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EDITORIAL.

IF the hundred and one subjects that we are interested in this half-year, there are three or four of which our readers will expect some information in an Editorial. Among these the first place must be given to the creation of a new physics room with its carefully thought-out arrangement of tables, presses, electric and gas fittings, elaborate lecture platform, and new consignment of practical science instruments. Our friends within and without the house and, may I add, the critics of school work who so delight to criticise the schools for not crowding an impossible number of sections into our public examination programme, will be pleased to know that the Science work which has hitherto been limited to Chemistry, is now well launched in other directions and that we are entering into the wider sphere of Physics in its chief branches. In our next issue we hope to give particulars of the completed equipment, with full acknowledgements to Professor Pollock and Mr. Vonwiller of the University for their kind assistance and advice, so very valuable where there is such a multiplication of minor departments in modern science, such an expensive variety of modern appliances to choose from, and such an alarming tightness in the money market at home and abroad. Barometers, galvanometers, and spectrometers are not usually included with locomotives, panhards or even air-ships, but they do manage somehow to run away with finances. And the strange thing is that when they are captured the finances are not recovered with them. *Verbum sap.* which means: please understand that modern science at Riverview is costly and deserves well of support from any discerning public benevolence that may be thirsting to bestow itself on a deserving object.

In the next place we are reminded of the games to which Riverviewers owe an allegiance that is offered in no unwilling spirit. Duty is not seldom bitter-sweet in the mouth, but at Riverview the duty of helping the great cause of muscular Christianity seems to have little of bitter in its sweetness. An Editor is supposed to write by night and sleep by day, and to give his few spare hours to eating light and hasty meals of brain stimulating foods, far from the madding crowd. But we, the Editors of this magazine, can assure our intelligent

public, that we have devoted many an hour to the games here, and that the games here have been cherished of late with the loyalty of a Sir Launcelot and a Sir Galahad to boot. The boot here alluded to brings us relevantly enough to speak of our success in the football field. We had a fine football team this year and thanks to faithful strenuous practice we hold our first rank place in traditional first rate style. If it was not our fate always to command success, Sempronius, it was certainly our good play that deserved it every time, barring influenza and the marvellous heavy tonnage of a few among the visiting teams. More power to the light weight schoolboy and his meritorious pluck! As for rowing, our record is as brilliant as usual, and what more can a modest man say? We, the Editors, have sacrificed many an hour upon the river, dazed trying to count the strokes from the multitudinous flashing oars of two dozen or three dozen boats, and retiring to our sanctum we have mused upon the health, strength, and rythmic beauty that must flow into the soul as into the body of young Australia, thus employing its hours of leisure. The championship came our way once more. May it long continue to waft with dewy wings our dreams of sport!

But we have other dreams besides those of sport. We have dreams of success in school-work, mingled with battles of books and prizes and debates and Sodalities. These dreams have also had their measure of realisation. In another place the gentle reader will find recorded the long study-hours and success that crowned the hard work done in those hours. The Prefect of Studies points out in his report that our higher classes are better filled than ever before. Better filled is a word that may imply quantity only, but here it is used to imply quantity and quality combined. Thus the results of the Public Examinations go to prove that success in play need not interfere with success in work, but on the contrary that success in work is, at least here, found the best guarantee of success in play, while success in both is found the best guarantee of success in the life of the schoolboy and of the school.

A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR is the wish of the busy Editors, their hearty wish and greeting, to the old boys and new boys of old Riverview.



MODERNISM MISUNDERSTOOD.

A gent walked a mile
In a modern style,
And he sighed "Don't you think I look charming?"
But his coat and his hat
And his boots and cravat
Seemed borrowed—a wardrobe alarming!

The respect that is due
To the old and the true,
As you say, may be now out of fashion;
Yet your motley, if new,
Should belong, sir, to you;
And your words, well—not indicate passion.

C. E.



SPEECH DAY, 1907.

THE Annual Distribution of Prizes took place in the college theatre on Friday, the 6th of December. There was an unusually large gathering present.

His Eminence, Cardinal Moran, accompanied by Monsignor O'Haran, drove from Manly. They were welcomed by the Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J. (Rector of St. Ignatius' College.) His Eminence presided at the function, having on his right the Very Rev. J. S. Conmee (Provincial of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus), and on his left the Very Rev. Father Gartlan, S.J. Amongst others present were the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Thomas Hughes), and the Lady Mayoress, the Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., K.C.S.G., Vice-President of the Executive Council; Monsignor O'Brien (Rector of St. John's College), Monsignor O'Haran, the Rev. Fathers E. Rohan, M. Rohan, P. M'Intyre, J. Bowers, J. Brosnan (Orange); the staff of the College; Alderman Lane Mullins, Mr. A. Lenehan (Acting Government Astronomer), Messrs. O. U. Vonwiller, N. M'Donald, C. G. Hepburn, and C. Burke.

There were only five items on the programme, but they were given with so much perfection that they were appreciated far more than a lengthy entertainment would be. Several times during the year, the Riverview boys have appeared in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas with eminent success—only a couple of weeks ago they played "Utopia Limited"—so that a long programme was not expected at the break up. The orchestra played "The Caliph of Bagdad" as an overture, in addition to the dances "Pastorale" (German) and "Minuet" (by Mr. W. J. Coad, who is conductor) and Schubert's symphony—allegro moderato, "Unfinished." The choral class sang some of Sullivan's music, "Hail, O King," and "Gaily Tripping," and "Henceforth Strephon" and "Wandering One."

THE PROGRESS OF THE COLLEGE.

The Very Rev. Father Gartlan said that the roll of the college had almost attained the number which his Eminence expressed a wish to see, viz., 150, as the total number of boys at present exceeded 140. Regarding the literary achievements of the College, he said that one-seventh of the whole school had presented themselves for examination, and not one failure had resulted. (Applause). In the Junior examination, the results had been excellent, while their young Tasmanian student had secured the honor of getting first place. (Applause.) Regarding the Dalton Memorial Chapel, he would inform his Eminence that the old boys had not been idle. Within the past few days the sum of £360 had been added to the fund. (Applause.) Their Provincial had kindly denoted one hundred guineas (applause); and Mr. O'Connor, of New Zealand had sent him a draft for £250 (applause), to perpetuate the memory of his beloved son who had succumbed to an attack of appendicitis about eighteen months ago. As the sending of this draft was due to the persistency of the mother of the boy, he trusted that her example would be followed by other mothers.

THE PREFECT OF STUDIES' REPORT.

The report of the Prefect of Studies was presented, in which it was stated:—"The school report for the year should refer to the general interest in education that seems to be steadily growing around us. To be an object of general interest is sometimes embarrassing, but it is also an encouragement when, as in the present instance, we feel that the interest evinced outside will have its echo within the walls of the school, and, moreover, arouse the many friends of a school like this to stir themselves to prove in many various ways their appreciation of the vitally important work of education. The Church has ever cherished the best interests of education, but sometimes education has had to suffer from apathy or neglect on the part of many, who should stimulate and encourage school work and show an active, intelligent sympathy with the Church in her efforts to promote education. We hear with wonder of the interest displayed by the public of other countries in the education of their youth, and we are led to hope that the interest which the Press and the public are beginning to display in this country is the promise of a real enlightened spirit of friendly sympathy in education

"In the Junior Examination, the fourteen candidates who presented themselves successfully passed the examination. They sent in 96 papers, passing in 85, and securing 18 first-class and 38 second-class honours. One of the candidates, John Fitz-Herbert, was awarded the university prize for general proficiency, and first place and medals in Latin, Greek, Algebra, and Arithmetic.

"As to the work of the school, the promise for next year is good, and we have an unusually large number of boys both in the sub-senior and in the lower classes. The spirit of study is good all-round, and in athletics our football and cricket teams have acquitted themselves with credit. In the Great Public Schools Rowing Championship, we secured a 'victory by five lengths,' as the judge's verdict went; and the first team to represent the school in the football competition was admittedly among the best."

A vote of thanks to the Cardinal for presiding, was moved by the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Thomas Hughes). He said that all readers of the Catholic newspapers knew that his Eminence, at this particular time of the year, had a very hard time in visiting the numerous educational establishments distributing prizes to the successful students. (Hear, hear.) His Eminence had himself to blame in that respect, as he was constantly building new places. (Applause.) He asked the Cardinal to accept on behalf of the staff, and boys at Riverview, their best thanks for presiding at their function that day. (Applause.)

