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From a copy of Raphael's masterpiece as framed in one of the College dining halls.

Ἰὼ θρόνος,
θρόνος προσφιλὴς ἐμοὶ Κοιράνου
γόνον ἰδοὺ θεὸν,
φῆς, κἄμμε ὡς εὔνους βλέπεις τε μειδιᾷς.
Εἴν Ματρὸς εἶαται γόνασι μῆτις Πατρός.

ὃν ἀστέρων κύκλος
οὐδ' ἀμπεχειν σθένει,
περιπλέκεις χεροῖν σὺ, μᾶτερ σμικρὰν
βροτῶν σπορὰν ἔρως σου
χαδεῖν οὐ δύναιτ' ἄν;

J. PEIFER, S.J.

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St. Ignatius' College, Riverview.

ON the northern bank of the Lane Cove River and about four miles from Sydney stands the College of St. Ignatius. The property on which the college is situated, known as the Riverview Estate, rises from the river to a height of more than 200ft., and consists of over 120 acres, with a water frontage of a mile and a half. It was purchased by the Jesuit Fathers on June 28, 1878, at a cost of £8000. Assuredly the purchasers were well inspired, for it is admirably fitted for a collegiate site. Set on the verge of the forest primeval, it possesses the quiet and seclusion so conducive to study, and enjoys the full benefit of every healthy breeze that blows from sea or mountain. At its feet runs the picturesque river, with its bays and inlets and wooded heights and pretty homes. Looking seaward, the crowded suburb of Balmain is easily distinguished, while beyond that and over the gleaming waters of the harbor lies Sydney proper, with its many towers and spires. Still further away, the great headlands loom against the horizon, forming the gigantic portals which lead from the open ocean into our peerless harbor.

During the thirty years which have elapsed since the Riverview Estate passed into the hands of the Jesuits, the value of the property has been immensely enhanced. Upwards of £50,000 has been spent on the buildings alone. The latter, though still architecturally incomplete, have been erected in accordance with generous ideas. The schoolrooms, dormitories, and dining-rooms are spacious, lofty, and well appointed. Eighteen months ago the ex-students' union decided to erect a new collegiate chapel in memory of the venerated founder of the college—Father Dalton. Subscriptions were invited, and so far the response has been a generous one. Liberal provision has been made for indoor recreation. There are half a dozen libraries and billiard rooms, in addition to the concert hall.

Outdoor games are even more amply provided for. In addition to handball and tennis courts, there are three fine grounds for cricket and football, where as many as four or five visiting teams have been en-

gaged in friendly rivalry with the college boys on many a Saturday afternoon. The senior students' football and cricket ground has been prepared at considerable expense, and when finished should be the best college oval in Australia. Youthful marksmen are also well catered for. Over along the slopes of the western bay are the Riverview rifle butts, with ranges of 200, 300, and 500 yards. All the college buildings, as well as the adjoining playground, the cottage infirmary, and the college wharf are illuminated by electricity. The electric power-house is situated at some little distance from the main building, and adjoining it there is a laundry fitted up with the latest and best machinery. For the conveyance of goods a unique tramway has been constructed which is worked by steam, and terminates at the goods wharf on Burns Bay. Riverview has its own post and telegraph office, where mails are received and dispatched three times a day.

A few words on the government of the college and the methods of instruction will not be out of place. The Jesuit Fathers have put in practice at Riverview their elaborate and world-renowned system of education—a system which provides for the thorough moral, intellectual, and physical training of the boys confided to their care. Indeed the moral training claims and receives their first and most anxious care. The discipline is strict, but paternal. At all times, as well in the playgrounds and dormitories as in the study hall and classrooms, the students are under the immediate supervision of one of the masters. A characteristic feature of the system, and one which strongly recommends itself to parents, is the provision made for the younger boys, who have their own dormitories, recreation rooms, and playgrounds apart from the senior students, so that, practically, at Riverview there is a senior and a junior house. The system of "fagging" still in vogue in some of the old world schools, is rigorously prohibited, and the younger boys are attended to by an experienced matron.

The resident college staff is composed of members of the Jesuit Order, all of whom have undergone the special training required by their institute for the formation of the master. This training includes two years exclusively devoted to character formation, after which at least two more are spent in the study of rhetoric and the higher literary branches; then follows a three years' course of philosophy, including mathematics and the natural sciences.

The great advantage of uniformity of method secured by this uniformity of training is further enhanced by the general supervision of a Prefect of Studies in each of the Jesuit Colleges, whose duty it is to regulate and grade the class work, and preserve the harmony of arrangement, so that each professor is engaged "not in tilling some patch of his own, but in contributing his industry to the general field of all." All through the college system the result aimed at is a general one of developing in the young mind all fundamental qualities, of adjusting it, therefore, by the early awakening of all natural activities to any special work which may afterwards be undertaken in the mature life of the future.

The full course for a boy starting in the lowest class, and passing regularly, year by year, into a higher one, until he has finally reached his senior and honors matriculation covers a period of eight years. Many pupils, of course, shorten this term by starting at a higher standard than the preparatory one, while others syncopate their years by not waiting for the finishing touches. The earlier work comprises religious instruction, the usual grammar exercises; arithmetic, geography, history, reading, writing, and memory work. The following year these subjects are still pursued at a higher standard, and some slight acquaintance with French is introduced. Another year adds to the programme Latin, elementary science, algebra, geometry, and geometrical drawing. These subjects, together with the addition—in most cases—of Greek, are pursued with ever-broadening aspect till the junior examination is reached, and the boy has been safely piloted through, generally with the additional distinction of matriculation qualification. The senior boys devote themselves to the usual sub-



SOUTH-EAST VIEW OF COLLEGE AND GROUNDS. [*Town and Country Journal.*]

jects for the senior examination at honors or advanced standard. Side by side with the ordinary class subjects there are debating and literary societies for both senior and junior boys. Experience of many years has proved that these societies form a most useful portion of the educational curriculum, tending to create habits of originality and self-reliance invaluable for after years.

The artistic side of instruction is not neglected. Large numbers of boys learn the piano or violin under the instruction of eminent musical masters. Dancing, drill, boxing, physical culture, voice-training, singing, and elocution are also regular items of the college programmes.

Though one of the youngest of the great educational institutions in Australasia, St. Ignatius' College is, perhaps, more universally known than any other. Its pupils come not only from New South Wales, but from Victoria, Queensland, West and South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and New Caledonia. The unrivalled healthiness and beauty of the site, combined with the success of its students at the University examinations, no doubt, in a great measure, explain its widespread popularity.

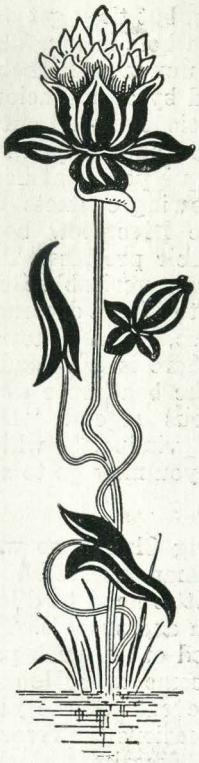
Some brief account of an ordinary day's work at Riverview may be of interest. The call is at 6 o'clock, and a full half-hour is allowed for the morning toilet, after which the boys go to the college chapel for prayers and Mass. Mass over, they go to the study hall till breakfast, at 7.45. Full justice cannot be done to the substantial morning meal in less than 20 minutes, and after it the boys betake themselves to the playgrounds till 8.45, when the bell rings for study. There is a class from 9.30 till 10.30, when a respite of five minutes is allowed. Class is then resumed, and continues for two hours. At 12.30 there is play for three-quarters of an hour, during which the boys bathe and have luncheon. From 1.15 to 3.15 more class, after which two hours are allowed for dinner and play. This is the only time of the day for a good prolonged game, but then it is real play, and no mistake. Whether spent on the river, or the rifle range, on the ball courts, or the cricket field, it is recreation in earnest. At 5.15 there is rosary in the chapel, followed by study till tea, at 7.30. After tea comes evening recreation, during which the libraries and billiard rooms are thrown open till 8.30, when night prayers are said. The boys under 13 are then marched, not unwillingly, to bed, but their senior companions must remain up to study till 9.45 p.m. After five hours of class and four and a half hours devoted to study, the eight hours of refreshing sleep are well deserved, and never wasted.

With Tambourine Bay on the east, Burns Bay on the west, and the Lane Cove itself on the south the students have unrivalled opportunities for those aquatic sports which the water-loving young Australians cannot be wholly happy without. The college authorities have utilised those advantages to the full. The swimming bath on the eastern bay is one of the finest in the harbor. It is 200ft. by 100ft., and on the outer side has even at low water a depth of 14ft. There is a shallow side also for the smaller boys, but they get out of it very quickly. The whole is carefully palisaded so that no unwary mother's darling may be captured by an audacious shark. While that spacious bath invites the delicate boy to round and deepen his chest, the luxuriously-equipped boatsheds summon him to those rowing contests on the river at which the Riverview boys have so often proved their prowess. The senior boatshed contains a veritable fleet of boats, and attached to it are dressing-rooms, committee-rooms, and shower baths; while in front there is a splendid floating stage. Over the boathouse door runs the wise and pious legend, "Deo favente, naviges vel vimine," which means, "God favoring, you may go to sea even on a reed."

The Riverview Rowing Club is so well known to every Australian interested in aquatics that there is little need to dilate on its wonderful growth and success. The college regatta is carried out in such perfect style that it has come to be looked on as one of the gala events of the year in Sydney. On such occasions the river is alive with craft of all descriptions, and

the college grounds are thrown open. Up and down the rock-hewn steps flit fair visions of dainty maidens, while happy mothers sail along the terraces smiling proudly at the feats of their gallant sons. The college wharf is admitted to be the prettiest of its kind in the harbor. Beside it is the junior boatshed, wherein are housed some half a dozen boats, built with an eye to safety and comfort rather than to speed. The grounds along the water-side between the wharf and the senior shed are much admired. There are bizarre pathways winding among the trees; there are rustic seats in pretty arbors, and rustic bridges spanning miniature ravines.

Nor may we conclude without a word in praise of the glorious view from the college roof. By day the panorama is delightful, at night it is superb. Then the young enthusiast may hold communion with the stars, and there within sight of the myriad lights of Sydney he will weave his golden dreams of gallant deeds to be done in those days that are yet to come when the college walls shall have faded from his view, and he shall hear around him, "like the roar of a rain-fed ford," the clamor of the battle of life.



WISDOM.

IN Eblis' ward now fallen, where wisdom rose
beyond the East and past the fane-strewn sands,
are jasper caverns, hewn of Afrit hands,
whereover Caf hath hung its huge repose.

There, in the limpid pave, a cloudy rose
mirrors eternal agony in bands
of saddening purple shed from shrouded strands
where the snared sun a fixt disaster glows.

A ruby of harden'd flame, an ice-bound woe,
burns in their crystal hearts, whose wizard brow
was gemm'd with name of Soliman long before

him shaped that pluck'd the golden apple low
—they, royal with this only magic now
that, dying, they die not for evermore.

C. BRENNAN, '87.



RIVERVIEW, 1907. [*Town & Country Journal.*]



Homer and History.

THE modern student accustomed to marshal his facts in logical sequence, to weigh their internal relations, detect discrepancies and reject the improbable, may linger with an imaginative pleasure over the idylls of the ancient Greeks, but cannot accept them as canons of historical accuracy, nor lend them the homage of his faith. The whole system of the Olympian Theogony, the god-sprung heroes of the earth, once dethroned from their mountain of glory, cannot hope to regain its heights. Their reign has been measured by the fall of a nation, but their memory is enshrined in a poetic framing loftier than the heights of Parnassus, and securer than the oak-groves of Dodona. The genius of a Homer has cast around them a spell of simple grandeur, a purity of conception, more potent in its very fancifulness than any living charm. At once their creator and their high priest, he has preached their gospel to the nations, and he has found an audience, reverent, at least, if not credulous.

For the Greek he has embodied all the cherished traditions of his immortal ancestors. He has commingled the human with the divine till earth seems to touch the very heavens, and the gods walk in sympathy with human struggles, human sorrows, or raise the hand of their avenging justice against the venturesome affronter of Nature's laws. He has bound in harmony their scattered nations, and linked them in one grand, pan-hellenic combination to avenge the threatened stain on the fair name of Hellas.

Thus to the mariner of Athens, to the stern dweller on the Eurotas, to the horseman of the Thessalian plains—Homer is history, Bible, everything. But to the reader of to-day, who has long removed the vestige of immortality from the immortal gods, who sees but one vast legend in the Trojan war and the colossal forces working out their might, is he nothing but a poet of the imagination, a weaver of fictitious tales? To some he is nothing more: the scenes of warlike splendor, the glories of the palace of Odysseus, the shield of many devices, the sweeping chariot are painted figures moving on a painted stage. The simple life of Penelope, the homely image of kingly grace are drawn in irised hue, dissolving before the sun of research and truth. And stranger still, the poet of "rocky Chios" is a name of multitude, gathering the work of many minds, and piecing it together with an art of mingled skill and dissonance!

But to those who lay aside the literary microscope, who cull the flowers of minstrelsy, unmindful of a stray weed found amidst the bouquet, Homer is something loftier, something grander far, than an imaginative genius. He is an inspirer of

lofty ideals, a proclaimer of religious sentiment, a voice at once portraying and ennobling in his portrait a life otherwise veiled in the dim mists of antiquity!

It is of but little consequence to his reputation that no Greek host ever met the men of Troy. It is immaterial to his history that the winds of Aeolus may not remain imprisoned in their bag, or that the rising sun never shone on Circe's isle and no mariners listened rapturously to the Siren's sweet song. These are but the setting of the poem, the ornamental framework encasing the gems of history and art which do appeal to us.

Despoiled of their heroic raiment and their ultramundane grandeur, these actors on Homer's stage move in real life. The king, the noble, and the soldier are not poetic fancies; they personate the manners and the customs of a bygone age. Without the Homeric conception of the regal power and lordly councillors, our outline of the gradual rise of the city state were very imperfect. The archaeologist of to-day, unearthing the hidden treasures of Mycaenae and of Tiryns, the breastplate laid with cyanus and lapis-lazuli, the sword with golden studs, the bronze-encircled shield, would have nothing to guide him in his labors. But, read by the glimmer of the poet's lamp, the treasures of the earth are no longer undecipherable; they transplant us to an age of patriarchal life. The laws of social intercourse, the sacred character of the stranger guest, the spirit of adventure in the "robbers, men that rove the sea," the palace banquet or the swine-herd's hut, the contests of athletic skill—are all living pictures of the "Achaean" age and culture.

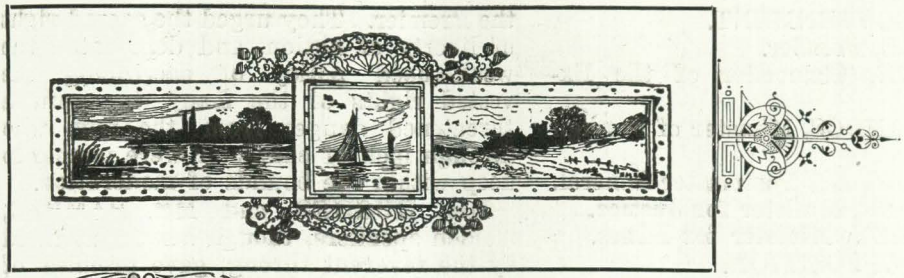
The reverence for the powers above, the ancestral worship, and the propitiation of the dead give us an insight into the spirit of religion animating the Greek mind.

Apart from the literary aspect, this is the real value of the poems of Homer; they are the history of early customs and of early manners. They show us the fountain-head from which Greek civilisation flows. In its wandering course through the centuries the river may gather up much sedge and mire, but flowing from the poet's pen—idealised somewhat, if you will—it is pure and sacred. The rural life still flourishes in its vigor, the family tie is a divine bond, the woman—not yet degraded to the mere weaver at the loom—moves in this world of purity, the chaste adviser of her lord and the ruler of the indoor world. The city rabble has not arisen in its depraved advancement; the air of Olympus is wafted on the breezes as the shepherd's pan-pipe re-echoes in the vales.

This is the historical value of Homer, and surely this is theme enough even for the dissecting critic. If history is nothing more than a collection of facts, following one upon another, sometimes as cause and effect, sometimes in mere priority of sequence, if it is but a detailed ledger of a nation's rise and fall—if it is but the chronicle of the great man's deeds—then Homer is not history! But if it is the unfolding of the daily life of man, the tracing of his downfall or his rise, the programme of his movements on the stage of time—the searcher of his natural growth—its progress, career, and gradual decline, then indeed the poems of Homer must rank among the histories of interest.



ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.



Senior Debating Club.

President: REV. G. BYRNE, S.J.

Committee: R. F. HUGHES (Hon.Sec.), H. RORKE, C. BRIDGE, P. KELLY, P. QUINN, J. FERNANDOS.

Great contest follows, and much learned dust
Involves the combatants, each claiming truth,
And truth disclaiming both.

Cowper.

THE 14th of March was an eventful date in the club's calendar. Entering on our 25th birthday, we determined to lay aside the modest bashfulness with which in former years we blushed before the "few." Portals, hitherto doubly portcullised with perfectorial wand and tongue against the wistful gaze of prying elementarian, and the importunate persistance of the vulgar grammar oaf, were at length unsealed, and the motley crowd poured in to hear the seniors "make the worse appear

The better reason to perplex and dash
Maturest counsels."

The President, in his opening speech, briefly reviewed the growth of the club, indicating the efficient work it had done in developing the power of speech, "the golden harvest that followeth the flowering of thought." He earnestly encouraged the youthful audience to duly estimate the privilege accorded them of following the discussion, that they in turn might carry on the traditions of the club, little fancying that some amongst them would soon bid fair to eclipse the veteran wranglers. The subject, selected by the committee, shows a decided advance on those old-time discussions about the relative merits of Edward III. or Henry V., when musty tomes were ransacked for their hidden treasures, and hashed Macaulay, curried Hume, and fricassee of Lingard were placed upon the board! Gambling appealed to all! 'Twas even rumored some among the throng had bet a "bag of shop" on the issue of the question, till moved by bitter feelings of compunction, at the ghastly tales of small beginnings and their fateful ends, they mutually agreed to drop the wager!

Great was the interest when the rival heroes took their seats—more consequential than our city aldermen. Secure behind vast scrolls of parliamentary proceedings they were well equipped with reams of paper, firmly resolved to let no unguarded word pass by unchallenged.

GOVERNMENT.

MR. RORKE, Premier.

MR. QUINN, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

MR. FERNANDOS, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

MR. F. HUGHES, Postmaster-General.

MR. BAMBER, Minister for Justice.

MR. QUIGLEY, Minister for Mines.

OPPOSITION.

MR. R. HUGHES, Leader.

MR. BRIDGE (North Sydney).

MR. KELLY (New Zealand).

MR. O'HALLORAN (Randwick).

MR. RICHARDS (Richmond).

MR. TURNER (South Coast).

MOTION:—"That the outcry against the gambling evil is unwarranted, and tends to the undue limitation of the citizen's liberty."

The PREMIER, on rising to open the discussion, was warmly received, so warmly indeed as to cause suspicion that his plea possessed a more than speculative interest for some of the audience. The responsibility of his position evidently weighed upon his mind, and manifest nervousness rendered his arguments less telling in the early portions of his speech. However, as the flag of freedom waved before him, greater animation followed. He blazed out in virtuous indignation on his narrow-minded opponents, who tolerated stockbrokers and professional speculators, whilst they thundered out anathemas against an honest shilling spent upon a horse. "Ruin," he cried, "and the weird pictures of desolate homesteads, wrecked through the folly of the racecourse, or the eager passion of the fan-tan den, are mere delusory visions of our ranting friends, the genial Opposition. Believe them not, gentlemen! But influenced by larger motives of sane philanthropy, seek not to rob your fellowmen of one hour's innocent amusement, the keen edge of a moment's excitement, to brush away the anxious mental strain of business toil. France has her gambling tables, unfettered by hostile laws, and yet she ranks among the foremost of the nations. Born in this land of sunshine and of freedom, destroy not our heritage of free citizens in a free land."

MR. FERNANDOS and MR. QUINN, veteran debaters, rose in turn to support the Premier. They urged the sacred right of liberty of action, and deprecated the weak-kneed policy of sacrificing the vested rights of the many to avert a threatened danger from the few, who through lack of character were unable to keep within the bounds of moderation.

MR. HUGHES and MR. BAMBER, maiden speakers, though somewhat awed by the reverent throng, gave promise of great flights of oratory to come, when seasoned in the school of experience. They dwelt upon the inconsistent course of tolerating commercial speculating, whilst seeming quite aghast at a few shillings innocently squandered away.

MR. QUIGLEY, though new to formal oratory, is, we hear, the impromptu spokesman of the lower schools. Rarely did liberty find so true a champion. Impassioned outbursts for man's sacred rights. Appeals, with threatening gesture, to uphold the cause of honor, justice, freedom, till with cycloramic speed his wonder-struck opponents found themselves bound hand and foot with proverbial apron strings, jingling their hard-saved earnings in a box of tin!

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION took his stand with all the assured confidence of one upholding the better cause. With rapid flash his searchlight shone on all the countries of the globe, revealing the squalid misery of opium den and gambling booth. Entering next the rich saloons of France and Austria-Hungary, we saw with straining eye the hapless victims of baccarat and picquet, or the rich young lord watching with eager gaze the pointer run its course and leave him penniless—a maniac of suicidal despair. "Be not misled," he urged, "by maudlin appeals for freedom. Surely true liberty is not placed in a career of sin and crime. Thrice happy is the will immovably set in the groove of rectitude. Does it not bring us nearer to the glorious state, when the clear-illumined intellect mirroring the highest truth guides an unfailing will? When nations shall find it necessary to rescind the statutes restricting man's sphere of action to lawful deeds; when Nature, unimpeded, shall change her fixed recurring laws, and Heaven itself shall realise the thraldom righteousness entails.

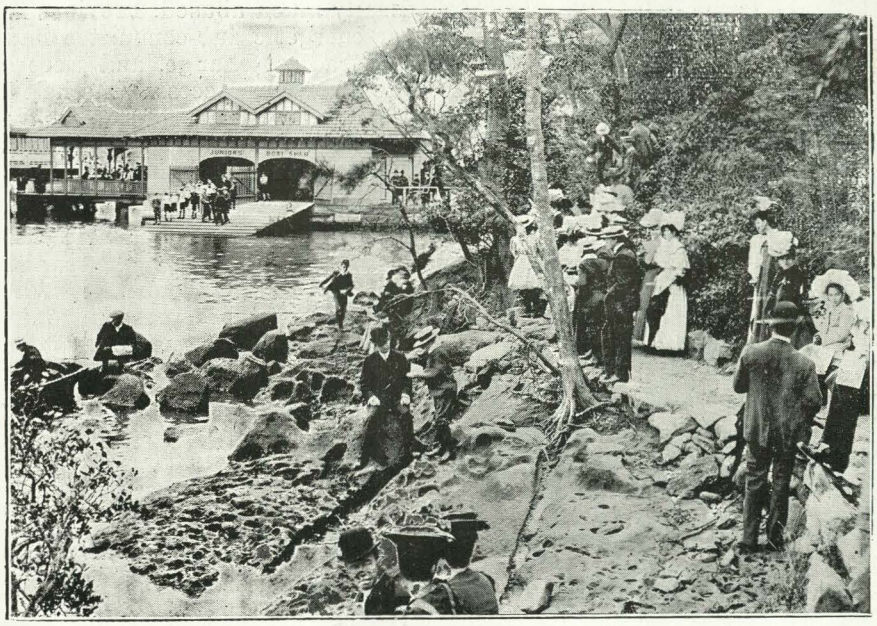
then, and then only, gentlemen, will this halting argument find favor in your eyes. But till that day we shall re-echo with the poet—

Shall crime bring crime forever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That men shall toil for wrong?
"No!" say the mountains, "No!" the skies,
Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
And songs be heard instead of sighs.
God save the people!

satellites were loafers of no virtuous mien, and it had even been known to entice university students from their serious calling.

