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## IN MEMORIAM.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. F. R. White. His connection with the School dates back some 25 years, to the time when the funds of the School were in the hands of the Master in Equity, and the suggested site was first of all at Morpeth, and then at Blandford, near Murrurundi, on land which was actually purchased from Mr. White for that purpose. He was throughout a strong supporter of the late Archdeacon Coles Child and Sir J. P. Abbott in their efforts to carry out the scheme for the foundation of a school, and when Armidale was finally selected as the site became one of the original Directors and held that position till his death. He was actively concerned in the management of the School, and his wide experience in business matters and sterling common sense will be much missed. It was almost entirely owing to his vigorous and persistent efforts and personal generosity that the School Chapel was built, and it was through his assistance that the School has been enabled to extend its area and acquire the use of the neighbouring block of land. The School has lost in him a friend and supporter whom in many ways it will be impossible to replace.

## EDITORIAL.



We feel less inclined than usual (which is saying a good deal) to write the usual introductory remarks for our December number. We cannot explain this feeling, but it may possibly be the weather, which has certainly been dispiriting lately. It (the weather) has succeeded in postponing the cadet corps camp, at any rate for this quarter, probably altogether. This is very disappointing to all concerned, but the continued rain made it unavoidable. We sincerely condole with Mr. Hartley and the corps, and wish them better luck in future. Sports day passed off with great *éclat* this year, and was considered by many to have been our most successful meeting. This was due to two reasons, a grand day, and the presence of His Excellency the State Governor, who expressed himself as very pleased with the afternoons entertainment. Cricket is now in full swing—when the rain allows—and the examinations are looming close. Which reminds us that examinations are followed by holidays, and we therefore wish our readers a merry Xmas, and a happy New Year.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

We wish to thank His Excellency Sir Harry H. Rawson for presenting to the School a silver Challenge Cup, to be held by "the best all round boy." The award will be made annually at Christmas, and the holder's name will be inscribed on the Cup. The Cup was on view on Sports Day, when it was much admired, and the members of the School were enabled to show their appreciation of his kindness to Sir Harry Rawson.

On Sept. 26th, a representation of "The Wrong Mr. Wright" was given in the School-room before a select audience. This play, as is well known, is based upon mysterious obscurity, and its drift was absolutely incomprehensible from start to finish. The characters were well sustained throughout, Mr. J. Elly being conspicuous from all parts of the hall.

The play consisted of three acts and ended up with several exciting ones, and some tragic denouements "in two ups," to speak feelingly; one player suffering severe contusions about the head from coming into contact with a desk, and another, who was engaged in a prize fight, being violently hauled off the stage as soon as life had been pronounced extinct by the priest and detectives. This announcement was made to the audience, the rest of the words of the play being addressed to, and all the acting being performed towards, the wall.

The introduction into the second act of the Hoopoe Bird and the nincompoopiana was more mysterious than a blue duck.

The players were all in brilliant cosmetics—this is a grander word than costumes—the get-up of the ladies being very fascinating in their childlike dresses.

Much praise is due for the making up of the faces to Mr. Icky Don, who manipulated the pigments with the art of a "petit connoisseur."

We are sorry to have to announce that Mr. A. Mouse was prostrated by the energy of his admirable impersonation of the excitable "Stuffeh," and was lying in bed for several nights subsequently in a semicomatose condition.

On Sept. 28th, the Michaelmas holiday picnic was held at Gara at the Junction. Though there had been so much rain, nothing untoward happened to the coach till the old dam was nearly reached, when suddenly horses, coach and all were horribly bogged. After two hours' hard work solid ground was reached by all. We had lunch at the junction and a good swim in the afternoon. We found that the dam was entirely washed away. Just as we started to come back we were bogged again, and it took us over an hour to get out. We had an exciting time after a hare, which we axed out of a log, and brought home captive.

"Florodora" was much appreciated on its visit to Armidale. Who is Mr. Dooley? Please address answers to "Puzzle Editor."

We hear that one youth, who was detained at the school, considered 4000 lines would have been a lighter punishment than missing such a treat!

About half a dozen fellows of those who were left went out camping and had rather an exciting time. All their apparatus and commissariat was taken out in a buggy, and then they proceeded to walk, and not being sure of the spot fixed upon, did not arrive till nine at night; then they had tea and got into bed. (?) About an hour after (a thunderstorm having come up) you might have seen four miserable looking wet youths sitting, one on each corner of the tent, to hold it down. Some strange occurrence on the next day caused them all to lose their senses towards sundown, but we have been unable to ascertain the cause of it. The remainder of the time passed quietly, and they all got safe back to school.

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Owing to the increasing number of photographs in the Library, a double row of beading has been put round the walls, which should have the effect of making the room look much better when the photos are put up again.

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We hear that the Board of Directors is going to get us a drill Sergeant again, and we think it a very good move.

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We congratulate the 2nd XI stumper on his great performance on Oct. 31st, in accounting for four victims by his smartness behind the sticks. We wish him more success with the bat, and a place in the 1st XI.

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We got off early on the occasion of the university match, and in spite of the weather and the wind the football was far above the average game seen here, and we all enjoyed it very much.

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The Football XV. had a trip to Walcha on August 7th, and arrived late at night after having had a rather uncomfortable trip down. However, it did not affect some of the more hardened sinners, who went to a social in the Walcha Town Hall and all enjoyed it immensely, especially the supper, which consisted (if those who didn't go are to be believed) in Irish stew and conversation lollies. The match was played on the next day, Saturday, and resulted in a win for us by 14 to nil; but a fuller description will be found elsewhere. On Saturday night the team went to "Ohio," where they were entertained by Mr. and

Mrs. Nivison, whom we take the opportunity to thank for their kindness on behalf of the team. After dinner a start homeward was made and all arrived safely after tea.

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"Darkies lead a happy life," etc.—This may be true, but embryo darkies don't, if the worried looks of some members of the Xmas troupe mean anything.

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The Camera fiend was very much to the fore on sports day. Some very amusing results were secured, and they have been graphically described to us, but the editors cannot secure copies. Possibly the artists modestly deprecate the fame that would accrue.

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Stump-cricket near the tennis courts has been very popular lately. We might suggest that the wire netting was not intended to provide seating accommodation for interested spectators of this game.

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Excerpt from English History:

*Question* :—who was Edmund Burke?

*Answer* :—Edmund Burke wrote Dickens' Barnaby Rudge.

So even poor old Dickens is a fraud! we wonder if the perpetrator of this ingenious answer has knowledge of a secret "Gallupian" cryptogram? what a maize it puts us into to hear these facts! who wrote Thackeray's Vanity Fair? or Bradley's Arnold's Latin prose?

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This same genius is to be found also among the smaller members of the community, and only needs a little persuasion to be displayed to full advantage. For did not a certain youthful elocutionist, after having suffered the usual consequences for continued neglect of work, when it was demanded of him that he should say his lesson, rise to his feet and the occasion, and recite his verses like one inspired? Budding genius on every hand.

