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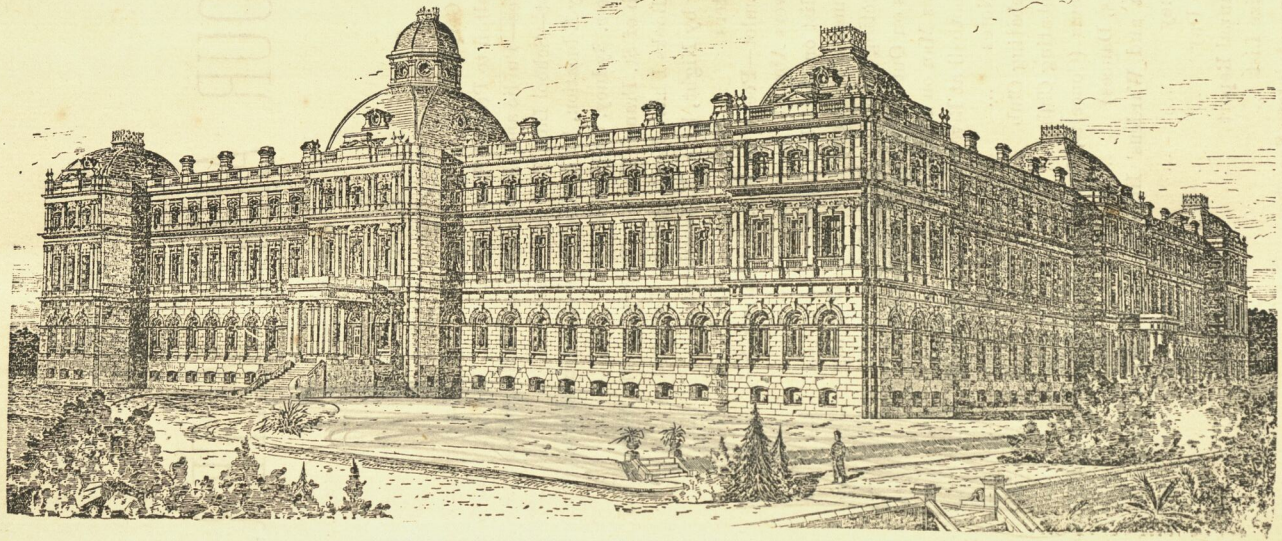
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"Our Alma Mater."

"OFT have we drain'd the font of ancient lore;
Though drinking deeply, thirsting still the more;
Yet when confinement's lingering hour was done,
Our sports, our studies, and our souls were one;
Together we impelled the flying ball,
Together waited in our tutor's hall;
Together joined in cricket's manly toil,
Or shared the produce of the river's spoil;
Or, plunging from the green declining shore,
Our pliant limbs the buoyant billows bore.
In every element unchanged, the same
All, all that brothers should be, but the name."—*Byron.*

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Esprit de Corps.

"Beware of selfishness; its sting is death."—
Aubrey de Vere.

By *esprit de corps* we here understand the great alliance, so well known in good schools, which, taking its colour from the "*genius loci*," as Newman terms the characteristic spirit of a college, and extending itself to everybody and everything connected with the place, binds together all the boys with a strong though unseen cord, woven from common joys and duties, hopes and fears.

This spirit not only unites the students amongst themselves, forming them into one body, but it attracts the hearty sympathy of this body to the institution in which its members laboured and played. Time, which exercises such a blighting influence on most other alliances, seems only to strengthen this of which we speak. In proof of it we have but to recall the enthusiasm displayed by the old pupils at their late re-union on November 28th, and especially the tumultuous cheering with which the toast of the old Masters was received. To many of the old boys, the faces of the present students were quite strange, but the place was the same, in spite of all the big changes that had been made. They recognized among the masters several of their old friends, and this was quite enough to awaken affectionate memories of their student days.

The love of one's school and a keen sensitiveness to everything that regards its honour, are of somewhat the same character as the love we bear our home. Treachery towards one's school-mates, disloyalty towards one's school, will never be found in any boy, save in one in whom love of home is weak, and for whom such a thing as the sanctity of home does not exist. We find it difficult, indeed impossible to imagine to ourselves a manly youth, who has lived for years with a crowd of companions, taking active part in their tasks and in their amusements, feeling anything but the deepest interest in the success of his former mates, and in the fair fame of his college.

Everything that tends to increase that fame must also increase the *esprit de corps* amongst the scholars. In the preface to our First School Journal (1886), it was stated that one of the objects of the publication was to maintain, and if possible augment, the *esprit de corps* amongst the students. Now we think it has done that hitherto, and done it in a degree, which we could not have foreseen, or dared to hope for. Copies of the journal are sent regularly to all the colonies, and the reception given to the little work has been more than encouraging. What Riverview lad will not feel all the prouder

of his school when he reads such flattering notices as the following, on last year's annual?—"*Our Alma Mater*," as the paper is called, "is, I think, the best colonial school magazine I have ever seen.—(The *Australasian*, Melbourne.) "We have received a copy of *Our Alma Mater*. It embraces no less than 124 pages, and *is probably the best school publication in the Australian colonies*. . . . Our Catholic readers must feel proud at possessing a scholastic institution capable of turning out such a meritorious journal."—(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide). "*Our Alma Mater*." Such is the title of a well-written, carefully-arranged, and beautifully-printed annual, issued by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. . . . . The institution, with its numerous advantages for mental and physical culture, appears to be one of the most complete educational republics in the colonies. . . . . The youthful editors have reason for feeling an honest pride in their *Alma Mater*."—(*Cooktown*, Q)

Will not this reputation which our college has throughout Australasia make us Riverview scholars more united in our efforts to do credit to our teachers and our school? The more united we are, the more resolutely shall we struggle for success, and rejoice in it. We feel—indeed, we see—that every boy of any standing in Riverview works with a purer motive, and strives with a stronger effort, because of his desire to bring credit to the little corps to which he belongs. If a soldier plays the coward in time of battle he brings shame on his regiment, but, on the other hand, if he fights as a brave man should, his fellow-comrades share the glory. Just in the same way here, we find that disloyalty in the mimic warfare of school-boy life, whether it be shown in class-room or on play-ground, is held among the highest of high crimes as a positive injury to the whole community; whereas the boy that wins his medal for science, or beats the record in a higher classical competition, or outstrips the fastest runners of all other schools, he, it is, who brings honour on the rest of his schoolmates, and is himself honoured by them in return.

We must confess that the jealous affection for Riverview interests displayed during the year by the students appears to us to be beyond all praise. In showing forth their loyalty by acting the part of gentlemen in every sense of the word on all occasions, public and private, before masters or guests, our fellows give proof that their *esprit de corps* is no gossamer affair, but a sincere, sterling, and steadfast attachment to the school.

We congratulate ourselves that, in this little school world of ours, there is no boy who, upon occasion of any contest involving the honour of the College, whether it be a contest of mind or muscle, an inter-Collegiate boat-race, or a University examination, could be found to say or do anything that would show that he was not at one with his schoolmates in his

passionate desire to see Riverview to the front. We congratulate ourselves on this fact, not only because this spirit engenders friendly union, which in its turn begets more unselfish manly efforts, but also because, as every thoughtful man well knows, it best prepares the mind to enter fully into the larger associations of after life. A boy actuated by the *esprit de corps* at school will, in his future career, be found an earnest, energetic, and self-sacrificing promoter of all good works that have for their object, the advancement of his district, the prosperity of his country, and the well-being or elevation of his countrymen.

To the Present Students of St. Ignatius College.

RIVERVIEW, CHRISTMAS EVE, 1890.

PER FAVOUR OF THE EDITORS, "ALMA MATER."

Gentlemen,

Will you kindly spare me a couple of pages in your College Journal to wish you all a "Merry Christmas—a Happy New Year—and Many Happy Returns."

Though somewhat *hors de combat*—though my "growing pains" prevent me from mixing freely amongst you as I used to do—you must not suppose that I have ceased to take a warm interest in all that concerns you. Far from it. On the contrary, I feel like a poor old soldier who has had his legs shot away, or nearly so, and who can only look on at the fight from a distance, eager, but unable any longer to join in the fray. Now he can only "shoulder his crutch and show how fields were fought and won."

So long associated with Riverview I can't forget—and would not forget if I could—the many happy days I spent here;—the many kind friends I made here;—and the many generous warm hearted boys who passed through in my ten years—boys who are now young men "paddling their own canoes" on the waves of the big outside world. I can never forget these happy days;—these kind friends;— nor these dear old pupils. Once a boy has been a "pupil of ours" we never forget him. We watch his course in after life with deep interest;—we sympathise with him in his struggles;—we rejoice with him in his successes;—we condole with him in his failures;—and we pray for him always. As long as Almighty God spares me I shall try and never forget our old pupils at the Altar. So much for the *past*. I must now say a few words about our *present* pupils.

From all I have seen and heard I am greatly pleased to be able to congratulate you all on the fact that the year '90 is upholding, and even in some respects improving on, the good name won in the preceding ten years. The laurels won by "flood and field" have lost none of their freshness in your keeping. Your flag, the "Blue and White," still holds unchallenged the championship on the water of the Intercolonial Schools. Your achievements in the cricket field are not, perhaps, quite "up to par," but your victories at football are, I am told, something phenomenal; while on the rifle range you have beaten all former records, though they were very high—*prosit*.

What is far more important than the honours alluded to above, I can congratulate you on your literary successes.

I congratulate those who passed the "Matric." in the beginning of the year. I congratulate the seniors who passed, winning the silver medals. I congratulate the juniors who passed. And I sympathise with those who failed, and wish them "better luck next time." With some of these their failure was "more their misfortune than their fault," and a brilliant pass is anticipated for them the next time they go up.

"*Sed paulo majora canamus.*" My principal object in writing to you is to congratulate you all—not so much on your literary honours, however great—but to congratulate you on what is far more important—your "growth in holiness"—your growth in devotion to the Sacred Heart of our Blessed Lord.

This increase in devotion was manifested during the year first by the renewed fervour with which all joined in the usual daily and monthly devotions to the Sacred Heart, especially by the number who joined in the "Guard of Honour," devoting part of their recreation hours to the duties attached to membership. Secondly, by the generous and spontaneous gift of their pocket money to purchase Altar furniture, including a handsome and valuable sanctuary lamp to replace the old plain lamp that had done duty for so many years. When school boys put their hands in their pockets in this way it is evident that they are animated with the same spirit as the Royal Prophet was when he exclaimed, "Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy House, and the Place of the habitation of Thy Glory."

My dear young friends, may you carry this noble holy spirit with you through life; and wherever your lot may be cast in the world, may your Bishops and Clergy ever find in you and all "our old pupils" models of good conduct for your fellow Catholics, and earnest and generous co-operators in every movement for the advancement of our Holy Religion, and for the beauty of God's House.

Remember, our Holy Father Leo XIII. has frequently reminded us that the Church of Christ, of the present and the future, looks for support and help—not to kings and princes or governments—but to the earnest, intelligent, and devoted Catholic Laity. When the enemies of the Church combine in hate, let her children combine in love. In this "Holy League" may a foremost place be ever held by you and all the "old pupils of Riverview."

Once more, my dear young friends, I wish you and your companions a "Merry Christmas, &c."

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your old and sincere friend,

J. Dalton, S.J.

OUR STUDIES.

Public and University Examination Record, 1890.

MATRICULATION.

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SENIOR EXAMINATIONS.

WALTER BURFITT. JOSEPH DE LISLE.
TIMOTHY COEN. VINCENT FITZGERALD.

JOSEPH DE LISLE passed in ten subjects, and was qualified for Matriculation; WALTER BURFITT and VINCENT FITZGERALD won each a Silver Medal for Physiology.

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS.

JAMES BECK. MICHAEL CASEY.
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MARCH, 1890.

T. KELLY took his B.A. degree.

C. BRENNAN, 2nd year Arts Course, got 1st Class Honours in Classics.

G. FLANNERY, 1st year Arts Course, got 1st Class Honours in Mathematics.

L. BRIONOWSKI, 1st year Arts Course, 3rd Class Honours in Mathematics.

W. COYLE passed 2nd year.

A. SHEWCROFT passed 1st year.

DECEMBER, 1890.

ARTS COURSE (HONOURS NOT AWARDED TILL MARCH).

C. BRENNAN passed 3rd year.
G. FLANNERY „ 2nd „
J. FARRELLY „ 1st „

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Physics (2nd Class Honours)—M. O. G. HUGHES.

Mr. Hughes was awarded the Renwick Scholarship for Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.

BRISBANE.

B. BEIRNE passed Law Examination in November.

GEORGE PAGE won the Bailey Silver Medal for Botany, the examination for which took place at the College of Pharmacy, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd.

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A Contrast.

SCHOOL LIFE, PAST AND PRESENT.

A French School Fifty Years Ago.

"Earlier than it is now usual to put a youth to school, I was sent to Bordeaux, and made to plough up Latin and Greek under a most strict and overbearing taskmaster. In those days the easy hours and lazy system of education now in vogue were unknown. Strict discipline—such, indeed, as would now cause a mutiny in a penitentiary—was considered the right and proper treatment in the best regulated schools. Even Dickens has been mild in his description of scholastic comforts. I confess that I little relished the scanty food, the corporal punishment, and long dreary hours spent at my first school at Bordeaux.

"The system of schooling now in vogue may—and, I feel sure, does—bring about quite as good a result as far as education is concerned; but I still think that the discipline and hardship of the old system had its beneficial effects. I have still a strong impression of those old days, when the first bell used to wake us at 6 a.m., winter and summer; ten minutes allowed to dress; marched to a trough of iced water, in winter, for ablutions; then into a cold, dreary schoolroom—each boy provided with a tallow dip to lighten the darkness of his desk—where, with fingers benumbed with cold, he had to dive into 'Æsop' or 'Cornelius Nepos,' translate Homer and Virgil on an empty stomach, and with heavy eye-lids, until 8 o'clock, when a slice of dry bread and very much christened milk of doubtful origin would be handed over on our way to the playground. Thus fortified we had to wait till 11 for a *dejeuner à la fourchette*, worse than that I have often seen placed before vagrants in the soup kitchens of Sydney or Melbourne. Such treatment, however, was 'quite the thing' fifty years ago. It not only sharpened the appetite—it sharpened the 'wits' of young 'gentlemen.'"

[The above is taken from Shavings & Scraps, a neat, interesting, and racy little volume printed by Mons. Jules Joubert for private circulation, and courteously lent us by its author.]

An Australian School at Present.

Sure enough, *tempora mutantur*, if all schools in our sunny land are carried on in the same style as the one I know most about—Riverview. We get up just as early as our half-starved brethren of half a century back, but our dietary arrangements are on a scale which would almost, I fancy, make a Bordeaux pupil delirious with delight, provided of course his little stomach could accommodate itself to the increased calls on its digestive organs. Our breakfast is at 8 or 8·15, and consists of plenty of hot steak or chops or sausage or cold meat, bread, butter, and tea or coffee. At dinner we have soup, and as there are different joints or dishes of meat at almost every table, each one has

practically the choice each day of four or five different kinds of meat. The substantial part of the meal is always followed by a plentiful helping of pudding, pie, or sweetbread. I must here observe that all our meals are served up in first-class style, and our present headwaiter, George, takes a very legitimate pride in the artistic arrangement of flowers and evergreens on each table. There are few first-class hotels where the dining tables show more perfect taste and neatness. It should further be noted, perhaps, for the benefit of the sceptical reader, that one boy at the head of each table is carver and helper for his comrades. No other proof, I suppose, need be mentioned to show that the said helpings are well up to each one's stowing capacity. Our "tea" consists of bread and butter and tea, and very frequently cold meat, scones or cakes of some kind. When the interval is long between breakfast and dinner a luncheon of bread and butter is provided, and when the dinner is early this luncheon is placed half-way between dinner and tea. Everybody will see that boys under such a *regime* are carefully deprived of the advantage of the French student, *i.e.*, that of studying Latin and Greek on an empty stomach. Not unfrequently in the mornings I have been fairly peckish nearing breakfast time, but I am almost afraid to venture on the statement—following so closely on Mons. Joubert's contrary experience—that my wits never seemed sharpened by this hunger. I suppose this must be accounted for by the fact that not only are "times changed," but *nos et mutamur in illis*. Yes, we do seem very differently constituted from the schoolboy fifty years ago. Six o'clock, just as at the Bordeaux school, is our general rising hour, but so little do we see to be alarmed at in this, that a number of us asked and obtained, as a special favour, leave to get up at five last year. Then again none of us shiver at the notion of going through our ablutions in very cold water. I suppose our friends of half a century ago would look upon us as lunatics if they saw our whole regiment in winter stripped to the waist splashing manfully, not in "*a trough*," but in our marble water basins. The studying on empty stomach theory, it seems to me, can only be dealt with as Dean Swift dealt with his doctor's prescription to walk three miles before breakfast on an empty stomach. "On whose?" asked the amazed dignitary.

As clearly hunger is not one of the means our masters look to for sharpening our wits, do they really make any efforts in that direction at all, or are we Australians gifted with any wits or born with them already sharpened? This is a momentous question, and for answer I shall be quite satisfied to give a bare statement of our order of time. This will have the further advantage of beautifully illustrating "*the easy hours and lazy system of education now in vogue*" according to Mons. Joubert.

A Day's Work at Riverview.

Called at six o'clock, or at five by special privilege, we are given not ten minutes, but a full half hour for our morning

toilette, after which we proceed to the chapel for prayers and Mass. Mass over, we are marched to the study hall till breakfast, at 8.15. On alternate mornings the higher and lower forms are exercised in military drill under arms for 15 or 20 minutes before breakfast, and in winter the whole school is occupied during this time in some warming and blood circulating drill practice. We cannot do justice to our morning meal under 25 minutes, and after it we betake ourselves to the playground. At 9 o'clock the bell rings for class, which goes on till 11, when a respite of five minutes is allowed, followed by study and class till 12.30; 12.30 play for three-quarters of an hour, during which we bathe and have luncheon; from 1.15 till 3.15, class; from 3.15 till 5.15, dinner and play. This is the only time of the day we can have a good prolonged game, but then we do go in for play and no mistake. Whether on the river or the rifle range, the ball court or the cricket field, wherever we select to have our recreation, we take good care that it is recreation in downright earnest, and I fancy all in the neighbourhood for half a mile around the College will bear strong, if in some cases sad, testimony to the fact that the morning's labours have not soured the temper, stiffened the legs, or weakened the lungs of the St. Ignatius boy. At 5.15 we have Rosary in the chapel, then study till tea at 7. After tea comes evening recreation, during which our libraries and billiard rooms are thrown open till 8, when night prayers are said, followed by study till 9 p.m. Boys under 13 are marched to bed not unwillingly at 9, but the senior must remain up till 10 p.m.

Here indeed in a plain setting out of our daily life we have an impressive sample of *the easy hours and lazy system now in vogue.* Excluding time allotted to meals and chapel, our boys have on ordinary class days out of the 24 hours, 3½ hours recreation (on half-days, *i.e.*, Wednesday and Saturday, we have two hours extra recreation after dinner), 10 hours class or study, and about 8 hours sleep. And yet we lead a very happy life, even though some of us, in addition to long hours, at times require a little goading along the flowery path of knowledge. Riverview boys are not noted for pale cheeks or bent shoulders, notwithstanding the time they spend at their desks. Now, what is the reason of this? I suppose good wholesome diet has something to say to it, but, more than everything, I think the secret lies in this, that the College authorities have at heart not only to make us work hard, but also to make us *play hard.* Loafers in the playground—indeed I may say bookworms in the playground—are not regarded with favour. Therefore it is that all manner of manly sports are provided for us, and our masters are ambitious that we excel in all. In the good old times boys' wits were sharpened by starvation; nowadays, in our school at least, they are sharpened by good healthy recreation, which enables us to go back to our books with fresh and active minds.

AN IGNATIAN.

University Education.

"RIVERVIEW has already produced, and will, doubtless, continue to send forth University men!" So thundered an orator—a graduate himself, by the way—at the recent "Old Boys' Reunion."

Yes; Riverview, although still in her early youth, ranks among her ex-students graduates and undergraduates of both the sister Universities of Sydney and Melbourne, and, *on dit*, we are to be represented at Oxford this year. Many of the present students will, no doubt, following in the footsteps of their predecessors, proceed in due course to the University; and to these, and, indeed, to all the students, the following short remarks on University education will, perhaps, be interesting:—

A University training is generally, and, with certain restrictions, justly, held to be the keystone of the arch of a man's education. As such, it is, perhaps, the most critical part of his life. At the University the knowledge which he acquired at school is supplemented and receives its "top-dressing," and, moreover, the character which he will bear through life is there finally and irrevocably developed. In both the further acquirement of knowledge and the formation of his character, the student is thrown almost entirely on his own resources, and it rests with himself whether he will make a good use of his University career, or fail to take advantage of an inestimable opportunity.

To make a proper and profitable use of a University training it is absolutely necessary to recognise the true aims of a University. Briefly, they are these:—Firstly, to inculcate a sound, technical education; and, secondly—and chiefly—to furnish an opportunity to its students of acquiring a true, liberal education. The latter is to be obtained only in daily conversation with men of refined natures—in that social intercourse with the student world where prejudice is toned down, if not completely erased, and where an *esprit de corps* is formed, which, though seemingly conservative, is, in reality, but part of that universal sympathy that includes all humanity. Thus, athletic sports, which promote this friendly intercourse and bring the men into closer connection with each other, are seen to be a by no means unimportant item in a University course.

By one section of the students — I might even say of the community—the University is considered to be merely an institution which confers a degree on those who have attended its lectures for a certain number of years, and passed certain annual examinations. Others look upon it as a technical college of an advanced type. Those who enter the University, imbued with these ideas of its functions, certainly miss a portion —a great portion—of the advantages to be derived from their training.

The students holding the former view are very well satisfied to scrape through their yearly examinations, and, accordingly spend their time with a view of combining a "pass" with as much ease as possible. Thus they infallibly neglect the technical part of their education, and, as a rule, also, the liberal part. The first terms of each year are usually spent by these men, not in those sports which would bring them into closer touch with their fellow-students, and thus realise the second aim of the University, but in private, and, consequently, illiberal, amusements. The work of the year is neglected until the last term, and then, after a few weeks of hard study, the student (?) is either rejoicing at his good fortune or bewailing his fate.

Those who consider themselves as students at an advanced technical college necessarily fail to acquire the liberal education, though they generally pass good examinations in the technical branch of their course.

Those, and those only, who strike the happy medium and combine work with rational and social amusement derive true benefit from their University course. They take up their books with more avidity after the healthful relaxation of athletic exercise. They are all the fresher for their technical studies after attending lectures on liberal education in common-room and boat-shed, and carefully studying the science of life in the text-books of social intercourse and friendship. They alone go out into the world properly equipped for the great struggle for existence, for place, for power, who, during their course, have judiciously blended the search after knowledge with a ready and full compliance with the calls which society at large—and University society in particular—may make upon them.

An old Riverview "Undergrad."

Melbourne v. Sydney.

By a Tasmanian.

The mind of the young Tasmanian, who has never crossed the threshold of his island home, is prone to picture to itself Melbourne, as a city second only to London or New York, or some of the other large centres of the old world, and Sydney as a mere village in comparison. This imagined superiority of Melbourne is only the natural outcome of what he incessantly sees and hears. As a consequence of the proximity of Melbourne to the island, there is an extensive passenger traffic carried on between the two colonies throughout the whole of the year; and, in spite of the Victorian tariffs, the bulk of Tasmanian commerce is carried on with that colony. Until recently, very little direct trade with Home existed; Victoria was the medium through which Tasmania transacted business with Europe. Consequently, all articles or commodities not locally

manufactured or produced, the young Tasmanian learned to consider as being the result of Melbourne labour. He would also hear his companions or others who had paid a visit to the city across the Straits, perhaps during the racing carnival or some other festive season, speak of the wonderful sights of, what was to them after their "sleepy hollow," a wonderful city. Sydney he learned to look upon as a comparatively unimportant town. Thus it was with feelings of surprise that on my first arrival in Sydney I heard my schoolfellows instituting comparisons between the two cities. I was always prejudiced in favour of Melbourne, though I had never seen it; and even after my first visits to it in December, 1887, and February, 1888, although it did not realise my expectations, I still considered it far superior to Sydney. However, my third visit, of which I am now writing, caused me to doubt the existence of the great difference I had imagined between the two cities. Soon after my arrival, I noticed that a great change had taken place in the Victorian capital during the preceding twelve months. In December, 1888, Melbourne was crowded with visitors, and was effulgent with the dazzling splendour of an international exhibition, the influence of which was felt throughout the whole city. In December, 1889, it was in a comparatively wretched condition. The famine that habitually follows the feast had already set in, and I saw at once, from what I understood to be almost its normal condition, that people are apt to overrate this city. The fact of its rapid growth is, I think, the main cause of the application of the word "marvellous" to Victoria's capital. The city is built on a plain; the streets are long, level, straight, and very broad, and are set out at right angles to one another. However these qualifications may adapt them for business purposes, there is something in this rigid uniformity not at all pleasing to the ordinary visitor or holiday maker, on pleasure bent; and Sydney, with its hills and hollows and its crooked streets, though they are very narrow, and even without the beautifying influence of its harbour, is much more pleasing to the eye. The Melbourne trams are more numerous than the Sydney ones, and are a great improvement on the unsightly objects that are to be seen in the streets of the N.S.W. capital. The Melbourne suburban railway system is wonderful, including as it does almost total immunity from accident. It is alleged to be the finest system in the world. But such allegations are principally made by Victorians, who, as all are well aware, are not innocent of disregarding Trollope's parting advice, "Victorians, don't boast." From one of the three city stations three hundred and sixty trains go out daily. The buildings of the two capitals are about on a par. If there is any difference it is in favour of Sydney, I think. Melbourne has no buildings to equal Sydney Post Office or the Centennial Hall. The Melbourne Houses of Parliament will, when finished, form a splendid piece of architecture. St. Patrick's, in its present state, is not, I think, as large as St. Mary's, and some

think will never be as fine. The Sydney Botanical Gardens are far superior in every respect to those of Melbourne. The Sydney Art Gallery is on a much larger scale than the Melbourne one. Melbourne completely lacks the superb surroundings of Sydney. There is nothing like Bondi, Coogee, Manly, or Middle Harbour, about the Yarra or Port Phillip. The Bijou Theatre has no rival in Sydney, but, with this exception, Sydney seems to possess better theatres, halls, and skating rinks than its rival. There is only one small aquarium in Melbourne, and that is far removed from the sea. It is in the Exhibition Building. The inhabitants of the "marvellous city" are, like those about Port Jackson, an amusement-loving people, and very proud are they of the Australasian game of football, which owes its origin to Victorian brains. I visited Melbourne during the months of July and August, 1890, and go where I would football was nearly always the conversational topic. On a train or tram, one could not travel far before hearing fellow passengers discoursing on football. Go into a shop and it would be ten to one that whoever was in attendance would, after discussing the weather, have something to say anent the popular pastime. The football mania seems even to possess the ladies, of whom a goodly number are present at every contest. I saw Victoria v. South Australia, at which some 20,000 spectators were present. In this match the Vics. conquered their weighty opponents by 13 goals to 6. I also saw the lions of the season—Carlton v. South Melbourne. This match almost baffles description. The number of spectators registered by the turn-stiles reached the abnormal total of 32,595. The reserves were literally packed, and hundreds of excited spectators were hanging out of various points of vantage on the buildings, while bands of policeman were vainly endeavouring to compel them to abandon their dangerous positions. The sight from the reserve was a curious one. A ring of persons, about 40 deep, sloping gradually towards the centre, excitedly watched the movements of forty men. Occasionally above the heads of the spectators was to be seen blue and white, or red and white flags, or perhaps an effigy or a coffin draped in one or other of these combinations, according to the varied fortunes of the game. During the preparation for a shot, dead silence reigned throughout the ground, but as the oval sped in the direction of the posts from 10,000 hoarse throats would rise the deafening shout of triumph or scorn, according as the single or the double flag was raised. The secret of football's popularity in Melbourne is, I think, that people visit a match, often in curiosity, and become infected with the prevailing excitement. It is almost impossible to watch an important match in Melbourne without participating in the enthusiasm manifested everywhere around one. Finding that I have already taken up more than my proper space in our *Alma Mater*, I must postpone my notes on Sydney's most popular game, cricket, till another time.—H. KEATING.

THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.*

1552.

I.

The golden sunlight glittered on the sea;
The tide crept o'er a waste of barren sand;
And breathless was the air above the strand,
Where Xavier, Christ-like in his agony,
Lay dying slow, a piteous sight was he!
His fevered cheeks by no soft breeze were fanned,
And to his ash-pale lips no brother's hand
Gave cooling draughts in deep-moved symyathy.
Abandoned, left to die upon the stones,
He saw approaching death's fast thickening gloom;
The shadows grew; drops, cold as wind-blown spume
Of Polar seas, bedewed his brow, and moans
Rose from his bosom. Ope' thy gates, O tomb,
And give him swift surcease of pangs and groans.

II.

Man, great in life, but greater in thy death!
Thy captive spirit longs from earth to soar;
Slow, faint and still more faint, thy failing breath
Sobs like the wave that laps upon the shore.
Anon there comes a blest and soothing calm,
That, as a fresh, dew-laden breeze from heaven,
Steals gently o'er thy soul and brings sweet balm:
Lo! now thy bright eye flashes like the levin,
Thy shrunk cheeks flush, and thy wet, pallid brow,
With splendour touched, is lifted towards the sky—
Thy glory's dawn, O Saint, is breaking now!
Out from thy full heart leaps the glad last cry:
In Thee, Almighty Lord, I've hoped in Thee;
O Love, O Joy, Thou'rt mine eternally.

M. WATSON, S.J.

* St. Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit Apostle, who is patron of the Catholic Church in Australia, died Friday, December 2nd, 1552, on the Island of Sancean, a small barren isle near Macao, on the coast of China.

On Some Books I have Read.

I WILL begin my critique by naming the three authors and the three books which I have selected for my first attempt at criticism. I have, after three days' careful thought, selected Sir W. Scott, M. Thackeray, and Lord Lytton, in their respective works—"Ivanhoe," "Vanity Fair," and "Paul Clifford."

I selected "Ivanhoe," because it leads you back to the times when the Saxons and the Normans were struggling for their language, their customs and their laws. When I was reading it I was struck by the simple and natural manner in which the story was told. Although compiled in a very unaffected manner, yet it interests you so much that you could almost believe that you were moving about among courteous

squires, noble knights, tyrants, daring outlaws, recreant priests, and perjured Knight-Templars. In "Ivanhoe" Scott seems to have lost his love for exact descriptions, and his great accuracy in historical events. Throughout the whole book he continues the story without any of the long explanations which he finds necessary in most of his other books, and which detract from their merits as novels or works of adventure. His narrative never flags; it does not contain any parts which are not at once understood by the reader. His descriptions are faithful, vivid and interesting. His language is simple and refined, and suited to the tone of the book. Some parts are worthy of being written in letters of gold, viz.—the attack upon the castle of Front De Bouef by Locksley, in union with the Black Knight, and the death of Brian De Bois Guilbert. The characters are true to nature, and pourtrayed with all the energy and ability of the nervous, yet all-powerful pen, of a refined poet. The moral tone of the book is blameless. The style is worthy of the greatest praise, and the plot is developed as none other than Scott could develop it.

