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EDITORIAL.

DURING the past six months but few events have occurred calling for special mention. The various maladies that assailed us during the middle of 1898 passed away, and we have enjoyed a clean bill of health for the last four months.

Several important works are in progress in connection with the School property, that, when completed, will add much to its appearance and usefulness. Some time ago Mr. A. A. Dangar generously undertook to have the ground around the fence thoroughly trenched, and new trees planted in place of the old ones, most of which had succumbed to the ravages of hordes of predatory cows. To prevent a repetition of this disaster in the future, Mr. Dangar is also going to have a substantial fence erected as a protection for the trees. Future Armidalian, perhaps some of those at present here, will owe to his generosity the grateful shade in summer and shelter from the cold west winds in winter that these will afford.

The Board of Directors has decided to supply a long-felt want by having a new football ground laid out in the paddock at the rear of the hospital. Work has already commenced and every week is bringing us nearer the realisation of our hopes—a ground that will be level, well-grassed, and a pleasure to play on. When finished it will undoubtedly be the best football ground in the district, and a great addition to the attractions of the School.

We cordially welcome the proposal, that has recently been mooted, for the establishment of an Old Boys' Union. The School has now reached a stage where such a Union becomes possible, indeed, we might almost say, where it becomes necessary, both in the interests of the School itself and of the Old Boys. It is very easy to drift out of touch with the old School if there is nothing to remind us of it occasionally, and a Union of some sort among Old Boys for the purpose of occasional meetings at some central place, and the promotion of a certain amount of contact between Old Boys and Present Boys, will be the surest way of maintaining a connection that is equally beneficial to both. We hope before long to see this proposal become an accomplished fact.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

February saw No III Dormitory filled for the first time. The next thing will be to remove the partition and provide new masters' bedrooms.

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The crack in the upper tennis court was again very prominent after the holidays. Mr. Dangar kindly saw after the repairing of one while Mr. F. J. White had the other attended to.

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In February, Steven-on was made a Senior Prefect. The new Juniors were White i. and Bruxner. E. W. Marriott became a Senior Prefect in April, and Nivison i. a Junior.

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The numbers on the roll at present are: Boarders, 57; Day-boy, 25; Total 82.

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Slade and Johnstone i. successfully passed the Matriculation last March in individual subjects, the former in Algebra, the latter in Euclid and Algebra.

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We are very glad to hear of Worthington's recovery from his long illness, and trust that he will soon be restored to full health.

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The usual Dramatic Entertainment will take place in June, all being well. Two excellent farces, "My Turn Next" and "Ciselling" have been adopted, and all interested are busily engaged in making a portion of several nights a week hideous with rehearsals.

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We have lately heard of the existence of a School Sampson who from time to time delights a circle of admiring votaries of Physical Force in the Gymnasium by breaking mighty chains of steel around his biceps, and such-like deeds of strength. We hope that ere long he will give a public exhibition some Saturday Night in Big School.

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Since our last issue, the Armoury has been devoted exclusively to its proper uses and has been fitted up most completely by Mr. Cotterell. A magazine has been built in the Hospital enclosure so that the store of explosives is now well out of danger's way.

Owing to the interference caused by the Theatrical Rehearsals on Saturday Nights, it will be impossible to hold meetings of the Debating Society till after the June holidays. When the society has passed through this lengthy hibernation it is hoped that it will spring into vigorous life and flourish exceedingly—"positis novus exuviis nitidusque juvena."

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During the Mid-Term Holiday held at the beginning of March, an enjoyable picnic took place to Dangar's Falls. Ryan's 'bus was engaged.

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After two and a half years' stay amongst us Miss Cook left at Easter. Before going, she was presented by the boys with a handsome plated sugar basin and milk jug, with a set of silver spoons. Mrs. Wooldridge has been appointed to the position.

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During the Diocesan Festival in connection with the opening of St. John's College, we had the pleasure of listening to very enjoyable addresses in Big School from the Bishops of Ballarat and Newcastle. The visitors were introduced to us by the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale.

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The long expected Musical Society has at last sprung into being. There is a lot of undoubted musical talent amongst us that for a long time has been unable to express itself save by penny whistles, mouth organs, Jew's harps and such-like curiosities, but which has only needed organisation and training to become useful. This opportunity has now come and we wish the Society every success.

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We have received the following account of the School picnic to Thalgara on April 8th:—"We left the school at 10 o'clock and reached our destination at about 12. A good picnic luncheon was provided on the ground. The chief attraction during the afternoon was pigeon shooting. The pigeons, however, were not live ones, but were manufactured of clay, being hurled into the air from a certain apparatus. These pigeons proved to be too fast for the large majority of us; only four succeeded in hitting any at all. Afternoon tea over, we had a tug of war against all-comers in which we were beaten owing to the all-comers somewhat outnumbering us. We left at six in high spirits well pleased with the day's outing."

The increasing number of bicycles is rendering the necessity of a place to stow them in more and more apparent. There is no room in the Armoury nor in the Cricket Room, while No. 3 Music Room cannot be given up for the purpose. The kitchen at the Hospital can only afford a temporary refuge. Perhaps a room might be built somewhere and a fixed charge per quarter made on cyclists for storage. The room would pay for itself in a few years.

We shall not be able to make a very brave show at the forthcoming Junior Examination, at all events, not as regards numbers; but this is owing to the fact that we are not sending up any boys for the second time. With our present roll we cannot be expected to send up a batch of nine or ten good candidates every year, and it is no use boys going in if not properly fit unless it is a matter of urgency. A bad pass does no honour either to the candidate or to his School.

The arrangement by which the University allows candidates to matriculate on a Junior pass may be a very good one. But here it seems to have given rise to an opinion among some who intend to proceed to the University that the March Matriculation Exam. is of no consequence and that the Junior is all-sufficient. This is a huge mistake. All going to College should take the Matriculation if possible, no matter whether they have got a Junior Matric. or not. There are honours to be gained and scholarships to be won. Honours gained at Matriculation give a man a certain amount of prominence when he enters the University which no amount of A's at the Junior will give him. But then there is our School to think of, apart from self. Don't let ambition cease with passing the Junior, for that is a very paltry triumph to rest content with.

In December, as usual, School and House Groups were taken by Mr. Solomons. Most of the portraits are very good, and in the House Group the sweetly amiable expression on the majority of the faces says volumes for the spirit of good-fellowship existing in our household. But of course even Mr. Solomon's well-known skill in group photography is unable to cope with the convulsions, due to hardly-suppressed mirth, which seize many on these occasions. The effect on one or two of the faces is distinctly

comical. In the House Group two appear to be vanishing away into thin air, and suggest the query whether the boys in question were actually present in the form of flesh and blood, or sent their ghosts to sit for them. But perhaps the camera distinguished itself most in the reproduction of Dowling's happy smile. The more one looks at it the more it seems to grow. Some one was asking, also, whether the lock of hair that falls so rakishly over his brow proves that it was *windy* at the time. We don't know.

The following additions have been made to the museum since our last: Cohen contributed a fine strip of whalebone, taken from a whale stranded at Twofold Bay, and a small snake killed by him at Tamworth. C. Donkin brought us a grass snake from the Darling Downs, Q., while Hargrave contributed a very interesting curiosity in the shape of a lignified caterpillar from Inverell. Mr. Fisher brought from New Zealand a fine piece of quartz rock, thickly set with crystals, which he found in the moraine on the Hooker glacier. Unfortunately, the "snake" cucumber, which Mills brought from the Hunter, went bad, and was too big to "pickle." Meredith contributed some very fine quartz crystals, and a "pressed" snake.

An epidemic of crackers broke out during last quarter, and all things reeked with the smell of powder for a while. As usual, however, a cure was found for the disease.

Talking of epidemics, we wonder when the rubber-stamp mania is going to pass off. A likes to see his name in print and invests his pocket-money in a rubber stamp instead of water-melons. He shows it to B, who goes and does likewise. Then A and B retire to a class-room and illuminate one another's books with their illustrious names—or affix them to the desk, or anything lying about that presents a square inch of clean surface (desks don't as a rule). C, D and E drop in, and they, too, think stamps a rattling good idea. So it goes on, and a correspondent wonders whether it is not time for the museum authorities to make an enforced collection of these curiosities.

We have to chronicle the arrival of the following new boys and hope they will all stay many years and turn out brilliant cricketers and formidable footballers. In February:—N. W.

Farrand i., W. D. Farrand ii., R. K. Richards i., N. S. Richards ii., J. M. H. Hudson, J. E. Gall, L. S. Harden, G. M. Mills ii., F. M. Coxon, H. Meredith, C. S. Ross, W. G. A. Green, D. Brigstocke, J. N. Morse i., B. S. Morse ii; and in April:—C. K. Fenner i., F. W. Fenner ii., E. Hargrave ii., H. Scott. We did not quite know what to do with D'Arcy Donkin, whether to class him with the new boys, or put him in a paragraph all by himself and call him a Prodigal Son. After deep reflection we have decided to do neither the one nor the other, but simply to say we were glad to see him back again in February and hope he will not go away any more.

