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EDITORIAL.



We are going to press a little early for this issue, mainly in order to give Old Boys good notice of a change in our usual day for the breaking-up and Cricket Match. This is necessitated by the Cadets having to go into camp, with the rest of the Great Public Schools' Battalion, at National Park, December 14-19. The speeches will probably take place on the Friday, and the Cricket Match, Tea and Concert will be on Saturday. Sir Harry Rawson was invited to attend the speeches and give away his cup for the last time before leaving the State. He wrote a kind letter regretting his inability to come, adding that he would have liked to do something to help the School along.

We, for our part, regret very much that we cannot see him here again before he goes home.

We have no great excitement to chronicle since the visit of the Cadets to Sydney to take part in the American Fleet Review. The pleasure of this visit was immensely enhanced by the hospitality of the King's School graciously afforded through Mr. Waddy.

It was a memorable stay there, and we hope the first of many interchanges of friendliness between the two Schools, which have identical aims and ideals in all the fundamental points of education.

We reprint, elsewhere, from the King's School Magazine, a portion of our Head Master's Sermon, preached before the combined Schools, on the Sunday evening in their chapel.

We are very sorry to learn, through the public press (confirmed by a letter from the Bishop to the Vicar of Armidale), that there is likely to be a very hard severe winter at home, because of the great number of unemployed. This state of affairs is sure to strengthen the pleadings of the Tariff Reformers at home, and why we ask in our youthful ignorance cannot our statesmen here and at home co-operate for a really big and comprehensive scheme of immigration. There is room and work and sustenance for millions of our own blood in Australia, one would think.

SCHOOL NOTES.

School opened for the fourth term on Wednesday, October 14th.

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Congratulations to Young i and Martyn on receiving their Football Colours; Young had bad luck in being unable to play during the first half of the season.

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The School went down to the Town Hall last term to see the performance of the 'Mikado' by the local Amateur Operatic Society, which was really quite a creditable one. Mr. Moss supplied plenty of enthusiasm in the part of Ko-Ko.

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Congratulations to Abbott i on his election to the Captaincy of the Cricket XI., and also on his winning the Senior Championship Cup for the second year in succession.

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Some excitement was caused at the end of the holidays by the bolting of a pair of horses which had been under the care of Mr. Browne for a trip to the coast. Presumably they were unwilling to return to School.

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We congratulate Mr. Saunderson and the Sports Committee on the very successful manner in which the Sports went off. There was no delay between events—everything went as smoothly as clockwork, and, although during the week preceding the Sports, the weather had caused us many anxious moments, yet on the eventful day it decided to be fine.

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There was a heavy fall of snow during one day last term. Two masters, who incautiously made their appearance on the field, immediately became white as snow.

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We hear that Mr. Debenham and Maxwell i have entered for the 'Varsity Boxing Tournament; we wish them every success in the "knocking-out" of their respective opponents.

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Congratulations to Abbott i on becoming Colour-Sergeant, and also to Ogilvie and Young i on their promotions to be Sergeants.

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On Monday, October 26th, the School had a half-holiday, which they obtained at Mrs. Reynolds' special request in honour of the birth of her third child, a son. We wish him every success in life.

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We are lamenting the falling of two Saints' Days this term on Sundays. Our Mathematicians tell us that this will not occur again for at least six years.

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During the last quarter, a team blazer was introduced, which is to be awarded to recognised members of the first teams, i.e., Cricket, Football and Tennis. Old Boys who have obtained their colours in any of these sections are entitled to wear the Blazer, subject to a formal ap-

plication to the School Club Committee. The new Blazer is generally admired, and is a great improvement on the Cricket one.

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The Bishop, who is still in England, met there the Earl of Jersey, whose first inquiry was about the School, the foundation stone of which was laid by him in 1894.

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Confirmation will probably be held over till the Bishop's return, which is not likely now to be before the New Year.

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Congratulations to J. S. Anderson on being formally gazetted to be Lieutenant by the Commonwealth authorities.

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The Bishop was at the prize giving of Harrow School, and enjoyed very much the singing by the boys of the school songs—an especial feature of the day.

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The Carpentry Class is more popular than ever this quarter. It is often felt that this subject is one that could well be made compulsory, at any rate in the Lower School.

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Swimming has started, and efforts are being made to improve the water supply. We are in the hands of the City Fathers in this however.

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The Cadets are to go to Sydney to the Great Public Schools' Camp, Dec. 14-19, when our expenses will be the affair of a paternal Government. This will be a new, and, doubtless, delightful experience. 'All swing together.'

VALETE.

Left at Michaelmas, 1908—

H. V. Walker—Entered July, 1904; Half-Colours Football, '08;
Private in Cadets; 1st XV. Blazer.

J. J. Voss—Entered July, 1907.

 SCHOLARSHIPS.

Though many efforts have been made to make known all about our Scholarships, these have not so far attracted public attention. Perhaps a notice about them in the Magazine will do something.

There are four Entrance Scholarships for 1909, each of the value of £25, tenable for that year. The subjects are the usual groundwork ones, and age is taken into full account. The Examination is at the end of November.

There are two Internal Scholarships for 1909 for boys already in residence, each again of the value of £25, one for the Upper School, one for the Lower. These are awarded upon the results of the External Examination at Christmas.

We owe these to the generosity of Mr. A. A. Dangar and of Mr. T. R. Forster.

 SCIENCE NOTES.

The Museum has received several valuable additions to the collection during this quarter. Mr. W. E. Abbott's presentation of minerals and rocks will be of material assistance in the study of Geology.