Monsignor O'Brien seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

THE CARDINAL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

His Eminence, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, congratulated the students on the accomplishments and educational embellishments imparted to them within the walls of St. Ignatius'; also, on the fact that they were attaining such perfection in the various literary and historical pursuits. Every time they assisted at the distribution there, they recognised marked progress, and he was confident that the college would long continue to maintain its prestige. He looked on such an institution as one of the sources from which not only the enlightenment of Australia must come, but even the well-being of the State itself. The development of a country depended greatly upon the development of its resources, and Australia's resources in every field were boundless. They were second to none in the world, and it was to guide the country to material progress they needed institutions like Riverview. It was to the great colleges they must look for those who would be leaders. The greatness of the older countries proceeded from institutions which grew up as River-



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Front Row—Rev. Fr. Corcoran, S.J., Fr. Cahill, S.J., Fr. Provincial, Fr. Rector, Fr. Tuite, S.J., Fr. Hassett, S.J.
2nd Row—Rev. Mr. Hannon, S.J., Br. Doyle, S.J., Fr. Brennan, S.J., Fr. Little, S.J., Fr. Pigott, S.J., Mr. Stephenson, S.J., Br. Foster, S.J.
Back Row—Rev. Mr. Walsh, S.J., Mr. Davis, S.J., Mr. Corboy, S.J., Mr. Byrne, S.J., Mr. Cuffe, S.J., Mr. O'Brien, S.J., Br. Girschik, S.J.

view was growing amongst themselves. St. Gall and other great monasteries were really the centres from which radiated the brilliancy and the good name which characterised the beginnings of the German Empire. From those institutions came the master minds who built up the destinies of the country. The intellectual splendour of the old Kingdom of Scotland was centred in Iona, though that island was separated from the mainland, and thirty-three of the Scottish Kings were decreed to be buried there. Ireland, too, was famed throughout Europe and the civilised world as the home of piety and learning, and it was such institutions as Riverview that earned for it the proud title of island of saints and scholars. Lismore, Glendalough, Derry, and similar names were familiar to them. From these monasteries emanated the enlightenment and the intellects that guided Erin's own course, and led her missionaries to roll back the tide of barbarism from the Continent, and, at the same time, to build up the Christian civilisation of most of the great nations of Europe. If they wished Australia to be foremost in the paths of progress, in spreading knowledge around her, they must encourage these institutions and do their best to promote their interests and strength. Though the past century was marked by development in many branches of science, it was more largely a period of commercial extension. Scientists, however, said they were only on the threshold of what was destined to be the century of grand scientific development. Therefore, such establishments as Riverview would be needed. They heard it said and read it in the newspapers—even in scientific works—that the Catholic Church was opposed to science. No greater calumny could be uttered. The Church was the friend of truth wherever it was found. Truth spoke of God; and the Church, faithful to her divinely-given mission, patronised and welcomed every truth. It was a delusion to think that the study of truth would lead to infidelity. Pasteur, the ornament of scientific progress during the past century, related that when he commenced his studies he had the taint of infidelity; but as they were proceeded with, it disappeared, and when he had drunk of the spring of science he blessed God that his faith and hopes were as strong as that of the humblest Breton peasant. So he (the Cardinal) would say to the young students before him,—"Drink deep of those scientific springs; for they will not only be an advancement in the various pursuits of life, but a pleasure and a consolation to them." He trusted that amongst the names of the great scientists who would adorn the present century would be some who figured on the rolls of scholars of St. Ignatius' College. It would be delightful, after another 50 years, when some other Archbishop would be addressing them, to be able to point to Riverview as the sender forth not only of great statesmen and great churchmen, but of celebrated scientists, too, who had developed those studies which hitherto had been monopolised in the home countries, and which, he trusted, would soon become the heritage of our Australian schools. (Applause.) Concluding, his Eminence remarked that he hoped the Jesuit Fathers would have at least 200 students gathered within the walls of the college next year.

At the conclusion of the function Father Gartlan entertained the visitors with refreshments in the main dining-hall.

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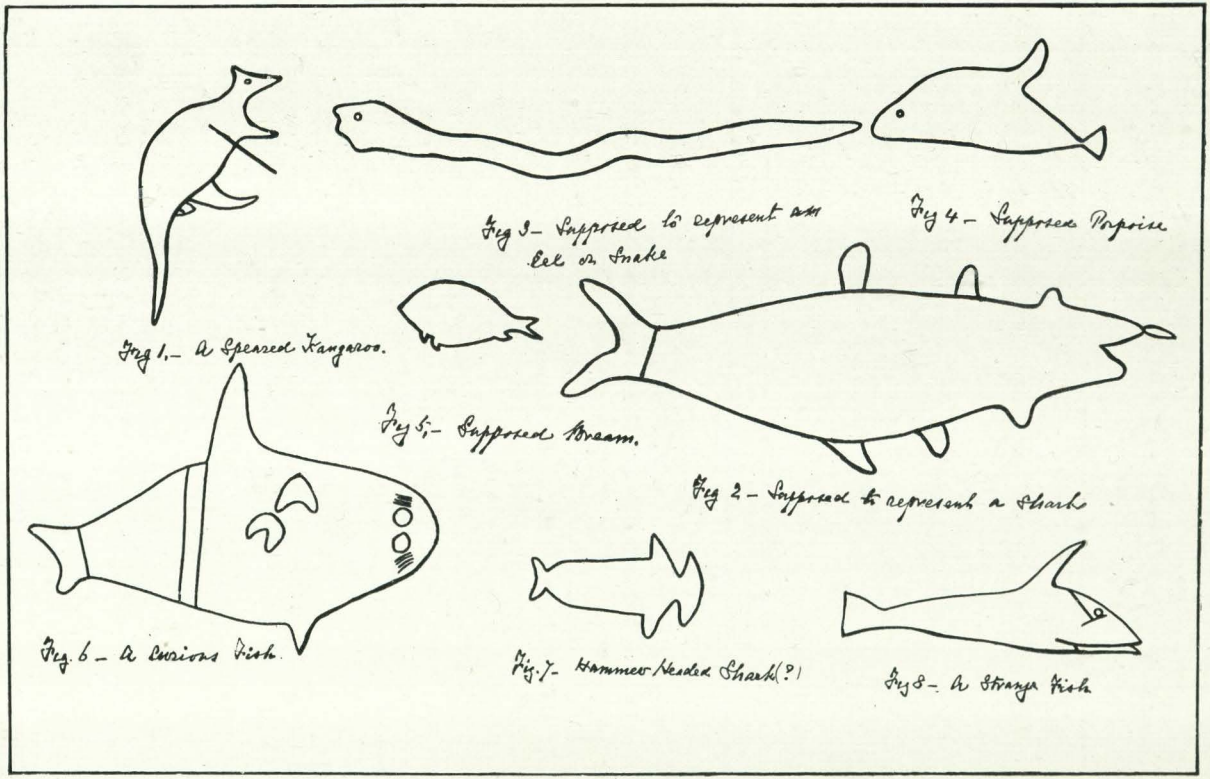
An Ethnological Mystery.

ABORIGINAL CARVINGS ON THE LANE COVE RIVER AND ELSEWHERE.

BY JOHN PLUMMER.

THE neigbourhood of the Lane Cove River affords an abundance of material for the ethnologist, as well as for the geologist, the botanist, or the artist, and in places we are confronted with the relics of an unknown past in the shape of rude idiographic rock-drawings and carvings, scattered throughout the extensive coastal area, of which the Lane Cove River forms not the least picturesque feature. These curious remains of a past, of which no tradition yet survives, have long formed a subject of ethnological enquiry, but notwithstanding the numerous ingenious theories formed respecting their origin, the only points on which there exists any approach to unanimity of opinion, is that they were the work of a people living anterior to the existing aboriginal population. In all other respects they remain an inscrutable mystery, like the huge stone platforms and colossal figures of Easter Island, although they have been supposed by more that one writer to possess a connection with certain aboriginal rites and ceremonies. That these rock drawings and carvings are of great antiquity, has been demonstrated beyond all question. According to a leading Australian ethnologist, several of them must be very old, as the indented lines bear exactly the same appearance as the surface of the rock on which they are made, while chippings made near them, in the same rock, over ninety years ago, by surveyors and others look obviously modern by comparison. Another recognised ethnological authority states that from the extent of the erosion to which the rock carvings exposed to the open air have been subjected, as well as from the depths of the alluvium and size of the trees by which those on horizontal rock are concealed, it is evident that a very considerable interval must have elapsed since the era of their production.