Having introduced my first book and author, I will now introduce No. 2. Lord Bulwer Lytton does not appear to have been destined by Nature to become an author, but seems to have become one by means of his great learning. His work—"Paul Clifford"—is the one I have selected. I do so, because in it you meet with more blunders than you do in his other works. Lord Lytton forgets that he is writing about criminals. He forms a romance on a chapter of the Newgate calendar. None of his highway-men are really low or vulgar; they seem to be villains of the lowest type when he describes them; but when they speak their ideas are so refined and their allusions so classical, that they would pass for educated men. He makes his scoundrel use high-flown language. When he uses "slang" he employs a kind of imaginary language which, I daresay, never a person—save an educated man—would have the courage to speak, and patience to learn. Lord Lytton fails in the plot of "Paul Clifford," although his work shows that he was a thorough master of the English language. He is, however, unlike Macaulay and other great English writers, in that he uses a great many words of French and Latin derivation, whilst the others prefer Anglo-Saxon words.

I will now say a few words upon "Vanity Fair." The great beauty of this work lies in its delineation of character. The fool, Jos. Sedley; the vagabond, Beck Sharpe; the refined scoundrel, Marquis of Steyne; and the selfish, blunt and ignorant maid, Miss Crawley—show that Thackeray was gifted with the keenest observation. The book does a great deal of good, by opening the eyes of the people to the coldness and faithlessness of the world. But "Vanity Fair" is not a book which can be called altogether "good;" it does, and has done,



College Private Wharf. Juniors' Boatshed. OUR ALMA MATER. Seniors' Boatshed. College Baths.

a great deal of harm. If we were to seek we should find that not a person mentioned in the book is imaginary; all the characters were drawn from life. I may ask the reader if it was right for Thackeray to invade the sanctity of private life, and to immortalise in a book, which will always be a masterpiece in the English language, a story which publishes the disgrace of a proud and noble family. Another great fault in Thackeray is that he makes vice clever and virtue almost contemptible. He personifies these two things in "Vanity Fair"—Vice in the person of Rebecca Sharpe, Virtue in that of Amelia. "Vanity Fair" is a comedy until you come to the tragedy at the end. He showed great want of taste by ending his book in such an inartistic way. The most masterly scene in the book is the scene at the Battle of Waterloo, where Jos. Sedley and the wicked Becky Sharpe are planning an escape, whilst George Osborne is lying dead upon the battle-field, with a bullet through his heart.

I will finish my brief critique by asking my readers to compare for themselves the different styles of each of my authors, and he will find that the three have not anything in common, except their refined English.

JOHN W. TARLETON,
Junior Class.

Riverview by Night.

AN ex-student of Riverview, who was a schoolboy within its walls a year or two ago and who has not visited us since, would not I am afraid recognise in some respects at least the Riverview of to-day. No doubt he would recognise old playgrounds where the same old games are still played, and the boat shed and baths would to him be unaltered; let him, however, accompany me to the night recreation and I am sure he will not be able to control his astonishment at the substantial and radical changes a year has accomplished. There will still be the same uproarious sounds telling of light-hearted fun and mirth proceeding from the play-rooms, but the rooms themselves are improved beyond recognition. On entering the senior boys' play-room the first thing that meets the eye is an excellent $\frac{3}{4}$ size billiard table, having the orthodox billiard mat on the floor around it. The amusement is evidently well appreciated, and the boys seem to take a keen interest in the game. In the corners of the hall are placed draught, chess, and card tables, which are also well patronised, while a group of fellows may be seen lounging around the piano listening to the dreamy music of a waltz deftly played by the supple fingers of some boyish musician. Around the walls are hung numerous engravings, views of the surrounding river, and photos of the respective cricket, football,

rowing, and rifle teams. Here, very likely, he will see some familiar faces. A handsome marble chimney-piece, with tiled hearth, fills up the rather unsightly open fire-place of former degenerate days. From the play hall we pass out on to a broad verandah, brilliantly lit by the electric light, where there are a few boys playing with the rope quoits one sees aboard ship. In front of the verandah is a promenade, up and down which some boys are walking in twos and threes, talking about the approaching holidays, or else engaged in an animated discussion on some question at present current in the school. From the verandah we pass into a spacious and well-lighted library, which is even better patronised than the billiard-room. This is the room of which we are particularly proud, and at which I make bold to say our old boy visitor will be most astonished. What a sweeping change has taken place in a few months! Where there was a cold, comfortless room, bare floor, bare walls, bare school desks, we now see a really handsome reading-room, carpeted, ornamented—like the play-room—with marble chimney piece and tiled hearth, the walls decorated with photos and choice engravings, with a variety of small tables and writing-desks in different corners; whilst down the centre there runs a richly covered table, which would do credit to any library. The old school forms have been contemptuously discarded for the much more comfortable Austrian chair. In an arm chair on a dais, at one end of the apartment, sits the "Librarian," like a small king on his throne. The handsome tapestry curtains behind him form a kind of canopy over him. The book-cases are well-stocked with works of fiction, science, travel, history, poetry, and literature; but, nevertheless (and the visitor will take a note of this—as will also, I hope, the friendly reader), there are a great number of empty shelves. The side-windows are tastefully decorated with curtains falling in graceful folds to the floor. Leaving the library, and crossing a court-yard, in the centre of which is a high column with three brilliant electric lights at the top, we come across a number of the smallest of the smaller boys, who are romping about and enjoying themselves in a boisterous, yet not noisy manner, while their more sedate companions are walking around a circular garden discussing matters of state interest. There is also a verandah in front of the juniors' play-rooms, and they themselves resemble, mainly, the seniors' rooms. There is a miniature billiard table, which is well patronised, and also a bagatelle board; while cards, chess, and draughts are in full swing at various tables ranged round the room. The library, though not on such a grand scale as that of the senior boys', is, nevertheless, comfortable, and the book-case is well-stocked with works of fiction, travel, and adventure.

A. M. Jennings
(Senior class).

Prize Letters.

In October, the Rector offered special prizes in the different divisions for the best letters.

The following letter won the prize in the Elementary School. The writer was nine years of age :—

Riverview, October 27th, 1890.

My Dear Father,

It is a very long time since I had a letter from you, so I am going to send you a few lines now to remind you to write me a short letter when you have time. I hope you and Mother, and all at home, continue well. Edo and I are as well as usual. The weather continues cool and pleasant, and we are able to enjoy our out-door games. We had a cricket match last Saturday week, between the first eleven of our second division and the North Shore Grammar School. Our boys won easily.

We go to the baths every day. There is nothing more enjoyable on a hot day than a swim, for no matter how fagged one may be, it freshens him up again and makes him feel as if he were only beginning the day's work. We have some grand swimmers in each division; some of them can do almost anything in the water.

Last Friday week was a great day in the College. It was the centenary of Blessed Mary Margaret Alacôque. Nearly all the boys went to Holy Communion, and in the evening there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. You may be sure I did not forget to pray for you and Ma, and everyone at home.

I hope you will soon come up to see us again, and bring Mother and Mary and Uncle John. You will be pleased to see our new lawn tennis ground. It is nearly finished, and we expect to be able to play on it very soon.

Edo joins me in fondest love to you, Mother, Mary, Uncle John, and all dear friends.

I am, dearest Father,
Your affectionate son,
John N. Slattery.

In the other divisions the prizes were awarded to Masters Gregan McMahon and Louis Diversi.

THE STREAMLET.

Rev. T. Keating, S.J.

Deep in a fair, sequestered dell,
Where shade subdued the solar beam,
I saw of late a crystal well
Where gushing flowed a limpid stream.
Gliding through the sylvan scene,
Ever onward, rapidly
The streamlet sped with silvery sheen
And gentle murmur to the sea.
And there in rich profusion grew,
Along the banks, each lonely flower
Of sweetest fragrance, brightest hue,
Which decks the welcomed, vernal hour.
There blushing bloomed the young, red rose,
The violet shone with purple dye,

The lily trembled to disclose
Its modest radiance to the sky.
There, too, each bird of tuneful note,
Screened by the leafy groves around,
With emulous, unwearied throat,
Poured floods of sweet, melodious sound.
"Wherefore, gentle streamlet, say,"
Blithly sang the nightingale,
"Waste thy waters far to stray
From this charming, peaceful vale?
Why not thy restless wanderings close,
Nor e'er these lovely scenes forsake,
But dwell with us in calm repose,
A crystal fount or glassy lake."
"Not mine, inglorious in this glen,
To linger so," the rill replied,
"I long to view the haunts of men
And roll with a majestic tide.
Then through famed cities proudly sweep,
Bearing great navies on my breast,
And mingling with the boundless deep
In its vast bosom find my rest."
Ah, thus the inexperienced heart
Doth yearn, I sadly musing sighed,
From youths' calm pleasures quick to part
For joys more prized because untried.
The future, a false lustre wears,
Deceitful splendours life illume,
Man's path beset by gloomy cares
Leads surely, swiftly to the tomb.

Riverviewers Abroad.

PRINGY, PAR PONTHIERRY,
September 3rd, 1890.

I am going to give you an account of my pilgrimage to Lourdes. There were about 14 trains to convey the pilgrims. I left Paris in train No. 5, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th August. In each apartment there was a priest or an ecclesiastic to direct the singing and the prayers. In our apartment it was a sub-deacon (one of my fellow students of St. Sulpice) who acted as director. Leaving Paris, we sang the *Ave Maris Stella*, and during the journey to Poitiers we sang and prayed at different intervals. Tuesday morning, 7 o'clock, we arrived at Poitiers, where we were to stay about a day and a half. I availed myself of the opportunity of going a good while about the city which is very interesting on account of its ancient monuments. During my brief stay I made acquaintance with some of the Bendictines, who have a monastery at Ligué, and was introduced to a Benedictine who had been in Sydney a long time. At 1.30 p.m. we resumed our journey, and about 7 a.m. on Thursday we arrived at Lourdes, situated near the Pyrenees, which we could easily see. Our lodgings once secured, we made tracks for the grotto.

All along the street there were shops where different objects of Lourdes were sold.

At last my friend and self came in sight of the Church or Basilica. "La Grotte de Lourdes" is situated in an immense rock; before this rock passes a little river, the *Gave*. Between the grotto and the *Gave* the place is paved, so that it is more convenient for those who pray and kneel before the grotto, which is protected by a kind of iron fence. On the top of this immense rock, and just above the grotto, is built the Basilica. Bernadette was commanded by the Blessed Virgin herself to have a church built here in her honour. On the left of the grotto are a number of taps into which the water from the grotto is conducted; a little further on to the left the water blows into the "piscines" or baths which are enclosed in little tents or cells. I remained a good while near the piscines; there was a priest there to direct the devotions, &c. I never saw praying, as at Lourdes; the whole day long, from morning till evening, it is one continual prayer; the rosary takes the principal part. From time to time the pilgrims sing, in order to vary a little. During all these prayers the sick are plunged into the piscines. On Thursday morning the prayers were going on a long time before anything remarkable occurred. The priest who was there kept crying out "Priez, Priez toujours, nous ne prions pas avec ferveur c' est pourquoi la Sainte Vierge ne nous exauce pas; baisez la terra en signe de penitence," &c. Then everyone around, the rich and great as well as the poor and lowly, kissed the ground. For the most part those present prayed with their arms "en forme de croix." It was quite edifying to see the people pray with such fervour. "Nôtre Dame de Lourdes; Vierge de Lourdes priez pour nous; O Vierge de Lourdes guerissez nos malades," &c.; such were the invocations to our Lady. At last there was a miraculous cure, and the *Magnificat* was immediately sung. Around the grotto there was always a great number of people, and prayers were said there as at the piscines. Every evening about half-past four there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament; it commenced from the Basilica, descended a kind of stair-case, then the Blessed Sacrament was carried to the grotto, where Benediction was given. Afterwards the procession returned by the piscines, and ascended the stair-case to the Church, where the Blessed Sacrament was left. The two lines in the procession were very long; and behind came a big crowd of people invoking the Blessed Sacrament: "Seigneur nous croyons en vous. Seigneur nous vous aimons," &c. The procession stopped some time at the grotto; then commenced a series of acclamations to our Lord: "Hosanna, Hosanna! au Fils de David! béni soit celui qui vient au nom du seigneur! Seigneur si vous le voulez vous pouvez me guérir. Seigneur dites seulement une parole et je serai gueri. Seigneur celui que vous aimez est malade, Jesus Fils de David ayez pitié de nous." It

was something splendid to hear a crowd of several thousand people calling upon our Lord with such faith and enthusiasm.

Our Lord was not deaf to all these prayers, for when He passed, some of the sick who could not walk before got up out of their carriages and followed the procession in triumph. And it happened very often that those who were in the piscines when the Blessed Sacrament passed were suddenly cured.

Every evening about half-past eight there was a torchlight procession which started from the grotto; it was a magnificent sight. Imagine about thirty thousand people each with a lighted torch. During the procession a hymn was sung which gives the whole history of the apparitions; the chorus is "Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria."

On Friday evening I assisted at an account given of the miracles worked. Already there were 25 "proces verbaux" or cures that had been verified but had still to be proved completely. But the priest said that there were at least 50 cures, either complete or incomplete, because a great number of those who are cured do not present themselves before the doctors. Two nuns who were consumptive completely regained their health. A sick person who had a cancer, and who was obliged to be fed with an India-rubber tube introduced into the esophagus, was cured completely. Many lame persons recovered the perfect use of their limbs. I myself saw a good many of those who had been cured immediately after the miracle had been wrought on them.

It was with regret I left the holy place, and I should like very much to return there another time. On my way back I stopped at Chatelleraut for about six days. At last I arrived at Pringy, highly delighted with my pilgrimage to Lourdes.

H. Fitzgerald.

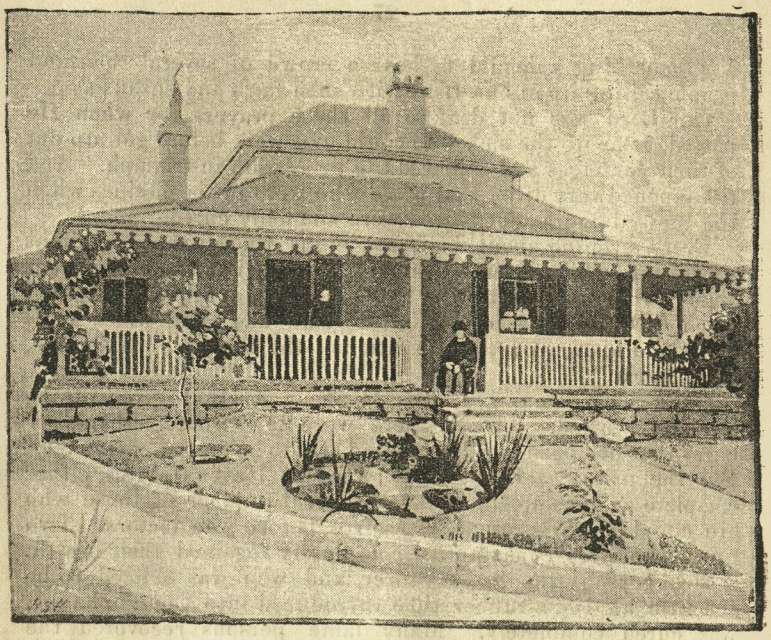
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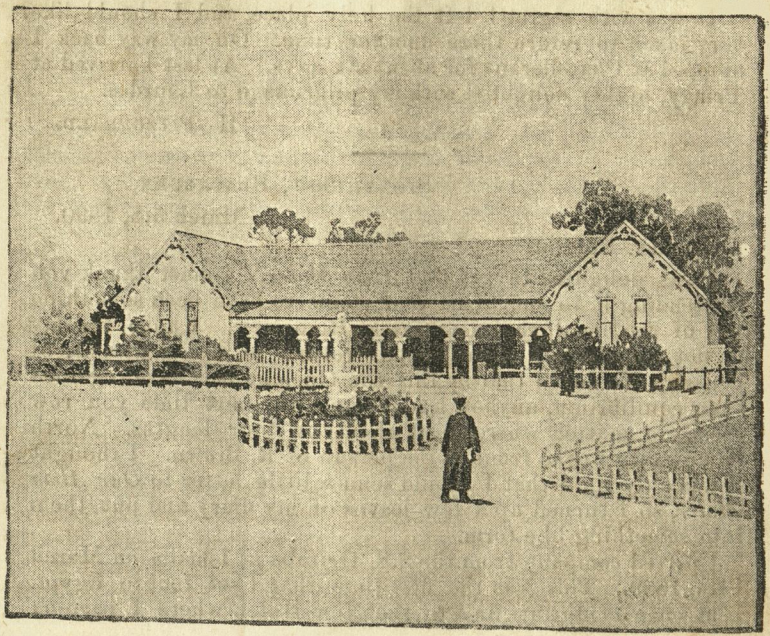
Dear Mr. Editor,

I was delighted to get *Our Alma Mater*. I must thank you for sending it to me. Last year seems to have been something out of the usual run of affairs at Riverview. I hope the day is not far distant when I shall return to it—on a visit, of course. No doubt that by this the Geelong lads have regained their equilibrium, anyhow let us hope so; next time you row them, no matter where, beat them by four lengths. North Shore again to the front in the person of R. Brown. I thought it was only right that I should send a little letter to *Our Alma Mater*, so I turned up a few leaves of my diary and put them into something like form.

I parted company from the S.S. Orizaba at Ismalia on March 14th, 1889. This was the first time that I set foot in Egypt. I at once made my way to the New Hotel, where I partook



ORIGINAL COTTAGE (1881), NOW GUEST HOUSE.
(From Drawing by J. Molony.)



CHAPEL. JUNIORS' LIBRARY AND PLAY HALLS. JUNIORS' STUDY HALL.
(From Drawing by J. D'Arcy.)

of some light refreshments, after which I went for a donkey ride in company with a few of my friends. I shall never forget my first experience across one of these beasts. It is tame work, not calculated to make one proud, but I should say by no means a bad way to get patience. Donkeys don't get excited, but are much given to the sulks. My donkey was as lazy as the others of his class, and required that an Arab should drive it along by hitting it on the back with a stout stick. I arrived back at the hotel at 4.30 p.m., and, having paid the Arab for his trouble, I went to see all the beauties of the place. I need hardly say that it did not take me very long to do so. Next morning I awoke quite fresh. I spent some hours pottering about the town, followed by a few dozen Arabs wanting me to ride their donkeys—an attention which I naturally attributed to the masterly way in which I had managed my charger of the preceding evening.

At noon I left for Cairo, where I arrived at 6.30 p.m., after a very dirty ride of about six hours in a dirty railway car. Right glad I was to be well housed within the walls of Shepherd's Hotel. Next morning I went for a ride, accompanied by a dragoman and the donkey boy. I must say a few words about the streets of Cairo. They are so narrow in some places that it is very difficult to prevent oneself from walking into the houses on either side. Indeed, the pedestrian, as I afterwards experienced, has need to be on the look out in the crowded bazaar, lest he be knocked down, so softly do the long files of camels stalk through the place. Over one's head are stretched coloured awnings from house to house, shutting out the scorching sun. It seems to me I should never tire of riding day after day through the bazaars; there was always something fresh to attract my attention. The fair sex (in black or brown), enveloped from head to foot in black silk mantles, with only the eyes visible through the black veil, give a weird, mysterious appearance to the scene. I wonder will Sydney ladies ever be prevailed upon to adopt this improvement in the ordinary style of feminine attire?

Conspicuous among the sights (and sounds also for that matter) of the bazaar are the water-carriers. They move through the throng with the dripping goat-skin on their back, or under their arm. Quite refreshing to see them—in a remote degree they act like fountains.

A fortnight's stay at Cairo enabled me to see all the sights of this picturesque city. I visited the celebrated mosque of Mahommed Ali at the citadel. Within the mosque it is strange to see the whole floor covered with Turkey carpets, while large glass chandeliers are hanging from the roof on all sides. Before a Musselman enters the mosque, he takes off his slippers at the door, and then, advancing some way into the building, he turns towards Mecca.

I will now pass on to say a few words on the dancing dervishes. The sheikh of the dervishes, dressed in a dark robe, and wearing a tall felt, brimless hat, begins by reading a chapter of the Koran; when this was gone through the dancing began. A man began to whirl around, keeping his heels as near together as possible, and, turning on the soles of the feet, soon the whirling becomes more rapid and is generally ended by one of the performers falling down in a fit.

AT THE PYRAMIDS.

I left the hotel at 9 a.m., and arrived at the Pyramids about 11, and at once began the ascent to the top with the aid of three Arabs. I now saw the real size of the stones of which the Pyramids are built. They are two or three feet in height, some even more than this. I was glad to have a rest at the end of half-an-hour's hard climbing. When I reached the top I was quite out of breath. Seated on the summit, one has a very fine view of the country below, but the guides do not allow their charges to stay, as they continually warn them of the difficulty of the descent. It is a trick of these rascals to terrify the traveller when half way down, so that they may demand backsheesh. After my visit to the Pyramids I rode on a camel to the Sphinx, into the interior of which I at once prepared to descend, armed with candles which were supplied by the Arabs. The stone was as slippery as glass, and worn so much that but for the notches cut for the feet it would be hard to avoid going down with a run. I reached the so-called King's Chamber, and afterwards the Queen's Chamber. The heat of the interior was stifling, increased by the flare and smoke of the candles, and I was not sorry to hasten back to the daylight and pure air.

T. J. DALTON.

A Journalist on "Our Alma Mater."

A PROMINENT member of the Victorian Press in the early part of last year in a letter to our Reverend Rector gave the following criticism on *Our Alma Mater*:—

"For the last two days I have been in the grip of La Grippe, confined to bed. I took the opportunity of reading through from beginning to end *Our Alma Mater* so kindly sent to me by you. It gives me a full and complete description of the kind of place in which you are settled. By St. Patrick! and that's an Irish oath for you, you are truly to be envied. Judging by the description and the pictorial illustrations, Riverview must be another Eden and you yourself are the lord of the new Paradise. If the descriptions in *Our Alma Mater* are not over-coloured you must, too, be surrounded by an unusual amount of youthful intellect and budding poetry.

"I was really edified as well as delighted in reading the many beautiful things in *Our Alma Mater*, emanating from the Governor, the Cardinal and Fathers Keating and Dalton down to the junior students. I observe, by the way, that Father Keating is a poet and one of no mean order. My combative instincts were thoroughly interested in literary controversy over the champion boat race. I must say this, that I enjoyed the literary contest as conducted in *Our Alma Mater* more than I should have enjoyed the spectacle of aquatic victory.

"Mind you, I suspect a little piece of jesuitical fraud in that. The publication purports to be edited by the students, but I cannot think that any of the students wrote that very firm piece of literary cut and thrust in the appendix of *Our Alma Mater*. It is too artistically done—the quotations from Planter and Tennyson come in so pat. The annual is really, in addition to being a splendid permanent record of college work, a good piece of literary work.

At Christmastide.

Not when winter winds are raving,
And knee-deep are winter snows,
But when yellow corn is waving
And the perfumed wattle blows.
Not when heaven's vault is shrouded
And the ruddy yule log burns,
But when skies are blue, unclouded,
Christmastide to us returns.
Then the fields are decked in glory,
'Neath the towering gum tree's shade,
Then we hear the old, old story,
Then "Adeste's" strains are played;
Whilst our Christmas chimes are ringing,
Bounteous nature wears a smile,
And the song-birds blythe are singing,
Shall we, then, the scene defile?
Shall we listen all unheeding
To the message—Peace, goodwill.
For the Christmas chimes are pleading
Peace and love all hearts should fill.
Shall we hearken as they hearkened
In old lands, by faction torn,
When with years their hate still darkened?
Shall we hear the chimes in scorn?
No! be ours a brighter story,
As our skies are fairer far,
Be our love of peace, our glory,
Be goodwill, our guiding star.
O, Australia's sons united,
Still at Christmastide proclaim,
'Peace, let every wrong be righted,"
Peace will be our path to fame.

J. DE L. O'REILLY.

Our Dissecting Room.

ANYONE on turning over the leaves of *Our Alma Mater*, and suddenly lighting upon the above formidable heading, would imagine that some blood-curdling tale of slaughter and butchery was about to be unfolded before his horrified gaze. Before proceeding further I wish to put all at their ease by informing them that it is not my intention to exert any such influence over the minds of timid readers by hideous descriptions of the carnage in which the denizens of our dissecting room are supposed to delight. Being thus reassured, I suppose, reader, that you will have no misgivings about venturing to peruse this account of what is now one of the most important sections of the school work of the higher classes at the College.

Our dissecting room and chemical laboratory, for they are both combined in one, although they are only as yet in process of formation, present many good appearances when we consider the short time that has elapsed since they were started. The room itself is cool and airy, though not very spacious, and is situated in close proximity to our new lavatories. On entering, one is struck with the neatness and general aspect of order which prevails amongst the multitude of bottles, jars, human models, and other chemical and physiological apparatus in which the room abounds. Turning to the left one sees, perched up on a shelf, a very striking indication of the real business of the room in the imposing person of "Dr. Johnson," who, although consisting of wood and plaster alone, is for some reason or other generally personified by a name so suggestive that one would, on first hearing him mentioned, form the idea that he was our professor. "Dr. Johnson," however, is rather a mute witness of all that takes place, and though possessing all the distinctive features of the human body in their full development, I am afraid that he is to a certain degree wanting in "connective tissue." In the middle of the room stands a strong wooden table, and it is on this that all our experiments and dissections are carried out. So much for the implements and appearances of the room.

As I think I said before, the study of the science of physiology is confined to the senior classes, and lectures are attended three times a week, each lasting for the space of an hour.

One day after a serious and learned discussion on the intricate mechanism of the respiratory movements and the elasticity of the lungs, we were promised a dissection on a grand scale for the next day, being at the same time informed that one of the workmen had been despatched with a tomahawk on a murderous expedition in search of any creature, whose room he might think was more pleasant than his company. On that day we departed to our other studies with our bloodthirsty minds elated by the expectation of the coming sacrifice, and determined not to allow



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the weaker promptings of pity for the victim to influence in any way the firmness of our scientific ardour. At length the eventful day arrived, and at nine o'clock sharp, with our books under our arms, we proceeded with stately tread to the fatal chamber. At the door we were met by our Professor, the Rev. E. Pigot, S.J., who informed us triumphantly that he had secured his victim, and at the same time gleefully pointed to the dissecting table. There we perceived a very innocent looking cloth thrown over the table under which the outlines of the limbs of the corpse could be faintly distinguished. He then proceeded to remove the cloth, and there . . but I suppose you will cry "Stop!" and tell me that I am breaking my promise; nevertheless, I must finish now. He removed the cloth as I said, and there before our hardened and uncompassionate eyes, with his limbs stiffened in death, and with the mark of a terrible blow on his mewtilated forehead, lay the corpse of . . . a *tomcat*. (I hope you haven't fainted).

While Mr. Pigot was preparing his knives, forceps, &c., for the dissection, we took a general look at the body of the departed, and learned that he had been singled out from many of his brethren as the victim on account of a weakness in one of the rear legs which impeded his locomotion and consequently incapacitated him from active duty amongst the rats in the farm, and so rendered his life worthless for anything but the cause of science.

We then proceeded with the dissection. First the skin was removed from the region of the thorax, and then the ribs were cut through on both sides of the breast bone, or, as it is anatomically called, the "sternum." This operation completely laid bare the lungs, and forthwith we had abundant and instructive illustrations of their working and all else connected with them. Having thus gained all the knowledge possible from our defunct friend, his remains were handed over again to his murderer, who duly and respectfully interred them in some sad and secluded spot by the waters of the Lane Cove.

The above was only one of the many experiments we had, and indeed was but the first of a course of dissections which are to be continued on a grander scale next year.

Our dissecting room, therefore, promises to become a still more important part of the institution than it is at present, and we can, judging from its actual success, hold forth the expectation of seeing, in future years, many an ornament to the medical profession, who has studied the first principles of his noble calling in the dissecting room of St. Ignatius.

G. McMahon.

(Senior Class.)

The Press on Our Prefect of Studies' Report.

THE following is a leading article from *The Echo* of Dec. 12th, under the heading, "The Public Examinations":—

"It is not at all an exaggeration to say that the Jesuit College at Riverview has taken a high position among the institutions for imparting secondary teaching to youths in this colony. And hence it follows that, when the Prefect of Studies in that establishment proceeds to publicly offer criticism upon educational matters, it is due to him, and it is wise in us, to lend some attention. On Tuesday last the annual "speech day" came round, and, agreeably to old custom, not old perhaps here, but old in older countries, the brilliant audience heard well-weig ed opinions from the Prefect of Studies in the College of an Order famous for its teaching mission in Catholic Christendom. The Rev. Father devoted much of his address to a statement of those views upon the curriculum which, in spite of Professor Huxley, Mr. George Moore, and the Phonetic Society, we are glad to find are still very generally held. This is satisfactory, but does not call for attention especially.

"But, then, the Rev. Prefect went on to re-state some objection entertained by him and others of the teaching profession to our system of public examination. He declared that this system was at fault in encouraging diffuseness rather than concentration, a surface area rather than calm depths of learning. This is no new censure. As regularly as the yearly examinations occur it is made by one or other of the headmasters, when it is not first set forth by the press. And it is fair to say that there is much in the charge. The Junior Public Examination, which becomes more and more the popular test of popular education, offers almost a premium to youths to take up many subjects in which a mediocre proficiency is shown, rather than few in which the tests of real learning might be applied. A remedy was proposed by the Jesuit Father, in the system of intermediate examinations adopted in Ireland, by which the student is tested by the whole result rather than by isolated papers. Some remedy is needed. As the Junior Examination becomes more and more popular, it is necessary to see that it does not tend to become a misleading test, and prove a guide to lead the aspiring youth of the colony into the dreary desert of superficiality."

A Business Man on Education.