MR. O'HALLORAN showed some latent sparks of Celtic fire, and in a neat speech reviewed the baneful effects of gambling on the poor and on the rich, and the influence it had on the spiritual welfare of its devotees.

Three nights were devoted to cross-questioning, in which MR. RORKE, MR. R. HUGHES, and MR. QUINN figured very prominently. Though this part really



Near the College Wharf on Regatta Day, 1907. [*Sydney Mail.*

MR. RICHARDS and MR. BRIDGE drew graphic pictures of the slow but deadly growth of the poisonous gambling fruit. Be it in tropic climes or at the frigid zone, nothing could check its rise, and the land in which it sprung was rendered barren for all else besides.

MR TURNER and MR. KELLY dwelt on the sophistry of the Opposition, who tried to cloak the malice of the betting fiend by associating him with honest "changers." Gambling, they maintained, had no redeeming feature—its ordinary

constitutes the "debate proper," we feel that a scrambled report could not do the heroes justice, and hence prefer to congratulate them on their ready repartee and strokes of wit rather than chronicle their "dicta haud inepta."

The PREMIER and the LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION then summed up, in two really clever speeches, the weak points of the opposing sides, terminating in an appeal to the Chair to uphold their cause.

The verdict was a victory for the Opposition by 10 points. R. F. HUGHES.

Old Boys' Fifth Annual Ball.

THE city papers have been so profuse in their praise of the St. Ignatius' Old Boys' Union ball that in attempting to describe it we feel like the unfortunate stage manager who had his thunder stolen. So great indeed has been the success of that brilliant social function that other city and suburban unions are said to be openly jealous. Even Jupiter, the patron of celestial entertainments, was so upset by the promising preparations of Messrs. McBride, McCarthy, and Co. that he commissioned the clerk of the weather to throw a damper on the whole affair.

The celestial sluice gates were opened, and a torrential downpour began. Two hours later the disappointed clerk reported to his august master that the merriment had commenced in the Paddington Town Hall. "Let there be thunder," said the angry Jove. " 'Tis winter time," replied the clerk. "Winter or no winter," came the fierce response, "let loose your thunderbolts to mar the merriment of the mortals." Heaven's artillery opened fire, and the bombardment lasted for a full hour. "Have you succeeded?" said Jupiter. "No," replied the disconsolate clerk. "I have done my best in the thunder line, but I failed to check the gaiety of that youthful gathering." "Then despatch a fire-ball." That historic fire-ball duly arrived. It came with a flash and a crash, it roared as it passed, but the merriment increased in the Paddington Town Hall. When the gathering broke up in the early hours of the morning the rain had ceased, the wind had lulled, and the celestial battery was completely silent.

The splendidly constructed floor of the suburban hall is a delightful one for dancers, but the carpets thereon are usually much abused. Previous to the ball our energetic sub-committee had insisted on a radical change, and were congratulated on their success. The hall itself was decorated with a profuse display of evergreens, and towards midnight when the fun was at its best the scene was brilliant with youth and color.

Fully 300 guests had responded to the invitations issued by the popular president, Mr. P. J. O'Donnell. To give a complete list of those present would overtax our limited space, so we must be content with the names of a few picked at random from the crowd. Among the ladies were Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell, Mrs. T. J. Dalton, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Lenehan, Mrs. T. Lane Mullins, Mrs. Percy Clifford, Mrs. Arthur Deery, Mrs. J. J. Smith, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Gaden, Mrs. Heeley, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Brockhoff, Mrs. Aidan Riley, Miss Eirene Dalton, Miss Clarke, Miss Eva Mann, Miss N. Nugent, Miss Coleman, Miss Gladys Coleman, Miss Marguerite Playoust, Miss M. Curtin, Miss Clifford, Miss Burfitt, Miss Spruson, Miss Blanche Spruson, Miss Foley, Miss Lenehan, Miss B. Lenehan, Miss Deakin, Miss Murphy, Miss K. Craven, Miss Rorke, Miss Durack, Miss Hollingdale, Miss Iolanthe Foy, Miss McDermott, Miss McBride, Miss Oxenham, Miss Laura Oxenham, Miss H. Coffey, Miss J. Punch, Miss B. Moran, Miss O'Connor, Miss Lonergan, Miss Sheridan, Miss Dimond, Miss Asche, Miss Payten, Miss Cullen, Miss Roth, Miss Morris, Miss Eva Nugent, Miss M. Punch, Miss de Courcy, Miss N. de Courcy, Miss S. Durack, Miss Garry,



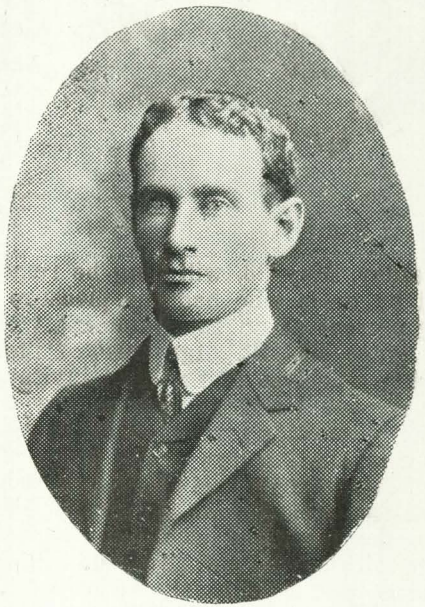
F. W. J. DONOVAN, Esq. ('80-'85.)

Frank Donovan, than whom there is no more popular man in the legal profession in Sydney, was one of the pioneer students of Riverview. At a recent banquet in his honour the heads of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company paid a well-merited tribute to his ability in organising and controlling their Investment Department. Mr. Donovan is a partner in the firm of Freehill, Donovan & Co., Moore Street, Sydney.

Miss F. Drew, Miss Ahearn, Miss Vera Cosgrove, Miss Hiorns, Miss Irene McDermott, Miss Barnard, Miss Carlisle, and many others. The debutantes were exceptionally numerous. No less than four columns of our Sydney contemporaries are devoted to the description of their attractive attire. We are fully conscious that our own juvenile pen is powerless to portray the charm of the scene.

Among the gentlemen were Mr. T. J. Dalton, Major Lenehan, Captain T. Lane Mullins, Doctors Burfitt, P. J. Kelly, Clifford, Moran, Deakin, Diethelm, Messrs. F. W. Donovan, J. T. McCarthy, B. McBride, G. Flannery, F. Coen, W. Coyle, G. Coleman, J. J. Smith, J. and J. and B. Hughes, A. and F. Deery, E. Real, Murray, Durack, Playoust, Burke, Gaffney, Cullen, de Courcy, Murphy, Barlow, Oxenham, Duffy, Walker, Davis, Smith, Mann, Macken, Fraser, Finn, Dimond, Hollingdale, Hickey, Punch, Sheridan, Cox, Hiorns, Curtin, Bacon, O'Connor, Spruson, Anderson, and a host of others, including many of our earliest and latest "old boys." The musical programme was admirably arranged, and dance succeeded dance in quick and joyful succession. Not only were the enthusiastic debutantes delighted, but even the most experienced dance-goers reluctantly admitted that they had a splendid time.

"Irreproachable" is the term which a Sydney paper applies to the supper arrangements. The committee had indeed an arduous task in providing for such a large number of guests, especially as the supper room could not seat more than 180. Instead of waiting as usual for the finish of the eighth dance they decided to throw the doors open at an earlier hour. The innovation was a decided success, and the catering, we are told, was not only perfectly continuous, but continuously perfect.



[*Sunday Sun.*

B. A. McBRIDE, Esq., Solicitor.

An Evening at Riverview.

A PLEASANT MEMORY.

Tuesday, May 28, will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present at an entertainment which took place at St. Ignatius' College. Availing ourselves of the kind invitation received, our party started on our trip up the picturesque river. The occasion was an interesting one, as the prizes won at the late regatta were to be awarded. As the fine steamer Lady Rawson glided along, the moon glassed the peaceful waters with silver, and from the window the view was wondrously beautiful, for the long, soft shadows, falling across the waves, formed an exquisite mingling of light and shade. Another picture equally lovely rose before us, as, after landing at the wharf, we ascended the winding paths which led through the spacious gardens (where one might fancy Oberon and Titania holding their court in a flood of moonbeams) till we reached the magnificent college itself. Within the college theatre, after a brief but well-rendered programme by the College Orchestra, the curtain rose on an act of "The Pirates of Penzance," splendidly performed by the students. I will not try to "gild refined gold" by enlarging on the admirable notice which the "Freeman" has already given, except to say that the costuming of the gallant General Stanley's daughters was all that could be desired. A little boy (Master Frank McArdle), as Ruth, displayed great talent. A word of praise must be said for the inspiring manner in which the reverend and accomplished conductor wielded the baton, for much of the success achieved was manifestly due to his care and talent. The opera was so cleverly condensed that all the principal airs were in the one act. The burst of applause which marked the conclusion of the scene was well merited by all concerned.

After happy speeches by the beloved Rector, Very Rev. Father Gartlan, and General Gordon, the Lady Mayoress presented the prizes, adding a graceful word of congratulation to each proud recipient. An adjournment was now made to the great dining-hall, where many tables, richly spread with dainties, afforded another proof of the hospitality and kindness of the good priests of Riverview. Strolling down the grassy slopes which were bathed in a flood of tender radiance, I could not help thinking that even the "palace lifting to eternal summer," which Claude Melnotte destined in fancy for his bride, had here a rival.

Gaining our steamer, a ringing cheer broke from the gratified visitors on board, and the answering chorus from the boys on the wharf died away in the distance as we moved homewards, the moon still shedding her lustre on the lucent waters. As we gently floated swanlike along the moonlit water citywards, the whole thing seemed like an exquisite dream, in which time played no part; and speeding towards home on the tram I was still meditating on the happy evening I had spent, of the splendid training and talent of the boys, and of the many and varied beauties of Australian scenery.

PEGGY O'CONNOR.

University of Sydney.

JUNIOR RESULTS, JULY 25, 1907.

The University Prize for General Proficiency was awarded to JOHN A. FITZ-HERBERT.

Latin.— First Place and Medal
Greek.— First Place and Medal
Arithmetic.—First Place and Medal *(ex aeq.)* } J. A. FITZ-HERBERT.
Algebra.— First Place and Medal

	English.	French.	Latin.	Greek.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	
FITZ-HERBERT, J., Tas. ...	B	A	A (Medal)	A (Medal)	A (Medal)	A (Medal)	A	M
CONLON, V., N.S.W. ...	B	B	B	A	B	A	A	M
RICHARDS, H., N.S.W. ...	B	C	A	B	A	B	A	M
LEONARD, C., N.S.W. ...	A	C	B	B	B	C	A	M
MCCARTHY, J., N.S.W. ...	B	C	B	B	B	C	C	M
BRYANT, G., N.S.W. ...	B	B	A	B	C		B	
MACDONALD, W., N.S.W. ...	B	B	B	B		C	B	
MCARDLE, H., N.Z. ...	B		C	C	C	B	A	
KELLY, B., N.S.W. ...	C	C	B	C	C	C	A	
JOHNSTONE, A., N.Z. ...	C	C	C	B	C	C	B	
Kelly, P., N.Z. ...	B	C	B	B	B			
MCCARTHY, R., N.S.W. ...	C		C			B	A	
BURFITT, C., N.S.W. ...	B		C	not presented	C	C	B	
O'HALLORAN, R., N.S.W. ...	B		B	not presented	C		C	

1223 Candidates from Schools in New South Wales and Queensland presented themselves for the Junior Public Examinations in June, 1907. 804 (65¾ *per cent.*) have passed, and 117 (9½ *per cent.*) have qualified for Section A of Matriculation under the new regulations.

Fourteen boys were sent up from St. Ignatius' College. *All* passed, and *five* qualified for Matriculation. They sent in 96 papers, passing in 85, and securing 18 First Class Honours and 38 Second Class Honours.

THE JUNIOR CLASS, 1906-07.



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Back Row—J. McCarthy, C. Leonard, H. Richards, A. Johnstone, E. O'Halloran, V. Conlon, W. Macdonald.
Second Row—F. McArdle, P. Kelly, C. Burfitt, R. McCarthy.
On Ground—H. Kelly, J. Fitzherbert, B. Bryant.

MUSICALE.

WE dare not hope in gesture or in speech
To soar beyond the carping critic's reach.
But tho' we lack intensity or ease
We'll yield to none in our desire to please.

DURING the two terms which have run their course since the last appearance of OUR ALMA MATER the musical and dramatic tastes of the collegians and their friends have been well catered for. The Riverview stage has a big reputation and it is now our pleasant duty to chronicle three entertainments which are well worthy of the previous success of our reverend stagemaster. We are deeply grateful to himself and his talented staff. Our gratitude is all the greater when we remember that not even the regatta concert—to say nothing of the regatta itself—can ever interfere with the sacred hours of class and study, and in consequence the youthful artists had to devote many hours to preparation and rehearsal while their comrades were enjoying themselves on the College playgrouuds.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Overture—"The Emerald Isle." ... ... *Volti*
College Orchestra.

Song—"Asthore" ... ... *Trotère*
Father C. Delaney, S.J.

Violin Solo—"Tarantelle" ... ... *Papini*
Mr. W. J. Coad.

Song—"The Dear Little Shamrock" ... *Cherry*
Rev. F. X. O'Brien, S.J.

Violin Solo—"Legende Irlandaise" ... *Bohm*
Ernest Turner.

Pianoforte Solo—"Fantasia on Irish Airs" *Haroly*
Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

Hon. Accompanist—Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

"THE HYPOCHONDRIACS."

(A Pathetic Episode.)

Doctor Mulgent (a Distinguished Mental Specialist)
Harold J. Richards

Mr. Fitzfiggins (a Wealthy Merchant)
William Macdonald

Ferdinand Fitzfiggins (his Son) Roger F. Hughes

Dick (Dr. Mulgent's General Man)
Gladstone W. Ward

The Hyphochondriacs:
Dampley — Leslie Quigley
Spoutling — Frederick Fanning
Horatio Hopkins — Emmet O'Halloran
Priscilla Primrose — Rollo Vavasour

Scene—Dr. Mulgent's Consulting Room.

God Save Ireland.

This concert was welcome, not only on account of the day we were celebrating, but also because that festival coincided with the fifth day of a continuous downpour and in consequence the fifth day of a hitherto monotonous indoor existence. The programme, as befitted the occasion, was neatly printed in green and set in a pretty border of shamrocks. The opening part was devoted to Irish items and its success makes us look forward with all the greater pleasure to a thoroughly Irish night, when the new Gaelic movement shall have provided us with a worthy repertoire of varied and high-class Irish pieces.

That fine overture, "The Emerald Isle," gave plenty of scope for our youthful orchestra, and they acquitted themselves

admirably, both as regards technique and feeling. Father Delaney and Mr. O'Brien sang two songs of which the audience did not fail to show its hearty appreciation.

In Papini's "Tarentelle" we had one of those delightfully artistic pieces to which Mr. Coad so often and so kindly treats us. Afterwards Ernest Turner was applauded for his rendering of the weird "Legende Irlandaise," and then Mr. McMenamin concluded the concert programme with a happy "Fantasia on Irish Airs."

The Hypochondriacs has at least one good quality—it is highly amusing. Master Gladstone Ward as "Dick," the general servant in a convalescent home for harmless lunatics, caused hearty laughter, and when Harold Richards appeared on the scene in the character of Doctor Mulgent, a distinguished mental specialist, the uproar increased. Ward showed exceptional powers of acting. His voice carries well, and for modulation left little to be desired. He was calm and easy all through—never nervous though surrounded on all sides by lunatics. When Leslie, who was a good paying patient, arrived on the stage protected by an open umbrella, Ward was prompt to humour him with a copious shower from a watering-can. Under the circumstances it was handy to have another genial lunatic in the person of Fred. Fanning, who thought he was a pump. Rollo Vavasour, as Priscilla Primrose, was quite meteoric, and Emmet O'Halloran, the mad actor, was eloquently insane. Masters Hughes and Macdonald, the representatives of the Fitzfiggins' family, had perhaps the hardest parts to play, and played them very creditably.

The general smash-up at the finish, and especially the well-acted discomfiture of poor Dr. Mulgent will be long remembered by the youthful and delighted audience.

Before passing on to the next entertainment we venture to recommend two things to the attention of the successful actors. The first is not to laugh too much with the audience, and the second is not to make the side-shows so prominent as to withdraw the attention of the audience from the centre-piece.

CONCERT.—APRIL, 1907.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Pianoforte Duet—"La Maxixe" ... *Borel-Clere*
Arthur Turner and René Unger.

Recitation—"Macbeth" (*Act I. Scene V.*) *Shakespeare*
Characters represented { Lady Macbeth / Macbeth }
Mr. T. A. Walsh, S.J.

Pianoforte Solo—"Marche Funèbre" ... *Chopin*
Father Pigot, S.J.

PART II.

"CHISELLING."

Larkspur (a young Sculptor) Clarence W. Bridge
Trotter (His Man-servant) Gladstone W. Ward
Dr. Stonecrop (An Art Connoisseur) Roger F. Hughes
Susan (a General Servant) ... Francis McArdle
Constable Tawkins ... ... John Conrick

SCENE—LARKSPUR'S ART STUDIO.

This most enjoyable concert was given on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. The popular "Le Maxixe," as arranged for a pianoforte duet, was well played by Masters Arthur Turner and Rene Unger, both of whom, and especially the former, give every promise of becoming good pianists. Mr. Walsh's acting of a selection from "Macbeth" was very fine. Those, who were so often spellbound in olden days by Father Pigot's wonderful performances on the piano, will be delighted to hear that his powers of charming are as as potent as ever. His "Marche Funèbre" of Chopin evoked an enthusiastic encore.

The walls of the College Theatre have often resounded with many a hearty laugh, yet none so hearty, we think, ever pealed forth, as during the present performance of that inimitable farce—"Chiselling." Master Clarence Bridge took the part of Larkspur, a promising sculptor, whose affections are centred on the daughter of a well-known art connoisseur, named Stonecrop. Dr. Stonecrop, who was admirably represented in the piece by Master Roger Hughes, is willing to become the father-in-law of Larkspur, on condition that the latter



Photo by] **"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."** [*Hall & Co.*

Regatta Concert, May 28th, 1907.

shall produce a masterpiece in sculpture. This Larkspur has done by carving or purchasing a superb "Alexander." On the morning of the great day, when Dr. Stonecrop was already on his way to the studio to inspect the marble masterpiece, Larkspur's maid of all work precipitated a disaster. Through the injudicious wielding of an energetic duster she bowled the statue over, and the mighty Alexander measured his length and breadth in tiny pieces on the floor.

At that point, and in the sculptor's studio, the farce opens. When the curtain rose, we saw Master Frank McArdle before us in the character of Susan. Then the laughter began, and it continued almost without interruption till the end.

Larkspur enters in frantic grief, and appeals to his trusty man-servant, Mr. Trotter, to personate the demolished warrior. Trotter is forthwith arrayed in classic robes, then rolled in a flour-bin to give him a marblesque appearance, and, finally, when bedecked with a shining helmet, he takes his stand on the vacant pedestal. The learned, but somewhat shortsighted Stonecrop duly arrived and declared himself charmed with the great work of art. In the character of Trotter, Master Gladstone Ward scored a second triumph. His pose under inspection was superb, and when the poor doctor's back was turned, the manœuvres of the masterpiece brought down the house.

The roars of laughter increased in volume when Stonecrop disappeared in search of a chisel, and the statue descended from its pedestal to consume the doctor's lunch and sing a song with Susan. That song, and the indescribably funny dance which accompanied it, earned for the young artists the heartiest *encore* to which we have ever listened.

The approach of Stonecrop compelled the work of art to beat a hasty retreat to its pedestal. Then Doctor entered with hammer and chisel and quietly proceeded to chip some superfluous pieces from the calves of 'Alexander.' The indignant Trotter displayed some of the strength and spirit of his classical namesake. A terrific blow sent Stonecroft rolling in the dust, and Constable Tawkins had to intervene to save the connoisseur from the hands of the fiery statue. When the astonished doctor regained his equilibrium he not only forgave the masterpiece but welcomed as his son-in-law that youthful sculptor whose fertile brain had conceived such a brilliant deception. Thus the scene concluded amid prolonged and well-merited applause.

REGATTA CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Overture—"Invitation à la Valse" ... *Weber*
College Orchestra.

Violin Solo { (*a*) "Le Cygne" ... *Saint Saens*
(*b*) "The Bee" ... *Schubert*
Mr. W. J. Coad.

Song { (*a*) "Bedouin Love Song" ... *Pinsuti*
(*b*) "Charmed Cup" ... *Roeckel*
Mr. W. A. Robyns.

Pianoforte Solo—"La Gaieté" ... *Weber*
Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

Hon. Accompanist—Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA:
"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE;"
or,
"THE SLAVE OF DUTY."

(By arrangement with Mr. J. C. Williamson.)

Major-General Stanley ...	Roger F. Hughes
The Pirate King ...	Henry H. McArdle
Samuel (his Lieutenant)	Emmett O'Halloran
James (a Pirate) ...	Clarence W. Bridge
Frederic (the Pirate Apprentice	William Macdonald
Sergeant of Police ...	Gladstone W. Ward
Mabel } General Stanley's { ...	Carlos J. Gordon
Edith } Daughters { ...	Ewart J. Dinan
Ruth (Pirate Maid of all work)	Francis McArdle

Pirates, Police, and General Stanley's Daughters.

ACT I.—A ROCKY SEASHORE ON THE COAST OF CORNWALL.

(Smith.)

CHORUS.—T. Higgins, R. Barry, B. Veech, G. Malone, J. Conrick, W. Kelly, L. Elliott, T. Payten, F. Fanning, J. Cosgrove, R. Unger, B. Johnstone, W. Allen, C. Rorke, A. Mann, J. Deery, C. Bryant, J. McBride, R. Macken, F. Kinkead, N. Chester, E. Keenan, J. Bridge, A. Moran, R. McFarlane, C. Williams, D. Roth, C. Bridge, S. Macdonnell, G. Vavasour.

Costumes by Batham. *Electrical Effects by Olsen.*

DISTRIBUTION OF REGATTA PRIZES.

