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EDITORIAL.

(WANTING).

DEAR READERS,—



We are very hot and tired, and our weary brains simply will not produce anything improving, so we beg to be excused, wishing our friends a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

We are,

Yours very truly,

EDITORS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. E. H. Collis left in August, his place on the staff being filled till December by Mr. H. Montgomery.

Measles, of the German variety, were with us during the whole of last quarter and well on into the present one, but fortunately for the school work, they did not affect more than one or two at a time.

School and House photographs were taken early in November by Mr. G. M. Coomber with good results.

Mr. E. Puddephatt, who occupied the position of Sergeant since July, left in October. The post will not be filled again at present, all gymnastic and corps drills having been placed in the hands of Mr. Hartley.

Mr. Herbert Tomlinson, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, has been appointed to fill the vacant assistant mastership, and will join the staff in February next. Mr. Tomlinson has for the last seven years been a master at Berkhamsted School, England. He is an expert gymnast, and will take charge of the School which gymnastics.

The swimming season opened in October. So far, Saturdays and Mondays have usually been associated with a cold easterly wind so that the numbers attending the baths have not been very large.

Confirmation classes have been held during the current quarter. Seventeen candidates from the School will be confirmed at the service to be held in the Cathedral on December 6th.

On the 23rd October, Miss Green's Girls School had a tennis tournament. Invitations were sent to the Prefects, and those who went had an enjoyable time.

On the 9th October, the boarders went to the performance of 'Our Boys' in the Town Hall, by a company of local amateurs. It was much enjoyed.

Since our last number we have lost A. Dutton, C. K. Fenner, F. W. Fenner, H. R. Fenner, D. Brigstocke, and J. F. Little, who left at Michaelmas.

The new recruit on sentry duty in camp. Night. "Halt! Who goes there?" "A friend!" "Halt friends, advance one, and give the counterbalance!"

Another promising soldier was on sentry-go near the creek. He heard a voice from the creek bed say "Cro-o-a-k!" "Halt! Who goes there?" "Cro-o-a-k! Cro-o-o-o-o-k!" "Advance one friend! Oh no!" Bang. "Cro-o-a-k! Cro-o-o-k!" from the creek, and the sentry felt foolish and wished he hadn't fired.

A correspondent sends us the following note about our soldiers' way of amusing themselves in camp: "On Monday morning, a scorpion, trained by Lieut. F. W. Nivison, met a bull-dog ant, trained by Lance Corporal J. White, on the drum as an arena. In the first round, the bull-dog got hit below the belt, while scorpion got one under his left eye. When time was called, the scorpion was showing good progress. Once more they started.

Exadog, shutting both eyes, made a desperate dash, but scorpion to one side and let fly his right, followed by his left the bull-dog's chest and laid him out. Sponge. The

combatants then retired, leaning on the arms of Lieut. Nivison and Lance Corporal White respectively."

Thanks very much, Eds.

The usual Gymnasium Competition will take place in December. There will be Senior and Junior medals, and possibly a prize for boys under thirteen. It is hoped that there will be a large number of entries.

The 1st XI Cricket Pitch is beginning to look more ship-shape and promises to be a good piece of work. The grass is growing well, and the pitch has been laid down in ironstone gravel and ant-bed; by next season it should prove about the best pitch of its kind in the district.

Playing Cricket on the race-course pitch is subject to various inconveniences. It is a weary way to carry the mat for one thing, and when there, to find that it is impossible to lay it without a preliminary skirmish with the redoubtable "Judy" Norris, who wishes to dose the pitch with ant-bed (?) occasionally, is another trial of patience, which, however, has its ludicrous side. So far, hostile meetings with Mr. Norris have resulted in victory to the school.

We are sorry that, through an oversight, Dr. Mallam's kindness in presenting a bat for the highest cricket batting average in the 2nd XI last season, was not acknowledged before. The bat was won by A. E. Slade. Dr. Mallam has kindly offered another bat for the current season.

When the 2nd XI went out to Castle Doyle, they found on their arrival that they were not expected until 2 p.m., instead of 11 a.m., owing to some misunderstanding which was nobody's fault. Consequently arrangements for their lunch had not been made. The Castle Doyle team were very good in sending into Armidale at once for provisions, which had been ordered for the afternoon, so that our men might have some lunch. One or two hungry ones, however, who could not wait, went in search of provender to a farm house in the neighbourhood. There they were regaled with tea, and bread and butter with honey, which had an excellent effect on their score.

We have much pleasure in informing our readers that next year we hope to have a supply of covers for binding 'Armidalians.' The covers will be large enough to allow of six numbers being bound together, and will be of a suitable design in limp morocco, with the School Arms worked in. We are sure that most of our subscribers would prefer to pay a fair sum to procure a handsome binding that will make a volume worth keeping rather than to have a cheaper and less artistic cover supplied. We hope to be able to give more particulars in our May number, and should have a supply for sale before next June.

On Thursday, October 4th, the followers of Terpsichore went to the second night of the Hospital Ball to the number of about thirty. Though the hall was very full and the floor very slippery, every one, great and small, had a good time, and came not home till morning, we believe, though we were asleep at the time, as Editors don't dance on anything except people's corns. Our reporters told us that O. J. Jenkins and C. Maxwell succeeded in getting two, if not three, suppers, probably under the cover of their diminutive size and charming innocence of manner. Some alas! had to go without supper altogether as their multitudinous dancing engagements would not allow them honorably to satisfy the need of the inner and empty man. We sincerely admire their chivalrous devotion to duty.

The amount of interest taken in musical matters here is surprising and most creditable to our intelligence. Violin, flute, Jew's harp, penny whistle, piano, all have or had their devotees who practise with praiseworthy persistence if without much consideration for non-musical ears. Those who can't or won't blow or play something, fall back on machine-made music and listen by the hour to the sweet breathings of gramophone or phonograph, testing of the latest performances of Mr. Syke's Comedy Company of New York and Paris. Of late, early risers have been wondering what instrument produces those strange sounds that are to be heard between the hours of six and seven a.m., seeming to come from one of the not-too-well-padded music rooms. Some say it is a cornet, others a bass violin; harp, sackbut, dulcimer, barrel-organ, trumpet, megaphone, bagpipes and

siren, have also been suggested. However, the general opinion seems to be that the sounds are daily growing more and more like those of the cornet. We trust the player, whoever he is, will not long hide his instrument under a bushel.

THE NEW GUINEA MISSION.

On September 6th we had the pleasure of our first visit from our new Visitor, Bishop Cooper, who was accompanied by the Rev. W. R. Mounsey, the Organizing Secretary of the New Guinea Mission.

The Head Master, in introducing the Bishop, asked the boys to give him a hearty welcome, and expressed the hope that his connection with the school would be as happy as that of Dr. Green had been.

Dr. Cooper thanked the boys for their genial welcome. He remarked that on this occasion everything seemed to be new. He, a new Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, was visiting a New England School in order to introduce to its inmates a new Organising Secretary for the New Guinea Mission. He spoke for a short time about the need of the boys in the Australian Schools knowing something about Missionary work, especially that carried on in the near neighbourhood of their own shores. Missionaries are soldiers in the best sense, and claim from us as much interest and respect as those of our fellow countrymen who are helping to fight England's battles in Africa. He introduced Mr. Mounsey to the boys, and said that if he kept them much longer than 10.45, he trusted that the Head Master would compensate them for the loss of their break by granting a half-holiday that afternoon.

Mr. Mounsey said that he came as a war correspondent whose business it was to endeavour to interest Australians in the war carried on in New Guinea by the missionary soldiers who had been sent out there by the Church in Australia, just as our soldiers had been sent out to South Africa. He briefly described the New Guinea race, pointing out that they were not 'niggers' in the popular idea of the term. In colour, they were not black, but a deep chocolate, and were very finely developed physically. Mr. Mounsey pointed out the difficulties of the Missionaries in a savage country, and explained their system of dealing with a new race. A Missionary has to civilize as well as teach the truths of religion, and the common conception of him as a mourn-

ful gentleman, clad in black, sitting under a palm tree and being 'had' by a native, is a totally wrong one. The New Guinea Mission did not as yet number many baptised Christians, but it was doing much good. He expressed the hope that some movement might be started in the school for the purpose of raising money to help carry on the Missionary work. The small sum of £5 per annum would be sufficient to feed, clothe and teach one boy at the Mission Station. He asked whether this sum could not be raised in the School for one boy so that a personal connection might be made between the School and the Mission. All his hearers would be the better for doing ever so little towards making the lives of those less fortunately situated than themselves happier and purer.