We must tender to him and others who have sent us specimens, our very best thanks.

Minerals	..	..	..	..	W. E. Abbott, Esq.
Native Metals or Mineral Ores	..				..
Rocks	..	..	..	..	..
Palaeozoic Fossils, Secondary					
Fossils	..	..	..	..	..
Tertiary Fossils	..	..	..	..	..
Kaolin	..	..	..	..	..
Skull (Unclassified, but probably that of a small Alligator)	..				..
Wood Snake	..	..	..	..	F. R. Forster.
Sedimentary Deposit from Artesian Bore (5,028 feet deep—2nd deepest in the world), from Bimerah, Longreach, Queensland	..				Casey.
Wolfram, Butler's Reef, Tarring- ton	..	..	..	..	S. Giles, Esq.

Tin-Stone and Alluvial Tin, Black Swamp	W. Saunderson, Esq.
Tin Oxide in altered Granite, Stan- num Lode, Torrington	W. Saunderson, Esq.
Tin Oxide in altered Granite, Stan- num Lode, Torrington	W. Saunderson, Esq.
Galena and Zinc Blende, Silent Grove, Torrington	S. Giles, Esq.
Monazite, Black Swamp, Torrington	Jan Hin, Esq.

Efforts are being concentrated towards the fulfilment of a desire to acquit ourselves well in the forthcoming examinations. It is hoped that, whoever examines the Science, will be able to personally visit the laboratory and inspect the methods adopted, and the practical means by which training in observation and experiment, method and reasoning are carried out.

Meteorological observations are being commenced, records of temperature being kept. We need a good barometer, however, and this would be extremely useful in the regular Physics work. Perhaps by next issue one will have been obtained.

DARK ROOM CLUB.

The Dark Room Club has increased its membership to fifteen, and a competition has been arranged both for novices and for the practised photographers. An album for photographs of school interest is being commenced, to be contributed to by members. This will form an interesting record of many matters of moment and otherwise that happen, and when some of us return as Old Boys it will bring happy recollections of the good old school days.

CHAPEL NOTES.

We are experiencing much keener and better singing in Chapel than has been known since Mr. Fisher left. We throw it out as a suggestion to old pupils of Mr. Fisher that the walls of the vestry would be suitably adorned by a good sized portrait of the Chapel's first Chaplain.

The services have been quietly maintained with encouraging attendances at Holy Communion.

The offertory for Church extension (All Saints' Day), was a good one, because, presumably, the cause pleaded is such a good one.

The new window has arrived in Sydney and will be erected shortly. We have to pay duty on this class of goods, though we get a partial rebate on its erection. Its subject, as heretofore stated, is the Nativity. We have still to raise several pounds to complete its cost. We commend this to the notice of Old Boys, and ask for their interest generally in the Chapel, and that they will make a point of attending service there on any Sunday they may be in Armidale.

We thank Mrs. White, of Booloominbah, for her un-failing gifts of flowers, and also Archdeacon White for coming to preach for us.

Sept. 5th is the anniversary of the laying the Foundation Stone of the Chapel. We commemorated this event on the Sunday following, viz., the 6th. It will be a good thing in years to come to make this a more and more important celebration, to use it as an opportunity for the Commemoration of Benefactors, and to secure the interest of Old Boys also in the matter, though not many of them, we fear, can ever attend.

Portion of sermon preached by Rev. A. H. Reynolds in King's School Chapel, on the occasion of our visit there for the American Fleet Review.

"We have to-day the commingling in delightful peace of two Schools of Australia, accompanied again with the outward sign of war, and possibly with the strife of the athletes. The younger sister comes to the house and home of the eldest born in our land, comes to her as she is, rich already in priceless memories and traditions; richer, we hope, to be in the years that are to come. Both Schools have absolutely one heart and mind in the theory of their existence and aims and methods of education. . . . How much, then, depends upon the young, that each of you, for example, should know and value the best national ideals. And oh! surely the youth of Australia has the splendid advantage of the inheritance of dearly won experience of the past. . . Will you not desire, then, and work to bring it to

pass, that we shall progress in such things as strength of the body, knowledge of the mind, manliness of the heart, piety of the spirit? Then I am quite sure God will bless us as a nation, and give us peace: but the way of peace and prosperity cannot possibly be where the youth of a nation values most, such things as are far too common—enervating and wicked pleasures for the body, foolish excitements, such as betting and gambling for the mind, boastful self-assurance and conceit for the heart, irreverence and irreligion for the spirit. . . . Again, the work of our Schools will be strong and prosperous, and their lives full of peace and blessing, when the highest ideals are valued and acted upon—Truth and Righteousness again. . . . A school where members value such things as honour, loyalty, obedience to authority, keenness for knowledge, regard of the strong for the weak, sticking to one another through thick and through thin, is assured of prosperity, and will live to bless the nation in ways which other schools which are run merely for profit or display, or purely mechanical and technical objects cannot hope to do. Whatever the future may bring forth, we, schools like ours, will never abandon our fundamental and leading theory that, to educate a boy, you must draw out the best and the whole of the best that is in him, and fit him to be faithful, and to serve not only himself and his own, but also his God and his fellows. . . . And this brings us to the last thought that the same thing is true for each individual life. Our best and highest prosperity lies here, too, in Truth and Righteousness of life, in being keen to know the best thing, and then trying to do it. . . . The essence is this: Let each of us value our personal allegiance to our Lord and Master Christ, King of Truth and Righteousness. . . . We shall get a splendid assistance through the life of the Schools He has provided for us, through the Church of our Baptism, through the claims of our nation upon each of us; but the greatest and best thing of all is for each of us to cling strongly and surely to Christ Himself, the Rock from which no storm can tear us, let each of us try and follow where He leads, since He is the life of our life, the Love that never fails us, the Love which brings us, as we keep ourselves true to Him, to unending blessedness and peace.”