The regatta concert is one of the great social events of the year at Riverview, and, during the weeks which precede it,

many a play-hour is spent in arduous rehearsal. This year some distant strains of "Tarantara" and other well-known airs revealed the fact that our juvenile artists were preparing "The Pirates of Penzance." The delightful humour of Gilbert, and the exquisite melodies of Sullivan, have a perennial charm and freshness. As rendered on our College stage, they have excited the admiration of the big crowds who flock to Riverview twice or thrice a year to see the school-boys play. The night of the 28th of May was exceptionally mild, and, with the moon at the full, the river trip must have been quite romantic. Up on the College grounds the scene was enlivened by the merry chatter of the arriving guests. Please don't ask us "who were there?" It is too large an order to comply with. Our theatre accommodation was taxed to the utmost; every seat found an occupant, and the boys were glad to avail themselves of whatever standing room remained at the end of the hall.

The programme was elaborate and dainty. The overture by the orchestra was particularly pleasing. "Le Cygne" and "The Bee," two violin solos by Mr. W. J. Coad, the leader of the orchestra, were remarkable for their delicacy and sweetness. Then Mr. W. A. Robyns sang the charming "Bedouin Love Song," and Mr. J. H. McMenamin concluded the opening part of the programme with a brilliant rendering of "La Gaieté," which was cordially appreciated.

Then the time had come for the Pirates to appear. When the curtain was rung up, we beheld a pretty scene on the rock-bound Cornish coast, and in the foreground a score of pirates in picturesque attire. Ruth, the piratical maid of all work, was represented by Master Frank McArdle, who captivated his audience from the start. Down at the back of the hall we could hear distinctly every word of the pretty song, in which he told of Frederic's apprenticeship to the pirates. The part of the pirate king was then taken by Master Frank's elder brother, whose fine round baritone was heard to great advantage in "The Pirate King," and also in "Go to Sea," a piece which was happily introduced for him. General Stanley's delightful bevy of daughters took the house by storm, and were greeted with rounds of applause, especially in the concluding chorus, "Oh, where is the wandering one to-night?" Their make-up was admirable, and, when the policemen, headed by Sergeant Ward, joined them in the dance, the audience was immensely amused, and insisted on an encore. Masters Roger Hughes and Willie Macdonald are quite at home in light opera, but we have rarely seen them to better advantage than as the Major-General and the Apprentice in the "Pirates of Penzance." In conclusion, we must offer a full and hearty meed of praise to the Rev. T. A. Walsh, S.J., and to the kind friends, who so generously assisted him.



Second Division in Session.

AN INTERESTING AND AMUSING DISCUSSION.

President: REV. T. A. WALSH, S.J.
Committee: W. MACDONALD, J. DEERY, J. A. FITZ-HERBERT.

GOVERNMENT.

MR. MACDONALD, Premier.
MR. BRYANT, Minister for Works.
MR. WARD, Minister for Education.
MR. ROBINSON, Minister for Customs.
MR. MACKEN, Minister for Railways.
MR. GORDON, Minister for Lands.

OPPOSITION.

MR. DEERY, Leader.
MR. FITZ-HERBERT (member for Tasmania).
MR. McDONNELL (member for Mosman).
MR. ELLIOTT (member for Melbourne).
MR. MALONE (member for Narrabri).
MR. RYAN (member for Kiama).

MR. MACDONALD proposed as motion for discussion that—"Kings and emperors are better suited than temporary presidents to guide the destinies of nations." That sounds grand, and has the additional advantage of embracing the whole world, from London to Tokio, and from Petersburg to 'Frisco. The various debaters set off promptly on a series of circular tours, and it is not altogether miraculous that they rarely met on any common ground.

The PREMIER must have travelled at the expense of the ratepayers, for his trip was the most extended of the lot. He began with a tour of his native land, which he found bathed in sunshine under the genial rule of Edward the Seventh. Then he set sail from Australian shores to travel far and wide in search of other monarchies and empires. Germany, Holland, Austria, Belgium, and Japan were all included in the Government programme.

We notice, however, that the wily Premier steered clear of Nicholas II. and Abdul the D——, and when being entertained in the Belgian capital he forgot to question King Leopold about the happiness of his royal treasure on the Congo. Alphonso, too, was not receiving visitors just then, being busy, doubtless, in the construction of a bomb-proof palace.

Next MR. DEERY gave us a full and graphic account of many happy republics in the two hemispheres. Thus far, however, both the imperial and presidential parties are fighting shy of Mexico and South America. That is strange, considering that presidents and emperors are so eagerly sought after over there. They are highly prized as targets in the local shooting competitions. 'Tis said that the supply of presidents is rapidly diminishing, and that the list of emperors was quite exhausted by the sudden death of Maximilian in 1867.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION was also of opinion that both men and nations should be at liberty to choose their own heads. This would result in a charming variety of aesthetic head-pieces.

MR. BRYANT, in a pretty speech, lauded the great Napoleon as the saviour of France. The Minister for Works also told us that he had held a brief, but eminently satisfactory conversation with Alfred the Great, and was warned by Thucydides to beware of intolerable republics.

MR. FITZHERBERT is usually an enthusiastic royalist. Imagine our surprise when he rose to address the House from the Radical side. He visited the Sultan, and assisted at the Armenian atrocities. Aghast at the horrors of the unspeakable Turk, he fled in haste across the Russian frontier. It was out of the fire into the frying pan. Should Mr. Fitzherbert's vigorous diatribe against the mighty Czar be transmitted to the Russian capital we

are afraid that our honorable and learned member will find himself immured for life in some frosty Siberian stronghold.

MR. ROBINSON'S address was simple, brief, and well spoken. During a flying visit to the Transvaal he became aware of the fact that the inhabitants of that region had recently exchanged their republic for a monarchy. He failed to mention whether the change was made of their own free will, but he evidently had some doubts on the point, as he says the subject of the present debate is usually discussed in blood. The second divisioners, he was glad to say, were only called on to wield that womanly weapon—talk.

We had another successful maiden orator in MR. MACDONNELL. Notwithstanding the Premier's much admired poetic rhapsody on royal blood and ancestral escutcheons, the present member was not quite convinced that a man was fit to guide a nation's destiny merely because his great-grandfather wore either a golden or an iron crown.

MR. WARD'S eulogy on the vast resources, mighty power, and undoubted superiority of England's empire might be envied even by his distinguished paternal relative. France, he said, had sadly declined under the republican regime, while united Germany was making rapid strides under an able imperial ruler. The honorable member's eloquent and forceful speech was deservedly applauded.

MR. ELLIOTT travels by night. He has solved the great problem of aerial navigation, and passed through 'Frisco to New York at celestial speed. To judge by his eloquence on American doings and prospects he must have been royally entertained by some of the great financial magnates. The member for Melbourne is very popular in the House, though some of the Premier's colleagues are inclined to think that his eloquent periods are mostly moonshine.

The Minister for Railways (MR. MACKEN), in a felicitous maiden speech, referred to the iniquitous farming of votes which precedes so many presidential elections. He expressed himself as fairly satisfied about the stability of the Petrine dynasty, and may have some valuable improvements to suggest in the course of his next interview with the Pope.

MR. MALONE (the member for Narrabri) is a pronounced Radical. He has little faith in the kingly principle of heredity, and when the House resolves itself into Committee on Supply he will propose more rigid economy in the matter of royal salaries.

The Minister for Lands (MR. GORDON) is no lover of republican methods. He considers that America's finance is shady, that America's elections are seething with bribery, and that Americans themselves are eminently conceited. The French Republic, he said, was born amid anarchy, ruin, and bloodshed, and like the Roman Republic of bygone days, it shall end in confusion and disaster.

MR. RYAN was delayed in starting on his tour of the globe. He had some trouble with the Latin maxim, "Ex nihilo nihil fit." We can quite appreciate his trouble if that ablative case referred to the state of his purse, and the rest had reference to his prospective trip. In olden days a certain stately Roman was told by one of his philosopher friends that it was impossible to walk across a room since to do so he must first cross half of it and then half of the reminder, and so on "in aeternum." The stately Roman arose from his couch, and having stalked majestically across the room, he proudly proclaimed, "Solvitur ambulando." The member for Kiama could scarcely be expected to solve his financial difficulty by walking to America. But he got there somehow, and returned to Australia convinced that neither kingdoms nor empires could ever compete with that prince of republics.

Was the debate a success? Gentle reader, that is a very delicate matter. If we were to tell you what we think we might be prosecuted for libel. Suffice it to say that the utility of the mere womanly weapon became exhausted when Mr. Ward had asserted that the Opposition arguments were nothing more than "tiny ripples beating against an adamantine rock," and Mr. Deery had aptly retorted that the Government assertions were but "a silver stream of words running through a desert of fallacy."

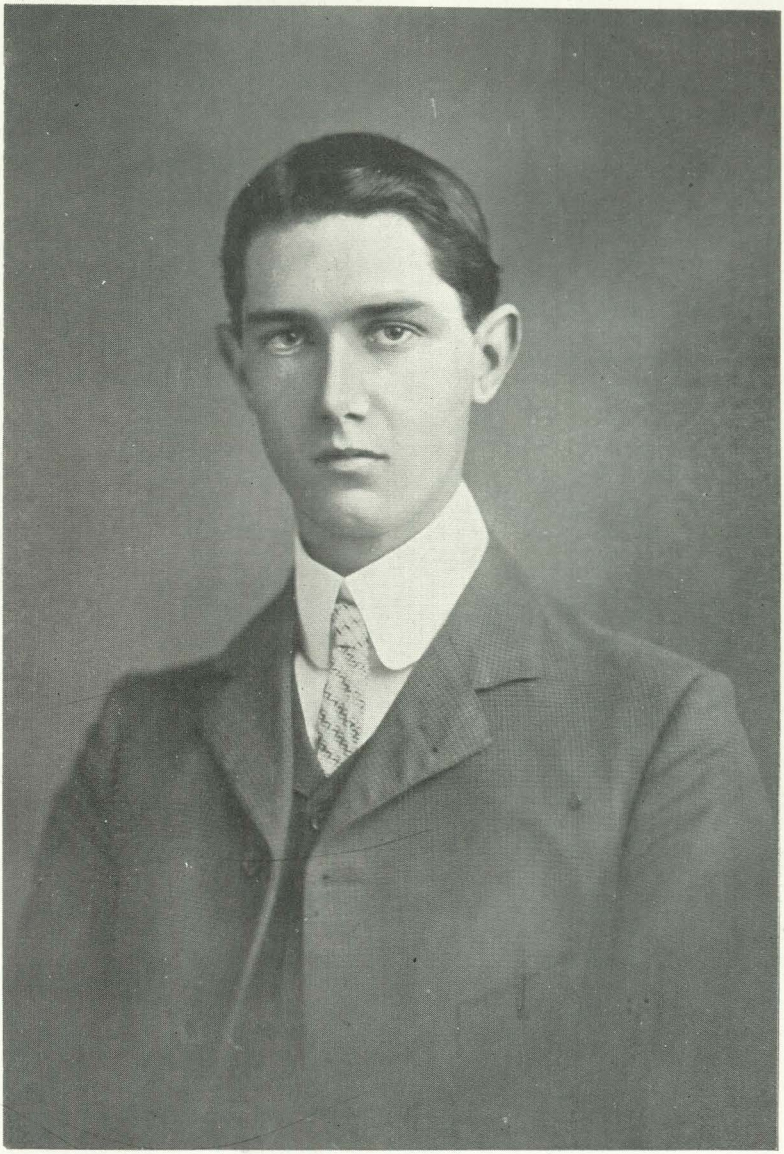


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In 1905 and 1906 he divided with F. R. Jordan, Esq., the Wigram Allen and G. M. Harris Scholarships for Roman, Constitutional and International Law. In 1907 he gained his LL.B. Degree with First Class Honours and was awarded the University Gold Medal for Greatest Proficiency.

The Great Public Schools' Rowing Championship.

AN EASY VICTORY FOR ST. IGNATIUS'.

Officials.

Committee—A. D. HALL, Esq.; B. A. McBRIDE, Esq.; BROTHER SEBASTIAN; W. H. SAVIGNY, Esq.
Umpire—H. HORNIMAN, Esq. Judge—N. J. McDONALD, Esq.
Starter—J. McGREGOR, Esq. Timekeeper—J. BLACKMORE, Esq.
Hon Sec.—H. MARKS, Esq.

THE fourteenth annual race for the championship of the river was rowed on the Parramatta during the last week of April. School supporters were present in great crowds, St. Joseph's sporting their colours on the water for the first time.

From the rowing standpoint the weather was not ideal. There was a strong west wind sweeping down the river, and in consequence we had plenty of lumpy water. At the last moment the officials were tempted to change the course, and row the race "down" instead of "up," but by that time the various crews were already at the starting point.

For youthful oarsmen in fragile racers the prospect was not a pleasant one. However, they were the best crews that had appeared for years, and were not to be easily daunted by the dangers of a swamp and a swim. During the days which followed the Sydney papers referred in laudatory terms to the "heaps of grit" which the boys showed in their battle through the waves.

The crews were as follows:—

St. Ignatius' College (J. Conrick, 11st. 9lb.; C. Veech, 10st. 9lb.; J. Fernandos, 11st.; J. Carlton, 12st. 3lb. (stroke), A. Kelly (cox) 1

Sydney Grammar School (C. W. Robson, 10st. 6lb.; R. C. Stephen, 10st. 10lb.; A. T. Woodruff, 11st. 7lb.; J. R. Garland, 10st. 3lb., stroke); L. J. Boone (cox)..... 2

Sydney Church of England Grammar School C. H. Edwards, 9st. 11lb.; D. Williams, 9st. 9lb.; A. H. Cox, 10st. 4lb.; C. L. Wilcox, 10st. 11lb., stroke); J. H. Newmarch, (cox) 3

St. Joseph's College (A. Buckley, 10st.; C. Eccleston, 11st. 5lb.; E. Fahey, 13st. 10lb.; R. Surtess, 11st. 5lb., stroke); T. Healy (cox) 4

Our own crew on the north side and partly sheltered from the wind had the best place. North Shore were on our left, with St. Joseph's and Sydney Grammar well over towards the South. After some delay a good start was effected, North Shore jumping off in the lead, closely followed by St. Ignatius', while Sydney Grammar were just behind St. Joseph's.

St. Ignatius' were soon on even terms with North Shore, and rowing splendidly they passed Gladesville in 1min. 42sec. from the start, with a lead of a quarter of a length. St. Joseph's were holding Sydney Grammar, who rowed a game race in a bad position. Off Cabarita St. Joseph's dropped astern, and the Grammar crew shot ahead in chase of the leaders.

Carlton was stroking the Riverview crew in fine style, and being powerfully supported by Fernandos, Veech, and Conrick, forged rapidly ahead. At Tennyson we were leading by three lengths, with Arthur Kelly steering an admirable course. Meanwhile Sydney Grammar were getting in some good work, and being sheltered by the Gasworks, Garland forced the pace. They had now no hope of overhauling St. Ignatius', but a battle royal ensued between the two Grammar Schools, and the rival barrackers had a lively time of it. When Sydney Grammar had gained a clear length North Shore spurted. This was a grand effort by Willcox, and well supported, but it came too late.

The steamer "Rose," with the St. Ignatius' boys and many friends on board was

anchored in the old place near the finish. Early in the year we had promised Carlton that if his crew regained the premiership for Riverview we should make the Parramatta ring with many a joyous cheer. Our promise, we think, was faithfully fulfilled.

The fault is not ours if the fishes round Putney Point have yet recovered from the terrific shock of deafening cheers and the din of triumphant steamer whistlings.

"A victory for St. Ignatius' by five lengths," such was the judge's verdict,

SECOND CREWS.

Course: From Gladesville to Putney.

Sydney Grammar School (W. E. David, G. P. Arnold, R. W. Street, A. H. K. Bray, stroke), C. Bacon (cox) 1

St. Ignatius' College (H. McArdle, H. Rorke, P. Kelly, C. Burfitt, stroke), F. Kinkead (cox) 2

Sydney Church of England Grammar School R. H. Hutson, B. C. Pockley, J. B. Garden, C. W. Snook (stroke), B. N. Wells (cox) 3

Our second crew made a bold bid for the Yaralla Cup. They started off at a grand pace, and when nearing Cabarita were several lengths ahead. Number 2 and number 3 were showing particularly good form, but the long, steady stroke of the Sydney Grammar crew was better suited to the troubled waters. At Tennyson they drew up level, and keeping up a nice even swing, won easily by three lengths. S.C.E.G.S. had hard luck through their stroke crabbing in some extra rough water. They rowed gamely towards the end.

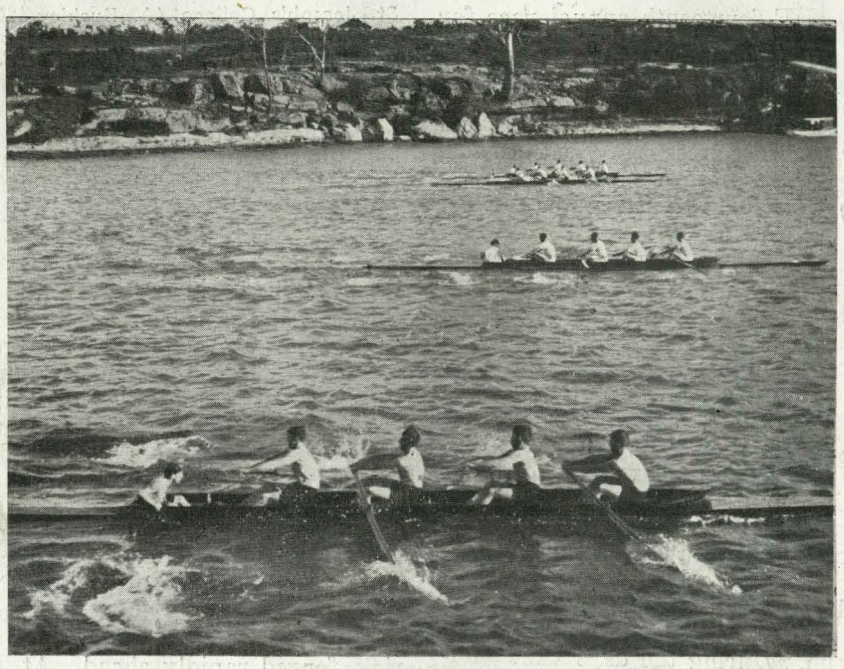


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St. Ignatius' in the Foreground.

and then that gallant four pulled back beside the "Rose" to be greeted with another and prolonged outburst of heartiest applause. "Well rowed, lads." "Hip-hooray for Carlton, Conrick, Veech, and Fernandos." Arthur Kelly got a royal salute from the excited youngsters, and all united in a vigorous cheer for Stanbury, the champion sculler, who had coached the winning crew. Thus the coveted Rennie trophy comes back to Riverview for the fourth time.

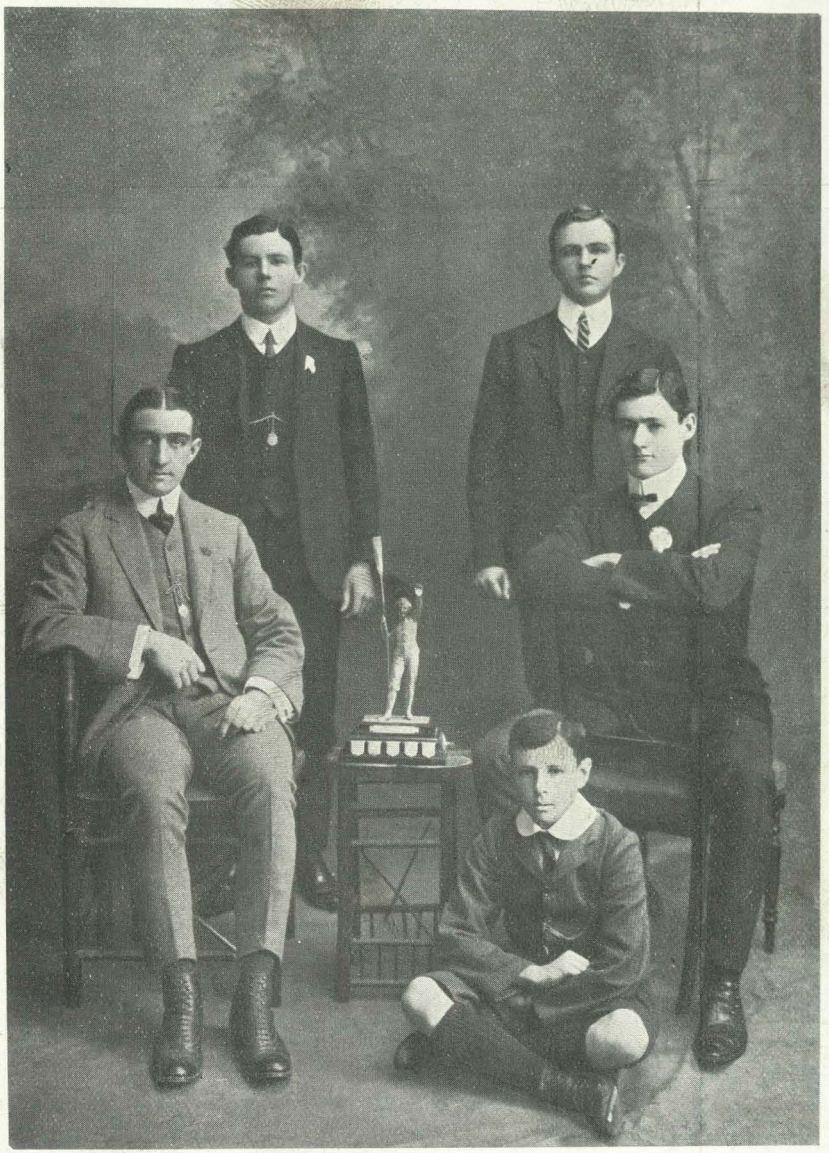


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C. Veech. J. Conrick.

J. Fernandos. A. Kelly (cox.) J. Carlton (str.)

WINNERS OF THE GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP, 1907.

A. M. D. G.

OUR SODALITIES.

SODALITY OF OUR LADY.

President: REV. J. HASSETT, S.J.

Prefect: PATRICK KELLY.

Council: FRANK HUGHES, ARTHUR COX, CHARLES BURFITT, CHRIS. VEECH, HAROLD RORKE.

The recent Decree of Our Holy Father the Pope on the subject of frequent, and even daily Communion, has met with a warm response amongst the Sodalists. Between 30 and 40 immediately availed themselves of the great privilege, and approach the Altar every morning.

We trust that even still more in the future will be ranked amongst the daily Communicants; for no practice can tend more efficaciously to sow deep in their souls the seeds of sanctification, springing up to life eternal.

It is well for candidates to realise that a Sodality aims, above all, at being a body of *elite*, of men or boys, as the case may be, who will not content themselves with an unproductive passivity, but who will be zealous co-operators in the great work of the Spiritual Kingdom.

SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

President: REV. G. BYRNE, S.J.

Prefect: BASIL BRYANT.

Council: JACK FITZ-HERBERT, WILLIE MACDONALD, BRYDEN JOHNSTONE, KEVIN RYAN, CECIL LEONARD.

On Whit Sunday the following boys were received into the Sodality of the Holy Angels:

G. Ward, G. Malone, S. McDonnell, L. Elliott, C. O'Hare.

And, on the following Sunday, V. Conlon, J. McCarthy, and R. McCarthy were received into Our Lady's Sodality.

Midwinter Examinations.

SENIOR CLASS.

R. F. Hughes—1st in Aggregate, Greek, Latin, Higher English, Ancient History, French.
H. Rorke—1st in Chemistry, Religious Knowledge, Geometry, Trigonometry, Science, 2nd in Aggregate.
C. Bridge—1st in Algebra, Conics, English, 3rd in Aggregate.