Mr. Fisher said that he would be very glad to grant a half-holiday in response to the Bishop's request, and hoped that Mr. Mounsey's appeal for the starting of a Mission Fund would be taken up by the boys.

As a result of the morning's proceedings, E. Simpson and H. F. White became responsible for collecting subscriptions from the boys towards the New Guinea Mission Fund. We are glad to say that their efforts resulted in more than enough for the support of one boy being promised for the year, £3 having since been sent to the Bishop of New Guinea from the School as one quarter's instalment. Simpson and White recently received a letter from the Bishop of New Guinea saying that the School money was to be devoted to the training of a teacher named Clement, and giving some particulars of him. The letter has been handed to us for publication:—

“Bartleby, British New Guinea. Messrs. E. Simpson and H. F. White, Hon. Secs. Reidale School New Guinea Mission Fund. My dear friends.—I am very glad to allot you a very promising pupil teacher named Clement. He is a native of a named village Kulawa, in Goodenough Bay. He has been with us five or six years, and is baptised, confirmed, and a Communicant. He has now gone out to teach others as Evangelist and pupil teacher at a new station we are establishing at Utiaku, among the Maisive tribe in Collingwood Bay. Clement is a solid reliable boy of 16 or 17, and we hope that he will, in years to come, be one of our first native New Guinea Clergy. The circumstances under which he first came under the influence of the mission, are interesting. In 1893 we put a South Sea Islander in our village as a Mission teacher; five months later he died from eating poisoned fish, or was poisoned by hostile natives. We have never put another teacher there, as other places were larger and seemed more important,

but we have visited it regularly ever since, and always from that time had boys from there come across to Dogura for training. Clement is one of these, and so we regard him as the substitute for Willie, the teacher who died—teaching us ‘that no life given to God’s service, brief tho’ it be, is without fruit. It has the seed in itself.’ I will get Clement to write to you from time to time, and hope that when he takes to himself a wife (which he has not yet decided to do), your interest in him will so have grown that you will find another £5 for Mrs. Clement’s support also. I hope the School will remember Clement in prayer, and believe me, very truly yours, M. J., New Guinea.

ATHLETIC SPORTS 1901.

The Sports this year were carried out under very satisfactory conditions, both as regards training, and the day itself. A heavy fall of rain just at the end of the football season, made it possible to have the track rolled, a great boon for those who trained regularly. The day opened rainy, and it seemed as if we were in for a real soaker, but the sky cleared after 11 a.m., and we had a fine day after all. The Events, of which details are given elsewhere, were very well contested, though it was unfortunate that the prevalence of a light form of measles among the juniors made it necessary to postpone junior cup events. Only one record went by the board, that of the Senior quarter-won by Sandilands after a grand race. There were, however, several very creditable performances, and those who saw F. and win the School Handicap will always remember his gripping Time, and ning of that race as a brilliant finish to his career here. All-School Sports in Sydney we were met at all points; C. W. Garland, J. White, who was to have replaced, beating previous High Jump, could not go; F. Fenner collapsed, and Loveday, 3. Time, Richardson succumbed to influenza, while properly fit after a bad attack of the same, 1; N. S. Richards, 2; N. Richards, who had been entered for forwards had the misfortune to very day, and could not start. Sandilands, otherwise he would probably have points, met a brilliant runner in Baywiseman, 1; S. Bassett, 2; W. be considered to have done all things, this also was an unfortunate race; the Let us hope for better luck next year, but hustled one another in going great success; in fact, the competitor, and trying to avoid the projecting We were glad to welcome M. J., 20½ secs.). to give away the prizes, and J. B. Sandilands, 2; N. S. Richards, 3. distributed the prizes for 100 yds., P. S. Anderson, 5 ft. 0½ in.). later date. day, 1; W. Bassett and H. S. Anderson (1900, P. S. Anderson, 4 ft. 5½ in.).

Record on Champion Cups and Form Cup:—

FOOTBALL CUP.

NAME.	Form Cup		School House Cup		High Jump		Broad Jump		50 Yards Ball Hand		150 Yds. Race		150 Yds. Hurdle		Kicking Football		Dribbling Football		TOTAL.
	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	
J. B. Sandilands	5,3,2	5,3,2	3,2,1	3,2,1	3,2,1	3,2,1	3,2,1	3,2,1	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	5,3,2	19
N. S. Richards	5,2	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	5,5,3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	35
J. White	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	31
F. Hargrave	5,3,5	3,5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30
C. Garland	2,5	3,2	2	2	3,1,1	3,1,1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	32
F. O. Dowling	2,5	3,2	2	2	1,1	1,1	3,2	3,2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33

CHAMPION CUP, SENIOR.

CHAMPION CUP, JUNIOR.

NAME.	Mile		100 Yds.		440 Yds.		Hurdles		High Jump		Broad Jump		Kicking Football		Dribbling Football		TOTAL.
	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	1900	1901	
J. B. Sandilands	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	19
N. S. Richards	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
J. White	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
F. Hargrave	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
C. Garland	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
F. O. Dowling	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8

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The results of the different events were as follows:—

- Throwing the Cricket ball.*—J. White, 90 yds. 1 ft. 10 ins. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 85 yds. 0 ft. 3 in.).
- Kicking the Football, Senior.*—N. S. Richards, 57 yds. 1 ft. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 65 yds. 2 ft. 5 in.).
- Kicking the Football, Junior.*—D. S. Anderson, 45 yds. 1 ft. 10 in.). (1900, C. Wigan, 45 yards.).
- Kicking the Football non-Cadets.*—S. Bassett, 36 yds. 2ft. 7 in.
- Dribbling the Football, Senior.*—J. White, 30 secs. (1900, H. F. White 31; secs.).
- Dribbling the Football, Junior.*—I. Morse, 30½ secs. (1900, C. K. Jackson, 30½ secs).
- Mile, Senior.*—I. Morse, 250 yds. (1); M. Kenny, 120 yds. (2); C. Finley, 200 yds. (3). Time 5 min. (1900, E Simpson, 110 yds. Time, 5 min. 9 secs.).
- Half-mile, Junior.*—S. M. Menzies, 90 yds. (1); C. Slade, 150 yds. (2); B. Morse, 120 yds. (3). Time, 2 min. 33 secs. (1900, F. O. MacCabe, scratch, 2 min. 36½ secs.).
- 120 yards School Handicap, Final.*—C. K. Fenner, 8 yds (1); A. E. Slade, 22 yds. (2); E. Simpson, 12 yds. (3). Time, 11½ secs. (1900, E. Hargrave, 10 yds., 12½ secs).
- Broad Jump, Senior.*—J. B. Sandilands, 1; N. S. Richards, 2; J. White 3. Distance, 19 ft. (1900, P. S. Anderson, distance 18 ft. 3 in.),
- Broad Jump, Junior.*—S. Bassett, 1; W. Bassett. 2; C. Loveday, 3. Distance, 16 ft. 5 in. (1900, F. O. MacCabe, distance 15 ft. 1 in.).
- 100 yards, Senior.*—J. B. Sandilands, 1; N. S. Richards, 2; C. W. Garland, 3. Time, 10½ secs. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 10½ secs.).
- 100 yards, Junior.*—S. Bassett, 1; D. Reynolds, 2; C. Loveday, 3. Time, 11½ secs. (1900, F. O. MacCabe, 11½ secs.).
- 440 yards, Senior.*—J. B. Sandilands, 1; N. S. Richards, 2; C. W. Garland, 3. Time, 57 secs. This was a splendid race, beating previous records. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 60 secs.).
- 440 yards, Junior.*—W. Bassett, 1; S. Bassett, 2; C. Loveday, 3. Time, 66½ secs. (1900, F. O. MacCabe, 61¼ secs.).
- 120 yards, Senior, Hurdle Race.*—J. B. Sandilands, 1; N. S. Richards, 2; F. O. Dowling, 3. Time, 18½ secs. Richards had the misfortune to trip over the second last hurdle, otherwise he would probably have won. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 17 secs.).
- 120 yards, Junior Hurdle Race.*—C. A. Wiseman, 1; S. Bassett, 2; W. Bassett, 3. Time, 20½ secs. This also was an unfortunate race; the Bassetts should have come in first, but hustled one another in going over the same hurdle together, and trying to avoid the projecting ends. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 20½ secs.).
- High Jump, Senior.*—J. White, 1; J. B. Sandilands, 2; N. S. Richards, 3. Height, 4 ft. 11 in. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 5 ft. 0½ in.).
- High Jump, Junior.*—C. Loveday, 1; W. Bassett and H. S. Anderson aeq., 2; Height, 4 ft. 3 in. (1900, P. S. Anderson, 4 ft. 5 in.).