MR. E. W. KNOX, manager of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Sydney, read a paper in the early part of this year at one of the sittings of the Australasian Association for the

Advancement of Science, from which we make a brief extract. The views of a practical man of large experience, such as Mr. Knox no doubt is, should certainly carry great weight with parents who have the best interests of their children at heart. We believe our Prefect of Study in his Report (see distribution of prizes) will be found in complete accord with Mr. Knox, regarding the plan of classics, mathematics and science, in a schoolboy's course. The following is the extract referred to :—

"And this remark brings me to the second question—about the education best calculated to benefit boys intended for scientific work. To this the reply is very simple, viz.—that, in my opinion, no special training should be attempted. Of all the plausible fallacies put forward from time to time about education, the most foolish seems to me to be that of attempting to teach any boy a trade at school. If he is to leave school between 16 and 17, as most boys do, the years available are none too long for him to master the ordinary school course; and it is simply wasting precious time to give a boy a smattering of chemistry at school, because he is destined for a laboratory when he leaves. *Let him be grounded* thoroughly in mathematics; *let him work seriously at history and geography;* and *from the first drill him in the Latin grammar*, and then teach him to read and understand French and German, the Latin grammar being taken up, as he will learn from this the construction of a language much better than if taught syntax from an English grammar; while it will also be of much assistance afterwards, when studying French and German—a partial knowledge of which languages is desirable, on account of the valuable scientific literature thus made available. With such a training as this, the boy will have a fair chance when he commences his business life; but if some of his school hours are spent in an endeavour to teach chemistry, he will find, when put in a laboratory, that he has then to make good the deficiencies in his education, due to his time having been wasted over so-called technical training. I do not go the length of saying that there should not be a chemical laboratory at a school, or that the boys should be brought up in entire ignorance of chemistry or science of any sort; but I do maintain that the laboratory will do more harm than good, unless the masters realise that its function can only be to fulfil that part of the definitions of education which require that a man should know something of everything, or to give a possible bias to the thoughts and aims of some boys who have a natural gift for scientific pursuits. And it is surely an axiom that no boy is fit to take up any branch of science, or, indeed, any work by which he is to earn a living, until he has received a thorough elementary training, and has learned how to acquire knowledge — the only part of an education he can hope to receive at school."

Rugby Football at Riverview.

SEEING a notice on the board recently that an essay on Football was needed for *Alma Mater*, I immediately made up my mind to write something—not with any mercenary desire of securing the prize, but rather to add my quantum to an almost universally expresssed conviction. I found, however, a vast difference between thinking and expressing those thoughts. Much may be said on both sides, but in comparing the advantages or disadvantages of Rugby and the Australian rules, it is necessary, first of all, to put aside that prejudice which seems inevitably to accompany the admirers of either game. In listening to the arguments of two fellows, *pro* and *con*, one is struck with the fact that each of the speakers seems to have as the basis of his arguments his like or dislike for the game, and not its merits or demerits, pure and simple.

Now, though I am an ardent supporter of the Rugby rules, I would have my opponents to remember that mine is an unbiased opinion. I am fully aware that there are faults in either game, as there are certainly fine points; but in this essay I intend to speak of the advantages only of Rugby over the Australian rules, leaving to others to show forth its faults.

The first great truth which strikes the eye of the most obstinate Australian player is the evident preference of the Riverview students for the Rugby game. Call it prejudice, call it what you will—still the fact remains that there are hardly ten in the college who would defend the old rules, if any prospect of Rugby presented itself. The Australian game has reigned at Riverview under the most auspicious omens; no other football has been played here since the college was opened, and, year by year, the strength of the team increased, till at last the summit of ambition was reached by defeating last year's winners of the Senior Cup. Nothing succeeds like success, an old saw tells us, and if anything could induce the fellows to take to the game, it would be the success which has always accompanied their efforts; and yet, what do we find? In the few Rugby games that we had on the new ground, so many volunteered to play that there was a difficulty in placing them. They all went at it with a will, and even those who knew nothing about the rules were seized with the interest which all the old players had in the game. There were, indeed, some who murmured against the innovation, but when Rugby's knell was sounded by the *Dei superni*, these men were not silent in the generally-expressed desire that Rugby should get another chance.

The second reason seems to me a much more serious one, for after all college is not intended merely for moral and mental training. Physical progress, too, is needed. I refer to the scenes of idleness which daily occur in the football season. Instead of seeing groups of fellows moping about or perched like sparrows in the

pavilion, as was the case last season when "scratch" matches were being played, if Rugby were introduced we should have two or three teams playing at the same time. I think nothing tends so much to foster dissension amongst the fellows as a game in which all will not join. There is general dissatisfaction; evening after evening is passed in idleness by those who do not like the rules, whereas Rugby would engage the interest of all. If any one doubts this, I merely refer him to the late season, and ask him if he has ever attempted to collect even 15 a side for a scratch match. Of course in the beginning of the season a good many play, but towards the middle, when the *personnel* of the team is fairly decided on, it is often a matter of great difficulty to get any others but the school 20 to practise. The second division lads have been frequently called in to make up a decent number a side, and when matters have reached such a stage, that boys of 12 and 13 have to fill the places of their seniors of 18 and 19, I think the time has come when some radical change is necessary. This change, I am convinced, is Rugby, and in this fully nine-tenths of my college companions who read this will agree with me.

My third contention is that the adoption of Rugby would effectually put a stop to the weekly disappointments which characterised last football season. We played only four outside matches this year, and yet almost every Saturday was engaged for a football match. Rugbyite though I am, I am almost ashamed to give the reason for this. It was because the members of the different Sydney clubs did not take sufficient interest in the game to come together. Saturday after Saturday was spent in heaping imprecations on the club at fault, till at last it came to be a matter of surprise when a team really did appear on the scene. Now this is disgraceful. The boys worked like Trojans every practice match, and then were disappointed week by week. Again, I prescribe Rugby as the sovereign antidote. There are, I believe, over a hundred Rugby clubs in and around Sydney, and from these the Superiors could without much difficulty select those only of undoubted respectability. And again in proportion as 15 are easier to collect than 20 would the chance of a disappointment be removed. No respectable club such as we need meet could plead inability to collect 15 men.

My fourth and last argument is one whose truth the most captious critics of Rugby will admit. We have never met the other colleges in football. Friendly contests have taken place with the Sydney schools in cricket, in rowing, in shooting, and in running, and lawn tennis matches, I understand, will shortly be inaugurated, but never, while the Australian game rules at Riverview, have we the remotest chance of meeting, not to say of defeating, our school-boy opponents. We have the champion schools' runner, the champion schools' crew, the champion rifle team, and we have had the champion cricket eleven, and why could we not have the champion football team? Our

men are as active, as strong, and as gentlemanly as those of any school in Sydney, and I'm positive that after a while two teams of 15 aside could be selected at Riverview to match any school team in N S.W. By this I do not mean to give an exaggerated idea of the capabilities of the representatives of *Alma Mater*, but judging from the exploits of our fellows, both on land and water, it seems to me that anything the college boys set their hearts on, theirs it is bound to be; and if in the Australian game, which few play as a matter of choice, we can virtually tie the premiers of Sydney, how can we fail to succeed in a game we delight in, and against fellows of our own size and stamina.

Jam satis dixi, and without any intention of underating the Australian game, I have tried to prove that Rugby, from a sportsmanlike point of view, has incomparable advantages over the other game, so far as Riverview is concerned.

A. Shewcroft.

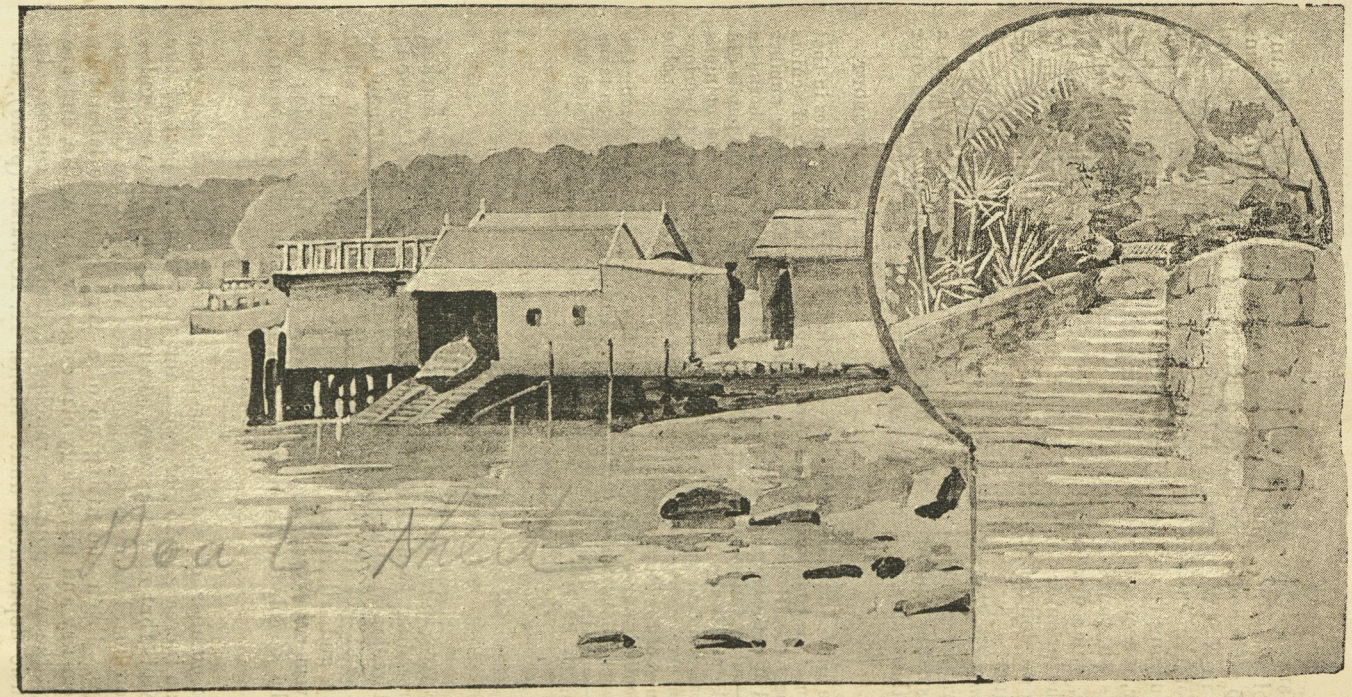
[We cannot but think our Rugbyite friend greatly exaggerates in that portion of his communication where he speaks of the number of seniors playing football towards the end of the season. The greater number played it enthusiastically all through. He should also have borne in mind—unless, indeed, ignorant of the fact—that some of the pupils did not take part in the game, by the desire of their parents, whose opinions were based, not upon the game as played at Riverview, where no serious accident ever occurred, but upon what they knew of the very objectionable roughness of the Rugby rule.

We entirely agree with Shewcroft as to the miserable spirit among the votaries of the Australian rule in Sydney. Unless a radical change takes place—beyond a doubt, the days of the game in New South Wales are numbered.—*Ed. O.A.M.*]

General Notes.

The year 1890 can boast of no such exciting events as marked the preceding twelvemonth. No new buildings were opened; no intercolonial struggle was witnessed; no Governor paid us a visit; but yet in no former year did the College show such vitality and all round progress. To do justice to all the improvements would require a special and lengthy article; we shall be satisfied with a brief mention of the more important ones.

The number of students as compared to that of last year gives an increase of 25 per cent., and the strangest part of the business is that new boys were coming in up to the very end—two new boarders arriving within three weeks of the Christmas holidays. From the fitting up of a very complete laboratory the chemistry and physiology classes received new life, and are amongst the most popular branches of study in the course. In the music department under Mons. H. Kowalski (piano), and



COLLEGE PRIVATE WHARF, SHOWING JUNIORS' BOAT SHED.
(From Drawing by J. Cullinane.)

Private Approach to College from Wharf.

Mr. G. R. Allpress (violin), it need hardly be said, great advance has been made, and the dancing classes, conducted by Mr. E. Needs, were attended by a crowd of enthusiastic votaries of the poetry of motion. The college grounds have been improved in every direction: a new zig-zag walk—a very convenient one, too, when going to the river—has been formed from the wharf to the garden. Asphalt walks have been laid down in various directions in the quadrangle; a large stage, some three feet high, with all stage appliances, trap doors, scenes, &c., has been added to the concert hall, increasing the size of the hall by twenty feet; billiard tables have been purchased for the senior and junior students; the senior boys' play room and library, the latter especially, have been beautifully fitted up and made in every way very attractive. A lawn tennis court has been laid down. The new lavatory, with its shining marble top, has been finished and opened for use, the old one being changed into an open verandah for the senior boys.

A SPECIAL paragraph must surely be given to the last improvement—but greatest of all—in the connection of the College by telephone with Sydney. Our friends can hardly imagine what an immense advantage this is. Instead of wasting three hours in ordering supplies, the business can now be done in three minutes. Parents, &c., coming to see their boys, can find out by a telephonic message whether the hour for their visit is convenient or not. Telegrams are now sent to us without any delay, being despatched on receipt from Hunter's Hill to the College by telephone. Of course this facility of communication has its drawbacks. Here is an example:—A poor fellow does not return sharp to time after the holidays; he has come to town, but *important business* detains him in the city. Woe to him if he is in one of the big hotels—as soon as his whereabouts is discovered, a telephonic message is dispatched with most depressing effects.

NOT satisfied with a strong electric light on a rock overlooking the wharf, the College electrician has placed three lights on the wharf itself, thus turning night into day in that quarter.

JUDGING from the notes furnished by the Senior Debating Society's hon. sec., trades unionism is in high favour with us; but certainly no one voice we imagine will be raised in defence of the late strike, seeing that it deprived us of the great excursion to the Hawkesbury which Mr. T. K. Abbott had determined to give. It was that gentleman's generous idea to charter the ss. "Namoi" or "Newcastle," and give all the boys and many of their friends a real good holiday. Happily, *quod differtur non aufertur*, and Mr. T. K. Abbott's excursion is yet in store for us.

The editors of the Stoneyhurst Magazine have courteously supplied us regularly with copies of their very able school journal. To them and to the American and Australian schools who have done us a similar favour, we return our grateful thanks.

Perhaps no incident of the year pleased the College Superior more than the very handsome addition made to the College Chapel in the form of a fine sanctuary lamp. The spontaneity of the offering and the very quiet and unpretentious way in which it was made, gave it greater value and deeper significance. Upon the lamp a heart has been fixed, bearing the following inscription:—"A.M.D.G. Presented to the Sacred Heart by the students of St. Ignatius' College. A D. 1890."

The quarterly meetings of the Building Fund were held regularly during the year. Including the munificent donation of £1000, and £100 for a new lawn tennis ground, the monies acknowledged came to the respectable total of £1900. The greater portion of this sum, we understand, had at once to be paid out to close the accounts against the new building, so that nearly the full weight of the annual interest fell on the ordinary revenues of the College.

The new property presented by a munificent benefactor of the Jesuits for a novitiate, cost nearly £7000. It consists of seven acres of land, part of which is exquisitely laid out, and a very substantial house, quite large enough for its present occupants, who number fourteen. It is very beautifully situated at Greenwich, about three miles from the College, but distinctly visible from it. Many of the boys find it a pleasant distance for a walk or a row on a Sunday afternoon.

The Admiral of the French fleet, with a large number of his officers, paid us a visit in November. As he has his sons at the Jesuit school in Jersey, he was deeply interested in all he saw, and was not a little pleased at the round of cheers with which the boys greeted him.

Mr. O'Reilly, at the close of the year, was the recipient of a flattering address from the boys and a handsome massive gold chain. This was only a graceful recognition on the part of the pupils of the great devotedness and never failing good nature of a master who not only discharged in a most painstaking and satisfactory way his class duties, but was ever ready to assist in their games and give them invaluable aid in the carrying out of all their social gaieties. For obvious reasons superiors give no encouragement to such testimonials, though in the present case they bore very hearty testimony to the sterling merit of the recipient and the excellent feeling which the students displayed in making the presentation.

Talk of surprises! but no body of youngsters were ever so completely taken by storm, clean knocked out of time, rendered, not figuratively, but literally, speechless, as were the pupils of Riverview on the night of Wednesday, 26th February. It was after tea. The usual games were in full swing—billiards, cards, &c., &c., we fancy even the dancing class was conducting a kind of ball in the concert room, when a rumour, low at first and mysterious, but gaining strength with astounding rapidity, went the rounds that the annual retreat was to commence forthwith. Gradually the games were given up, the ball room deserted, while boys congregated in awe-stricken knots to discuss the situation. They had barely time to collect their thoughts when the bell rang and they were marched into the chapel, where they speedily realised the truth of the rumour, and gave up the dearest of their privileges—liberty of speech—for three whole days. The fact was, the Provincial of the Jesuits, the Very Rev. T. Kenny, who had been on a brief visit to the colonies, was to leave Australia in April, and when asked on the evening of 26th February to conduct the boys' retreat at Easter he said that if the retreat could begin that very evening he would conduct it with pleasure, but that it would be impossible for him to do it otherwise owing to his engagements. The opportunity was too good to be lost, and hence the haste in which we were consigned to the desert. It is no secret that the Very Rev. Father Provincial was much pleased with the attention and recollection of his youthful audience, and the boys were evidently much impressed by the meditations and instructions given to them.

What a pity the old fellows could not come to some practical conclusion about forming an "Old Boys' Union." The eloquence of two of our young solicitors was partly the cause. Letters were received from Cooma, The Manning, Albury, Orange, Sydney, Wellington, and elsewhere, apologising for the writers' absence, but in every case cordially approving of the formation of an "Old Boys' Union," and saying that they would be delighted to join it and in every way help it on.

During the latter half of the year a number of the senior boys occupied their free time in preparing to produce on our stage Shakespeare's great play Henry V. Under the careful and skilful tuition of Mr. Little they advanced very rapidly in the work, and there was some question of having one or two acts performed. However, as the end of the year was approaching, the young actors themselves preferred to have the piece postponed till it could be produced in its entirety. We may all look forward to spending at least one night with Shakespeare during the coming year, and, judging from the histrionic talent displayed by some of the boys, the great dramatist will not be unworthily rendered.

A NOTE has come to hand from a student who states that he cannot understand why in the debate on speech day the debate medallist was not among the speakers. We don't understand it either, but venture to guess that some companion, with a stronger voice than the medallist, was selected as more likely to satisfy the crowded audience.

IN proof of the cordial welcome extended to our little journal by the Press of the colonies, we refer our readers to the appendix, where we give brief extracts from Press criticisms.

OUR special thanks are due to the authorities of the *Illustrated Sydney News*. In the month of March this greatly esteemed illustrated paper had a beautiful picture of our boatshed and well executed engravings of our "coach" and captain The Editor, Mr. Horrocks, very courteously placed the blocks of the above pictures at the service of *Our Alma Mater*.

Proceedings of the Debate Club.

MARCH 9TH.—A meeting of those wishing to join the club was held in the Museum on March 9th., Very Rev. P. Keating presiding. Mr. O'Donnell proposed, and Mr. Mooney seconded, that Mr. Beirne be elected secretary, vice Mr. T. Curran, resigned. An animated discussion then followed as to the subject for debate, the question of Capital Punishment being finally chosen. It was carried unanimously, on the proposal of Mr. Page, that Messrs. Shewcroft and Beirne be the leaders. Mr. Shewcroft, selecting the affirmative side, chose as his followers:—Mr. Mooney, minister for lands; Mr. Jennings, minister for justice; Mr. Cullinane, postmaster-general; Mr. O'Donnell, minister for education; and Mr. Smythe, colonial secretary. Mr. Beirne, as leader of the opposition, had for his colleagues—Messrs. De Lisle, Punch, Page, Lennon, and O'Neill. The president proposed that a social committee, consisting of three members, be chosen. This was agreed to on the voices, and Messrs. A. J. Shewcroft, A. M. Jennings, and P. H. Mooney were selected. Reference was made to the rule of the club by which any member neglecting to speak rendered himself liable to a fine of 2s. 6d. The date of the next debate was fixed for March 31st. Mr. T. Coen joined the club on March 21st, and declared his intention of speaking with the opposition. A vote of thanks to the president terminated the meeting.

MARCH 31ST.—The debate on the abolition of Capital Punishment took place in the Lyceum on Monday, March 31st. The chairman explained the question to the audience, and called on the premier for his opinion. Mr. A. J. Shewcroft, prime minister, opened the debate with an eloquent and well-delivered speech, and was well supported by Messrs. Jennings, Mooney,

Cullinane, and O'Donnell, Mr. Smythe, colonial secretary, being indisposed (to speak, eh ?) was unable to render his valuable services to the government. Mr. Beirne, leader of the opposition, defended capital punishment, being assisted by Messrs. De Lisle, Punch, Coen, Page, Lennon, and O'Neill. The eloquence of Mr. Beirne and his colleagues carried the day, the opposition gaining a majority of two. The premier sent in his resignation to the hon. sec.

April 13th.—A meeting of the Debating Society took place in the Museum on Sunday evening, April 13. There was a large attendance of debaters. The Very Rev. P. Keating, who had been appointed Provincial, resigned the Presidentship and was succeeded by Father Ryan, the Rector of the College. A vote of thanks to the late president, for the warm interest he had taken in the club, was moved by Mr. Beirne, seconded by Mr. Shewcroft, and carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. Shewcroft, it was decided that each member should represent his own town. It was proposed and seconded by Mr. Jennings and Mr. Shewcroft respectively, that all visitors should be allowed to vote on the debate. The premier and leader of the opposition selected their colleagues as follows:—Mr. Beirne, prime minister, Toowoomba; Mr. Jennings, minister for lands, Deniliquin; Mr. Coen, postmaster-general, Yass; Mr. O'Donnell, minister for education, Hillston; Mr. Page, minister for justice, Brisbane. Mr. Shewcroft, leader of opposition, Ingham; Mr. De Lisle, Paddington; Mr. Mooney, Canterbury; Mr. Punch, East Sydney; Mr. Cullinane, Gympie. It was resolved that the remaining members, Messrs. Davidson, E. Lennon, Dalton, Smythe, and O'Neill, might speak on whichever side they chose. Mr. Beirne proposed, and Mr. Shewcroft seconded, "That Mr. Jennings be appointed sergeant-at-arms." Carried unanimously.

April 15th.—At a cabinet meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 15th, the government selected for the next debate, the question, "Whether peace or war tends to make a nation greater," the government choosing peace. The date for discussion was fixed for April 28th.

April 28th.—The debate on peace and war took place this evening. Mr. Beirne, premier, delivered a powerful speech in favour of peace, his colleagues being Messrs. Jennings, O'Donnell, Coen, Page, Davidson, Dalton, Lennon, McMahon, O'Neill, and Smythe. Against these, Mr. Shewcroft, leader of the opposition, was assisted only by Messrs. De Lisle and Mooney, the other members being unavoidably absent through illness. On the ballot being taken, the chairman declared the government had a majority of over 30. He then addressed the House, pointing out some defects, at the same time praising the performance as among the best school debates he had heard.

May 2nd.—A meeting was held in the Lyceum this evening. Mr. Beirne's resignation as secretary was accepted with regret,

and on the motion of Mr. Jennings, Mr. Shewcroft was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Mooney proposed, and Mr. Page seconded, "That the time for each speech be limited to five minutes." Mr. De Lisle proposed seven minutes, as an amendment. This was lost, and the original motion carried. Mr. Jennings undertook to form a ministry, and chose Messrs. O'Donnell, Coen, Page, and McMahon.

MAY 5TH.—At a cabinet meeting, held this evening, the government selected as the subject for next debate, "Whether a Republic or a Monarchy is the better form of government."

JUNE 3RD.—The debate on "Republicanism v. Monarchy" was commenced this evening, the Very Rev. Rector presiding. Mr. Jennings opened in favour of Republicanism, and his efforts were ably sustained by his followers, Messrs. Page, O'Donnell, Coen, McMahon, Dalton, and Smythe. Mr. Shewcroft opposed him, and was well supported by Messrs. Mooney, Cullinane, De Lisle, Davidson, O'Neill, and Lennon. After a splendid debate, the government was found to have a majority of one.

AUGUST 3RD.—A meeting was held to discuss matters *re* next debate. Mr. Jennings, the late premier, having resigned, Mr. Shewcroft formed a ministry of the following: Messrs. Jennings, lands; Coen, education; Cullinane, postmaster-general. Mr. Mooney, as leader of the opposition, chose Messrs. De Lisle, O'Donnell, and Davidson. The next debate was fixed for September 10th, but, owing to the proximity of the Public Examinations, it was deemed advisable to postpone all meetings till after they had taken place.

NOVEMBER 10TH.—A meeting of members was called on Monday, the Very Rev. J. Ryan in the chair. A long discussion took place regarding the subject for the next debate. Over twenty questions were proposed and rejected, and as no conclusion could be come to, it was decided to hold a second meeting the following night. It was announced that a medal and other prizes would be presented to the best speakers in the next debate. After much animated discussion, it was resolved that the following should be the subject, "Is Trades Unionism beneficial to mankind in general?" It was agreed to hold the debate on Tuesday, November 18th. The rev. chairman said a committee, consisting of himself and the other members of the community, would be present to decide the relative merits of the different speakers.

NOVEMBER 19TH.—After an unavoidable postponement, owing to the Rector being unwell, the debate on "Trades Unionism" came off to-night, and was declared by all to be the most successful meeting ever held at Riverview. Mr. Jennings opened brilliantly in favour of "Trades Unionism," and was opposed by a great oratorical effort on the part of Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. Regan, for the government, next delivered a forcibly-expressed speech to which Mr. Cullinane, with his usual eloquence, replied. Mr. De Lisle, for the government, and Mr. McMahon, for the opposition, were received with applause, as their various argu-

ments were brought out, while the contrasting styles of Messrs. Mooney and Coen were both models of oratory. The secretary, Mr. Shewcroft, next appeared, and was followed by Mr. Tarleton, whose efforts certainly attracted everyone's attention. Mr. Page, last though not least, ended the most interesting and successful debate ever heard within the Lyceum walls. The rev. chairman then rose and thanked the debaters, both on his own part and that of the audience, for the interesting and instructive speeches they had heard, and declared it to be the best school debate he had ever listened to. He pointed out the different kinds of oratory which had marked the debate, from the pompous style of Mr. Mooney, to the forensic of Mr. De Lisle, and the "scalp 'em tear 'em" of Mr. Regan. After notifying that the medal and other prizes would be awarded, not only by the decision of the community present, but also on the votes of each member of the Debating Society, the chairman called for a division, which resulted in a large majority for the government —the upholders of "Trades Unionism."

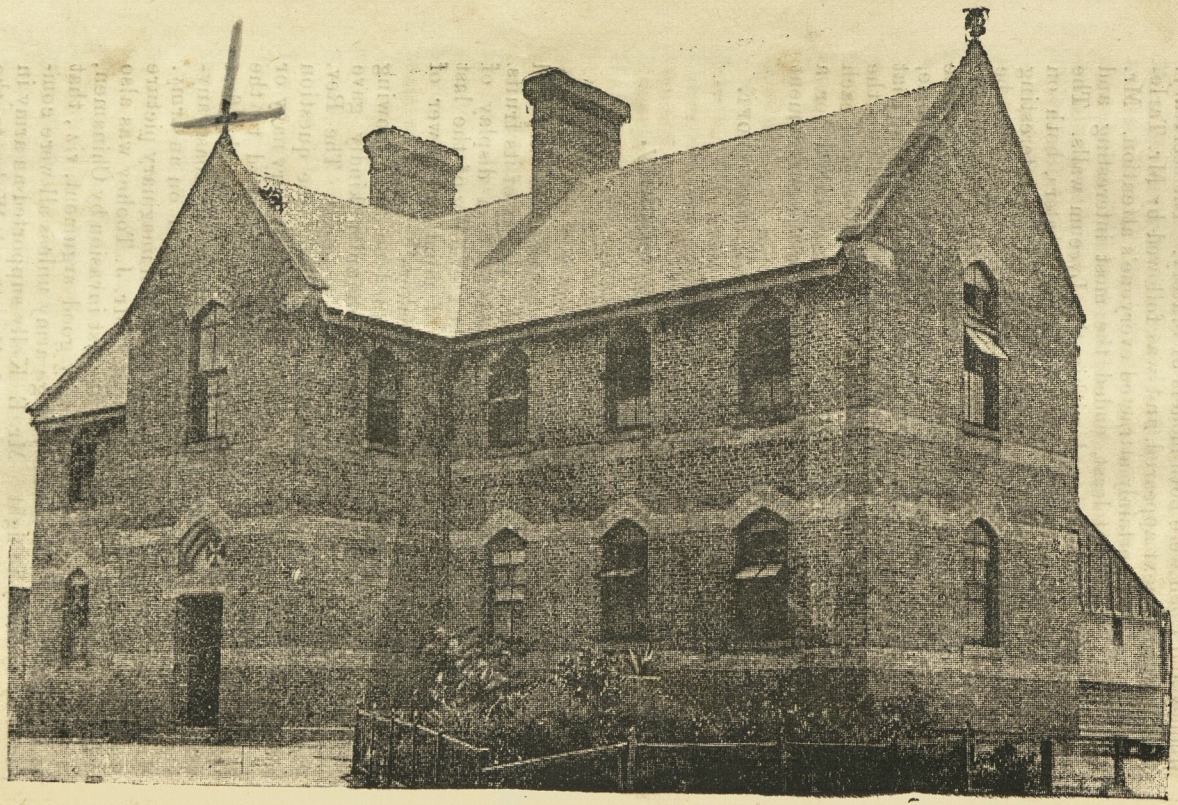
A. J. SHEWCROFT.

Second Division Debating Society.

REPORT FOR 1890.

YOUTHFUL ambition of an intellectual turn has often surprised its very best friends by the excellence and maturity of its fruits. Our young Ciceros of this year treated us to a display of rhetorical fireworks—especially on the last evening of the last debate—really showing a development of mind and power of expression worthy of practised public speakers.

The first debate, April 2nd, was continued on the following two nights. The Rev Rector and community kindly gave encouragement to the speakers by their presence. The Rev. President formally opened the debate and stated the question before the House, "Whether an army with an auxiliary navy or a navy with an auxiliary army would be more suited to the defence of New South Wales?" Mr. O'Brien was the first speaker; he said that an enemy might land on our coast anywhere and take our chief towns if we depended on an army. Mr. McEvoy, in defending the fleet, painted an imaginary picture of a war to prove the merits of a fleet. Mr. J. Toohey was also in favour of a fleet as a protection against invasion by Chinamen, as was also Mr. Ryan, who had a very good argument, viz , that we could not raise a sufficiently large army unless all were compelled by tyranny to fight Mr. E. Kelly supported an army in a good speech wherein he compared New South Wales to the United States. Mr. L. Kelly spoke for the same cause; his arguments were the same as those of the last-named speaker.



JUNIOR PUPILS' DORMITORIES.