JUNIOR CLASS.

(PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.)

II.—GRAMMAR.

K. Ryan—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, Greek, Latin, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.
G. Dalton—1st in Ancient History, 2nd in Aggregate.
J. Deery—1st in Essay, 3rd in Aggregate.
S. Ryan—1st in Science, English.
R. Unger—1st in French.

III. GRAMMAR.

S. McDonnell—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, English.
C. Robinson—1st in Greek, Essay, Ancient History, 2nd in Aggregate.
E. Dinan—1st in Latin, French, 3rd in Aggregate.
N. Chester—1st in Algebra, Geometry.
M. Ryan—1st in History, Geography.
D. Foy—1st in Chemistry.
N. Sharpe—1st in Arithmetic.
G. Malone—4th in Aggregate.

RUDIMENTS A.

W. Dalton—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge English.
H. Rausch—1st in French, 2nd in Aggregate.
A. Moran—1st in Essay, 3rd in Aggregate.
C. Williams—1st in History, Geography.
W. Allen—1st in Latin.
L. Quigley—1st in Arithmetic.
W. Bridge—4th in Aggregate.

RUDIMENTS B.

E. Keenan—1st in Essay, 1st in Aggregate.
H. M. McCarthy—1st in Latin, English, 2nd in Aggregate.
S. McDermott—1st in Essay, 3rd in Aggregate.
W. McDonnell—1st in Religious Knowledge, 4th in Aggregate.
A. Pelletier—1st in French.
H. Regan—1st in Dictation, Arithmetic.

ELEMENTS.

N. Macken—1st in Religious Knowledge, Reading, Dictation, 2nd in Aggregate.
B. Payten—1st in Aggregate, Geography.
C. Burke—1st in Poetry, Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic, 3rd in Aggregate
H. Bowler—4th in Aggregate.



St. Ignatius' College Rowing Club.

21st ANNUAL REGATTA.

Officials of the Club.

President.—VERY REV. T. GARTLAN, S.J.

Captain.—J. CARLTON.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.—REV. J. CORBOY, S.J.

Committee.—REV. J. S. BOURKE, S.J., MR. B. A. McBRIDE, MR. F. W. DONOVAN, MR. N. J. McDONALD, J. CARLTON, C. VEECH, J. CONRICK, J. JOHNSTONE, B. BRYANT, J. McCARTHY, A. KELLY, C. BRYANT, F. McARDLE.

OPEN RACES.

Starter.—J. DEGOTARDI, ESQ. Umpire.—N. J. McDONALD, ESQ.

Judge.—V. HORNIMAN, ESQ. Timekeeper.—F. W. DONOVAN, ESQ.

COLLEGE RACES.

Starter.—REV. F. X. O'BRIEN, S.J. Judge.—REV. P. DWYER, S.J.

Umpire.—REV. J. CORCORAN, S.J.

THE St. Ignatius' College people (says the "Sunday Sun") seem to control the weather—at least, on regatta days. For a couple of days previous to yesterday rain fell and gales blew viciously, but yesterday the sun peeped through the clouds, winds eased off, and it was, with the exception of the cold, one of those ideal regatta days with which the Riverview students have long since been especially favored.

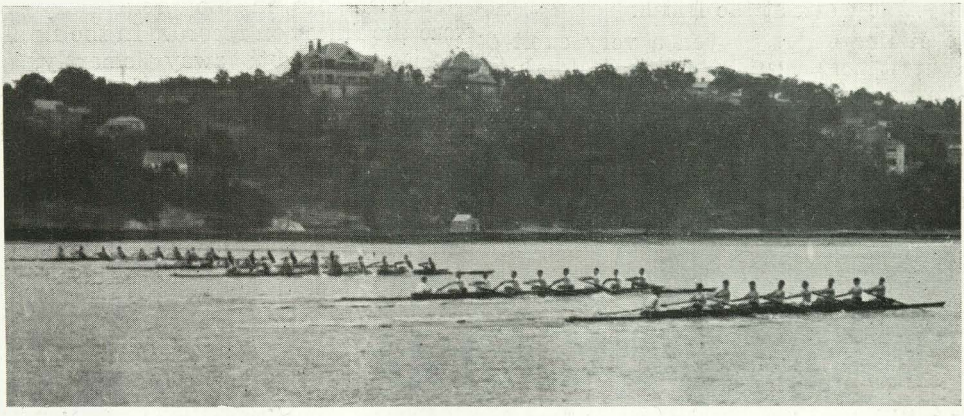
With the tide at top flood, the picturesque college grounds looked well-nigh at their best. Instead of the usual brilliant sight of the multi-colored dresses of the ladies adding to the brilliancy of the scene winter dresses, furs, and muffs were in evidence. Still everybody was high-spirited, the racing was excellent, and the sight on the river just as bright as in former years.

Very few rowing courses are so beautifully situated as that of St. Ignatius'. Riverview is a perfect place from which to witness a regatta. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine anything better. Along the shore line there is room for thousands of people, and all can see and understand what is going on. The crews race close by, and the contests from start to finish can be watched with a degree of comfort which cannot be equalled elsewhere. On the higher grounds of Riverview, and on the roof of the great college buildings, there are always some hundreds of visitors, who cannot fail to appreciate the many advantages which Riverview possesses as an aquatic grandstand.

There were "old boys" everywhere. The familiar faces of Frank Donovan and B. A. McBride (the chief organisers of the function), Tom Dalton, W. T. Coyle, J. T. McCarthy, H. Lenehan, Arthur Deery afloat, and a heap of others ashore, all just as interested as in the day when they were college lads themselves, were all to be seen yesterday. Besides there were many distinguished visitors, including the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and party, who were ashore during the best part of the afternoon. Again there were many old rowing men present, and the keen interest taken in the racing was never exceeded by those on the umpire's launch Eva, which carried the officials and many others, including Dr. A. Burne, Dr. P. J. Kelly, Major Fanning, Messrs. S. Gerber, J. Goodsir, J. C. Scott, T. Mitchell, J. McGregor, J. Blackman, and others.

All the rowing clubs manifested unbounded interest in the function. The members of many clubs make Riverview their venue for every week-end, and for years have spent some happy hours there. If we did not know that the metropolitan clubs bore such hearty goodwill to St. Ignatius and its wearers of white and blue we should be inclined to say that the success of our regatta was calculated to rouse the spirit of green-eyed jealousy.

This year the scene on the river was exceptionally animated. There were sailing yachts and steam launches, motor boats, and ferry steamers; there were racing craft of every size, from single sculls to senior eights; there were pretty canoes and ugly canoes, canoes that capsized and canoes that didn't capsize; boats pulled by ladies and boats pulled by men, and boats pulled by boys and boats full of babies—babies that laughed and babies that didn't. Organisers of aquatic carnivals who want to know how the thing was done are recommended to apply to F. W. Donovan, Esq., of the firm of Freehill and Donovan, Moore-street, City.



Regatta Day, 1907. Start of the Riverview Eights.

The sport was eminently successful, full of interest to the spectators, and admirably managed in every detail. The college lads raced among themselves in pairs, fours, treble-scullers, and six-oared skiffs. The several contests were entered into with the greatest vigor and enthusiasm. The youngsters strained every nerve to gain the coveted prizes, and their spirited efforts were eagerly applauded by thousands of deeply-interested spectators. The chief event for the students was the College Fours. Two good crews made a fine race of it for the gold medals. A few days previously Riverview had won the All Schools' Championship, of which the lads and their friends were very proud. The

winners took part in some of the open races.

There were four races open to all the associated clubs, of which St. Ignatius' is one. Considerable interest centred around the Maiden Fours, because in this event our second crew had a further opportunity of meeting the Sydney Grammar crew, which won the Yaralla Cup. Mercantile, Glebe, University, and Enterprise had also entered for the race. A start was made while some of the crews were too close together. Then a foul occurred, and the umpire recalled the boats. The Enterprise boat had been damaged, and did not restart. It was a grand race all the way, nearly every crew led in turn, and Sydney Grammar put in some exceptionally fine work at the finish.

The Junior Fours proved a very exciting contest between University, Balmain, and Sydney. The fourth team did not do too well, being in a strange boat. Randal V. McDonnell, our popular ex-student of last year, was stroke of the University Four, and when his grand struggle with the Sydney crew was at its height the excitement on the college wharf became intense.

During the past 14 years the battle for the hundred guinea gold Challenge Cup has been the classic event of the Riverview regatta. This year our fixture coincided with the intercolonial contest, and on the recommendation of the inter-State selectors the committe decided to row an invitation eights instead. The entries were immense, and the five crews were arranged by the selectors themselves. It was a happy idea of the committee to supply the various teams with brilliant and distinctive colors. The result was a veritable triumph for the organisers, and will not be easily eclipsed. "It was a splendid sight," says a Sydney paper. "The collegians never programmed a better contest."

Mr. McBride and the Rev. J. Corboy, S.J., had a busy time of it at the senior boatshed while the various crews were being boated for the fray. Previous to the eight-oared race the pontoon was exceptionally congested, and we have nothing but praise for those able and courteous marshals. Half a dozen lengthy eight-oared racers, with their accompaniment of oars and oarsmen, are somewhat difficult to handle, but Mr. McBride assures us that his delicate task was rendered comparatively easy owing to the willing assistance of the University and other clubs.

Our best thanks are due to Messrs. L. and A. Davies, whose champion motor boat Fairbanks gave some surprising exhibitions of speed during the afternoon.

CLUB EVENTS.

Senior Pairs. Prize—Gold Medals.

The "Melbourne"—E. Shiel, V. Conlon (str.), L. Quigley (cox.) 1
The "Sydney"—E. Quigley, Jas. Dalton (str.), C. Bridge (cox.) 2

The finishes in the preliminary heats were the finest on record. In the final the two crews got away smartly, and continued on even terms for some time. Passing the senior boatshed the Melbourne was leading by a length. C. Bridge and L. Quigley were manipulating the ropes and shaking up their men in grand style. Dalton responded only two willingly, and broke an oar. Conlon took a more placid view of the situation, and won the medals.

College Fours. Prize—Gold Medals.

Light Blue—E. Dandison, B. Veech, F. Fanning, L. Veech (str.), L. Cranney (cox.) 1
Royal Blue—R. McCarthy, H. Richards, A. Turner, T. Higgins (str.), J. McBride (cox.) 2

The committee are to be congratulated on the selection of the crews. The Light Blues were better trained, but lighter men. Rowing a neat and solid stroke, the brothers Veech drew ahead from the very mark, and leading all the way, won by a length. We expect to find Bryan Veech competing for championship honors next year.

II. Division Six Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

The "Loyola"—W. Macdonald, E. Turner, W. Allen, B. Johnstone, R. Ward (str.), S. Ryan (cox.) 1
The "Madonna"—J. Deery, T. Payten, D. Foy, B. Bryant, A. Mann, P. de Lepervanche (cox.) 2

The semi-finals had all gone to the "Loyola," and there was an impression that the "Madonna' could not win unless the rival boat were handicapped. "Put a

fat boy in your bow as ballast," said the despondent pinks. "I reckon," replied one of the favorites, "McKillop might like a cheap ride, but you won your semi-final in the "Loyola" without ballast, and why should we be handicapped?" The "Loyola" won by two lengths.

II. Division Four Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

Pink—C. McKillop, S. McDonnell, C. Gordon (str.), S. McDermott (cox.) 1

Canary—T. Bolger, C. O'Hare, Theo. O'Hare (str.), H. McEvoy (cox.) 2

Royal Blue—M. Bolger, R. Quigley, N. Chester (str.), N. Sharpe (cox.) 3

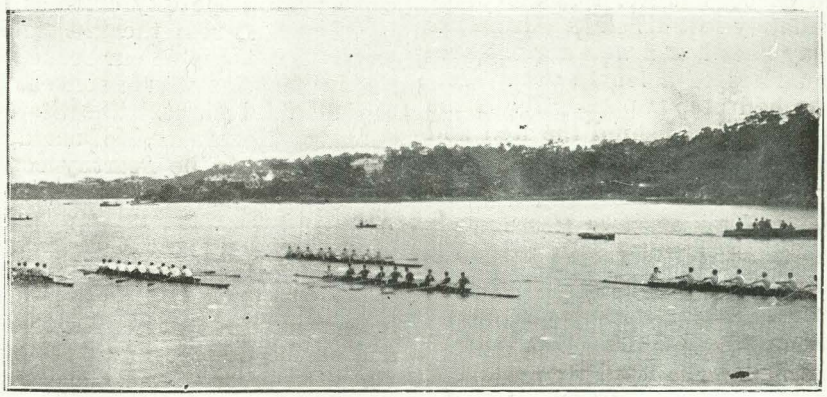
The Canaries were favorites, but it was known that the Royal Blues were in good form, and report said the Pinks had done the course in best time. The pace was fast, and the racing exciting. Bow in the Canary crew was using his strength to great advantage, though the style was not attractive. The favorites were leading when their strong man slipped his footboard. Theo. uttered a despairing cry, which reached the ears of the wily captain of the Pinks. The latter called on his men, and though McKillop was as fagged as if he had finished a two hours' exam., there were still a few ounces of strength left to respond to the captain's call. The excitement on the college wharf was immense, and high above the din soared the voice of Ward as he cheered McKillop to victory.

III. Division Six Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

The "Loyola"—L. Cranney, B. Bowler, E. Keenan, F. McArdle, J. McBride, C. C. Bryant, F. McDermott (cox.) 1

The "Madonna"—H. Rausch, W. McDonnell, A. Moran, V. Bowler, A. Kelly, C. Williams, R. McFarlane (cox.) 2

The position of the rowlocks in the "Madonna" had been altered, and it was hoped that in this race with the hitherto unbeaten "Loyola" the spell of disaster might be broken. Arthur Kelly's crew rowed a fine race, and their cox. steered a much better course than his rival, but their brilliant efforts were in vain. Bow unshipped his oar, and the "Loyola" was again victorious.



Riverview Eights passing the College Wharf.

OPEN EVENTS.

Maiden Fours.

Prize—The Magnus-Mercantile Trophy and Gold Medals.

Course—From Gale-street to Judge's Boat.

Sydney Grammar School—W. E. David, G. P. Arnold, K. W. Street, A. H. K. Bray, C. Bacon (cox.) 1

Mercantile R.C.—A. G. Gilchrist, R. A. Cohen, E. F. P. Bower, A. E. Dyer, H. Deane (cox.) 2

Glebe R.C.—R. S. Walker, W. Bass, A. M. Merrington, W. L. Ada, R. Graham (cox.) 3

University R.C. 4

St. Ignatius' R.C. 5

Won by three-quarters of a length. Only a foot between second and third. Time, 6min. 53 3-5sec.

Balmain did not face the starter, but the other six crews were sent away to a fine start. They were too close, however, and two or three of the crews fouled off Longueville, Enterprise boat being holed, and the canvas on Mercs.' boat being split. The crews were recalled, but Enterprise could not start. The remaining five crews were sent away again, and it was a ding-dong race for half the journey, when Glebe began to draw out. They were tackled by Grammar School, and a splendid race ensued. University, who were doing well, lost a lot by wide steering. Grammar School, rowing a dashing race, overhauled Glebe, but No. 2 in the Glebe boat immediately lost his slide. Grammar slipped away ahead, and won a great race by three-quarters of a length from Mercantile, who had crept up smartly. Glebe were only a few feet behind the Red and Whites.

Handicap Sculls.

Prize. The Butcher Gold Medal.

Course—Gale-street to Judge's Boat.

E. Vass (Glebe R.C.), 11st., 5sec..... 1
F. White (Sydney R.C.), 10st., 15sec..... 2
W. E. G. Green (Mercantile R.C.), 11st., 15sec. 3
J. F. McNeill (Enterprise R.C.), 11st., scr.... 4

Won by two lengths, with five lengths between White and Green. Time, 2min. 9 2-5sec.

V. G. Rush (Mercantile) was entered, but did not start. The race resolved itself into a hard tussle between Green and White, and the pair had it all their own way until nearing the College grounds. Here Vass, who was by far the best sculler in the race, came up fast, and passing White went after Green, who was now leading. He wore Green down, and won nicely. White came at Green again, and also beat him home. McNeill, the scratch man, was game enough, but knows naught of the art of sculling. The boat Vass won in was the first sculling boat built by the "famous" Sammy Williams, of crack sailing boat-building fame, and was handed to Vass only a month ago. She weighs but 23lb. fitted up.

Riverview Eights.

Prize—Trophies, value Eight Guineas.

Course—Gale-street Wharf to Judge's Boat.

Pink—J. Conrick, T. Cronin, A. Willis, A. Dennis, R. Golding, E. Keary, J. Fernandos, C. Nicholson (str.), A. E. Sewell (cox.) 1
Red—H. Hinds, C. Veech, H. May, T. Beaver, G. Dight, E. Kenny, H. Johnson, R. Bray (str.), F. Busby (cox.)..... 2
Royal Blue—W. A. Deacon's crew..... 3
White—J. Carlton's crew..... 4
Light Blue—W. J. Furlong's crew..... 5

During the years which have elapsed since the inauguration of the Riverview regatta there have been many grand aquatic contests on the Lane Cove River, but for downright spirited and delightfully picturesque racing the present one has never been excelled. In the days which followed its success was a common topic among the city clubs as in the College halls. From the illustrations which we publish those of our readers who were not present may form some faint idea of the splendid sight. The State selectors, Messrs. Horniman, McDonald, and McGregor, are to be heartily congratulated on the arrangement of the various crews. The distinctive colors, said to be the gift of a friend of the College, added immensely to the charm and interest of the race. The start was capital, and the pace a cracker. Along the Riverview foreshore and on the College wharf the hum of conversation ceased. Every eye was fixed on the five boats as bow to bow they came sweeping grandly down the broad stretch of sunlit river. It was only when the senior boatshed was nearly reached that the cry arose, "The Pinks are leading." Nicholson's crew, well stroked and admirably coxed, had gained a length, and by hard work they kept it to the finish. The other four were close behind, and had Deacon's boat been kept on a better course they must have made things merry for the winners. Two of our own boys, Conrick and Fernandos, were in the winning boat, which was admirably steered by Sewell, the crack Glebe coxswain, who has thus piloted four open crews to victory in rapid succession.

Junior Fours.

Prize—The Albert Nash Trophy and Gold Medals

University B.C.—L. B. Rudder, B. Chapman, W. Martin, R. V. MacDonnell (str.), A. Bundock (cox.) 1

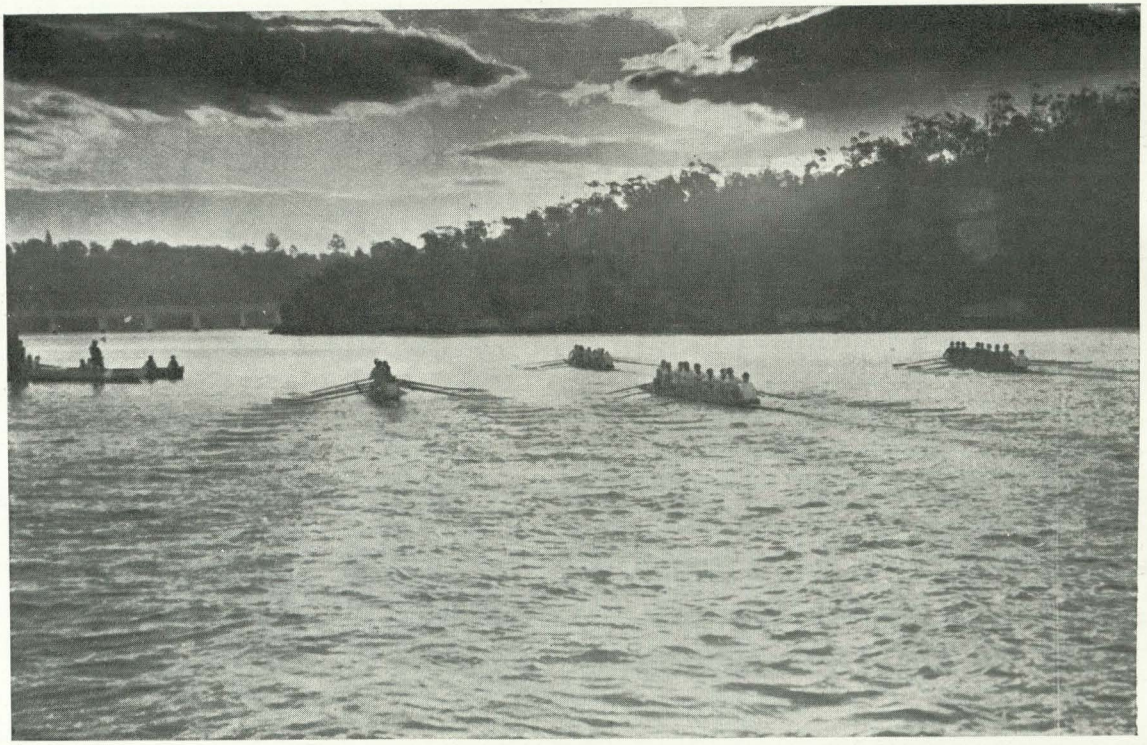


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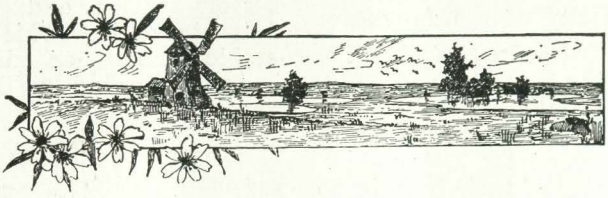
Sydney R.C.—F. Robinson, D. Henderson, J. Scott, S. Irving (str.), G. Linedley (cox.) 2
Balmain R.C. 3
Enterprise R.C. 4

Enterprise soon dropped back, but Balmain rowed a plucky stern chase. It was the hard and exciting struggle between the University and Sydney crews which will cause this race to be long remembered. McDonnell, the University stroke, is an old Riverview boy, and when his boat passed the bandstand, leading Sydney by half a length, his comrades of other days became quite frantic. They raced along the pathway on to the already crowded wharf, and cheer after cheer pealed forth, resounding from shore to shore. The judge's boat was still two hundred yards ahead, and a tremendous race ensued. Irving made a noble spurt, to which his crew responded, but McDonnell's men were gamer still. When the flag fell they had a clear length to spare, and the outburst of vociferous applause was once more renewed.

When the cheer which hailed McDonnell's brilliant victory had died away, the great crowd began to flow back to Sydney with the outgoing tide. Steamerful followed steamerful, while flags and bunting were being lowered to salute the setting sun, and fragile racers were being safely housed, to rest peacefully in their wooden cradles after the feverish excitement of regatta day.

The hearty laugh and merry shout still lingered on the height, while some excited youth narrated to a crowd of applauding youngsters his impressions of the day. A few short hours passed by, and all was silent even there. The time of rest had come—pleasant dreams and sweet repose —never more welcome than after the regatta.

And so the day is done, aye, done—
Good night! good night!
Those pleasant hours are past and gone—
Hush! good night!
Slow the dark hours onward creep,
Every eye is closed in sleep;
Angel forms their vigil keep—
Good night! good night!



THANKS.

THE President and Committee of the Rowing Club have asked us to return their sincere thanks to the many friends, who have so generously subscribed to the Regatta Prize Fund.