The following boys have left since last November:—H. J. Morse, F. L. Donkin, A. Scott, F. Wigan, H. Gordon, L. Dutton, R. A. Reid, H. A. Smyth, H. Bruxner, R. M. Croudace, J. Blaxland, in December; and F. A. Marriott, K. G. Richards, C. C. Dangar, and F. Lacy in March. Many of these names have figured prominently during the last few years in connection with the various clubs, and the effect of their going will be felt for some time. The loss we sustain in Marriott i. is referred to elsewhere. Croudace's excellent work as full-back will long be remembered by Armidilians with pride, while in the eleven he proved himself a good field and a most useful change bowler. Donkin was a good all-round man and will be much missed. In cricket he was noted for his hard hitting, and in football as a smart scrum-half. In Dangar we lose the best bat and field we have yet turned out, and a first-rate tennis player. He was also a useful member of the Debating Society and a good amateur actor. For a long time Richards has taken a high place in our sports; the best forward we have had, a good bat, our record high-jumper, and one who has always taken a keen interest in everything connected with the School whether in doors or out of doors. In Scott we lost our 1898 Champion, and a footballer who, had he started another season, would have won a distinguished place in XV. His three-quarter play in the 2nd XV during last season was very good, at times brilliant. For some time Gordon has proved himself a steady bat and our most useful change bowler, while Bruxner in the football field was one of our best forwards and occupied an honourable place in Athletics generally. The 2nd XV loses its most energetic Captain, Wiseman and in addition

to Scott, two useful members in Dutton and Blaxland. Thus we see many gaps to be filled and ample scope for the ambitious to come forward and emulate, and if possible surpass, the achievements of those who have left us.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

A. L. Blomfield, our old captain, now at the Melbourne University, we are glad to note, passed his second year's Engineering Course, and this year is working for the third year B.C.E. Exam. We wish him every success in his coming December Examinations.

R. P. Croudace, after spending twelve months at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, is now at the Logan Brae Experimental Farm at Bathurst, where he holds the position of head student.

We were all glad to see S. McLeod last quarter, who paid us a visit one afternoon.

H. Gordon has passed his Banking Examination, upon which we must congratulate him.

A. W. Hyman passed his intermediate Law Examination in History last November.

H. J. Morse is in Dalgety and Co's Sydney office. He paid us a visit during the Easter Holidays.

F. P. Lacy has gone to the Brisbane Grammar School, as the winters here would be too severe for him after his late illness.

D. H. Bennett has been appointed to an overseership on Wollun.

J. Blaxland is on Terrica, Stanthorpe, Mr. McLeod's station.

F. L. Donkin has secured the commission of Lieutenant in the D.D. Mounted Infantry, and is working at present for the Imperial Army Literary Examination.

G. Wigan has obtained the overseership of 4D station near Quirindi.

A. Scott, who passed the A.M.P. Society's Examination in December last year, received a position in the head office at Sydney in January.

SPEECH DAY 1898.

SPEECH day passed off most successfully. The attendance of visitors was as large as usual, and all seemed to keenly enjoy the proceedings. The Bishop took the chair at three o'clock and was attended on the dais by the members of the Board. The

Head Master read his annual report, those of Messrs. Nicholls and Newberry on the Latin, French, and Mathematics of the Upper School, and Mr. G. F. Braund's report on the Gymnastics. The following are extracts from the Head Master's report:—

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen, — I have the honour to present to you my annual report. I am glad to say that the number of boys on the roll continues to increase. This is the first year that we have passed 80, and the number now stands at 81. The number of boarders is now 58 as against 51 at the corresponding time last year. If the numbers continue to increase at the present rate, it will soon be necessary for the Directors to consider how the accommodation for boys and masters may be extended, and it will doubtless be a source of much satisfaction to them, according as it does a most practical proof of the success of the school.

Last year I was able to speak of a year's work unbroken by change of members of the staff and free from other interruptions. The past year has been a year of change. At June we lost the services of Mr. Wing, who had worked here as second master from the opening of the school. Of his services to the school in every capacity it would be difficult to speak too highly. He was of the greatest assistance to me personally in the anxious and difficult work of starting and organising a new school, and completely identified himself with every phase of school life.

Easter Mr. Houson joined the staff, and in July Mr. Mell returned to work here after a term's absence.

During the first half of the year, work was carried on without interruption and with commendable keenness, as the results of the Junior Examination proved. Of 8 candidates sent in all passed, 5 in all 7 subjects possible, and 3 of whom matriculated. This is a decided improvement on our previous records, and justifies the hope that our present standard is by no means a fixed one, but one that is to be improved upon every year. As I pointed out twelve months ago, it is very difficult to get the best results from a term which includes Senior, Junior and prospective Junior candidates. I trust it will not be long before the increase in numbers warrants the appointment of an additional master. I should like too, to see more boys working on after they have passed the Junior with a view to the Senior. There is too much inclination to regard the Junior as the aim and end of all education, and ignore any-

thing beyond it. During the last six months the School has been a heavy sufferer from the various epidemics which have visited the colony. It is small consolation to know that we have not been the only victims of influenza and measles, but that other schools have suffered equally or more severely. At any rate, it has put the School organisation to a severe test, and I am much indebted to the members of the staff and to the boys for the way in which they stuck to their work, in spite of all discouragements. In consequence of this broken work, it was impossible to expect the same satisfactory results as usual from the annual examinations; and as the Lower School work has suffered especially, only the Upper School was subjected to the ordeal of an outside examination. Forms IV. and III. were examined in Latin, French, and Mathematics by Messrs. Nicholls and Newberry. Considering the difficulties under which work was carried on, I think the results are highly satisfactory, and I can say the same thing of our own examination of the rest of the work.

There is one matter that I wish to commend to the favorable notice of the Directors and shareholders of the school. The most pressing need that the school now has, is a school chapel. We have, I believe, exhausted the sitting accommodation available for us in St. Peter's Cathedral, and some provision must be made for possible increase in numbers. While the Big School can be used for Sunday services in cases of emergency, it is by no means suited for such a purpose. All its associations are with the daily routine of school work, and must go far to destroy all proper feelings of solemnity and reverence. The school Chapel should be the centre of the school life, the one spot that boys can look back upon in after years, and feel that there was laid the foundation of all that is best and highest in their character. I hope it will not be long before active steps are taken to supply the want which a Church School like this must feel, that has no chapel of its own. Other wants there are, but this I put first, as by far the most important. In the not too distant future I hope to see added to the buildings a school museum, swimming baths, and other things which are naturally found in a well-equipped school.

The most important new departure during the last year has been the establishment of a cadet corps. It has met with most hearty support, and has already had a marked effect in im-

proving the drilling and marching. We may expect great things of it in the future.

The competition for the Gymnastic medals has been keener than last year. I have to thank Mr. George Braund for again judging the competition. In conclusion, I have to thank the Bishop for presenting his prize for Divinity, and kindly acting as examiner; also those other friends of the school who have assisted us with prizes. Prizes have been given by Archdeacon Ross, Mr. A. A. Dangar, Dr. Wigan, Dr. Mallam, and Mr. Weaver

W. FISHER, M. A.

Head Master.

On the conclusion of the Reports the Bishop addressed us in his usual happy vein, giving us at the same time some excellent advice. We regret that we cannot reproduce the whole of his speech. He said that the people were no doubt getting tired of hearing the same speaker at the successive breaking-up ceremonies. Before next year he intended to propose an alteration, and carry it through too. Considering the amount of talent and eloquence possessed by the district he thought the scheme workable. He intended that the directors should draw lots as to which of their number should make the annual speech. (Laughter.) The gentleman could have the privilege of "passing," or in other words could allot the duty to one of his co-directors on one condition—that he provided extra jam for one meal right through the year. (Cheering from the boys). One portion of the report impressed him rather forcibly—that part which referred to the year as being one of epidemics. He did not know what had been the matter with 1898. It was not the fault of the New England climate—it was all right if the rain would only fall a little more regularly. He had been investigating together with some of the scientific authorities of the Armidale School, and could tell them what had been the matter. There had been some fresh spots on the sun. (Laughter.) America and Spain differed. Mr. Hooley neglected to pay 20s in the £—fresh spots in the sun. A noted public gentleman in New South Wales attempted to say two contradictory words in one breath—it was the fresh spots in the sun. (Laughter.) At last there came the time when the academic groves of the Armidale School became affected—an epidemic broke out in their midst. It was not a case of measles, influenza, or jam fever amongst the boys altogether, but the epidemic spread to the masters and when it reached them they took to

getting married. (Laughter). One of the masters had taken "wings," and had flown away. (Laughter). They all missed Mr. Wing, and his efforts on behalf of the School since its establishment would long be remembered. (Applause.) He was sure that he would be expressing what was in the mind of everybody if he turned to Mr. Fisher and told him they all congratulated him upon his having passed into the married state of life. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Fisher every happiness and bliss. (Applause). They could not gauge the value of a school by the success of its public demonstrations, or by the number of certificates won at any particular examination. The work of a school was deeper, broader and more lasting than that. He wanted every boy who went out of the school to be possessed of a strong unflinching sense of duty, and of a dogged, stubborn perseverance. The Bishop touched on features of the characters of Gladstone and Bismark, urging the boys to profit by the devotion to duty of the former, and the dogged determination of the latter. (Applause). He concluded by wishing the masters and scholars a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

The Bishop then presented the prizes, and the proceedings were terminated by the usual cheers. Afternoon tea was then served in the Hall followed by the annual gymnastic display in the Gymnasium.

The following was the Prize list:—

Dr. Wigan's Prize for History.—L. M. McLean.

Extra prize for Latin.—A. Martyn.

Extra prize for Mathematics.—F. A. Marriott.

Form Prizes.—

English.—IV. M. F. Bruxner. III. A. Wiseman. IIA. M. Simpson. IIB. C. Finley. I. A. F. Crombie.

Latin.—IV. J. E. G. Stevenson. III. C. H. Weston. IIA. G. F. Finley. IIB. C. Finley. I. A. F. Crombie.

French.—IV. J. E. G. Stevenson. III. A. Nivison. IIA. G. F. Finley. IIB. N. Bowen.

Mathematics.—IV. A. Scott. III. C. C. Dangar. IIA. C. M. Mills. IIB. C. Croaker. I. A. F. Crombie.

Divinity.—Upper School (Bishop's Prize.) O. C. Slade. Lower School, M. Simpson.

German.—F. Wigan.

Physiography.—L. Donkin.

Gymnastics.—Senior Medal.—P. S. Anderson. Junior Medal.—F. Nivison. 2nd Junior Prize.—R. Vyner.

BREAKING-UP ENTERTAINMENT.