Mr. Curtin opened proceedings on the third night. He spoke for an army, and painted a second Mordialloc. Mr. W. Page spoke next. His speech had a lively personal turn, the effect of which was heightened by his free and easy style of delivery. He showed how easily we could guard our coast with a fleet, but denounced and ridiculed the war ships or rather war tubs sent out by England. Mr. J. Henerie, a supporter of the army, showed us how impossible it would be to guard our coasts with a fleet. A great part of his speech was a brilliant impromptu against silliness in general, and particularly the silliness of the Opposition. Mr. D'Arcy also spoke for a fleet; he took his arguments from historical facts connected with the ruin inflicted by Nelson upon Buonaparte. Mr. Casey, hon. sec., showed how the whole of the Australian coast could be guarded with a fleet of one hundred ships. He answered the arguments of the Opposition. When the vote was taken the boys declared for a fleet by an overwhelming majority. Messrs. McDonough, F. McDonald, Goold, Blake, Lillis, L. Kelly, J. Gilhooley, H. Perkins, and P. Mason also took part in the discussion.

The second term's debate opened on November 10th, and was also continued on two other nights. The question was, "Do civilised men of the present day owe more to soldiers than to explorers?" Mr. Ryan spoke first; he thought we owed more to soldiers, especially as they had kept back the flood of barbarism, Oriental as well as Gothic, in olden times. Mr. M. Toohey had a most common-sense speech; he took his arguments from the modern opinion of war, and made it hot for the supporters of soldiers. Mr. Curtin scored a very good point by arguing that soldiers defended whereas explorers expanded the life of a nation. Mr. Casey, hon. sec., was the last speaker; he was in favour of explorers, and compared the achievements of Australian explorers to those of the greatest soldiers. The same speakers spoke in this debate as in the first. The votes were in favour of explorers by a majority of three to one.

SOCIAL.

Committee: A. J. Shewcroft, A. Jennings, H. Mooney.

The success which attended the efforts of the Social Committee last year induced us to organise several entertainments this year, and to judge by the applause with which the different performers were greeted, the fellows thoroughly enjoyed the series of entertainments which we arranged for their amusement and pleasure. Happily, the good spirit which prevailed amongst those who figured in these entertainments made our work very pleasant, so that the Social Committee may sincerely say in resigning their positions—'Our labour has indeed been a labour of love."

1st CONCERT.—March 17th.

Of course we determined to celebrate the feast of Ireland's patron saint, and the concert given on St. Patrick's night was one of the best of the series. B. J. Beirne, who was so prominent a figure in last year's social life, opened the programme with a piano solo, "Home, sweet Home," which was received with enthusiasm. Instrumental solos were also performed by Mr. Pigot, whose number was appropriate—a fantasia on Irish melodies—and Mr. Sibert, who contributed a violoncello solo. Amongst the instrumental numbers also were a duet for piano and violin, contributed by T. Punch and J. Cullinane; a piano duet—"Il Corricolo"—by T. Coen and A. Shewcroft; and a duet for two violins, by Mr. Sibert and Father O'Connell. All these numbers were heartily applauded. The vocalists were Rev. F. Connell, S.J., whose numbers were "Four Jolly Smiths," and "God Save Ireland," Mr. O'Reilly, T. Coen, and A. Jennings. Mr. O'Reilly contributed the "King's highway," and, in response to an *encore*, repeated the last verse. His second number was, "The Bugler." In answer to an imperative *encore*, he contributed "Weep no more, Hibernia," which the audience persisted in having again. T. Coen sang "Come Back," very nicely, and had to "come back" and sing it again. The local parody, "Blue and White," by A. Jennings, fairly brought the house down. We forget whether he received five or six *encores*. Excellent recitations were delivered by T. Sexton and D. J. Corrigan; and R. Smythe's comic song caused much amusement.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

A large audience, or, to speak more correctly, *everybody* was present at the dramatic entertainment, which was given on the 28th April. The cast of characters in the piece chosen—"Paul Pry"—was:—"Paul Pry," C. Lennon; "Mr. Oldbutton," B. J. Beirne; "Captain Haselton," P. O'Donnell; "Sir Spangle Rainbow," D. J. Corrigan; "Lapomade," J. C. De Lisle; "Landlord," J. Tarleton; "Billy," E. Dalton; "Crimp," W. Page; and "Laura," F. Page.

We may fairly say without exaggeration or flattery that for a school entertainment, the display was most creditable; and great praise is due to Mr. Little for the success which his pupils achieved.

C. Lennon, in the name part, caused roars of laughter, and whenever he glided in with his "I hope I don't intrude," it was impossible to refrain from laughing. The feminine part, which was allotted to F. Page, was really cleverly played, and the hilarity became quite riotous when "Laura" was pelted with bouquets in the drawing-room scene after singing "The

Bridge " in a falsetto voice. Before the comedy, Mr. O'Reilly sang Odoardo Barri's "Shadow of the Cross," and B. J. Beirne played an overture.

CONCERT No. 2.

The concert on the 2nd June attracted a sprinkling of visitors from the College vicinity. Mr. Pigot and Mr. Petty treated the audience to a beautiful duet. Mr. Connell sang the "Gallants of England," for which he received a hearty recall, and also contributed a German melody. Mr. O'Reilly sang a quaint, weird ballad, by Dolores, "The Living Dead," and "Mona," which is evidently a favourite with the fellows, as it is always *encored*. T. Coen and A. Rudd rendered a duet, "Whispering Hope," very prettily. The exhibition of single-sticks by J. Cullinane and H. Mooney kept the audience awake for ten minutes, and D. J. Corrigan and T. Sexton also contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Mention should also be made of T. Punch and H. Lennon, and of Mr. Sibert and E. Dalton, for their excellent instrumental efforts. At the close of the entertainment, the Very Rev. Father Keating proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, which was carried by acclamation. The parody "Alma Mater," by A. Jennings, caused much amusement, the fellows joining *con amore* in the rattling chorus.

CONCERT No. 3.

The concert on the 31st July (St. Ignatius' day) was also very successful, and highly enjoyed not only by the students, but also by the members of the Community, who were present in a body. Mr. Petty and Mr. Pigot rendered beautiful piano solos, and received much applause for their respective efforts. Mr. Connell sang the "Conquerors" and the "Gallants of England," being *encored* for the latter. Mr. O'Reilly's songs were "Mona," and Tosti's "For Ever and for Ever." T. Punch contributed a comic number, and A. Jennings roused the fellows to enthusiasm with, "Have you been to Riverview?" D. J. Corrigan chose the "Arab's Farewell to his Steed" for his recitation, and T. Sexton, who is a very promising young elocutionist, declaimed "Barbara Freitchie." The programme also included a duet for piano and violin, "Mermen's Care," by T. Coen and T. Punch ; piano duet by H. and C. Lennon, and the "Retreat March," which was played by T. Coen and C. Parker. The single-sticks contest between A. Rudd and E. Dalton, and the contest with foils between H. Mooney and J. Cullinane, caused much excitement. On the whole, this was one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year.

CONCERT No. 4.

The principal feature of the fourth concert was the appearance of the "Ethiopian Star Minstrels." The members of the troupe were:—A. Jennings, A. Shewcroft, T. Punch, A. Rudd, F. Dynon, T. Coen, C. Lennon, H. Lennon, J. Cullinane, C. Cullinane, F. Page, and E. Dalton. A. Shewcroft presided over the comical company, while T. Punch and A. Jennings were on the corners. The warbling solos were entrusted to A. Jennings, T. Punch, T. Coen, and A. Rudd. The comicalities of the corner-men kept the audience in a simmer of laughter, while the melancholy aspect of certain darkies during the progress of a sentimental song caused even the most serious of the Fathers to laugh immoderately. The Very Rev. Superior himself (tell it not in Gath) coached the troupe, and we are glad to be able to record such a distinct success. We were likewise glad to notice that "ancient" jokes were conspicuous by their absence, and offensive local hits were also wanting. The "Ethiopian Star Minstrels" demonstrated clearly that it is possible to be funny without being coarse, and to be entertaining without stooping to buffoonery.

PHONOGRAPHIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Friday, December 5th.

We were glad to see such a large number of ladies and gentlemen from Sydney and Hunter's Hill assemble to witness the exhibition of the phonograph, and the self-abnegation of the students, who one and all took back seats, inclines us to the belief that, Edmund Burke to the contrary notwithstanding, the "age of chivalry" has not yet fled. Before exhibiting the powers of Edison's wonderful invention, Dr. Lane delivered a brief lecture, in which he explained the nature of sound waves, described the crude inventions which were the precursors of Edison's instrument, and minutely described the structure of the phonograph as it is now used. His remarks were illustrated by beautiful representations obtained by the oxy-hydrogen light. At the request of the Rector, the Hon. L. F. Heydon and the Hon. R. E. O'Connor spoke a few words into the instrument, as also did the lecturer. The remarks of all three were repeated with astounding fidelity.

The programme consisted of reproductions of songs, instrumental solos, the voices of birds, and even the complex harmony of a full band. The most enjoyable items were the cornet solos, which were wonderfully reproduced. We also had the pleasure of hearing Lord Carrington's farewell address to the people of the colony. At the conclusion of the entertainment, the Hon. L. F. Heydon thanked the visitors on behalf of the Rector for their presence.

DANCING.

During the winter dancers highly appreciated the thoughtfulness of the Prefect in setting apart the large hall for them occasionally. The floor was really excellent, and there is a beautiful stretch for waltzing. F. Page and T. Coen for the most part provided the music, and a large number derived pleasure from practising the "poetry of motion," especially during recess on the cold nights. We should like to see the fellows go in for more "square" dancing, as the sets are picturesque and need much practice. However, a vast improvement is to be recorded in most cases on last year's form, and some who were absolute "wall-flowers" last year have now developed into very fair dancers.

Orchestra and Wardens' Holiday, 1890.

The weather being rather unsettled during the first week of December, it was thought better not to risk a pic-nic to any of the popular holiday resorts which are so numerous in and around Sydney. Instead of this, it was determined that the officials' outing this year should take the form of a good row up the Lane Cove River, with a luncheon in some congenial nook.

Seven boats left the College wharf about 9.30 a.m. and made their way up the river. The day, contrary to all expectations, was fine, and, the tide being on the full flow, the river was at its best. The high rocky banks with bluish-green foliage, relieved now and then by wattle blossoms or other bright flowers and the more sombre olive coloured leaf of the mangrove, hemmed in a stream of silver water which flashed and glittered in the sunshine as if it too entered into the spirit of the pic-nic. After a pleasant and very jolly row, we came to "Hurdle-race Flat," a name well known to some old boys, and having landed the provisions on one side of the river and *passengers on the other*, we made the boats fast and prepared for the day with a swim. The water was lovely and its free surface, unbounded by pile or batten, lent to the situation an additional charm which was evidently well appreciated by the swimmers. We did not move far from the boats when the swim was over, most probably because we thought the luncheon time was nigh, though a few of the more venturesome spirits went in search of birds' nests, while others obtained water for cooking purposes.

The sun having started on the latter half of its daily course, we made our way to the luncheon ground, and soon every one was engaged—some unpacking the baskets and hampers, others carrying and laying out our stores, while one or two made a fire to put the "billy" on. We laid the cloth under a majestic Moreton Bay fig tree which rose up alongside a massive wall of

rock. As I suppose no reader will doubt of our doing full justice to the chicken and ham and all the other indispensables of a first-class spread, I will omit all mention of the dinner; such blissful events will not always bear narration. After dinner we took to the boats again and dispersed in every direction over the calm clear water—some drifting with the tide, others pulling down stream, while one or two went up the river against the current, all thoroughly enjoying themselves, poking into all the nooks and crannies on the bank and exploring the shores of the river. Some daring youths who had stayed on shore climbed to the top of the rocks, using our grand old fig tree as a ladder.

In the course of the evening we rowed up the river to a beautiful golden sandbank where we had a second bath, which if possible was even more enjoyable than the first.

Refreshed by our bath, we returned to afternoon tea, which our "cooks," generously sacrificing their afternoon swim, had prepared in our absence. As soon as tea was finished, we began to pack up for our return. The start was made about 5 o'clock and the row home proved by no means the least enjoyable part of the day's pleasure. As we glided rapidly down the river in the shades of evening we enlivened the gathering gloom with many a merry song whose echoes, repeated from crag to crag along the lofty banks, sounded like goblin voices mocking our gay minstrelsy. We got home about 6.30, thoroughly satisfied with our excursion, and also very thankful to the members of the community who accompanied us for their kindness and consideration in carrying out the arrangements which made our holiday one of the pleasantest of the year.

A. M. Jennings,
Senior class.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

At last the long-expected picnic day arrived; and when, at nine o'clock, all the pleasure-seekers assembled, there was a great display of finery, in the shape of flannels and blue and white silk handkerchiefs. In the morning the outlook seemed somewhat gloomy, but as the morning mist cleared away, and Sol shone out in all his splendour, all gloomy feeling vanished, and was succeeded by that light-heartedness which is only to be felt by schoolboys who have been released from their books for a single day. At about 9.30 a.m. all the fellows could be seen wending their way, in their holiday attire, towards the sheds, where they were to take possession of the boats, which were to convey them and the provisions to the pleasure ground. Hurdle-race Flat—a green stretch of land, about five miles up the river from the College—was selected as a fit place to have luncheon, and crews were arranged for—the "Melbourne," "Sydney," "Arrow," "Comet" and "Swan," and the well-known old

"Rose." With a cheer, all the crews started on their way, the "Sydney" leading, followed by the other boats, while the "Arrow," carrying the provisions, brought up the rear. Great concern seemed to be manifested by the youngsters for the "Arrow's" safety, for as often as she (on account of her heavy load) lagged behind, so often did the youngsters express an anxious desire to wait and see what was wrong with her.

After a most enjoyable pull all arrived safely at The Flat, and in a few moments each fellow was to be seen manfully breasting the tide, or gracefully floating on old Neptune's breast, and (if he had nothing better to do)

> "Thinking of his cottage home, his barque of slender sail,
> His glassy lake and bloomwood blossom vale."

The swim being over, the party broke up into different batches, some going in search of fresh water for the tea, and some in quest of birds' nests, while the remainder amused themselves by racing up and down the river in the boats. At mid-day all assembled for luncheon under the friendly shade of a gigantic fig-tree, and when the tea was made did justice to the ample supply of good things provided. After dinner the whole party stretched themselves on the grass to rest a little after their morning's exertions. At about three o'clock boat loads of those who intended to have another swim pulled up the river, and, after finding a good bathing place, plunged in the watery depths, and soon every signs of weariness disappeared.

Having partaken of four-o'clock tea the different crews again manned the boats and rowed towards home. Of course, the "Melbourne" and "Sydney," being the lightest boats, took the lead, but among the remaining crews a tremendous struggle took place for the leading position, and continued till they came within a few hundred yards of home, when the "Arrow" forged ahead, and landed her cargo first at the wharf. After unloading the boats and fixing them in their places in the shed, all mounted to the College, only regretting that Tuesday, December 2nd, was not a day of 48 hours.

P. H. Mooney.





CHAPEL.

A BRILLIANT BREAK-UP.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1890.

(From the Freeman's Journal.)

If the young gentlemen of Riverview have not forgotten the old nursery song in which the rain is politely requested to "go away and come again another day," we can easily imagine their joining in a prayerful, not to say tearful, chorus on Tuesday morning when the wet gloom threatened to take the shine, in a double sense, out of their "break-up." However, just at the right time, the weather took a turn for the better, and when the steamers left the Sydney wharf shortly after two o'clock for the Lane Cove River crowded with visitors all fears of a wet afternoon were completely dispelled. It was rather remarkable that although there was a certain amount of risk in venturing out the attendance was the largest and most fashionable Riverview has ever known on such an occasion, and the ladies in particular made a brave show. We should say there were fully 600 visitors, including those who came from the neighbourhood, and the grounds and gardens seemed to have put on their brighest look for the day; certainly Riverview never showed itself under a prettier or a more inviting aspect. Father John Ryan, Father Keating, Father Gartlan, and the other Fathers of the College received the visitors with customary welcome, and shortly after three o'clock a start was made with the students' entertainment in the concert hall, which has been considerably enlarged and improved since last year. The concert hall is not a gem of architecture, but it is roomy and comfortable, and with the artistic interior decoration on Tuesday it was made to present quite a charming appearance. There was a great wealth of flowers, and the many-coloured flags draped along the walls were set off by handsome shields as well as by floral wreaths and graceful festoons. The front of the spacious platform was almost hidden by the flowers and palms and potted plants all admirably arranged, and among the draperies around the shields at either side of the proscenium the old green flag had a place of honour.

The Cardinal-Archbishop presided, and the assemblage included his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney; the Hon. Daniel O'Connor, M.P., Postmaster-General; John Toohey, K.C.S.G.; Mr. T. Dalton,

M.P.; Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.P.; the Very Rev. Dr. Carroll, V.G.; Very Rev. Monsignor Verdon; Very Rev. P. Keating, S.J., Superior of the Jesuits; Very Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Rector of St. Ignatius; Very Rev. C. Morrogh, S.J., Rector of Aloysius College; Very Rev. J. Dalton, S.J.; Very Rev. A. Sturzo, S.J.; Very Rev. Alphonsus O'Neil, C.P.; Venerable Archpriest Sheehy, Very Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Rector of St. John's College; Very Rev. P. Le Rennetel, S.M.; Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, Armidale; Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran, Rev. Father O'Brien, S.J.; Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J.; Rev. Father O'Connell, S.J.; Colonel Cracknell, and Messrs. Frank M'Donald, J. T. M'Mahon, Superintendent G.P.O.; William Dolman, Mayor of Newtown; J. G. O'Ryan, F. J. Gow, T. Fox, Charles O'Neill, Inspector Larkins, J. Blakeney, R. J. Dennehy, M. Fay, J. Larkin, F. Coffee, M. Deslouis, Dr. De Lambert, and the Rev. Fathers Patrick, C.P., P. B. Kennedy, O.S.F., M. Glasheen, P. O'Riley, M. C. Kickham, M. Tierney, M.S.H., and J. Sheridan. Nearly all the Jesuit Fathers of Sydney were present, the College staff alone presenting a goodly array.

The students' entertainment was more than usually interesting and enjoyable, in fact many present pronounced it the best, especially in point of pleasant variety, ever given at Riverview. The knowledge that the college had secured the services of M. Henri Kowalski and Mr. Rivers Allpress as principal musical instructors naturally led the visitors to expect something above the average in the musical portion of the display, and in this regard there was no disappointment. It is true the College band was not in evidence, but the excellence of the piano and violin solos and duets, all of which were well received, more than compensated for the non-appearance of the other instrumentalists. Mr. Allpress himself played one of Haydn's serenades accompanied by a number of the pupils. There were four recitations, two in English, one in French, and one in German, all of which were delivered with spirit and intelligence, and Master Joseph De Lisle read a remarkably well written original essay on "Civil War." The two most popular features of the entertainment were, however, the exhibition of sword and stick drill by the fencing class and the physical drill by the junior pupils, these exercises to the accompaniment of martial music being conducted by Sergeant Hagney. In the sword and stick drill the performers wore their cadet uniforms, and the precision and smartness of their movements elicited very hearty applause.

The physical drill consisted of exercises with light clubs and dumb-bells. The little athletes, in their pretty dress of white and blue, quite won the hearts of the audience, and when they finished their display, which was marked by an easy grace and smartness denoting careful training, they marched off the stage singing the Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust," only, however, to reappear and repeat a portion of their performance in response to a clamorous recall. The programme was brought to a close with a rattling good debate lightened by not a few touches of humour and satire, in which Masters H. Mooney, D. Corrigan, G. McMahon and Alfred Jennings, with J. Cullinane as chairman, argued out the question with surprising eloquence and talent, whether the Spanish Republics of South America had lost or gained by their early separation from Spain. The young debaters were frequently encouraged by the audience, and they retired amid enthusiastic and continued applause. Then came the address of the Prefect of Studies, and Father O'Connell, S.J., had a cordial greeting as he stepped on the stage.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Eminence, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen,—On looking back to the five or six occasions like the present, when it was my duty, as it is to-day, to present a report of our scholastic year, I find that I have half-consciously glided into the habit of making this report the occasion of a kind of profession of faith in the system of education that this College aims at imparting. I did so partly, I think, because I felt that parents had a right to know what it was that we judged best for the boys confided to us, and partly because I was convinced that however opposed the views I held might seem to be to those prevalent in the colony, the weight of authority and the weight of argument were with me and must, in the end, prevail. I set forth on more than one occasion what I believed, and still believe, to be the paramount importance of the study of the classics. Not content with quoting high authority, ancient and modern, to support this view, I sought to analyse the process that goes on in the mind of the young student who seeks to reproduce in his own language the thoughts of some great writer of Ancient Greece or Rome. From this analysis it seemed to me to follow clearly—that while the student was apparently occupied only with the study of Latin or Greek he was really learning his own language in the most perfect way in which

it could be learned, and accustoming himself to wield it with an ease and grace and a power that could scarce be otherwise acquired. He would, no doubt, at first find it a far from easy task to seize the exact meaning of the classic writer, and a still more difficult one to give the meaning in English — adding nothing to the sense — omitting nothing.

If over against every Latin word it were possible to set an English word that always agreed exactly with it in meaning, the task might be easy. But we might as well look for two leaves of the forest of exactly the same shape and hue. Even if each word of either language bore always the same meaning, the task would be comparatively light; but as well might one seek on the broad Pacific a wave that never changed its form. If these difficulties presented themselves all together at the very outset, the beginner would be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task, but fortunately they do not, or they are not all perceived, and the difficulties of to-day, if conquered, or even though not conquered, if manfully encountered, strengthens the mental fibres for the struggle with greater difficulties to-morrow. All this time our student is learning not Latin merely or Greek; he is learning to think, and not to shrink from mental labour. Again, even after he has learned to master the meaning of his author, after he has acquired sufficient accuracy of thought and command of language to reproduce that meaning, still he will find beauty after beauty of the original disappearing in the baldness of his translation. And when he tries to replace them by equivalent ornament, he can scarce fail to see the wide difference between moderate ornament naturally springing from the subject as it does in the great Classics and ornament deliberately laid on for ornament sake. Or, to borrow an illustration from the architects, he will be forced to feel the difference between constructing ornament and ornamenting the construction. Accordingly, even if the Latin language were not in great part the foundation of the language we speak—even if it were not true that French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, not to speak of Roumanian, are little more than modern dialects of Latin—even if so many of the great writers of modern times were not directly or indirectly formed on classic models—even if a knowledge of Greek or Roman literature were not taken for granted in almost every page of the leaders of modern literature—still, merely as a mental exercise, merely for the development of mental fibre, the study of the Classics would be of paramount importance.

Last year, when I had followed something like the same line of thought that I have taken to-day, a friendly critic in the leading journal of Sydney, while admitting all, or nearly all, I had said about the Classics, took me to task for seeming to underrate the importance of the modern languages. I should have answered at the time but that I felt that my critic was right. I had dwelt at such length on the advantage of the study of Classics, that I seemed to deny by implication the importance of other studies. Now, I acknowledge that much of what I have said will apply to translation from French, Italian, or German. I am perfectly aware of the utility of these languages, both as means of communication with other countries, and as throwing open to the student such magnificent literatures as those countries possess. I hold that German is in a very special manner useful, because it counteracts the tendency which the study of Latin, French, or Italian may have to turn our attention too exclusively to the Romance part of the English vocabulary. At the same time it must be remembered, as Madame De Staël said, that "It is mere child's play to learn French or Italian, but German is a science;" and, as the Head Master of Harrow said, perhaps somewhat too absolutely, in a recent number of the *Contemporary Review*, "The simultaneous study of three or four different languages is calculated to weaken the intellectual grasp of all." Here, in Riverview, we have always insisted that the study of French should advance *pari passu* with that of the Classics, and, whenever we saw that it could be done without overworking the pupil, we encouraged him to the study of Italian, or German, or of both. I may add that we have always had here masters who had acquired these languages in Italy, France, or Germany.

Again, I have been told that, from the little I have said on the subject, I seemed to undervalue the study of mathematics. In reality I have said little on the subject because till now it seemed to me unnecessary. I thought that there was no need of dwelling on anything so obvious as the importance of the mathematical sciences, and my own natural tendency would be to exaggerate their importance rather than to minimise it. There is nothing that so helps to form the habit of keeping constantly before our minds the exact question at issue—of bearing always in mind what precisely is admitted by an opponent, and what denied; nothing else shows us so clearly the necessity of cutting short discussion by clearly defining all terms that require definition. Above all, no other study gives that power of

concentration which may be derived from the study of mathematics.

Notwithstanding all this, I believe that it is not wise to allow the boy to devote himself exclusively to pure mathematics until he has made considerable progress in other studies. Mathematical studies are too absorbing—too boundless—above all, they present too few points of contact with other branches of human knowledge. The law student, the student of history, of medicine, of divinity, of languages—the literateur, all are brought together some time or other, each by his own science; the mere mathematician lives in a world of his own, and is content to stay there.

Still, where we have seen a great natural aptitude for mathematics, we have not confined the student to the limits generally fixed in schools, but led him into the higher mathematics—anticipating even part of his University course.

The objection just mentioned to the very early cultivation of the Mathematics does not apply to physical science, at least to descriptive Physics. It is hard to understand how any one can live in such a world as this in which God has placed us, and not care to inquire into the causes of the wonderful phenomena by which we are surrounded on every side. As far as knowledge of the phenomena, and the explanation without difficult calculation go, we encourage even boys in the lower classes to study Physics. For the more advanced boys, and for those who show a special aptitude, we have fitted up a laboratory for the study of Chemistry. There our Professor of Chemistry is determined that the boys shall not merely see the experiments performed, though that even would go a long way towards fixing the facts in their minds, but that they shall perform the experiments with their own hands. A class of Physiology has been also formed, and two of our boys have obtained medals in that subject this year at the Public Examinations, and four were so nearly equal that it was hard to determine who should get the medals. Finally, we have taken care that our boys should not be deprived of the refining influence of the arts—of drawing, painting and music. I do not hesitate to say that what you have heard to-day is enough to prove that the men who teach them are not only good teachers, but great artists too. One important point I had almost forgotten. Herbert Spencer says, in his book on education, that "the first duty of a human being is to be a healthy animal." Now, as

Christians, and as Catholics, we hold that the first duty of a man is to his God, and concerns his own soul. Still, in this exaggeration of Spencer's, we recognise the truth contained. We see how poor the ultimate results would be if the mental powers were so cultivated that the body should take hurt. I think, however, that the gymnastic exercises gone through by Sergeant Hagney's pupils, and the bearing of the boys in general, must be sufficient to reassure the most timid on this score. I have dwelt at such length on these subjects other than classical, first, in order to show how far we are from underrating them; and secondly, because far from weakening they strengthen the argument by which I sought to prove that those who aim at education in the higher and broader sense of the word are handicapped by our Public Examinations.

It is not hard to see how they who take many and difficult subjects during the year are placed at a disadvantage in an examination which makes no distinction between their case and that of those who take a few comparatively easy ones. The difficulty was made more serious this year by the choice of the Latin author, Ovid, a difficult book for a beginner, and one that was of little help to them in acquiring facility in Latin composition. The choice of the French author was not more fortunate. Spite of all this, you will see by the printed lists in your hands that the result was, for our numbers, satisfactory. All sent up passed in the Matriculation Examination. Of five sent up for the Senior four passed, and seven passed in the Junior.

I do not join in the outcry against examinations in general, though many of the most learned men in England have not hesitated to sign a strong protest against them. I recognise the fact that they are necessary and that one might as well argue against the tides or the precession of the equinoxes as against examinations. But it may be said, you have no right to find fault with the present system, unless you can point out the remedy. This I can by no means admit. It is often one man's business to point out faults, another's to provide the remedy. In any case a remedy is not hard to find; all difficulties would be fairly met by the adoption of some such system as that established by the Government in Ireland. That system allows a wide range of subjects. It allows marks for each subject proportional to what is believed to be the importance and the difficulty of that subject. It places the candidates in order of merit, according to the total marks received, and thereby encourages them to take up the more important

subjects and not to confine themselves to a few. And on the other hand the tendency to an undue increase in the number of subjects, which might result in a mere smattering of information about each, is checked by subtracting a percentage from the marks given for each subject. So that the greater the number of subjects, the greater the number to be subtracted. Whenever our University decides to adopt some such system its influence will be felt in every school and college throughout the land, and it will then be most certainly an influence for good.

Prize List.

The following students were then called, and received from His Eminence Cardinal Moran prizes for the various subjects mentioned after their names:—

MATRICULATION CLASS.

Joseph De Lisle—Dux of the College, Gold Medal—Debate Gold Medal, Special Essay, Special Mathematics, Special Arithmetic.

Walter Burfitt—University Silver Medal for Physiology in Senior Examination, Aggregate, English, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Shorthand.

Cornelius Hartnett—Catechism.

Vincent Fitzgerald—University Silver Medal for Physiology in Senior Examination, Essay, Geography, Improvement in Writing.

Timothy Coen—Latin, Geometry, Ancient History, Piano—Excellence.

SENIORS.

Gregan McMahon — Aggregate, French, Physiology, Arithmetic, History, Latin, Special Classics, Piano-Improvement.

Peter O'Donnell—Christian Doctrine, Irish History, Drawing.

Matthew Toohey—Essay, English, Chemistry, Junior Debate.

John Cullinane –Euclid, General Excellence.

Joseph Wall—Algebra, General Excellence.

Frederick Page—Geography, Painting.

James Garvan—Drawing (Junior).

JUNIORS.

John Ryan—Aggregate Merit.

Thomas Lynch—Catechism, Greek, Algebra, Geometry.

Dawson Corrigan—English Composition, Senior Declamation.

William Page—English Composition.

Joseph Gilhooley—Latin.

Michael Casey—English Physics, History.

John McEvoy—French, Geography, Australian History.

Charles Cullinane—Chemistry.

John Lynch—Arithmetic, Physical Geography.

James Henerie—Greek, Special Classics.

Charles Lennon—Drawing (Silver Medal, presented by Mr. Broinowski).

John D'Arcy—Mechanical Drawing.

Thomas Punch—Violin.

John Tarleton—Book-keeping.
Edward Slattery—Industry.
Robert Smythe—German.
Frank D'Arcy—Neatness.

II. GRAMMAR.

Ferdinand Du Boisé—Aggregate, Catechism, English Composition, Latin, French, Physics, Drawing.
Herman McHugh—English.
Thomas Bourke—Greek.
Edward Kelly—Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.
Lancelot Kelly—History.
Henry Macartney—Geography.
Arthur Rudd—Drawing-Improvement, Neat Exercise Books.
Herbert Lennon—Piano (Second Class).
John Davidson—Best in Second Division of Class.
Edward Dalton—General Excellence.

III. GRAMMAR.

Joseph O'Brien—Aggregate, Catechism, English, Latin, Physics, Arithmetic, Algebra.
Herbert Egan—English Composition.
Thomas Murray—Greek, Geography, History.
Arthur Goold—French.
William Murray—General Excellence.
Joseph O'Connell—General Excellence, Writing—Excellence (Junior Division).
William McDonald—Declamation (Junior Division).
Louis Diversi—Writing (Senior Division).
Michael McGrath—Improvement in Piano.
Francis McDonough—Violin (Mr. Allpress' Prize).