150 yds. Handicap, Boys between 15 and 16.—C. K. Fenner, 4 yds. (1); J. Nivison, 18 yds. (2); C. Cansdell, 26 yds. (3). Time, 15 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs. (1900, E. Hargrave, 7 yds. Time 15 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.)

150 yds. Handicap, Boys under 14.—E. J. Jenkins, 12 yds. (1); C. E. Young, 6 yds. (2); L. Mitchell, 12 yds. (3). Time, 18 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs. (1900, W. Fenner, scratch, 18 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.)

220 yds. Handicap, Senior Football Division.—E. Simpson, 20 yds. (1); F. White, 15 yds. (2). Time, 22 $\frac{7}{10}$ secs. (1900, J. H. White, 10 yds. Time, 23 secs.)

220 yds. Handicap, Junior Football Division.—C. M. Chard, 10 yds. (1); E. Nolds, 10 yds. (2). Time, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. (1900, E. Greenup, scratch, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.)

100 yds. under 12.—C. E. Young, 1; C. Slade, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

120 yds. Visitors' Race (Handicap).—Mr. Lewis. Time, 12 secs.

Form I Relay Race, 600 yards.—Form IV, 1; Form III, 3, Form II, 3, Form I, 5 were unfortunately put out of the race, through F. Nivison spraining his hip on the second up course. He managed to carry his team through, but too much was lost to enable the form to get a bye (1900, II B.).

Old Boy Race, 120 yards Handicap.—F. G. Finley. Time 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Three-legged Race.—C. E. Young and C. Slade, 12 yds. (1); C. K. Fenner and J. S. Chard, 2 yds. (2).

Obstacle Race, Senior.—H. F. White, 1. The Water jump was made more than usually deep this year, and caused great amusement. The trial was a good innovation for the Seniors.

Obstacle Race, Junior.—C. Slade.

Senior Celebration Race, 100 yards.—C. Garland. Time, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Junior Celebration Race, 100 yards.—L. Mitchell.

Tag-race.—Team "A" Right Half-Company beat team "A" Left Half-Company. Team "B" Right Half-Company beat team "B" Left Half-Company. Team V Cadet Corps beat Non-Cadets. School beat Old Boys. Old Boys beat Present Boys.

The committee wish to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for donations of money to the prize fund:—

The Board of Directors, J. Anderson, Esq., A. A. Dangar, Esq., The Hon. Mrs. Sandilands, F. J. White, Esq., J. Jenkins, Esq., J. C. White, Esq., Dr. Mallam, R. T. Vyner, Esq., L. Brown, Esq., F. G. Finley, Esq., T. L. Docker, Esq., F. R. White, Esq., J. A. O'Flaherty, Esq., Dr. Wigan, P. W. Donkin, Esq., Mrs. Grimsbush.

Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. F. J. White, D. Anderson, Esq., B. Weaver, Esq., Mrs. W. Fisher, Messrs. Richardson & Co., Messrs. Braund & Co., R. Groth, Esq., and Mrs. Richards.

The Senior Cup, as usual, was presented by Mr. Fisher, and the Junior Cup by Mrs. Fisher, senr. The Form Challenge Cup was presented by Mr. Lawrance.

In the evening, a complimentary concert was given in Big School, when an excellent programme was presented, embracing the following contributions:—

Song—"Pumpkin-coloured Coons." (Hillman)	Miss A. Morse
Song—"Only once more." (Moir)	Mr. Montgomery
Violin Solo—"8th Concerto." (De Beriot)	Miss E. Weaver
Song	Mr. H. Weaver
Song—"Ma Curly-headed Babby." (Clutson)	Miss A. Braund
Cornet Solo	Mr. D. S. Anderson
Song—"The Soldier's Song." (Mascheroni)	Mr. Lawrance
Gramophone Selection	H. F. White
"The Old Log Cabin in the Dell." (White)	Miss Morse, Miss A. Morse, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Lawrance.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

We wish to thank those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed to a most enjoyable programme.

ATHLETIC RECORDS, A.S.A.

SENIOR.

100 yards	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	P. S. Anderson '00
440 yards	57 secs.	J. B. Sandilands '01.
Hurdles	17 secs.	P. S. Anderson '00.
High Jump	5ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	K. G. Richards '98.
Broad Jump	20ft. lin.	F. A. Marriott '98.
Kicking Football	65yds. 2ft. lin.	P. S. Anderson '00.
Throwing Cricket Ball	92yds. 3in.	C. Croaker '98.
Mile	5 min. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	E. Hargrave '00.

JUNIOR.

100 yards	11 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.	A. L. Belfield '96.
440 yards	61 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.	F. O. MacCabe '00.
Hurdles	20 secs.	(J. Johnstone '95. N. S. Richards '99. D. S. Anderson '00. C. Garland '99.)
High Jump	4ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	(N. S. Richards '99)
Broad Jump	16ft. 10in.	C. H. Weston '98.
Kicking Football	53yds. 4in.	H. Smyth '98.

ATHLETIC SPORTS ACCOUNT.

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						Fletcher	0 16 6
						Weaver	0 8 0
						Drew	0 16 0
						Cricket Club	1 1 6
						Carriage	0 4 9
						Stamps, Exchange, Telegrams	0 14 10
						Richardson & Co.	4 19 8
						Hern	3 14 7
						Armidale Band	4 4 0
						Cricket Club (ribbon)	0 3 0
						Photographs (form race)	0 5 0
						Cards	0 0 6
						Rolling Track	0 16 0
						Programmes	2 0 6
						Braund & Co.	0 9 0
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Audited and found correct,

(Signed) N. W. BUCKMAN.

FOOTBALL.

The following matches have been played since our last number went to press:—

SCHOOL v. GUYRA, August 10th.
Won 16—0.

School take kick and immediately gain ground. School obtain free, H. F. White tries at goal, fails. Guyra force ball into School 25. School to turn force the Guyra men, and C. Garland scores between posts 3—0. School obtain free kicks; from one, N. Richards follows on well; Guyra force. Half-time.

Line play follows, and some good line kicks. K. Richards does good line scores; F. Nivison kicks goal. 8—0. Guyra force play, and School have to force. Securing ball from behind scrum, P. Nivison scores. 11—0. From a pass from H. F. White to K. Richards who again scores, and goal converted by N. Richards. 16—0. Time. School 16. Guyra 0.

SCHOOL v. URALLA.

Won 7—0.

Played at Uralla, August 17th. Uralla win u. s. take kick. H. White returns and gains some ground after some hard play. Uralla force. Uralla now make a great effort and School have to force. School here get in some fair passing, but when within a few yards of line, mull the ball. Garland now scores an easy try from a pass from K. Richards to Nivison. Uralla again force play; School have to force. Half-time. School 3. Uralla nil.

J. White soon got a free from Uralla off side, and makes a good attempt at goal. School obtain series of free kicks, but fail to kick a goal. From mark by Mr. Skuse, J. White tries a goal. C. Fenner makes a good mark, H. F. White converts. 7—0.

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES, SEASON 1901.

Those marked with an asterisk are badge matches.

1ST XV.

School v. Armidale	..	..	April 27th	..	..	Won 9—0
"	..	..	May 1st	..	..	Won 10—0
"	..	..	.. 18th	..	..	Lost 6—0
"	..	..	.. 25th	..	..	Won 11—3
"	..	..	June 1st	..	..	Won 25—0
"	..	..	.. 17th	..	..	Lost 0—3
"	..	..	.. 19th	..	..	Won 7—4
"	..	..	.. 21st	..	..	Lost 0—8
"	..	..	.. 22nd	..	..	Won 14—3
"	..	..	.. 23rd	..	..	Won 19—3
"	..	..	Aug. 3rd	..	..	Lost 16—3
"	..	..	.. 10th	..	..	Won 16—0
"	..	..	.. 17th	..	..	Won 7—0

Played 13, Won 9, Lost 4.