ON the evening of Prize Day last year, we had a miscellaneous entertainment in the School Room. The first part consisted of songs by Mr. Simpson, and a duet by Miss Morse and Miss A. Morse: Mr. G. F. Braund gave us a very humorous recitation. The selections on the Graphophone, kindly provided by Mr. L. Braund, were loudly applauded, especially "Chin, Chin, Chinaman" from "The Geisha." Then followed a very successful performance of the farce Box and Cox: Mr. Skuse taking the part of Ben, and Dangar that of Cox, while Mrs. Bouncer was played by Stevenson. The concluding part of the programme consisted of a song "Ben Bolt" by Miss A. Morse, a recitation by Mills, more selections on the Graphophone and the choruses "Dulce Domini" and "God Save the Queen." We are greatly indebted to the visitors for their kindness in contributing the various items and specially to Mr. L. Braund for the most amusing music on the Graphophone.

GYMNASTICS.

AS last year the Annual Gymnastic Competition was worked off on the Saturday and Monday nights preceding the Xmas Breaking-up. As will be seen from a comparison of the marks with those of the previous year there was a decided improvement all round, the averages for the Seniors being respectively 145 and 112. Considering the great amount of sickness that prevailed during the latter part of 1898 this result is very gratifying. We were also pleased to note a considerable increase in the number of entries as compared with the last year in both divisions, in itself a sign of greater interest in this important branch of our School work, and hope that this interest will show no signs of slackening in the future. Mr G. F. Braund, who with Mr. Syngé officiated as judge in 1897, kindly consented to serve us in the same way at the last Competition, and in his report commented very favourably on the work done. In the Senior Division the medal was won by Anderson, who showed considerable improvement on his really good work of the previous year. All his exercises were well done, but he showed the greatest proficiency on the Parallel Bars and Ladder, gaining 59 and 23 marks out of a possible 60 and 24 respectively. Croudace ran Anderson very close

in all the exercises and beat him by four marks on the Horse and one mark on the Ladder, on which he did all the exercises perfectly and secured full marks. Marriott did the exercises on the Parallel Bars almost perfectly, losing only one mark.

In the 1st Junior Division the medal was won by Nivison ii. In this division at least six entries were required, and as there were only five competitors available on the night of the competition owing to the illness of several who had entered, Burdekin, who belonged to the 2nd Junior Division, volunteered to fill the vacant place, thereby giving up his almost certain chance of winning the 2nd Junior Prize. However he was rewarded for this by securing the 3rd place in the 1st Junior results. Nivison's best work was on the horizontal and parallel bars; on the horse he was beaten by Wigan and Cohen who both scored 31 as against his 29.

The 2nd Junior Prize was won by Vyner who performed all his exercises very neatly. Anderson iv. was prevented by illness from competing. This was to be regretted as he had been shaping very well at most of the exercises, notably those on the horse, which he managed almost to perfection.

The VIII that gave the exhibition on Speech Day consisted of Anderson i., Croudace, Marriott i., Phillips, White iii, Vyner, Wigan and Nivison ii.

The following were the marks for the various exercises:—

SENIORS.

	H. Bar	Horse	Rings	P. Bars	Ladder	Trapeze.	Total
Maximum Marks.	42	36	36	60	24	—	198
Anderson i.	37	28	32	59	23	—	179
Croudace	36	32	28	56	24	—	176
Marriott i.	34	30	27	58	22	—	171
Phillips	35	27	28	55	20	—	165
White iii.	33	29	28	47	19	—	156
Read.	32	30	28	34	16	—	140
Stevenson	29	21	19	47	20	—	136
Jackson i.	27	24	23	40	17	—	131
Collins	26	23	19	30	15	—	113
Blaxland	27	23	17	25	12	—	104

1st JUNIORS.

	30	36	24	30	30	150
Maximum Marks.	30	36	24	30	30	150
Nivison ii.	29	29	22	28	—	131
Wigan ii.	27	31	20	26	—	130
Burdekin	18	27	18	21	—	104
Cohen	17	31	14	20	—	97
Jackson ii.	16	27	12	19	—	87
Anderson iii.	18	22	13	17	—	82

		2nd JUNIORS.						
Maximum Marks		24	36	18	30	24	132	
Vyner	19	32	15	22	—	17	105
Bowen	19	26	14	19	—	19	97
MacCabe	11	20	10	8	—	13	62

CRICKET RETROSPECT.

WE can look back with a good deal of satisfaction upon the past season. More matches were played and stronger teams met, yet the number of defeats remains the same as last year. Belfield again proved himself a capable and energetic captain in every way. The committee was the same as last year. The great improvement in batting is most apparent. No fewer than five members of the team succeeded in making scores of over fifty. Dangar doing so no less than 3 times; while H. H. White distinguished himself by making our first century. F. L. Donkin, H. M. Gordon, and Croudace left us at Christmas and we missed them very much, especially in the King's School match. Gordon was the best all-round member of the team: Donkin's hitting often proved most useful; Croudace had developed into a good change bowler, and his fielding was always excellent. While we can say much that is good of the batting, with the bowling it is different. In bowling we were undoubtedly very weak. Slade bowled quite as well, if not better, than last year, but none of the others could be relied on to support him and we were often in difficulties. Belfield did not maintain his form of last year and the year before, though he occasionally bowled very well; he seems to have lost his accuracy of pitch. Persse was very useful at times; he has a good off-break, but his pitch is very erratic. H. H. White was very disappointing and did not fulfil our expectations after his bowling of last year. It is to be hoped that next season will bring to light some new talent in this most important branch of the game.

The fielding has, on the whole, been good. We began badly, but great improvement was noticeable as the season advanced. Phillips did well behind the wickets; he also made some useful scores. Weston played in the team regularly after Christmas and performed very creditably. P. S. Anderson played occasionally.

The record of matches (1st XI) for the season is:—played 18, won 10, lost 6, drawn 2. The highest innings for the school was

275 against Herbert Park; and the highest innings made against the school was 254 made by Uralla. The highest individual score for the School was made by H. H. White against the Public School Teachers, 101 not out. White thus won the bat presented by Mr. Wing for the first century made by a member of the 1st XI. Before Christmas we played 9 matches, winning 5 and losing 4.

We began by losing our first two matches, which were against the two strongest town clubs. Love, who played against us in both matches, making over 50 runs each time, and Crossman played very well for our opponents. Dangar, Richards, and Gordon made useful scores for us. We then journeyed to Black Mountain to play the local team, which we beat easily. Marriott, who had hard luck in not getting the coveted century, Gordon and Donkin, batted remarkably well. Our total was 226. Slade did most of the bowling.

The two matches against Uralla were played next. In the first we were badly beaten, but the second we managed to win by 24 runs. Richards (47 not out) and Dangar (44) batted very well.

Seven old boys turned up for the annual match and, helped by members of the 2nd XI, did very creditably. We won by 78 runs, thanks chiefly to the excellent stand made by Persse and Belfield for the 7th wicket. Hyman showed that he has not lost his old skill behind the wickets, and Govers batted very well.

On the day after the breaking-up we went to Warwick and played two matches, the first being against Glengallan. In this match we played on an excellent turf wicket, a new experience to most of us. Our total was 228 and we got rid of our opponents very cheaply for 66 and 82, thus winning by an innings. Dangar, Donkin, Marriott, and Persse batted splendidly, the latter also obtained 9 wickets for 44 runs. Very different was our display against I Zingari in the second match at Warwick. This was almost the strongest team that we met during the season and we were beaten in an innings. It is only fair to say, however, that we were completely at sea on the concrete wicket. Our thanks are due to Mr. Slade, Mr. Donkin, and Dr. Phillips particularly, and to the members of the two teams generally, for their great kindness to us during our stay in Queensland. A ball, given by Mr. Slade at Glengallan, was greatly appreciated by all. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip, in spite of the heat, and hope that it

will not be our last. Belfield distinguished himself by making very good speeches on two occasions.

After Christmas we played our usual matches with the country club, but missed our annual leather-hunting at Salisbury.

The match against Public School Teachers ended in an easy victory for us, the bowling of Slade and Persse proving too much for our opponents. White played a really splendid innings for us, his leg-hitting being almost perfect. His score of 101 not out is the first century made by a member of the 1st XI. Dangar and Weston also batted well. As was the case last year we divided the honours with Boorolong. We lost the first match, played on our own ground, by 12 runs. Mr. Skuse and Phillips were the only ones to make any great stand against the bowling. Belfield bowled well and took 5 wickets for 37 runs. The return match we won very comfortably.

Against Herbert Park we ran up two records for the School and won very easily. Our total reached 275, and Dangar and Richards put on 125 runs for the first wicket, beating our previous record made against Boorolong last year. Weston and Belfield made useful scores and Slade's bowling analysis reads well.

The match at Guyra against Ollera was a remarkable one, and ended in a tie on the first innings. Richards and Belfield batted well for us, no one else except Weston and Phillips making any stand at all against the bowling. F. Mackenzie's lobs were particularly deadly and he obtained the hat-trick. Our opponents started their 2nd innings with 55 runs to make in rather less than half an hour. They lost 8 wickets for 16 runs and narrowly escaped a defeat. Mr. Skuse and Belfield obtained the wickets between them. We might add that the condition of the pitch was not at all conducive to a display of good cricket.

We lost the Gostwyck match by 2 runs only. Here again we found that the pitch made the bowling extremely difficult to negotiate. Richards played very well in the second innings and, as in the Ollera match, proved himself an adept at eluding lofty ones and dropping on to shooters. Slade, when bowling, enjoyed himself immensely, and got 6 wickets for 14 runs.

We next played two matches against Mr. Warner's XI, both of which we won. The first, played at Tilbuster was very exciting. We won just on the time for drawing stumps, thanks mainly to some splendid hitting by Dangar, Belfield, and H. H.

White. Anderson was the only one to obtain double figures in the first innings. The return match we won also very easily; G. White's bowling was not nearly so deadly as in the match played at Tilbuster.