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Distribution of Regatta Prizes.

ON the night of May 28th, at the conclusion of the Regatta Concert, the various trophies were presented to the victorious crews. The following account is taken from the "Freeman's Journal":—

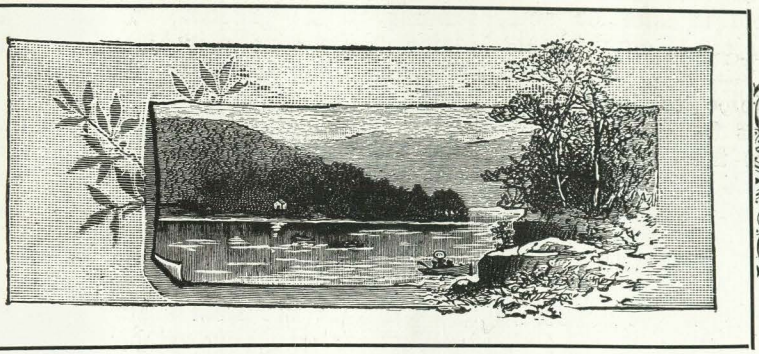
The Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J., rector of the College, presided, being supported by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. T. Hughes), Hon. T. Waddell, M.L.A. (Chief Secretary), and Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B. The theatre was crowded, a fact which proves the ever-growing popularity of the function.

Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B., in warmly congratulating the performers for the pleasure they had given them that evening, referred to the excellent work done by the Masters of the College in moulding the character of their boys in a manly and intellectual spirit, and in the exercise of moral self-control.

The Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J., expressed his thanks for the cordial words spoken by his old friend. They did their best to obtain the best results possible, but the credit really belonged to those present, because after all the teachers had to work upon the material supplied to them. He was sure all would agree with him that the boys of Riverview were exceedingly pleasant boys to work for and to work with. If they had attained certain excellence in the public examinations, it was because of that spirit of earnestness on the part of the Masters and the earnest co-operation of the boys. Regarding the recent regatta, which was their 21st regatta, the great success which it had attained was due to kindness of the press, the cordial co-operation of the Old Boys, in particular Messrs. McBride and Donovan, and to the rowing clubs of Sydney. He paid a special tribute to the manly spirit shown by the Sydney Grammar School boys, in coming to their regatta, and running some risk in losing their laurels from their second crew. However, he heartily congratulated them on their win. (Applause.) He specially mentioned the kindness of Mr. Davies, who had placed his splendid motor boat, Fairbanks, at their service, and gave an exhibition of fast-travelling, which secured a considerable amount of admiration. In conclusion, he asked the Lady Mayoress to present the prizes to the winning crews.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed as the lads mounted the stage to receive their rewards. The Sydney Grammar School crew, winners of the Maiden Fours, received quite an ovation on their appearance, whilst the reception of Sydney University crew, winners of Junior Handicap, was not much behind in this respect. Naturally, the last presentation of the All Schools Championship trophy pleased the gathering, and no doubt a thrill of pride glowed in the hearts of both masters and boys when the coveted honour was handed to the St. Ignatius' crew.

The gathering adjourned to the spacious dining-room, where the Rector had prepared a nicely-appointed supper for his guests. The return home was accomplished in rapid time, the Lady Rawson reaching the Quay at 11 p.m.



College Jottings.

(From contributions by W. Macdonald, R. F. Hughes, E. Dinan, and others.)

Feb. 6th.—Schools reopened yesterday. This morning after breakfast we were astonished to meet a friend of ours who had never come back in time before. He assured us that his presence was quite a mistake, as he had intended to be a week late. Home-sickness is usually prevalent at this period, hence our pleasure at the sight of so many merry faces. There were only two in tears. One was a new boy, whom we approached with a polite request as to whether it was his auntie or his nurse that he wept for. Just then the downpour became torrential, and we had to abandon the interview. Our efforts were more successful in case of a tiny but antique friend, who took occasion of a lull in his storm to declare that his tears were tears of joy.

Feb. 8th.—Many are still missing. Some will return no more to join us in chapel or classroom, on playground or river. Their college career has ended—to their joy, perhaps, but to our sincere regret. Others will return, but are lingering in happy homesteads. Not a single member of the college crew has yet appeared. The inter-State selectors have tried to rob us of our champion oarsman, Jas. Carlton. They invited him to practise for the inter-State eight. He replied by telegram declining the honor lest it might interfere with the even tenor of his studies, or prevent his joining in the schools' championship. Bravo, Jim. Should your gallant crew regain the supremacy on the river we shall make the Parramatta ring with many a joyous cheer.

Feb. 9th.—Day by day our numbers are increasing. With the arrival of the New Zealand contingent the century was reached and passed. Applications continue to flow in, and we shall soon have a full house. Meantime, the senior boys' lavatory and bathrooms are being completely remodelled, and with the enlargement of the water mains there will be a copious supply of showers to refresh our weary Rugby players throughout the season. A new lavatory is being fitted up in marble for the titivation of the youngsters.

Feb. 12th.—The opening of the new central block has occasioned many changes in the arrangement of the house. Our noisy rudimentarians are now installed in the large rooms which were once sacred to the slumbers of the seniors. Slumbering seniors! may sound ambiguous. Be it known, therefore, to all and sundry whom it may concern that we are alluding merely to the nocturnal slumbers of the first division. The latter now betake themselves for that purpose to the large dormitory. The new dormitory has been handed over to the thirds, who have also a large playroom and a fine library in the

wooden building. Their verandah on the eastern side being cool in summer and cosy in winter, is an object of envy to the neighboring seconds.

Feb. 15th.—We rejoice to hear that Felix Conlon and Louis Loughnan are to sail for Ireland to join the Jesuit novitiate. Maurice McKenna is also bound for that far north land to begin his studies for the priesthood at Clonliffe, while Willie McNally goes to Manly. We congratulate them on their generous resolution to follow more closely in the Master's footsteps.

Feb. 19th.—The members of the Sodality of the Holy Angels assembled this evening to elect their prefect and council. Basil Bryant succeeds to the prefectship, which became vacant on Vincent Conlon's promotion to the senior division. John Fitzherbert and Willie Macdonald were close up with 21 votes each. The remaining members of the council are Bryden Johnstone, Kevin Ryan, and Cyril Leonard.

Feb. 23rd.—Our cricket season reopened a fortnight ago with a match against C.E.G.S. Without the assistance of Barry and Higgins, who were still on the absent list, we were beaten by the premiers by 164 to 39. We played Wentworth to-day. They made 91 to our 56. In our second innings the runs came thick and fast, but the fine scoring of Frank and Roger Hughes came too late to save the match.

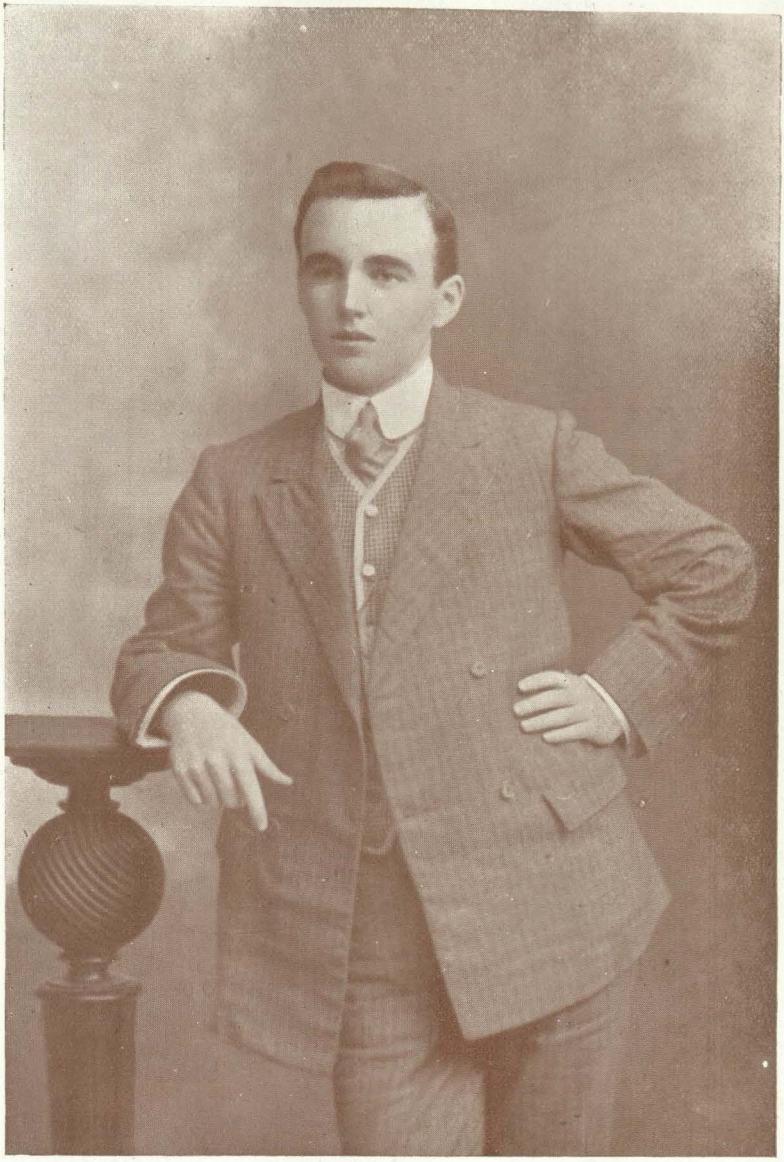
Feb. 26th.—A pair of 'possums have made a home for themselves somewhere in the neighborhood of the second division playroom. We were long puzzled as to how they escaped on their nocturnal excursions without attracting the more or less friendly attention of the sixty youths by whom they are surrounded. The mystery was solved to-night, when a ball of fire was seen to advance slowly along the electric wires which convey the current from power-house to the college chapel. The unexpected illumination was not approved of by the unwary opossum, which paused from time to time and shook itself in impotent disgust.

March 1st.—Conclusion of the annual retreat. Father Gwynn's lectures are much praised. They were brief, brisk, and teeming with practical advice. Our junior scribe concludes his note with a somewhat inappropriate discussion on cream puffs and ices. We rejoice to hear that these delectables were not consumed during the retreat. The second division took advantage of to-day's freedom to play a cricket match. Matches in that quarter are usually worked on purely business principles, since you cannot expect an emancipated vegetable to spend a whole day in the field unless there is a prospect of something eatable at the end of it. Hence those puffs of which the victors are said to have consumed a vast quantity at the expense of the vanquished.

March 5th.—The third division have thoroughly enjoyed a pair of exciting cricket contests against Waverley High School. The first match ended in a draw. Time alone saved our team from defeat. The second battle was anything but slow. D. Roth opened with 17. Our captain, Arthur Kelly, put up 38. When Wilfrid McDonnell and Julian Bryant had brought the total up to 145, their own scores standing at 49 and 36, the innings was declared. With only half an hour to play, it seemed impossible to get the visitors dismissed, but there was a minute to spare when the last wicket fell, leaving us victors by a clear 100. The captain and Julian Bryant divided the bowling honors.

March 9th.—Our seniors are also bestirring themselves. In their last match against Avenue Cricket Club they ran up 116 for six wickets, and dismissed the visitors for 17. Barry took seven wickets for eight runs, and Arthur Cox got the remaining three for six runs. Of our comrades of last year we are told that Desmond Gavan Duffy is hard at work at the Melbourne University. Randal McDonnell and Austin Desmond are at St. John's, and Reggie Bridge is also to attend the University lectures.

March 10th.—Justin McCarthy has secured the tennis championship in the second division. The concluding set between himself and Wallace Bridge was keenly contested. On the handball court the honors have fallen to Bryden Johnstone. Gerald Dalton played a hard game



FELIX CONLON ('00-'06).

Class Champion 1900, Captain of the Cricket XI. 1906, Prefect of the Sodality, 1906, Matriculation Honours 1906. Entered the Jesuit Novitiate 1907.

in final, in which there were many notable rallies. Down on the cricket ground our Fourths scored an easy victory over Carthona. Johnstone and McCarthy piled up a century between them, and may be promoted to the Thirds.

March 14th.—Meeting of the Senior Debating Society in the large lecture-room in the presence of the whole house. The president paid a well-deserved tribute to the fine work accomplished by the society since its inauguration 25 years ago. Harold Rorke opened the discussion with a vigorous attack on the stringency of the gambling laws, which he described as a despotic limitation of the liberty of the people. Roger Hughes was no less emphatic in his approval of the State Legislature for its timely action in restricting such a prolific source of physical and moral misery. The eloquent speeches of P. Quinn and F. Fernandos in support of the Government side were much appreciated by the audience. R. Hughes was ably assisted by C. Bridge and H. Richards, but no fluency of speech or cogency of argument could rouse the majority of the audience to applaud what they rightly or wrongly considered to be an undue curtailment of the liberty of the subject.

March 16th.—Owing to the prolonged downpour and general wickedness of the weather our thirds are in hourly expectation of the end of the world. During supper when an eccentric arc-light indulged in a series of minor explosions one excited youth dived under the table.

March 17th.—St. Patrick's Day. Shamrocks scarce, and green rosettes abundant. The continued downpour threatened to take the shine out of the second division aquatic sports. At 11 the sun struggled out, and a fair number of interested spectators assembled at the college baths. Arthur Kelly was easily victorious in the third division long dive. W. Macdonald carried off the corresponding prize among the seconds. The long distance swim was won by G. Malone. Bertie Kelly showed good speed, but was sadly handicapped. In the competition for the neatest "header" there were many entries. After a prolonged series of pretty dives Douglas Moffitt secured first place. Senan Ryan was second. A goodly repast was provided in the college refectory. Evening studies were dispensed with in accordance with the time-honored tradition. After supper we had a most enjoyable concert, which was succeeded by a laughter-provoking farce. The amusing antics of some pseudo-lunatics evoked the repeated applause of the youngsters.

March 20th.—Many glowing accounts had reached us of Father Pigot's labors in distant Shanghai. The Chinese climate, however, was ill-suited for his health, and when we welcomed him back to Riverview to-day we were glad both for his own sake and for ours. Some of the juveniles were not over boisterous in their greetings, as there was an uneasy feeling abroad that certain tinned luxuries might not meet with the full approval of the new prefect of health. Father Pigot's arrival will give an additional impulse to things scientific, and we are informed from a reliable source that several hundred pounds are to be spent in fitting up the new science hall.

March 25th.—Feast of Our Lady. Down on the river training operations are in full swing, although the regatta is not due for six weeks. The expression "training operations" is delightfully vague, and therefore all the better suited as a description of the present manoeuvres of our would-be rowers. The coaches will have a busy time during the after-dinner playhours. We are told that even some of our senior oarsmen have a failing for crabs.

March 26th.—Some are of opinion that during the continuance of our senior debate the high level of the opening night was not maintained. This may be true of the set speeches, but all admit that the cross-questioning was a decided success. We know not when this useful feature was introduced, but we hope that it has come to stay. It affords splendid opportunities for acquiring facility in impromptu speaking, and is conducive to readiness of wit in repartee. In this section the Premier's side had the best of the battle. They were beaten, however, in the prepared speeches, and the anti-gamblers won their cause by 10 points. The third divisioners have started a pow-

wow of their own, which will be fully described in another place.

March 28.—In pre-collegiate days the dense tract of bush along the western bay was haunted by some ghostly visitant from the upper or the nether world. The shooting of our cadets, however, was too much for him, and he disappeared after the opening of the rifle range. No other spectre had been reported till yesterday evening, when Jack Bridge and some other excited youngsters declared that a dark corner of their playground was undoubtedly haunted. The case was duly investigated, and a pair of real live ghosts were laid by the heels. On appearing before the grand penitentiary they were let off with a caution, and something more. Our juvenile spectres are said to have bottled up some of their tears, and may present them later on to the Psychical Research Society.

March 29.—Holy Thursday. Father Rector celebrated Mass, and carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the altar of repose. The latter was prettily decorated. The boys watched in turn throughout the day. Towards evening, when Ewart Dinan and Godfrey Johnstone were on guard, some of the side decorations caught fire, and soon the whole place was ablaze. The temporary tabernacle was removed in safety to another altar.

March 31.—General exodus of Sydneyites for the Easter holidays.

April 2nd.—A party, consisting of the Vavasours, Hogans, McDonnells, and some others, spent a happy day on the upper waters of the Lane Cove River. Fortified by a substantial breakfast, and assisted by a rapidly inflowing tide, they pulled away from the college wharf at 9.30, and travelled at a good pace for the first hour. By that time a spell was welcome, especially as the sun was warm and the orchards on either bank were very tempting. The genial guardian of a fine orchard insisted on our friends accepting from him a generous supply of delicious fruit. The speed during the next half hour is not recorded in the log, but we know that the top of the river was reached by midday. After a refreshing swim all sat down to discuss the many good things which Brother Doyle had provided. By 2 o'clock the tide had fallen to such an extent that the return voyage down the rock-strewn river became quite exciting. At night when the Sydneyites returned to the college they were informed that even the delights of "Mother Goose" could ill compare with the pleasures of a picnic on the beautiful upper reaches of the river.

April 3rd.—

"The autumn winds are blowing o'er the close-cut playing fields;
The stumps are drawn—the bats are put away;
We've donned the jersey and the belt, we've settled down to train,
For once again King Football holds his sway."

April 4th.—All assembled in the study hall before dinner to hear the results of the Easter examinations. Coleman Burke holds pride of place among the tiny elementarians. Roy McCarthy and Henry McEvoy are the leaders in rudiments. The first place in lower grammar was won by Clive Robinson, while in the higher class Kevin Ryan came out on top with half a dozen firsts. The juniors are busy preparing for their final tests, and were exempt from house exams. Roger Hughes is dux of the select seniors, and therefore leader of the college.

April 6th.—Our first football match was played to-day against Manly Commercials. Six or seven of our team are still busy on the river, but the freshmen are playing well. With the wind in our favor, and the forwards going fast, we pressed the visitors, and Hughes scored. The play was transferred to our own 25, where Manly tried some neat passing, but failed to penetrate the College defence. Early in the second half we were again in trouble, but a fine forward rush took the ball to the visitors' 25, where Bamber secured from a loose scrum and scored. Higgins played well, and Quinn was cheered for some good tackling. Our Fifths played a team from St. Aloysius', and won by 11 points to nil.

April 13th.—The championship crews have commenced their trial spins on the Parramatta in preparation for the great

contest on the 24th. This afternoon the "Wareember" had quite a party of non-combatants on board. Natty McDonald was present comparing times with Stanbury, and telling stories of other days and hard fought battles. Near Woolwich St. John's University College crew were taken on board, and a Mercantile boat was also picked up. The four crews got in some hard practice, and the prospects both for the University men and for ourselves are very bright. Our representative on the "Wareember" was favorably impressed with the catering.

April 18.—The number of boys is higher than for many years. Class work is in full swing, and the Juniors are up to their eyes in test exams. Out of schools our chances on the river and the football field are much discussed. After supper to-night the Football Committee was elected. Paddy Kelly, who led his men so successfully last year, is again at the head of the list. His comrades, Chris. Veech and Harold Rorke, are well worthy of their

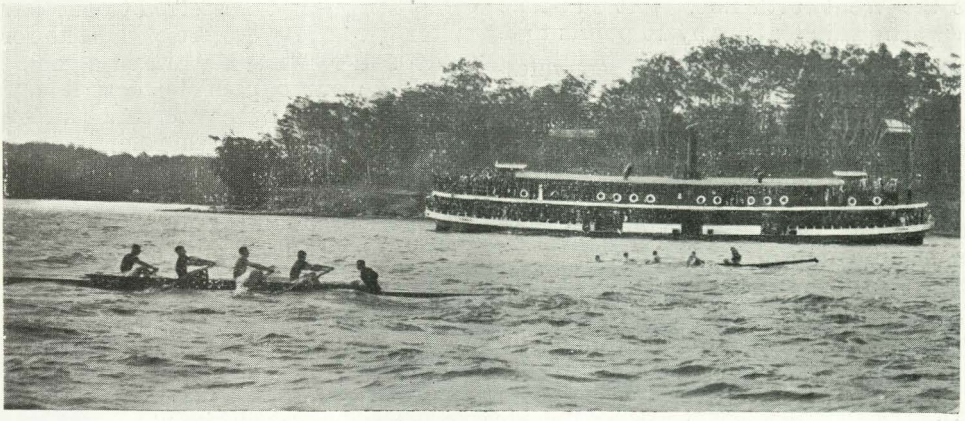


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St. Andrew's in Trouble. *(See April 23.)*

April. 14th.—Football match against Othello. Though playing against wind and sun the College team kept the visitors' defence busy. A good line kick brought them some relief. From a throw-in near the centre the College backs got moving. Hughes made a good opening, and Bamber raced for the line. He scored at the corner. Before the half-time Othello kicked a penalty goal. On resuming some fast rushes by our forwards were well checked by the visitors' full-back. The ball travelled right down to the home line, and then back to the Othello 25, where Johnstone worked the blind side, and passed to Hughes; the latter ran to the full-back, and then transferred to Quinn, who scored neatly. The total was then 6 to 3 in our favor, and remained unchanged to the end.

April 19th.—Our rowing horizon is slightly clouded. Kelly's injured hand is enveloped in voluminous bandages. Carlton and Fernandos are going about clad in frieze overcoats, and punctuating their melancholy march with coughs and sneezes. Meantime there is a bitter blast blowing steadily from the frozen south, and the white horses have the river all to

place on the committee. There are many vacant places on the team. We shall greatly miss the services of Duffy, Conlon, McDonnell, Bridge, and McNally. Perhaps the most difficult task for the committee will be the selection of a full-back to replace McNally.

themselves. The race for the championship is due on the 24th.

April 20.—The absence of six or seven of our best players was a big handicap in yesterday's football match against Wentworth. The visitors played a seven-scrum, with a wing forward to assist their back division (and bother our half). Their passing was very fine. At half-time the score was 10 to nil against the College. After the interval our forwards improved immensely, and during most of the second half we were inside the Wentworth 25. Hughes made a fine effort, but failed on the line. Later he scored from a penalty, and made another brilliant attempt to cross the Wentworth line. At full-time Wentworth were leading by 10 points to 3.

April 22.—Our oarsmen are convalescent, and the boating barometer has gone up with a rush. To-day the regulation course on the Parramatta was covered in the exceptional time of 7min. 41sec. Last week, against a good breeze, we took 8min. 5 secs. On the same day Sydney Grammar did it in 8.28, and North Shore in 8.45. We were pleased to see St. Joseph's on the river.

April 23.—Randal McDonnell, our comrade of last year, stroked St. John's in splendid style in the University boat race to-day. Notwithstanding the boisterous wind and lumpy water, the rowing was fine. Our illustration shows St. Andrew's swamping off Cabarita, and St. Paul's in chase of the leaders. McDonnell's men were then well ahead, and won easily by half a dozen lengths. Well done, Randy! Heartiest congratulations from your late companions.

April 24.—Class as usual till 12.45, and then away to cheer our crew to victory in the All Schools' Championship on the Parramatta. The happy events of the day are elsewhere described in prose and poesy.

April 25.—A full holiday in reward for yesterday's victory. There was plenty of fun and excitement around the Junior boatshed while the preliminary heats were being decided in preparation for the College regatta.