The manner in which the carvings were produced has been clearly ascertained. Scattered among the finished figures, says Mr. Etheridge, of the Sydney Museum, are some in an incomplete state, and others just commenced, revealing the method by which the aboriginal artist carved them. A series of shallow disconnected indentations were made on the surface—horizontal or vertical—of the sandstone rock to the required outline, and subsequently deepened and widened. Then similar depressions were made between those already completed; these, when deepened and widened, rendering all the depressions confluent, and thus forming a continuous groove, representing the desired outline. The figures are of all sizes, mostly from five to seven feet in their widest part, while several run to sixty or seventy feet. At Longueville Point, on the Lane Cove River, Mr. W. A. Gullick, the New South Wales Government Printer, found a group of figures on the almost level top of the low



ABORIGINAL ROCK CARVINGS.

cliff, which at that point is twenty-five feet in height. It is on the line on the west side of Stuart-street, produced across the Government reservation of one hundred feet above high water mark, and within sight of Riverview College. The group consists of an emu, portrayed in an ususually elaborate and artistic manner, and, six feet distant, the outline of an oval figure, three feet eight inches by two feet four inches. Six feet further on from these two is a foot print fourteen inches by five inches. The whole of the work is lightly cut.

Several small fish are to be found, cut on the rock surface, off the end of Lucretia streets, on the west side of Woodford Bay; but it is probable that many carvings have become destroyed, in ignorance of their real character, during the building operations continually going on. On the top of the narrow neck of land at Ball's Head, Berry's Bay, which forms such a conspicuous land-mark on the harbour trip between Sydney and the Lane Cove River, is a group, the principal figure being a whale with a line across the narrowest part of the body at the tail; within this figure, near the tail, is a man-like figure with a belt; but there is either no head or a much misshapen one that is merged into an arm. Both the figures are deeply cut, and have a smooth groove. About forty-five feet southward there are four small fish. There are also two "deity figures," one on each side of the whale, but much weathered.

The rock drawings are found mostly in caves and rock-shelters, over-hanging masses of rock affording a certain amount of protection from wind or rain. One of the latter, situate near Richmond, on the Hawkesbury River, is described as being hollowed, partly by fluviatile action, partly by atmospheric influences, out of a long, low escarpment of rock. It is twenty-five feet long, eleven feet deep, and eight feet high inside; but, on account of its dome-shaped interior, only four-and-a-half feet at the entrance. The drawings are still plainly visible, despite the shameful manner in which the walls have been defaced by vandalistic visitors. They consist of about a dozen hand-outlines of different sized figures of iguanas, one of them four-and-a-half feet in length; a flying squirrel; boomerangs; and a tomahawk, mounted on its handle, nine inches in length; all reproduced by splash work. The shelter, with its drawings, was discovered over half a century ago, but none of the Hawkesbury aboriginals then living, professed the slightest idea as to what the drawings signified.

Idiographic drawings have been known, we are told, from the times of the earliest explorers. Flinders, in his "Voyages," refers to them as being on the rocks of Chasm Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria. They were in black and red on a white ground, representing turtles, kangaroos, and the human hand. Another early explorer found figures of sharks, porpoises, turtles, lizards, trepang, star-fish, and canoes, done in white outline, on a groundwork of red, on the roof and sides of caves at Clark Island, Cape Flinders, Victoria. In a large cave or rock shelter near Wollombi, New South Wales, the roof and walls, as far as the hand could reach, were profusely decorated, the drawings including one done in white, possibly intended to represent the sun. It consists of a centre, with thirty-eight converging rays, the whole forming a circular object, measuring about two feet across. Most of the drawings consist of human hands, but along the lower portions of the walls, are drawings of the soles of men's and children's feet. The drawings of hands and feet are supposed to have been produced by placing them flat against the rock and splashing round them with a white-wash made probably from some description of pipe-clay or hearth-ash.

Although it is generally admitted of the Australian aborigines that they possessed the art of conveying ideas by a system of picture-writing, a native being thus enabled to make intelligible to his fellows pictures of notable events in the history of his life, or that of the tribe to which he belonged, no clue to any reasonable interpretation of any of the many thousands of idiographic

rock carvings found in all parts of the island-continent has yet been obtainable. The Australian aborigines, especially those of Northern Queensland, occasionally display much skill, and even taste, in the ornamentation of their weapons and implements, but they rarely, if ever, strive to produce representations of animate or inanimate objects. Dr. Carroll, of Sydney, who has devoted much time and labor to the attempted elucidations of the signification of the mysterious drawings and carvings, regards them as being totemic or tribal emblems, or symbolical of tribal myths and laws, each animal or object representing a separate tribe. Thus a speared kangaroo would be a chief warrior; the male figures representing Baimat, an ancestral spirit or god; the large fish, or shark forming a god-emblem, and so on. Fish and kangaroos appear to have been favorite subjects with the aboriginal artist, but it is curious that no females have a place in the myriads of rock drawings and carvings.

It is to be regretted that neither the Commonwealth nor the Australian State Governments have done anything in the way of preserving or forming a record of these mysterious relics of a prehistoric age, which are beginning to disappear with the progress of settlement, especially in the vicinity of the cities and large towns.

The accompanying illustrations will assist in furnishing some idea of the general character of these aboriginal relics, large numbers of which are depicted in an interesting volume by Mr. W. D. Campbell, forming the first portion of the Ethnological series of Memoirs of the Geological Survey of New South Wales. The speared kangaroo shown in figure 1, is supposed to represent a tribal chief killed by his antagonist. It is about five feet in height. Figure 2 is believed to represent a shark. It measures about sixteen feet in length. The eel-like object depicted in Figure 3, has occasioned considerable speculation, being interpreted in a variety of ways. It is fourteen feet long, with a somewhat undulating outline, a moderately well-formed head, eye approximately in position, and a gradually tapering body, but there are neither fins, paddles, or other locomotory appendages. Mr. Etheridge, of the Australian Museum, thinks it may represent an enlarged figure of an eel, such as the green eel, or a snake. Or it may be intended to convey an aboriginal idea of the much debated sea-serpent. The carving in Figure 4 suggests a porpoise, and that in Figure 5 a bream. Figure 6, representing a fish, is twenty-four feet in length, and indented partly on a flat stone table, and partly on a rounded, inclined surface, on the coast near Sydney. There is a large dorsal, and a small pectoral fin, two large eyes, a rather restricted tail, with ill-defined flukes, a transversely oblique band placed just behind the dorsal fin, and two incomprehensible horse-shoe shaped bodies somewhat in advance of it. On the outer margins of the eyes are four slits, which may represent the gills. The transverse measurement of the fish from tip to tip of the fins is eighteen feet. The placing of the two eyes on one side of the fish, gives it a one-sided appearance. A "hammer-headed shark," is the popular interpretation of the carving shown in Figure 7. It measures nearly five feet in length, and is very clearly defined. A fish carving more true in some respects to nature than usual is represented in Figure 8. It is twelve feet seven inches long, and shows an eye and an open mouth. There is a tail, square ended in shape, also a dorsal fin curved in the wrong direction.



Impressions of Holland.

IF any country can lay claim to local colour, unquestionably Holland can. It possesses marked characteristics of a "genre" quite apart. It cannot boast of the wild romantic beauty of Switzerland, or the vine-clad hills and sparkling rivers of France. Yet it is not without its charms. Plots, microscopic in size when compared with Australian runs, each surrounded by its inevitable water-filled ditch, succeed on plots with unvarying yet not altogether wearying monotony. The tethered cows browse peacefully on the verdant patch, acting as beaters up for the majestic storks that follow in their wake, eagerly picking up the affrighted grub or startled frog. In the foreground can be seen the white wings of half-a-dozen wind-mills grinding the corn or pressing the oil from the seed grown at their bases. The graceful svelte steeples, sharply outlined against the soft fleecy sky, must not be omitted, and here we may remark that the churches of Holland are a credit to the land. Built for the most part of brick, as stone is not to be had in the country, they are tasteful to a degree, and the paintings and decorations of the interior would do honor to our finest city churches. The country is as flat as the proveribal pancake The high roads, generally called military roads, and built by Napoleon, are for the most part made of brick; these and the canals, which run straight as arrows from point to point, are lined with oaks.

On the canals ply barges, propelled by steam. These, of a type superior to those seen in other countries, constitute house and home for family and crew.

The people are old-fashioned, and dress in ante-deluvian style. The women wear a white cotton coiffure, with folds innumerable, a bodice and dress made of a heavy coarse material, and wooden sabots. On a Sunday morning you see them going to Mass or Church, spick and span, their wooden clogs resounding on the frozen road, or oftentimes at 2 or 3 a.m. on a summer's morning marching to some distant shrine, singing simple melodious hymns, waking the echoes and the slumbers of the night with their martial wooden tread. The country folk are exceptionally pious, and it is no uncommon thing to see men and women, as they go to their work in the grey light of the early day, reciting their beads aloud along the oak-hedged roads.

The typical Dutchman is not of an excitable temperament. His life flows smoothly on like the sluggish slow-footed rivers of his country. His predominant passion oscillates betwixt the foaming bowl of beer, and the fragrant weed. As a rule it preponderates in favor of the latter. A witty Frenchman once remarked that one fine morning the dykes of the Zuyder-Zee would give way, and the smouldering fumes of 5,000,000 sea-drenched pipes would rise in supplication to Lady Nicotine to allay Poseidon's vengeful wrath.

