M. Jagelman passed the first section of their Final LL.B. In the second section of Final LL.B., C. A. K. Cohen obtained Second-Class Honours, and G. Mitchell, L. J. Herron, A. L. Rosenthal and J. F. Mant also passed. In Arts, Freddie Wood gained a High Distinction in Philosophy 2, and also in History 2. In this latter subject he shared his father's special prize. Second Year Engineering results show that Harry Bode obtained Distinction, whilst L. R. S. Donaldson, R. A. J. Thompson and W. B. Wolfe gained Credits.

This year the Undergrads' Committee again contains several Old Sydneians—to wit: T. Moore (Vice-President), F. W. Bayldon (Hon. Treasurer), F. E. Munro (Year Rep. Architecture) and J.

Bavin, who has undertaken the arduous task of Editor of *Hermes*. Of these men, Tom Moore, Frank Bayldon and John Bavin had already served a worthy apprenticeship as Year Reps., and it was only natural that they should be selected to fill the higher positions on the Committee.

Although the 'Varsity football team has two defeats against them—both being inflicted by Wests—it has still a very good chance of winning the competition. Max Hesslein is the only Old Sydneian who is a regular member of the Firsts. He is playing inner-centre, and his general play and kicking are reminiscent of his wonderful games with the School in 1918 and 1919. A. W. ("Choomie") Ross has also played several games with the Firsts, and has acquitted himself admirably on each occasion. In fact, his play this year has been so good as to gain him inclusion in one of the State trial teams for the All Blacks' visit, and in several composite first grade teams since. There are many who look to Ross to be the State full-back when Otto Nothling at last vacates the position which he has filled so long and effectively. In the Reserve fifteen we have G. P. Storey. In the Andrew's College team there are quite a number of Old Sydneians, namely: Max Hesslein, "Huck" Finlay, Garrick Wilson, "Bill" Corlis and Ian Robertson. Speaking of football, we rolled up in force for the St. Joseph's match, and were all very pleased to see the tables turned in so decisive a manner. It is a rather peculiar fact that since 1918 the Grammar team has not been defeated at Hunter's Hill.

The hockey team is amongst the leaders in the first grade competition, and contains "Blue" Baker as left-half and Ian Robertson as a back.

At the recent Inter-'Varsity Athletic Championships, we just managed to scrape home from Melbourne, and for the first time for many years there were no Old Sydneians in the Sydney 'Varsity team.

The Tennis Club is at present entertaining a team from the Stanford University, America. Jack Garvin is in our first four, and has been playing great tennis this year—in fact, he is now one of the State's most stylish players.

Before we close, dear *Sydneian*, we offer you our rather late but very hearty congratulations on winning the Boat Race in such fine style.

May you have equal good fortune in the football competition.

Ever yours,

UNDERGRAD.

IN MEMORIAM.

HENRY CHARLES LENNOX ANDERSON.

ON March 17, 1924, there passed away a very distinguished Old Boy and Master of the School in the person of the late H. C. L. Anderson. After leaving the School, he took his M.A. degree at the University of Sydney, and in 1878 was appointed to the School Staff as an assistant master, and remained there until 1882. In 1890 he was appointed Director of the Department of Agriculture, which had just been created, and it is for his work in connection with agricultural education in New South Wales that he will be chiefly remembered. He established the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and several experiment farms, and founded the *Agricultural Gazette*. He was elected a Fellow of the Senate of the University in 1894, and held the position for twenty-four years until he retired in 1919. His whole life was a record of distinguished service to the community.

JAMES EDWARD TUCKER.

THE late Mr. Tucker was a brother of Mr. S. R. Tucker, and was at the Grammar School in 1865. He died on October 13, 1923.

GORDON INGLIS.

No boy was better known at the School twenty-four years ago than Gordon Inglis, whose death in Northern Peru has been announced recently in London.

Gordon Inglis spent many years at the School, where he took a very prominent part in connection with the Literary and Debating Society under the presidency of the late Dowell O'Reilly. Few boys were gifted with the fluency of language which he had at his command, and his oratorical displays were always interesting, witty and forceful, and he contributed largely to the success of the mock trials held at the School.

Gordon matriculated in the year 1901, and until he was

articled to Mr. S. J. Bull, solicitor, he spent a number of terms attending lectures at the University. From a schoolboy onwards he was very keen on journalistic work, in which he displayed great ability, and for this purpose he abandoned the study of the law.

He left for England some fifteen years ago, and was for some time a member of the staff of the Commonwealth High Commissioner's Office in London. He then published his well-known book, *Sport and Pastime in Australia*. Whilst residing abroad, he was instrumental in forming a branch of the Old Boys' Union in London, and devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the furthering of its objects. During the War he saw active service in France with the Grenadier Guards. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Inglis, and had several brothers at the school, notably Dr. Keith Inglis and Clive Inglis, and he is survived by a widow and two children, who reside in England.

The Sydneian desires to express to the members of his family very sincere sympathy with them in their loss.