NOTABILIA.

A correspondent send us the following quotation from a speech of President Roosevelt:

“For the nation, as for the man or woman and the boy or girl, the road to success is the right use of what we have and the improvement of present opportunity. If you neglect to prepare yourselves now for the duties and responsibilities which will fall

upon you later, if you do not learn the things which you will need to know when your school days are over, you will suffer the consequences. So any nation which in its youth lives only for the day, reaps without sowing, and consumes without husbanding, must expect the penalty of the prodigal, whose labour could with difficulty find him the bare means of life."

George Meredith says:

"He who has the fountain of prayer in him will not complain of hazards; Prayer is the recognition of laws; the soul's exercise and source of strength; its thread of conjunction with them."

Again—

"Charity is a common duty. The dedication of a man's life and whole mind to a cause, there's heroism."

Still doth the soul from its lone fastness high
 Upon our life a ruling effluence send
 And when it fails, fight as we will, we die
 And while it lasts, we cannot wholly end.

M. Arnold.

SING SONGS.

A successful 'Sing Song' was held on Sept. 12th, the Headmaster was present, accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. Larcombe sang the 'Bandoliers,' and Abbott i the Judge's Song from 'Trial by Jury,' and also 'In Old New York;' Robinson i made his debut very successfully, we hope to see his name on our programmes frequently in the future. He sang the 'Midshipmite' and 'The Island of Dreams.' Mr. Moss contributed several old favourites. Of the choruses, the most popular was the Eton Boating Song, with its simple yet haunting melody and stirring words.

Other 'Sing-Songs' of the quarter were of a less formal nature, half-hours round the piano, in which good work was done in preparing choruses for the Christmas Concert from Tannhousser, Faust, Lohengrin. The practice of Patience items is going on satisfactorily. It is pleasing to chronicle an increasing keenness in the singing. In years to come, when many are far away, and in the back blocks, in Fiji, in England, the strains of some familiar song or chorus will call to mind memories of past and happy hours. It is time indeed well spent to give of our leisure hours to music and to song.

THE CADET CORPS.

This contribution, naturally, is mainly concerned with that rather breathless experience—our visit to Sydney to see the American Fleet. After much telegraphing, interviewing, and packing, we marched forth to the unselfish cheers of the boys we left behind us. On arrival at King's School, where a camping ground had kindly been offered us, we were, during Saturday morning, the guests of the School, since our luggage had to go on to Sydney; but, after that, we were independent, and managed well, though there was keen competition for the few extra blankets. The great day, of course, was Monday. We started operations (on our breakfast) soon after six and were kept busy till four o'clock. As we only took down a detachment, we were paraded with the Sydney High School in order to make a full company, but in the opinion of the present writer (trying hard to be impartial) we compare well with any other company in steadiness and smartness. The appearance of all Battalion 3, that of the Great Public Schools, was such as to make us proud of being members of it.

Tuesday was principally taken up with preparations for departure, and we reached School again at 6.30 on Wednesday morning, waking, with the music of the kettle drum, those who had, in some still unexplained fashion, managed to endure our absence of four days.

Incidentally, it should be mentioned that our ex-members, Bloxsome and Curtis, were our guests to tea and coffee.

Our visit was most interesting and also instructive, both generally and from the point of view of Cadet work.

Both the masters and boys of King's School treated us with unflinching kindness, and we owe them all, but especially the Rev. Stacy Waddy, our best thanks, though we know such thanks are quite inadequate to the occasion.

The Company deserve great praise for their high level of conduct, and especially for the great help accorded the O.C. by Lieut. Anderson and the N.C.O's.

In other respects the Company has made good progress also. To ensure satisfactory practice at the Miniature Range, a War Office Rifle has been bought which has

proved extremely useful; besides this, we have procured from Headquarters two new Morris Tubes, which are a great improvement on the old ones. Anderson has at last been gazetted as Lieutenant, and Cpls. Young and Ogilvie promoted to be Sergeants. We have begun our musketry course, and some of the best scores in this and other shooting are given below.

On Friday, 24th October, at 7.45, we were given by Major Braund, an extremely interesting lecture on 'Rifle Shooting.' The whole School attended and followed the lecturer's remarks with great keenness and benefit to themselves.

Scores. Musketry Course: 5 shots at 200 yards—Sergt. Ogilvie 25; Lieut. Anderson 23; Cor. Macartney 23; Col.-St. Abbott 22; Cor. Dowe 21; Cor. Payne 21.

5 shots at 300 yards: Lt. Anderson 22; Cor. Dowe 22; Sergt. Ogilvie 21; Cor. White 21; Cor. Macartney 21.

5 shots at 500 yards: Lieut. Anderson 25; Cor. Scholes 18.

Practice. 7 shots at 200: Lieut. Anderson 33; Cor. de Burgh 27; Sergt. Ogilvie 30.

7 shots at 500: Lieut. Anderson 29; Sergt. Ognivie 29;

Miniature Range, Cadet Rifle, 7 shots: Lieut. Anderson 33; Cor. Dowe 31; Cor. Abbott 30; Col.-Sergt. Abbott 30.

Morris Tubes: Lieut. Anderson 27, 33, 35; Cor. White 28, 30, 31.