April 26.—Our second division parliamentarians assembled in their library at 6.30 to discuss the value of kings and emperors. The third divisioners, fresh from their own forensic triumphs, were there in great numbers. The scene was also graced by the presence of the Rector, the Prefect of Studies, and many of the masters. Some leading lights from the Senior Society were in the strangers' gallery—i.e., outside the door.

April 27.—We had our football team together for the first time in to-day's match against Randwick Newmarket. Cox kicked off for Riverview, and the College forwards, led by the Veech brothers, kept the game inside the visitors' 25, till Frank Hughes had scored from a penalty. Play was then transferred to our own territory, where we were penalized for offside, and Newmarket kicked a goal. Back again to our opponents' goal line, where Carlton and Hughes scored a pair of tries in quick succession. On resuming after the interval, Hughes was applauded for a good run, which ended in a try. Then Rorke scored, and Hughes kicked the goal. Another penalty, and another goal followed. At the finish we were leading by 20 points to 3.

April 30.—Second division debate concluded. On the opening night Father Rector referred with pleasure to the evident care with which the various speeches had been written. At the same time he would prefer to see the young debaters more independent of their notes, since a speech, no matter how carefully it may have been composed, can never succeed unless freely and forcibly delivered. We ourselves have on a previous occasion called attention to this same defect, which, by the way, is not confined to the Junior debaters alone. With a view to eradicating it, we should welcome back the old rule which completely debarred the essay readers. A few sentences, however brief, if freely spoken, are more useful to the speaker and more appreciated by the careful critic than a host of fancy periods, for the delivery of which the debater is totally dependent on his manuscript.

May 1st.—We signalized our entrance into the Great Public Schools' Football Competition by a victory over S.C.E.G.S.

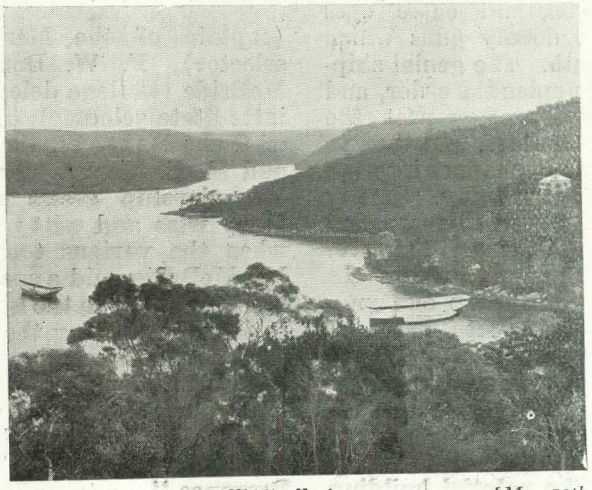
to-day by 21 points to nil. As these matches will be reported at some length in another part of the magazine, we shall refrain from further notice of them in this column.

May 3rd.—Eve of the College regatta. Rain! copious and prolonged. The clerk of the weather must have made up his mind to throw plenty of cold water on the Rowing Club's festivities. Perhaps his heart will be softened by the sight of the pleading features of many youths. What seems more likely is that the present torrential downpour will exhaust the supply of liquid in the irascible gentleman's watering can.

May 4th.—The downpour has ceased, and the river is gay with sunshine and color. A detailed description of the merry scene and the spirited racing will be found in another place.

May 12th.—We regret to state that our column of Jottings threatens to come to an untimely end. The faithful scribe who supplied us with many a racy note is now being tortured with repetitions and test exams. Reporter No. 2 is sadly stage-struck, and there is little hope of his recovery this side of the regatta concert. Meantime our sub-editor has been supplied with a large waste-paper basket in which to deposit his endless dissertations on football. He talks football, thinks football, dreams of footballs, and some day we shall hear that he has dined on footballs. Even Rugby, however, may become monotonous, and a youthful rudimentarian has written to inform his maternal relative that "our football team gets up very early in the morning to practise 'parsing.'"

May 19th.—Feast of Pentecost. Owing to the kindness of Father John Ryan, S.J., our victorious oarsmen were free to spend a happy day among the scenic delights of Middle Harbor. Mr. Cranney, with his accustomed generosity, placed a fast and comfortable motor launch at their disposal. They started from the Senior boat-shed at 11 o'clock, but not before a large supply of delectable refreshments had been stowed on board. Early in the morning there had been a dense fog along the river, but it had long since cleared away, and the sun shone brightly in a cloudless sky. The cold south wind of the previous



College Jottings.] **Middle Harbour.** [*May 19th.*

From the Heights of Seaforth.

day had vanished also. When the launch steamed away from its moorings there was scarcely a ripple on the surface of the waters. The absence of a breeze afforded amusement, when down below Mosman's the launch glided swiftly through a whole fleet of becalmed yachts. In one of the College boatsheds there is a cumbrous tub which has broken the heart of many a gallant young oarsman. Let them rejoice, however, in the fact that they have never had occasion to ply the oars on board a yacht. It was a screaming sight to see those corpulent Sydney veterans tugging at their weighty oars in the faint hope of covering a mile an hour. The military defence works along Middle Head attracted much attention, and eagle eyes detected some of the deadly guns which guard the harbor mouth. The genial skipper has his engines in splendid order, and the launch sped merrily along past the pleasure grounds of Clontarf, and then to the left through the deep channel into the delightful waters of Pearl Bay. Away again to the right, round the wooded heights of Seaforth, and through the loveliest part of Sydney's famous harbor. In a sequestered inlet, whose steep and rugged slopes are still clothed with primeval forest, the College cox espied some evil-looking hulks riding at anchor. A pirates' den! No, midget; something far less romantic in the shape of a Government powder magazine. A little later they were in full view of the palatial building erected by a member of the State Parliament in imitation of a medieval castle. About 1 o'clock they landed at Killarney, a charming place, which outrivals its Irish namesake, the world-renowned beauty spot amid the wilds of distant Kerry. The next thing which we expected to get was a description of the lunch. When asked to supply it our scribe broke down. His pen, he said, might paint a passable picture of scenic splendors, but he had no language at his command capable of doing justice to the quality and quantity of the eatables and drinkables supplied and consumed at that memorable repast. From another correspondent we learn that when the shades of night were falling the fishes in Tambourine Bay were startled by a thrice-repeated cheer for Mr. Cranney, and an extra "Hip-hooray" for the genial skipper.

May 20.—A whole holiday took us by surprise, and was all the more welcome. The second division harriers were out for a good run. Gerald Dalton and Kevin Ryan took the part of the hares, and were captured near the Tannery after a hard and exciting chase. They were not quite so wily as last year's pair, who bottled up their scent and gave the hounds an exasperating time of it in the trackless bush. Some days ago our seconds ran up a score of 51 to nil against an outside football team.

May 21.—The Rowing Club entertained some friends to dinner this evening. The guests included Messrs, N. J. McDonald (captain of the Mercs. and inter-State selector), F. W. Donovan and B. A. McBride (College delegates), J. McGregor inter-State selector), J. W. Scott (captain of Glebe R.C.), W. Coyle, M. R. Cranney, and E. E. Keary. The members of our championship crews were also present. Many wise and witty words were spoken when the various toasts were proposed. Mr. McBride paid a special tribute of well-merited praise to the kind friends who had assisted in making the Riverview regatta such a great success.

May 28th.—The regatta concert. A host of Sydney friends came up by special steamer, and were delighted with the talented rendering of "The Pirates of Penzance."

May 30th.—Feast of Corpus Christi. In the College chapel this morning the place of honor was reserved for Masters Brendan Lane Mullins, M. McGahey, B. Payten, C. Burke, A. Evans, F. McDermott, and H. Regan, who made their First Communion. The number of daily communicants is now considerable, and in this respect the members of the Holy Angels' Sodality are specially edifying.

June 8th.—A match against Holwood brought the first term of the football season to a successful conclusion. Six of the College team were away at the Junior exams. Our forwards were again prominent. Early in the game Conrick touched the corner flag, after a grand run down the line. In the second half Frank Hughes placed a penalty goal. Quinn was cheered



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Regatta Concert, 1907.

for some fast and pretty play, which resulted in a try. Hughes added the extra points, and as Holwood failed to score we won easily by 8 to nil.

June 10th.—The Riverview estate has become a dumping ground for undesirable quadrupeds of the canine species. An "Alien Act" has been suggested with a rigorous test exam. for dogs, but it fell through owing to the difficulty of finding volunteers for the biting experiment. From personal experience we can certify to the ability of a vicious little creature which haunts the Senior boatshed, and which was recently introduced in a hurried manner to an editorial boot.

June 12th.—Examination fever is rampant once more. The whole house is affected, and the Juniors have an exceptionally severe attack. We break-up on the 14th, and then hurrah for three happy weeks at home.

In conclusion we may add that some of the editorial staff are inclined to blame the "old boys" for not supplying us with some account of the doings of Riverviewers of other days. In our next issue we hope to include many interesting paragraphs on such a welcome topic, and we shall be very grateful indeed to the past boys who will kindly send us odds and ends of news about themselves and their comrades of bygone years.

A Boat Race, a Football Match, and a Ballad, Old or New

FULL fast they rowed, a league, a league,
A league, but barely three,
Full fast they rowed, a goodly race,
Who won, the world could see.

The boats were long, the oars were strong,
Near Sydney by the sea;
The strokes, they strokéd mightily;
The boats were one and three.

Boats, one plus three, went pacing fast,
The river wide as Dee;
And up we came, and up we stayed.
It was a victory.

Veech, Conrick, and Fernandos, J.,
And Carlton, lank was he;
And Kelly, A., was small as small
As he could hardly be.

The schools were there in all their force,
And ladies, fair to see,
And fairer far and forcefuller
Were F., C., C., K., V.

And these were they that rowed the league,
A league, but barely three,
They rowed—it was a famous race.
A famous victory!

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A Competition match was on;
Saint Joseph's; great their glee,
But Kelly led a plucky team,
Though lighter far they be.

The game was stern and grim enough;
Our score, eleven to three,
When gallant Joseph's rallied strong;
A scene of bravery.

Then Kelly strove, McArdle strove,
Fernandos, Higgins, Quinn,
And at the back, invincible
A Conlon—it was Vin.

'Gainst Rorke, Veech, Bamber, Conrick true,
The ball was hard to carry;
The pace was fast, their weight was rare,
Say Cox, Hughes, Johnstone, Barry.

One ran fast, fast, upon their wing;
We strove, but on he sped.
He scored, but failed to score again—
Right well both sides were led.

Then "even all!" the cry goes up,
The whistle whistles thrice.
The game is done, nor lost nor won—
So Fortune cast the dice.

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To row and kick a league, a league,
And bravely draw or win,
Is all we want. So, Riverview,
Keep on as you begin.

Q. E.

A Third Division Triumph.

SECOND divisioners were amazed, the senior brethren were amused, and some of the professorial staff were decidedly sceptical, when it was rumored early in March that the third division had resolved itself into a debating society. A "Spelling Bee" they all agreed would be more suitable to the age and size and intellectual capacity of the thirds.

The juveniles, however, were undaunted by either the amazement or the amusement of the ancients. They had decided to hold a debate in full parliamentary form, and the shower of cooling comment only confirmed them in their audacious resolve. A committee was elected under the presidency of the prefect. A suitable subject, "The Relative Merits of Boarding and Day School Education," was chosen for the inaugural discussion, and speakers were called for. Fourteen tiny orators responded to the appeal, and were duly adorned with parliamentary titles. Ewart Dinan, as Premier and member for Glebe, undertook the defence of the boarding schools. Arthur Kelly, of aquatic fame, volunteered to champion the cause of the day schools.

For the interest and edification of all whom it may concern, either in the present or in the dim and distant future, we append a complete list of the speakers:—

President: REV. C. CUFFE, S.J.

GOVERNMENT.

E. DINAN, Premier and member for Glebe.
S. RYAN, member for Rockdale.
H. RAUSCH, member for Waverley.
A. ROBINSON, member for Nowra.
C. BRYANT, member for N. Sydney.
H. M. McCARTHY, member for Parramatta.
F. McDERMOTT, member for Randwick.

OPPOSITION.

ARTHUR KELLY, Leader and member for Balmain.
J. BRYANT, member for Mosman.
E. KEENAN, member for Newcastle.
F. McARDLE, member for Maoriland.
S. McDERMOTT, member for Orange.
A. MORAN, member for Annandale.
J. KAIN, member for Sydney.

The three weeks which intervened before the actual meeting were weeks of strenuous intellectual activity for the budding orators. The customary plots and counter-plots which occupy the idle moments of a third divisioner were suspended by common consent; even batting and bowling lost much of their absorbing interest, and in the study hall both the "rule of three" and the irregular verbs had an easy time of it. All the mental activity of fourteen small boys was concentrated on the great debate. During the first week many brilliant ideas were laboriously hatched, closely criticised, and carefully concealed. During the second week said ideas were clothed in suitable literary feathers, for which purpose pens and ink were in great demand. During the third week some unoffending gum-trees in the playground and a few hard-hearted stone walls were apostrophised in vigorous language and with infinite variety of gesture. And even in the dormitory at dead of night some youthful lips kept moving still and tiny brains refused to slumber.

What was the outcome of it all? Perhaps a hopeless failure! No, it was an undoubted success—a triumph for the thirds amid the increased amazement and much diminished amusement of the prophetic ancients. The first night proved a surprise for those who had expected a dismal series of stammerings and stumb-

lings. The lachrymose and other antics of the proverbial infantile reciter were conspicuous by their absence. The opening speeches showed careful preparation, and were delivered with a naivete and self-confidence, which not only put the privileged audience at its ease, but compelled its admiration. Towards the close of the opening night the President of the Upper House declared that whereas he had come down to the meeting prepared for a liberal call on his indulgence, he was going away amazed at the eloquence of some of those juvenile orators, whose speeches as delivered that evening would have won for them an honored place even in the Senior Society.

On the following evening the second divisioners were invited, and the debate was resumed in the large lecture room. There the novel surroundings and increased audience had a somewhat nervous effect on the more youthful speakers, one of whom, and not the least successful, was barely visible above the table. The concluding night brought the rival leaders once more to their feet, and with their fine summing-up speeches the previous high standard was fully regained, and we think surpassed.

Reports of several of the speeches have failed to reach the editorial sanctum. Our regret is all the greater at missing the opening address of the Opposition Leader and the able speeches of the members for Waverley, Parramatta, and Maoriland. Perhaps our reporter was one of those whom the Premier said were hypnotised by the eloquence of the Opposition.

In the present case where the actual words of the budding debaters may be of special interest we shall refrain from the usual resume, and give some extracts instead. Unfortunately, even then we can give our readers no idea of the delightful manner in which some of the speeches were delivered.

THE DEBATE.

EWART DINAN (Premier): "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—We are assembled to-night to discuss a subject worthy of the most cultured minds—namely, whether the foundation of a man's life is better laid at a boarding-school or at a day school. . . . A day school boy may play what he likes, and when he likes. His parents will not say to him, 'Down to the football field; play up, or come to me afterwards for six.' No, gentlemen, such sternness is out of question with them, and the boy idles away his free time, and looks forward only to the theatre or some other less healthy amusement. At a boarding-school a boy must join in many games and sports which form his character and facilitate his mental labors. Another important thing is a boy's diet. At home he is fed with the most abominable (!) rubbish possible, such as rich cakes, cream puffs, custards, and American sweets. In a boarding-school after a hard game of football he will sit down to a good plain meal, and relish it as much as if it were a king's banquet. The boarder has no nightly outings and trips. He must retire at a reasonable hour, and in the morning the peal of a pitiless bell prevents him lounging in bed till 10 o'clock. A day boy may do almost what he chooses, and gratify every extravagant little wish, while the boarder learns obedience and self-control, and becomes an upright gentleman ready to make his way through the world in after life with courage and perseverance."

JULIAN BRYANT (M.P. for Mosman): "A day boy gets on much better with his work, as his parents help him with any little thing he does not understand. At a boarding-school the master says something you do not grasp. You ask him again and again to explain. In the end you pretend to understand, because you are afraid he will get angry. Moreover, a day boy learns better manners, for at home visitors are frequent, and you get used to the way of entertaining them. Away at a boarding-school you seldom see visitors, and then when you make mistakes who is there to correct you? Nobody, gentlemen. You are sent down to the parlor, where there is no friend to correct your faults. Again at table, in a college you are among a lot of boys who will not take any notice of what you do, because they do the same things themselves. And so you sing out loud and stretch your arms across the table. As a boarder you become extravagant in your dress,

and afterwards you may have to go begging, dressed in good clothes and a bell-topper. There was once a boarding-school boy who thought of nothing but his dress. In after life he had a different suit for every day in the week. Then he got into debt, and had to sell his house, and go to live in a hut in a valley. When starving there he tore his clothes into rags and smeared them with mud, and went out to ask for work and bread. That is the sort of education you get in a boarding-school.

SENAN RYAN (M.P. for Rockdale): "Boys going to day schools find it harder to keep good than boarders. On their way home they meet with bad companions, and are liable to be led astray. On the other hand, the boys at a boarding-school have plenty of cricket and football, which make them forget everything evil. Even if a bad boy does get into a college the vigilant eye of the prefect soon ferrets him out, and he stops at home after the term. . . . Day boys have fond mothers, who give them what they like. Such fellows grow up wanting everything, and nobody likes them. Many of them, too, have a long distance to travel to their homes, and cannot set to work at their lessons till very late. They have not enough time for either play or study or sleep. The boarder has regular hours for meals and studies. He goes to bed and gets up at proper times, and has enough play to keep him in good health and spirits."

EVIE KEENAN (M.P. for Newcastle): "God gave the child to his parents, and they are responsible for his care. They understand their children better than outsiders, and take more interest in them. A boy, too, will confide in his father and mother, he will tell them freely all his little troubles, and be guided by their advice." The honorable member dwelt at some length on the terrors of homesickness, and the evil propensity of boarders to invest in shrewdy boots and double-rimmed hats. "Remember, also, that boys who have one day to take their place in the world should see more of men and things, and will have a better chance of preparing for the great battle if brought up outside the necessarily restricted life of a boarding-school. Therefore, I am confident that the intelligent audience whom I have the honor of addressing will vote for day-schools."

CYPRIAN BRYANT (M.P. for N. Sydney): "In a day-school the grounds for cricket and football are ridiculously small, and so the day boy remains weak and skinny. It is otherwise at a boarding-school, where you have plenty of room for healthy exercise, and there you grow tall and strong. Moreover, in a boarding-school you have a good stage and fine plays, like 'Iolanthe,' whereas a day boy must be content with a small corner for a song and a few recitations. . . It is true that a boarder feels lonely at first, but you soon get homesickness and many other things knocked out of you. When you go home for vacation your joy is all the greater, and you have so many grand things to tell your parents that you scarcely know where to begin."

STAN McDERMOTT (M.P. for Orange). The right honorable but singularly small member for Orange introduced some interesting and original arguments into the discussion: "A boy attending a day-school learns all about the world and its wickedness, and so when he leaves school he knows how to start in life. . . A boy attending a boarding-school gets a lot of unnecessary books charged in the bill. . . The Government will tell you that at a boarding-school you have more games than at a day-school. I tell you that you have too much, and begin to hate them; so take my advice and cast your vote in favor of a day-school."

ARTHUR KELLY (Leader of the Opposition): "As I glance along the Treasury bench my eye naturally falls on the Premier. This gentleman made a good speech full of wisdom and flowers; but even he is not infallible. He says that day boys are spoiled by their parents, and and have little or no games. Gentlemen, that is not true. Many day-schools have plenty of games, and though an only son may be sometimes over-petted by his parents that does not justify the Premier in saying that day boys in general are spoiled. I come next to the member for Rockdale, who spoke of the bad companions one meets at a day-school, and I ask

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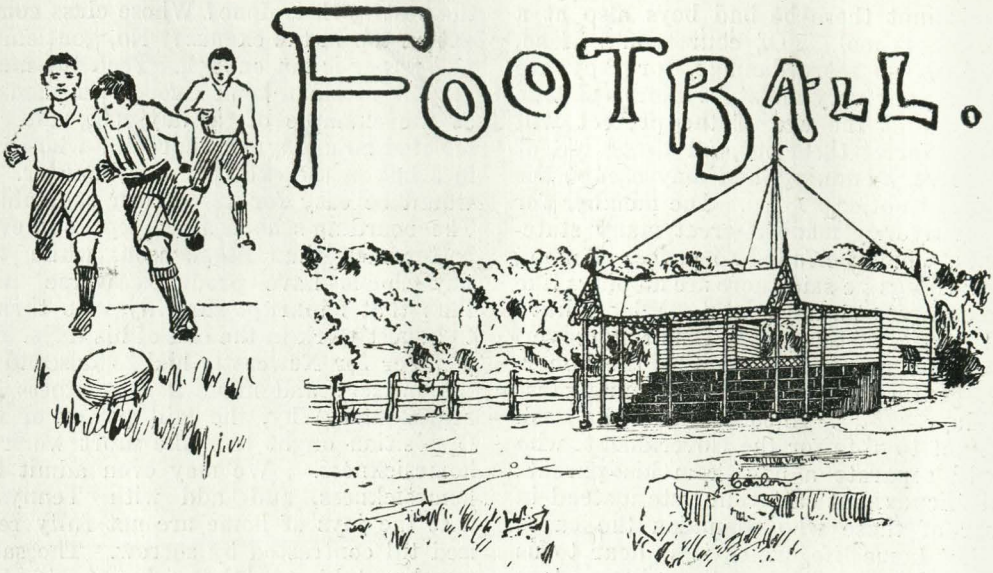
Back Row—C. Bryant, W. McDonnell, K. Pelletier, G. Hogan, S. Ryan, H. McEvoy.
Second Row—D. Moffitt, J. Bryant, A. Kelly (capt.), F. McArdle, E. Dinan, F. McDermott.
Front Row—H. McCarthy, J. Hackett, B. Payten, N. Macken, D. Roth.

him cannot there be bad boys also at a boarding-school. Of course, and if so, they can do more damage, for they are ever in your very midst. . . Nor is it true to say that the eye of the prefect will always ferret them out, for that kind of boy is very cunning, and may escape the prefect's notice. . . . The member for North Sydney made a great many statements, which he failed to prove. Among other things he said there are no plays like "Iolanthe" at a day-school. Why, I have seen plenty of them myself, and moreover, I had the pleasure of meeting the honorable gentleman himself at one during last holidays. . . . In conclusion I shall ask you not to vote for the Government, who would separate a boy from his parents and friends, but cast your vote instead in favor of those who champion the cause of that home life, which is so dear to us all. Home, sweet home, there is no place like home."