We again finished up our season with a match against the King's School XI. It was unfortunate that our visitors had to play on the same day that they arrived; it was the only day, however, that could be arranged for. In spite of the long journey they had gone through and the cold weather, our opponents showed their superiority to us in no uncertain manner. With 7 wickets down for 194 they closed their innings, and we responded with 62 for the same number of wickets, the match thus ending in a very lucky draw for us. W. White made his runs in first-class style, hitting hard all round the wicket; Waddy, Futter, and Doyle also batted splendidly. Dangar played a very nice innings for us, but no one else did much. The rain prevented this match being commenced before 2 o'clock.

2nd XI. MATCHES.

We were more unfortunate than ever with 2nd XI matches and could only arrange three, two of which were played against the West End C. C. 2nd XI, and one against the Half Holiday 2nd XI. Those against the West End C. C. were both lost, the first one only by two runs. We succeeded in winning the match against Half Holiday. M. F. Bruxner batting very well for us.

Weston, P. S. Anderson, Bruxner, E. Marriott, and A. Nivison made most of the runs in these matches, the two latter and Collins getting most of the wickets. The following played in the 2nd XI:—P. S. Anderson (Capt), C. H. Cropper, E. McDonald, H. Bruxner (left Xmas), H. Smyth (left Xmas), A. Martyn, E. Marriott, C. H. Weston, C. J. Collins, A. J. Nivison, K. H. Richards, W. R. Farrand, and M. F. Bruxner.

The 3rd XI. defeated the 1st XI. of the Public School in two matches. Stevenson and K. Jackson made very energetic captains, and it was gratifying to see so many day-boys taking an interest and playing in these matches. Unfortunately the scoring-book has been lost, and we cannot give particulars.

The 4th XI. played one match, which they won by an innings, against St. Peter's Choir. Mills, the Captain, with a score of 81 and Hume (42) were the principal run-getters; they were also responsible for most of the wickets.

The 5th XI. worked through their usual series of test matches with the small boys of the Grammar School XI. The latter obtained help from the Public School, and won the rubber. F. Crombie and Hudson did great execution with the ball, but no one made any particularly tremendous score, except J. Nivison, who on one occasion amassed 22. Dowling, behind the wickets, was always well padded and gloved, at any rate.

MATCHES. 1st XI.

SCHOOL v. ORIENTAL C. C., Nov. 4th, on School Ground.

Lost by 46 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		ORIENTAL C. C., 1st Innings.	
Richards, c Bartlett b A. Crossman	23	G. Crossman, c Slade b Croudace	44
Dangar, c Bartlett b A. Crossman	28	D. Claverie, b Belfield	16
Marriott, c A. Crossman b Ahern	12	Ahern, c and b Croudace	8
White c G. Crossman b A. Crossman	2	Pollock, run out	3
Gordon, b A. Crossman	8	Bartlett, run out	0
Donkin, c Pollock b McCann	15	A. Crossman, b Belfield	5
Croudace, not out	8	J. Love, not out	58
Croudace, c G. Crossman	2	McCann, run out	14
b A. Crossman	2	Bourke, b Slade	8
Phillips, b A. Crossman	5	Geldard, c and b Slade	0
Slade, b Bartlett	12	Brereton, c Croudace b Marriott	2
Belfield, c Claverie b Ahern	0	Extras	8
Extras	7		
Total	120	Total	166

Bowling Analysis.—Slade, 2 for 23; White, 0 for 33; Belfield, 2 for 24; Croudace, 2 for 12; Gordon, 0 for 27; Donkin, 0 for 13; Richards, 0 for 10; Marriott, 1 for 16.

SCHOOL v. ARMIDALE C. C., Nov. 12th on School Ground.

Lost by 18 runs.

ARMIDALE C. C., 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	
Quinlan, run out	8	Dangar, b Skuse	31
Love, c Perse b Gordon	59	Richards, c and b Skuse	9
E. Skuse, st Phillips b Donkin	76	Marriott, b Quinlan	3
Braund, c Phillips b Gordon	7	Gordon, c Edwards b Dixon	35
H. Dixon, b Croudace	0	White, b Skuse	11
Perse, b Croudace	0	Donkin, c Love b Braund	14
Richards, run out	1	Persse, c Dixon b Quinlan	13
Wilson, b Croudace	0	Slade, c Love b Quinlan	9
McArthur, b Croudace	8	Croudace, b Dixon	2
Donkin, not out	1	Phillips, b Quinlan	2
Extras	9	Belfield, not out	0
		Extras	22
Total	169	Total	151

Bowling Analysis.—Belfield, 0 for 21; Slade, 0 for 38; Croudace, 4 for 23; White, 0 for 48; Gordon, 2 for 17; Donkin, 1 for 8.

SCHOOL v. HALF HOLIDAY ASSOCIATION, Nov. 16th and 23rd on School Ground. Won by 47 runs on 1st Innings.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		H. H. A., 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b Lambert	36	Knapton, b Slade	0
Richards, c Coughlin b Quinlan	5	Coughlin, c Slade b Belfield	22
Marriott, b Quinlan	1	Quinlan, c Richards b White	6
Mr. Skuse, c Coughlin b Quinlan	9	Lambert, c Gordon b Belfield	8
Gordon, not out	38	O'Connor, not out	18
White, c and b Lambert	2	W. Glover, b Mr. Skuse	1
Donkin, b Lambert	0	P. Glover, l.b.w. b Mr. Skuse	5
Belfield, b Lambert	4	Smith, b Mr. Skuse	0
Croudace, b Lambert	4	Grayston, b Mr. Skuse	1
Slade, b O'Connor	10	McRae, b Belfield	2
Phillips, c Smith b O'Connor	0	Fallick, b Belfield	0
Extras	10	Extras	9
Total	119	Total	72

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.

Dangar, b Coughlin	20	Coughlin	28
Phillips, c Lambert b Coughlin	38	Quinlan, not out	63
Richards, b Quinlan	4	O'Connor, not out	9
Gordon, b Lambert	23	Extras	6
Mr. Skuse, c Lambert b Coughlin	0	Total (for 1 wkt.)	106
Marriott, b Quinlan	4		
White, b Quinlan	12		
Slade, b Quinlan	5		
Donkin, c Knapton b Quinlan	7		
Persse, not out	4		
Croudace, not out	14		
Extras	13		
Total	149		

H. H. A., 2nd Innings.

Bowling Analysis.—Slade, 1 for 18 and 0 for 26; White, 1 for 14, and 0 for 22; Mr. Skuse, 4 for 13, and 0 for 30; Belfield, 4 for 18; Gordon, 1 for 17; Croudace, 0 for 6.

SCHOOL v. BLACK MOUNTAIN C. C., Nov. 26th, at Black Mountain. Won by 187 runs.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 1st Innings	
W. Smith, b Belfield	6	Dangar, c W. Youmans b R. Saunders	2
W. Youmans, c Belfield b Slade	4	Phillips, l.b.w. b R. Saunders	0
J. Scott, b Belfield	5	Richards, c Smith b R. Saunders	5
W. Colmer, b Slade	12	Marriott, c D. Menzies b R. Youmans	90
R. Saunders, b Croudace	7	Gordon, c Handebo b R. Saunders	56
W. Menzies, b Slade	0	Donkin, c and b W. Youmans	36
R. Youmans, c Persse b Slade	0	White, c Handebo b W. Colmer	9
A. Youmans, b Slade	1	Slade, run out	1
A. Menzies, b Croudace	0	Persse, b R. Saunders	15
G. Handebo, not out	2	Belfield, c W. Menzies b R. Saunders	5
Extras	2	Croudace, not out	5
Total	39	Extras	2

BLACK MOUNTAIN, 2nd Innings.

G. Handebo, b Croudace	18		
W. Menzies, b Croudace	26		
D. Menzies, b Donkin	10		
W. Colmer, b Slade	0		
W. Smith, c Slade b Croudace	5		
W. Youmans, not out	26		
A. Youmans b Slade	1		
R. Saunders b Gordon	9		
R. Youmans, not out	34		
A. Menzies, } did not bat.			
J. Scott, }			
Extras	5		
Total	133		

Bowling Analysis.—Belfield, 2 for 17; Slade, 4 for 18, and 1 for 9; Croudace, 2 for 2, and 3 for 30; White, 0 for 26; Donkin, 1 for 14; Gordon, 1 for 14; Persse, 0 for 9; Richards, 0 for 27.

SCHOOL v. URALLA C. C., Dec. 3rd, at Uralla.
Lost by 171 runs on 1st Innings.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		URALLA C. C., 1st Innings.	
D. ... c Burley b Cooper ..	17	J. Mackay, b Gordon ..	34
Richards, b Lonsdale ..	28	G. McCrossin, c Slade b Donkin ..	86
Marriott, c Mackay b McAlpine ..	19	W. Lonsdale, b Slade ..	2
Phillips, b Lonsdale ..	0	G. Edmunds, not out ..	55
Gordon, c and b Lonsdale ..	3	C. Cooper, c and b Gordon ..	0
White, st. Burley b Cooper ..	3	J. McAlpine, not out ..	28
Donkin, b Cooper ..	0	Burley, c Marriott b Belfield ..	35
Perse, c Cooper b Lonsdale ..	0	E. Stevenson } Histon } did not bat	
Slade, b Lonsdale ..	0	Mitchell } Matthews }	
Belfield, not out ..	11	Extras ..	14
Croudace, c Mackay b Lonsdale ..	1		
Extras ..	1		
Total 83		Total 254	

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.