2ND XV.

School v. Half-holiday	..	..	May 1st	..	..	Won 28—0
"	..	..	.. 7th	..	..	Lost 5—0 ⁵
"	..	..	.. 21st	..	..	Drawn 6c
"	..	..	June 8th	..	..	Won 3—0
"	..	..	Aug. 3rd	..	..	Lost 11—0

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

3RD XV.

School v. Public School II.	..	..	May 18th	..	..	Lost 0—9
"	..	..	.. 25th	..	..	Lost 3—0
"	..	..	June 8th	..	..	Won 16—0
"	..	..	Aug. 3rd	..	..	Lost 0—3

NON-CADETS.				
School v. S. P. Choir	..	June 5th	..	Won 15—3
„ v. S. P. Choir	..	Aug. 7th	..	Lost 0—9

FOOTBALL RETROSPECT.

The record gained by the 1st XV during the past season is one of which they may well be proud. There can be no doubt that great improvement all round was shown, and great praise is due to Finlay and White for the way in which they kept the team together during their respective terms of captaincy. The tackling of the team was always sound and solid, and the kicking much better than last year. The passing was often wild and not nearly so smart as it should have been, that is, taking the team as a whole, for there were brilliant exceptions. The forwards suffered greatly by reason of their general shortness, most of the reasons against which they played having a great advantage in the line-out. We are still greatly in want of a really reliable good kicker. The second XV played up pluckily, but without much success against teams that were much heavier and often very rough. We hope they will persevere and grow and do better next season. The 3rd XV was rather disappointing. F. Fenner, as captain, worked very hard, but there was a general want of dash about the team that always prevented them from doing themselves justice. Three of this team, Bone ii, Donkin ii, and Wiseman i gained places in the 2nd XV after the first match or two and did very well. The Non-cadets played two matches, winning one and losing one. Several of them, particularly Bassett i and ii, McInnes, Borthwick and Dalzell, give good promise for the future. In the second match, the same want of dash seen in the play of the 3rd fifteen, was very noticeable. The Rising betters them a very good example in the way they went for Rice but at the line.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST XV.

- Finlay, G.*—('99, '00, '01) (Captain until June). A first class half-back, takes the ball quickly, and gets away at once; his only fault in tackling being that he runs with his head too low. A magnificent kicker, doing more than his share of the work, and kicks well with either foot. Made an excellent captain doing much by his example and earnestness towards the success of the team. (Has left).
- Richardson, G. K.*—('00, '01). Wing three-quarter; collar and picks up well; plenty of dash which he uses well; uncertain kick.

- Garland, C. W.*—('01). Wing three-quarter; collars well at times, very fair kick, using the line well; has plenty of pace but rarely uses it.
- White, H. F.*—('98, '99, '00, '01) (Captain after June). Centre three-quarter, really good solid worker, kicks and collars remarkably well, rather slow, but runs straight and is unselfish; a good hard-working captain.
- White, J.*—('01). Full-back, has shown splendid form this season. Rarely misses his man, and kicks long and accurately; inclined to run too much when his side is winning.
- Nivison, F. W.*—('01) Five-eighths. Collars very well; in attack his play has been very uncertain; fair kick.
- Burdakin, S.*—('01). Five-eighths, greatly handicapped by his size. Has played remarkably well at times and ought to do well next season.
- Simpson, E.*—('00, '01). Good hard-working forward, pushes well in the scrum, strong tackler.
- Richards, N. S.*—('00, '01). Good forward with plenty of weight and pace; tackles strongly; rather inclined to 'loaf.'
- Harden, L. S.*—('00, '01). Very good forward with plenty of dash; collars well, rather selfish. (Has left).
- Prior, T. B. M.*—('00, '01). Hard-working forward; rather slow but always on the ball; generally at a loss to know what to do with the ball when he gets it. (Has left).
- Sandilands, J. B.*—('01). Very useful forward in the open; has remarkable pace, which he has often used to his side's advantage.
- Nivison, J. S.*—('01). The best all round forward in the team, always on the ball and tackles well; very good dribbler.
- Kenny, M.*—('01). Very fair forward but lacks weight; Dribbles well.
- Fenner, C. K.*—Very useful all-round man to the team, and was improving fast; played either in the forwards or backs.
- Hyman, E.*—Played wing three-quarter, collars and kicks well; ought to be very useful next year.
- Hume, F.*—(Played forward in the early part of the season, and, but for ill-health, would probably have gained his colors) a very useful and hard-working forward. Very good dribbler. (Has left).

CRICKET.

At the time of writing the 1st XI. have played four matches, winning two and losing two. Of the two which were lost the result was considerably affected by bad fielding and might in both cases have been reversed had all the catches been held. This is not a comforting reflection, and it is to be hoped that the catching practice will improve this branch of school cricket. As to our prospects: we are a fairly strong batting side, but weak in bowling. Nivison has not kept up last year's form, and J. White is the only other bowler who can be relied on to support

Mr. Skuse, though Slade, Kenny and Blomfield will improve considerably during the season. K. Richards, though handicapped by a foot ailment, is batting well, while J. White and Hyman show marked improvement on last year. H. F. White and Slade are our chief bowlers. In the 2nd XI. Croaker has been doing great things with the bat. H. Greenup is a promising player; of the cricketers, J. M. Hudson in batting, and Wade as a bowler are most promising. In the 2nd Division there is some latent talent, promising well for the future, while the 3rd Division is full of enthusiastic cricketers, some of whom are likely to develop into good players. The new pitch and fielding ground will be ready by November, and we shall then have a chance of fielding, without fear of receiving a ball unexpectedly in the eye, which is a constant trouble at present.

1ST XI MATCHES.

SCHOOL v. FEDERAL.—Oct. 19th.

Won by 8 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	FEDERAL, 1st Innings.
Mr. Skuse, c Fittler b Cooper .. 21	J. Blomfield, run out .. 1
Mr. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Cooper .. 14	A. Fittler, b J. White .. 39
A. G. Slade, b Fittler .. 2	V. Fittler, b Mr. Skuse .. 6
H. F. White, c Blomfield b Fittler .. 2	B. Fittler, b J. White .. 1
J. White, c and b Fittler .. 32	Woodward, b Mr. Skuse .. 46
F. Richards, c b Fittler .. 18	Cooper, b Mr. Skuse .. 0
E. Hyman, c and b Cooper .. 7	Tresseder, b F. Nivison .. 0
N. S. Richards, b Cooper .. 9	Muldoon, c and b F. Nivison .. 1
F. W. Nivison, b Cooper .. 21	J. O'Dea, c Mr. Lawrence b Mr. Skuse .. 5
G. Handebo, not out .. 0	Gordon, b Mr. Skuse .. 0
M. Kenny, c and b Cooper .. 0	F. Muldoon, b J. White .. 0
W. White, not out .. 5	H. Schmulter, not out .. 0
	Williamson, b J. White .. 15
	Sundries .. 9
Total 131	Total 123

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 5 for 55; J. White, 4 for 32; F. W. Nivison, 2 for 17.

SCHOOL v. URALLA, Oct. 26th.

Lost by 127 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	URALLA, 1st Innings.
Mr. Skuse, c Cooper b Bateson .. 9	Lonsdale, c Kenny b Nivison .. 6
Mr. Lawrence, c McAlpine, b .. 44	McAlpine, b Kenny .. 35
T. Handebo .. 26	Bateson, b Mr. Skuse .. 30
K. Richards, run out .. 26	McKay, c N. Richards b J. White .. 46
J. White, c and b Bateson .. 4	Griffin, b Mr. Skuse .. 47
H. F. White, run out .. 2	Cooper, b Mr. Skuse .. 5
A. G. Slade, c Townshend .. 4	Harrison, b Kenny .. 14
G. Handebo, c .. 4	Townshend, b Mr. Skuse .. 6
E. Hyman, c b Bateson .. 27	Madden, c H. White b Blomfield .. 11

S. Burdekin, c and b Cooper .. 6	Flynn, not out .. 31
N. Richards, c and b Cooper .. 0	Egan, c F. Nivison b J. White .. 19
F. W. Nivison, not out .. 2	Sundries .. 13
M. Kenny, c Madden b Cooper .. 0	
Sundries .. 12	
Total 136	Total 263

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 4 for 65; F. W. Nivison, 1 for 37; J. White, 2 for 51; Kenny, 2 for 48; Blomfield, 1 for 25.