II. RUDIMENTS.

Harold Perkins—Aggregate, English, Latin, French, Violin-Improvement.
Basil Dynon—Christian Doctrine.
Michael O'Farrell—English Composition, Geography.
George Nowlan—Physics, History.
Isidore Blake—Arithmetic.

I. RUDIMENTS.

John Slattery—Aggregate, English Composition, History.
Harry Murray—Christian Doctrine, French, Latin, Physics, Geography, Writing, Improvement.
Bernard McMackin—Arithmetic.
Paul Lenehan—French.

ELEMENTS.

George Curtis—Aggregate, Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling, Repetition from Memory.
Cecil Cox—Christian Doctrine.
Gillis Truman—Grammar.
Ernest Macartney—Geography.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES.

The CARDINAL offered his warmest congratulations to the Jesuit Fathers and their students, and the great College of St. Ignatius was referred to as one of which not only the citizens of Sydney but all the colonists of Australia were proud. His Eminence said he had not only to congratulate the superiors and students on the fruits of the admirable training shown that day, but also on the uniform success which attended their efforts in the Public Examinations, and on every other occasion. At a recent military parade the Riverview cadets were awarded a special tribute of praise, and he trusted that the students in the various walks of life would always do honour to their College and justify the high opinions formed of them by proving themselves patriotic, devoted, and upright Christian gentlemen.

His Eminence then went on to speak of the importance of the study of history, illustrating his remarks by a gross blunder which Sir Henry Parkes had made in a recent speech. After expressing his pleasure that the venerable Premier had recovered from the unfortunate mishap which was so much regretted by the whole community, he remarked that the veteran statesman had evidently employed his enforced leisure in the study of history. In the political field, the Cardinal said, he would not venture to cross blades with Sir Henry Parkes, but the Premier had made some statements to which exception might be taken on moral and historical grounds, apart altogether from politics. It was not his intention to say anything that would give pain to the venerable statesman, but he thought he must draw attention to an authority given by Sir Henry Parkes in support of the Divorce Bill. The Premier's historical studies during the illness from which they all rejoiced he had recovered led him to the pages of Philip Melancthon, one of the great Lutheran leaders of the sixteenth century. This man had been selected by the Premier as a champion of divorce, and the Cardinal humorously said he had to admit that matrimony was not a strong point with Melancthon and his associates. A worse witness could not possibly have been chosen. The views of this authority with regard to matrimony and divorce were set forth in two historical documents, which were not, however, to be found in the Vatican archives. (Laughter.) One of these documents was preserved among the State papers of England, the other in Germany. When Henry was seeking a divorce from his wife—not Henry Parkes, but Henry VIII. (laughter)—he wrote to Melancthon for his opinion, and the opinion

expressed was that divorce was impossible according to the law of man and God, but at the same time the king was recommended to take two wives. This advice the king realised could not be carried out with the approval of the English people, and he divorced his queen and took Anne Boleyn. The second case in which Melancthon figures was that of the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, who was a pillar of Lutheranism, but with whom matrimony was not a strong point. This man, who had married a virtuous German princess but was anxious to wed one of the ladies of the Court, appealed to the authority quoted by the Premier, and as in the case of the English King, the reply was that divorce was impossible; but the same advice was given, namely, to take unto himself two wives. This advice was followed and Melancthon signed the deed as one of the witnesses of the second marriage. The Cardinal, whose remarks were more or less in a humorous vein, concluded the reference with the remark that he had touched on this topic merely with a view of showing how important the study of history was and how serviceable accurate historical knowledge was when such questions were raised.

Bishop Higgins passed some graceful compliments on the well-directed study and bright talent of which the students had that day given so many gratifying evidences, and in expressing his admiration he desired to congratulate most sincerely the learned Fathers and their clever pupils on the brilliant termination of a very fruitful year's labour. It was no small thing for the Catholic youth of this colony to be served in this great collegiate institution by the learned members of that Order which had given the Church many of its bravest champions of true knowledge and which had been associated during the past three hundred years with every struggle and every movement for the advancement of religion and education. The Catholic lads attending that College were privileged in having such teachers, and he had no doubt that the boys who went forth from that place would be Catholic gentlemen in word and deed; men who would be able to serve their native land as the guardians of her honour and the defenders of her liberty.

The Hon. D. O'Connor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Cardinal on behalf of the Jesuit Fathers, took advantage of the occasion to pay a glowing tribute to the Jesuits themselves.

The assemblage then broke up, and the visitors having partaken of light refreshments, the steamers left for Sydney amid the cheers of the students.

Obituary.

Our Alma Mater was already in the press when the sad news reached us of the death of Clarence Parker. Our former comrade —*filius unicus matris suae, et hœc vidua erat*—died on Monday morning, January 5th, and was visited a few hours previously by his old rector and friend, Father Dalton, by whom he sent affectionate and touching remembrance to his masters and fellow-students. One of the most gentle and amiable of the students of St. Ignatius, Clarence was a general favourite with masters and schoolmates, and we are sure that all will join with great fervour in the prayer of the Holy Church—*Requiescat in pace.*

"My Lord has need of these flowerets gay,"
The Reaper said, and smiled;
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child.

"They shall all bloom in fields of light,
Transplanted by my care,
And saints, upon their garments white,
These sacred blossoms wear."

And the mother gave, in tears and pain,
The flowers she most did love;
She knew she should find them all again
In the fields of light above.

O, not in cruelty, not in wrath,
The Reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the green earth,
And took the flowers away.

—*Longfellow*



OUR SENIORS' SHED.
(From Photo. taken 1886).

GAMES.



THE COLLEGE BOAT SHED.

ROWING CLUB.

SEASON 1890.

President : Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J.
Captains : B. Beirne, A. M. Jennings.
Hon. Sec. and Treas. : P. H. Mooney.
Committee : J. Cullinane, J. D'Arcy, P. O'Donnell, T. Punch, J. Lynch.

Early in the year our popular and energetic captain, B. Beirne, having matriculated, left the College. At a general meeting, held immediately afterwards, A. M. Jennings was unanimously elected to the position.

In the end of their report for 1889 the committee stated that the balance then to the credit of the club—£114 15s.—would be applied to the building of a suitable pontoon for the shed landing stage, the small pontoon hitherto in use being altogether too small and unsafe for our light boats. We have carried out this arrangement and have now probably the best floating pontoon of any rowing club in Sydney. It is 45ft. x 8ft. x 3 ft., made of the very best material, and attached to the

fixed stage by three new gates, each gate being 9ft. x 17ft. This very important and much-needed improvement cost upwards of £140. A sum of £30 has been spent in enlarging the Junior boat-shed and fixing a proper landing stage, and £60 has been spent in the purchase of new boats and oars, two skiffs for the Juniors, and one skiff for the Seniors. We have thus spent £230, independently of the expenses in repairs. Notwithstanding this large outlay our financial position is very satisfactory, and shows a credit balance of upwards of £50. It is with great pleasure that we announce that the list of our honorary members goes on increasing. This year the Hon.



MR. A. GOODYEAR,

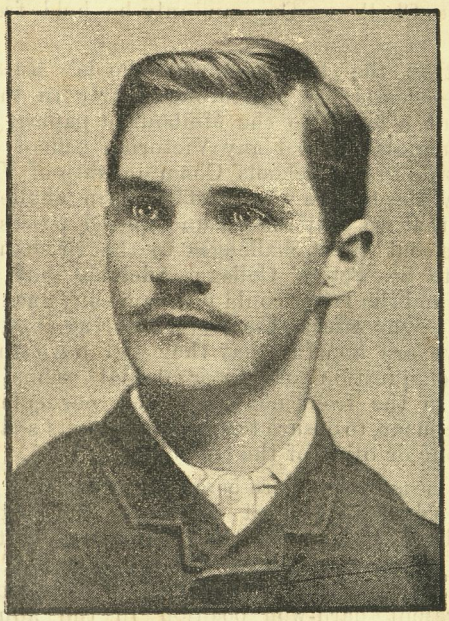
Our Rowing Coach.

Born Cornwall, April, 1853. Educated Newcross R.N. School. Member W. London Rowing Club '72 and '76, Civil Service R.C., Capetown, '81, Captain Bal. R.C. '85.

R. E. O'Connor, Captain D. Stewart, Messrs. T. K. Abbott, J. Rudd, and M. E. Fennessy joined as life members, and the Hon. P. Perkins, Messrs. G. Crowley, W. Hughes, jun., J. Lynch, E. Truman, J. Burke, W. Langley, P. Murray, J. Farrell, J. Walsh, P. Lucas, M. O'Neill, and Dr. Geo. L. Mullins became annual subscribers.

The Annual Regatta was a great success, both in point of racing and attendance. Financially, it may be looked on as a greater success than any previous one. We had arranged to give the proceeds from the steamers to the "Town Hall Floods Relief Fund," and in accordance with this arrangement, we forwarded fifteen guineas to the secretaries of the Fund immediately after the event.

At the usual concert, on the occasion of the distribution of regatta prizes, the number of visitors was very great; and, thanks to Mrs. F. J. Riley and Messrs. J. Donovan, G. R. Allpress and E. Strauss, the evening was a most enjoyable one. We are again indebted to the Hon. D. O'Connor, Postmaster-



B. BEIRNE, Toowoomba, Q.,
OUR LATE CAPT. OF ROWING CLUB,
Born May 6th, 1871. Passed Junior Sydney University Exam. 1888, Senior do. 1889, Matric. do. 1890.

General, for courteously accepting the invitation to distribute the prizes and deliver an address.

The generosity of our friends was evidenced as usual by the large number of valuable prizes and donations given to our

Regatta Prize Fund. Chief among our benefactors we must mention Messrs. Lucas Brothers, of Macquarie Place, who handed over to the club a magnificent sterling silver Challenge Cup, to be attached as a prize to the Maiden Fours' race at our Annual Regatta. The generous donors have signified their intention of giving the members of the winning crew each year gold medals, and the cup will finally belong to the club winning it three years in succession.

A movement was set on foot to establish a "Lane Cove River Challenge Cup," for Senior eights, and several subscriptions have been received or promised. The idea was started too late to be carried into effect before our Regatta; but there is little doubt, however, that the matter will be carried on and the cup obtained. The club will give nine gold medals to the winning eight, but the Challenge Cup can only be held from year to year.

Anxious that the Intercolonial Schools' Race—initiated by our club—should not fall through, early in the year our Secretary sent a letter to the Melbourne papers, stating our perfect willingness to meet any Victorian school disposed to dispute our title to the Schools' Championship of Victoria and New South Wales on the water. This open challenge elicited no reply, so that we still remain undisputed possessors of the honour. We sent direct challenges to the Brisbane Grammar School and to St. Peters' College, Adelaide, but the former had no crew, and the latter could not name any date suitable for both schools. Our efforts, therefore, to bring about a meeting failed, but we are hopeful that they will have the effect of bringing the question of Intercolonial school races so prominently to the front next year, that permanent arrangements will be made, to ensure that these contests shall take place annually in one or other of the colonies.

In a great measure to there being no prospect of a race with any other school, we must attribute the little interest the Senior boys took, after the excitement of the Regatta had passed away, in exercise on the river. This apathy, however, is a dangerous thing, and if the College is to hold its present hard-won position in the aquatic world, our oarsmen must bear in mind that this can only be done by imitating the hard and self-denying work of our gallant crews of 1888 and 1889. The Junior boys, throughout the year, made fair use of their new boats, and greatly improved shed.

We cannot close our report without heartily thanking Mr. Goodyear for his continued deep interest in our club, and for the trouble he took to mould into shape our rather listless oarsmen. We must also acknowledge and return thanks for the friendly feeling displayed towards us by the Press, who have, at all times, given full and encouraging notices of our club.

Thanks.

THE very grateful thanks of the President and Committee of the Rowing Club are returned to the following gentlemen for their generous donations towards the Regatta Prize Fund:—Messrs. T. Dalton, M.P., Jas. Toohey, M.P., Jas. Martin, M.P., F. Punch (Mayor of North Sydney), W. T. Muston (Mayor of North Willoughby), D. Jones & Co., Dynon & Sons, Friend & Co., Batson & Co., Wallach Bros., G. Wells, Lassetter & Co., Turner & Henderson, John Sands, J. J. Moore & Co., H. Kingsbury, J. Thompson, Potts & Paul, N. Joubert.

MR. J. H. DAVIDSON, of Brisbane, has presented us with a very handsome trophy for next Regatta.

Annual Regatta.

Starter: MR. C. BROS.
Umpire: MR. C. DOBSON.
Judge: MR. A. PERRY.

[From the *Australian Star*.]

THE annual regatta of St. Ignatius' College Rowing Club was held on the Lane Cove River this afternoon. This regatta is generally one of the most enjoyable of the season, and to-day proved that the event has lost none of its popularity. The weather was fine, but cold, and there was a hard westerly breeze and lumpy water, which all tell in the successful conduct of a day's aquatic sports. However, with good management, well-contested races, and a good view of the events from start to finish, all went smoothly, and the St. Ignatius' College R.C. 1890 regatta was, despite all drawbacks, voted a big success. On future occasions it would be advisable if the various rowing clubs competing in the open events would make an effort to start to time. It is scarcely fair, either to the management or the spectators, to detain a race for half an hour, as was the case on more than one occasion to-day. The College races were all started to the minute. The steamers Rose and Pearl followed the races, and the greatest consideration was shown for the comfort of the visitors, both on the steamers and in the grounds. The Rev. Father Gartlan, the president of the club, has control of affairs, and his experience, gained during the years the College has been in existence, was apparent in the excellence of the arrangements.

THE RACES.

The results of the different races were as follow:—

College Scratch Fours.

Course: Longueville to College Wharf.

Queensland—D. Corrigan, F. Page, H. Lennon, H. Mooney; cox, W. Page 1
New South Wales—E. Lennon, C. Cullinane, J. Lynch, T. Punch; cox., B. M'Bride 2

The New South Wales crew started strong favourites, but they did not get an opportunity of justifying the faith of their supporters, as the stretcher of the stroke was carried away, and the boat was, to a great extent, an oar short all through. The Queenslanders were in fine form, and would have made the pace warm for their opponents, had all gone well for the latter. The New South Wales men, after rowing a hard, stern chase to the red post, gave up.

Junior Pupils in Skiffs.

Course: College Wharf to first red post.

In preparatory heats (First Round) C. Cox, F. D'Arcy, beat C. Riley, M. McGrath; E. Kelly, J. McEvoy, beat R. Henerie, B. Dynon; J. Toole, J. Blake, beat J. Slattery, W. Page. Second Round—C. Cox, F. D'Arcy, beat G. Nowlan, H. Norris; E. Kelly, J.McEvoy, beat J. Toole, J. Blake.

Final—

Queensland—C. Cox, F. D'Arcy; C. M'Bride, cox. 1
New South Wales—E. Kelly, J. M'Evoy 2

This was one of the most interesting races of the day. The little fellows, from the start, rowed with might and main, and despite their desperate exertions they kept good time, and showed form from which they should soon develop into first-class oarsmen. New South Wales maintained an easy lead till just nearing the winning post, when a combing wave submerged the stroke's oar, and before he got it clear the plucky Queensland crew shot past them and won by a length, amid the cheers of the spectators.

Rowing Clubs, Senior Sculls, in Outriggers.

Course: from Gore's Creek to College Wharf.

S.R.C.—J. G. Kennedy 1
L.R.C.—W. Lambert 2
L.R.C —A. Ivens 3

There were seven entries, but owing to the difficulty of getting the shells to the starting point, on account of the rough water, only five contestants put in an appearance. Eastes, of the L.R.C., got away with a slight lead, with Kennedy close up. The others then drew up, and the oarsmen were in a cluster for a time. Getting under the big bluff, Kennedy took the

management of affairs, and controlled the procession.' At Longueville, Eastes and Lambert fouled, and Ruwald and Kennedy seemed as if they would finish an easy first and second. Nearing the College Wharf the lumpy water splashed over the men's heads and almost swamped the boats. Ruwald was here compelled to retire, the after-canvas of his boat being burst in and the boat completely disabled. Kennedy finished with about four lengths lead, and about a length and a half separated Lambert and Ivens for second and third places respectively.

COLLEGE RACE.—JUNIOR PUPILS IN SKIFFS. TREBLE SCULLS.

Course: Gore's Creek to College Wharf.

In preparatory heats (First Round—First Heat) H. Egan, J. Toohey, F. Lillis, beat B. McBride, W. McDonald, J. Henerie. Second Heat—J. Tarleton, C. McBride, B. Fitzgerald, beat J. O'Brien, M. Toohey, F. McDonough.

FINAL—

Bow—F. Lillis, J. Toohey, H. Egan; cox, W. Page 1
Arrow—B. Fitzgerald, C. M'Bride, J. Tarleton; cox, B. M'Bride 2

Arrow went off with the lead, but the Bows overhauled them after a sharp struggle, and won a well-rowed race.

ROWING CLUB'S LANE COVE CHALLENGE EIGHTS.

Course: Gore's Creek to College Wharf.

M.R.C.—E. Grace, A. C. Hollingworth, G. Jenkins, G. M'Gill, F. A. Stryche, E. W. Martin, W. J. M'Donald, W. P. Berry; cox, J. Blackman 1
E.S.R.C.—C. L. Quist, W. Goulding, J. K. Lillie, J. Hatton, G. H. Legge, L. J. Pooley, A. Smith, J. M'Iver; cox., A. Steele 2
G.R.C.—F. C. Williams, T. Mahoney, E. C. Craegen, M. Downs, A. H. Fox, L. J. O'Rourke, H. B. Amess, G. Robertson; cox., J. M'Gregor 3
S.R.C.—E. Du Loy, D. Walker, B. Smith, W. Cordeaux, W. Kloster, J. E. H. Kennedy, S. A. Tiley, C. Pearson; cox, F. Robinson 0

This was the race of the day, and created the greatest excitement from start to finish. The Sydneys started off with a jump, and soon had a lead of nearly a length. Glebes were next, and Mercantile and East Sydneys were together in shore. At Longueville there was a most exciting bit of racing. The Sydneys led the Mercantiles by half a length, and about the same distance separated the other boats. The Mercantiles, rowing in splendid form, drew up inch by inch on the light blues, and at Palmer's the Sydneys had to be contented with second place. East Sydneys dropped the Glebes astern, and it looked as if the race would finish without any further change, but when within 50 yards of home the Sydney cox. made too close a shave of a tide post, the result being that the boat was brought to a sudden standstill and an oar was broken. The

Mercantile crew finished with half a dozen lengths from East Sydney, the Glebes being about double the distance behind. The Sydneys were thrown clear out of all chance of a place by their mishap. The Mercantile crew were trained by the captain, Mr. J. Blackman, who also steered the boat.

ROWING CLUBS.—MAIDEN FOURS.

B.R.C.—T. Walsh, R. Nash, N. Hooper, J. Degotardi ... 1
S.R.C.—W. Blackall, W. M'Kenzie, E. A. Pearson, J. Roxburgh; cox., J. Hellings 2
U.B.C.—W. H. Palmer, H. Cox, M. J. Brown, E. T. Roseby; cox., J. M. Ives 3
E.S.R.C.—G. S. Withers, F. A. Bayliss, J. A. Read, A. H. H. Aldworth; cox., Ives 0
St. Ignatius—J. Cullinane, J. D'Arcy, A. Jennings, P. O'Donnell; cox., W. Page 0
G.R.C.—M. A. Downs, E. Jones, W. M'Lachlan, T. H. Fitzgerald 0

From a splendid start the St. Ignatius boys were the first to show in front, followed by the Sydney, with Balmain next. The latter soon went to the front, and a struggle for a few minutes ensued between the Sydney and St. Ignatius crews, but the former drew away and, with the Universities, challenged the Balmains. At Longueville the Balmains had a lead of a length, and the Sydneys, Universities, and East Sydneys rounded in such close company that barely a half length separated the three boats, which pulled abreast of each other. Balmain held an easy lead till nearing the winning post when Sydney made a big spurt, but were unable to overhaul the black and gold representatives, who won an easy race by a couple of lengths from the Sydneys, the Universities and East Sydney being several lengths further astern in the order named. The St. Ignatius crew rowed a perfect race all through, and finished several lengths ahead of the Glebe crew.

SENIOR PAIRS.

Course: College Wharf to Second Red Post.

In preparatory heats (First Round) F. Dyson, D. Corrigan, beat F. Murphy, H. Daly; T. Coen, H. Lennon, beat J. Garvan, J. Davidson; J. Wall, J. Lynch, beat I. O'Donnell, T. Punch. Second Round—J. Wall, J. Lynch, beat M. O'Neill, E. Lennon; F. Dynon, D. Corrigan, beat T. Coen, H. Lennon.

FINAL—

Queensland—F. Dynon, D. Corrigan; cox., W. Page ... 1
N.S.W.—J. Wall, J. Lynch; cox., C. M'Bride... 2

The steamers started back to town before dusk, and all were landed in good time, and thoroughly well satisfied with their day's outing on the Lane Cove.

In the All Schools' Race, the St. Ignatius was the only entry.

Presentation of Regatta Prizes and Concert.

The presentation of prizes came off in the usual pleasant fashion at the College on Wednesday last, the Hon. D. O'Connor, M.P., Postmaster-General, officiating on behalf of the Jesuit Fathers. As on Saturday, there were special steamers to take the visitors from Sydney, and the entertainment hall of the college, in which the afternoon's proceedings took place, was touched up with a bit of pretty decoration. The bright assemblage, which completely filled the hall, included the Hon. D. O'Connor, John Toohey, K.C S.G., Mr. James Toohey, M.P., Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.P., Mr. J. P. Garvan, M.P., Dr. Maloney (Melbourne), the Very Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Rector of St. John's College; the Very Rev. P. Slattery, O.S.F., Superior of the Franciscans; the Rev. Father Fitzgerald, O.S.F., the Rev. W. J. Riordan, the Rev. M. C. Kickham, the Rev. G. Tuckwell, Dr. O'Flanagan, Mr. J. T. M'Mahon (General Post Office), Mr. Kennedy (amateur champion rower of New South Wales), and a number of representatives of the city and suburban rowing clubs. The day's ceremony was preceded by an artistic little concert, to which Mrs. F. J. Riley, Mr. Rivers Allpress, Mr. Edgar Straus and Mr. J. T. Donovan contributed, both singers and instrumentalists coming in for very hearty applause at the hands of students and visitors. Mrs. Riley, who, besides being honoured with enthusiastic recalls, was the recipient of a pretty bouquet from the students, sang with equal power and fervour Concone's "Judith," while in "Remember me no more," her pathos and sweetness were as successfully displayed. Mr. J. T. Donovan's numbers were "Anchored" and "Here Upon My Vessel's Deck." In the instrumental department Mr. Rivers Allpress and Mr. Straus, who are respectively our best violin and 'cello soloists, gave the assemblage a treat. Mr. Allpress, who, by the way, also played the singers' accompaniments on the piano most admirably, in the first part of the programme gave in his own artistic style two beautiful Sarasate numbers, and in the second part he delighted the audience with the exquisite Nocturne in E (Chopin Sarasate), the Rev. E. Pigot, S.J., of the College, playing the piano accompaniment to the latter item. Mr. Straus was in fine form, and his "Souvenir de Spa" (*Servais*), as it merited, was very loudly applauded. The College was represented on the programme by half-a-dozen pupils, four of whom, Masters Parker, Cullinane, Coen, and Shewcroft, opened the concert with the "William Tell" overture. The two little sons of Mr. Slattery, M.P., appeared in a piano and violin duet.

The Postmaster-General handed the prizes with some very pleasant words to the victors, and the Rev. Thomas Gartlan, S.J., the president of the rowing club, in returning thanks on behalf of the College, expressed his grateful acknowledgments of the cordial help extended by all the rowing clubs of the city

and suburbs at the late regatta, and the kindly encouragement given by the press since the starting of the College Club was also referred to in very appreciative terms. All the visitors were hospitably entertained in the College before returning to town. —*Freeman's Journal.*

Intercolonial Schools' Boat Race.

Our position regarding this race will be most readily understood from the following letter, which was forwarded to the Melbourne papers, and appeared in the *Australasian*, of March 29th, 1890:—

Dear Sir,—I beg to forward a copy of our Annual Report. As you will see by it, we consider that we hold the Schools' Championship of both colonies, but we are quite prepared to defend our title, should any representative school of Melbourne challenge us to do so. On the occasion of both the previous Intercolonial schools races we were the challengers, and my committee consider that the present position of our club justifies them in now awaiting a challenge from Victoria. We also consider that, for obvious reasons, we have a perfect right to insist on the race being rowed in Melbourne or Sydney, and on a date suitable to us. We have not the slightest doubt that all the conditions of the race can be arranged by the competing schools in a friendly way, and, at the same time, in such a clear and definite form, as to make all controversy after the race an impossibility. Our club has done all it could to establish these contests, and it will, certainly, as far as it is concerned, allow nothing to prevent their continuance. Whether the race should be rowed in string-test gigs or best and best boats we leave an open question; but we feel that, if the Melbourne schools could only be induced to row their test races in sliding-seat boats, of any kind, the biggest difficulty—*i.e.*, that of fixing a suitable time for the Intercolonial Schools' Race—would be overcome.

Thanking you, on behalf of the committee, for the fair and friendly manner in which you have always dealt with our club,

I remain, sir,

Faithfully yours,

P. H. Mooney, Hon. Sec.

Aquatic Notes.

The following letter, received by the Club's President from a Sydney gentleman, speaks for itself:—"I was so pleased with the Regatta of the boys the other Saturday, and having one or two visitors with me from New Zealand, I appreciated so much the open-hearted hospitality that has always distinguished the College, that I want you to do me the favour of proposing me as an hon. member of the Rowing Club, and hand you herewith the entrance fee. I hope ere long to see the club the champion one in the colony."

Our club was proud to see T. McDonnell once more stroke of the Intercolonial eight, and we are quite satisfied, if good form and real hard work on his part could have put the colony to the front, N. S. Wales would have had a decisive victory. Another old Riverviewer, R. Brown, had a seat in the boat till it was found he could not attend to the training.

We lent our Ayling's oars and our training boat to the Intercolonial eight. On Dec. 6th our Hon. Sec. received the following letter from Mr. A. Holmes, Hon. Sec. of the New South Wales Rowing Association :—"I am directed to ask you to convey to your Committee the thanks of the Association for the assistance rendered to the eight-oar crew in the course of their training for the Intercolonial race last month, and to notify you that a minute to this effect is recorded in the books of the Association."

As usual there was a lot of hard rowing before the Regatta, but the chief element of excitement during the preparation was the rivalry between T. Punch's and P. H. Mooney's crew. The stories told of the trial rows of the former were alarming in the extreme. It was thought a "soft thing" for Tom by everybody —Tom himself included—till a few days before the race, when it was noticed that Mooney and his men, who had during all the talk been calmly and energetically going through their work—got tremendous pace out of their clinker-built outrigger four. At the moment of the start no one was bold enough to do more than hazard a guess at the winner—both had prepared thoroughly and both were confident. From the start Mooney shot ahead, but not so much as to cause either Punch or his supporters to despair, but just as Tom was about putting on his strength to overhaul his opponent his stretcher broke, and though he rowed on pluckily the race was lost to him. He had worked up his crew so well, that it was mighty hard luck not to have a chance of proving the stuff that was in him.

Our "coaching" or training boat is a craft perfectly unique in the world of boats. It is furnished with three sliding seats that can be shoved to any side of the boat. Two only of the seats are used in training, the third being added in case the boat is required as a pleasure skiff, when the seat at the stern would be used for steersman. The coach and his pupil face one another when rowing, but row at different sides, so that the boat goes neither backwards nor forwards, but round and round. It looks laughable, but it is easy to see that a few minutes of such work, where an inexperienced oarsman is face to face with one who rows in perfect form, is worth weeks of mere precept. The boat was built by Barnett, from the inventor, Mr. Goodyear's plan and under his direction. Barnett was loth to depart so far from the ordinary way of building boats as the new idea involved.

He sought satisfaction however for his outraged feelings by charging a good *penny* for the novelty.

On the advice of Mr. Goodyear, two four-oars have just been added to the fleet in senior boat shed. The boats have fixed seats, and are intended for the use of boys on their first joining the club. As they are sister boats they will also suit admirably for junior fours at regatta.

Our representatives at the Rowing Association were P. O'Sullivan and W. Coyle. Plunket did his business like a business man, and were it not for his regularity in attending the meetings our Club would have been practically disfranchised. We believe our second representative was seen at one meeting.

MESSRS. LUCAS BROTHERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

The beautiful sterling silver cup presented to the Club by Messrs. Lucas Bros., of Macquarie Place, for Maiden Fours will be competed for at next Regatta. The cup will become the property of the Club winning it three times in succession, but each year it is the intention of the generous donors to give suitable trophies, probably gold medals, to each of the winning crew.

AN ALL SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE TROPHY.

With a view of encouraging rowing amongst the schools, Mr. George Wells, of Sussex-street, has informed the President that he will give the College Rowing Club a challenge trophy, to be competed for in the All Schools' Race at the Annual Regatta. Most probably the conditions of the race will be the same as those for the Mayor's cup—*i.e.*, the trophy to become the property of the school winning it twice in succession, or three times altogether.

Mr. Weir, of Brickfield Hill, has also promised the President a handsome challenge trophy for one of the big races at the Regatta.

ST. IGNATIUS' AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1890.

Committee:

P. O'Donnell, J. D'Arcy, A. Jennings.

Judge: Rev. P. Keating. *Starter*: Segt.-Major Hagney.

The above club held their annual meeting on the new Cricket Ground, at Riverview, on August 15th, 1890. The weather was everything that could be wished for, and a good day's sport was enjoyed both by the competitors and by the onlookers. The results were as follows :—

The opening event was the Handicap Race for the Second Division alone. It was run off in four heats which resulted as follows :—1st Heat, F. DuBoise, 1; H. Egan, 2. 2nd Heat, B. Fitzgerald, 1; J. Ryan, 2. 3rd Heat, M. O'Farrell, 1; M. M'Grath, 2. 4th Heat, J. O'Brien, 1; P. Toole, 2. In the final, which was run off later on in the day, J. O'Brien won from P. Toole.

The next event was Place and Drop Kicking Football. After some very exciting kicking it was won by P. O'Donnell from A. Cunningham second, and C. Lennon third. The winning kick was a place, and covered 66yds. There was a very gusty wind blowing with the ball, so that only a few of the competitors had the benefit of it.

The Masters' Race was run next, and resulted in a win for Mr. O'Reilly, 4yds., from Mr. Murphy, S.J., and Mr. O'Connell, S.J., scratch, by about two yards.

An adjournment was then made for dinner.

The opening event after dinner was Place or Drop Kicking the Football (for Second Division). W. M'Donald carried this off from many who are considered good kicks among their size, much to the surprise of everyone.