Marriott, b McCrossin ..	1		
Phillips, b McCrossin ..	6		
Dangar, b McCrossin ..	0		
Richards, run out ..	4		
Gordon, b McCrossin ..	0		
Belfield, b McCrossin ..	7		
Perse, b Mackay ..	0		
White, not out ..	3		
Donkin, c McCrossin b Lonsdale ..	23		
Croudace } Slade }	did not bat		

SCHOOL v. URALLA C. C., 12 aside, Dec. 10th, on School Ground.
Won by 24 runs on 1st Innings.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		URALLA C. C., 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b C. Cooper ..	14	J. Mackay, c White b Slade ..	10
Richards, not out ..	47	W. Lonsdale, run out ..	4
Marriott, c Lonsdale b C. Cooper ..	3	C. Cooper, b Gordon ..	12
Gordon, c G. Mackay b C. Cooper ..	4	McAlpine, run out ..	4
Mr. Skuse, c Dodds b C. Cooper ..	13	G. Edmunds, c Marriott b Slade ..	12
Phillips, b J. Mackay ..	0	Burley, b Slade ..	18
Donkin, c and b J. Mackay ..	0	G. Mackay, b Gordon ..	0
Perse, b C. Cooper ..	0	H. Crapp, st. Phillips b Mr. Skuse ..	11
White, c Vincent b C. Cooper ..	0	J. Matthews, b Mr. Skuse ..	7
Slade, c Crapp b C. Cooper ..	1	A. Crapp, c Croudace b Gordon ..	3
Belfield, st. Burley b W. Lonsdale ..	22	F. Vincent, not out ..	4
Croudace, b W. Lonsdale ..	8	J. Dodds, b Mr. Skuse ..	1
Extras ..	1	Extras ..	5
Total 113		Total 91	

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.

Richards, c Burley b C. Cooper ..	1		
Dangar, c Lonsdale b C. Cooper ..	44		
Mr. Skuse, c McAlpine b W. Lonsdale ..	13		
White, c Vincent b C. Cooper ..	0		
Marriott, b C. Cooper ..	0		
Gordon, c Matthews b McAlpine ..	13		
Perse, b C. Cooper ..	0		
Belfield, b C. Cooper ..	20		
Donkin, not out ..	32		
Phillips, b McAlpine ..	0		
Croudace } Slade }	did not bat		
Extras ..	9		
Total 132			

Bowling Analysis.—Slade, 3 for 44; Belfield, 0 for 10; Gordon, 3 for 28; Mr. Skuse, 3 for 4.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS, Dec. 12th, on School Ground.
Won by 78 runs.

OLD BOYS, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	
A. Hyman, c Donkin b Perse ..	9	Dangar, l.b.w. b L. Garvin ..	3
L. Garvin, c Perse, b Croudace ..	11	Phillips, b N. Nivison ..	7
N. Nivison, b Croudace ..	14	Richards, b L. Garvin ..	16
F. Govers, b Slade ..	5	Gordon, c F. Govers b N. Nivison ..	0
P. Wright, c Croudace b Gordon ..	30	Marriott, l.b.w. b C. Collins ..	15
G. Wigan, b Slade ..	1	Donkin, c L. Garvin b N. Nivison ..	12
E. Belfield, b Donkin ..	0	Perse, st. A. Hyman b L. Garvin ..	49
H. Smyth, c Croudace, b Donkin ..	13	Belfield, not out ..	36
C. Cropper, b Slade ..	13	White, c A. Hyman b L. Garvin ..	8
E. Marriott, not out ..	0	Slade, b L. Garvin ..	16
C. Collins, b Slade ..	0	Croudace, st. A. Hyman ..	0
Extras ..	13	b H. Smyth ..	0
		Extras ..	12
Total 96		Total 174	

Bowling Analysis.—White, 0 for 18; Croudace, 2 for 14; Perse, 1 for 12; Donkin, 2 for 17; Gordon, 1 for 0; Slade, 4 for 2; Dangar, 0 for 4; Marriott, 0 for 9; Richards, 0 for 7; Belfield, 0 for 2.

SCHOOL v. GLENGALLAN C. C., Dec. 15th, at Glengallan.
Won by an Innings and 80 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		GLENGALLAN, 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b C. Banks ..	57	H. McNally, b Slade ..	0
Richards, b C. Banks ..	9	R. Hunter, b Slade ..	0
Mr. Skuse, c C. Banks, b Mr. Slade ..	23	W. Nemeth, b Gordon ..	10
Gordon, l.b.w. b Mr. Slade ..	1	H. Fraser, c Perse b Gordon ..	6
Marriott, b McNally ..	35	W. B. Slade, run out ..	12
Phillips, b C. Banks ..	0	E. White, c Perse b Belfield ..	5
Donkin, c H. McNally b C. Banks ..	54	F. Sky, b Perse ..	4
Perse, l.b.w. b W. Nemeth ..	29	H. Smyth, b Slade ..	1
Belfield, c H. Fraser b W. Nemeth ..	2	W. Castles, b Perse ..	7
White, b W. Nemeth ..	4	J. Erbert, b White ..	7
Slade, not out ..	4	C. Banks, not out ..	2
Extras ..	10	Extras ..	12
Total 228		Total 66	

Bowling Analysis.—Gordon, 2 for 17; Slade, 3 for 17, and 0 for 1; Belfield, 1 for 4, and 3 for 5; Perse, 2 for 13, and 7 for 31; White, 1 for 6, and 0 for 14; Donkin, 0 for 23.

GLENGALLAN, 2nd Innings

R. Hunter, c Dangar b Perse ..	1
H. McNally, b Perse ..	5
W. B. Slade, b Perse ..	1
W. Nemeth, c Marriott b Perse ..	8
H. Fraser, b Perse ..	6
E. White, c Mr. Skuse b Perse ..	3
F. Sky, b Belfield ..	34
H. Smyth, c Dangar b Perse ..	3
W. Castles, b Belfield ..	8
J. Erbert, b Belfield ..	3
C. Banks, not out ..	2
Extras ..	1
Total 82	

SCHOOL v. I ZINGARI, Dec. 17th, at Warwick, Q.

Lost by an innings and 61 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	I ZINGARI, 1st Innings
Dangar, c J. McGeevor b H. McNally .. 15	J. Ferguson, c Mr. Skuse b Slade 1
Richards, c Chandler b D. McGeevor 2	H. McGahan, c Belfield b Slade 15
Mr. Skuse, b H. McNally .. 0	A. Jones, c. Dangar b Slade .. 21
Gordon, c Ferguson b D. McGeevor 1	H. McNally, b White .. 33
Marriott, c and b H. McNally .. 5	J. Green, not out .. 55
Donkin, c D. McGeevor, b H. McNally .. 3	J. McGeevor, c Gordon b Belfield 0
Persse, st. Ferguson, b D. McGeevor 5	Hardaker, b White .. 1
Slade, b J. McGeevor .. 3	J. Porter, b Persse .. 0
White, c and b H. McNally .. 7	D. McGeevor, c and b Persse .. 12
Phillips, not out .. 3	W. Chandler, b Persse .. 0
Belfield, b H. McNally .. 3	Dr. Phillips, b White .. 0
Extras .. 4	Extras .. 7
Total 51	Total 145

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.	Bowling Analysis:—Gordon, 0 for 24; Slade, 3 for 55; Belfield, 1 for 27; Mr. Skuse, 0 for 13; White 3 for 19; Persse, 3 for 0.
Dangar, b Green .. 8	
Phillips, b Green .. 3	
Richards, run out .. 1	
Mr. Skuse, b Green .. 2	
Gordon, b Green .. 6	
Marriott, l.b.w. b Green .. 1	
Persse, c Phillips b Green .. 1	
Donkin, c Green b McGahan .. 10	
White, b McGahan .. 1	
Slade, c J. McGeevor b Dr. Phillips 0	
Belfield, not out .. 0	
Extras .. 0	
Total 33	

SCHOOL v. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, Feb. 4th, on School Ground.

Won by an Innings and 173 runs.

P. S. TEACHERS, 1st Innings.	SCHOOL, 1st Innings.
Edmunds, b Belfield .. 2	Dangar, b McAlpine .. 34
C. Simes, b Slade .. 3	Phillips, b Newbury .. 0
J. McAlpine, b Slade .. 23	Richards, b Newbury .. 12
Faulkner, b Belfield .. 0	Marriott, b Newbury .. 23
A. Bourke, b Slade .. 9	Persse, b Bourke .. 10
Z. Flowerden, b Slade .. 8	White, not out .. 101
E. Ross, run out .. 0	Belfield, b Faulkner .. 3
J. Newbury, c Persse b White .. 2	Croaker, b McAlpine .. 14
S. Dennis, b Slade .. 7	Slade, run out .. 1
C. Lovell, c Marriott b White .. 2	Weston, run out .. 28
W. Brew, not out .. 0	E. W. Marriott, c and b McAlpine 9
Extras .. 1	Extras .. 19
Total 57	Total 254

P. S. TEACHERS, 2nd Innings.

Faulkner, b Persse .. 0	
C. Simes, b Slade .. 3	
A. Bourke, b Persse .. 7	
Edmunds, c Belfield b Slade .. 1	
J. McAlpine, b Persse .. 0	
J. Newbury, b Persse .. 7	
Z. Flowerden, b Slade .. 1	
S. Dennis, c Richards, b Slade .. 1	
C. Lovell, b Slade .. 0	
E. Ross, not out .. 1	
Ferguson, b Persse .. 1	
Extras .. 2	
Total 24	

Bowling Analysis.—Belfield, 2 for 21; Slade, 5 for 21, and 5 for 9; White, 3 for 13; Persse, 5 for 14.

SCHOOL v. BOOROLONG, Feb. 11th, on School Ground.

Lost by 12 runs.

BOOROLONG, 1st Innings.	SCHOOL, 1st Innings.
R. King, c White b Slade .. 21	Dangar, b Upson .. 16
J. Chisholm, b Slade .. 3	Richards, b King .. 4
J. Upson, b Belfield .. 13	Marriott, b King .. 2
A. Andrews, c Richards b Belfield 20	White, c King b Upson .. 6
T. Chisholm, b Slade .. 1	T. E. Skuse, c Milen b King .. 29
H. Croft, c and b Belfield .. 11	Persse, b King .. 0
D. Milen, b Belfield .. 14	Weston, b J. Chisholm .. 13
A. Chisholm, not out .. 23	Phillips, c & b J. Chisholm .. 30
D. Milen, c Dangar b Persse .. 3	Belfield, b J. Chisholm .. 0
H. Chisholm, b Belfield .. 6	Slade, b J. Chisholm .. 2
Extras .. 5	Collins, not out .. 1
Total 120	Extras .. 5
	Total 108

BOOROLONG, 2nd Innings.