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Yet another instance: one of the successful candidates in the last Junior Public Examination perceiving that the town "Worms" occurred in certain French prose of his, zealously referred to his dictionary and translated it by "Chenilles." "Watt" ho!

But let us leave the class-rooms lest we weary our readers.

The noble art of photography still finds many worthy up-holders, though their ardour has somewhat abated. The Dark Room has been further attended to, with the result that the light through the ruby window in the afternoon will not now fog good plates. Some excellent photographs have been secured of a well known character, K-I-y, which show to great advantage his oval face and merry smile.

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It is told of a certain curly-headed lad who, though "rather small," will one day assuredly make his name on the stage, that he disguised himself in the garb of an old woman, and so deceived his mother that he sold her—her own potatoes! The Dramatic Society has not far to go for talent.

On Nov. 13th the Right Hon. G. H. Reid, leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament, visited the School. Being such an enthusiast for Freetrade he is popular with us; because our pocket-money would go farther with Freetrade; for we should be exempt from contributing towards the Revenue, whereas under Protection our own pockets as well as our parents' have to suffer. We believe that he asked for a half-holiday for the School before he left, and to judge from his appearance any request of his should have a good deal of weight. At any rate we hope there will be no opposition in this case, though we do not know whether the answer was Yes or No. We gave him three cheers to help to decide the matter.

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On Monday about 30 boys journeyed out to the well known picnic resort, namely Gera. Owing to the skill of Paddy's and his assistant's driving with four and five horses respectively, we pulled through without getting bogged. Nothing exciting happened, but the main source of amusement seemed to be lizard-racing, there being a great number of these reptiles lying about. We hear that only three energetic beings undertook the tramp across the creek, thence to the bottom of the gorge, but finding everything deserted and appearing haunted, they beat a hasty retreat, the youngest member of the party scaling the great heights in exactly ten minutes. After four o'clock tea had been indulged in, the holiday makers returned back to school to face once more the usual routine of school life.

### VALETE.

*B. Rundle.* Colours Football. 2nd XI Cricket. Drummer in Cadets.

*D. Ranken.* Private in Cadets. 2nd XV.

*W. Borthwick.* 2nd XI and 2nd XV. Private in Cadets.

### SALVETE.

*O. Walker.* 2nd Form. }

*O. Tooth.* 3rd Form. }

*H. Hardcastle.* 4th Form. }

At Michaelmas

In August.

### LAMB-SINGING.

The lambs this time, although not plentiful, were very lively and in the best of spirits, to face the dreaded ordeal, probably owing to the amount of green grass round about.

The proceedings began with a couple of under-sized lambs who were sent into the corner for deliberation and time in which they might recover from their first '*coup de terreur*.' Then amidst wild shouts and cheers Hardcastle sang, or rather tried to sing, "The Plumber's Son," and was unanimously encored. Songs were in great demand, and T. De Burgh's effort at this art was greatly admired, his tone and cadence of voice was worthy of any stage; but when Walker made his attempt at "Sons of the Sea" it was too much; needless to say he retired with a crestfallen countenance. The American Cake Walk was then danced with excellent flourishes first by De Burgh, then by the shivering flock of lambs, this was such a novelty that it was kept up by blood-thirsty threats till the performers and managers were both on the point of exhaustion. After some old hands had contributed their new stock of songs and recitations, the most exciting of which was Browning II's "Poor Iceland Billy," the crowd adjourned to the gymnasium where we hear some desperate struggles took place to prove the best wrestler of the new gymnasts; the night's amusement was concluded with the bantam championship between Fielder and Jenkins, which was declared a tie in Fielder's favour.

## CHAPEL NOTES.

We wish to thank Archdeacon White for the help he has so kindly given us in the Chapel Services this half. He has preached on several occasions, and also assisted at the early celebrations. He has also presented a credence table to the Chapel.

The Bishop of the Diocese will hold a confirmation in the School Chapel on the morning of Sunday, December 6th.

## FOOTBALL.

WEST END v. SCHOOL, 1st XV.—Lost 20-3.

Played on the Race-course, August 29th.

The School got the run down, but West End began pressing immediately and had a shot at the goal from a mark, which failed. The School, headed by Willis, Burdekin, and Mr. Skuse, then rushed the ball into West End 25 and Willis had a "pot" but with no result; West End returned the rush, and although Chard relieved by a nice tackle, West End got over the line but failed to convert. After the kick out West End, pressing hard, compelled the School to force almost immediately, and though they had the ball several times right on the line, it was only with difficulty owing to the good play of Rundle and Chard, that they scored; the kick failed (6-nil). The School pressed West End hard for a few moments, but carrying the ball up the field, West End scored and converted (11-nil). Half time.

West End soon scored again but again the kick was no good. The School rushed the ball into the West End line, a West End man however broke away but was collared by Willis; Mr. Skuse and Bone then headed a dribbling rush which was stopped by a free, and West End driving the School back again scored in spite of Nivison bringing down his man beautifully. Bone gained a lot of ground by a lucky "spec," and Rundle following on well made good use of it, when a free was awarded to School and Willis kicked a goal (17-3). Though only a few minutes remained, West End scored again, making the score 20-3.

1st XV. v. WALCHA.—Won 14-nil.

Played at Walcha, August 8th.

The School kicked off, and after the return J. Nivison headed a good rush, and a free being given to the School Longwill had a kick but failed. After Walcha kicked out School again carried

the ball into the Walcha 25, and Mr. Skuse kicked a penalty goal. The School gained a lot of ground by a good line kick and shortly after Mr. Skuse had another kick but failed. Browning took the kick out and made a run, Burdekin then made a very good dodgy run and scored, Mr. Skuse converted. 8-nil. At this point of the game Walcha made their best effort and ball went out in the School 25, when half time was blown.

After the kick off was returned, a free was given to Walcha, then the two Bone's dribbled the ball well up the field, and this, aided by a free, put Walcha in a nasty position, but F. Nivison relieved and Walcha forced. Burdekin again scored but Mr. Skuse failed in the kick. After about 10 minutes rough and tumble the School got another free but made no alteration to the score. Rundle, Mr. Skuse and Bone finished up the game with a good dribbling rush; Rundle scored but failed to convert (14-nil) Time.

2nd XV. v. CARLTON II.—Lost 5-nil.

Played on the Racecourse (outside the oval), August 29th.

The Seconds played a very good game throughout, and with a little luck ought to have scored several times. The School commenced by rushing the ball well into Carlton 25, but Carlton were relieved by a free, but soon after a free was given to the School and Wade had a kick but failed. The Carlton then rushed the ball up to the School end and kept it there almost until the end of the half, in which time they had several tries for field goals which failed. Half time.