EWART DINAN (Premier): "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—I rise with pleasure to defend once more the cause of the boarding-schools, and to begin with I shall review some of the eccentric statements of our worthy opponents. In his opening speech the Opposition Leader took "will power" as his motto. A boy's strength of will is sufficient, he says, to secure that his home work will be well done. Then, gentlemen, let us do away with all force. Let the prefect abandon his desk in his study hall, and the will power of a hundred boys will keep them hard at work! Leave the playground unguarded, and what will happen? Will all the will power of the Opposition be sufficient to control the members for Maoriland and Newcastle? No! Give a boy an inch and he will take a yard. Let the masters bow down to their pupils and we shall produce some beautiful scholars. There are some masters in this very house who try to get their boys to work by kindness rather than by force—though the latter in the long run is the greater kindness. Is it for the easy master that the best work is done? Whose class comes out on top in the exams.? No, gentlemen, will power is not enough. Then the member for Mosman took George Stephenson as the example of a day boy, and he selected an anonymous shrewdy who lived in a hut as the example of a boarder. It would be easy for us to turn the tables. The boarding-schools have sent out even better men than Stephenson, while the day-schools have produced worse men than that bankrupt shrewdy who turned to honest work in the end of his days. The member for Newcastle had to descend to the nursery and make home-sickness his argument. Why, the will power of the Opposition ought to make short work of homesickness. We may even admit the homesickness, and add with Tennyson that the joys of home are not fully realised till contrasted by sorrow. The same member told you that when a day-boy is sick his mother will keep him at home. Yes, and the day-school loafers would not find it so easy to palm off the sick plea on the prefect of health at a boarding-school. You were all entranced by the eloquence of the member for Orange. He told you of the enormous price of books, and said that at a day-school your parents would stop such a waste of literature. Well, gentlemen, it seems to me that the master of a class is the best judge of the books which his pupil requires. Now the time has come to put the question to a vote. Do not be mesmerised by enormous calculations on the price of books or hypnotised by homesickness and other nursery rot. You are not girls, but boys. Vote then for the modern boarding-school, which is best suited to prepare you for the hard struggle of your after years."

The boarding-schools won by a majority of three.

FATHER RECTOR was present at the final meeting, and we join with him in his hearty congratulations to the audacious thirds. Their first session was a decided success, and we look forward with pleasure to many future debates.



President.—REV. J. A. BRENNAN, S.J.
Committee.—J. KELLY (captain), C. VEECH, H. RORKE.

YEAR by year the "Alma Mater" has recorded with pleasure the doings of our football team. In our last issue we summarised the results of a brilliant season, which closed without a single defeat. This year our entrance into the Great Public Schools' Competition has caused, if possible, an increase of interest in the game and plenty of juvenile excitement.

After the Christmas holidays it was noticed with regret that many who had contributed much to our previous success were now no longer on the College roll. Gavan-Duffy, Felix Conlon, McDonnell, Bridge, and McNally had all passed in their school checks.

So numerous, however, were the aspirants to the honor of the vacant places that when the season opened the committee had a comparatively easy task in completing their team. The position of full back was the only one which occasioned any real trouble, and during the opening matches there were many who took a despondent view of our success in that section of the play. Now that the season has progressed we are happy to record the downfall of the pessimists.

The fielding of Conlon (junior) it is true may have given at time some nervous shocks to the College supporters, but his tackling was always fine, and like his absent brother he is an expert wriggler. His fielding improved as the season advanced, and in the match at Hunter's Hill his prowess with both hand and foot evoked great applause. Later on, in the game against High School, he gave a pretty exhibition of goal-kicking.

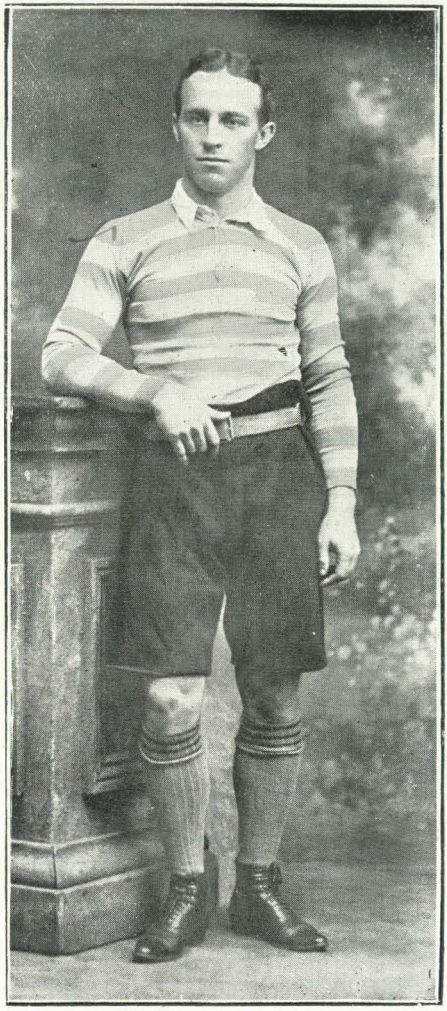
Frank Hughes, our five-eighth, is one of the headiest players in the schools. He is quick to take advantage of every opening, and when there is none handy he generally makes one. A game knee sadly interfered with his play against King's School, and what was harder luck still, it prevented him from taking part in the match against St. Joseph's. When the season reopens we hope to find him as alert as ever.

Old Boys of Riverview

On the New South Wales Rugby Team.



JOHN HUGHES ('00-'02).



H. OXENHAM ('93-'01).

Captain of N.S.W. Rugby XV.



JAMES HUGHES ('00-'03),

Kelly, Rorke, Johnstone, and Higgins play a fine and fearless defence game, while Quinn has done some lively running on the wing. The combination in attack has not been so good, and in consequence the wing man has had a fairly easy time of it.

Where the team excels is in the fast and combined open play of the forwards. The scrum work is not perfect, and the ball hangs too long therein, but for the display in the open we have nothing but praise. Fernandos, the Veech brothers, McArdle, Cox, and Barry have all been prominent in those fine dribbling rushes.

Hughes, Fernandos, and Conrick were selected by the Association to play in the All Schools' team against the University Firsts. Higgins was the College representative in the auxiliary team. Both matches, however, have been postponed owing to the persistent downpour, which flooded the University grounds.

To Mr. Alec. Burdon, our coach, we owe a great meed of praise for the excellent manner in which he coached our teams, and for the untiring interest he took in our success. We also wish to thank him for the excellent practice he afforded us by bringing up some Sydney players to oppose us.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

Date.	Against.	Result.	Score.
May 1	C.E. Grammar School	Won	21 to nil
May 8	King's School	Lost	3 to nil
May 15	St. Joseph's College	Drawn	11 all
May 22	High School	Won	34 to nil
May 25	Sydney Gram. School	Drawn	No score
June 1	Newington College	Won	3 to nil

NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

Date.	Against.	Result.	Score.
April 6	Manly Commercial	Won	6 to nil
13	Othello	Won	6 to 3
20	Wentworth	Lost	10 to 3
27	Randwick-Newmarket	Won	20 to 3
May 11	Taralga	Lost	10 to 3
18	Warroo	Drawn	No score
June 8	Holwood	Won	6 to nil

We append some details of the competition games. The others are noticed from time to time in the College Jottings:—

ST. IGNATIUS' v. CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

ST. IGNATIUS'.—Full-back, Conlon; three-quarters, Carlton, Kelly (captain), Higgins, Rorke; five-eighth, Hughes; half, Johnstone; forwards, Quinn, Cox, McArdle, Veech, Conrick, Fernandos, Fanning, Veech.

C.E.G.S.—Full-back, Fotheringhame; three-quarters, Hosking, Roberts, Pockley, Warden; five-eighth, Rich; half, Kater; forwards, Merewether, Macdonald, Pennefather, Tucker, Snell, Capel, Longwill, Hagen.

This match was played yesterday afternoon on the grounds of the Riverview Fifteen, and resulted in a brilliant victory for the home team. Cox kicked off for St. Ignatius', and the ball was returned to the midway flag. After some minutes of fairly even play the ball was secured by the fast wing three-quarter of the School team. His fine run, however, was stopped by Conlon, whose determined tackle evoked considerable applause.

Play was then transferred to the School 25, where Hughes secured from a scrum, and wheeling cleverly to the right, transferred to Carlton, who scored the first try for St. Ignatius'. The kick at goal failed. The School forwards made great efforts to relieve the pressure on their back line, but the Riverview vanguard was too fast and too strong. Finding a favorable opening, Hughes ran clean through the School defence, and scored behind the posts. He also added the two additional points, and then the score stood at 8 to nil in favor of the College.

Following the kick-off, the visitors made a brief incursion into the home territory, which Conlon repelled with a neat line-kick. Then came a grand forward rush by the Riverview front line. A penalty for off-side afforded the School some temporary relief. Another fine dribbling rush gave Higgins a favorable opportunity, of which he speedily availed himself. At half-time the score was 11 to nil.

Early in the second half Hughes got clean away, but he tripped and fell. Then followed a fine piece of fast and vigorous forward play, in which Veech and Fernandos were conspicuous. The latter was

collared on the line. The School backs were playing a good defence game, in which Fotheringhame, the full-back, took a prominent part, but they could not prevent the Riverview lads from breaking through.

Rorke was doing grand work on the left wing, and, getting up near the School line, he passed to Kelly, who scored. Conlon was called up from the back, and placed a good goal. After the kick-out the ball soon returned to the visitors' 25. In the scrums which followed the Riverview forwards repeatedly heeled the ball, but Johnstone found it difficult to get in his pass before being bothered by Kater, the opposing half, who played a fine game throughout.

Johnstone now worked the blind side of the scrum, but Rorke, the left wing, was by this time a marked man, and it was only after repeated efforts that an opening was made for Quinn, who scored the fifth try for Riverview. To Carlton was confided the difficult task of adding the major points, and his brilliant success was deservedly applauded. The St. Ignatius' Fifteen were thus victorious by 21 points to nil.

ST. IGNATIUS' v. KING'S SCHOOL.
Played at Riverview, May 8, 1907.

ST. IGNATIUS'.—Back, V. Conlon; three-quarters, H. Rorke, T. Higgins, P. Kelly, J. Carlton; five-eighth, F. Hughes; half, L. Bamber; forwards, P. Quinn, A. Cox, H. McArdle, C. Veech, J. Conrick, R. Hughes, J. Fernandos, L. Veech.

KING'S SCHOOL.—Back, Westropp; three-quarters, Gardiner, N. Milson, Mutton, A. Milson; five-eighth, Arnott; half, Bundock; forwards, Wilson, Hewitt, Jude, Wharton, Bayliss, Glasson, Barton, Reynolds.

Considerable interest has centred round this match. As regards the game itself, the "Star" reporter is evidently of opinion that not even the most enthusiastic admirer of Rugby could venture to describe it as a brilliant exhibition. This may be accounted for in no small degree by the fact that the back line on both sides was considerably out of gear. T.K.S. were without the services of two of their usual rearguard, while Johnstone, our own half, was on the line nursing a torn hand, and Hughes was badly handicapped by an injured knee. Bamber was tried in Johnstone's place, but at half-time he had to give place to Higgins.

The only score in the opening half was a goal kicked by Hewitt from a mark out near half-way. Hewitt, who was captain of the King's School team, played a good, hard game from start to finish. Before he took that long shot at goal few thought that it would be successful, and fewer still anticipated that the resulting score would decide the fortune of the game. It was a long, low kick, and to the eyes of many the ball seemed to pass beneath the bar. Nevertheless, it was a certain goal, and by it the match was won.

The display of the three-quarters was far from exhilarating. Sometimes the ball would travel along the whole King's School line, while the amount of ground gained thereby was practically nil. Our own backs did little better, though at times Kelly and Rorke were applauded for fine tackling, and Hughes, notwithstanding his injury, made some generous but unfruitful efforts.

Conlon, the Riverview full-back, made no very serious mistakes, but it must be admitted that in this match he gave little indication of that brilliant form which a week later was to earn for him at Hunter's Hill the unstinted praise of even the inter-State selectors. Westropp filled the corresponding position on the King's School side, and filled it well. When the Riverview forwards woke up in the second half, and stormed the school line his fielding and tackling were very fine, and without his assistance our opponents had little chance of raising the siege or withstanding the combined rushes of Veech, Fernandos, and Co.

Even when repeated frees brought welcome relief to the School defence, it was only for the moment, as Fernandos, McArdle, Veech, and Co. returned again and again with the ball at their toes. From some ruck play right in front of the T.K.S. goal, and within 15 yards of the line, Hughes secured and claimed a mark. With 20 minutes still to go, and the home

team attacking so vigorously, a score at that time would in all probability have altered the complexion of the game. The mark, however, was not allowed.

Later on a free was awarded to us near the centre, but the School forwards charged down. Riverview forced the ball back again to the School line. This time the siege was both vigorous and prolonged, but we failed to score, although only a week before we had beaten the North Shore team by 21 to nil, and in the days to come the latter were destined to lower the King's School colors by 9 to 3.

The next and last noticeable incident was a forward rush by T.K.S. A good kick sent the ball down the field, though not as far as our full-back. Reynolds was following up hard, when one of our three-quarters, who was also racing for the ball, bumped him heavily with his shoulder. Reynolds was bowled over, and the College boy was ordered off the field. There had been no tripping and no tackling. Whatever illegality occurred was due to a misinterpretation of a rule which says that "A player when running at the ball may only charge shoulder to shoulder an opponent also running at the ball."

ST. IGNATIUS' v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

Played at Hunter's Hill, May 13, 1907.

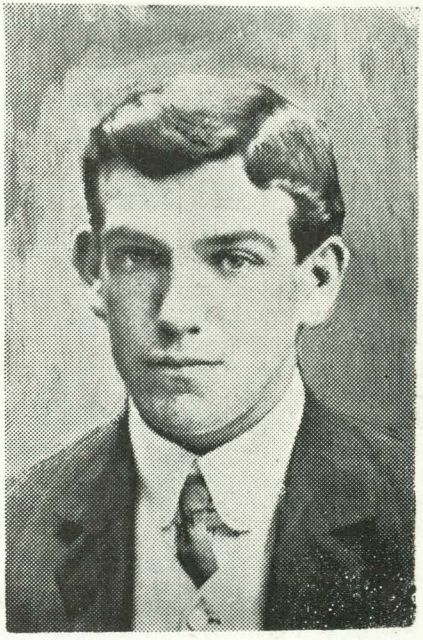
ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.—Back, Conlon; three-quarters, Bamber, Kelly, Rorke, Quinn; five-eighth, Higgins; half, Johnstone; forwards, Barry, Cox, McArdle, Veech, Conrick, Hughes, Fernandos, and Veech.

ST. JOSEPH'S.—Back, F. Marien; three-quarters, J. Birch, M. Deans, G. Shell, and E. McCaffrey; five-eighth, J. King; half, G. Dalton; forwards, E. Fahey, R. Lloyd, H. Fahey, R. Surtees, Beigley, M. Brown, F. Crowe, and C. Eccleston.

The match between the Lane Cove Colleges was perhaps the best ever played in the Great Public Schools Competition. There were fully 1500 spectators on the grounds at Hunter's Hill, and our anticipations of a splendid contest were amply realised. The game was fast and fearless, and played from start to finish in admirable spirit.

When the teams appeared on the field it was evident that our opponents had a decided advantage in weight. Their forward line must average fully 12st. As play progressed, it was equally evident that the Riverview boys, confident in their skill, were not gallied by the size of the opposition.

Early in the game the home team made a determined and prolonged attack, but



P. J. KELLY. [*Sunday Sun*
Captain of the Football Team, 1906-7.

failed to penetrate the Riverview defence. Then by combined play, with occasional brilliant forward dashes, the Riverview boys forced the ball steadily down the full length of the field. Near St. Joseph's line Higgins put in a clever piece of work, and passed to Bamber, who crossed at the corner, and registered the first score of the match. The goal-kick failed from an almost impossible angle. Later St. Joseph's were awarded a free kick inside the Riverview twenty-five, and a good goal resulted. At half-time the score was 3 all.

On resuming there was a decided slump in the home market. St. Joseph's were penalised inside their own twenty-five, and Conlon kicked a goal. A few minutes later Riverview romped down again into the home twenty-five, and after some clever heeling by their forwards Johnstone secured the ball and whipped it out to Quinn, who scored. Conlon got a cheer for a neat goal kick. The Riverview lads were now leading by 8 points.

The game all through had been hard and fast, but during the next 20 minutes it fairly hummed, and the fine rally of the home team was one of the features of the match. Their advantage in weight began to tell heavily in the scrums, and play was soon transferred to the Riverview 25. When close to the line Dalton got a chance, and scored a try, which his captain converted.

Thus far the St. Joseph's vanguard had done most of the hard work, since when their back line got the ball their centre took root and chucked it on to the next man. The result was that when the ball did get out to Birch, the champion sprinter on the wing, he had no pace up, and proved a sure thing for Rorke and Quinn. Seven minutes from the end, however, Birch got fairly going and crossed the line after a grand run. The try was not converted. Both sides were now level, and the excitement became intense. Birch made another brilliant dash, but was collared by Conlon, and when the final whistle sounded the scores were even—11 all. It was a fair ending to a splendid game.

Conlon, the Riverview full back, was in excellent form. He took the ball neatly, got in some good runs, and found the line every time. His tackling was a treat. Some of the Interstate selectors who were present bunched him with Birch as the pick of the field. Fahey, the St. Joseph's skipper, played a fine manly game, and Fernandos, of Riverview, figured prominently in many a forward rush.

SOME COMMENTS BY THE SYDNEY PRESS.

A game that will live for a long time in the memory of those who witnessed it was the long-expected match between St. Joseph's and St. Ignatius' colleges, which eventuated yesterday afternoon.

St. Joseph's College has held the championship for the last two seasons, while Riverview, who have now entered for the competition, could always be reckoned on to beat the other great schools.

Both fifteens were trained to the pink of condition, and Messrs. Swannell and Burden, their coaches, have to be congratulated, while Rev. Father Brennan and Bro Sebastian, the popular sports masters, should reap their shares of the honours that fell to their charges.

St. Joseph's, sized up against Riverview, fairly towered over them, and Beigley, Fahey, and Co., would have struck awe into the hearts of a less undaunted team. Riverview are not big lads, but they make up in skill, and it may be said that St. Joseph's never had such a close call in their history.

Mr. T. Pauling had charge, and he gave the utmost satisfaction to both sides. He was firm and fast, and to the credit of the boys he was not called upon to speak to any of them. Although the lads battled as they had never before, a fairer contest could not have been played.

Riverview were unfortunate in being without F. Hughes, their brilliant five-eighth, whose "game" knee of last Wednesday has developed into blood poisoning. He was on the ground, however, and chafed at his enforced inactivity. There is little doubt that his presence would have turned the scale, and transformed a wonderful draw into a glorious victory.

One of the smartest pieces of work was that in which Higgins (Riverview five-eighth) filched the ball from a scrum close to St. Joseph's goal-posts. He passed to Bamber, who shot around the scrum and scored first blood for his side.

The St. Joseph's captain (Fahey) kicked a penalty goal, and at half-time it was 3 points all.

St. Ignatius', on resuming, seemed to knock all the stuffing out of St. Joseph's, and before very many minutes had passed had sent Cerise and Blue stocks down with a slump.

OUR FIRST COMPETITION MATCH.

St. Ignatius' (vertical stripes) versus Church of England Grammar School.



F. Hughes. A. Johnstone. L. Veech. T. Higgins. P. Quinn. [*Sydney Mail.*

HIGGINS ABOUT TO SCORE.

Conlon, Riverview's full-back, was giving a capital account of himself. His marking was a treat to watch, and he found the line with a precision that was delightful. He proved to be speedy also, and never lost his headpiece.

Riverview missed a shot at goal from the mark, but in catching the ball in front of the posts from that kick one of the S.J. backs dropped it, and a comrade picked up off side. The penalty goal made Riverview 6 to 3.

Some brilliant footwork by Riverview, supplemented by fast following up, beat the St. Joseph's backs. Johnstone picked up neatly, and passed out to Quinn, who scored on the right wing. The try was converted by Conlon, and the score stood at 11 to 3 in favor of St. Ignatius'.

Where St. Joseph's College failed was in their backs, and some grand opportunities for scoring were missed through the mistaken idea a couple of players held that if a ball was passed to them all they had to do was stand still and toss it to the next man in the line. The three-quarters seemed to forget that in their wing man Birch they had a champion runner, and until the last ten minutes he never got the ball. When he did get it he made the crowd gasp.

A clever piece of heeling by St. Joseph's gave Dalton his opportunity, and he whipped around the pack, and grounded, amid wild excitement. E. Fahey added the extra points. That made the scores 11 to 8, and St. Joseph's supporters began to regain heart. It was after that, when they were told that there were eight minutes to go, that the game hummed. Birch got his opportunity, and he made the scores equal.

On the whole, the Riverview backs played headier, quicker, and sounder football than the St. Joseph's backs, their knowledge of the fine points of the game and their ability to turn defence into attack being more pronounced.

A beautifully-contested game, perfect in its spirit, perfect in sustained pace, and excellent in quality, ended in a draw.

ST. IGNATIUS' v. HIGH SCHOOL.

This game does not call for any prolonged comment. We gained an easy victory by 34 points to nil. In the opening play the school defended well, their full back playing a fine plucky game and taking some excellent marks. Then the defence collapsed, and the game became a procession of scores for our side. Eight tries were gained by Quinn (2), Barry (2), Veech (1), Fernandos (1), Higgins (2). Five of them were well converted by Conlon. The High School half kicked well and tackled gamely, but seemed to mistrust his backs. Jennings, McNamara, Lane, and Dean were the pick of the School team. Barry, Higgins, and Conlon were very prominent among the Riverview fifteen.

ST. IGNATIUS' v. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Riverview, May 25, 1907.

The Grammar School defence was perhaps the best feature of this match. The Riverview forwards outclassed the opposing vanguard, and, especially in the second half, the game resolved itself into a succession of sieges along the Grammar line, the siege being raised by off-side play on the part of Riverview, and thus giving Grammar School an occasional breathing space. The game was hard and exciting to barrackers, since every moment was full of activity. Hughes, the College five-eighth, put in some fast and clever play. Following up hard after an interchange of kicks, he got in a neat bit of footwork, and beat the backs. A race for the ball resulted, and, Hughes tripping right on the line, Grammar touched down. Conlon soon after missed a possible chance from a mark. Fernandos played a strenuous game, and was always on the ball. Early in the game, when hemmed in by the Grammar boys, he got in a neat overarm pass, which set the backs moving.

Our three-quarter line was weak, and the forwards were also to blame for failing to heel the ball more rapidly, and not giving the backs a more frequent chance for a flank attack. Quinn nearly got over, but was grassed within six inches of the line. The School forwards made a

grand rally during the last three minutes, and transferred to our twenty-five, but the whistle went with the score unopened on either side.

ST. IGNATIUS' v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

Played at Riverview, June 1, 1907.

Newington kicked off, and the ball was returned by F. Hughes. From a scrum near the centre, after the throw-in, N.C. half secured and passed to the five-eighth, who shot through and beat his man, but was grassed by Johnstone. From some loose play the ball was kicked over the Riverview line and forced by Conlon. From the kick-out Newington marked, and found the line about the Riverview 25. From a succession of throws-in St. Ignatius' got to half-way, where Johnsone relieved his side by snapping the ball from a forward rush and taking out. N.C. marked about ten yards from half-way, and after no-charge being ordered failed at the goal. The forwards being lined well out the ball was thrown to the three-quarter Hill, while running through, but Johnstone smartly collared him.

From a line-out near the home line Newington secured, and the ball was transferred to the backs, and reached Barker, who was collared by Conlon and forced out about five yards from the line. From the throw-in C. Veech dribbled the ball to half-way. Some give-and-take play went on for the next few minutes, till the blue-and-white forwards got off-side near the Newington line from a kick by Conlon. From the scrum near the centre the ball was sent to Hughes, who beat his man and tried a short kick, but it struck the Newington full-back, who caught it on the rebound and kicked out of bounds. Soon after this the Stanmore forwards got a fine dribbling rush going, and after getting the ball past all the St. Ignatius', kicked too hard, and the ball went out of touch.