R. King, c and b Mr. Skuse .. 39	
A. Chisholm, c Marriott b Mr. Skuse .. 23	
D. Milen, not out .. 7	
H. Chisholm, c Slade b Persse .. 5	
Extras .. 0	
Total 76	

Bowling Analysis:—White 0 for 31; Slade 3 for 53 and 0 for 15; Belfield 5 for 37 and 0 for 20; Persse 1 for 12 and 1 for 18; Collins 0 for 12; Mr. Skuse 2 for 7.

SCHOOL v. HERBERT PARK, Feb. 18th, on School Ground.

Won by an Innings and 107 runs.

HERBERT PARK, 1st Innings.	SCHOOL, 1st Innings
Peberdy, b White .. 0	Dangar, b Dight .. 75
C. G. Dight, c Richards b Slade .. 4	Richards, b Dight .. 68
H. Curtis, c Persse b White .. 8	Phillips, b H. H. Dixon .. 10
A. Bigg, b Anderson .. 1	Persse, c Dight b Warner .. 6
W. Fisher, b Slade .. 32	White, c Richards b Warner .. 4
H. H. Dixon, b Slade .. 39	Weston, run out .. 30
Warner, b Slade .. 3	Belfield, c Bigg b Dight .. 34
G. H. V. Jenkins, b Slade .. 3	Slade, b H. H. Dixon .. 7
N. Richards, c Persse b Belfield .. 7	Anderson, c Peberdy b H. H. Dixon 9
N. Farrand, not out .. 10	Cropper, c Jenkins b H. H. Dixon 5
C. Jackson, run out .. 3	F. Nivison, not out .. 11
Extras .. 4	Extras .. 16
Total 114	Total 275

HERBERT PARK, 2nd Innings.		
G. H. V. Jenkins, b Belfield ..	7	Bowling Analysis.—White, 2 for 34; Slade, 5 for 33; Anderson 1 for 17; Persse, 0 for 26; Belfield, 1 for 9
H. Cousins, b F. Nivison ..	3	
G. Harris, b Anderson ..	2	
A. Elliott, b Anderson ..	0	
Peberly, b F. Nivison ..	2	
W. Fisher, b F. Nivison ..	2	
C. G. Light, not out ..	20	
Werning, b Anderson ..	0	
N. Farrant, c and b Anderson ..	0	
N. Richard, c Belfield b Anderson ..	0	
H.H. Brown, c Richards b F. Nivison ..	17	
Extras ..	1	
Total	54	

SCHOOL v. OLLERA, Feb. 25th, at Guyra.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		OLLERA, 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b Kelaher ..	1	Bull, b Belfield ..	15
Richards, b F. McKenzie ..	29	A. McKenzie, c Slade b Belfield ..	21
White, b Bull ..	3	R. Hobbs, c Phillips b Belfield ..	15
Persse, run out ..	1	J. Stuart, run out ..	4
Mr. Skuse, b Kelaher ..	2	Ballard, b Belfield ..	4
Phillips, b Kelaher ..	3	A. W. Everett, st Phillips b Mr. Skuse ..	9
Weston, c A. McKenzie b A. W. Everett ..	16	F. McKenzie, not out ..	10
Slade, b W. Everett ..	0	Kelaher, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Belfield, c Baxter b Bull ..	22	Heffernan, c Phillips b Belfield ..	0
Anderson, b Bull ..	2	T. Ashmen, run out ..	1
Collins, not out ..	0	W. Baxter, b Mr. Skuse ..	1
Extras ..	3	Extras ..	2
Total	82	Total	82

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.		OLLERA, 2nd Innings.	
Richards, b Kelaher ..	4	A. W. Everett, b Mr. Skuse ..	4
Phillips, run out ..	16	A. McKenzie, lbw Belfield ..	3
Dangar, b F. McKenzie ..	3	A. Heffernan, b Mr. Skuse ..	1
Weston, b F. McKenzie ..	0	F. McKenzie, b Mr. Skuse ..	4
White, c Baxter b F. McKenzie ..	0	J. Stuart, b Belfield ..	1
Anderson, c & b F. McKenzie ..	5	Kelaher, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Mr. Skuse c A. McKenzie b F. McKenzie ..	5	Bull, not out ..	2
Collins, b F. McKenzie ..	0	T. Ashmen, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Belfield, b Bull ..	7	Ballard, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Persse, not out ..	4	W. Baxter, not out ..	1
Slade, b F. McKenzie ..	8	Extras ..	0
Extras ..	3	Total	16
Total	55		

Bowling Analysis:—Belfield 5 for 33 and 2 for 10; Slade 0 for 20; White 0 for 19; Mr. Skuse 3 for 8 and 6 for 6.

SCHOOL v. BOOROLONG C. C., March 11th, at Boorolong.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		BOOROLONG, 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b Upson ..	10	A. Chisholm, b White ..	0
Richards, b J. Upson ..	18	A. Andrews, b Mr. Skuse ..	19
Mr. Skuse, b W. Chisholm ..	9	G. King, c Phillips b Slade ..	24
White, b W. Chisholm ..	15	H. Chisholm, c Anderson b White ..	1
Marriott, run out ..	1	W. Chisholm, b Slade ..	3
Mr. Dixon, b W. Chisholm ..	3	W. Cameron, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Persse, run out ..	0	J. Chisholm, b Mr. Skuse ..	4
Phillips, c and b G. King ..	10	T. Chisholm, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Weston, c and b J. Upson ..	3	J. Upson, not out ..	6
Anderson, c Andrews b G. King ..	7	S. Upson, c Slade b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Slade, not out ..	12	H. Jones, b Mr. Skuse ..	3
Extras ..	4	Extras ..	9
Total	92	Total	69

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.		BOOROLONG, 2nd Innings.	
Dangar, b G. King ..	19	G. King, b Mr. Skuse ..	19
Richards, b H. Chisholm ..	9	A. Chisholm, c Marriott b Mr. Skuse ..	7
Phillips, b J. Upson ..	13	W. Cameron, c and b Mr. Skuse ..	5
White, run out ..	2	J. Upson, b Persse ..	0
Persse, c G. King b W. Cameron ..	15	A. Andrews, b Persse ..	0
Mr. Skuse, b W. Cameron ..	0	T. Chisholm c Dangar b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Marriott, b J. Chisholm ..	19	H. Chisholm, st Phillips b Mr. Skuse ..	4
Mr. Dixon, c Andrews b W. Cameron ..	0	W. Chisholm, b Mr. Skuse ..	0
Anderson, b W. Cameron ..	2	S. Upson, not out ..	8
Weston, c T. Chisholm b J. Chisholm ..	6	H. Jones, b Mr. Skuse ..	6
Slade, not out ..	4	J. Chisholm, b Mr. Skuse ..	3
Extras ..	8	Extras ..	3
Total	97	Total	56

Bowling Analysis:—White, 2 for 25 and 0 for 5; Slade, 2 for 26 and 0 for 9; Mr. Skuse, 6 for 7 and 8 for 29; Persse, 2 for 8.

SCHOOL v. GOSTWYCK C. C., March 18th, at Gostwyck.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		GOSTWYCK, 1st Innings.	
Dangar, b A. Rogerson ..	0	R. Dangar, c Slade b White ..	2
Richards, c A. Cox b A. Rogerson ..	1	A. Cox, b Persse ..	5
Mr. Skuse, c sub. b Walker ..	5	F. Mitchell, b Slade ..	11
White, b A. Rogerson ..	1	Docker, b Slade ..	4
Marriott, b A. Rogerson ..	0	S. Gillies, b Persse ..	2
Persse, c A. Cox b Gillies ..	5	Walker, not out ..	8
Phillips, b Walker ..	0	G. Cory, b Persse ..	0
Weston, b A. Rogerson ..	9	A. Rogerson, b Slade ..	0
Farrand, b A. Rogerson ..	3	Hennessy, b Slade ..	2
Anderson, not out ..	0	W. Hardy, c White b Slade ..	2
Slade, c sub. b Gillies ..	6	J. O'Flaherty, b Slade ..	0
Extras ..	10	Extras ..	7
Total	40	Total	43

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.

Richards, c and b R. Dangar	.. 28
Anderson, b Hennessy	.. 0
Dangar, c A. Rogerson b R. Dangar	13
Mr. Skuse, b R. Dangar	.. 3
Persse, c A. Cox b R. Dangar	.. 1
White, b Docker	.. 8
Marriott, l.b.w. b A. Rogerson	.. 10
Weston, c F. Mitchell b R. Dangar	8
Phillips, c Walker b Docker	.. 4
Farrand, c Walker b Docker	.. 11
Slade, not out	.. 9
Extras	.. 3
Total	98

GOSTWYCK, 2nd Innings.

3 wickets for 49 runs.

Mitchell, 34 not out; Walker, 7; R. Dangar, 8; Docker, 0.

Bowling Analysis.—White, 1 for 14; Slade, 6 for 14, and 2 for 29; Persse, 3 for 7; Mr. Skuse, 0 for 0, and 1 for 21.

SCHOOL v. Mr. A. Warner's XI., Mar. 25th, at Tilbuster.

Won by 6 wickets and 7 runs.

Mr. WARNER'S XI., 1st Innings.

J. Warner, b Slade	.. 5
H. Aberdy, b Belfield	.. 2
H. room, c White b Slade	.. 1
H. Curtis, b Slade	.. 52
J. Muldoon, st. Phillips b White	12
W. Maguir, b Slade	.. 0
A. White, b Belfield	.. 3
W. Hogarth, run out	.. 0
A. Bigg, not out	.. 9
G. Jenkins, run out	.. 2
A. Warner, b Belfield	.. 0
Extras	.. 5
Total	91

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.