The School was awarded three or four free's in quick succession but they were turned into little account. Cox headed a dashing School rush, but the superior weight of the Carltons drove them back and finally compelled them to force. Twice the Carltons rushed the ball out the School line, but each time they were driven back, the third time, however, one of their three-quarters got across and the try was converted (5-nil). Both School and Carlton made several rushes and both sides had kicks at the goal but no alteration was made to the score. Just on time the School got the ball on the Carlton line and almost scored. Morse played very well indeed; Cox and Ellis were also prominent.

SCHOOL II. v. NAPIER—Lost 4-28.

Played on the Racecourse, August 15th.

The School kicked off and Napier rushed the ball into the School 25, but Chapman stopped them by a good collar, and the

School took the ball close to Napier line, when Anderson iii secured the ball after it was kicked through the forwards, and kicked a very good goal. The Napiers made a good rush and the ball was scrummed on the 5 yds line, and although the School was awarded a free, a Napier man made a dash and got in; the try was converted (4-5). Borthwick went off at this point with his arm badly strained; his loss was much felt. The Napiers whose weight was now telling, scored twice in fairly quick succession making the score (4-11). Loose and uneventful play followed till half time.

The Napiers opened the second half by scoring another unconverted try (4-14). The School held the Napiers well for some time, but they got through once and then again almost immediately, but both tries were unconverted; after this the School made a good rally and led off by a splendid dash along the line by Chapman, rushed the ball on to the Napier line and made them force. The School rushed again but the Napiers drove them back, scored and converted (4-25). And soon after breaking away from some close forward play, scored again with no conversion (4-28). The School again rallied and were pressing the Napiers hard when the ball went out and time was blown.

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#### FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

- J. White* ('01, '02, '03.) Captain. Full-back. Showed excellent form, but was incapacitated early in the season; his loss to the team was incalculable; good hard-working captain.
- Garland* ('01, '02, '03.) Wing three-quarter; fast; handles ball well; good kick; finding the line well; weak tackler. (Has left.)
- N. S. Richards* ('00, '01, '02, '03.) Centre three-quarter; strong; fast runner; splendid tackler. (Has left.)
- J. Willis* ('03.) Centre three-quarter; excellent kick; passes well; fair tackler; has the bad fault of going for the pass instead of the man.
- R. Chan* ('03.) Wing three-quarter; very light but very plucky; possesses any amount of dash; collars well.
- S. Burdick* ('01, '02, '03.) Half-back; one of the most useful members of the team; fast and clever; tackles well.
- F. Wigton* ('03.) Half-back; very promising at beginning of season, but handicapped by ill-health; passes well. (Has left.)
- J. S. Nicolson* ('01, '02, '03.) Forward; good in the open; tackles well; has not quite carried out the promise of last season.
- D. Rundle* ('02, '03.) Forward; very keen and hard working forward; tackles well; still much inclined to get off side. (Has left.)

- F. O. Dowling* ('02, '03.) Forward; works hard; plenty of dash. (Has left)
- C. A. Anderson* ('02, '03.) Forward; strong and hard-working; very slow.
- D. Wharton* ('03.) Forward; light but really good; always on the ball.
- E. Hyman* ('02, '03.) Forward; hard-working with plenty of dash. (Has left).
- A. Bone* ('03.) Forward; very promising; tackles well; hard worker in the scrum.
- G. Macartney* ('03.) Forward; very light; dribbles well.
- R. Bone*. Very promising forward in every way.

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#### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A really fine day at last! such was the verdict on the Sports day, and very thankful we were, having had some really bad weather for the trial heats, and experienced great difficulty in getting ready for the day itself. Owing to clashing of dates we found it impossible to send representatives to Sydney this year; previous to sports day itself we did not think it likely that we would have met with any success, but the jumping of Rundle and Higinbotham showed that we should in all probability have done well. However, one can't have everything one wants in this world, and our own sports day made up for a good deal.

Training was energetically indulged in for three weeks before the day, and owing to the wet weather we were able to have the track well rolled, a great advantage to all. Some changes took place in the programme, the most important being the introduction of a steeplechase. This event, run over a circular course, over fences and creeks, in distance about two miles, had a considerable entry, and caused much excitement. The most popular point of view was the water hole in the new School paddock, which had to be negotiated about 150 yds. from the finish. Anderson iii ran very well in this event. Another change in the programme was the splitting up of the School Handicap into a Senior and Junior, which was a very necessary change, owing to the enormous entries now received for that popular race.

Trial heats day was unspeakable, we kept at it till the rain positively washed us off the field, and had to finish off the events after school on the days that followed.

On the day itself we were proud to see our School Flag, which, with the assistance of other bunting, made the field look very gay. A special stand had been erected for the Governor and his party, and this also was decorated with flags. We were glad to see an

exceptionally large number of visitors, and the committee wish to take this opportunity of thanking them all for their attendance, and especially those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed to the prize fund, or gave prizes. To turn to the events of note:—White i won the Senior Champion Cup, being first in four events, mile, 440 yds, throwing cricket ball, kicking football, and 3rd in the 100yds. His best performance was in the 440yds, in which he equalled Sandilands' record of 57 secs. Rundle did a great performace in the broad jump, his 20ft. 10in. being a school record, and one which will probably stand a long time. The Junior cup fell to Higinbotham, who did remarkably well. He established records in the long jump (16ft 11in), high jump (4ft 7in), and equalled the hurdles record in 19½secs. In addition to this he won the 100yds, and the football kick, and was 2nd in the 440yds. We shall hope for great things from him next year. The form cup was wrested from the Vth by the IVth, with 55pts. against 44½. The struggle was soon seen to lie between these two forms, and the excitement culminated in the form race, which was won after a splendid race by the fourth form. The obstacle races were as popular from the spectators' point of view, as they always are. Lady Rawson very kindly distributed the prizes, and the Governor asked for an extra day for the Michaelmas holidays, which Mr. Fisher at once granted. The usual cheers having been enthusiastically given, our most successful sports day came to an end.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following ladies and gentlemen for gifts and of prizes and contributions to the prize fund:

Lady Rawson	R. J. Browning, Esq.
Mrs. Fisher	D. S. Anderson, Esq.
Mrs. F. J. White	Dr. Wigan
Mrs. Burdekin	R. Vyner, Esq.
Mrs. R. Hudson	W. F. Everett, Esq.
Mrs. Forster	F. G. Finley, Esq.
The Headmaster	W. B. Slade, Esq.
W. J. Murray, Esq.	W. R. Groth, Esq.
Dr. Harris	Lindon Brown, Esq.
G. H. Jenkins, Esq.	Dr. Little
S. S. Frankland, Esq.	B. Weaver, Esq.
J. A. Nivison, Esq.	Capt. Jenkins
J. G. White, Esq.	The Board of Directors
R. Hudson, Esq.	Messrs. Braund & Co.
F. J. White, Esq.	Messrs. Richardson & Co.
C. F. White, Esq.	The Assistant Masters
J. A. Anderson, Esq.	The Old Boy's Union.
J. A. O'Flaherty, Esq.	