SCHOOL v. ARMIDALE, Nov. 2nd.

Lost by 18 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	ARMIDALE, 1st Innings.
Mr. Skuse, b Stewart .. 23	Crossman, run out .. 22
Mr. Lawrence, b Stewart .. 21	Kennedy, b F. Nivison .. 12
K. Richards, b Stewart .. 3	Stewart, l.b.w., b Mr. Skuse .. 39
A. Slade, b Crossman .. 9	Bradley, c F. Nivison b Mr. Skuse .. 8
J. White, run out .. 12	Ellis, b Mr. Skuse .. 4
H. White, b Bradley .. 9	Johnstone, not out .. 9
Blomfield, c Johnstone b Stewart .. 3	Quinlan, c and b Mr. Skuse .. 1
E. Hyman, b Kennedy .. 0	Walsh, run out .. 0
F. Nivison, b Crossman .. 3	Bartlett, c J. White b Blomfield .. 2
N. Richards, not out .. 4	O'Hare, b Kenny .. 4
M. Kenny, st. Ellis b Crossman .. 0	Sundries .. 6
Sundries .. 2	
Total 89	Total 107

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 4 for 38; Blomfield, 1 for 8; Nivison, 1 for 17; Kenny, 1 for 0.

SCHOOL v. BLACK MOUNTAIN, Played at Black Mountain, on 16th November, 1901.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	BLACK MOUNTAIN, 1st Innings.
Mr. Lawrence, b A. Youman .. 31	W. Smith, b J. White .. 22
R. K. Richards, c R. Youman b G. White .. 0	R. McLean, b Mr. Skuse .. 0
G. White .. 0	G. Handebo, b Mr. Skuse .. 0
Mr. Skuse, b A. Youman .. 0	W. Youman, b Mr. Skuse .. 1
A. E. Slade, run out .. 0	D. Menzies, c J. White b F. W. Nivison .. 44
J. White, c R. Youman b G. White .. 13	R. Youman, b F. W. Nivison .. 12
E. Hyman, c R. McLean b G. White .. 9	J. McLean, b F. W. Nivison .. 0
F. W. Nivison, b G. White .. 1	J. Colmer, b F. W. Nivison .. 0
H. F. White, c W. Smith b A. Youman .. 0	A. Youman, not out .. 10
N. S. Richards, c J. McLean b G. White .. 7	G. White, b J. White .. 4
S. Burdekin, not out .. 1	T. Handebo, c Mr. Skuse, b J. White .. 0
M. Kenny, c R. Youman b A. Youman .. 1	Sundries .. 5
Sundries .. 2	
Total 65	Total 98

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 3 for 42; F. W. Nivison, 4 for 18; J. White, 3 for 27.

SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.	BLACK MOUNTAIN, 2nd Innings.
Mr. Lawrence, c J. McLean b G. White .. 4	A. Youman, c E. Hyman b Mr. Skuse .. 8
J. White, c W. Smith b A. Youman .. 3	G. Handebo, b J. White .. 2
R. K. Richards, b G. White .. 13	T. Handebo, run out .. 10
	J. McLean, c and b J. White .. 0

E. Hyman, b G. White 0	R. McLean, l.b.w. b A. E. Slade 11
F. W. Nivison, b G. White 0	J. Colmer, b Mr. Skuse 0
N. S. Richards, not out 29	W. Youman, not out 6
A. E. Slade, b G. White 4	G. White, c E. Hyman b A. E. Slade 2
H. F. Wade, run out 0	Slade 2
Mr. Skuse, b G. White 1	R. Youman, b A. E. Slade 1
S. Burdakin, c R. Youman b A. Youman 0	W. Smith, c H. F. Wade b F. Wade 1
M. Kennedy, c R. Youman b G. White 0	W. Nivison 1
Sundries 0	D. Menzies, c Mr. Skuse b A. E. Slade 5
	Sundries 6
Total 54	Total 47

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 2 for 16; J. White, 2 for 4; F. W. Nivison, 1 for 6; A. E. Slade, 4 for 10.

SCHOOL v. COMBINED ARMIDALE. Played at Armidale, Nov. 23rd.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		COM. ARMIDALE, 1st Innings.	
Mr. Lancelotti, c Bateson b McClenaghan 16	McClenaghan 0	McClenaghan, b A. Slade .. 12	Braund, c Hyman b A. Slade .. 30
J. White, c Kennedy b Bateson .. 0	A. Slade, b Kennedy 3	Blomfield, b F. Wade 5	Finlayson, not out 42
K. Richards, b Kennedy 0	E. Hyman, c Tolley b Braund .. 24	Bateson, b F. Wade 9	Pollock, b J. White 10
J. Hudson, c Pollock b Braund .. 1	G. Blomfield, not out 10	Ellis, c Richards b F. Wade .. 1	Gallagher, stumped Hyman .. 0
H. White, c Blomfield 1	F. Nivison, c Kennedy b Blomfield 7	Newbery, b Kenny 4	Tolley, b J. White 0
F. Wade, c McClenaghan b Bateson 0	Mr. Kennedy, b Braund 0	Kennedy, c Slade b J. White .. 13	Sundries 11
Sundries 0			
Total 62	Total 137		

Bowling Analysis.—J. White, 3 for 31; A. Slade, 2 for 34; F. Wade, 3 for 33; H. White, 1 for 7.

2ND XI. MATCHES.

2ND XI. v. KELLY'S PLAINS, 19th Oct. Won by 19 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.	
A. G. Blomfield, b Fenton 4	C. Donkin, b Fenton 1	A. Blomfield, b Post 10	F. Croaker, c & b Fenton 4
E. Greenup, c Lasker b Fenton .. 0	F. Croaker, c Faint b Lasker .. 61	F. Wade, run out 0	F. Dowling, c Faint b Post .. 0
J. Hudson, b Fenton 3	F. Dowling, c Lasker b Fenton .. 0	E. Simpson, b Fenton 0	J. Sandilands, b Post 6
F. Dowling, c Lasker b Fenton .. 0	J. Sandilands, c Lasker b Fenton 2	E. Greenup, c Sewell b Lasker .. 4	C. Donkin, b Lasker 5
C. Garland, c Lasker b Faint .. 2	H. Rundle, c Lasker b Post 3	J. Hudson, b Lasker 0	B. Rundle, not out 0
E. Simpson, c Fenton b Post 5	F. Wade, not out 1	C. Garland, b Lasker 23	Sundries 1
Sundries 3			
Total 85	Total 53		

KELLY'S PLAINS, 1st Innings.		KELLY'S PLAINS, 2nd Innings.	
C. Lasker, b F. Wade 3	J. Lasker, b F. Wade 7	W. Post, run out 4	J. Lasker, c Hudson b Garland .. 9
W. Holloway, c Hudson b F. Croaker 2	J. Faint, b F. Croaker 1	Fenton, b Garland 5	Lasker, c Donkin b Simpson .. 19
A. Faint, b Wade 1	E. Lasker, c Dowling b Wade .. 0	W. Fenton, b Donkin 4	J. Faint, c Garland b Simpson .. 7
B. Sewell, b C. Garland 6	J. Fenton, c Hudson b Simpson 15	Holloway, b Sandilands 0	Post, b Croaker 5
A. Post, c Sandilands b Wade .. 2	W. Fenton, c Wade b Simpson .. 9	Faint, c & b Sandilands 0	Lasker, not out 4
W. Post, not out 6	Sundries 6	Sewell, b Croaker 0	Sundries 4
Total 58	Total 61		

Bowling Analysis.—F. Wade, 4 for 16; F. Croaker, 2 for 10; Garland, 1 for 17; Simpson, 2 for 5.

Bowling Analysis.—Croaker, 2 for 10; Garland, 2 for 12; Donkin, 1 for 12; Sandilands, 2 for 3; Simpson, 2 for 4.