Then came the School Championship, from which P. O'Donnell and J. D'Arcy, our representative school runners, were excluded. The distance was 100yds., and about 9 or 10 faced the starter, who sent them away well together, and a great race ensued. But Mooney led from the 50yds. and won by 4 or 5 yards from Dynon, with Jennings 2 or 3 yards away third.

A much more exciting finish was witnessed in the Championship of the Second Division when J. Gilhooley, J. O'Brien and M. Toohey finished within a few feet of one another in the above order.

The racing now began in earnest, as a field of about 20 got away for the 150 YARDS WINTER HANDICAP. There seemed to be too large a field, and the runners were crowded together and had to elbow their way through. The first to breast the tape was T. Coen (14yds.), I. O'Donnell (10yds.), being second, and F. Dynon (5yds.), third.

100 YARDS, BOYS UNDER 12, was the next on the programme. There were two heats. 1st Heat, M. O'Farrell (4yds), 1; M. M'Grath, 2; B. Dynon, 3. 2nd Heat, J. Brown (4yds.), 1; C. Cox (2yds.), 2; F. Cregan (2yds.), 3. The result of the final was the same as that of the second heat.

THE MAIDEN was run off in three heats as follows:—1st Heat, H. Macartney (6yds.), 1; J. Lahiff (12yds.), 2. 2nd Heat, T. Punch (scr.), 1; J. Davidson (3yds.), 2. 3rd Heat, D. Corrigan (4yds.), 1; M. Toohey, (12yds.), 2. Final: D. Corrigan, 1; H. Macartney, 2; M. Toohey, 3.

THE SACK RACE afforded a little light amusement to the onlookers, and was run off in five heats won by C. Parker, C. Lennon, J. Slattery, J. Toohey and A. Jennings. Second Round—C. Lennon and A. Jennings. Final: C. Lennon.

THE HURDLE RACE was the occasion of some very good racing, and of some close and exciting finishes. The course was 100 yards, and the hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. The following qualified to run in final:—1st Heat, T. Bourke and J. D'Arcy; 2nd Heat, J. Davidson and T. Punch; 3rd Heat, C. Hartnett, A. Jennings and I. O'Donnell. In the final, T. Bourke and C. Hartnett got well away and finished in that order, with A. Jennings third.

THE 220 YARDS RIVERVIEW HANDICAP was an easy win for our Champion Schools' Runner, P. J. O'Donnell, the distance just suiting him. F. Dynon was the second to pass the post, and D'Arcy third. A protest was entered against Dynon for running inside a post, but Dynon entered a counter protest that he was jostled off the track, so the original protest was not allowed.

IN THE 880 YARDS WALK, T. Punch, the scratch man, went away from the beginning and literally ran away with it. H. M'Hugh (25yds.), 2; T. Coen (35yds.), and J. Toohey (40yds.), 3.

Some very amusing heats of the SIAMESE TWINS RACE was then run off. The following were victorious:—1st Heat, C. Lennon and A. Rudd (scr.); 2nd Heat, J. O'Brien and J. Gilhooley (7yds.); 3rd Heat, W. Page and H. Perkins (9yds.); 4th Heat, A. Jennings and J. D'Arcy (scr.); 5th Heat, J. Ryan and J. M'Evoy (7yds.); J. Toohey and J. Curtin, a bye (7yds.) These six couples got well away, but O'Brien and Gilhooley, Jennings and D'Arcy, Lennon and Rudd, lost their handkerchiefs, and W. Page and H. Perkins were declared winners, with J. Ryan and J. M'Evoy second.

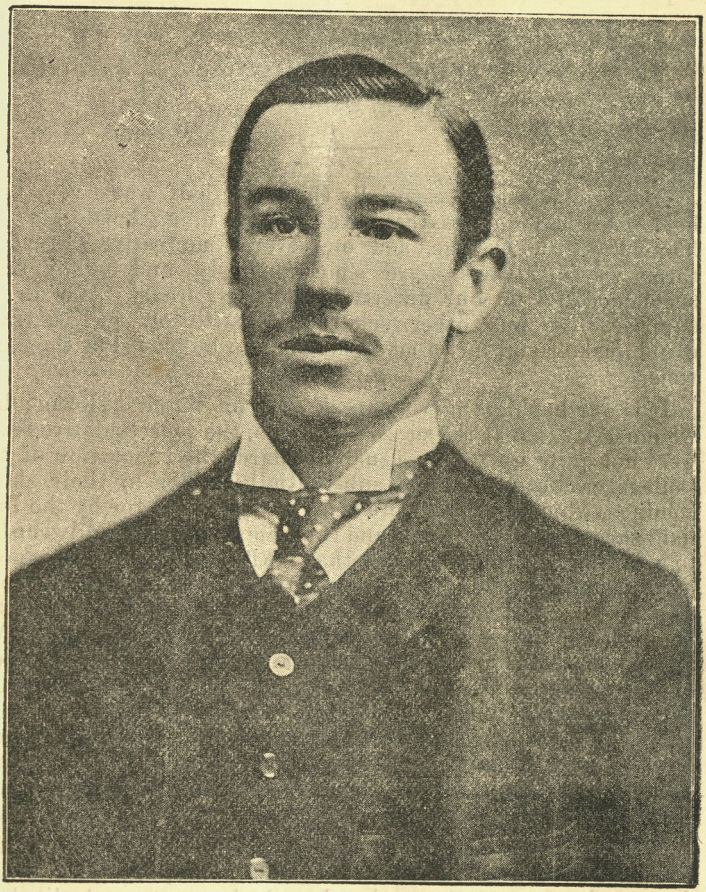
THE 440 YARDS COLLEGE HANDICAP was the best race of the day and Peter O'Donnell won it after a hard race. J. Davidson with 35yds. ran very well, but the Champion Schools' Runner was too good.

The DECAPITATION OF THE ROOSTER afforded a great deal of fun to everybody. There were six who struck the rooster in the first round, and three in the second. However, E. Dalton proved victorious, as Wall, his only opponent, was disqualified for feeling with his hands.

THE CONSOLATION RACES, as is the usual plan, wound up the proceedings. There were two races, one for each division of the school. J. Curtin won the race for the lower division from a field of about eight or ten. About 14 or 15 were handicapped for the higher or 1st division race. The start was a grand one and a splendid race ensued, and at the

100yds. post, which was the winning post, there were three abreast, F. Dynon, A. Jennings and I. O'Donnell. In the run off F. Dynon (2yds.) got the best of an unexpected start and won from I. O'Donnell (6yds.), by about half a yard, Jennings (3yds.), two yards away third.

ALF. M. JENNINGS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.



OUR CHAMPION RUNNER,

P. J. O'DONNELL,

Of Hillston, N.S.W.; age 18. Winner of the Schools Championship at the N.S.W. A.A.A Championship Meeting, Association Cricket Ground, May, 1890.

CRICKET SEASON, 1890.

President : Rev. H. E. Cock, S.J.

Captain : J. Davidson. *Hon. Sec. :* J. Davidson.

Committee :

H. Mooney, P. O'Donnell, J. Davidson, A. Jennings, F. Dynon.

Our cricket season, especially the latter half, was a very busy one. We had no less than five elevens doing battle for the honour of the College, and on several successive Saturdays three visiting teams were simultaneously and comfortably accommodated on our different cricket grounds. We do not suppose that any other scholastic institution in Australia could make room for so many matches to be played at the same time.

It is our business now to speak only for the first eleven; but we must say that if the successes of this, the representative team, were not quite up to the usual standard, the reputation of the College cricketers did not substantially suffer by their shortcomings, which were far more than compensated for by the brilliant successes of the second and third elevens. We readily confess to a feeling of disappointment that the first eleven record is not a more triumphant one; at the same time we think that the form displayed in several of the matches was not unworthy of the name our predecessors have acquired in the cricket field. We figured very well in our matches against the Suffields, Longueville, Newington College, and King's School. We played a good game also against the Carlton C.C., when the presence of such men as Bannerman and Callaway in the opposing team would have damped the courage of many older cricketers than we are. It must be remembered that this season's team were for the most part new men at the beginning of the year.

We have heard from good authority that our new ground is at last to be converted from ornament to use, and when this is done we hope to regain our lost laurels by next year's display.

Our limited success this year will, in one way, do us a world of good, for it will show us our deficiencies, and bring home to us the necessity of energy and perseverance in practising to overcome them.

J. H. Davidson,
Hon. Sec.

REMARKS ON THE FIRST ELEVEN.

J. Davidson, Captain, good free bat and change bowler.
P. H. Mooney, very good bat and break bowler.
P. O'Donnell, sure bat, and fast bowler.
J. Wall, fast scorer, good bowler, and splendid field.
H. Regan, good bat and field.
F. Dynon, safe bat, and splendid field.
A. Cunningham, promising bat, and fair field.
A. Jennings, splendid wicket-keep, big hit.
L. Kelly, good bat and bowler, indifferent field.
A. Rudd, fair bat, and splendid field.
E. Dalton, good defence, and smart field.
I. O'Donnell, umpire for the eleven.
J. Lynch, scorer for the eleven.

Batting Averages.

	No. Innings.	No. Runs.	Not Outs.	Average.
P. H. Mooney	13	231	4	25.6
J. Davidson	13	200	4	22.2
P. O'Donnell	13	188	2	17.1
J. Wall	8	80	2	13.2
L. Kelly	5	21	3	10.1
H. Regan	4	34	0	8.2
A. Cunningham	4	29	0	7.1
A. Jennings	7	41	0	5.6
A. Rudd	5	20	1	5
F. Dynon	10	42	1	4.6
E. Dalton	1	3	1	

Bowling Averages.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
P. H. Mooney, 1st	35	280	8.0
P. O'Donnell, 2nd	17	170	10.0
J. Davidson, 3rd	11	119	10.9
J. Wall, 4th	18	252	13.8

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Strathfield C.C.*

A match between St. Ignatius' College and Strathfield C.C. was played at Riverview on March 8th, 1890, and resulted in a win for Strathfield C.C. by 37 runs.

Strathfield C.C.	
H. Thompson, b Mooney	2
J. Robertson, c and b Mooney	18
F. Waldron, c Garvan, b Mooney	26
O'Connor, c O'Connell, b Mooney	8
Sefton, h o w, b O'Donnell	0
Allt, c Bourke, b Mooney	5
Woolcott, b O'Donnell	19
McCutcheon, st Bourke, b Mooney	6
Fraser, c O'Connell, b O'Donnell	6
Robin, not out	5
McDonald, b Mooney	0
Byes	1
Leg-byes	1
Total	97

St. Ignatius' College.	
H. Mooney, run out	1
P. O'Donnell, h o w, b Fraser	0
F. Dynon, b Woolcott	0
J. Davidson, run out	18
A. Jennings, c McDonald, b Fraser	10
J. O'Connell, run out	0
J. Garvan, b McCutcheon	5
H. Daly, not out	13
T. Punch, c Waldron, b McCutcheon	5
B. Beirne, h o w, b Woolcott	1
T. Bourke, b Woolcott	3
Byes	8
Total	60

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Suffield C.C.*

A match between St. Ignatius' College and Suffield C.C. was played at Riverview on March 15th, 1890, and resulted in a win for the College by 3 runs and 8 wickets.

Suffield C.C.	
Deane, h o w, b O'Donnell ...	4
Brooks, b O'Donnell	5
Young, b Mooney	5
Kemp, c Mooney, b O'Donnell	12
E. Brooks, c. Davidson, b O'Donnell	4
Holmes, c Daly, b Mooney ...	6
Birkenhead, not out	13
Hobbs, b Mooney	7
Rogers, b O'Donnell	2
Kennedy, b Mooney	0
Thompson, l b w, b Mooney ...	0
Sundries	3
Total	61

St. Ignatius' C.C.		
P. O'Donnell, c Young, b Thompson	4	
H. Daly, c Young, b Thompson	3	
H. Mooney, not out	23	
J. Davidson, not out	27	
F. Dynon	Did not bat.	
A. Jennings		
J. O'Connell		
T. Punch		
B. Beirne		
T. Bourke		
J. Garvan		
Sundries	7	
Total for 2 wickets ...	64	

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Sydney Grammar School.*

A match took place at Riverview, on March 22nd, between the Sydney Grammar School and St. Ignatius' College, and resulted in a win for the Grammar School by 46 runs.

Sydney Grammar School.	
W. Ryrie, c Daly, b Wall ...	6
A Garnsey, run out	1
W. Robison, c Beirne, b Wall	83
Cruickshank, b O'Donnell ...	11
W. Trickett, c Bourke, b O'Donnell	29
S. Hayes, b Mooney	2
M'Pherson, c Jennings, b Mooney	2
Farquhar, c Davidson, b Wall	8
Dansey, run out	0
Chisholm, b Mooney	1
Bauer, not out	0
Sundries	3
Total	146

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
F. Dynon, b Trickett	1
H. Mooney, c Garnsey, b Ryrie	29
P. O'Donnell, b Hayes ...	6
J. Davidson, b Trickett ...	0
H. Daly, run out	20
J. Garvan, c Trickett, b Ryrie	3
A. Jennings, c Hayes, b Ryrie	5
J. Wall, h o w, b Trickett ...	10
J. O'Connell, not out	3
B. Beirne, b Ryrie	6
T. Bourke, b Trickett... ...	1
Sundries	8
Total	102

The Grammar School had lost 3 wickets for 15 runs in their second innings.

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Emeriti C.C.*

A match was played on October 11th, at Riverview, between St. Ignatius' C.C. and the Emeriti C.C., and resulted in a win for the Emeriti. The scores were :—

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
H. Mooney, not out	20
P. O'Donnell, b L. Barbour ...	0
J. Wall, c Robison, b Barbour	0
J. Davidson, b Barbour ...	0
F. Dynon, b Barbour	0
A. Jennings, b Barbour ...	0
J. Garvan, c Aitken, b Robison	3
T. Punch, c Vicars, b Robison	2
A. Rudd, run out	0
A. Shewcroft, b Barbour ...	7
L. Kelly, c Vallack, b Robison	1
Sundries	5
Total	38

Emeriti C.C.	
E. H. Robison, b Mooney ...	43
M'Pherson, b Wall	1
E. C. Robison, b Davidson ...	3
Aitken, c Wall, b Davidson ...	39
M'Credie, b Davidson ...	4
Vallack, not out	25
L. Barbour, b Mooney ...	4
Studdy, b Davidson	0
F. Vicars, c Shewcroft, b Mooney	7
J. Vicars, b Mooney	2
C. Lennon (sub.), b Mooney...	3
Sundries	5
Total	136

In the second innings the College lost 3 wickets for 23 runs.

Carlton C.C. v. *St. Ignatius' C.C.*

A match took place at Riverview between the Carlton C.C. and St. Ignatius' College on September 27th, 1890, and resulted in a draw. Following are the scores :—

Carlton C.C.	
A. Bannerman, not out ...	64
Briscoe, h o w, b O'Donnell ...	2
Clancy, b Wall	3
Beale, b O'Donnell	2
Callaway, b Davidson... ...	30
Downes, b Davidson	0
Bennett, b Wall	2
Walsh, c and b Wall	3
White, b Wall	0
Reiley, run out...	0
Harris, absent	0
Sundries	7
Total	113

St. Ignatius C.C.	
H. Mooney, c Bannerman, b Downes	9
P. O'Donnell, not out ...	14
J. Wall, not out	0
J. Davidson	Did not bat.
F. Dynon	
H. Daly...	
A. Jennings	
J. Garvan	
T. Punch	
A. Rudd...	
A. Shewcroft	
Sundries	2
Total for 1 wicket ...	25

Emeriti C.C. v. *St. Ignatius' C.C.*

A match between St. Ignatius College and Emeriti C.C. was played at Riverview on March 29th, 1890, and resulted in a draw. Following are the scores :—

Emeriti C.C.	
McCredie, lbw, b O'Donnell ...	8
E. Robison, b Mooney ...	93
Vallack, lbw, b Mooney ...	2
Aitken, c Beirne, b Mooney ...	43
R. Barbour, c O'Connell, b Mooney	3
H. Robison, b Davidson ...	2
Vicars, b Davidson	0
Caldwell, not out	23
L. Barbour, b Mooney ...	0
Sundries	5
Total	179

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
H. Mooney, b E. Robison ...	13
F. Dynon, b L. Barbour ...	6
P. O'Donnell, c Aitken, b Barbour	18
J. Davidson, not out	3
H. Daly	Did not bat.
J. Garvan	
B. Beirne	
J. O'Connell	
T. Punch	
A. Shewcroft	
T. Bourke	
Total for 3 wickets ...	40

Longueville C.C. v. *St. Ignatius' C.C.*

A match between St. Ignatius' College and Longueville C.C. was played at Riverview on October 25, and resulted in a draw.

Longueville C.C.	
Catt, lbw, b Wall	20
Harmon, b O'Donnell... ...	5
Read, not out	47
Hall, h o w, b Mooney ...	25
Lovett, b Davidson	4
Dettman, b Mooney	5
Turner, c Dynon, b Mooney...	3
Audsley, b Mooney	7
Perry, b Mooney	1
Palmer, stumped, b Mooney...	0
Sundries	7
Total	124

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
O'Donnell, b Lovett	29
Mooney, h o w, b Hall ...	5
Wall, not out	55
Davidson, b Lovett	0
Dynon, b Reid	2
Jennings, b Lovett	0
Rudd, b Lovett	0
Cunningham, b Dettman ...	5
Shewcroft, lbw, b Lovett ...	8
Kelly, not out	4
Dalton	
Sundries	5
Total for 8 wickets ...	113

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Fort Street College C.C.*

A match was played on November 1st, at Riverview, between St. Ignatius' C.C. and the Training School C.C., and resulted in an easy win for the Training School.

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
Mooney, b Hadley	8
O'Donnell, c Layton, b Gilmore	34
Dynon, c Gillespie, b Gilmore	16
Wall, lbw, b Gilmore	2
Davidson, c Layton, b Klein...	36
Regan, b Hadley	15
Jennings, b Hadley	2
Cunningham, b Layton ...	0
Shewcroft, c Brodie, b Hadley	3
Rudd, h o w, b Hadley ...	5
Kelly, not out	0
Sundries	5
Total	126

Training School C.C.	
Hadley, c Wall, b Mooney ...	4
Gilmore, l b w, b Wall ...	39
Brodie, not out...	70
McMullin, not out	29
Wright	Did not bat.
Brooks	
Klein	
Hall	
Layton	
Gillespie	
Sundries	5
Total for 2 wickets ...	147

Suffield C.C. v. *St. Ignatius C.C.*

A match took place at Riverview, on Nov. 8th, between St. Ignatius College C.C. and Suffield, and resulted in a draw.

Suffield C.C.	
Mooney, c and b Kelly ...	78
Birkenhead, b J. Wall ...	9
Brooks, b J. Wall	0
Holmes, b Mooney	23
Rand, c and b O'Donnell ...	12
Kennedy, b Davidson... ..	16
Allt, lbw, b Davidson... ...	18
Thompson, b Wall	6
H. Holmes, not out	12
Quodling, absent	0
Sundries	14
Total	188

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
H. Mooney, b Thompson ...	12
J. Wall, c Birkenhead, b Thompson	7
P.O'Donnell, h o w, b J.Mooney	20
J. Davidson, not out	23
Dynon, not out...	3
Regan...	Did not bat.
Cunningham... ...	
Jennings	
Shewcroft	
Rudd	
Kelly	
Sundries	2
Total for 3 wickets ...	67

St. Ignatius' C.C. v. *Sydney Grammar School.*

A match took place at Riverview on November 22nd, between the Sydney Grammar School and St. Ignatius' College, and resulted in an easy win for the Grammar School. The following are the scores:—

Sydney Grammar School C.C.		St. Ignatius' C.C.	
Robison, bowled Wall ...	57	O'Donnell, lbw, b S. Ridge	12
Deane, bowled O'Donnell	18	Mooney, b Deane	5
Kemmis, not out	102	Wall, b S. Ridge	0
Farquhar, c O'Donnell, b Kelly	30	Davidson, c Farquhar, b Deane	8
Garnsey, not out	24	Regan, retired hurt	14
Dansey, F. Ridge, Hayes, Chisholm, S. Ridge, Tange (Declared the innings closed.)		Dynon, b Deane	0
		Cunningham, c Farquhar, b S. Ridge	16
		Jennings, lbw, b Farquhar	0
		D'Arcy, h o w, b S. Ridge	10
		Rudd, stumped, b S. Ridge	1
		Kelly, not out	1
Sundries	12	Sundries	5
Total	243	Total	72

Newington College v. *St. Ignatius' C.C.*

A match took place at Riverview, between St. Ignatius' College and Newington College, on November 29th, and resulted in a draw.

Newington College.		St. Ignatius' C.C.	
Turner, c Jennings, b O'Donnell	46	Mooney, not out	69
Kelynack, c Dynon, b Wall	13	O'Donnell, b Clifton	9
Palser, not out	62	Regan, lbw, b Clifton	0
Clifton, b Wall	18	Dynon, b Palser	12
E. Palser, lbw, b Wall	11	Davidson, c and b Kershew	9
Steele, b Wall	8	Wall, Cunningham, Kelly, Jennings (Did not bat.)	
Pile, not out	29		
Miller, Kershew, Orr, Thompson (Declared innings closed.)			
Sundries	25	Sundries	2
	202	Total for 4 wickets	101

St. Ignatius' C C. v. *King's School.*

A match took place at Riverview on December 6th. The former batted first, and remained at the wickets the whole afternoon.

St. Ignatius' C.C.	
Wall, c Gill, b Dight	6
Mooney, c and b Dight	26
O'Donnell, c Waddy, b Dight	32
Regan, c Manchee, b Dight	5
Davidson, b Waddy	52
Dynon, b Manchee	3
Cunningham, c Gill, b Waddy	8
Jennings, b Waddy	24
Kelly, b Dight	15
Rudd, not out	14
Dalton, not out	3
Sundries	27
Total for 9 wickets	215

SECOND ELEVEN, 1890.

Captain: D. J. Corrigan. *Hon. Sec.*: D. J. Corrigan.

Committee:

J. H. D'Arcy, C. V. Lennon, D. J. Corrigan,

J. A. Cullinane, C. M. Cullinane.

The members of the team may congratulate themselves on the very successful season they have passed. We have played *seven* outside matches, all of which we won except one, which was drawn. We also played four scratch matches, winning all of them. J. H. D'Arcy, of Gympie (Q.), the winner of the batting average, is to be congratulated on his creditable performances. His average of 41 was greatly decreased by the counting of scratch matches, in most of which he made low scores. Our success is due, no doubt, to the good spirit existing among the members of the team, and the assiduous manner in which they practised to prepare themselves for the matches.

REMARKS ON SECOND ELEVEN.

D. J. Corrigan, Captain, good left-hand bowler, with leg-work, fast scorer, good field.

J. H. D'Arcy, splendid bat, good off-work, good field, average for the season 27.

C. V. Lennon, sure bat, strong defence, very smart field.

J. A. Cullinane, good bat and field, change bowler.

C. M. Cullinane, good bat, has improved towards the end of the year, good field.

J. P. Garvan, good break and fast bowler, good bat.

T. Punch, fair bat, change bowler, moderate field.

T. Bourke, smart wicket-keep, good bat, hard leg-hitter.

A. J. Shewcroft, fair bat, hits hard, moderate field.

J. Henerie, fair bat and field.

W. Burfitt, a new man in the eleven, promises to be a good bat, fair field.

W. Page, first emergency, pretty bat, and smart field.

Umpire, F. D'Arcy.
Scorer, E. Slattery.

Batting Averages of Second Eleven.

	Runs.	Innings.	Not outs.	Highest score.	Average.
J. H. D'Arcy	324	12	0	67	27
C. V. Lennon	266	12	0	109	22·1
D. J. Corrigan	204	12	0	40	17
T. Punch	46	3	0	25	15·3
T. Bourke	93	8	0	34	11·6
J. Garvan	16	3	0	15	5·3
J. Cullinane	51	10	0	18	5·1
A. Shewcroft	10	2	0	9	5
C. Cullinane	47	12	2	12	4·7
J. Henerie	10	5	2	3	3·3
W. Burfitt	2	1	0	2	2

Bowling Averages.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
D. J. Corrigan	313	42	7·4
J. A. Cullinane	45	5	9
J. Garvan	66	5	11·2
C. Lennon	100	7	14·2
T. Punch	50	3	16·6

St. Ignatius' College B Team v. *St. Aloysius' College.*

Played at Riverview on March 17th. Although the visitors' team included several ex-students (one of which made 50 out of 91 runs), they were defeated by 2 wickets and 15 runs. The following are the scores:—

St. Aloysius' College.		St. Ignatius' College B Team.	
D. Sheridan, st Shewcroft, b Corrigan	50	D. Corrigan, b Sheridan	29
G. M'Grath, c Shewcroft, b Corrigan	2	C. Lennon, h o w, b Sheridan	2
A. D'Arcy, b Corrigan	17	J. Cullinane, run out	7
J. Shearer, c Corrigan, b J. Cullinane	0	J. D'Arcy, b M'Grath	25
S. Ahern, b Corrigan	1	J. De Lisle, c M'Grath, b D'Arcy	12
J. Kearey, b Corrigan	13	A. Shewcroft, b M'Grath	3
J. Boylson, c Lennon, b Bourke	3	A. Rudd, b Shearer	12
J. Curran, b Corrigan	4	C. Cullinane, run out	10
P. Fox, b Bourke	0	E. Dalton, not out	0
J. Cahill, b Bourke	0	E. Lennon, not out	0
S. Gilhooley, not out	0	J. Bourke	
Sundries	1	Sundries	6
Total	91	Total for 8 wickets	106

St. Ignatius' College Second Eleven v. *North Shore Church of England Grammar School First Eleven.*

Played at Riverview on March 22nd and won by the former by 27 runs. Appended are the scores:—

St. Ignatius' College B. Team.	
T. Punch, c Kendall, b Clarke	25
D. Corrigan, b Kendall ...	8
J. De Lisle, c and b Kendall	0
J. D'Arcy, b Kendall... ...	12
C. Lennon, b Clarke	19
J. Cullinane, b Clarke ...	0
A. Rudd, c Ballantyne, b Clarke	20
C. Cullinane, c Kendall, b Clarke	0
E. Lennon, b Walker... ...	2
H. McHugh, c Kendall, b Walker	0
L. Kelly, not out	2
Sundries	8
Total	96

N.S. Grammar School A. Team.	
Jones, b Punch	0
J. Clarke, b Corrigan... ...	3
Yarnold, c J. Cullinane, b Corrigan	3
Kendall, b Punch	0
C. Ballantyne, b Punch ...	10
W. Clarke, b Corrigan ...	7
J. Walker, b Corrigan ...	12
J. Ballantyne, b Corrigan ...	1
Cliff, run out	2
Wallace, not out	20
G. Walker, b Punch	4
Sundries	7
Total	69

St. Ignatius' College B. Team v. *Carlyle C.C.*

Played on our ground on September 27th, and won by 82 runs. Appended are the scores:

St. Ignatius' College B. Team.	
J. D'Arcy, b Lucas	64
D. Corrigan, b Curphy ...	10
J. Cullinane, b Curphy ...	3
C. Lennon, run out	1
T. Bourke, b Curphy	34
E. Dalton, b Lucas	3
C. Cullinane, run out	4
Ig. O'Donnell, b Curphy ...	2
A. Cunningham, b Lucas ...	2
H. McHugh, c Wills, b Lucas	16
L. Kelly, not out	3
Sundries	6
Total	148

Carlyle C.C.	
D. Hall, b Corrigan	6
A. Lucas, c O'Donnell, b Corrigan	0
J. Curphy, h o w, b Kelly ...	11
A. Dagleesh, c and b Corrigan	26
E. Lucas, c Corrigan, b Kelly...	0
A. Baker, b Corrigan	1
E. Jeffries, b Corrigan	7
W. Hughes, c McHugh, b Kelly	4
D. Wills, b Corrigan	2
J. Jeffries, not out	6
P. Woods, b Corrigan	1
Sundries	2
Total	66

St. Ignatius College B Team v. *Carlyle C.C.*

Played on October 25th, and drawn on account of the visitors wishing to return early to town.

St. Ignatius College B Team.	
J. D'Arcy, b Curphy	67
D. Corrigan, c Lucas, b Lube	40
C. Lennon, b Lube	14
J. Garvan, b Lube	0
T. Bourke, b Curphy	0
J. Cullinane, c Lucas, b Curphy	8
J. De Lisle, b Curphy... ...	7
J. O'Brien, run out	0
T. Coen, b Curphy	4
C. Cullinane, not out	1
Ig. O'Donnell, b Lube ...	5
Sundries	8
Total	154

Carlyle C.C.	
Woods, b Garvan	0
Dalgleish, run out	14
Lube, not out	11
Jeffries, run out	0
Baker, b Garvan	3
C. Lucas, not out	13
A. Lucas	Did not bat
J. Cronen	
P. Hall	
S. Wills	
W. Curphy	
Sundries	5
Total for 4 wickets ...	46

St. Ignatius' College B Team v. *North Shore Church of England Grammar School (1st Eleven.)*

Played at Riverview on November 1st, and won by our boys by 86 runs.

St. Ignatius' College B. Team.	
J. H. D'Arcy, b G. Clarke ...	47
T. N. Punch, b Clarke ...	9
C. Lennon, c Clarke b Walker	26
D. J. Corrigan, c Cliff, b Walker	35
E. Dalton, b Clarke	13
T. Bourke, b Wallace... ...	21
J. De Lisle, c Walker, b Yarnold	31
J. Cullinane, b Wallace ...	1
C. Cullinane, not out	12
T. Coen, b Yarnold	7
Ig. O'Donnell, b Yarnold ...	0
Sundries	14
Total	216

N.S. Church of England G. School.	
H. Pockley, b Lennon ...	3
D. Clarke, b Corrigan ...	16
J. Walker, c Coen, b Lennon	23
H. Kendall, b Corrigan ...	5
G. Clarke, c J. Cullinane, b Lennon	18
L. Ballantyne, b Lennon ...	9
N. Jones, st Bourke, b Corrigan	3
W. Cliff, c Coen, b Lennon ...	16
E. Yarnold, b Corrigan ...	0
S. Wallace, not out	7
S. Ballantyne, run out ...	14
Sundries	16
Total	130

St. Ignatius' College B. Team v. *Sydney Grammar School B Team.*

Played at Riverview on November 29th, and won by the latter by 45 runs.