## SPORTS EVENTS.

- Mile.* 1. J. White (scratch), 2. W. Ellis (scrath), 3. I. Morse, 20 yds.  
Time, 5 min. 35 secs.
- Junior Half-Mile.* 1. F. H. Curtis (scratch), 2. F. F. White, 30 yds, 3. C. Slade, 20 yds.  
2 min. 42 secs.
- Steeplechase.* 1. D. S. Anderson, 2. I. Morse, 3. W. Ellis.  
Time, 12 min.
- Kicking the Football. Senior.*—1. J. White, 62 yds. 1 in.  
*Junior.*—1. L. Mitchell, 49 yds.  
*Non-Cadets.*—1. C. H. Noel, 38 yds. 1 ft. 7 in.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball.*—1. J. White, 93 yds.
- 100 yds.—Junior.* 1. H. Higinbotham, 2. F. F. White, 3. F. H. Curtis.  
Time, 12 secs.
- 100 yds.—Senior.* 1. S. Burdekin, 2. B. Rundle, 3. J. White.  
Time, 10½ secs.
- 150 yds., boys under 14 (Handicap).* 1. R. A. Holden, 15yds, 2. H. Higinbotham, scratch, 3. H. C. Wren, 12yds.  
Time, 17 secs.
- High Jump—Senior.* 1. H. Longwill, 2. S. Burdekin, 3. D. S. Anderson and B. Rundle, æq.  
Height, 4ft. 11in.
- School Handicap—Senior, 120yds.. final.* 1. W. D. Wharton, 12yds., 2. J. Willis, 4yds., 3. S. Burdekin, scratch.  
Time, 12½ secs.
- 100 yds., boys under 12.* 1. G. F. Maxwell, 2. F. R. Forster.  
Time, 13¾ secs.
- 120yds Senior Hurdle Race.* 1. D. S. Anderson, 2. H. Longwill, 3. E. S. Anderson.  
Time, 18¾ secs.
- School Handicap—Junior, 120yds.* 1. R. A. Holden, 20yds., 2. H. Higinbotham, scratch, 3. A. C. Wren, 10yds.  
Time, 12¾ secs.
- Broad Jump—Junior.* 1. H. Higinbotham, 2. C. E. Young.  
Distance, 16ft. 11in. (record).
- 150yds., between 15 and 16.* 1. F. C. McQuade (scratch), 2. S. Cox (scratch)  
Time, 16 secs.
- Junior Hurdle Race, 120yds.* 1. H. Higinbotham, 2. B. S. Morse.  
Time, 19½ secs.
- Broad Jump—Senior.* 1. B. Rundle, 2. D. S. Anderson.  
Distance, 20ft. 10in. (record).
- 220yds. Handicap—Junior Football Division.* 1. K. Hudson, 3yds, 2. H. Higinbotham, 7yds. 3. R. Capel (scratch).  
Time, 25 secs.
- 220yds. Handicap—Senior Football Division.* 1. W. D. Wharton, 20yds, 2. S. Macartney, 12yds, 3. R. H. Browning, 10yds,  
Time, 24 secs.

- 440yds.—Junior. 1. F. H. Curtis, 2. H. Higinbotham, 3. F. F. White.  
Time, 63 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- 440yds.—Senior. 1. J. White, 2. J. C. Watt, 3. B. Rundle.  
Time, 57 secs. (record).
- High Jump—Junior. 1. H. Higinbotham, 2. F. F. White, 3. C. L. Browning.  
Height, 4ft. 7in.
- Form Team Relay Race. 1. Form IV., 2. Form V., 3. Form II.  
Time, 68 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- Old Boys' Race, 120yds. Handicap. 1. H. Wiseman, 2yds, 2. Marsh.
- Egg and Spoon Race—Senior. 1. R. Capel, 2. J. M. Chisholm.
- Egg and Spoon Race—Junior. 1. R. C. Jenkins.
- Obstacle Race—Senior. 1. S. Burdekin, 2. J. M. Hudson.
- Obstacle Race—Junior. 1. B. S. Morse, 2. R. M. Chisholm.
- Senior Consolation Race. 1. H. R. Wilson.
- Junior Consolation Race. 1. C. Richardson.
- Form Challenge Cup.—(Holders 1901, 1902, Form V.)
1. Form IV., 55 pts.
  2. Form V., 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts.
  3. Form I., 25 pts.
- Senior Champion Cup.
1. J. White, 14 pts.
  2. D. S. Anderson, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts.
  3. B. Rundle, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts.
- Junior Champion Cup.
1. H. Higinbotham, 23 pts.
  2. F. H. Curtis, 15 pts.
  3. B. S. Morse, 5 pts.

## SCHOOL RECORDS.

Event.	Senior.		Date
	Holder.	Time or Distance.	
100yds.	J. B. Sandilands	10 $\frac{1}{10}$ secs.	1902
400yds.	J. B. Sandilands	57 secs.	1901
	J. White		1903
120yds. Hurdles	P. S. Anderson	17 secs.	1900
High Jump	K. G. Richards	5ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	1898
Broad Jump	B. Rundle	20ft. 10in.	1903
Kickin Football	P. S. Anderson	65yds. 2ft. 8in.	1900
Throwing Cricket ball	F. W. Nivison	98yds. 2ft. 8in.	1902
1 Mile	E. Simpson	5min. 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.	1902
Junior under 15.			
100yds.	A. L. Belfield	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	1896
440yds.	F. P. MacCabe	61 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.	1900
120yds. Hurdles	H. Higinbotham	19 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.	1903
High Jump	H. Higinbotham	4ft. 7in.	1903
Broad Jump	H. Higinbotham	16ft. 11in.	1903
Kickin Football	H. Smyth	53yds. 4in.	1898
Half-mile	F. P. MacCabe	2min. 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	1900

## ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance from				Prizes—							
1902 ..	4	19	8	Anthony Horden ..	..	13	8	10			
Donations ..	34	18	0	W. John Baker ..	..	1	4	0			
Boys Subscrip- tions ..	11	9	0	Hardy Brothers ..	..	3	15	6			
Sale of rosettes	2	2	0	Mallam and Co. ..	..	0	15	6			
				W. Drew ..	..	0	18	0			
				B. Weaver ..	..	0	5	0			
				Cricket Club ..	..	1	1	6			
								21	8	4	
				Richardson and Co., Rosettes, etc. ..	..	2	17	10			
				C. Heap, Cartage ..	..	0	3	6			
				City Band ..	..	4	4	0			
				Dimmock, Programme ..	..	2	18	0			
				Hern, timber and labour ..	..	2	10	0			
				Wykes, rolling ground, etc. ..	..	0	11	0			
				Braund and Co. ..	..	1	8	6			
				Scribner, icing cakes ..	..	0	10	6			
				School Ribbon ..	..	0	5	0			
				Exchange on cheques ..	..	0	4	6			
				Stamps and parcels ..	..	0	9	4			
				I. N. A., Hire of Flags ..	..	0	7	6			
				Balance ..	..	15	10	8			
				Examined and found correct							
				N. W. BUCKMAN,				Total	£53	8	8
				Nov. 16th, 1903.							
				B. G. LAWRENCE.							