THE ALL SCHOOLS' SPORTS AT SYDNEY.

The School was represented at these Sports by O. J. Jenkins, L. L. Young, F. J. Thomas and G. E. Forster. Jenkins ran second in his heat in 440 yards Handicap and fourth in the final, he having to run a half-mile and these two 440's within but little "breathing-time." L. L. Young ran third in his heat in the 100 yards. F. J. Thomas ran third in the final 220 yards (under 15). The opposition, especially in the Senior Events, was exceptionally good and keen this year, so that, considering our

short time of training, and our small number of representatives, the School acquitted itself satisfactorily. It was a pity T. K. Abbott (ma) could not go.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The fifteenth Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, October 3rd. This year it was found necessary, owing to the altered date of the Michaelmas holiday, to have the Sports on a Saturday, with a half-day for preliminary and other events earlier in the same week. Unfortunately the extreme inclemency and coldness of the weather on each day preceding the Sports' Day, prevented a fair trial of the new arrangement, and the heats had to be run off in a somewhat interrupted manner.

The Sports' Day was favoured with bright sunshine, and there was a splendid gathering of parents and friends (the best on record). The Armidale Band provided selections of music.

The Steeplechase, unfortunately, had to be run off only two days before October 3rd. However it proved an exceedingly well-contested event, T. K. Abbott winning by 100 yards from J. S. Anderson, who had to keenly fight for second place with T. de Burgh, whom he beat by a few yards. T. K. Abbott is to be congratulated on having won the Senior Championship Cup for a second time, thus having won three Championship Cups in three successive years. He also scored a record number of points—thirty in all. F. J. Thomas was this year's Junior Championship Cup winner and carried all before him. He also scored a record number of points, thirty. The Form Team Relay Race was a fairly easy victory for Form VI. Form V. had a good chance, but dropping their flag put them out of the running, while Form IV. had the misfortune to have one of their champions knocked down in some unaccountable way. L. L. Young made a very

popular victor in the 100 yards, running very strongly, only beating Abbott on the tape. Jenkins, whose plucky running at the All Schools' Sports, and real grit in training, provided an excellent example, found himself unable to beat the limit, Cox, in the Open Half-Mile, an event introduced for the first time this year. He, however, was rewarded by victories in other events.

The general standard of excellence in the events was satisfactory, although in no case exceptional.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. Cooper kindly presented the prizes to the successful competitors, the Headmaster expressing the pleasure that all had in welcoming her, and their gratitude for her kindness in being present. Mr. T. R. Forster made the presentations of the Cricket Bats (given by Mr. R. Blaxland), with a few well-chosen remarks. The usual cheers, quite a necessary finale to an afternoon school function of this kind, concluded a very successful gathering.

The Committee feel extremely grateful for the very generous response to their appeal for donations, which relieved them of any anxiety as to the finance of the Sports, and materially assisted them in the selection of prizes.

The following ladies and gentlemen kindly made donations to the Prize Fund:—F. G. Waley, Esq., T. R. Forster, Esq., Mrs. Forster, Pastoralists' Review, F. G. Taylor, Esq., A. A. Dangar, Esq., C. E. White, Esq., Dr. Murray, F. C. Fenwicke, Esq., Mrs. E. H. Allen, W. F. Ogilvie, Esq., E. H. Macartney, Esq., O. H. Carter, Esq., W. C. Watt, Esq., Capt. Carter, A. L. Wilson, Esq., W. J. Coakes, Esq., J. S. Anderson, Esq., T. L. Docker, Esq., J. H. Pengilley, Esq., E. J. Turton, Esq., F. Payne, Esq., R. C. Simpson, Esq., Dr. W. E. Harris, E. M. de Burgh, Esq., T. J. Burrow, Esq., Lindon Brown, Esq., R. T. Vyner, Esq., H. W. Curtis, Esq., B. Weaver, Esq., H. Mallam, Esq., F. Braund and Co., Messrs. Ri-

Richardson and Co., J. Croker, Esq., Mrs. F. J. White, Mrs. Scholes, J. Broughton, Esq., A. W. Tooth, Esq., E. Casey, Esq., G. H. Jenkins, Esq., F. J. White, Esq., E. J. Jenkins, Esq., Mrs. F. R. White, A. Reading, Esq., Mrs. Dight, Old Boys' Union.

SPORTS RESULTS.

- Senior Mile Handicap.—1, M. Fenwicke, 210 yards; 2, T. Fenwicke, 200 yards; 3, T. K. Abbott, scratch. Time 5 min. 20 secs.
- Junior Half-Mile Handicap.—1, W. Burrows, 190 yards; 2, F. J. Thomas, scratch; 3, H. K. Cox, 200 yards. Time 2 min. 25 1-5 secs.
- Steeplechase—1, T. K. Abbott; 2, J. S. Anderson; 3, T. H. M. de Burgh. Time 13 min. 49 1-5 secs.
- 440 Yards, Senior—1, O. J. Jenkins; 2, J. S. Anderson; 3, T. K. Abbott. Time 58 secs.
- 440 Yards, Junior—1, F. J. Thomas; 2, J. Pengilley; 3, N. S. Stretch. Time 63 1-5 secs.
- 220 Yards Senior Football Division—1, O. J. Jenkins, 10 yards; 2, H. V. Walker, 6 yards; 3, J. S. Anderson, 4 yards. Time 23 3-5 secs.
- 220 Yards Junior Football Division—1, R. A. Hassall, 15 yards; 2, A. N. Tooth, 3 yards; 3, J. Pengilley. Time 26 2-5 secs.
- 120 Yards School Handicap, Senior—1, O. J. Jenkins, 5 yards; 2, H. V. Walker, 4 yards; 3, J. S. Anderson, scratch. Time 13 1-5 secs.
- 120 Yards School Handicap, Junior—1, F. J. Thomas, scratch; 2, J. Pengilley, 6 yards; 3, K. Slade, 10 yards. Time 13 3-5 secs.
- 150 Yards Choir Handicap.—1, L. L. Young, scratch; 2, T. K. Abbott, scratch; 3, G. W. Love, 6 yards. Time 16 1-5 secs.
- 150 Yards between 15 and 16 years—1, C. R. Croker, 2 yards; 2, W. R. Browne, 20 yards; 3, R. A. Hassall. No time taken.
- 150 Yards under 14 years—1, H. K. Cox, 20 yards; 2, H. Vyner, scratch; 3, K. Slade, scratch. Time 18 3-5 secs.