SCHOOL v. DUMARESQ. 26th October.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		DUMARESQ, 1st Innings.	
C. Garland, c Killen b Mitchell .. 0	E. Greenup, c Cheeney b Killen .. 9	F. Mitchell, b Wade 0	E. Killen, b Garland 34
C. Donkin, c Ferris b Mitchell .. 2	J. Nivison, c Cory b Mitchell .. 9	Killen, b Garland 16	E. Ferris, b Nowland 3
F. Croaker, c Gordon b Mitchell 3	F. Dowling, b Killen 1	Gordon, not out 95	Cheeney, b Sandilands 2
J. Sandilands, b Mitchell 3	E. Simpson, b Killen 2	Cory, b Donkin 8	Ferris, b Croaker 25
F. Wade, c W. Killen b Killen .. 5	B. Rundle, c D. Mitchell b Killen 0	Cook, b Sandilands 5	Mitchell, b Croaker 11
H. Nowland, not out 0	Byes 1	W. Killen, b Croaker 2	Byes 4
Total 34	Total 205		

Bowling Analysis.—Wade, 1 for 20; Croaker, 3 for 44; Garland 2 for 29; Nowland, 1 for 17; Sandilands, 2 for 27; Donkin, 1 for 11.

SCHOOL II. v. CASTLE DOYLE, Played at Castle Doyle, Nov. 2nd.

Won on 1st Innings by 41 runs.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.	
E. Greenup, c Wright b Bracken .. 0	J. M. Hudson, c Wright b Bracken 22	F. Croaker, c Wright b Bracken 45	S. Burdekin, b Cochrane 2
C. Garland, b Bracken 2	S. Burdekin, b L. Cochrane 1	J. M. Hudson, b Wright 0	J. B. Sandilands, b Wright .. 1
F. Croaker, run out 44	J. B. Sandilands, b L. Cochrane 0	E. Simpson, c Bracken b Elliott 4	C. Donkin, b Elliott 2
F. O. Dowling, b Bracken 7	C. Donkin, b J. Elliott 14	Sundries 2	
H. Browning, l.b.w. b Elliott .. 5	E. Simpson, b Wright 9		
F. Wade, not out 2	Sundries 2		
Total 108	Six wickets for 59		

It was only a dose of poison
 That snuffed his vital spark;
 That laid old Rab a dead 'un
 So cold and stiff and stark.

We'll all go to the funeral
 To see the last sad rites,
 To see him safe to burial,
 The hero of many fights.—CACUS.

TO TAMWORTH WITH THE RIFLE.

The Tamworth Rifle Association having promoted a Rifle Meeting on the 9th and 11th of November, four of us decided to make up a party and try our luck on the Range. A start was made from Armidale on Saturday afternoon by the luggage train leaving here at 5 p.m. Owing to the rush of visitors to the School Encampment and Uralla Races, only one cab was available in town. So two of the party had to walk to the Railway Station and carry their bags and rifles in the scorching sun, and pretty warm they looked when the two who had been fortunate enough to secure the solitary cab, caught them up.

After undergoing a miniature spring cleaning and dusting match, the carriages looked fairly respectable, and a start from the railway station was made at 5.10, Uralla being reached in the remarkably smart time, for a luggage train, of an hour and a half.

On the road down a pretty glimpse was obtained of the School Tents in amongst the trees in Saumarez Paddock.

At Uralla we got some hot water from the Engine driver and made a cup of tea. Last time we went to Tamworth there was no gas in the carriages, and had we not had a kerosene stove with us to boil the billy on, we would have been compelled to eat our tea in darkness. But this time we were not going to be left, so while one went up for the water, one of the others went into Uralla to get a candle. The first shop he struck was a furniture warehouse where they did not sell candles, but before he found another he heard the train whistle, and shortly afterwards turned up breathless and panting, only to find the train shunted back a few yards and the gas alight in the carriage, the authorities having turned it on during his absence. We tried to persuade him that a little fruit would go well for dessert, but he declined the

invitation with thanks, and said he had seen quite enough of Uralla, and if anyone wanted fruit they could caper down town and get it themselves, as he wasn't going to act messenger for anyone. After tea and a smoke, every one confessed to feeling much more in harmony with the world in general and soon all went to sleep.

We reached Tamworth at 1 a.m., after 8 hours train journey. Here our party split up, two going to the Royal, two to the Caledonian.

Sunday morning was spent in looking round, two of the party going out to the range and trying, by hoisting the white flag, (a pocket handkerchief) every fifty yards or so, to find out the direction of the wind and so obtain a few useful hints for next day. In the evening, service was attended at St. John's.

Tamworth is a pretty place, having wide streets with pepper trees and white cedars planted each side. It lies at the foot of the Moonbi Range, and is rather straggly compared to Armidale, but the majority of the buildings are very good, hotels being most abundant. It is lighted up at night with electric light, rather a novelty for a country town.

We were all in bed early on Sunday night, but at the Caledonian, there were four Lancers just across the passage from us, and, as they apparently could not sleep themselves, they seemed determined no one else should, and discussed the prizes they would win till the early hours of the morning. We (rather selfishly, I must confess), were extremely pleased to hear that one of them put on the possible next day at one range, of 9 misses.

Up at 6 a.m. on Monday, breakfast 6.45, and on the range at 7.45, to be ready for the 1st squad. It was a roastingly hot day, but fairly good from a shooter's point of view, though the wind was a bit tricky after lunch. Of the shooting done by the party, the less said the better, the two best shots going to pieces entirely, the only prize won being a trophy at the Merchant's target, but this has not turned up yet. If it is anything eatable, there is not much chance of its ever reaching the winner. Last year, an Armidale shooter won a box of chocolates, but all he ever heard of it was, that they were A1, and that if he cared for the empty box, he could have the same by paying postage on it.

On the range we met Alan Maclean, Brevet Captain in the Scottish Rifles, now wearing the D. S. O. and S. African ribbons. He is looking well and has broadened out very consider-

ably he left the School. He has been struck off the contingent of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent.

After a good bath and dinner a visit was paid to the Orderly Room for a few minutes to say "Good-bye," where we were met by a very enthusiastic Sergeant, who would not hear of us leaving till we had had some refreshments.

We had decided to come back by the luggage train leaving Tanwath, as we were told at the hotel, about 9 o'clock, but when we arrived at the Station about 8.45 we found the train was just leaving, so we had to do a double and leave our luggage and rifle to take care of themselves.

As the rest of the party was climbing up into the moving carriage a friend, who was helping him up, managed to knock a white helmet he was carrying under his arm down to the ground. Declaring, "I can't go without my hat!" he jumped down and disappeared in the darkness. The speed of the train increased and we peered back out of the windows for him, but in vain. At length a voice hailed us from the rear of the train and soon he reappeared at the door of our compartment, having succeeded in gaining the shelter of the break-van with his hat, after a round-breaking pursuit of the out-going train. We were awfully glad to see him back alive, but thought that a white helmet was not quite so valuable as the neck that supported it.

After a 28 hours' journey back we arrived in Armidale just as the sun was rising, the first time I fancy any of our party has seen it rise for some considerable time.

After a couple of hours sleep, work would not be put off any longer, so we all had to settle down considerably poorer if not wiser men, thus ending a very pleasant two days' trip.

FIDELIS ET PARATUS.

SOME ORIGINAL ESSAYS.

The following essays were discovered accidentally left lying about, and were brought to us. They were composed by several members of the 1st form. We print them in the original spelling and punctuation.

No. 1.—COMPOSITION.

HOW TO BEHAVE IN SCHOOL.

You shall always behave well in school you should never play in school because it is against the rules not if you did you

would be a very naughty little boy like you think I am. If you have a catterpult made out of a bit of a garter and a master sees it he will take the boy to the Head master for the cain you will hear wack and then squeek wack and and then squeek 6 times. The boy will come out of the study yelping.

At the end of this effusion there was drawn a face with nose knocked all one side, a mouth expressive of the utmost agony, and two big tears under the eyes. We are sorry we cannot reproduce the sketch.

No. 2.—ESSAY ON DOGS.

The dog is found nearly all over the world and is one of the greatest friends to man.

Different dogs are used for different things. Dogs are useful for minding sheep, rounding up cattle, guarding the house at night, and hunting deer, hares and other animals.