In fact the atmosphere of Holland is redolent with tobacco. Morning, noon, and night, man, school-boy, and even child, ply the pipe or stout cigar, and wreaths of circling smoke are as inseparable from a Dutchman as his shadow in the baking sun. The climate, soit dit en passant, is muggy, and the heat of the sun is intensified by reflection from the sand; even the pine-groves, wherewith the country is covered for purposes of fertilisation, instead of tempering the noonday rays, seem to store up the heat and give it forth again when the sun has gone down in splendour, as it frequently does in that northern sky.

The remarks above, with reference to

the lackadaisical character of the Dutch apply principally though not exclusively to the Dutch peasant. Business people in the larger cities can hardly with justice be classed in the same category; for it is a well-known fact that the Dutch are the cleverest merchants in the world. They have at their command, in addition to business talent of a very pronounced character, four languages: their own, English, German, and French. These they speak with surprising fluency, and with only a suspicion of a foreign accent. French, of course, is still the language of the Court and high society.

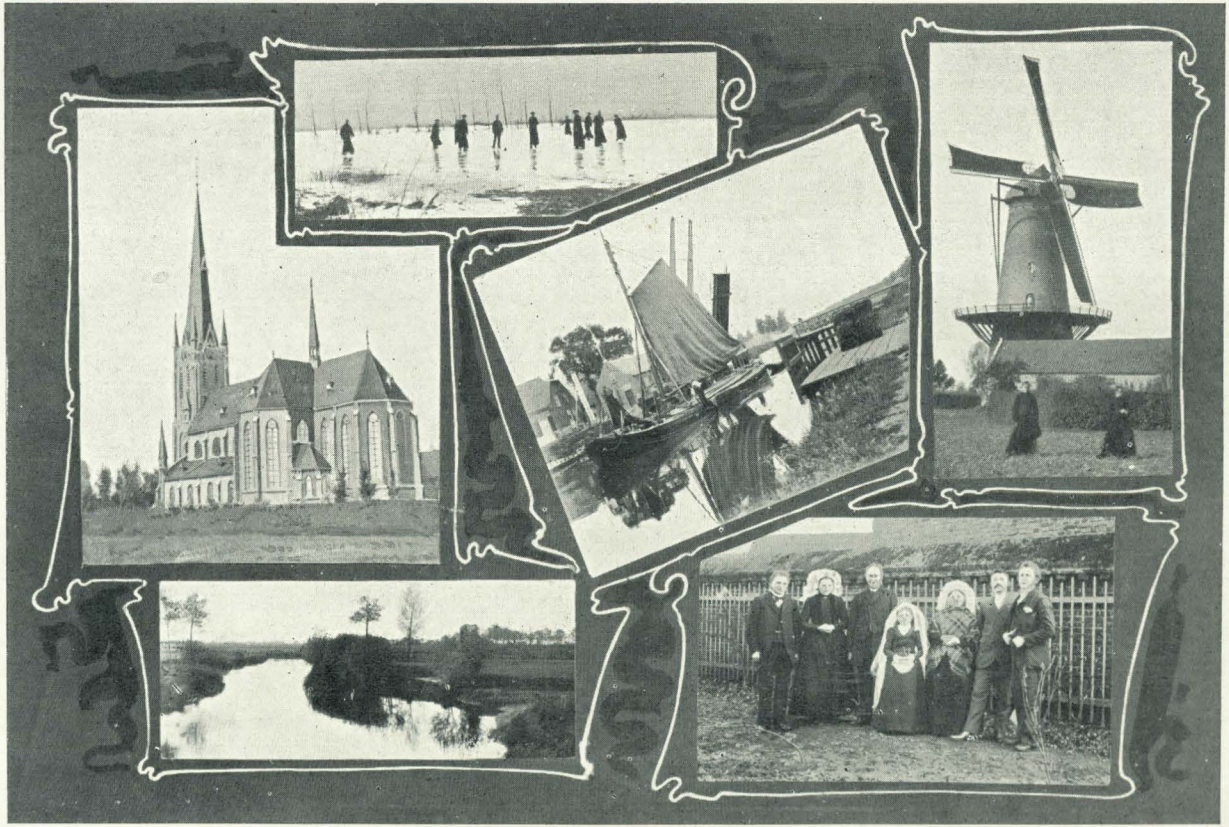
Although the prevailing religion of the country is Protestant, Catholics form about a third of the community. Till recent years they labored under many disabilities and petty annoyances on the part of the Government. They might build new churches, but they were not allowed to repair the old. As a consequence, some of their finest churches and grandest cathedrals might be seen sadly falling to pieces, and Catholics could extend no more than a bootless sympathy to those superb, decaying structures, still-standing witnesses of their fathers' faith, slowly crumbling by the wear of time. The knell for a soul that had passed away was forbidden; the Blessed Sacrament could not be taken in procession in public; nor could the priest, when conveying the Viaticum to the dying, be accompanied by Acolytes carrying lighted tapers. These and other annoying restrictions have been swept aside, and as the Catholics are well-represented in Parliament, and hold important positions as Ministers of the Crown, there is little danger of their recurrence. There are still about 60,000 Calvanists in the country, a relic of by-gone times. The succession of Bishops has never been broken among them—and they take good care that it never shall be—hence their priests, though not in communion with the Church of Rome are, unlike the Anglicans, validly ordained.

The child is father of the man, and the school-boy is but an undeveloped germ of what we have already described. Violent games and exercise, except skating when in season, seem to be tabooed (tho' I have seen soldiers playing football); and even the skating is done with a graceful swinging movement, which seems to require but a minimum of energy. School over, the boys go home puffing cigar or pipe, or in boarding schools, congregate after dinner in a play room, and there they sublimate the peace-giving weed from Cyclopean pipes, as long, or longer, than themselves.

Some years ago a strike of railway officials, which convulsed the country from North to South took place. The action of the Government with regard to the crisis may not be void of interest at the present moment, when the coal strike threatens to dislodge the trade of Australia to the aggrandisement of other countries. The matter was hurriedly discussed and pushed through the House; a bill was rapidly framed and passed, the purport of which was that if within a very brief and specified time the officials refused to resume work, prison was the alternative. The bill was taken to the Queen, received her royal sanction, and in the morning the newspapers of Holland flourished it to the bewilderment and delight of the people. The measure was effective. The men returned to work at once. The Socialists bit their fingers over the defeat, but they had to grin and bear it. Such legislation, however, would hardly go down in a country like this, where Labour is so strongly represented, and consequently so independent.

We shall no longer disturb the peace of that happy land. Though it is monotonous in the extreme, with its net-work of canals, with its tesselated surface (the tiles are its acre patches, separated by a ditch or row of trees); with its easy-going inhabitants and re-echoing sabots; with its dull soporific streams—yet it possesses a charm all its own which, when you try to fix it, vanishes like the radiant hues of a butterfly's wing.

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PICTURES IN HOLLAND.

Skating on Flooded and Frozen Fields. Dutch Wind-Mill.

Catholic Village-Church. Barge on Canal.—Passing through a Lock.

The River Aar. "Her First Communion Day."

The Father Dalton Memorial Chapel.

We have received the most cheery news from the chairman of the committee of the Memorial Chapel, Mr. Thos. Dalton, K.C.S.G. The grand work that this gentleman and the other members of the Old Boys' Union took up with such generous ardour, promises to be very soon an accomplished fact. The plans and specifications have been prepared by an ex-student architect Mr. J. T. McCarthy, and tenders are to be called for about first week in February.

Unbounded enthusiasm greeted the announcement made at the Old Boys' annual dinner by the Rector that he had received a bank draft for £250 from Mr. Maurice O'Connor, of Wellington, N.Z. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor desired that this money should be devoted to perpetuate the memory of their dear son Tom, who died a most edifying death in Lewisham Hospital, May 5, 1906. At the time of his decease Tom was a most popular student of the College, and one of the assistants in the Sodality of Our Lady. Surely no more fitting memorial could be thought of than the erection of a Lady Chapel in the Dalton Church, and the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor will be directed to this purpose.

Another outburst of cheering greeted Father Gartlan when, after telling the ex-students of Mr. O'Connor's munificence, he made the further announcement that the Very Reverend Father Provincial, J. S. Conmee, S.J., would give a donation of one hundred guineas to the funds to mark his appreciation of the devoted spirit in which the Old Boys of the College had taken up the work of honouring their Old Rector. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Thos. Dalton, has certainly given a noble lead in the matter of big-hearted generosity. Not satisfied with starting the subscription list with a gift of a hundred guineas, he has since by repeated donations more than doubled that sum.