## CRICKET.

The results of the 1st XI. matches cannot be called satisfactory, but they are not as bad as they look. Three matches lost and one drawn. Two of our defeats have been at the hands of our old enemies, Uralla, and in each case we looked at one time like winning. On the second occasion, indeed, victory seemed as good as ours, but our later batsmen failed to do themselves justice. The other match lost was against a strong district team. The drawn match would almost certainly have been a victory, if played out. We certainly have a very fair team, and hope for better results before Xmas. The second XI. began well with a victory over Dumaresq, but did not do so well against Castle Doyle and West End. There is not much sting in their bowling at present, but the weather has so much interfered with practice that this is not to be wondered at. The 3rd XI. have had one match in which they scored a good victory, and the 5th XI. hold an unbeaten record so far.

The 1st XI. are going on tour again this year, and we hope they will do themselves credit, and have a successful trip.

Form matches have not been begun this quarter, owing to the number of 2nd XI. matches, but they will be started after Christmas.

The following are the fixtures at present arranged :

1st XI.

- Nov. 21st—v. Armidale C. C., at School.
- 28th—v. West End C. C., at School.
- Dec. 5th—v. Ollera C. C., at Guyra.
- 12th—v. Mr. T. L. Docker's XI., at School.
- 14th—v. Old Boys, at School.

TOUR.

- Dec. 16th—v. Tamworth.
- 17th—v. Scone.
- 18th—v. Muswellbrook.
- 19th—v. Denman.

2nd XI.

- Nov. 21st—v. Hillgrove, at Hillgrove.
- 28th—v. Norwood, at School.
- Dec. 5th—v. West End, at School.

1st XI. v. MR. HARTIGAN'S XI.

This, the opening match of the season, was played on October 3rd, and resulted in our defeat by 10 wickets. Our opponents included practically the whole strength of the district, so the result cannot be said to be surprising. Mr. Hartigan sent us in to bat on winning the toss, and this did not improve our chances, as the wicket played queerly at first, becoming easier later on. Our total of 53 took a good deal of getting, the bowling being straight and good. Of our opponents Soane hit well, but no one else did much, the total only amounting to 84. Wade bowled very well, securing several wickets with a slower ball that proved very deceptive. The second innings was hardly taken seriously, and calls for no comment.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.
Mr. Skuse, b McClenaghan .. 6	Willis, c K. J. Finlayson b Cooper .. .. 11
Willis, run out .. .. 9	White, B., b Bartlett .. .. 6
Mr. Lawrance, b Cooper .. 8	Mr. Skuse, c Bartlett b Dix .. 0
White B., b Cooper .. .. 4	Slade, c and b Dix .. .. 1
Slade, b Bartlett, .. .. 10	Mr. Lawrance b Dix, .. .. 0
Dalzell, c Finlayson b Bartlett 0	Dalzell, b Hartigan .. .. 7
White, J., b Cooper .. .. 9	Burdekin, b Bartlett .. .. 5
Hudson, c Dix b Bartlett .. 0	Hudson, b Dix .. .. 0
Burdekin, b Bartlett .. .. 0	White, J., b Dix .. .. 0
Wade, not out .. .. 1	Mr. Scruby, not out .. .. 6
Mr. Scruby, c Dix b Cooper .. 4	Wade, l.b.w. Hardigan .. .. 0
Sundries .. .. 2	Sundries .. .. 2
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Total 53	Total 38

MR. HARTIGAN'S TEAM, 1st. in.	MR. HARTIGAN'S TEAM, 2nd In.
Soane, c & b Wade .. .. 33	Bartlett, b Wade .. .. 20
Dix, b Wade .. .. 13	Cooper, c & b Wade .. .. 9
Finlayson, b Hudson .. .. 7	Soane, not out .. .. 27
Finlayson, b Wade .. .. 9	Finlayson, J. W., not out .. 21
Phelan, b Wade .. .. 2	Sundries .. .. 4
McClenaghan, b Hudson .. 4	
Cooper, b Hudson .. .. 5	2 wkts. for 81
Bartlett, b Wade .. .. 0	
Hartigan, not out .. .. 1	Bowling Analysis.—Wade, 2 for 19.
Hutchinson, b Wade .. .. 1	
Sundries .. .. 9	
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Total 84	

Bowling Analysis.—Wade, 6 for 15 ; Hudson, 3 for 7.

1st XI. v. URALLA C.C.

Our first meeting with this Club took place on their ground on Oct. 17th, and resulted, after a good game, in our defeat by 52 runs. Batting first we began well, Willis and Mr. Skuse putting on 36 for the 1st wicket, while the total when Mr. Skuse followed out was 64. Mr. Lawrance was in a long time for his runs, and a good stand was made by White and Burdekin who raised the score from 82 to 140. After this wickets fell quickly, but our total of 146 was fairly good, and when we had two of their best bats out for 8 we were on good terms with ourselves. The game from this point was always interesting, and with 8 men out for 132 we had a good chance, but Griffin, who batted very well throughout, found a safe partner in Burley, and the runs were knocked off. Griffin's score was the result of good cricket, and contained many fine drives. Of our bowlers Mr. Skuse did best with 5 for 73, but the general standard was fairly good, considering the fast and easy wicket.

SCHOOL.	URALLA.
Mr. Skuse, c Bateson b Soane 29	Soane, b Wade .. .. 2
J. Willis, c and b Gabriel .. 26	Gabriel, c and b Mr. Skuse .. 15
Mr. Lawrance, b Bateson .. 21	Griffin, c and b Hudson, 114
White ii, b Townsend .. .. 1	Harding, c Mr. Lawrance b Mr. Skuse .. .. 4
McQuade, b Bateson .. .. 4	Smith, T. P., b Slade .. .. 10
Slade, c Soane b Gabriel .. 0	Vincent, b Hudson .. .. 9
Burdekin, c Soane b Bateson .. 18	Gillies, b Mr. Skuse .. .. 8
J. White, c Gillies b Smith .. 37	Townsend, b Mr. Skuse, .. 4
Dalzell, c Griffin b Bateson .. 4	Smith, A., c Dalzell, b Mr. Skuse 0
Hudson, b Bateson .. .. 0	Burley, b McQuade .. .. 19
Wade, not out .. .. 1	Bateson, not out .. .. 9
Sundries .. .. 5	Sundries .. .. 6
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Total 146	Total 198

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 5 for 73 ; Wade, 1 for 29 ; Slade, 1 for 25 ; Hudson, 2 for 18 ; McQuade, 1 for 12.