St. Ignatius' College B Team.	
J. D'Arcy, b Skuthorpe ...	46
A. Shewcroft, b Skuthorpe ...	1
C. Lennon, c —, b Skuthorpe	0
J. Garvan, b Skuthorpe ...	1
D. Corrigan, b McPherson ...	13
T. Punch, c and b McPherson	12
T. Bourke, b Skuthorpe ...	0
C. Cullinane, b Skuthorpe ...	2
J. Cullinane, c Delohery, b Skuthorpe	2
W. Burfit, b Skuthorpe ...	2
J. Henerie, not out	1
Sundries	9
Total	95

Sydney Grammar School B Team.	
A. Banner, c D'Arcy, b Corrigan	18
J. Hickson, b Garvan	3
J. Delohery, run out	8
W. Reid, c and b Garvan ...	24
G. Harris, b Corrigan	2
W. McPherson, st Bourke, b Corrigan	15
A. Skuthorpe, run out ...	39
P. Stephen, h o w, b Garvan ...	4
D. Freeman, b J. Cullinane ...	2
R. Maxwell, c C. Cullinane, b Lennon	9
H. Taylor, not out	6
Sundries	10
Total	140

St. Ignatius' College B Team v. *Newington College B Team.*

This match was played on our grounds on December 6th, and resulted in a win for the local team by 2 wickets and 69 runs.

St. Ignatius' College B Team.	
J. D'Arcy, b Warden	27
A. Shewcroft, c Rigg, b Lane	9
C. Lennon, run out	26
J. Garvan, h o w, b Lane ...	15
D. Corrigan, b Warden ...	13
T. Bourke, b Rigg	16
W. Page, not out	5
C. Cullinane, c and b Warden	0
J. Henerie, c Lane, b Warden	0
J. O'Brien, not out	3
T. Punch	
Sundries	20
Total for 8 wickets ...	134

Newington College B Team.	
Warden, b Corrigan	3
Curtis, c C. Cullinane, b Lennon	12
Rigg, run out	1
Lane, st Bourke, b J. Garvan	3
Thompson, W., lbw, b Corrigan	16
Thompson, P., b J. Garvan ...	2
Woodhill, c C. Cull, b Garvan	2
Dey, lbw, b Corrigan ...	3
D'Arcy, st Bourke, b Corrigan	4
Ryan, not out	0
Nowland, b Corrigan	0
Sundries	19
Total	65

SECOND DIVISION CRICKET.

During the past year cricket has been well patronised by the boys of the second division. We had three elevens this year, and the third eleven of the school was almost altogether made up of men from our first eleven, which was consequently known as the College third eleven. In the first half of the season our first twenty-two beat the second eleven of the school by a few runs after a most exciting game. We are positive to our right to claim a victory in this match, but the second eleven, it is only right to add, do not admit our claims but maintain that the match was a draw. M. Toohey, as captain of the third eleven, kept his men together in a most praiseworthy manner; I. Blake filled the position for the fourth eleven; and J. McEvoy proved a most energetic skipper for the fifth eleven.

THIRD ELEVEN.

M. Toohey, Captain of eleven, wicket-keep, good bat.
W. Page, splendid bat, good field.
J. O'Brien, good bat, good field.
J. Ryan, good bat, splendid field.
J. Toohey, fair bat, splendid field.
F. D'Arcy, splendid all round player.
J. Henerie, good bat and good field.
J. O'Donnell, good bat, good field, and good bowler.
J. Curtin, fair bat, good bowler.
J. Gilhooley, big hit, good field.
E. Kelly, Umpire for eleven.

THIRD ELEVEN MATCHES.

St. Ignatius' College 3rd *v.* North Shore Grammar School 2nd Eleven,—This was the first match of the season, and was played on our grounds on Saturday, October 18th, resulting in a win for our team by 73 runs.

Sydney G. S. 3rd Eleven *v.* St. Ignatius' College 3rd Eleven.—This match was played on the first division wicket on Wednesday, October 29th, and resulted in a win for the Grammars by 3 wickets and 3 runs.

St. Ignatius' 3rd Eleven *v.* Mt. Carmel Excelsior C.C.—This match came off rather unexpectedly on November 10th. The Mt. Carmel Excelsior C.C. came up to play for the day, but did not challenge us. The match was very one-sided, and resulted in an easy win for us. When two of our wickets had fallen for 84 we retired, but when the Excelsiors went to the wickets they made a poor stand, being all disposed of for 16 runs.

St. Ignatius' College 3rd Eleven *v.* Kingston C.C.—This match was played at our grounds on Saturday, November 15th, and resulted in an easy win for our team by 87 runs. We batted first, and put together 129, of which W. Page, 26, got top score; M. Toohey 20, J. O'Brien 15, and W. McDonald 15, not out, also batted well. C. Cowdery was the most effective bowler against us. The Kingstons, who had only 10 men, were all disposed of for 42 runs. A. Paul, 11, got top score, and Yarnson, 8, was next on the list of scorers. F. D'Arcy took 7 wickets for 21, and J. O'Donnell 2 for 14.

St. Ignatius' College 3rd Eleven *v.* Ivanhoe C.C.—This match was played at our own ground on Saturday, 22nd November, and resulted in a win for the visitors. We were sent in and had made 76 before the last wicket fell. J. O'Donnell, 13, and J. Henerie, 10, were the principal scorers for our side. Hillman and White bowled well for the Ivanhoes. Our bowling was not so effective, for the Ivanhoes made 111 before the last wicket fell, of which Rinaldi got 24 and Bennett 22. B. Fitzgerald got 5 wickets for 35 runs and J. O'Donnell 3 wickets for 17.

FOURTH ELEVEN.

4th Eleven *v.* Hunter's Hill Junior's C.C.—The 4th eleven played a match against the Hunter's Hill Junior C.C. on November 8th, and won it by 30 runs. The fourth eleven got 92 runs, and the Juniors 67. H. Egan 20, F. McDonough and B. Fitzgerald 19 each, handled the willow in excellent style. Collis, 34, was the highest scorer for the Juniors.

FIFTH ELEVEN.

This eleven played three matches during the season, and won all. No reports of the matches were given in, so we cannot give any detailed account. They beat the St. Aloysius' 3rd Eleven twice, and they also beat the Hunter's Hill Gatling.

On the First Eleven.

To the Editors.

Gentlemen, —I am naturally a grumbler. I often grumble because I have nothing to grumble about, so I am hardly likely to be silent when I have just cause for complaint. A funeral dirge for the cricket team; that is my theme, and I then will show how a pean may be sung.

Can anyone tell me why our team has met with such ill success this term? Two defeats and three draws is not a very enviable record, and yet I'm positive the eleven was as good as, if not better than, any of the three clubs who beat us. I reckon there is a sufficient knowledge of cricket, both as regards batting and fielding, in the first eight men to match any team we have met this season; and I am going to give a few of my reasons for our collapse—a collapse more noticeable after last year's brilliant record.

In the first place, we don't get enough practice—that is not our fault, so let it pass; in the second place, we don't make sufficient use of the practice we do get. Now, this *is* our fault; but it is a fault which can be easily remedied, and I will show you how.

First of all, I contend that only those who have any chance of being put on in a match should bowl in practice. It is absurd to have every Jack man in the team trying his hand at keeping the ball on the pitch when the bowlers of the eleven need so much practice. Up at the grounds everyone bowls for three wickets, and is then taken off, while in a match the same bowler may be on for half an hour at a time. No wonder, then, that our bowlers always commence well, and then go "clean off" against the tail end, simply because they grow tired through want of continued practice. It is all very well to say "Give everyone a show to bowl," but be just before you are generous; no one would think of putting every man in turn behind the stumps, and why act so in the case of bowling? Allow me here to mention that I aim no insult at our popular captain, who simply and straightforwardly follows a long established custom, but I'm certain if once the members of the team perceive the injury they do themselves by all wanting to be put on, they will not press their claims to bowl.

Again, the fielding needs attention. I maintain that in practice, as well as in matches, every fellow should have his own place in the field. As things are at present, nearly every man's position is changed with the batsmen. Now, you will admit, I'm sure, that there is as much difference in fielding at slip and at point as there is between playing full back and forward at Rugby. Consequently, instead of each fellow having his own particular place in which he shines as a field, the whole team field fairly well in any position. In the case of leg-man, there is some little difficulty, but this necessary change every five minutes will make but little difference if all the others have fixed places. I say necessary change, because leg fielding is an exception. It is the most tiresome and unsatisfactory place in the field, and you cannot reasonably put the same man there for a whole evening's practice. I'll engage if the team pay attention to this, a noticeable change for the better will be the result. We have plenty of good material—Wall and our captain shining conspicuously—and all we need is proper development.

My third and last point is, we don't play sufficient "scratch" matches. It is all very well to decry scratch matches; call them stale, &c., but they are the main-spring of success. Just watch a match with a visiting team and look at that fellow throwing in a ball. Isn't it disgraceful! He throws in as hard as he can; the ball goes right over the wicket-keeper's head; away past point, and two runs are scored for an overthrow. Throwing in the ball is a branch of the game that can be learnt only in scratch matches. Then, again, "backing-up." Have you ever seen the Englishmen field? They back-up one another splendidly. This, too, can never be acquired in our present mode of practice. Then there is the stumping, the taking the ball from the field as it is thrown in, the sneaking of close runs; all these seem only small points, but many a match has been lost and as many won through inattention to these details of the grand old game.

I have had my grumble. I feel easier now, because I know you next year's cricketers will take my advice in the friendly spirit in which it is offered, and if you do, you will not then have a team so despised as to be considered fit only to play against the second eleven, as some of the latter seemed to look upon the first of 1890.

SCRUTATOR.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1890.

Committee:

A. M. JENNINGS | J. A. CULLINANE
P. J. O'DONNELL | J. R. DAVIDSON
P. H. MOONEY.

Captain: A. M. JENNINGS. *Hon. Sec.*: J. A. CULLINANE.

OUR football team of 1890, although it never had a fair opportunity of proving its real quality, as it was never (if we, perhaps, except the match against the senior premiers, the Waratahs) called upon to put forth its full strength, was the best team the College ever turned out on the football field. This may seem rather a boastful statement, but as a matter of fact it is nothing but simple repetition of the unanimous opinion of all the teams that visited us during the season. The loss of Mr.

Brennan was a very heavy one ; he was, as it were, the right wing of the team. The high esteem in which he was held by pupils and visitors is certainly not exaggerated in the following paragraph taken from the daily papers :—" Visitors to Riverview will hear with regret of the departure of Mr. Brennan for Melbourne. Mr. Brennan has made himself popular both with his pupils and visitors, and the excellent form of the football and cricket teams of the College says a great deal for the *esprit de corps* he has infused into the boys."

The Hon. Secretary of the New South Wales Football Association, with another gentleman friend, made a visit to Riverview with the special object of urging us to play the Australian rules and join in the competition for the Alexandra medals. We consider it very unfortunate that we allowed ourselves to be persuaded to enter for this competition, because by so doing we were obliged to almost exclusively confine our matches to junior teams, whereas our representatives were perfectly fit, and proved themselves fit, to do battle with the strongest senior team that Sydney could get together. We must also—especially in view of the pressure brought to bear upon us to induce us to enter for the Alexandra medals—strongly protest against the gross violation of the conditions upon which we entered, and which were assented to by the Association, and published in the public press. We informed the Association that the rule of the College required that all matches should be played on our ground. This rule was not made for the occasion, but has been in existence and vigorously enforced by the College authorities for many years, with regard to all cricket as well as football engagements. The Association should, therefore, not have received our entry, or else having received it have taken measures to ensure that we should have a fair trial for the prize, without being called upon to break through the ordinary discipline of the College. In consequence of the Association not doing so we forfeited four points through not consenting to play outside the College grounds. We also feel compelled to express our great disappointment at the action of several of the teams who failed to fulfil their engagements, either by not appearing on the ground at all, or by appearing in such small numbers that a match was out of the question. Is not the following simple statement calculated to make every true lover of the Australian game, in Sydney, blush ?—" We had *twelve* matches arranged, four teams turned up, three were defeated, and the other, the Waratahs, after a desperate struggle, in which our boys showed a decided superiority, won by kicking a goal just at the call of time. In fact time was called before the goal was obtained."

A. Jennings captained the twenty this year, and deserves great praise, not only for the excellent play he exhibited, but also for the enthusiastic manner in which he urged on his followers to combat.

The presence of the Cadet Corps was required at Moore Park on August 23rd, to take part in the schools review before the Governor, Lord Carrington. It so happened that on this date we had arranged to meet a junior team, the second West Sydney, and as they were unwilling to postpone the match we were obliged to forfeit four points, which caused us to lose the Alexandra medals. It may be seen below that we easily defeated this team later on, and that it was they who won the medals in consequence of our having forfeited those points.

St. Ignatius' College v. *2nd Sydney.*

This afternoon (July 19th) the above teams met on the former's ground in their second contest for the Alexandra medals; the Sydneys had forfeited their other match to the Collegians on June 7th. As this was the first Saturday after the return for the midwinter holidays, the College team was considerably weakened by the absence of A. Jennings, J. Davidson, P. and J. O'Donnell, and A. Rudd. Notwithstanding this, however, they secured a win without too severe a struggle. The Sydneys obtained three behinds, whereas the Collegians scored five goals and 19 behinds. On account of the absence of the College captain, J. Cullinane acted in his stead for the afternoon. The game was very fast all through, and Mr. Brennan, who played the best game of the forty, secured the first goal for Riverview. The other goals for the College were scored by J. Cullinane, F. Dynon, A. Cunningham, and T. Punch. Besides those just mentioned, J. D'Arcy, C. Cullinane, H. Mooney, H. Lennon, and R. Smythe showed best for the College, while Kidston, O'Meara and Pack played well for Sydney.

1*st Waratahs* v. *Riverview.*

On Saturday last, August 9th, the Waratah F.C. journeyed to Riverview to play the Collegians. A strong westerly wind blew all through the match, and made goal-kicking rather difficult. The Collegians, who play a very fast and combined game, made our leading senior team sit up, and it was only after the call of time that the Waratah's succeeded in kicking their only goal. Up to this each side had scored eight behinds. Both teams played a very determined game, the College boys completely non-plussing their opponents at the "little marks." Both sides tried hard to score in the last quarter, and though the Collegians made several attempts at the goal, their strenuous efforts were baffled by the unusually strong puffs of wind. At half-time the photograph of the College team was taken by A. Lee, the goal-kicker for the Waratahs. For the College A. Jennings, J. Cullinane, and J. Davidson played a faultless game back, while Dynon, P. O'Donnell, Cunningham, J. D'Arcy, Rudd, and J. Lynch showed good form. The superior play of the afternoon was shown by the College centre—Mr. Brennan—whose valuable services to the team will be greatly missed. For the Waratahs, Arthur, Hume, and Fitzgerald played well among the backs, whilst they were ably assisted by Glennister, McNamara, Abott, Wilson, McDonald, and B. Fattorini. C. Fattorini acted as field umpire, and gave every satisfaction. After the match the Waratahs were hospitably entertained by the College superiors, and returned to town elated with their fortunate victory.

Carlton Juniors v. *St. Ignatius' College.*

Last Saturday the Collegians met the Carlton Juniors in their first match for the "Alexandra medals." The match was played on the College ground at Riverview, and resulted in an easy victory for the Collegians by 8 goals 20 behinds to 3 behinds. A. Jennings, the College captain, won the toss, and selected to kick towards the northern goal. When the ball was kicked off, the Collegians at once forced it to

their opponents' posts, and P. O'Donnell, having obtained a mark from J. D'Arcy, took a place-kick, and did not fail to score. After half-time, F. Dynon had secured 1 goal, and A. Cunningham had kicked 2. When play was resumed the Collegians did not allow the ball to stray from the neighbourhood of the Carlton's goal, and when the bell rang, A. Cunningham, P. O'Donnell, F. Dynon, and T. Punch, had obtained a goal each. For the College, besides those mentioned, A. Jennings, J. Cullinane, J. Davidson, Mr. Buckley, and I. O'Donnell, showed splendid form. The Collegians this afternoon did not play at all up to their usual mark, scarcely any interest seemed to be taken in the contest by them. When approaching the end of the game, the Carltons lined the College team up to count them, but the only result of this manœuvre was the time lost in doing it.

St. Ignatius' College v. *2nd West Sydney.*

On Saturday last the final match in connection with the "Alexandra Medals" was played at Riverview between the above teams. No small amount of interest was evinced in the match, as the Wests were hitherto unbeaten. Hyndes captained the Wests, and Jennings performed a similar duty for the local team. At 3.30 p.m. both teams appeared on ground, and Jennings having won the toss the Wests kicked towards the river. After some give-and-take play, the superior marking of the Collegians began to tell on their weighty opponents, and working the ball into the Wests' territory, Mr. Buckley marked to Cunningham, and this player potted a splendid goal. Kicked off, the Collegians soon had the leather back to their opponents' goal, and after scoring a few behinds, Cunningham, with a beautiful kick, placed another goal to his credit. At quarter time the scores stood:—St. Ignatius College, 2 goals, 4 behinds; West Sydney, *nil*. The ball being bounced off, the Wests seemed to rally, and settled down to rough work, but each time they succeeded in bringing the ball to the College territory, the backs were always equal to the occasion, and relieved their lines by well-timed kicks. Towards the end of the first half, the marking of the Collegians completely nonplussed their opponents, and, passing from one to the other, Davidson marked neatly to C. Lennon, who scored third goal for the collegians. Kicked off, the Wests came with a rush and C. Quelch obtained a mark in front of the College goal, but his kick only resulted in a behind. When the bell rang for half time the scores were:—St. Ignatius' College, 3 goals 7 behinds; West Sydney, 1 behind. After the usual rest, the Collegians set the ball rolling, and, following it up well, kept the Wests' goal in danger until Gill, who was playing a splendid game, obtained a free kick and relieved his lines by a good kick. The Wests, who at this time were playing a desperate game, worked the ball to the College goal, where Chippman marked to Mason, but this player only scored second behind for his side. Kicked off, the College followers, headed by D'Arcy and O'Donnell, brought the ball close to the Wests' goal, when Dalton marked to C. Lennon, whose kick at the goal hit the post. At three-quarter time the scores stood:—St. Ignatius' College, 3 goals 9 behinds; West Sydney, 3 behinds. The last quarter of the game saw the leather almost exclusively in the vicinity of the West Sydney goal, and although the Collegians had several shots at the goal, they only succeeded in adding one other to their total, which was kicked by Cunningham. When the bell rang for time the Collegians were declared victorious by 4 goals 14 behinds to 4 behinds. The Collegians played well to a man, and it would be unfair to particularise anyone. For the Wests, Gill showed excellent form, while C. Hyndes, Chippman, and Mason strove hard to avert defeat. Although defeated, the Wests are the winners of the medals, beating the Collegians by two points, as the latter were obliged to forfeit their first match with this club on account of the school's review at Moore Park on August 23rd.

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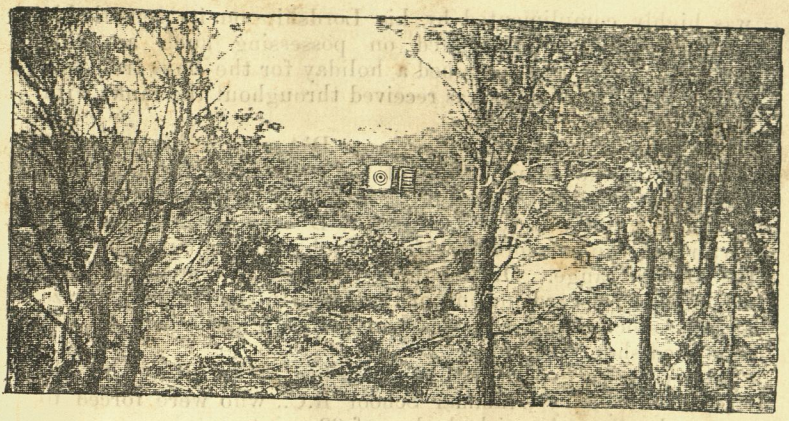
C. Cullinane (Gympie, Q.)

J. H. D'Arcy (Gympie, Q.) Champion Shot, Champion Bat, 2nd Eleven.

Sergt.-Maj. Hagney, Instructor.

P. H. Mooney (Sydney), 3rd Prize Rifle Shooting, Hon. Sec. R.C., Editor O.A.M.

RIFLE TEAM, 1890.



RIFLE RANGE.

CADET CORPS.

CONTRIBUTED BY LIEUTENANT CULLINANE.

IT is my opinion, and not only mine, but that of many others, interested in our corps, that this has been the most successful year's work ever performed by our cadets since their formation. The various items taken from the public press, as given below, speak well for those who took part in, and those who directed the work. Although, so far, we have not had much chance of displaying military prowess, we have had "no hair-breadth 'scapes i' the imminent deadly breach"; "no moving accidents by flood and field"; yet, in the few opportunities which we have had, it can undoubtedly be said that the reputation of the College has not been sullied in our hands. We have had all the latest additions in drill introduced by our Sergeant-Major, who, by-the-bye, is almost sure to have some new movement on every parade. We have had a sham-fight and a review at Moore Park, and have won every rifle match against Sydney's picked teams.

I am, indeed, sorry to say that, on account of the Rifle Association's meeting having been postponed until February next, we were unable to fire for the "All Schools' Challenge Shield"; but if the same team returns to the College after the holidays, there is little doubt but that St. Ignatius will be able to make a bold bid for the coveted honour.

Dr. Higgins paid a visit to the College at an early period of the year, and our rev. captain, always anxious to exhibit his warlike troops, took advantage of the occasion, and ordered a special parade. The corps went through the drill, as usual, in a very soldierly manner, and at the conclusion of the movements

was highly complimented by his Lordship on its remarkable efficiency, and congratulated on possessing such an able instructor. He then obtained a holiday for the boys from our Rev. Rector, which news was received throughout the ranks with loud cheering.

We must congratulate Sergeant D'Arcy on his splendid shooting for the championship of the corps, and also Cadet L. Kelly, who obtained second prize, although he only commenced to handle a rifle this year. Sergeants D'Arcy and Mooney each performed the extraordinary feat of obtaining a "possible" at the 600yds. range. Of the three riflemen just mentioned, we are looking forward for one of them to win the General's prize at the Association, for it was won twice in succession by our renowned shot, A. Rankin.

This year we experienced the pleasure of defeating our old rivals, the Sydney Grammar School R.C., who were forced to pass under the yoke with the loss of 63 points.

It is my privilege to return very sincere thanks to J. H. Davidson, Esq., for the two prizes he presented to the corps—the one a valuable, complete marksman's bag, the other a pair of field glasses.

By order of the commanding officer, the following promotions were made during the year:—Sergeant J. A. Cullinane to be Lieutenant (vice Thynne, resigned); Corporals H. Mooney, J. D'Arcy, C. Cullinane and J. Davidson to be Sergeants; Cadets T. Lynch, D. Corrigan and P. O'Donnell to be Corporals; Bugler J. Burke to be Corporal; Corporal F. Page to be Bugler; Sergeant A. Jennings to be Colour-Sergeant.

THE SHAM FIGHT.

[*Town and Country Journal*, June 1st.]

At the end of the past week the St. Ignatius' College Cadet Corps had a day's instruction in skirmishing, and attack and defence formations. An attacking party, consisting of one-third of the corps, supplied with thirty rounds of blank ammunition, under the command of Colour-Sergeant Jennings, left the College at 9 a.m., with special instructions regarding taking advantage of cover, rushing by half-sections, &c., and took up a good position at a considerable distance north of the College. The defence force, supplied with twenty rounds of blank, was under the command of Sergeant-Major Hagney, who conducted the whole operations. The attacking party performed their duties very creditably indeed, and at the conclusion of the manœuvres were highly complimented by the Sergeant-Major. After about two hours and a half the corps returned to the College much pleased with their first sham fight. It may be mentioned that all students at the College are cadets, having a rifle range on the College grounds for 200, 500, and 600 yards. Some promising rifle shots are under the Sergeant-Major's care in preparation for the "All Schools' Challenge Shield," to be shot for next year.

THE REVIEW.

[*Freeman's Journal*, August 30th.]

At the request of Colonel Paul, commanding the Public School Cadet Corps, the St. Ignatius' College Cadets took part in the review held in Moore Park by his Excellency, Lord Carrington. As it was feared the marching

would prove too fatiguing for the junior members of the corps, a company of 60 rank and file, under command of Lieutenant Cullinane, left the College about 9 a.m. and proceeded to the encampment at the Agricultural Ground. After lunch (which was supplied by the camp officers) the Corps was marched to Moore Park and joined the first battalion, consisting of the King's School, Newington College, and the Grammar School, under the command of Capt. Weigall, headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School. The bright scarlet uniforms and white puggaries of the St. Ignatius' boys attracted much attention, and a photograph of the corps taken while on the march to the encampment appeared in one of the illustrated weeklies. It may be stated that the general appearance and soldierly-like bearing, together with the excellent marching of the St. Ignatius' lads, elicited great praise from the Vice-Regal party, and, altogether, the College authorities must be congratulated on the excellent show their boys made at the review.

(Taken from *The Star*, July 30th.)

This afternoon six gentlemen, chiefly members of the Sydney Reserve Rifle Club, journeyed to Riverview and had a very pleasant contest with an equal number of the College Corps. The result was a victory for the Collegians by 19 points. Undermentioned are the scores:—

St. Ignatius' College R.C.	500	600	Total
Segt-Major Hagney	29	29	58
Cadet Rudd... ...	29	19	48
Corporal Lynch ...	22	23	45
Sergeant Mooney ...	24	20	44
Cadet Dalton ...	16	26	42
Sergeant D'Arcy ...	19	19	38
			275

Sydney Reserve R.C.	500	600	Total
Captain Barlee ...	28	31	59
Mr. Dangar ...	27	32	59
,, Ferguson	31	20	51
,, Beard	27	18	45
,, Dansey... ...	16	10	26
,, A. Barlee ...	15	2	17
			256

[From *The Echo*, September 10th.]

This afternoon an interesting rifle contest took place at Riverview College between eight members of the St. Leonards Rifle Reserve Company and a like number of the St. Ignatius' College Cadets, resulting in a win for the collegians by four points. The conditions were seven shots at 500 and 600 yards, two sighters at each range. Subjoined are the scores:—

St. Ignatius' College Cadets.	500	600	Total
Segt-Major Hagney	32	27	59
Sergeant J. D'Arcy	27	26	53
Corporal Lynch ...	28	25	53
Corporal Page ...	29	23	52
Cadet Rudd ...	28	21	49
Col.-Segt. Jennings	21	25	46
Sergeant Mooney ...	27	15	42
Cadet Dalton ...	7	18	25
			379

St. Leonards R.R.C.	500	600	Total
Mr. A. Simpson ...	30	25	55
,, A. McCallum ...	27	28	55
,, J. Mattheson ...	27	25	52
,, W. Patterson ...	28	22	50
,, B. Young ...	20	29	49
,, C. Broomham...	24	22	46
,, W. Hook ...	17	17	34
,, F. Tame ...	18	16	34
			375

[From the *Town and Country Journal*, October 14th.]

A rifle match took place at Riverview on the 4th instant between ten members of the Fairfield R.C. and a like number of the St. Ignatius'

College Cadets, resulting in a win for the latter by 51 points. The wind was rather difficult at times. Following are the scores :—

St. Ignatius' College R.C.	500	600	Total
Sergt-Major Hagney	27	30	57
Cadet Rudd ...	22	29	51
Col-Segt. Jennings	24	24	48
Cadet McMahon ...	20	28	48
Sergeant Mooney ...	23	24	47
Sergeant D'Arcy ...	25	15	40
Corporal Page ...	31	6	37
Cadet McHugh ...	18	16	34
Corporal Lynch ...	20	14	34
Cadet Dalton ...	17	14	31
			427

Fairfield R.R.C.	500	600	Total
Mr. Snipe	34	36	60
,, Cissmas ...	21	25	46
,, Dale	25	17	42
,, Stinson... ...	25	17	42
,, Rutgerson ...	24	15	39
Substitute ...	20	17	37
,, Jacob	14	19	33
,, Mathews ...	21	12	33
,, Fry	10	19	29
,, Cox	4	11	15
			376

[From *Freeman's Journal*, October 18th.]

A rifle match took place at Riverview on Wednesday, 15th instant, between seven members of the Sydney Reserve R.C. and a like number of the St. Ignatius' College Cadets. Sergeant D'Arcy, of the collegians, made the possible at the 600 yards, a feat rarely performed at this distance, and at the conclusion of the match a very handsome shooting bag was presented to him by Captain Barlee, of the Sydney R.C., for obtaining top score. The light was bad and wind very unsteady. Appended are the scores, the College team winning by 13 points :—

St. Ignatius' College R.C.	500	600	Total
Sergeant D'Arcy ...	26	35	61
Sergt-Major Hagney	25	28	53
Sergeant Mooney ...	24	29	53
Cadet Rudd ...	25	21	46
Cadet Kelly ...	26	20	46
Color-Segt. Jennings	22	23	45
Corporal Lynch ...	23	21	44
			348

Sydney Reserve R.C.	500	600	Total
Mr. Roberts ...	29	28	57
,, Vernon	29	28	57
,, Schulstad ...	28	24	52
Captain Barlee ...	28	18	46
Mr. Mitchell ...	27	19	46
,, West	24	19	43
,, Swinbourne ...	21	16	37
			335

[From the *Town and Country Journal*, November 29th.]

A rifle match took place at Riverview on Wednesday, 26th instant, between eight members of the Sydney Grammar Cadets and a like number of the St. Ignatius' College Corps, resulting in a win for the latter by 63 points. The principal feature of the match was the phenomenal shooting of Sergeant Garland for the Grammar School and Sergeant Mooney for the College team; both of them made a possible at the 600 yards range. These feats were all the more remarkable as the wind was very treacherous. Undermentioned are the scores :—

St. Ignatius' College R.C.	500	600	Total
Corporal Page ...	29	28	57
Sergt. Mooney ...	20	35	55
Cadet Dalton ...	26	27	53
Col.-Sergt. Jennings	24	29	53
Corporal Lynch ...	24	28	52
Sergt. D'Arcy ...	27	23	50
Cadet Kelly ...	24	21	45
Cadet Rudd ...	21	23	44
			409

Sydney Grammar School R.C.	500	600	Total
Sergt. Lane... ...	31	25	56
,, Garland ...	20	35	55
Corporal Callaghan	28	20	48
,, Thomas ...	26	16	42
Sergt. Pierce ...	23	16	39
,, Kater ...	24	14	38
,, Pain... ...	16	22	38
,, McMaster ...	16	14	30
			346

The following are the scores for the championship of the Corps Besides those mentioned above, several other scores fired in practice are included, amongst them 10 shots at 500 and 10 at 600 yards. 1st prize, the College gold medal; 2nd prize, a complete shooting bag, kindly presented by Mr. Davidson; 3rd prize, a pair of field glasses, also presented by Mr. Davidson.

Sergeant J. D'Arcy ...	53	53	40	61	34	41	50	57—389	points
Cadet L. Kelly	53	53	46	45	36	42	45	51—371	,,
Sergeant H. Mooney ...	44	42	47	53	28	28	55	49—346	,,
Corporal Page	49	46	52	39	28	28	57	46—345	,,
Col.-Sergt. Jennings ...	49	46	48	45	18	38	53	44—341	,,
Cadet Rudd	48	49	51	46	19	35	44	46—338	,,
Corporal Lynch	45	49	53	44	20	37	52	34—334	,,
Cadet Dalton	42	43	31	52	32	53	46	28—327	,,

Second Division.