To effect this glorious crown to their enterprise, the Old Boys have only to work shoulder to shoulder, each one doing vigorously all in his power to further the common object and prove his attachment to the old school, and his affectionate reverence for the name and memory identified with its foundation, the name and memory of dear old Father Dalton.

MARVELLOUS Melbourne beats the record in heat waves and other things. Thus it was a rare pleasure to us to receive from the Melbourne Press a friendly criticism of the articles in this Magazine before they were written The critique to which I refer has picked out with prophetic and kindly eye the special merits of this issue of the ALMA. May we in a spirit of emulation and common gratitude throw an anticipatory glance over the bright pages of the next March issue of "The Australian M————," and say that those pages already repay perusal and deserve the recognition of a delighted public for their style and matter, excellent, entertaining and more than up-to-date.

Riverview Old Boys' Annual General Meeting.

The eleventh annual general meeting of the St. Ignatius' College Old Boys' Union was held in the Oxford Hotel on Thursday Oct. 31st. The President, Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, was in the chair. Those present included Messrs. G. E. Flannery, J. T. M'Carthy, W. T. Coyle, T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., Dr. P. J. Clifford, A. Deery, F. Duboise, F. Coen, Jas. Hughes, I. B. Norris, H. B. Oxenham, L. P. Kelly, Captain J. Lane Mullins, B. A. M'Bride, P. W. Fallon, J. Maurice Toohey, A. W. M. D'Apice, H. Healy, E. S. O'Sullivan, W. H. Sheridan, T. J. Hurley, A. S. Curtin, F. Mulcahy, L. Barry, John Hughes, Bryan S. Hughes, Douglas Oxenham, J. E. F. Mann, I. C. O'Donnell, A. Foley, E. Macfarlane, G. Makinson, R. H. Makinson, and others. Apologies were read from the Rev. M. A. Flemming and Messrs. T. D'Arcy (of Bega) and Fritz Hoeppner (of Coolamon.) The annual report and balance-sheet were adopted and showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. Several matters of great importance to the Union were discussed including a scheme for extending the Union's operations. Great interest attached to the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted in the selection of the following council:—Patron: Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J., Rector of the College (unanimously re-elected); President: Mr. B. A. M'Bride; Vice-Presidents: Senator the Hon. J. H. Keating, Messrs. G. E. Flannery, LL.B., F. W. J. Donovan, J. T. M'Carthy, W. T. Coyle, LL.B., T. J. Dalton, K.G.S.G., P. J. O'Donnell, Rev. M. A. Flemming, Dr. P. J. Clifford, A. Deery, J. Maurice Toohey, F. Duboise, and Major Lenehan; Hon. Secretary: Mr. P. W. Fallon (re-elected); Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. Mulcahy; Committee: Messrs. I. B. Norris, F. Coen, H. B. Oxenham, John Hughes, James Hughes, L. P. Kelly, A. W. M. D'Apice, and J. E. Furneaux Mann. The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the returning officers.

THE MESSAGE FROM THE WEST.*

ACROSS the far seas to Australia,
That land of the West in the East,
The home land sends hither her message;
But storms from their cave are released!

Wild winds rocking the woodland,
Wild waves shaking the shore;
A ship on the mounds of the ocean,
A message, a friend and no more.

The Isle of the West sends a message;
Ever we hearken and wait;
Through tumult of winds and waters
The voice, can it make to our gate?

There is one who once walked the waters,
He can say: "Peace, be still!"
The message is His; will He speed it?
Who can know His Will!

The haven is won! Unhindered
The friend and the message are near.
The East from the West is *not* sundered,
The message comes sweet and clear,

May thy voice so gracious and potent
Bear homeward a word of reply:
Trust is not lessened by distance,
Love knows not far or nigh,
Love casts out all fearing,
The love that will not die.
No fear is of present or future
Fear of strife or pain.
Children of one household
Greeting and greeting again!

* Lines on the occasion of the Very Rev. J. S. Conmee's visit to the Australian Mission.

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St. Ignatius' College Old Boys' Union.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER.

THE eleventh annual dinner of the St. Ignatius' Old Boys' Union was held on Thursday, December 5, at Baumann's Cafe, Pitt-street, Sydney. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. B. A. M'Bride, who had on his right the Very Rev. J. S. Conmee, S.J. (Provincial of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus), and on his left the Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J., Rector of St. Ignatius' College, and patron of the Old Boys' Union. There were also present:—Messrs. T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., F. W. J. Donovan, J. T. M'Carthy, W. T. Coyle, Major R. W. Lenehan, Dr. Percy Clifford, A. Deery, F. Du Boise, J. Maurice Toohey, vice-presidents; Messrs. F. Coen, H. B. Oxenham, John Hughes, junr., James Hughes, A. W. M. D'Apice, J. E. F. Mann, committee; Mr. F. Mulcahy (hon. treasurer), P. W. Fallon (hon. secretary), and Messrs. J. Lane Mullins, W. H. Sheridan, F. Punch, F. Rorke, D. Oxenham, P. Quinn, J. Boylan, M. Johnstone (New Zealand), A. B. Abel, —Veech, R. Anderson, H. E. Manning, H. Healy, A. M'Donnell, F. Walker, T. Hurley, L. Barry, I. B. Morris, L. Kelly, J. T. Toohey, S. Rorke, Claud Healy, B. Hughes, and J. Punch.

The dining-room was nicely decorated with the college colors.

At the close of the repast the following apologies for non-attendance were read.—Senator Keating, the Rev. J. Brennan, S.J., Dr. W. O'Gorman Hughes, Messrs. Lionel Bridge, Clarence Bridge, R. F. Macdermott B. F. M'Evoy, Stuart Mason, J. B. Blakeney, and J. Carlos.

After the toast of "The Pope and the King," had been honoured, Mr. F. W. J. Donovan, in a humourous manner proposed the toast of "The Patron." He said that their reverend patron had played many parts in building up the grand institution of Riverview College. (Applause). Apart from the services which he had rendered in an intellectual way, he believed that Father Gartlan had the credit of being the founder of the College Rowing Club. Many of them remembered the first sermon delivered by their Patron twenty-five years ago. That sermon had borne good fruit. Those days were, perhaps, forgotten, but their respect and veneration for the Very Rev. Father Gartlan, was just as warm as it had been twenty-five years ago. The serious side of their Rector's character they did not appreciate until they had left school, and now he was the one connecting link between the present and the past. In him they had a worthy successor to the late beloved Father Dalton (applause), whose memory would always remain green in their minds. He hoped that the Very Rev. Father Gartlan would long remain patron of the Union. (Applause).

In responding to the toast, Father Gartlan expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been honoured. He referred to the good work done by the late Father Dalton. As the Rector of the leading Catholic college, Father Dalton had for his motto "Faith and Fatherland." They all remembered that that was

the text of his addresses. The rev. speaker encouraged them to maintain that motto. He was deeply grateful to them for again electing him to a position of great honour as patron of the Old Boys' Union.

The toast of "The Very Rev. Father Provincial" was proposed by Mr. W. T. Coyle. He said that a very great honour had been paid them by the Very Rev. Father Conmee attending at their annual dinner. (Applause). He was a great man of a great Order (applause), and he (the speaker) would like the Provincial to feel that he had come amongst those just as loyal to his Order as would be found in any country that had Jesuit colleges. (Applause.) They had felt that Father Conmee was one of them. Mr. Coyle wished that the Provincial would point out to their beloved Rector the great advantages that accrued in holding functions in the college in which they received their education. (Applause). It had never been his privilege to receive his education at the famous Clongowes College, but he had been told that the one great day at that college was the period when old and young mingled together and exchanged confidences or reminiscences of the happy days spent at Clongowes. He hoped that the Provincial would use his influence so that the day might come when they could hold their annual dinner in their own college. (Applause.) They welcomed the Provincial in their midst as a brilliant member of a brilliant Order, most heartily, and assured him that the members of the Union were just as loyal Jesuits as could be found. (Applause.)