No. 2 AFTER FIRST BELL.

100 Yards Senior—1, L. L. Young; 2, T. K. Abbott; 3, J. S. Anderson. Time 11 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Junior—1, F. J. Thomas; 2, J. Pengilley; 3, N. S. Stretch. Time 11 4-5 secs.

100 Yards under 13—1, G. E. Forster; 2, H. K. Cox. Time 13 4-5 secs.

High Jump, Senior—1, T. K. Abbott; 2, E. D. Ogilvie; 3, T. de Burgh and H. V. Walker. Height 5ft. 1 inch.

High Jump, Junior—1, F. J. Thomas and N. S. Stretch; 2, E. S. Turton and G. L. Taylor. Height 4ft. 2in.

Hurdles, Senior—1, T. K. Abbott; 2, F. M. Payne; 3, H. V. Walker. No time taken.

Hurdles, Junior—1, F. J. Thomas; 2, N. S. Stretch; 3, H. Vyner. Time 21 3-5 secs.

Broad Jump, Senior—1, T. K. Abbott; 2, J. S. Anderson; 3, A. White, 17ft. 3in.

Broad Jump, Junior—1, F. J. Thomas; 2, N. S. Stretch; 3, K. Slade. 15ft. 5½in.

Obstacle Race, Senior—1, R. J. Vickers; 2, E. E. Macartney.

Sack Race—1, R. B. C. Watt; 2, G. W. Love.

Obstacle Race, Junior—1, N. S. Stretch; 2, E. Casey.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, A. White. 88yds. 1ft. 10½in.

Kicking the Football—1, M. Martyn. 58yds. 1ft.

Consolation Race, Senior—1, H. W. Scholes.

Consolation Race, Junior—1, E. L. Turton.

Half-Mile Open Handicap—1, H. K. Cox, 200 yards; 2, O. J. Jenkins, scratch; Time 2min. 20 1-5 secs.

120 Yards Old Boys' Race—1, J. B. Sandilands. Time 12 3-5 secs.

Tugs-of-War—No. 1 section. School beat Prefects.

Cadets beat Non-Cadets.

Old Boys beat Present.

Form Team Relay Race—1, Form VI.; 2, Form V.

Form Championship Cup—Form VI. 66 points.

Senior Championship Cup (Presented by the Headmaster)—1, T. K. Abbott, 30 points; 2, J. S. Anderson, 11 points.

Junior Championship Cup (Presented by Mrs. Reynolds)—1, F. J. Thomas, 29 points; 2, N. S. Stretch, 18 points.

ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	
Donations	52	4	9	Prizes—Walker and Hall ..	..	20	13	7
Old Boys' Union	1	1	0	Fiavelle Bros. ..	..	1	3	0
Competitors' Entries	7	16	6	Richardson and Co. ..	..	3	17	8
Sale of Rosettes	1	1	0	Cakes ..	..	1	10	6
Sale of Programmes	1	1	3					
Donations not yet paid	3	16	6	Armidale Band ..	..	27	4	9
						Cowles and Dunn ..	..	4	4	0
						Maltam and Co. ..	..	0	14	6
						Postages ..	..	0	2	8
						Exchange ..	..	2	12	9
						Dimmock—Printing ..	..	0	7	6
						Hern—Timber and Labour ..	..	4	5	0
						Refreshments for Band, etc. ..	..	2	2	6
						Hire of Roller ..	..	0	16	0
						Invitation Cards ..	..	0	8	6
						Not—Flag Poles ..	..	0	15	0
						Ribbon ..	..	0	5	6
						Carriage of Goods..	..	0	6	6
						Balance (to be paid to School Club A/c)	..	22	13	10
Examined and found correct, N. W. BUCKMAN.		£67	1	0		(Signed)—W. SAUNDERSON.		£67	1	0

NOTE.—It may be seen on reference to the December issue of 1907, that the Sports balance for that year was also transferred to the School Club Account. The S. C. rules the whole of the Athletics among other things. Vide S. C. Regulations.

 TENNIS NOTES.

Both courts were largely used last quarter, and many good games were witnessed in the Singles Handicap Tournament, which was played off for two racquets kindly presented by Mr. J. Slade and Mr. J. Broughton.

Turton and Taylor ii were successful in reaching the final, so that each carries off a racquet, and we take this opportunity of thanking the donors for the kindly interest they take in the Tennis of the School.

Both Taylor ii and Turton show very promising Tennis this term for Juniors, and should be a source of strength to the first four during the next year if they improve as they should do.

The masters v. boys match, played off last quarter, proved an easy victory for the masters, as the boys were unable to put out a full team, and Macartney was decidedly off his game.