Carbine Shooting.

A most enjoyable handicap carbine match was shot off on May 15th, at the College range. The competition was arranged by some of the most enthusiastic members of the second division. The final conditions were arranged by our Instructor, who decided to have 10 a side, and 10 shots at 200 yards, with 2 sighters. Three prizes were given for the three highest scores, including handicap. The first prize was won by E. Slattery, with the splendid score of 48 out of 50; he was closely followed by L. Kelly, with 46, and F. Du Boise, 39, was 3rd. Next to these came J. Toohey and W. M'Donald, who got 37 each, firing from scratch. Slattery and Kelly are now members of the First Division Rifle Team, and it is no secret that our Instructor thinks highly of their abilities as marksmen. Kelly is second in the average, and wins Mr. Davidson's fine prize. Slattery had a weak wrist until latterly, when he has been doing good shooting under the care of the Instructor, who, by the way, has a genuine affection for a promising shot, and will take any pains with him. After the match a lunch, got up by the competitors, was provided in the pavilion, thanks to the efforts of Billy Page, W. M'Donald and Mat Toohey, who were the members of the committee appointed to look after the inner man. It need scarcely be mentioned that all did justice to a most substantial and enjoyable spread.

The Grammar School Club sent us a challenge, but, on account of having no date which would not clash with the senior team, we could not accept it. However, we hope that we shall have a number of matches after Christmas, and that we will be able to give a good account of ourselves at the end of next year.

FENCING CLASS.

THE fencing class was well attended during the year, about twenty pupils being on the rolls.

The *tournament* was held in the theatre on Wednesday, 19th Nov. Very great interest was taken in the different events, and some really good play was shown with the foils. The final bout between Lieut. Cullinane and Color-Sergt. Jennings was very exciting, more especially when both were two points. Jennings won after a hard-fought round, retaining the championship from

last year. Sergts. Mooney and C. Cullinane played a very good round with the single sticks and showed some very scientific play. To the surprise of all I. O'Donnell, who has only been learning this year, won the sticks. Peter, his brother (who won last year) was his opponent in the final round, and we all expected to see him win. We have strong suspicions that it was a "put up thing," and that Peter allowed his brother to best him.

The second division of the class only played with single sticks, and Jack Toohey defeated all-comers, Mat Toohey taking second. The round between C. McBride and J. Curtin was very long, and doubtless very sore to both parties. Appended are the results:—

1st Round.—Foils.

Sergeant Mooney beat Corporal O'Donnell.
Lieutenant Cullinane beat Sergeant D'Arcy.
Colour-Sergeant Jennings beat Cadet Dalton.
Sergeant Cullinane, a bye.

2nd Round.—Foils.

Colour Sergeant Jennings beat Sergeant Mooney.
Lieutenant Cullinane beat Sergeant Cullinane.

FINAL.

Colour-Sergeant Jennings beat Lieutenant Cullinane.

1st Round.—Sticks.

Corporal O'Donnell beat Sergeant D'Arcy.
Cadet Dalton beat Cadet Rudd.
Cadet O'Donnell beat Lieutenant Cullinane.
Sergeant Mooney beat Sergeant Cullinane.

2nd Round—Foils.

Cadet O'Donnell beat Cadet Dalton.
Corporal O'Donnell beat Sergeant Mooney.

FINAL.

Cadet O'Donnell beat Corporal O'Donnell.

SWIMMING.

Annual Meeting.

Judge: Very Rev. P. Keating, S.J.

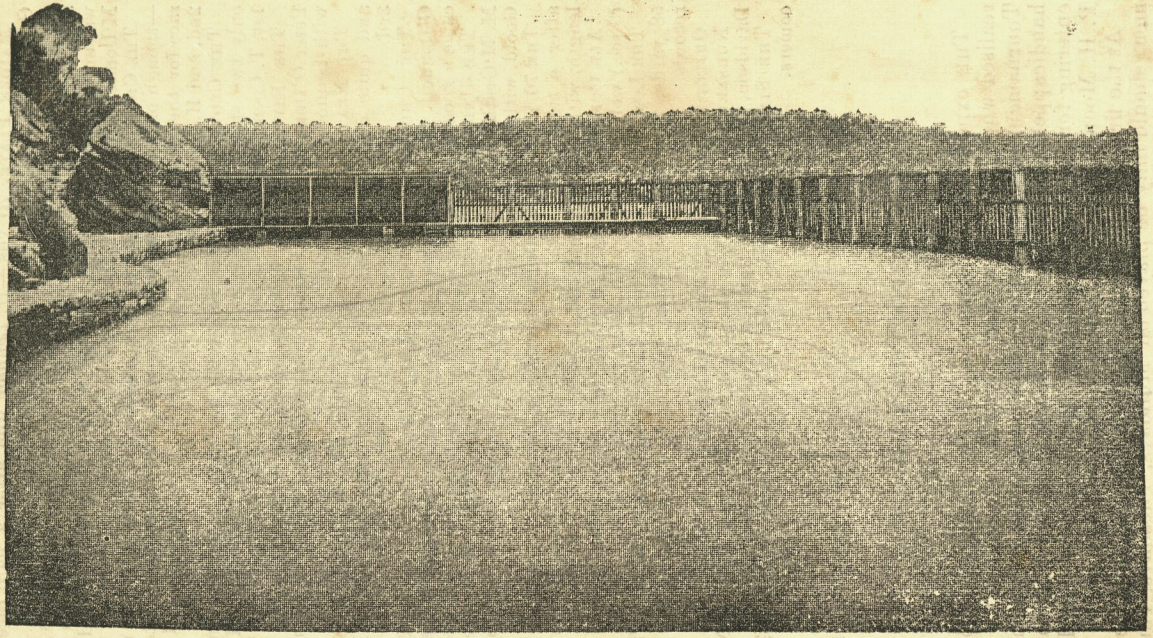
Committee:

P. J. O'Donnell, J. D'Arcy and A. M. Jennings.

The annual meeting of the Swimming Club was held in the College Baths on November 30th.

The weather was warm and the air still, so that nothing more favourable could be wished for.

There were a number of ex-students looking on, doubtless thinking of the time when they had themselves swum in those very baths.



SWIMMING BATHS.

The racing began about 11.30, and the various events resulted as follows:—

MAIDEN PLATE, 70 yds.—H. Lennon won after a hard race from J. Garvan 2nd, and F. Page 3rd.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPION, 70 yds., was a very exciting race as H. Egan and W. Page spurted from the half-way post. At the finish W. Page was ahead, and won a good race by about 2 feet, H. Egan 2nd, and W. M'Donald, 3rd.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SCHOOL, 70 yds., was a beautiful race, and —though only three started—there was a very close finish after a hard race for the whole way, the result was—P. O'Donnell 1st, H. Mooney 2nd, and H. Lennon 3rd.

THE CLOTHES RACE was very tame, for though some dozen entered only two started, and they swam quietly down the baths—H. Mooney 1st, T. Coen 2nd.

THE RIVERVIEW CUP, 560 yds., handicap. Seven started, but only Peter O'Donnell and H. Lennon finished, and Peter won from scratch, with Lennon (15 sec.) 2nd.

THE NEAT DIVE was won by J. Curtin, who really dived splendidly, and quite deserved his win. A. Jennings came 2nd, and J. Davidson 3rd.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, 140 yds., fell to the champion, Peter O'Donnell, who had to swim all the way to beat F. Dynon (7 sec.), who came a good 2nd, beating J. Lahiff (15 sec.), by about a length.

THE UNDER 13 YEARS' HANDICAP, 70 yds., was next on the list, and M. M'Grath walked away with it, and won by half a length from A. Goold, with C. M'Bride 3rd.

THE 70 YARDS COLLEGE HANDICAP, FOR JUNIORS, was won by H. Egan, after a tight race with W. Page, the junior champion, by about a length, with W. M'Donald, 3rd.

ALL COMERS' HANDICAP, 20 yds. Only two started, and H. Lennon (8 sec.) won by 3 yards, with J. Garvan (20 sec.) 2nd.

THE LONG DIVE was won by H. Lennon, who dived 60 yards, T. Punch, 58 yards, 2nd. Both of these dives beat by several yards all past records.

OBJECT DIVE, won by T. Punch, H. Lennon 2nd.

NURSERY, 25 yds. This was a very tight race, and G. Nolan, A. Davidson, and B. Dynon finished in a few feet in that order.

THE SIAMESE RACE was won by Jennings and Punch, beating all comers.

A. M. JENNINGS,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Billiard Tournament.

THE expectations of many of the first division boys were realised when on October 17th it was announced that a Billiard Tournament would take place in a few days. A committee of handicappers was selected from among those who did not intend entering for the tournament, and it consisted of P. J. O'Donnell, P. H. Mooney, and C. V. Lennon.

At the first committee meeting it was decided that the tournament should only be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, the remaining days to be reserved for members of the club who were not taking part in the tournament. The

games all through were evenly contested, and some very close finishes resulted, the players on several occasions being only separated at the finish by a couple of points, which in a game of 200 up says much for the handicapping.

The best game of all was witnessed in the final, when J. De Lisle (75 points) beat A. Cunningham (50 points) by 7. This match was expected to turn out even a closer finish, as Cunningham played a splendid game throughout. A great many thought until the last moment that he would win.

Appended are the results of the heats:—

First Round.

J. Cullinane (80 points) beat J. Wall (80 points)
T. Murray (120 points) beat E. Dalton (65 points)
A. Cunningham (50 points) beat A. Rudd (95 points)
T. Punch (55 points) beat J. Garvan (45 points)
J. De Lisle (75 points) beat T. Coen (95 points)
J. Bourke (20 points) beat D. Corrigan (110 points)
W. Toole (40 points) beat H. Lennon (45 points)
G. McMahon (110 points) beat J. Lynch (scratch)

Second Round.

A. Cunningham beat J. Cullinane
G. McMahon beat T. Murray
J. De. Lisle beat T. Punch
W. Toole beat J. Bourke

Third Round.

J. De Lisle beat W. Toole
A. Cunningham beat G. McMahon

Final.

J. De Lisle (75 points) beat by 7 points A. Cunningham (50 points

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The billiard tournament in the Junior Division was won by W. McDonald.

General Sporting Notes.

Most of the pedestrians who rose early to train for our Athletic Sports did not seem to derive much benefit from their vaunted training.

Owing to the amount of work and responsibility on the cricket committee's shoulders, they were glad to have a sub-committee and secretary for the second eleven.

We should advise any aspiring cricketers who purchase new Bartlett's to take a lesson from a particular gentleman who took especial care to encase the handle in chamois, and carry it about with him.

If many of our cricketers (both senior and junior) had more just opinions of their own merits they might in some way further the interests of cricket in the College.

The display with singlesticks at the break-up was a great success, notwithstanding the decided objections made by two of the fencing-class, who, from unknown reasons (over-weening modesty probably) were not disposed to take part in it.. We may attribute some part of its success to their absence, as their places were filled by two youngsters who went through the performance without a fault.

Our Athletic Sports were a greater success this year than ever, and the prizes made an imposing show on the night of their distribution ; in fact, they were better than some we have seen given for sports held on the Association Ground in Sydney, very much better, indeed, as the latter were not worth the trouble of removing.

Our 440 Yards' Race at St. Aloysius' sports was won easily by Peter O'Donnell, C. M. Cullinane second, and J. H. D'Arcy third

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P. J. O'Donnell, of Hillston, has proved too good for all comers on the running track. He won the 220 Yards' School Race at St. Aloysius', by about three yards, from C. T. Deane, Sydney Grammar School champion. He gained a decided victory in the championship meeting, again beating C. T. Deane by three or four yards in the 220 Yards' School Championship of Australia. He also won at the Grammar School sports, though the distance was made 150 yards for some unknown reason or other. The handicapping and management of the Schools' Race at Public Schools Sports were really disgraceful, and our men were not given a show, although J. D'Arcy won his heat.

Some enthusiastic sportsmen have been pestering us with inquiries about the new cricket ground. Our only reply is that "We are not acquainted with State secrets," and our advice is, "Ask Br. Kelly, who has had charge of it for one year." Rumour has it that it will surely be fit for play early in the year, and as the rumour is fathered on Ned Gregory, it may be relied on.

In our opinion the Riverview baths want repairing, and we should advise that it be done during the vacation. (Be easy in your mind, the repairs are already effected.—Ed. O.A.M).

The long dive was more astounding this year than ever, and old boys who talk with bated breath of the "white post" will doubtless be surprised to hear that we had this year two dives over 59 yards. Tom Punch pushed H. Lennon hard for his diving laurels.

Comment has been made on the fact that no trophies were given this year for football, though everybody freely admitted that the team was excellent. We believe the committee is most to blame in the matter, as no means to classify the best players in order of merit were taken, and in consequence when it came to decide on the names to be printed on the prize list, the only way found out of the difficulty was to set down the whole committee. This was an absurd and unfair proceeding, and one which not unreasonably riled those who had a much better title to prominence than some of the committee, though no doubt some of the strongest players were on that body. We certainly do not think that any school team in Victoria, or any senior team in New South Wales, possesses a finer "back" player than our captain, A. Jennings, and we should have thought that if the votes of the team had been taken he would have been unanimously selected as most worthy to carry off the reward "for eminent service" in the battle-field. It is quite possible that his position as captain and unquestionable superiority made it invidious for him to move in the matter of football prizes; but, though his inaction speaks well for his keen delicacy of feeling, it should have made it more imperative on the part of his comrades to move in the matter, and see that honour was given where honour was due.

From what we hear the great success of the Wardens' picnic was largely due to the energetic good nature of Messrs. A. Jennings, P. O'Donnell, and J. Davidson, who gave themselves up entirely to make the others comfortable and happy. For boiling a "billy," catching a horse, or indeed doing any mortal thing to oblige a friend, no matter at what cost, commend us to "Davo," our very popular cricket club captain.

The head masters of the Victorian Public Schools met in solemn conclave and drew up a set of rules for the guidance of the various contests in cricket, rowing, and football. It seems some legislation was imperatively called for. A Melbourne sporting paper says that scarcely a single inter-school contest takes place in Melbourne which is not followed by a deal of ill-feeling and bickering about the eligibility of some of the competitors. This is astounding. Here have we been meeting regularly year after year—the Grammar School, King's School, and Newington—and *never once* did any question of bad faith on either side arise. We wonder will the rules devised by the combined wisdom of the head masters suffice to give the different schools confidence in each other's honesty. We hardly think so, and as a matter of fact, we find that some weeks after the publication of the rules, two of the Public Schools in their journals openly challenge the status of members of the football team in a third school.

Football was not so popular this year in the 2nd Division as in former years, the reason being that the youngsters could not get up very even matches. However, they managed to have a few very exciting games. Their most prominent players during the season were P. Toole, J. O'Brien, J. Toohey, M. Toohey, J. Ryan, M. Casey.

Our Second Eleven had a very successful run this season, and the winners of the trophies—Messrs. D'Arcy and Corrigan —well deserved their rewards.

The Victorian representatives in the football team did their part well. Cunningham, who it seemed captained a famous (though not quite up to premiership quality) football combination in a Melbourne suburb, was certainly a valuable acquisition, and perhaps all-round improvement, ending in real excellence, was evidenced in no one more than in F. Dynon. Frank, by the way, on other occasions also showed that he had lots of grit in him, and was by no means reluctant to take his hands out of his pockets—just once in a way—in order to repel an unjust aggressor, and he did it too with good effect.

J. O'Connell's and B. Beirne's departure after matriculation was much felt by all of us. The former, in his quiet, unassuming way, was a tower of strength in the football field, and a very popular captain; whilst the latter, in addition to being captain of the Rowing Club, a first-rate oarsman, an excellent rifle shot, and footballer, was one of the foremost performers at all our social meetings. Of course his antics at the boatshed were sadly missed, especially by the President, to whom we understand he thoughtfully bequeathed valuable manuscripts of various kinds. By-the-bye, if not too late, we offer our hearty congratulations to "Bob," on passing the law "matric." in Brisbane, though we cannot but admire the cheek of the Queenslanders in demanding such a test from one who had already passed the Sydney University Matriculation. We are happy to be able to stereotype our late Rowing Club captain's face in *Our Alma Mater*—the uncanny expression about the eyes notwithstanding.

GAME PRIZES.

ROWING.

Winners of Senior Fours' Trophies :—

D. Corrigan
F. Page
H. Lennon
H. Mooney

Winners of Senior Pairs' Gold Medals, presented by W. T. Muston, Esq., Mayor of North Willoughby :—

D. Corrigan
F. Dynon

Winners of Junior Pairs Medals, presented by Messrs. Dynon & Sons :—

Cecil Cox
F. D'Arcy

Winners of Treble Scull Medals, presented by Messrs. Batson & Co. :—

F. Lillis
John Toohey
H. Egan

CRICKET.

FIRST ELEVEN.

H. Mooney—Winner of Mr. J. F. Jennings' Trophy for highest Batting Average, College Trophies for highest Individual Scores and Bowling Average.

SECOND ELEVEN.

John D'Arcy—Best Batsman (Gold Medal).

Dawson Corrigan—Best Bowler.

SHOOTING.

Sergeant John D'Arcy—College Championship Medal (for highest average) and Shooting Bag, presented by Captain Barlee, S.R.R.C., for highest Individual Score.

Lancelot Kelly—Shooting Bag, presented by Mr. J. H. Davidson, of Brisbane.

Hubert Mooney—Shooting Glasses, presented by Mr. J. H. Davidson, of Brisbane.

FENCING.

Foils.	*Singlesticks.*
A. M. Jennings (1st Prize)	Ignatius O'Donnell (1st Prize)
J. Cullinane (2nd Prize)	Peter O'Donnell (2nd Prize)

The winners of Prizes in Athletics, Swimming, Billiards, will be found under their proper headings.

The Riverview Jesuit Fathers and their "Old Boys"

By a Visitor.

Some fifty of the old boys visited St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, on Sunday last, and the Jesuit Fathers by way of celebrating the re-union gave a dinner on a rather big scale in one of the new halls, the company of students and ex-students numbering in all 150. The dinner took place at 2 o'clock, and Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.P., who "dropped in" and was warmly welcomed, and the *Freeman* representative were the only "strangers" present—the only ones at the feast who had not on "the wedding garment" of collegiate association. A pleasant and animated scene it was with the long side tables of the nicely-decorated hall lined with jolly-faced students in the pink of condition, and the big centre table occupied by the old boys, many of them brave in moustaches, who had blossomed into men of the world—lawyers, doctors, and what not. The Very Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Rector of the College, presided, and "the grand old man" of Riverview, Father Dalton, S.J., and the Very Rev. P. Keating, S.J., Superior of the Jesuits in Australia, were there also with the College staff. The proceedings were of a most cheerful character, and one particularly gratifying feature of the speech-making was the affectionate way in which the old boys spoke of their old masters, and of all the associations of their school days at Riverview. Father Dalton, who was feelingly spoken of by one of the representatives of "Riverview of the past" as "the dearest of our old masters," came in for an extraordinary amount of cheering, and Father Ryan, Father Keating, and Father Gartlan were in turn the recipients of scarcely less enthusiastic demonstrations of grateful remembrance and warm regard in which the students joined right heartily.

Father Ryan gave "the health of Our Holy Father the Pope" in felicitous terms, and "The Old Boys," proposed by Father Keating, was replied to in an entertaining speech by Mr. Robert Lenehan. "The Old Masters" was the next on the list, and in the hands of Mr. T. Kelly, B.A., the toast received eloquent and graceful treatment. Father Dalton replied with characteristic good humour and modesty, and the hearty and prolonged cheering must have gladdened the heart of the good old priest and grand old schoolmaster. Mr. T. Curran (who is going to Oxford in a few weeks to study for the bar) in a bright and effective little speech proposed "The present boys," and neat and manly responses were made by A. Jennings (captain of football and rowing), J. Davidson (captain of cricket), P. O'Donnell (school athletic champion of Australia), and J. Cullinane (lieutenant of the college cadet corps). "The Rector" was proposed by Mr.

R. Hyndes of West Maitland, and supported by Mr. J. Armitt, and Father Ryan having replied, Father Gartlan, who received a special call, having expressed his acknowledgment, gave the toast of "Our Visitors," to which Mr. Slattery, M.P., excellently responded. The concluding toast, "the health of the Very Rev. P. Keating, Father Superior," was admirably proposed by Mr. T. Kelly, and Father Keating, in his reply, spoke of his pleasant experiences while he was attached to the College staff, first as one of the teachers and afterwards as Rector.

During the dinner the advisableness of forming an ex-students' union was suggested and a meeting with this object in view was subsequently held in the music hall. Before the old boys left, which they did amid a ringing burst of cheering, several photographic groups were taken by Mr. Roarty.

Farewell.

Our Alma Mater has this year, more than any other, very strong reason for being grateful to the boys of Riverview. Never before did they exert themselves so much in its welfare, or show such an interest in seeing it go forth well ladened with the productions of their brains. May these same students, when it comes into their hands, find it worthy of their anxiety and labours in its behalf. The little volume goes forth confident of finding friendly, lenient critics and warm-hearted friends, and it can think of no better words with which to say good-bye than the farewell utterance of Wordsworth—

> "My last words let them be,
> If in this book fancy and truth agree,
> If simple Nature trained by careful art
> Through it have won a passage to thy heart,
> Grant me thy love; I crave no other fee."

Appendix.

The following are extracts from some of the papers which have reviewed *Our Alma Mater* and forwarded to us the issue in which they did so. We need hardly say that we fully appreciate and are deeply grateful for the very great courtesy with which we have been dealt by the newspapers of the different colonies:—

A gentleman, who takes a great amount of interest in schools and their sports, has sent me the school annual, edited by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Sydney. *Our Alma Mater*, as the paper is called, is, I think, the best colonial school magazine I have ever seen.—*The Australasian*, February 8th, 1890.

We have received from the publishers a neat little book entitled *Our Alma Mater*, the result of the work of some of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview. This annual publication, which is the second number, contains a record of the doings of the pupils during the year, from the lists of prize winners in the various examinations to the achievements of the college in numerous fields of sport. It also contains several contributions in the shape of papers and poetry from the pens of priests who were or are connected with the institution. Scattered through the book are engravings done by some of the scholars attending the college.— *South Australian Register*, January 24th, 1890.

We have received a copy of the school annual entitled *Our Alma Mater*, edited by the students of St. Ignatius' College, S.J., New South Wales. It is written and compiled with far more talent than is usually displayed in similar productions, and should win a repetition of the friendly criticisms bestowed on the edition for the previous year.—*The Mercury*, Hobart, January 25th, 1890.

Among the higher schools few take precedence of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. It is a school in the fullest sense of the term; intellect and body are alike trained, and, as the record of the school amply proves, with equal and excellent results. But the students of St. Ignatius' are not content to gather laurels only in the schoolroom and on the athletic ground; they have invaded the domain of journalism, and that with no mean success. *Our Alma Mater* is an annual, written and edited by the students, and it gives a very pleasing view of life at the college. We have accounts of notable events in the school year, such as the presentation of prizes by His Excellency the Governor, and the opening of the new buildings; reports of the cricket, rowing, and athletic teams, which, the second especially, so manfully upheld the name of the College; essays on questions of ever present interest; letters from "old boys"; and lastly a capital bit of verse relating how the school crew won the intercolonial schools' race.—*Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, February 14th, 1890.

The Rev. Principal is to be congratulated on the tone of articles and letters written by old boys; they seem full of affection for the old school, and solicitude for its future advancement. We have read this little work with pleasure and wish it every prosperity on the stormy seas of journalism.—*Lismore Chronicle*, February 14th, 1890.

Although primarily intended for circulation amongst the collegians, the literary merits of *Our Alma Mater* entitle it torank amongst the magazine literature of the Australian colonies; and the general reader would gather much from its pages that is both entertaining and instructive. We are glad to notice that the records of the publication include prominent notes not only of the mental training of the students but of their physical training also. Thus St. Ignatius' College has not only its field sports and aquatic clubs, but its cadet corps and fencing classes. But while all such provisions are commendable, having their place in the training of youth, there are on the other hand, outside the mere routine of the class-room and the lecture-hall, its senior and junior debating clubs, which afford opportunity for putting to practical test the benefits of the mental training imparted. In short, nothing is wanting in the system pursued at St. Ignatius' College to develope that highest form of education, the *mens sana in corpore sano*.—*The Queanbeyan Age*, March 12th, 1890.

We have no hesitation in stating that *Our Alma Mater* is one of the bes productions yet received by any scholastic institution in New South Wales and the conductors of the work have our hearty congratulations.—*The Crookwell Gazette*, January 28th, 1890.

Such an excellent publication cannot fail to engender a literary taste in the scholars, and the many sketches, biographical notices, and general reading matter reflect the greatest credit on those gentlemen on whom the work of preparing the little volume has devolved. There are several drawings of the College and its surroundings, the work of the students,

which are genuinely artistic, and our Catholic readers must feel proud at possessing a scholastic institution capable of turning out such a meritorious journal.—*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, January 24th, 1890.

This magazine maintains the creditable reputation earned by it. It continues to be distinguished by a gentlemanly tone, and the evident spirit of honest, open-hearted lads. All its articles are well written and readable, and some are much above the average.—*New Zealand Tablet*, February 14th, 1890.

The work is beautifully illustrated throughout and will be found to be particularly interesting, not only to present and past students, but also to all who take a deep interest in the cause of high-class Catholic educational institutions.—*The Nation*, January 16th, 1890.

Our Alma Mater is the title of a well written, carefully arranged, excellently illustrated, and beautifully printed annual issued by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. Everything connected with the studies and amusements of the young gentlemen, from Greek to dancing without ladies, is carefully recorded, and the victory over the Geelong crew in the intercolonial rowing match for public schools is immortalised in Pindaric poetry. "The Paths of Fame," by Father T. Keating, S.J., is worthy of Tupper when at his best, and there is a capital review of some recent histories by a careful reader and smart writer. The institution, with its numerous advantages for mental and physical culture, appears to be one of the most complete educational republics in the colonies, and there is a genial tone of respect, friendship, and even love for the teachers by the taught throughout the neat little book. The youthful editors have reason for feeling an honest pride in their *Alma Mater*.—*Cooktown Herald*, February 5th, 1890.

Our Alma Mater is published in pamphlet form, nicely got up, and from a literary point of view displays much excellence.—*Coonamble Times*, January 24th, 1890.

The general get up of the work is most creditable, and the literary contributions of the students speak volumes for the high educational standard to which their *Alma Mater* has raised their instruction. We have seen school annuals published by many a more pretentious public school and college in other parts of the world, and we can assure the students of St. Ignatius' that their little book will rank with the best of them.—*The Mackay Mercury*, January 30th, 1890.

The articles are written in an easy and graceful style that cannot fail to fix the attention of the readers.—*The Hay Standard*, January 25th, 1890.

The contents of the journal are varied. Amateur poets, historians, humourists, and reporters air their eloquence; meetings, presentations, school progress, sporting, &c, are duly chronicled, and in instances in a style that appears "professional quite." The idea of preserving a record of the events in the yearly life of the "Fostering Mother"—other than the stale, dry statistics pertaining to the working of the college—is a step in the right direction, and one that is sure to become popular in the future.—*The Wallsend and Plattsburg Sun*, January 25th, 1890.

It is an excellent little work, and reflects very great credit on the youthful editors and the contributors of the various articles.—*Pleasant Creek News and Stawell Chronicle*, January 25th, 1890.

The articles are smartly written; many of them indicate talent of no mean order in our young friends that will probably, in the future, place them in the very front rank of writers in the southern hemisphere.—*Allora Guardian*, January 31st, 1890.

It contains a pleasant record of a year of healthy work.—*Gympie Miner*, January 22nd, 1890.

The annual contains very interesting reading, showing in a marked manner the kindly remembrance entertained by ex-pupils.—*Burrangong Chronicle*, January 29th, 1890.

The annual will be carefully scanned by old students and the lads in residence; it is full of readable matter.—*Bega Gazette*, January 25th, 1890.

It is a very interesting production, and gives a very interesting account of the past year's intellectual and athletic life of the students at this great and growing Jesuit college.—*Gympie Times*, January 30th, 1890.

Friends of the students will be able to learn pretty well all about the school in the pages of *Our Alma Mater*. And the news cannot fail to be interesting, for the school distinguished itself in the fields of learning as well as in other ways. We notice in the contents some foreign correspondence, and a very creditable parody on Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee." The issue before us, we may add, is finely embellished with views of and about the College, several of which are from the pencils of students.—*Maitland Mercury*, January 21st, 1890.

The little work is in all respects creditable to the college, which is fast becoming one of the most successful of our secondary educational establishments. Apart from the contributions of the professors, which would well grace a more pretentious volume, the book exhibits a literary skill on the part of the pupils far beyond what might be looked for.—*Wagga Wagga Advertiser*.

Decidedly this is a volume which impresses the reader with the conviction that the contributors of the papers are young men of profound erudition. The various subjects are handled with care and discrimination, and the editorials would successfully compete with the productions of men of more advanced age. We trust to see this journal a colonial success, its merits deserving such a distinction.—*Reporter and Illawarra Journal*, 26th January, 1890.

Our Alma Mater, a record of the past year's doings at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, has reached us, and gives internal evidence at once of the industry of the students and of the healthy spirit which pervades the recreative hours of the college. The work, comprising 124 pages of reading matter, presents, as a matter of course, a record of the purely academic occurrences of the year, and, also as a matter of course, the various athletic events in which the collegians have distinguished themselves. In addition to these, however, we have evidences of the utility of such periodicals as auxiliaries to the study-halls in the incentive they offer to the cultivation of literature amongst the students. Several well-written articles attest the good work *Our Alma Mater* is performing in this direction.—*Freeman's Journal*, Sydney, 18th January, 1890.

Such a literary work should have the effect of causing a most desirable spirit of emulation and energy in the field of well-toned literature, and cause the students, as a whole, to pursue a higher and nobler course in life than they otherwise would do. In short, *Our Alma Mater* is a worthy acquisition to St. Ignatius' College, and highly creditable to the student editors.—*Quirindi Gazette and Liverpool Plains Advocate*, January 25th, 1890.

We must once more tender our sincere congratulations to St. Ignatius' College on this publication of the record of their prowess.—*Catholic Standard*, Hobart, February, 1890.

It contains several very interesting articles and illustrations, and forms also a complete record of the doings of the school both in the intellectual and athletic fields. It has acquired considerable distinction in the former fields and in aquatics, their four having obtained the coveted distinction of champion public schools crew of the colonies by their defeat of the famous Geelong Grammar School crew. The annual reflects great credit on the compilers.—*Barrier Miner*, January 27th, 1890.

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