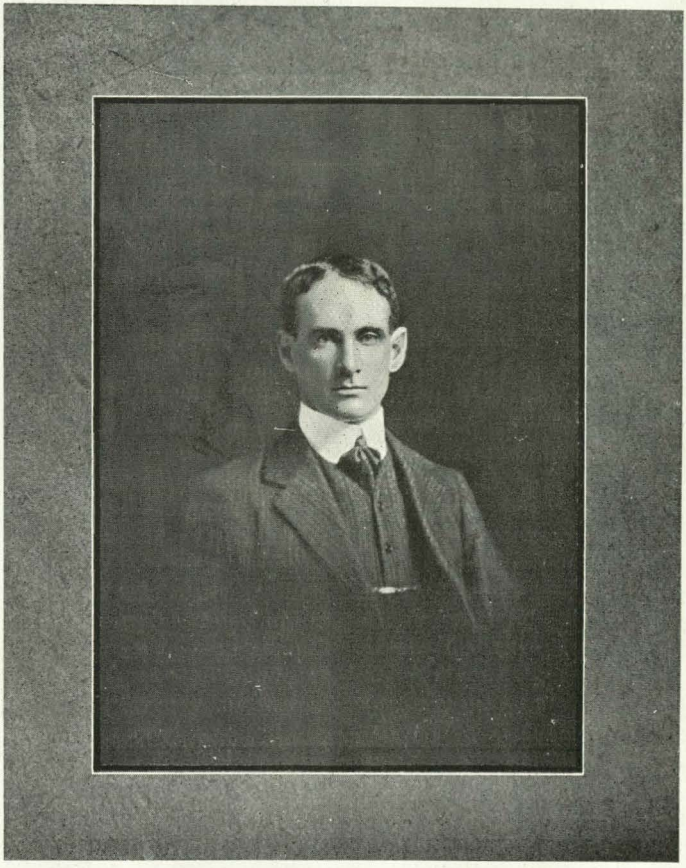
The Very Rev. Father Conmee, S.J., who was received with enthusiasm, said that it was no mere matter of form to return his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had received him. He recognised that their kindness to him had been in his capacity as representative of the Society of Jesus. It did them credit that after their long and intimate association with the Jesuits they were so enthusiastic about a Jesuit, who had no further claims on them otherwise than that he was a member of that Order. The topic referred to by Mr. Coyle for his consideration was one that put him in a difficulty, and he believed that the advantage of a private conversation with their patron would perhaps give satisfaction. He referred to the success that had attended the annual meeting held at Clongowes, where they assembled all the boys for their great gathering. Their own President had stated that on the question of holding their meeting he would resign rather than have the meeting held elsewhere. (Applause.)

The next toast, "The College," was proposed by Mr. A. W. M. D'Apice, who, in a reminiscent mood, related early incidents of college life. Although he felt that the toast could have been placed in more capable hands, still he realised that Riverview College was so far above any of the colleges in New South Wales, that to praise it would be a waste of time. Each and every student, he said, was so bound up with their own Riverview College that to utter words of flattery would be like praising oneself. Their affection for the college was something that would last for ever. (Applause.)

Mr. J. E. F. Mann, as representative of the junior members, supported the previous speaker. In honouring the college they honoured something that was real, and something that held their affections. All would agree that they prized the high ideals set by the college, and all appreciated the good work it had done. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and supplemented by three cheers for Riverview College.

The Very Rev. Father Gartlan, S.J., in responding on behalf of the college, said that the names of the previous speakers had been linked with the associations of the College. With regard to the feelings of the boys, the Very Rev. Father Provincial had spontaneously volunteered the information that he had never come across ex-students who had expressed so emphatically their great affection for their college as Riverview old boys. The reverend speaker said that the fame and beauty of the college had been mentioned to the Very Rev. Father Conmee in Dublin prior to his departure

for Australia. Referring to the progress of the college, Father Gartlan said he was pleased to inform them that the number of students for the present year exceeded any total for the past fifteen years. (Applause.) The record achieved by them he need hardly outline. In the recent Junior examination the college practically scooped the pool. On the water they had proved themselves champions; in the football field, he believed that the defeats reflected more glory than if they had been victories. The college was most flourishing, which he attributed in a large degree to the old boys The success of the old boys in the world caused inquiries to be made as to whence they came. The greatest efforts of the old boys had been so approved of by the Rev. Father Provincial, and had excited his admiration to such an extent, that he had given them one hundred guineas towards their memorial (Prolonged applause.) The Rev. Rector mentioned another instance of the royal feeling exhibited towards their college. About eighteen months ago, he said, a fine boy of the college was stricken with appendicitis, and, notwithstanding all possible care he died. Some time back, after a movement in connection with the Dalton memorial chapel had been inaugurated, he wrote to the boy's father in New Zealand, and about four or five months ago, Mr. O'Connor sent him a letter enclosing a draft for £250 as a memorial of his son in connection with the Dalton memorial. (Applause.) In conclusion, Father Gartlan cordially thanked them for the generous way they had commemorated the memory of their late Rector.



B. A. McBRIDE, Esq., President of the Old Boys' Union.

The toast of "The Union" was eloquently proposed by Father Conmee. As their guest he said that he could not refuse them any favour asked on the present occasion. He knew that the toast being a sort of reactive one would be favourably received The first feature of their Union that had impressed itself on him was their unselfish attachment to the college. They had great reasons for their attachment. He had been profoundly struck with the beauty of Riverview view and the vigourous life exhibited there, which was no doubt due to the "go" of the Very Rev. Father and his staff. (Applause). He had served forty years in the Society of Jesus, and in spite of his experience, he greatly admired the intellectual vigour of St. Ignatius' College, and wished that it might long continue. The spirit

that existed had proved the love of the boys for their masters. Every speaker referred to the sunshine which he believed was in the hearts of the boys. The Jesuit Society did all that was possible to make the boys its friends. Notwithstanding the fact that he was an utter stranger, he felt that, with the Jesuit boys around him, he was quite at home. He had been amidst Jesuits all his life. He had been committed to their care at a tender age, and for forty years he had been attached to the Society. In conclusion, he wished them every success, and asked them to drink success to the Union.

Mr. B. A. M'Bride, President of the Union, responded. He acknowledged the kind words spoken by the Very Rev. Father Provincial, and said that the Union was gaining strength each year. The basis on which the Union had been established was assured. As far as the old boys of Riverview were concerned, the interests of the students there were their first consideration. The students knew that they had always the old boys to stand by them should any occasion arise. (Applause.) The members of the Union aspired to something more than the holding of social gatherings. They endeavored to assist one another when possible. He did not see any reason why the Union should not attain the success of the great Clongowes Old Boys' Union of which Father Conmee was such a distinguished member. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Press" was proposed by Mr. F. Coen, and acknowledged by the "Freeman's Journal" representative.

Excellent music was provided by Mr. W. R. Gilhooley's orchestra. Several musical items rendered by some of the Old Boys concluded an enjoyable function.

—"Freeman's Journal."

WORDSWORTH RESTORED OR TOUCHED UP.

(c.f. Selections set for Senior 1908.)

O joy! that in our timbers
Is nothing that doth die.
And Science tells that all things
Turn up again by'm bye.
The brain so fond of quibble
May sprout, a cauliflower;
And Mary's lambs go nibble
And be what they devour;
Thus, Wordsworth, you are aided
To prove a simple creed:
That man will live forever.
Immortality indeed!

Your spirit too, remembers
A crowd of spirit things:
Shadowy recollections,
Affections and dejections,
Myriad strange collections,
(Consult the new selections
With curious rejections,
Senior work in sections.)
The proof, quite all you need
To prove the rare perfections
Of your sentimental creed.
Immortality indeed!

Half-thoughts half-dreams, earth-mists and dawn-gleam rare—
O great uneven poet, light-confused!
I cannot think this pageantry of air
The Vision large of reason disabused.
I cannot think that childhood's thoughts are best,
For age brings trial, sorrow, trust; and God
Enlightens who work out His high behest,
But only, Wordsworth, if they kiss the rod.

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SENIOR DEBATING CLUB.

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

Committee: V. CONLON, (hon. sec.), R. HUGHES, H. RORKE, C. BRIDGE, E. O'HALLORAN, J. McCARTHY.

THE debating activity of the III. Division should, in the normal course of events, have found a more inspiring counterpart among the "elders," but we regret to say that, excepting the members of the Senior class, very few could be found to uphold the honourable traditions of the club.

We were, in consequence, obliged this term to satisfy ourselves with a semi-impromptu debate to avoid pressure of work on those preparing for the Senior Examination.

The subject selected by the committee was—"That the sporting craze is too prevalent in Australia, and needs some effective check."

The Government and Opposition were led by R. Hughes and H. Rorke respectively, the speeches lasted for two sessions, and the cross-questioning and summing-up speeches four sessions, the Government emerging victorious on points.

As no Mss. are to hand, we cannot publish details of this debate, but must offer our congratulations to L. Quigley for his impassioned flights of oratory, and his readiness during the cross fire, which lent considerable life and interest to the subject. Instead of the tradional account, we append in full the summing-up speech of R. Hughes—(debate gold medalist)—delivered during the year on the subject of gambling:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—

I am delighted to stand once more before you to defend this great cause which so deeply concerns your interest. The Government have despair pictured on their countenances. They know that they have no chance of success in a question like this, which strikes at the root of the world's social system. They have failed to convince you, for their arguments are weak. Their war-cry is Freedom! Freedom indeed, gentlemen, as I myself shewed you! For every argument they brought forth, my party has five stronger ones. They touched lightly on the social side of gambling, carefully avoided the question of morality, and relied for all success on some shaky statements about freedom.