The masters were represented by the Headmaster and Mr. Browne, Mr. Larcombe and Mr. Moss, and the boys by Payne and Macartney, Taylor ii and Turton.

We are pleased to state that Mr. J. Broughton has very kindly offered to give the racquet for the Senior Championship in the Annual Tournament to be held next quarter.

The first four have played two matches against St. John's College during the past quarter, and won both. The first— at St. John's, by 58 games to 27, and the second, at the School, by 45 games to 38, in which latter match the School was represented by: de Burgh i, Payne, Macartney and Taylor ii.

 DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first debate during this half proved most successful. The Headmaster being in the chair, Macartney moved that "Imperial Federation should be established," and de Burgh i replied in the negative, laying stress upon the impracticable nature of such a union. Abbott i and

Browne pointed out the advantages that would accrue to the Empire from a preferential tariff, whilst Abbott ii skowed the importance of Federation from the point of view of Imperial Defence. Ogilvie, on the other side, declared that facilities for travel had strengthened the natural bond of union between the colonies and the Mother Country, thus rendering the artificial bond of Federation unnecessary and inadvisable. Hall raised the question of payment of members and Love objected to the motion on the ground that the spectacle of a consolidated Empire walled in by tariffs and navies would disturb the friendly relations with foreign powers.

Other speakers were: Mr. Henderson, Mr. Moss, Mr. Saunderson, Mr. Larcombe, Cran, Ralfe, and Stopford. Macartney delivered an excellent speech in reply and the motion was carried by thirty-three votes to eleven.

The next was a competitive debate with St. John's College, the subject being the early closing of shops. The School was ably represented by Mr. Henderson, Abbott ii, Macartney and Stopford. The Headmaster occupied the chair. Archdeacon Lewis kindly consented to adjudicate, and, after a detailed summing up, awarded the honours to St. John's College. Each side has now won a debate, so we look forward with interest to the deciding match, which will probably take place next term.

On Oct. 24 Mr. Larcombe presided and Mr. Henderson moved: "That Capital punishment should be abolished." Macartney characterised crime as a disease, and capital punishment as a relic of barbarism. He therefore, looked to intelligent moral reformation rather than extreme punishment for the betterment of mankind. Stopford, after declaring that the points of the opposition had no dimensions, proceeded to treat the subject from a historical point of view, showing the gradual diminution of capital punishment as civilization advanced; hence the logical conclusion would—and should be—its total abolition. Mr. Moss, Mr. Saunderson, Abbott ii, Hall and Stretch ii also spoke. The discussion, which was of an animated nature convinced a large majority that capital punishment was still necessary.

BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

Mr. Crewe's Career	Winston Churchill.
Young Lord Stranleigh .. .. .	.. .. Barr.
The Black Bag .. .. .	.. .. Joseph Vance.
The Prima Donna .. .. .	.. .. Marion Crawford.
Dad in Politics .. .. .	.. .. Steele Rudd.
Fair Maid of Greystone .. .. .	.. .. Dix.
(Presented by de Burgh i.)	
History of the Church of England .. .. .	.. .. Wakeman.
French Literature .. .. .	.. .. Saintsbury.
Seven Roman Statesmen of the Republic .. .. .	.. .. Oman.
Heroes of the Nations—Series .. .. .	.. .. Abraham Lincoln.
Speeches and Letters of Abraham Lincoln.	

CRICKET.

The First Eleven has lost Tooth i, Maxwell i, Maxwell ii, White i, Vickers, and Bloxsome, and Richardson; also it will miss the services of Mr. Debenham, both in matches and at the nets. Still there remains material for a fairly good batting side. The bowling, however, is likely to be weaker than usual. The New England Cricket Association has decided to receive all elevens into the First Grade, giving each team a handicap per innings. The handicaps are: Dumaresq, Norwood and Half-Holiday, scratch; School I. and West End, 20 runs; Brick Villa, Railway and De La Salle College, 40 runs; School II., 50 runs. It will be interesting to see how this rather novel arrangement fares.

SCHOOL I. v. HALF-HOLIDAY. Lost by 125 runs.

We began this match rather promisingly. Ralfe, Jenkins i and Forster i bowled well, and had disposed of seven wickets for sixty runs. Then, however, the aspect of the game completely changed; the fielding became flurried, catches were dropped, and the score was carried to 195 for 9 wickets. Stumps were then drawn. On the following Wednesday the match was continued. A hailstorm fell for about an hour immediately before the game. Half-Holiday declared their innings closed and the School had to bat on a wet wicket. De Burgh ii was batting confidently, when a weak stroke to leg brought his innings to a close. Payne and Jenkins i shaped well, but

the former was run out through hesitating between the wickets. The innings produced only 50 runs. Half-Holiday then began their second innings, and had scored 135 for 5 wickets when stumps were drawn. The fielding was a great improvement upon that of the previous Wednesday. The bowling was accurate but lacked sting. De Burgh i and Abbott i (Captain) were unfortunately unable to play.

SCHOOL I. v. HALF-HOLIDAY.