## 1st XI. v. WEST END C.C.

Played on Oct. 24th on our ground. Our opponents were late in arriving, and the result was a drawn game much in our favour. Batting first, the School started steadily, all the early batsmen doing well. Burdekin and Wade made the most prolific stand, each hitting a fiver, the former's being a very fine straight drive into the Millgrove road. Declaring our innings closed at 175 for 8 wickets, we left our opponents 75 minutes to bat, and in that time got rid of seven of them for 70, the bowling honours being divided among 5 bowlers.

SCHOOL.		WEST END.	
Mr. Skuse, b Gallagher .. ..	18	Sims, b Mr. Skuse .. ..	10
Willis, b Quinlin .. ..	24	Tolley, J., c Hudson b Wade ..	7
Mr. Lawrance, b Butler .. ..	12	Butler, c Burdekin b Mr. Skuse ..	6
J. White .. ..	19	Quinlin, b Hudson .. ..	11
Burdekin, c Tolley b Quinlin ..	49	Killen, b Slade .. ..	16
B. White, c Butler b Sims .. ..	7	Gallagher, not out .. ..	9
Wade, b Quinlin .. ..	29	Tolley, W. b Slade .. ..	0
Slade, not out .. ..	6	Snell, b Willis .. ..	1
McQuade, c Killen b Tolley ..	0	Bourke, not out .. ..	0
Hudson, not out .. ..	8	Borland, } did not bat	
C. A. Anderson did not bat		Tolley, E. } .. ..	10
Sundries .. ..	3	Sundries .. ..	10
Innings closed. 8 wks for 175		7 wks. for 70	

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Skuse, 2 for 19; Wade, 1 for 12; Slade, 2 for 9; Hudson, 1 for 3; Willis, 1 for 3.

## 1st XI. v. URALLA C. C.

This, our first association match, was played on our ground on Oct. 31st. As is always the case in our matches with this club we had a close match, resulting in our defeat by 12 runs only. At one time victory seemed certain, but on this occasion we proved to have a "tail," whereas latterly we have boasted ourselves to be without that caudal appendage. Winning the toss Uralla batted first, and always looked like making a good score. We got Griffin's wicket early, but could not get rid of Soane, and Harding, assisted by some bad fielding, also made a considerable score. After lunch Soane was run out for a useful innings of 88; after his departure the rest followed quickly, and the total was 194. Willis and Mr. Skuse started steadily and got 40 up before the latter was given L. B. W. Burdekin and Willis followed very soon, but Mr. Lawrance and White made a prolonged stand. The latter, having now adopted quieter methods, has much enhanced his value as a bat, and played a fine innings. When Mr. Lawrance left, the score was 135, and our prospects

good. For some time we were in high hopes as the score crept up, and even with Slade i and Wade out things looked well. White however was yorked with 14 runs wanted, and we then began to fear for the result. The remainder of the team proved unequal to their responsibilities, and our total was 182, 12 short of the Uralla score.

URALLA, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 1st Innings.	
Griffin, b Mr. Skuse .. ..	12	Mr. Skuse, l.b.w. b Bateson ..	17
Soane, run out .. ..	88	Willis, b Bateson, .. ..	17
McAlpine, c B. White b Slade ..	14	Burdekin, b Bateson, .. ..	4
Harding, c B. White b Hudson ..	35	Mr. Lawrance, c Smith, b Soane ..	49
Cooper, c and b Willis .. ..	13	White, J., b Cooper .. ..	61
Bateson, b Wade .. ..	1	Wade, b Soane .. ..	5
Burley, c J. White b Hudson ..	6	Slade, b Bateson .. ..	7
Smith, b Hudson .. ..	2	White, B., b Bateson .. ..	7
Vincent, b Slade .. ..	11	Hudson, b Cooper .. ..	0
Gillies, not out .. ..	4	McQuade, not out .. ..	0
Sundries .. ..	8	Anderson ii, run out .. ..	0
		Sundries .. ..	15
Total 194		Total 182	

Bowling Analysis.—Wade took 1 for 29; Mr. Skuse, 1 for 40; Slade, 2 for 31; Hudson, 3 for 45; Willis, 1 for 14.

## SCHOOL 2nd XI. v. DUMARESQ.

Played on School Ground, October 17th. This was the first match of the season for the seconds, and was played against 12 players from Dumaresq who were defeated easily. The school won the toss, and elected to bat, but made a very bad start, 1 wicket being down for 1, and 3 for 21. The 4th wicket, however did not fall until the score had reached 62, Anderson ii making 41 and doing some splendid hits. The remaining wickets fell quickly, Jenkins i alone making a stand. Anderson ii made great havoc also among the Dumaresq bats, ob aming 8 wks. for 19, and bowling some rattling good balls. Longwill ii and Chapman also bowled well. The fielding was on the whole very fair.

SCHOOL, 1st Innings.		SCHOOL, 2nd Innings.	
Bone i, c J. Killen, b Mitchell ..	4	Bone I., b E. Killen .. ..	1
Anderson iv, b J. Killen .. ..	0	Finley, b E. Killen .. ..	2
Anderson iii, c and b J. Killen ..	12	Jenkins i, b E. Killen .. ..	0
Browning i, b W. Killen .. ..	16	Anderson i, b E. Killen .. ..	6
Anderson ii, c W. Killen, b Mitchell .. ..	41	Browning i, not out .. ..	10
Morse i, b W. Killen .. ..	3	Morse i, not out .. ..	8
Longwill i, b T. Killen .. ..	0	Sundry .. ..	1
Jenkins i, b T. Killen .. ..	14		
Chapman, run out .. ..	2		
Longwill ii, c and b T. Killen ..	0		
Finley, not out .. ..	0		
Sundries .. ..	2		
Total 94		4 wickets for 28	



v. URALLA JUNIORS.—Won by 30 runs.

SCHOOL, 47 and 113, (Creer 15 and 19, Maxwell mi 10, Tooth 29, Slade mi 21, Waley mi 22).

URALLA, 75 and 55, (Noel 3 for 19, Tooth 4 for 34, Richardson 1 for 19, Slade mi 5 for 24, Young ma 6 for 20).

#### NON-CADETS v. PUBLIC SCHOOL JUNIORS.

Won by 5 wks. and 135 runs.

PUBLIC SCHOOL JUNIORS, 8, (Taylor mi 6 wks. for 4, Tooth 4 for 4.

SCHOOL, 147 for 5 wks, (Maxwell mi 31, Waley mi 20, Taylor mi 46, Noel 19 (not out).

#### NEW GUINEA MISSION.

Subscriptions, Nov. 1903 ... .. £2 10s.

Wadigela,  
July 3rd, 1903.