With this prologue, gentlemen, I shall advance to a detailed examination of the words of the Government.

I take the speeches from the Premier downwards.

Who is there that was not thrilled by the euphonious periods of the venerable Premier? At first I thought he was going to speak on gambling, but I was doomed to disappointment. Still a great delight was in store for me! I fancied Cicero had risen from Hades to speak de benevolentia. I presume even to congratulate the Premier for his close study of Cicero's methods. Lest this should seem cryptical to some, I shall explain myself. It was a peculiarity of Cicero's to start a speech and then go off into a long digression on some subject quite alien to the question at issue. Now you perceive, doubtless, the meaning of my remarks.

We are then told that there is no difference between investing money in stocks and in gambling. Indeed, gentlemen, I think I can show a good deal of difference. Take the case of two men. One invests a hundred pounds on a horse, another buys a hundred pound share in a mine. The first man has given his money to the bookmaker and cannot by any means recover it, if he thinks his horse will not win. The other, on the contrary, foreseeing a crash, may withdraw his risk at any time by selling his share. Moreover, gentlemen, the law sifts the ethics of these matters, and if gambling and stocks were of the same standing they would be treated accordingly.

We are now faced by a most telling argument. Gambling should be encouraged because it ruins men and provokes human sympathy. Well, really, gentlemen, I never expected this. Surely to goodness there is enough evident misery in the world which does not extort even a sigh from the hearts of millions. Sympathy is a great factor in human happiness, and one touch of nature makes the whole world akin; but I should be pleased to know if the Premier would like to be ruined beyond redemption in order that the kind-hearted members of his cabinet might grieve over him. If he wants to make his friends philanthropic, let him take them into the poorer quarters of a great city where they will see sights sad enough to harrow up their souls, and freeze their young blood. Why create fresh misery when there is so much unnoticed?

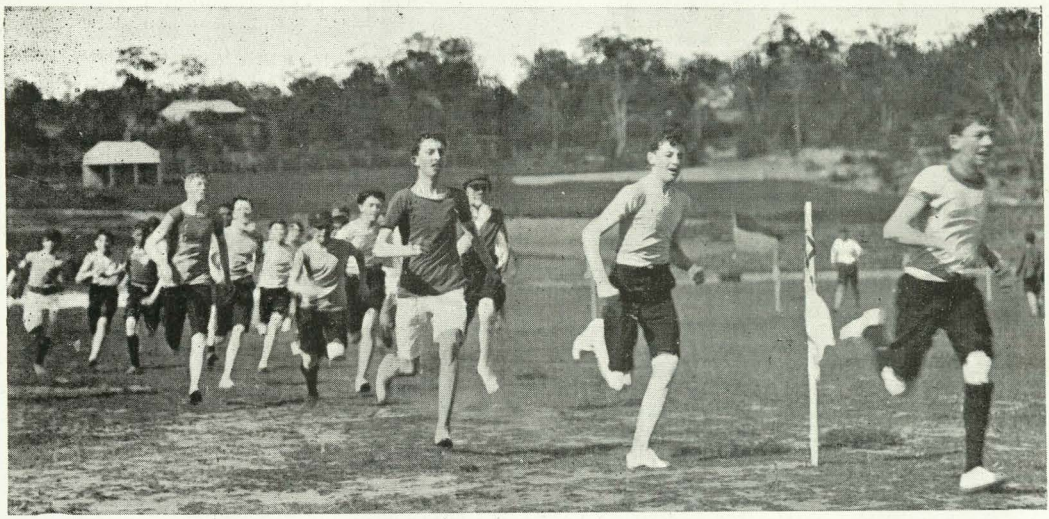
One of the greatest virtues in a public man is consistency. Lack of this quality is one of the worst features of the Premier. He can't avoid contradicting himself. To show you this propensity of the hon. gentlemen, I shall compare a few of his statements. He regrets the number of millionaires, and declares that if they were gamblers, they would let much of their wealth overflow to the poorer classes. But, not long before, the same gentleman said that stocks and shares were just as much speculation as gambling. What conclusion are we to draw, gentlemen? Is Rockefeller a gambler? The Premier says no. Therefore stocks and shares are not gambling. But, perhaps the hon. gentleman holds his statement about shares being gambling? Therefore Rockefeller is a gambler, and this is contrary to the Premier's assumption. What will happen to a cause in which the Premier has no decided opinion?

The hon. gentleman admits that gamblig is a vice in some and that it does cause ruin. Thank you, sir! You are playing nicely into our hands. I am deeply grateful to you. What need is there for us to stir ourselves if our opponents prove our case for us.

The Premier's acute mathematical mind is shocked at the idea of the Opposition trying to prove their case by particular instances. In the first place, gentlemen, I think it scarcely possible to say that 27,521 were ruined by gambling, as the case may be. We do not profess to prove such things. We are reasonable, and take notorious events as indicative of what will happen in many other cases. We are not going to detail you a list a few yards long of all the men arrested for forgery. We merely use these particular cases to demonstrate our cause in general. I think the Leader of the Government will agree that in every proposition in geometry we take any particular case, and then say similarly

if the same contsruction is made the same result will follow in every other case.

The next blunder made by the Premier took the form of a second contradiction. He remarked in his speech that if every man was a gambler the world would be conducted much more harmoniously. This argument for kindly feeling was rudely shattered a short time after when the Premier stated that gambling was not a quality to be cultivated in everybody. Once more, gentlemen, which are we to believe? If we hold the first proposal, the second shows that it would not be advisable for everybody to gamble. If we take the second, the first



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is destroyed. The only course then, gentlemen, open to us is to reject both. This is all I have to say on the particular faults of the Premier's speech. In general it was a fine oratorical display, whose only defect was that it disregarded the point at issue almost entirely, and went off into a panegyric on human sympathy and kindness. The next Member of the Government whose statements were faulty is the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

We are told by this Minister, that the abolition of racecourse betting is impossible! Not at all, gentlemen. I hold firmly that all public betting on races is quite capable of being abolished. Bets may be made by post or between friends, but it would be quite easy for a Government anxious to do so, to stop any bookmaker openly plying his calling. The comparison of stockholding and gambling is ordinary, and has already been quashed. Still the idea of the deprivation of amusement is new and deserves refutation. I think everyone will admit that of thirty thousand who go to a race meeting, about ten thousand do not bet at all; 5000 win on the whole day and the remaining 15,000 lose. This allows a very big share of winners. Now in the first place, the fact that 10,000 don't bet is ample proof that men can enjoy the races without gambling. This is fairly conclusive against the argument for amusement. In the second place the losers outnumber the winners by 3 to 1. This shows that a far greater number lose at gambling than win. Therefore, it is a game for fools like the Government, who are only too pleased to rush in

"Where angels fear to tread."

With these few remarks, I dismiss the case of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. This gentleman, is condemned by the words of his Premier. He specialised in Australian gambling, and did so rather badly. Ask

your leader about particular cases, and you will hear much for your enlightenment.

My friend, the Minister for Mines, held me spell-bound from the start. Up to the present time, gentlemen, I have failed to see how he advanced the claims of the Government. My mind is filled with visions of small children tied to their mothers' apron strings, tin money boxes, and dread monsters who changed men to beasts, while over this confused mass I see a mighty form with a blazoned scroll above her head inscribed with the word "Freedom." I fancy also, that I dimly recognise an encounter, fistic or not I cannot tell, between two people called Liberty and Slavery. Slavery's second was named "Greed of Gold."

Thrice-blessed indeed, gentlemen, is that mortal who can decipher these strange symbols. Hazarding a guess, perhaps the hon. gentleman was talking about the struggle between the Government and the Opposition. There let him lie.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer seems to have a very exact knowledge of all the ways of secret betting. I wondered that he should know how to obtain bets in the street, and in tobacconists' shops. As I never frequent the latter, I must profess entire ignorance. After all, if gamblers resort to unlawful means of betting when the number of lawful means is curtailed, it shows the extent of betting that prevails, and is a good reason for its further suppression. If gamblers are going to be more unlawful than ever, let justice be far sterner than before, and crush them to dust beneath her iron heel.

The abolition of trotting at shows, we are told, will spoil the breeding of a certain horse for export. This is quite absurd. Mr. Wade refuses, and rightly too, to allow racing anywhere except on a registered course.