Dangar, b A. White	.. 2
Phillips, b A. White	.. 1
Marriott, b A. White	.. 2
H. H. White, b A. White	.. 0
Persse, c A. White b J. Warner	.. 3
H. F. White, b A. White	.. 0
Weston, b A. White	.. 3
Anderson, b A. White	.. 17
Belfield, b J. Warner	.. 5
W. Farrand, not out	.. 1
Slade, b J. Warner	.. 2
Extras	.. 3
Total	39

Mr. WARNER'S XI., 2nd Innings.

A. Bigg, b White	.. 6
J. Muldoon, c Dangar b Persse	.. 27
H. Curtis, b White	.. 4
J. Warner, c Belfield b Slade	.. 4
A. White, b Slade	.. 0
W. Hogarth, run out	.. 3
G. Jenkins, b Persse	.. 5
H. Aberdy, b Persse	.. 2
H. room, c Slade b Belfield	.. 0
J. Warner, c White b Persse	.. 0
W. Maguir, not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 7
Total	58

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.

Phillips, b A. White	.. 2
Belfield, run out	.. 29
Dangar, not out	.. 53
Slade, c and b W. Hogarth	.. 5
Marriott, l.b.w. b G. Jenkins	.. 9
White, not out	.. 18
Extras	.. 0
Total	117

Bowling Analysis.—Belfield, 3 for 30, and 1 for 2; Slade, 4 for 20, and 2 for 17; Persse, 0 for 12, and 1 for 12; White, 1 for 24, and 2 for 20.

SCHOOL v. Mr. WARNER'S XI, April 1st, at School.

Won by 73 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.

Dangar, b W. Hogarth	.. 21
Belfield, c G. Jenkins b A. White	0
Marriott, b W. Hogarth	.. 25
Mr. Skuse, retired	.. 75
Phillips, run out	.. 0
Slade, b W. Hogarth	.. 29
Mr. Dixon, b W. Hogarth	.. 0
White, c A. Bigg b C. Simes	.. 10
Martyn, c A. Bigg b C. Simes	.. 26
C. Jackson, not out	.. 2
W. Farrand, c A. Bigg b G. White	0
Extras	.. 4
Total	190

Mr. WARNER'S XI, 1st Innings.

A. White, b Belfield	.. 2
J. Muldoon, b Slade	.. 0
G. Jenkins, b Slade	.. 21
J. Warner, b Mr. Skuse	.. 14
C. Simes, l.b.w. b Mr. Skuse	.. 13
H. Curtis, c Marriott b Belfield	28
W. Hogarth, b Slade	.. 19
H. Broom, b Mr. Skuse	.. 1
A. Bigg, b Belfield	.. 8
H. Warner, c Mr. Skuse b Belfield	4
A. Warner, not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 6
Total	117

Bowling Analysis:—Belfield, 4 for 33; Slade, 3 for 39; Mr. Skuse, 3 for 21; Marriott, 0 for 13; Dangar, 0 for 6.

SCHOOL v. THE KING'S SCHOOL, April 5th, on School Ground.

Drawn.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, 1st Innings.

Evershed, b Slade	.. 3
Waddy, b Slade	.. 26
F. Futter, b White	.. 29
White, c Dangar b Persse	.. 75
Doyle, c Belfield b Persse	.. 40
Body, c Persse b E. Marriott	.. 0
Middleton, not out	.. 6
V. Futter, c Weston b E. Marriott	0
Parbury	.. 17
Carmbage	.. 17
Richards	.. 17
Extras	.. 17
Total	194

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.

Dangar, c and b Middleton	.. 26
F. Marriott, c White b Richards	7
Phillips, b Richards	.. 0
White, b Richards	.. 2
Persse, b F. Futter	.. 9
Weston, l.b.w. b F. Futter	.. 9
Slade, b F. Futter	.. 0
Belfield, not out	.. 3
Anderson	.. 6
Farrand	.. 6
E. Marriott	.. 6
Extras	.. 6
Total	62

Bowling Analysis:—White, 1 for 44; Slade, 2 for 49; Belfield 0 for 35; Persse, 2 for 40; E. Marriott, 2 for 9.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1898-9.

Name.	BATTING.					BOWLING.					
	Ins.	Runs	Not Out.	Highest Score.	Av.	Name.	Overs.	Mds	Rns	Wkts.	Av.
C. C. Dangar	26	548	1	75	21.9	D. B. Persse	66	6	227	30	7.5
H. M. Gordon	12	188	1	56	17.00	R. M. Croudace	40	4	129	13	9.9
F. L. Donkin	13	205	0	54	15.7	O. C. Slade	222	43	626	62	10.09
K. G. Richards	22	327	1	68	15.5	A. L. Belfield	140	20	427	36	11.8
A. L. Belfield	21	213	5	36*	13.3	H. M. Gordon	55	4	186	12	15.5
F. A. Marriott	23	287	0	90	12.47	F. L. Donkin	6	1	35	2	17.5
C. H. Weston	11	125	0	30	11.3	H. H. White	119	9	437	17	27.7
H. H. White	25	221	2	101*	9.6	K. G. Richards	5	0	37	0	37.
D. B. Persse	22	178	3	49	9.37						
O. C. Slade	25	146	4	29	6.9						
R. M. Croudace	8	39	2	19	6.5						
O. F. Phillips	26	153	1	38	6.1						
P. S. Anderson	8	42	1	17	6						

* Not out.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

A. L. Belfield (Capt.) ('96, '97, '98, '99). Has been a thoroughly good, hard-working captain; very useful fast bowler; has improved considerably as a bat as his average will show; good field.

F. A. Marriott ('97, '98, '99). (Has left.) Good bat; has played some good innings, but has been very unlucky; very safe and energetic field.

K. G. Richards ('97, '98, '99). (Has left.) Improved very much in batting; uses his height more than last year, but still has few strokes on the bat; good field at cover point.

C. J. Slade ('97, '98, '99). Good fast bowler, has borne the brunt of the attack; has certainly improved on his form of last year, but has had less success; moderate bat; safe catch at slip.

I. M. Gordon ('97, '98). (Has left.) Good left-hand bat, with some excellent off strokes; regained some of his old bowling form; uncertain field.

L. H. White ('98, '99). Has improved much in batting; very strong on leg but is inclined to 'pull' too much; has been very unlucky, especially in bowling; excellent field at point.

C. C. Dangar ('98, '99). (Has left.) Quite the best bat the school has had so far; has excellent strokes all round the wicket, and rarely failed to make runs; splendid out-field.

R. M. Croudace ('98). (Has left.) Good, safe out-field; fair change bowler; might have used his hitting powers more.

F. L. Donkin ('98). (Has left.) One of the most improved bats in the team; very quick scorer; change bowler; poor field.

D. B. Perse ('99). Very fair bat; lacks confidence; must learn to stand up and be more energetic between the wickets; very useful slow bowler with off break; might exert himself more in the field.

O. F. Phillips ('99). Unlucky bat with very good style; too anxious to score; useful and improved wicket keeper.

C. H. Weston (Played in the XI after Xmas). Very promising bat; might be more energetic in the field.

I. S. Anderson (Played in the XI after Xmas). Fair bat, with good for was stroke; slack field; must alter his doubtful style of delivery in bowling

FOOTBALL PROSPECT.

In spite of the great losses sustained through the departure, since last season, of so many of our best footballers, we can look forward with a good deal of confidence. F. Marriott, H. Brunner, F. Wigan, Croudace, K. G. Richards and F. L. Donkin, were all players of exceptional merit, and will all be missed most severely; we cannot expect to quite fill up their places for some time. Never before, however, did we have a 2nd XV. nearly approaching in excellence that of last year, and it is to the members of that team that we look to prove themselves equal to the occasion.

H. H. White has been chosen as Captain, the position which F. Marriott filled so well and so long, and we wish him every success in this important position.

The 1899 season was opened by a match with the Albion F.C. (A) played on the School ground, on April 22nd. The opposing team consisted of a combined Federal-cum-Albion team, and comprised some of the best players in Armidale, and though we were beaten by 13 to nil, we had every reason to be satisfied with the afternoon's play. The School offered a stout resistance, and played a good game throughout, auguring well for the coming season.

The Football Committee is as follows:—Mr. Skuse, H. H. White (Captain), A. L. Belfield and J. H. White.

FAREWELL TO MARRIOTT I.

AT Easter we had the misfortune to lose F. A. Marriott, who has so ably filled the position of Captain of the School in succession to L. J. McDonald. Before Marriott finally left us for Hillgrove to enter upon his mining studies, it was decided to present him with a souvenir from the boys as a token of the great esteem in which he is universally held. The evening of the fifth of April was fixed on for the presentation. The same evening after prayers, Mr. Fisher gave notice of a supper for the boarders, much to the surprise of everyone. The supper had been arranged by Marriott, and was greatly enjoyed. After its conclusion Mr. Fisher made a short speech suitable to the occasion; Slade then spoke of the loss which the School would sustain at Marriott's leaving, also thanking him for all his past services, and wishing him every success in the future. He then presented him with a handsome travelling clock engraved with Marriott's name. Marriott made a touching reply in which he said that he had always taken pleasure in doing anything for the School, and advised everyone to do their best and always to remember their School in all that they did.

CADET CORPS.

STEADY consistent work has been the order of the day in the corps during the past six months. Two parades have been held weekly,—one on Wednesday under Lieutenant Cotterell, and

the other on Saturday morning under the local Staff-sergeant. After the Christmas holidays the latter was altered to Friday afternoon, the change being necessitated by the removal from the district of Staff-sergeant Kirkwood and the appointment of Staff-sergeant Linsdell, whose headquarters are in Tamworth. On Wednesdays the majority of the time has been devoted to the Manual and Firing exercises, in both of which a fair amount of proficiency has been attained, while on Saturdays our attention has been directed chiefly to Company and Sectional Drill.