My Armidale Friends,

You wrote a letter and it reached me and Mr. Money read it and translated it into New Guinea for me. I was very pleased and have answered your letter and you will read it: will you be pleased? Are you all well or are you ill? I know yours is a good country, so I think you are well. My friends I will tell you. At this time there is much sickness in New Guinea, and very many people are ill, and the sun is very hot. I was ill for two days and afterwards several people were ill: it is not so with you, I have had no news, but if you write later on I shall hear whether you are well or not. Alas! my dear friends you are in Australia and I in New Guinea; I have not seen any of you at all; by and bye whose face shall I see in New Guinea from Armidale, and *who will come to Uiaku and help us.* My friends fear not, we are Christians and Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that we should not fear any death. A thought of God's omnipresence. Where will God go that we should not be in His presence, and therefore die. My friends he is with us always. If we shall forget him we shall die; let us fear God and His Only Son who died for us upon the tree so long ago; but we should not fear death. (A man took a tomahawk to Clement lately but he quietly stood and did not move. P.J.M.) If men wish to kill us we should not flee, let us just stand and he will do what he pleases; he kills the body, will

he kill our souls? No my friends, our souls will not die at all. Why then shall we fear death? Many people in New Guinea are evil, and are always doing bad deeds, and the Government imprisons them and sometimes in skirmishes with them as enemies, shoots them. There are only a few Missionaries. New Guinea should be full of them. But there are not many and that is why some New Guinea people are bad. Who is to teach them to do well? In my village there is not a missionary, and women bear children and afterwards kill and bury them, that is why I ask who wishes well in this work? This work is nothing of ours that we should spurn it. The Father has given us this work and we should always do it and never relinquish it. If we give it up what will God say?

God has given me my work in Uiaku; to teach those ignorant people to hear God's voice, and now they hear. I go into the village and bring children to school. Many of the people are alright and give me their children, and I teach them in school. At other times I go to the villages to bring the children and they all come; but once when I went close to one man's house his son saw me and his father sent him up into the house. I saw him go up and I went up and led him down and afterwards rebuked his father. I was angry with him he took a spear and a tomahawk to me to kill me, but I was not afraid.

(Greetings to all of you my friends,

(Signed), CLEMENT TAITAVORA.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The following books have been added:—

(Presented by C. R. Blaxland, Esq.)

Letters from a Self-made Merchant to his Son *Lorimer.*

(Presented by Mrs. R. Hudson.)

America at Work .. .. . *Fraser.*

In Old Australia .. .. . *Hassall.*

Princess Kate .. .. . *Tracy.*

In Kings' Byways .. .. . *Stanley Weyman.*

Graphic Stories of Sailors .. .. . *Yates.*

The Banner of Blue .. .. . *Crockett.*

Short History of the English People.	Vol. III.	Green.
Middlemarch.. .. .	George Elliot.	
Ready-Money Mortiboy .. .. .	Besant & Rice.	
Rodfrey Marten .. .. .	Turley.	
St. Nikola's Experiment .. .. .	Guy Boothby.	
Farewell Nikola .. .. .	"	
Connie Burt .. .. .	"	
The Scarlet Woman .. .. .	Hocking.	
The Four Feathers .. .. .	Mason.	
Young April .. .. .	Castle.	
Thelma .. .. .	Marie Corelli.	
The Man from Glengarry .. .. .	Connor.	
Mr. Isaacs .. .. .	Marion Crawford.	
Pearl Maiden .. .. .	Rider Haggard.	
Swallow .. .. .	"	
The Sowers .. .. .	Merriman.	
The Right of Way.. .. .	Gilbert Parker.	
The Virginian .. .. .	Owen Wister.	
To Arms .. .. .	A. Balfour.	
The Three Lieutenants .. .. .	W. H. G. Kingston.	

## BALANCE-SHEET.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank	.. .. .	20	9	3	Wright, Heaton & Co.	.. .. .	3	14	3
Subscriptions	.. .. .	7	10	0	Weaver, Books	.. .. .	3	15	6
					Balance in Bank	.. .. .	20	9	3
		£27	19	3			£27	19	3

T. E. SKUSE.

N. W. BUCKMAN.

## DRAMATIC SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance	.. .. .	0	12	1	Purchase of Plays	.. .. .	0	7	3
Fines	.. .. .	3	5	0	Hire of Costumes	.. .. .	5	8	0
Unclaimed Money	.. .. .	0	1	8	Programmes	.. .. .	1	1	0
Grant from Board	.. .. .	10	0	0	Stage	.. .. .	8	3	7½
Debit Balance	.. .. .	1	1	1½					
		£14	19	10½			£14	19	10½

T. E. SKUSE.

N. W. BUCKMAN.

## THE CADET CORPS.

The usual drill has been carried on in connection with the Cadet Corps since last issue.

Rifle practice at the Butts has continued, and good progress resulted.

The School shooting team is as follows:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.
Sergeant Anderson, C. A.	29	29
Band-Sergeant Hudson, J. M.	29	24
L. Corporal Anderson, D. S.	31	21
Drummer-Corporal White, J.	29	21
Lieutenant Anderson, E. S.	22	27
L-Corporal Morse, I.	29	15
Cadet Cox, S.	31	18
L-Corporal Chard, R.	26	15
Cadet Ellis, W.	21	13
Cadet Longwill, J.	24	10
	<u>271</u>	<u>188</u>

This team shot on the Local Range at the time of the Competition in Sydney for the Rawson Trophy, and made a score of 459.

In the Rawson Trophy Competition Newington College was first with a score of 475. We congratulate them on their winning the Cup for 1903. The King's School was second, 104 points behind Newington.

The band is making good progress under the excellent guidance of Sergeant Hudson and Band-Instructor Taylor, who has recently come to Armidale to take over the management of the City Band.

In shooting, prizes are given each year by the O.C. for the best averages. Every shot, exclusive of sighters, counts, and there must be at least 100 rounds fired for the competitor to qualify.

The ranges this year have been 200, 300 and 500 yards. It will be seen that the winners of 1902 have proved successful this year also.

The following is the list of the best 11 averages:—

	Rounds.	Aver. 7 shots.	
1. Sergt. Anderson, C. A.	112	26.250	1st Prize.
2. L-Cpl. Anderson, D. S.	119	25.529	2nd Prize.
3. Cadet Cox, S.	182	25.423	3rd Prize.
Lieut. Anderson, E.	161	23.043	
Cadet Longwill, I.	182	19.769	
Cadet Menzies, S. M.	105	15.832	
Cadet Anderson, H. S.	140	14.900	

The above only fired the necessary 100 rounds.

	Rounds.	Average.
Corporal White, J.	49	28.571
Capt. Morse, J.N.	77	22.636
Capt. Chard, R.	77	22.000
Sergeant Hudson, J. M.	77	21.272

\*Not qualified

### A.S.O.B. UNION.

We again wish to draw the attention of members of the Union to the fact that there are still a great many ballot papers outstanding, only 49 having been received by the Armidale Secretary to date.