Half-Holiday, 1st Innings		School, 1st Innings.	
C. Griffin, c Parkinson, b Ralfe	4	Mr. Larcombe, l.b.w., b Dalton	2
J. Seabrook, b Forster i	6	Mr. Browne, b Dalton	4
A. Dalton, b Ralfe	5	De Burgh ii, c sub., b Selwin	14
C. Selwin, c Forster, b Ralfe	12	Payne, run out	8
W. Seabrook, b Jenkins	13	Taylor i, b Dalton	0
W. Brown, c de Burgh ii, b Ralfe	3	Ralfe, stumped, b Dalton	3
— Jesson, b Ralfe	39	Martyn, c Rudkin, b Dalton	3
— Rawles, l.b.w., b Jenkins	4	Forster i, c Seabrook, b Selwin	0
W. Selwin, c Taylor i, b Forster i	35	Jenkins i, not out	10
Benjamin, not out	38	White i, c Seabrook, b Selwin	0
Rudkin, not out	21	Parkinson, c Jesson, b Selwin	4
Sundries	12	Sundries	2
Total	192	Total	50

Half-Holiday, 2nd Innings.	
C. Griffin, c & b Ralfe	5
P. Rawles, c Payne, b Taylor i	34
J. Rudkin, b Jenkins	1
C. Selwin, c de Burgh ii, b Ralfe	5
W. Seabrook, c White i, b Jenkins	2
A. Dalton, not out	55
J. Seabrook, not out	32
Sundries	1
Total for 5 wkts.	135

Bowling: Ralfe, 2 for 36; Jenkins i, 2 for 32; Taylor i, 1 for 25; Forster, 0 for 24; Payne, 0 for 20.

SCHOOL I. v. NORWOOD (Competition). Lost by 35 runs.

Norwoods electing to bat soon ran up a good score, Mackay compiling 106 in fine style. With six wickets down for 209 the innings was declared closed. School then went in and scored 154. At one stage of the game School (with five down for 133), appeared to have a good chance of winning. De Burgh ii was scoring freely, when a low ball from Nowlan clean bowled him. The rest of the team batted stubbornly, but without increasing the score appreciably.

SCHOOL I. v. NORWOODS.

Norwoods, 1st Innings.		School, 1st Innings.	
Mackay, c Mr. Larcombe, b		Mr. Larcombe, h.o.w., b Garn-	
Jenkins	106	sey	62
French, c Forster i, b Ralfe	5	De Burgh i, run out	4
Rev. A. H. Garnsey, c Mr Browne, b		Ralfe, b Brown	2
Jenkins	46	Payne, c Brown, b Garnsey	3
Mansell, c Payne, b Jenkins	36	Abbott i, c Carruthers, b	
Morse, b Jenkins	10	Garnsey	6
Becke, b Ralfe	0	Mr. Browne, b Garnsey	22
Nowlan, not out	0	De Burgh ii, b Nowlan	33
Sundries	6	Taylor i, b Nowlan	1
		Martyn, c Mackay, b Garnsey	6
		Forster i, b Nowlan	6
		Jenkins, not out	6
		Sundries	3
Innings closed, total	209	Total	154

Bowling: Ralfe, 2 for 70; Forster i, 0 for 61; Abbott i, 0 for 25; Jenkins i, 4 for 47.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The second XI. has to play in the First Grade competition with a handicap of 50 runs per innings. Young i has been elected Captain, and the side should do creditably when it has more practice. A match was played against De La Salle 1st XI., the School being defeated by 21 runs.

SCHOOL II. v. DE LA SALLE I. (Non-Competition).

Lost by 31 runs.

School 1st Innings.

Tooth 6, Macartney 12, Carter i 4, Taylor ii 32, Abbott ii 15, White i 0, Young i 1, Anderson (not out) 6, Mr. Henderson 2, Parkinson 0, Dowe 0, Sundries 9, Total 87.

School 2nd Innings.

Taylor ii 31, Parkinson 0, Tooth 30, Macartney 13, Mr. Henderson 11, Carter 12, Dowe 2, Sundries 13, Total 7 for 112.

De La Salle College, 1st Innings—Total 118.

Tooth, 3 for 40; Dowe, 2 for 27; Carter i, 2 for 25; Young i, 0 for 9; Taylor ii, 3 for 7.

FIFTH XI.

SCHOOL v. ST. MARY'S. Won by 16 runs.

School 35 (Wilson 10). St. Mary's 19. Bowling: Wilson, 6 for 9; Casey, 4 for 8.

SCHOOL v. PUBLIC SCHOOL. Won by 51 runs.

School, 1st Innings, 128 (Wilson 40, Casey 14, Harsall 47). Second Innings, 38.

Public School 61 and 51.

Bowling, 1st Innings: Wilson, 7 for 30; Casey, 3 for 24. 2nd Innings: Wilson, 2 for 34; Casey, 7 for 13; Slade, 1 for 0.

 OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

 'VARSIITY LETTER.

Coll. S. Paul,
University, Sydney.

Dear Mr. Editor—

Third term has come and has come to stay. For that reason a short letter will suffice. Already men are down with toil, and a certain weariness comes over college men as the dreaded December Exams. approach. While on the Exam. subject, Macartney did extremely well in his third year Medical Finals, securing a "credit." Waley and Stephen hope by December to be L.A.'s.; Maxwell can be seen any day in the Engineering School, and has been playing third grade Football.

The Inter-College Sports are all over with Andrew's very much on top. Their latest successes have been in Cricket and Football, and among the Paul's team were several old Armidallians. The 'Varsity rowing season is again in full swing, and the Regatta proved a huge success. The 'Varsity crew carried off the Senior Eights with Waley steering, and now lead for the Championship. Hudson continues to play Cricket and take excellent photos, while Montie Stephen has been treading the stage once more in a "Mock Trial," and in a suet—beg pardon, 'suit' for damages, obtained 1/- damages.

Only one more social event takes place this year—the Garden Party, when all will don cap and gown and talk sweet nothings for the afternoon.