The arrival of the arms, which was chronicled in the last number of the magazine, has done much to place the corps well up among the various out-door branches of our School work in the estimation of the boys. Among the Section Commanders and other N. C. Officers there has been a large number of changes. We have to place on record the great loss we have sustained in the departure of Sergeant-major F. A. Marriott. His place has been filled by Sergeant E. W. Marriott. The four Section Commanders at present are White i., Belfield, Slade and Bruxner.

Early in December the majority of our number were able to pay the much longed-for first visit to the Rifle Butts. On Wednesday 22nd March a half-holiday was granted by the Head Master in order to allow of the whole Company having an afternoon shooting. As yet no very brilliant scores have been put together, but nevertheless sufficient has been done to show that when more frequent practice becomes possible, we shall have no reason to be ashamed of our prowess in this respect.

The following are a few of the principal scores:—

CADET CORPS—SHOOTING.									
DATE.	300	400	Total		300	400	Total		
	yds	yds			yds	yds			
Dec. 1898.									
Cadet Anderson i.	18	17	35	Serg. Marriott	14	9	23		
„ White ii.	19	16	35	Cadet Bruxner i.	14	6	20		
„ Martyn	13	14	27	„ Lacy i.	10	6	16		
Dec. 1898.									
Serg. Marriott i.	17	12	29	Cadet Phillips	11	12	23		
Cadet Slade ..	13	12	25	„ White i.	9	13	22		
„ Slade ..	15	9	24	„ Croudace	12	10	22		
	400	500	Total		400	500	Total		
March 22, 1899.	yds	yds			yds	yds			
L. C. Anderson i.	14	9	23	Cadet White iii.	9	10	19		
Cadet White ii.	12	8	20	L. C. Phillips	12	6	18		
Corp. Slade ..	15	4	19	Cadet Jackson i.	8	10	18		
				„ Croaker i.	12	6	18		

SUMMARY OF RESULTS—MAX. 90.

	300	400	500	Total		300	400	500	Total
	yds	yds	yds			yds	yds	yds	
L. C. Anderson i.	18	31	9	58	Cadet Persse ..	15	22	4	41
Cadet White ii. . .	19	28	8	55	L. C. Phillips ..	11	24	6	41
Serg. Slade ..	13	27	4	44	Cadet Martyn ..	13	22	3	38

THE LIBRARY.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Dangar for his splendid presentation, which increased the number of books by 63. Among their number are seven fine volumes of the Popular Encyclopædia and some good books of travels by Keppel and "Sylvanus." An extensive addition was made after Christmas by the purchase of books with the quarterly subscriptions, amounting to £8. We also owe Miss Cook thanks, for presenting several books, among which are "Beatrice" by Rider Haggard, and "The Land and the Book" by Thomson.

The Library Committee now consists of:—Mr. Houison, O. C. Slade, J. E. G. Stevenson, E. W. Marriott, and H. H. White.

The Library has been re-catalogued during the present quarter. The works of history and travel, which previously belonged to one class have been divided into separate classes, while the standard works have been grouped into a class by themselves.

Notice was drawn in our last issue to the fact that not one single day-boy subscribed to the Library. We are glad to note that this had at least the effect of obtaining three day-boy subscribers. Out of over twenty day-boys, indeed, this is a very poor number of subscribers, and we would be pleased to see the number largely increased.

We are indebted to Mr. Houison for kindly providing the Windsor Magazine for our use.

LIBRARY ACCOUNT. Nov. 1898—May, 1899.

CR.	£	s.	d.	DR.	£	s.	d.
To Mallam & Co's., Account	3	5	3	By Balance ..	11	18	0
„ Angus & Robertson's ..	8	4	2	„ Subscriptions (Mar.) ..	6	2	0
„ Balance ..	12	18	7	„ „ (April) ..	6	8	0
	£24	8	0		£24	8	0

PHOTOGRAPHY

In view of the Easter Competition the members of the Room were very busy during the early part of the year. There was a

fair number of entries. The Senior Competition was won by Phillips. White i. ran him very close, but was put out of it by his building which was far below the standard of his other photographs. Beeston won the Junior Prize. Phillips chose for his prize a Thornton-Pickard Focal Plane Shutter, which he has successfully fixed to his Camera—a Pony Premo.

Since our last report we have lost an energetic photographer in Croudace, while Dangar's leaving caused another vacancy in the Senior division. Anderson iii. gallantly came to the rescue of the Junior set which has been in grievous danger of abolition and absorption, owing to the difficulty of getting small boys to join. He has been eminently useful in getting in through the window when the lock has gone wrong, which has happened frequently of late.

We append the Report of Mr. Coomber, who kindly consented to act as judge in the competition.

Armidale,
April 17th, 1899.

I enclose result of Photographic Competition.

The three photos marked 3 gain the prize, they show careful working and finish, are well developed and printed, but are wanting in taste as regards composition and arrangement, especially the building.

No. 2 has a better idea of a picture. His "Landscape" is good (although it has too much foreground), "Snap" excellent, but the "Building" is decidedly bad. Should take more care in finishing off his work.

Nos. 1 and 4 have a lot to learn about exposure and development. The arrangement of No. 1 "Landscape" and No. 4 "Building" is very fair.

I would advise the competitors to use in future slow plates and not to be in a hurry over the development of their negatives.

G. E. M. COOMBER.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of those interested in starting a Musical Society was held on Saturday evening, April 15th, at which officers were elected and boys' voices tried.

The objects of the Society are to hold meetings for practice in chorus singing, giving of concerts, &c.

The practices are to be held as far as practicable, weekly during the winter quarters. Mr. Coomber has kindly consented to act as Hon. Conductor. Membership of the Society is open to all boys in the School, and old boys who desire to join.

The following officers were elected, and constitute a committee:—President, Mr. Fisher; Vice-President, Mr. Dixon; Hon. Sec. J. E. G. Stevenson; Hon. Treasurer and Librarian, White, ma.; Member of Committee, O. C. Slade.

The chorus consists, at starting, of 9 Trebles, 4 Tenors and 12 Basses, but it is hoped soon to increase the number of Trebles, as there should be plenty of material among the smaller boys.

The first practice was held on Saturday evening, 22nd April, the music taken being Weber's "Chorus of Huntsmen."

TENNIS.

This year, thanks to the kindness of A. A. Dangar, Esq., and F. J. White, Esq., the two courts have been top-dressed, and the cracks as far as possible, filled up; but the latter are showing up rather badly again.

A Tournament has been held lately. Double Handicap for Seniors, and one for Juniors under 15.

Six pairs entered for the former; and for the Final White mi. and Anderson ma. (scr.) met White ma. and Persse (owe 15), and won rather easily. 6:2 and 6:1.

The Junior Doubles was not finished in time for insertion.

FOOTBALL SONG.

BY "ONKEL."

'Mid the Union's varied colours many may be found
That have led their club to triumph on the football ground,
But where'er the fight is fiercest, where the scrums abound,
There strives the Blue and Straw, Hurrah!
Hurrah for the Blue and Straw!

Chorus—Heel out! Heel out! the forwards raise the cry:
Heel out! Heel out! our victory now is nigh!
Only one more struggle and we'll score another try,
Then Hurrah for the Blue and Straw, Hurrah!
Hurrah for the Blue and Straw!

Let us keep our name untarnished; let us play the game;
Play it in a noble spirit; all its points proclaim,
Let us in the world of Football make an envied name
For our dear Blue and Straw, Hurrah!
Hurrah for the Blue and Straw!
Chorus—Heel out! Heel out, &c.

Keep the ball a-rolling onward! follow fast and strong!
 Now then! forwards! form up quickly, drive their scrum along;
 Pick up! Pass it! now 's your chance then, rushing through the
 throng!

The Blue and Straw is through, Hurrah!
 Hurrah for the Blue and Straw!
 Chorus—Heel out! Heel out, &c.

Just another strong endeavour e'er the whistle 's call,
 Place the leather pointing truly toward the goal posts tall.
 Let the last goal be a good one! Cheer, boys, one and all!
 Cheer loud for Blue and Straw, Hurrah!
 Hurrah for the Blue and Straw!
 Chorus—Heel out! Heel out, &c.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editors of the "Armidalian."

Dear Sirs,—When this is published the writer will in all probability be in England, but at the same time will always have the interests of the School at heart, especially as regards cricket.

There are one or two matters that, in my opinion, require altering to make this kind of games go ahead in the way it should, and enable "The School" to hold its own in the first rank of school cricket, and, as I said before, having its interests at heart, I would like to draw attention to them through the columns of your valuable paper.—

Firstly.—The present way of electing a captain does not work as it should, and I think that if the captain were elected *annually* it would give much more satisfaction, for the boys playing under him must know whom they would rather see in this all-important position, and whom they would work for best. I am not trying to cast any slur on the capabilities of the past captains of the 1sts, but think the suggestion would find favor with a large majority of players.

Secondly.—Net practice with an occasional scratch match is the recognised and the best way of practising, but I can't see how a boy is to improve in his batting if he does not get a change of bowling. As it is now one *may happen* to have the same bowlers at the nets for several evenings running; and the only way I can see to remedy this, is for any good bowler who lives

in the town and is known to the masters, to be invited to come up to the school and practise; of course, as the school grows, a professional will have to be engaged, but that is for boys and masters of another time to work up. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof."

Wishing the school every luck in all its sports as well as its work and thanking you in anticipation for affording me the 'pace to publish my ideas.

Yours obediently,
 C. C. DANGAR.

To the Editors of the "Armidalian."

Sirs,—I have noticed in several schools, which I have visited, that the Cricket and Football teams for each year are painted in white or gold on small blackboards (1ft. by 6 in.) and put up in some prominent place (such as Main Hall or Dressing Room). These boards look very well and are interesting, alike to boys past and present, besides adding to the enthusiasm in the games and giving boys an opportunity of leaving their names behind without using their pen knives. Our Main Hall is just the place for them, and I hope some day to see it lined with the names of those who have tried to keep our old colors on top, both on the Cricket and Football field.

I am, yours sincerely,
 "OLD BOY."

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