After the drop-out Fernandos, McArdle, and Veech headed a nice rush, which brought the ball into the Newington 25, when it was passed along the backs and kicked out. After the throw-in and a few scrums Riverview attacked strongly, and compelled Newington to force, and a little time after the kick-out F. Hughes secured a beautiful mark near the line, about midway between the half and 25 flags, and the same man failed in the attempt at goal by inches. Nothing more of any consequence had happened when the whistle blew for half-time, without a score.

On resuming, Barry kicked off, and the Newington centre, in trying to beat this same player, who was following on very fast, lost possession of the ball, which was secured by C. Veech, who passed at the precise moment to F. Hughes, who raced along the line and scored; but in the attempt to convert he failed. Higgins took the ball from the drop-out, and got in a lovely kick, which went out of bounds about a yard from the line. From the throw-out Fernandos secured, and passed to F. Hughes, who knocked on, and Newington marked. From a loose scrum Barry emerged with the ball at his toe, and carried it to the full-back, who relieved the situation by a nice kick. The ball was passed to Higgins, who beat nearly the whole of the Stanmore vanguard, but on reaching the three-quarters came to grief.

After the kick-out the St. Ignatius' backs got a nice passing rush on, and the wing man, Rorke, got within a yard of the line before being run out. From the throw-in Hughes secured, and passed to Kelly, to Higgins, to Quinn, who, in passing back from within a couple of yards of the line, gave the Black and White forwards a chance, which they accepted, and dribbled the ball to the centre, where Fernandos broke through the ruck, and gained about 20 yards by a line kick. Loose play ensued for some time, when the Stanmore forwards came with a fast rush, but Conlon snapped the ball smartly from their toes, and found the line. From the throw-out the ball was passed to the Newington centre, who travelled fast, but was overtaken and brought down by F. Hughes.

For a time the ball was kicked to and fro, and from a throw-in R. Hughes broke away with the ball at his toe, but once more Pountney saved. Barry got command of the ball in the ruck, and drib-

RUGBY XV., 1907.



Photo by] [*Hall & Co.*

Back Row—J. McCarthy, T. Higgins, L. Veech, R. Hughes, Mr. Burden (Coach), J. Conrick, F. Hughes, A. Cox, B. Johnstone.
Second Row—J. Fernandos, C. Veech, P. Kelly (Capt.), H. Rorke, P. Quinn.
On Ground—R. Barry, A. Johnstone, L. Bamber, V. Conlon, H. McArdle.

bled on till Pountney fell on it. The ball came through the scrum, and was sent to F. Hughes, who cleverly evaded four or five opponents, but stumbled and fell in trying to beat another. Newington were relieved by being awarded a free kick five yards in front of their goal, and this brought the scene of play to the centre. After play in neutral territory for some time R. Hughes secured and ran alone till brought down by Pountney about 10 yards from the line, and the Newington forwards took the ball from here to half-way, where a scrum was formed, and the ball coming through the N.C. pack was transferred to Hill, who ran strongly along the line, and beat Quinn and Conlon, and his run looked promising till cut short by a grand tackle by Kelly, who had come across from the centre. Soon after this "no-side" was sounded, leaving St. Ignatius' victors by 3 points to nil.

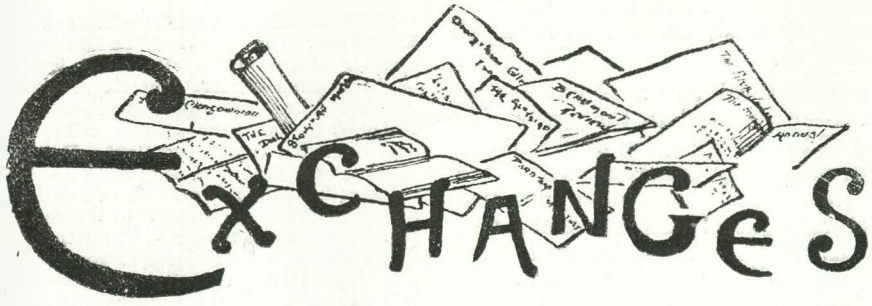
For the victorious team Conlon, F. Hughes (back), and Fernandos, Barry, and C. Veech (forwards) caught one's eye oftenest, and Pountney and Hill were the best of the Stanmore backs, while Roberts was the shining light of the forwards.

The following table shows the results of the Competition matches, which were played during the first half of the season:

	Wcn.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points for.	Points agn'st.	Com. Points.
St. Joseph's College	5	1	0	111	23	11
St. Ignatius' Coll.	3	2	1	69	14	8
C.E.G.S.	3	1	2	53	42	7
Syd. Grammar Sch.	2	3	1	26	13	7
The King's School	2	1	3	19	48	5
Newington College	1	2	3	23	34	4
High School.. ..	0	0	6	5	134	0

MATCHES FOR NEXT TERM.

Date.	Against.	Played.
July 20	Burwood Cambridge	In
27	Toxteth	In
Aug. 3	St. Joseph's College	In
7	High School	In
10	Randwick Farnham	In
14	Newington College	Out
17	Sydney Gram. Sch	Out
21	S.C.E.G.S.	Out
24	Hawkesbury Ag. Coll.	In
28	The King's School	Out
31	St. Anne's	In
Sept. 7	Wentworth	In



THE Editors of OUR ALMA MATER beg to acknowledge with thanks the following exchanges received since last (Xmas) issue :—

Australian Photo. Review.
Australian Photographic Journal.
Belvederian.
Beaumont Review.
Dial.
Fordham Monthly.
Hawkesbury Coll. Journal.
Fleur de Lis.
Mangalore Magazine.
Melburnian.
Memoirs of Rosebank.
Redwood.
St. Joseph's College Annual.
St. Scholastica's Leaves.
S. African Catholic Magazine.
Spring Hill Review.
Stonyhurst Magazine.
Swan.
The Newingtonian.
The Sydneian.
T.K.S. Magazine.
Torchbearer.
Xaverian (Kew).
Xaverian Calcutta).

AS OTHERS SEE US.

"Oh! wad some power the giftie gi'e us
To see ourselves as others see us;
It would frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion;
What airs in dress and gait would lea'e us—
And e'en devotion."

WE admire the way in which Bobbie Burns spells the King's English, and would imitate him if we dared. We must confess, however, that the proposition contained in the above quotation is one in which we cannot fully acquiesce. We may admire and esteem ourselves passing well, but we fear that were we "to see ourselves as others see us," our heads would be turned and our pens relinquished for ever.

From "mony a blunder" we must have been mercifully preserved, and as to our "airs in dress" they have been so universally admired that we trust they will not "lea'e us"—at least, till the morrow of our bankruptcy.

Each year several pages of our magazine have been devoted to the gratefully recording of the encouraging comments of many journals. Our generous critics are not from New South Wales alone, but also from Victoria, Queensland, Southern and Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand. We offer our sincerest thanks to the kind editors who have spared so many cheering words to the youngsters who are painfully stumbling up the steep hill of letters, on the summit of which they themselves are placed.

The reviews of our Xmas edition were so numerous and so extensive that to reproduce them in full would necessitate a double number. We must regretfully content ourselves with a sadly curtailed insertion. Even that is not possible, as there are some reviews which we failed to receive, and others which we lent to some admiring friends, and never——! Gentle reader, you know the rest.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the handsome annual of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Lane Cove River, Sydney, reflects great credit upon the editors and printer, and gives one a striking impression of the resources of the fine college from which it emanates. There is no college that we know of in the colonies which is so splendidly situated, so amply equipped for the students' comfort, and so richly endowed. St. Ignatius' College draws its students from all parts of Australasia, and the Wellington contingent comprise: Masters Gladstone Ward (son of the Premier), Harry and Frank McArdle (sons of Mr. Owen McArdle), Gordon Saunders, and Fernandos. The Very Rev. Father Gartlan is the popular and genial rector of this first-class College.—"New Zealand Free Lance," Feb. 2nd.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, has favored us during the past quarter of a century with many splendid issues of "Our Alma Mater," but the Christmas (1906) number has eclipsed all previous successes. Not only is the make-up attractive, but many of the illustrations are excellent. But it is not on these alone that the magazine depends for its interest-holding power. The excellently-written articles would do credit to more experienced pens, for we must bear in mind that the journal is purely a school one. It represents literary and intellectual activity quite worthy of the tuition of the Jesuit Fathers and the great college from which it has been published. All concerned in bringing out the number must be congratulated.—"The Catholic Press," Sydney, Jan. 24.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The excellent judgment exhibited by the editors of "Our Alma Mater" in their yearly publication of the organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College is reflected in the issue just to hand. This publication has now reached its 21st year, and has retained a remarkably high standard as a literary production. It is replete with handsome, well-executed illustrations, depicting scenes of college sports, beautiful Australian scenery, and

photographs of several old boys. "Our Alma Mater" records the success achieved by the students of the College, not only in the intellectual field, but also in the athletic arena.—"The Freeman's Journal," Sydney, Jan. 17.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The Christmas number of "Our Alma Mater," the school journal of Riverview, is out, and the whole production reflects the very highest credit on the young editors. The paper is excellent, the illustrations well chosen and beautifully reproduced, and the subject matter bright, and for the most part written by boys for boys. A certain amount of diffidence is shown in the editorial, but the writer, while admitting that the recountal of the doughty deeds of the present may not compare with the mighty past, attributes the fact to the historian rather than to the actors. And if any old boy doubts the capabilities of the present-day students, listen to this challenge:—"Should any of our 'past' be sceptical, let them return to the college halls, reduce themselves to our age and size, and we shall run them, row them, kick them, parse them, and if necessary shoot them." It is to be presumed this must not be taken literally. The issue contains photographs of the recently-elected General of the Society, of the college, showing the recent additions, the Rugby team, New Zealand boys at Riverview, and several views of the college grounds and river. A very complete record of school athletics, cricket, football, shooting, and rowing is given, but pride of place is given to those boys who distinguished themselves in class. Desmond Gavan Duffy, the Berthon Scholar and Debate Gold Medallist, gets a page to himself. "Our Alma Mater" is one of the most tasty of all the school magazines.—"Daily Telegraph," Sydney, Jan. 17.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The thirty-second issue of "Our Alma Mater," which celebrates the twenty-first year of its issue, is one of the best numbers that the students of St. Ignatius', upon whom devolves the duty of editing, have given to the public. Too much cannot be said for the excellence of the present issue, which for readableness and get-up has not been equalled. The lads have spent many thoughtful and perhaps sleepless hours over their contributions, which show an all-round brilliancy. Each phase of social life is touched upon with a sympathetic pen, and College Jottings, a diary, to which Mr. R. F. Hughes, W. McDonald, and others contribute, make interesting reading. Football, cricket, rowing, and athletics all receive adequate notice within the pages, and the illustrations are first-rate. These include photographs of many of the picturesque spots of Lane Cove River, college views, college champions, and theatricals. Sketches and poetry find their place within the pages, and complete a capital magazine.—"Australian Star," Jan. 31.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The book contains much interesting matter regarding the doings at the College, and is beautifully illustrated with photos of the College, the students, college sports, etc. The visit of the envoys to Riverview is the subject of a special article, and the students contribute some charming verses. The publication is beautifully got up, and altogether the boys of Riverview have every reason to be proud of their magazine.—"The Tribune," Melbourne, Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The general get-up of the journal is in keeping with the high ideals of its able editors and the management generally of St. Ignatius', and we assure the staff of "Our Alma Mater" that its regular semi-annual arrival is always a source of pleasure to us.—"Cobar Leader," Jan. 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The summer issue of "Our Alma Mater," the school magazine conducted by the pupils of the Jesuit College, Riverview, Sydney, comes in very attractive shape this year, the cover being in red with gold lettering. It also contains some very artistic illustrations, including fine photos of the Irish envoys (Messrs Devlin and Donovan). In addition to the school records, there are many good articles and poems, chiefly by students. Among them may be mentioned "River Idylls" and "Wayback Sketches," both well illustrated.—"Southern Cross," Adelaide, Feb. 1st.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is the premier school magazine of the State, and the present number is an interesting record of work and play at the well-known educational establishment on the bank of the Lane Cove River.—"Morning Herald," Newcastle, Jan. 18.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The college is built in spacious grounds, occupying a commanding position on the Lane Cove River, surely one of the most enchanting places in the whole world. The photographs given reproduce, but inadequately, some of the beauties of the spot, and poems and prose idylls help to convey a sense of the natural delight enjoyed by the students. What specially interests us, however, is the pictured group of New Zealand boys at the College, amongst the number being Masters G. and R. Vavasour, sons of Mr. H. D. Vavasour, of Ugbroke.—"Marlborough Express," New Zealand.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—This magazine, on the completion of the twenty-first year of its existence, made a Christmas appearance in December in an artistic letterpress gilt cover, and a gilted title page, which reflects credit upon the printers to whom the work was entrusted. The letterpress and illustrations are in keeping with the title page and cover, and the literary matter maintains the high standard which has characterised this excellent college publication from the first year it was published.—"Daily Times," Otago, N.Z.

"OUR ALMA MATER," from the Riverview College, Sydney.—The summer issue of "Our Alma Mater," edited and published by the students of the College, is beautifully printed and illustrated. The magazine is celebrating its

twenty-first year, and the event is marked by the issue of a really admirable production. The magazine contains, besides well illustrated literary contributions and records of school life, several full-page illustrations, principally of incidents connected with the past six months at the College. The results of examinations during the half-year are highly creditable to the scholars and their instructors. In sports, to which a fair proportion of the magazine is devoted, the students well maintained the reputation of their school. The editors of this excellent paper may be congratulated on the character of their work. "Our Alma Mater" is a model school magazine.—"Register," Adelaide, Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The publication is an excellent one, the 72 pages of letterpress being interesting and well written, while the general get-up establishes it as distinctly the most pretentious and artistic production of the kind we have seen.—"Oamaru Mail," New Zealand, Feb. 1st.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We acknowledge with sincere pleasure the receipt of the latest issue of this interesting publication, which, by the way, marks its 21st anniversary. As is well-known, it is edited and issued by the students of Riverview College, Sydney, and, judging by the high standard of excellence attained in its letterpress, those responsible therefor must surely take a foremost place in years to come in the literary world. From cover to cover it is filled with articles and information which must be of unparalleled interest to past and present students of the College, while even those who have never gathered within the College walls will find some very interesting reading in its pages, or pleasure in scanning the many charming illustrations which are given. Among other things, a good deal of space is devoted to chronicling the scholastic and athletic achievements of the students during the past year, and two Clarence boys come in for special mention, viz., Felix Conlon, of Maclean, who, apart from his prowess on the cricket and football fields and in the boat, secured high matriculation honors; and James Carlton, of Cowper, the College all-round athletic champion. The printers, Messrs. Finn Bros., have, as usual, turned out the book in a style that leaves nothing to be desired.—"Grafton Argus," Jan. 31.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Issued from Riverview, St. Ignatius' College, Sydney.—An edition de luxe, beautifully illustrated, edited with scholarly care, and embodying contributions which are evidence of the labor of love in a field of never-wearying literary activity.—"Tasmanian Mail," Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The Christmas edition of "Our Alma Mater," the organ of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, is a particularly fine production. Its literary contents and the handsome style of its letterpress raises it above the usual chronicle of scholastic life. This number marks the golden jubilee of the magazine, and a perusal of its pages shows that the college microcosm is active in the world of study, sport, and the gentler arts.—"Timaru Herald," New Zealand, Jan. 29.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Full of interest from the several capital articles it contains; full of interest to old boys and new, from the records of school life which it gives; well printed, well edited, and splendidly illustrated with various photographs, it is a model of what a school magazine should be; and above all it is not standing still but moving forward, for each successive issue is a distinct advance on the last. The account of the proceedings on Speech Day, 7th December last, when the prizes were distributed by Cardinal Moran, is peculiarly interesting to members of the Labor Party for the magnificent tribute to their aims and ideals paid by Cardinal Moran in his speech on that occasion.—"Bundaberg Star," Jan. 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is a highly creditable production, the articles, which are chiefly devoted to records of the work and sports of the College, being well written. The printing and illustrations are also up to a high standard.—"West Coast Times," New Zealand, Jan. 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—"The Miner" has in its time said so many complimentary things about "Our Alma Mater," the handsome half-yearly volume which emanates from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, that it finds it difficult to do justice to the number just to hand without using the old adjectives over again.—"Barrier Miner," Jan. 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The greater part of the number is taken up with a record of the work of the students in the class rooms and athletic field during the past year, consequently the space devoted to original contributions is limited, but what there is of these is up to the usually high standard of the magazine. The illustrations are numerous and well done, especially the frontispiece—a portrait of Father Wernz, the recently-elected General of the Society of Jesus.—"New Zealand Tablet."

"OUR ALMA MATER."—This edition signifies the coming of age of the publication, and the students have certainly excelled themselves. The articles are terse, but comprehensive, and well written. The pictures, which are liberally bestrewn through the interesting pages, are attractive and well chosen. The various branches of sport are touched by master hands, and perspicuous criticisms of the various College athletes are evidences of the friendship existing amongst the students. The magazine is in every way admirable, the authorities presumably attempting in each succeeding issue to better its predecessor From its poetic contributions we might echo:—

I am far from that which I would be,
My feet have strayed,
And now I learn that God is God to me,
In Him my aid.

Unless Thou holdst my hand, and walk the way,
I faint in heart.
Thou bidst me trust in Thee. Long is the day;
Do not depart.

—Richmond River Express," Jan 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The school journal, which has now reached its twenty-first year, is well turned out and well illustrated. We notice a photograph of a group of New Zealand students, among whom are to be found several Hawke's Bay boys.—"Hawke's Bay Herald," New Zealand, Jan. 18.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The publication, as usual, is quite up to the usual standard from a literary point of view, and is profusely illustrated and excellently got up, which reflects the highest credit upon the editor and students of St. Ignatius' College.—"East Sydney Argus," Jan. 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It forms a pleasing work of reference for the "old" boys, numbers of whom occupy leading positions in the Commonwealth of Australia, and none the less for those just entering upon business and professional careers.—"Monaro Mercury," Jan. 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The articles reflect the greatest credit on the editors. A number of subjects are touched upon in a style at once attractive and racy.—"Bathurst Daily Argus," Jan. 19.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—As usual, the magazine is replete with information as to the work done by the students during the past half-year, besides containing a number of very interesting articles on general subjects. The literary matter is of a high order, and would do credit to much more experienced journalists, evidencing as it does great care in composition and illustrating. It is profusely illustrated throughout, and the printing is all that could be desired. We tender our congratulations to our young friends upon the outcome of their efforts at journalism, and wish them every success in the future.—"Quirindi Times," Jan. 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Like an old friend, this publication (Xmas 1906) is once again to hand, and can be classed as the best yet issued by Riverview College.—"Glen Innes Guardian," Jan. 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—A publication of which the pupils of the well-known and beautifully situated educational institution on Lane Cove River have good reasons to be proud. It is beautifully printed and illustrated, and its well-assorted contents deal not only with the educational studies, but with the religious and social life of the students, with their varied recreations and successes in the sporting world, and with the careers of ex-students at the university.—"Rylstone Express," Feb. 1.

"OUR ALMA MATER" appears again, and is brightly written and well illustrated as before. It is the Xmas number that is before us, and is very worthy of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview.—"Tamworth Observer," Jan. 19th.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The cover is a beautiful specimen of the printer's art in green and gold, a fitting envelope for the literary matter contained. This deals largely with college life, and is well illustrated.—"Daily News," Wairarapa, N.Z., Jan. 18.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The issue just to hand is perhaps the best that has come under notice—containing many choice photo illustrations, whilst the letterpress is brightly written. The editors are to be congratulated.—"Manning River Times," Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Previous publications have been excellently produced, but the last is an advance on all others, with superior paper and superior engraving.—"Northern Star," Feb. 16.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—A really creditable and well got up production—full of interesting Australian news and beautifully illustrated.—"Western Grazier," Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The journal is as usual one of high merit—both from a literary and artistic point of view.—"Moree Examiner."

"OUR ALMA MATER."—In congratulating its conductors on the reputation secured by their college journal, we remark that the number before us, in literary merit, typographical work, and illustrative effort is fully up to the high standard the editors have aimed at. The illustrations are of a very interesting character and beautifully reproduced. They include portraits of the Irish envoys and college prize winners, views of "beauty spots" along the river, and other matters of interest.—"Dubbo Liberal," Jan. 23.

"OUR ALMA MATER" now appears in altered and greatly improved form, and is considerably enlarged, the December number showing general all-round advance—an excellent production, of literary and artistic merit, the only fault we have to find is that this paper is referred to as "The Recorder."—"Grenfell Record," Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The usual review of the college work for the year, reports of the various extra functions, records of victories at the University, on the cricket field, on the river and football ground, and numerous beautifully pictured illustrations serve to make up a fine number of this popular school magazine.—"Gunnedah Advertiser," Feb. 14.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Those whose fortunate lot it is to have been students at the famous St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, must look forward with expectancy at the close of each half-year to the publication of "Our Alma

Mater," the school's bi-annual magazine, which records the school's work of the past six months, and keeps many of the old boys in touch with each other. The publication is splendidly illustrated, well printed, and in every way a very interesting production.—"Western Post," Mudgee, Jan. 24.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—As usual, it is excellently got up from the typographical point of view, while the contents are marked by variety and excellence.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The Christmas number vies with past productions in the quality and interest of its literary contents and the artistic finish of its workmanship, which is saying a great deal.—"Picton Post," Jan. 23.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is most artistically got up, and reflects the greatest credit, both on the compilers and the printers. The illustrations are specially good this year.—"The Leader," Orange, Jan. 19.

"Our Alma Mater."—The journal, which we justly term it, is most artistically got up, and printed on fine art paper, with very becoming green cover. The illustrations of the magazine is a special feature, but the articles, mostly by the students, cap all.—"Narrabri Age," Jan. 22.

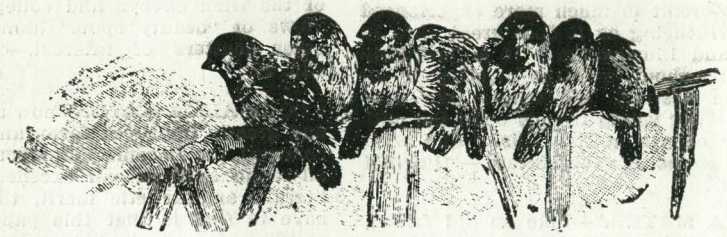
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"OUR ALMA MATER."—The copy before us continues to maintain the high reputation already achieved by "Our Alma Mater." There are more illustrations than usual, and the get-up of the magazine as well as the contents are of a high order.—"Coonamble Times," Jan. 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The periodical is exquisitely printed and well illustrated, and the contents give unmistakeable evidence that there is plenty of literary talent in the delightfully-situated college.—"Wagga Wagga Advertiser," Jan. 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Again we have to welcome the handsome magazine issued in connection with St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. The college occupies an ideal situation in one of many charming places within the estuary of Port Jackson, and the writer remembers in the days that have gone seeing, from the heights of Burwood, that palatial establishment being erected.—"Nyngan Observer," Feb. 23.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—This well-known Riverview school journal is a credit to St. Ignatius' College and its editors, also the printers.—"Cessnock Express," Jan. 19.



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