On the subject of 'sweet nothings' this epistle has better close.

Believe me,
Yours,

O. A.

 OLD BOYS' NOTES.

- C. A. Anderson, J. H. F. Gordon, F. O. Dowling, and others were down for the races and spring gaieties, and were seen having a gay time at all the dances. It seems that the life of the bloated pastoralist suited them down to the ground.
- R. Capel has sold his station near Tamworth and is thinking of trying his luck in Queensland. We wish him every success and good seasons.
- W. Ellis is at present in Sydney as his people have sold their station at Jerry's Plains.

- T. Pickburn is still working hard with a view to going in for Dentistry, and going through the course at one of the American Universities.
- G. W. Macartney has just passed his third year Medical examinations with credit, and now begins hospital work.
- E. J. Jenkins, who went home to Oxford intending to do medicine, has changed his mind and is going to try for the Army after taking his B.A. it is supposed.
- S. M. Menzies is still lost to mortal ken on one of their stations in Queensland. It is hoped he will soon appear again in civilisation.
- R. Wharton and Henderson are still working in the head office of the Bank of N.S.W., Sydney.
- D. P. Dalzell has left Ciratula, the station he was on near Deniliquin.
- S. C. Wiseman has passed his matriculation into Keble College, Oxford.

Birth—McDonald—on August 17th, at Clinton, Darlinghurst, the wife of L. J. McDonald of a daughter.

Marriage—Norman Richards was married the other day. We wish him all good fortune.

NOTE.—Will Old Boys who can be present on Dec. 12th for the Old Boys' Match, communicate as soon as possible with Mr. Larcombe. It may be possible to put two clevens in the field. Old Boys can stay at the School and welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Broadwater, Richmond River,
Sept. 9th, 1908.

To the Editor of the "Armidalian."

Dear Sir—My son, Owen (Dan) Barry, returned from his first voyage on the 5th of August, and intended writing to you a brief account of his experiences, but his ship loaded with unusual dispatch and he sailed again on the 23rd ult., consequently without carrying out his intention; as it may interest some of his late school mates to hear of his movements, I am now writing on his behalf.

Owen, or Dan, as he was better known at School, and now on board, joined the 'Queen Elizabeth' on the 15th of last January, having signed indentures for the usual period of four years.

His first voyage was to Valparaiso; on leaving Newcastle the 'Queen Elizabeth' experienced an exceedingly severe gale, but

came through without accident. The voyage across to the West Coast of America is made by sailing ships very far South so as to obtain the benefit of the strong Westerly winds which constantly blow round the world below the 40th parallel of latitude. In the summer time vessels often go as far South as 52 and 53 and it was in the latitude of Cape Horn that the 'Queen Elizabeth' 'ran down her Easting,' as sailing from West to East is called by sailors. Running before a Westerly gale in a sailing ship in Southern latitudes is an experience, which at the best, can be but feebly described, whilst to appreciate the excitement of the continuous battle with the elements, in what may well be termed, the very home of the Storm King, one must be a deck member of the crew.

The vessel, that lying by the wharf side, looked huge and stately, seems, in these mountainous seas, as insignificant as a leaf in a turbulent stream.

With mighty rush huge waves lift high above the horizon, the stern of the vessel, burying her bows deep down, until it might well be feared, wind and sea had combined to drive her down to the unknown depths, but no, faster than the ship, which is flying before the gale at twelve or thirteen knots an hour, rolls the sea, and as it reaches the waist of the ship, sends green seas tumbling aboard over port and starboard bulwarks, filling the decks to the top of the topgallant rail, with foaming water, whilst passing forward the ship's bows are raised to a towering height, only to descend again as another monster sea rises under her stern and sweeps with the same fury and effect after its predecessor.

This nerve-racking turmoil continues day after day, and what is perhaps more trying to the first voyager, night after night, accompanied by the creaking of blocks, groaning of spars, and howling of the wind.

In the midst of all this the crew continue to carry on their daily routine of work as far as the wet condition of the decks will allow, eating and sleeping; for it is not, as to the uninitiated it might appear, an overwhelming catastrophe, but actually only the expected, and ordinary conditions, which maintain every voyage, whilst the ship is running down her Easting.

Fortunately for Dan the fascination which the sea has for some sons of men, did not cool, and all this rough and tumble was enjoyed by him. At Valparaiso much of his time was spent in the Captain's gig, and at the pier, where the boats land their passengers, the gigs from many other ships congregated, and there these young "sons of the sea" greatly enjoyed meeting and 'swapping' yarns. Fortunately the 'Queen Elizabeth' obtained another charter to return to Newcastle, and after another voyage of 93 days we had Dan home, and was able to hear how

be liked his calling, and to see how well he looked after breathing nought but the pure air borne across mile upon mile of clear salt water. On reaching the N.S.W. coast exceptionally heavy weather was experienced, gale after gale being encountered, but the ship came safely through all this with only the loss of a main lower topsail.

He has returned to Valparaiso and from there will proceed to the United Kingdom or Continent. The captain and his wife who have sailed together in the ship for eighteen years, are an exceedingly worthy couple and make the boys as comfortable as circumstances will permit, although, of course, they have to perform all the duties of a seaman, aloft and on deck. They are taught navigation, and it was a great pleasure to me when the Captain informed me that Dan had a special aptitude for this part of his profession, and had even then advanced sufficiently to be able to find the ship's position, and most of the work necessary to pass a 2nd officer's examination.

Trusting this information will be of interest to some who knew him at school.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

A. C. BARRY.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

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