Like the cat the dog has a coat of hair for warmth, legs with which it can run very fast and strong sharp teeth for tearing its prey. The dog is very unlike the cat the dog always goes with its master whereas the cat stays at the house even if it is deserted. Dogs have pups in a stable, but cats generally have them on a cushion in the drawing-room.

There are different kinds of dogs—Here follows a list of all the dogs under the sun.—EDS.

YE TALE OF YE GOBLET.

It fell on a day in the Spring-tide, when the hedges were gay with the sweet blossoming hawthorn, and all the birds were singing merrily without, even the jackass upon the gumtree, and the magpie over his nest watching the young, that there was eke great joy among the Folk of the Fifth Form. Mighty men are the Folk of the Fifth Form, even wondrous champions in all manner of noble sport; at running, leaping, wrestling, none may come nigh them, save the almost-as-mighty great men of the First Form. For the tale tells how that there had been a great contest between the picked men of the Fifth Form and the chosen champions of the First Form who are very mighty men, tall and well fashioned of limb, and the prize thereof was a fair goblet of silver, most goodly to look upon. Long had the fight waged and close, now one side had the upper hand, and now another;

but it became at length that the Fifth Form champions proved the stronger. Albeit only by just enow to make them win the prize and no more.

Now the Fifth were all gathered together in their Speech Hall to fill the goblet with red wine, and make merry till the down-sitting of the sun. When silence had been made among all the champions, the Chief and filled the fair goblet with bright red wine, even the fairest wine of Kaludah. Thereupon he lifted the cup high above his head that all might see it, and drank to the health of the School and the Fifth Form. Then the goblet passed from hand to hand among the assembled champions, and they quaffed deep of the soul-kindling wine, and rose up one after another to speak, even as the spirit did take each one. They waxed eloquent and spoke words of wisdom, words that stirred the hearts of all, and filled them with brave resolve. Then up stood an hero, surnamed the Bird-of-Kin, and called on all his fellows to drink deep to the health of their Chief and his Lady. Great was the cheering that followed his words; the walls quaked at the sound thereof, and the oaken floor did tremble beneath the beating of many feet.

Thereupon fell their talk and cheering awhile as the mighty figure of him who had led the champions in the fight, even Bruce surnamed the 'Sand in the Lands,' came forth from the throng (the tale tells not whether he had been under a bench or not), bearing aloft a mighty cake, with goodly figures carven thereon, that had been baked by the far-famed chief baker of the Dale of Armi, even Scrivener, the son of Scriv. Then out he drew a long glittering blade, and with one deft stroke clave the cake in twain, then he cut it into pieces, even one for each champion there present. And lo, the sound of talking did cease, and nought could be heard in the Speech Hall save a dull sound of teeth upon teeth and the noise of the cake as it wended its way down the throats of the mighty men, and the choking of him who was hungry and did eat too much at one bite. And then as the sun was falling to its rest, the door of the Speech Hall opened, and out trooped the merry champions, happy of mien, and with eyes that glistened and smiled for sheer joy, and the tale tells that they could not smile with their lips nor utter a word, for in the mouth of each was a mighty portion of cake.

THE WANDERER.

THE CAMP AT SAUMAREZ CREEK, 1901.

After due preparation, the Cadet Corps started from the School with band and baggage at 1.45 p.m., to march to their annual encampment at Saumarez Creek, by the kind permission of F. J. White, Esq. The camping ground, which is rather over six miles from the School, was reached in one hour and thirty-five minutes. On arrival, the tents were unpacked and pitched by tent-squads, so that by four o'clock all was in readiness for tea and turning in at night. Shortly after sentries were posted at 8 p.m., the guard was called out to clear away two or three "snipers," who were hanging about in the bush on the north side of the camp, and causing anxiety to the sentries. The enemy, however, having ascertained the position of our camp, retired, and left us in peace shortly before 11 p.m. No casualties occurred to either side. On Friday, the gun fired and reveille sounded at 4.30, and the camp was at once astir, rolling up curtains and spreading out blankets to air. Tea and biscuits were served out at 5.30, and physical drill was the order from 6 to 7.30, when the men had breakfast. Fatigues took up the time until 11 a.m., during which trenches were dug round the tents, the marquee was put up, wood was collected for the cook-house, and a spring-board at the water hole was fixed up under the direction of Lieutenant White. At 11.30 there was parade and call over, followed by company drill until 12.30, then a bathing parade, and dinner at 1. From 2 to 4, the men were engaged in company and attack drill, one section being sent out to the north-east of the camp to form a retiring enemy who had been discovered reconnoitring the district. All this party, however, were brought to bay by a skilful movement directed by Sergeant Burdekin on their left flank, whilst Lieutenant Nivison advanced on their front, and the whole force of about 12 men was captured. There were three casualties on our side, one officer, one corporal-bugler shot, and one private sun-struck.

At night a vigorous fusilade was opened upon the patrol which had been sent out beyond the line of sentries, and the neighbourhood was not cleared until shortly before midnight, when the sentries were called in.

On Saturday, physical drill at 6, breakfast at 7, and photograph-parade at 8.15, were followed by a royal salute and *feu-de-joie* for the birthday of His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII.

Mr. Bell had kindly come out the night before in order to photograph the Company, and there are doubtless many illustrations of camp life stored up amongst his negatives from the snap-shots that he took of the unwary. Unfortunately suspected of being a spy, he was shadowed by two picked detectives who watched his every movement, and when he retired to sleep, three sentries were posted outside his tent. Their guard however was unnecessary, as he, in total ignorance of his watchers, passed the time till reveille next morning in perfect oblivion of all about him.

Shortly before 11 a.m. on Saturday, the enemy opened fire on the Camp, and Lieutenant White took out the whole of the available forces to attack and drive them back past the railway. The enemy, however, made a stubborn and skilful resistance, taking admirable advantage of every cover and hill that came to hand. Slowly Lieutenant White with widely extended line drove Lieutenant Nivison's force back to the creek by Fisher's Hut, and on to the Railway. It was thought that a stand would be made at the embankment, so Lieutenant White thought by a flanking movement on each wing that he would be able to envelope and capture the enemy. However, he was disappointed, for Lieutenant Nivison, finding it impracticable to hold the line, had had time to retire his men to a safe distance beyond, before the attacking force charged up the embankment to find nothing. Having re-established through communication to Armidale by railway, the whole force lunched and rested until 1.30, when a start back towards camp was made.

On the way back some reserve ammunition was discovered near the old enclosure, which had been abandoned by the enemy in their retreat. The company then took this, and returned to camp, executing the work of a company in attack for purposes of practice. The camp was reached at 3.30 p.m., when a large number of ladies were found visiting the camp, and their friends there, including our excellent cook Barney.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, divine service was held, the Rev. the Headmaster, and the Ven. Archdeacon White officiating. The latter addressed the Cadets on the Roman soldiers' armour as applied by St. Paul to Christianity. In the address, a happy allusion was made to the use of smokeless powder by our Arch-enemy, which we shall not soon forget.

The rest of Sunday was passed quietly.

It may be well here to explain the general and special ideas of the manœuvres during the camp of instruction. They are as follows:—

General idea. "A," army, headquarters at Guyra, strong force already hold Armidale, almost ready to move south. Advance party consisting of The Armidale School Cadet Corps sent on to Saumarez Creek to prevent the enemy establishing a position on the Uralla road within striking distance of Armidale, or of utilising the railway beyond Kelly's Plains north.

"B," army, headquarters at Waleha Road, intending to move on Armidale on Monday; a strong portion of B Force holds Kentucky and the railway almost as far as Kelly's Plains north.

Special idea. T. A. S. Cadets reach Saumarez Creek Thursday before dusk. Their sentries were sniped at on Thursday night by spies from B Force, who, having ascertained the exact position of the Camp, retire and report to headquarters *via* Kelly's Plains and Kentucky. On Friday afternoon, a reconnoissance is made from the Railway south of Kelly's Plains, towards the camp of T.A.S.C.C., but the whole of the reconnoitring party are captured.

On Friday night Force B at Kentucky, sends up a force of picked men to surprise the Saumarez Camp. Unfortunately this force falls foul of a patrol sent out from the Camp, on information received of an attack purposed by the A.P.S.C., and are easily beaten off.