As the time for opening the papers is drawing close we would ask those members who intend to vote to do so and not leave it till too late. Fresh papers can be obtained by writing to P.W. Wright, if any members who wish to vote have lost or mislaid the original papers sent them.

There was a very good turn up of old Boys at the School Sports in September last, 9 of whom ran in the Old Boys' Race which is a record so far. This event was again annexed by A. S. Wiseman whose training (and Handicap?) proved too good for the majority.

In the Tug o' War we were again victorious, the weight and age of the Pasts being too much for the Presents.

By the way, somebody very kindly promised at the /02 Sports to donate a cake as a prize for this event, but unfortunately while remembering the promise, the Secretary cannot think of the name of the lady who made the promise. It's a pretty awkward fix to be in, but it is sincerely hoped that she will read this and remember to send it along next year.

With reference to the Memorial it is proposed to erect to the memory of the late Dr. Ross, D.D.; the Treasurer has about £8 in the Savings Bank, but that is not quite sufficient to cover the cost of the stained glass window. This will cost a little over £16, so that a further appeal for subscriptions is necessary.

At the inception of this movement the Committee hoped to be able to erect the window as a tribute from the Old Boys, but if more funds are not forthcoming it will be necessary either to amalgamate with the School Fund or devote the amount in hand to some article of furniture in the Chapel. This will most probably be one of the subjects for discussion at the General Meeting in Dec. next.

*A. Hargrave* passed through Armidale a few days ago on his way back to Kempsey. He has been for a holiday at his home near Inverell, and, with the exception of the Glen Innes—Armidale train journey, is doing all his travelling on a bicycle.

*P. V. Harris* left Armidale on the 12th November en route for Western Australia, where he intends starting a dairy farm 12 miles out of Perth. He is, we hear, taking some dairy cows with him from Melbourne.

*F. Hume* is in Burns Philps and Co's office in Sydney.

*R. W. P. Burrow* left the latter end of October for the Gold Coast, West Africa, where he has accepted a position of book-keeper. We have to offer him our heartiest congratulations upon his engagement to Miss L. Macdonald of Roseneath. May he soon make enough to enable him to return and once more settle in Australia.

*A. M. Martyn* has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in "The Sydney University Scouts." Previously he was a sergeant in the same corps, and has always been an enthusiastic rifle-shot.

*P. W. Wright* has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in J. Coy. 4th Aust. Inf. Regt. He qualified for the rank of Captain in the Examinations held last April, having passed in drill, practical and theoretical, Regimental duties, Field Fortification and Map Reading, and Tactics.

We hear that *A. W. Hymen* is engaged, and contemplates matrimony early next year. All Old Boys will heartily congratulate him, and wish him the best of luck.

As there are so many Old Boys at the 'Varsity, now it is well to begin by giving what news there is of their doings.

Although this is third term and things are a bit mixed owing to press of work, some of the Old Boys have found time to do other things.

*A. Martyn* has been shooting very well with the rifle corps, and was in the team that won the Rawson prize for rapid shooting at a disappearing head and shoulders target. *E. W. Marriott* has been rowing with the Glebe Rowing Club, and *C. H. Cropper* with our own.

*Slade* and *H. F. White* both play cricket with varying success.

To try and foretell the result of the exams is like picking the cup winner; but by the amount of work Armidalian are doing, I think there will be a good result with one or two exceptions, and they will be bad.

Of the doings of Old Boys outside the Varsity little has come before the notice of this scribe, and he would like to remind them that he has the good fortune to have an address to which letters and telephone messages can be sent.

We heard that Dick Burrow was off to W. Africa, and hope he will make his fortune, and in due course return to claim his reward at Roseneath. Good luck Richard!

Among all the supporters of this Union there is no one so keen or perhaps so far away as T. A. H. Wing, Esq., and his letters do much to make up for the backwardness of others.

The Secretary would like it made known that owing to not enough applications being received for photos of Old Boys' Football team, he was unable to proceed with those he had already got.

All Old Boys in Sydney were very distressed at hearing of the sad death of one of our most respected members of the Board of Directors, Mr. F. R. White of Booloominbah.

He was ever one of our keenest wellwishers, and was always ready to help the School on in every way, and his loss will be greatly felt among us all.

In conclusion we Old Boys here wish the School all success in the coming exams, and a very pleasant holiday at Xmas; also plenty of new boys next year, and very many new members of the Old Boys' Union.

We congratulate H. Bruxner on his recent marriage to Miss A. Collins, sister of another O.B. All O.B.'s will join us in wishing them every happiness.

C. Garland is at Stewart Town, dredging. We hear he is now very expert in the culinary art.

B. Rundle sailed for S. Africa in the 'Salamis,' being a fellow-traveller as far as the cape with R. Burrow. He (Rundle) is taking up a position in the Cape Police. Good luck, Beau!

#### A DIRGE.

What is that team we know so well,  
'Gainst whom in vain we rage and swell?  
Why we can't beat them none can tell,  
Uralla.

In vain right noble scores we make;  
Some fieldsman can't the chances take,  
Disconsolate we cannot break,  
Uralla.

Last week the match was nearly o'er,  
At last! thought we, we've "wiped the floor"  
With our great enemies of yore,  
Uralla.

But who, as usual, had the fun,  
Who smiled benignly when 'twas done,  
Who went home happy, having won?  
Uralla.

#### ARMIDALIAN BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions .. ..	1	5 6	Balance .. ..	3	4 3
Boys' subscr., Aug. No. ..	4	2 6	Aug. No. Printing .. ..	7	5 0
O.B.U. " " " " .. ..	3	10 8	" " Stamps .. ..	0	14 1
By Cash .. ..	1	6 3	Stamps and Telegram .. ..	0	1 9
Debit Balance .. ..	1	0 2			
	£11	5 1		£11	5 1

B. G. LAWRENCE.

Examined and found correct,

N. W. BUCKMAN.

Nov. 16th, 1903.

#### GAMES FUND BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance—April 1903 .. ..	21	15 10	April—Hardy, repairs .. ..	0	18 6
Aug.—Subscriptions .. ..	44	5 0	May—N.E.R.F.U. .. ..	2	5 0
Nov.—Sale of Bats .. ..	7	16 9	Wright, Heaton & Co. .. ..	0	6 6
			Richardson & Co. .. ..	0	13 6
			June—Martin, Footballs .. ..	6	8 6
			Aug.—Taylor, labour .. ..	2	17 6
			Sep.—Petty Cash F'tb'll C'b .. ..	1	8 1
			Oct.—Taylor, ant bed .. ..	0	15 0
			Braund & Co. .. ..	0	14 4
			Wykes, rolling ground .. ..	0	10 0
			June—Bank Fee .. ..	0	5 0
			Nov.—Quaife, materials .. ..	46	7 9
			Balance in Bank .. ..	10	7 11
	£73	17 7		£73	17 7

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#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE.

Cosmopolitan; we regret we cannot insert your contribution.

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