On Saturday a strong force from Kentucky is sent to the support of the surprise party on information received of its failure, and the combined troops determine to assault the Camp. Underestimating, however, the camp forces, which had also been reinforced with men from Saumarez Station, including a squadron of horse under Commander F. White, junr., and some artillery brought down from the same locality by means of oxen in anticipation of an attack in force, the troops from Kentucky failed to take the position, and were driven back beyond the Railway by 1 p.m. on Saturday.

During the afternoon strong reinforcements were drafted in, especially consisting of mounted bodies; but finding that the B force had become so forcibly checked, as to give up the idea of advancing by the Uralla high road, these returned to Armidale shortly after 5 p.m.

It being now plain to headquarters at Waleha Road that any advance by the high road would be stubbornly opposed, orders are issued to force a way by the Railway line. Accordingly a small party is sent up from Kentucky, under cover of darkness, on Sunday night to secure Fisher's hut and the hill adjoining, from which the Railway through Kelly's Plains could be dominated as far as Perrott's. Reinforcements are promised at 2 a.m. from Kentucky with a view to a general advance north at daybreak.

However, Lieutenant White, discovering through one of his scouts that a party of the enemy had occupied the above-mentioned hill at 10.45 p.m., resolves on a night surprise at once. Taking only picked men, he crossed them over the creek by a ford shown him by the scout, Corporal Sandilands. It was now pitch dark but Lieutenant White knew every inch of the country, and after an hour and a half's silent and anxious marching and creeping, he found himself and his men within the line of sentries at Fisher's hut, and a cheer and a rush put the position in his hands. The enemy were captured as they stood, and all marched back to the camp, which was reached at 1.45 on Monday morning.

So noiselessly did the surprise party advance, that one of the inner line of sentries becoming suspicious and going to examine an object in his front, leapt over a log that lay on the ground. But the log was the leader of the attack and the sentry fell to the ground "collared low."

Reveille sounded on Monday morning at 5 a.m., and after a short drive, fatigue and breakfast covered the morning until 12 noon, when all the tents and baggage were ready, packed and checked for moving camp.

During the morning, a competition was held in tent-striking and packing. In the first round, Sergeant Simpson's squad was first, 4 min. 2 secs.; and in the second round, Sergeant Beeston won in 3 min. 26 secs.

At 2 p.m., the company, led by the Bugle Band, left the camping ground and marched without a halt to the lagoon, where Mrs. White of Saumarez, and her daughters generously provided afternoon tea. After three cheers, the corps marched back through Seady Street to the School, which was reached at 6.30 p.m.

This year's camp may be looked upon as a distinct success in every way, and no murmur or complaint was heard, save from a

section of raw recruits who had expected only a picnic and nothing to do. Barney, as cook, could not have been bettered. The Officers and N.C.O.'s. to a man backed up the O.C. from start to finish. Colour-Sergeant Richards and Lance-Corporal Donkin proved excellent Commissariat Officers, and there was only one case of invaliding home, owing to the heat of the sun.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Cecil Kemmis Fenner. He was at the School from the beginning of 1899 until last Michaelmas, when he left to go to the King's School. He died after a few days illness from pneumonia on October 20th. He was one of the most promising athletes in the school, and deservedly popular from his frank and manly bearing.

We are glad to hear that Lieut. C. C. Dangar has recovered from his late serious illness in South Africa, and is now having a well-earned rest in Scotland. We hope that he will soon be restored to health and strength. We were very pleased to hear that in the *London Times* of Sept. 11th, Lieut. Dangar was mentioned in despatches for special and meritorious service.

A. L. MacLEAN has been distinguishing himself during the War. He went out to S. Africa a sub-lieutenant and returned a Captain. He won the Distinguished Service Order, and we are sure all Armidalian are delighted. We congratulate him heartily.

H. H. PRINGLE returned to S. Africa, but we have heard nothing of his whereabouts since he did so. He looked very well and has had a great experience. He would not (so he said) have missed the opportunity of going to the War for anything.

J. ALCORN has passed his first year in Medicine at the College of Surgeons, Dublin University.

F. G. FINLEY has become an old Armidalian, and "O.A.'s" will welcome him into their ranks when next they play their football match against the School in Sydney. We here, although it does seem late in the day, congratulate him on his splendid

successful during last Football season. We print a cutting from a N.Z. paper about him :

"So far as individuals are concerned, Finley shone out as distinctly the best man among the Australians, and, excepting Duncan, the New Zealand Captain, played the best back game on the ground. He was cool and resourceful throughout, and the courage displayed by this young player in stopping the forward rushes of the opposing team frequently drew the applause of the onlookers.

A. W. HYMAN has passed the second section of the Final Law Examination. The subjects of the examination were, Probate Equity and Matrimonial Law.

H. GIBSON was the only representative of the Union who took part in the Old Boys' race at the all School Sports, but he was two heavily handicapped and did not meet with any success.

R. W. FERRIS has taken a share in Methoen Park Orchard, near Uralla, and expects to be fully employed fruit picking, etc., till well on towards May. We hope his venture will turn out a success.

F. W. ALLEN has finished his special course at the Hawkesbury College, and is now back in Armidale.

J. F. G. BLANCKLAND, after some months' experience in his father's office here, has gone to Mr. Cadell's station at Deepwater for the shearing. He left Terrica last June.

E. J. MACDONALD is still at the Hawkesbury College, taking special courses in Dairying and Agriculture.

D. H. FENNER, we regret to say, was unfortunate enough to be mixed up in the Quirindi Polo disaster last August, getting his hand cut by a broken bottle, and hurting his foot. It was rather serious at the time, but we are glad to say he has entirely recovered now, and is in the shed at Klori (Mr. Park's) near Tamworth.

A. T. GIVISON was also in the accident, but fortunately escaped without anything worse than a shaking.

L. M. McLEAN has passed his first examination for Law.

A. P. DUTTON left the school at Michaelmas, and is now on his father's station at Guyra.

R. W. P. BURROW has tackled farming for the time being near Armidale. We regret to say that he has not entirely got rid of the fever and ague contracted in South Africa, having had two or three rather nasty attacks since his return to New England.

F. C. W. WRIGHT has been taking a hand at shearing this year with the machines, and managed to make a fair cheque for a beginner, his highest tally being 272 for the day.

Mr. H. H. DIXON accepted a post at Toowoomba Grammar School after his return from England.

MR. P. G. COTTERELL was a Corporal when he was last heard from. We give a few extracts from a letter of his dated July 24th 1901, Klerksdorp. "The railway journey from Capetown was a most awful experience, 8½ days in open trucks, packed like so many sardines, with about 40 in one open truck. The patrol work we are at now is not very interesting. You start off at half past five in the morning and trek till about 12, when we halt for the day, sometimes meeting a few Boers. I have been under fire several times; the first time we came under fire we lost Lieut. Lamb and three men killed, Capt. McLean and two wounded. We are doing very dangerous work patrolling the country, capturing wagons, sheep, and cattle, going round all the farm houses, collecting all the women and children, with Boers all round us, and we never know when we will be sniped at.

It is not a bad life, I have put on quite a stone, with a very big double chin. I am in the very best of health, never better in my life. I had a great surprise the other day. Dr. Samulson joined us at Krugersdorp, and we often have a yarn about old times; he looks very well and has a very easy time of it."

We draw O.A.'s attention to the fact that contributions to the Magazine will be acceptable. We are glad to receive one for the present issue and hope that more will follow.

N.B.—A good deal of difficulty is being experienced in discovering the whereabouts of Old Boys who are travelling. In the absence of any instructions as to where to send Magazines to, we shall in future keep the numbers as they come out, for such Old Boys, until we hear from them about forwarding them. Several numbers went astray last August through Old Boys having changed their addresses and not informing the Union Secretaries.

TENNIS.

Tennis has been rather slack during the last half year, but a momentary enthusiasm was aroused by the tournament. The senior singles were won by Blomfield, his opponents being Dutton and C. K. Fenner, the latter of whom played the better game. The junior singles had two entries, only H. Browning and Dalzell, of whom the former was victorious. In the handicap doubles, the senior event was won by Blomfield and C. K. Fenner from scratch. The junior by F. W. Fenner and Dalzell.

It is to be hoped that boys will play more than they have done latterly, with a view to a match v. the Old Boys at Xmas.

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