It is surprising that the Chancellor should state that ruins from gambling were very rare, because nearly every day we see cases in connection with this vice. Men are always being arrested even in Australia, for unlawful gambling, and the very fact that a man has been fined or imprisoned for such an action sets such a stigma on his character that he is ruined if not monetarily, at least before the eyes of the world. At anyrate we may take the assumption that stockbroking and gambling are first cousins. If this is so, how can the hon. gentleman possibly have the boldness to say that few are ruined by gambling.

The Chancellor, gentlemen, supports sensible gamblers, not moral jellyfish! This is really immense. In other words, laws should be made to suit the individual. However the carrying out of such regulations affects the welfare of the State. Besides, gentlemen, men who are ordinarily level-headed, become quite frenzied under the excitement of the betting fever. This gentleman also harps on the charity of one John Wren. But as Hamlet says:

"For 'tis the sport to have the engineer
Hoist with his own petar."

So here I propose to show that the hon. gentleman's argument is worthless by quoting the opinion of the Premier, as follows: "As one particular proof does not suffice in mathematics, so we should not listen to these particular cases the Oposition will propose." Who is to be believed? The old solution, gentlemen. Neither!

The next in order is the P.M.G. He delivered what is one of the most astounding utterances I have ever heard before or since. He defined lawful betting as a gamble between two men who can pay up. Accordingly I advise him to go with the rest of his colleagues and play two up in front of a policeman. I am sure the play would be quite above suspicion, and that everybody would have the money to pay. But the hon. gentleman would be very sceptical about the legality of his action when he appeared at the Police Court next day, to answer a charge of unlawful gambling.

This gentleman should be praised for his originality. He went back to ancient times and showed the growth of betting on races. Just imagine Achilles and Agamemnon going round before a chariot race, offering the odds! No such thing was ever dreamt of

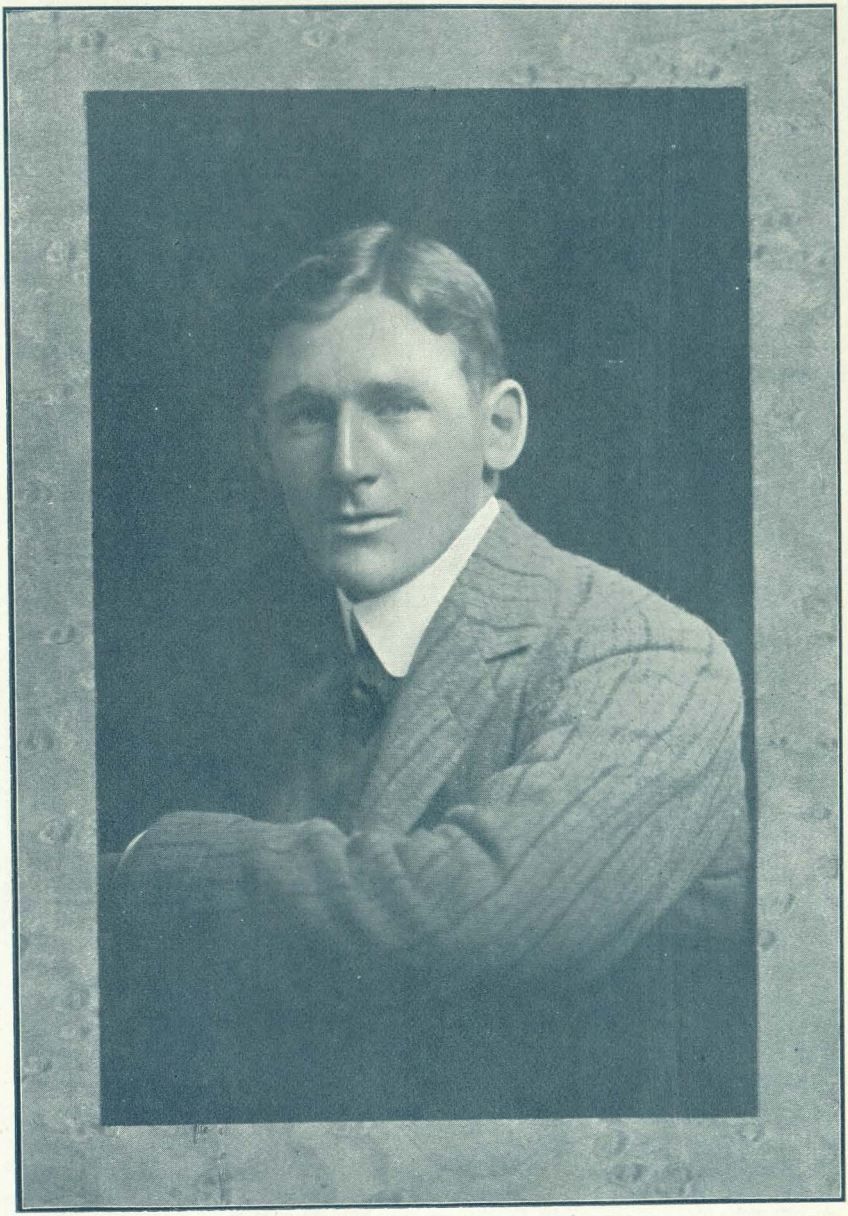


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Debate Gold Medallist, 1907.

by Homer or Virgil, or any other writer up till modern times.

As I cannot spare the time to investigate the P.M.G.'s manifold absurdities, I shall pass on to the Minister of Justice. He extolled gambling on the ground that it gave an occupation to some people, who would otherwise be idlers. But I hold, gentlemen, that the majority of racecourse gamblers, not otherwise employed, belong to the class designated by one Government member as the "wowsers." They hang round hotel bars, and betting shops all day. If their occupation was abolished, they might have recourse to decent work.

This Minister of the Crown calls racing "barbarous cruelty." Now the Government are supporting betting. They assert that racing depends on betting. Therefore betting is the chief support of a game which inflicts horrible tortures on the unfortunate horses. Thank you! You are unconsciously pleading our cause, not your own.

Now, gentlemen, you have heard the speeches of both sides. We asked and answered straight questions, while the Government and the Premier above all quibbled over the emptiest trifles in phraseology.

I am nearly finished with my last appeal to you. As you are disfranchised, you have no chance of showing your opinions. I shall quote a paragraph from the "Daily Telegraph" on the gambling bill:—

"The announcement that the Anti-betting Act "has killed professional running in New South Wales" makes an addition to the already long list of that legislation's victims. It is most remarkable, indeed, how many "sports" are declared by their followers to have been extinguished because a law has been passed prohibiting betting on them. The idea behind this Act was the general one that gambling was so undesirably pervasive, particularly on horse racing, that it was necessary to restrict it and especially to abolish tote shop, and office wagering. It seems however, that the horse was only one of a number of instruments for these practices, for there are other "sports" which evidently only existed by virtue of their gambling possibilities. For instance, coursing, that manly pastime, the glory of which consists in setting dogs to chase hares, in spite of all its patrons say in its eulogy as an elevating and exhilarating sport, is lugubriously reported to be in danger of collapsing now that the betting prop has been snatched from under it. Certain "athletic sports" are similarly crumbling, the athletes finding it impossible to go on with their manly games in the absence of punters and punting facilities. And now professional running is reported "killed" so undeniably that its former managers are offering its effects for sale by auction. In short, it looks as though we might presently arrive at a condition in which there will be no sports except those which are played, or watched for the sheer enjoyment of the game and seeing it played. And although that will necessitate energies being expended in other employments than performing for gamblers or expensively trying to pick winners among dogs and men, the verdict of the community will doubtless be that the framers of the Act builded better than they knew."

Gentlemen, the slight appreciation you have condescended to give of our labours, had it been early, had been kind. But you have delayed it till we have succeeded and do not want it; till we have finished and cannot enjoy it. And I hope that it is no very cynical asperity not to confess obligations where no benefits have been received, or to be unwilling to attribute that to my audience which Providence has enabled me to do for myself.

Gentlemen, if sympathy for a man is to be expressed by silence when he gains a point and cheers at the mere appearance of his adversary, then there is no doubt that the Opposition have wholly captivated your affections."

VINCENT CONLON.
Hon. Sec.

Father Conmee's Visit to Riverview.

NOT long after our return to college, when the June vacation had drawn to a close, we were greeted with the news that a very distinguished personage was about to tour all the Jesuit colleges of Australia. The excitement felt at Riverview, was intense, and all wondered who it could possibly be. Our suspense did not last long, for soon we heard that Father Conmee, the head of the Jesuits in all the countries included in the Irish province, was about to stop with us some time.

When some great event is about to occur at a college, it forms the topic of playground conversation. This was no exception to the rule. The senior boys spoke of the welcome so distinguished a person ought to receive, while the smaller boys could talk of nothing else but the amusement they would derive from the additional week's holiday that must needs be added to the end of the midsummer vacation.

In a college, rumour is a busy sprite. Very soon we heard that Father Conmee took a great interest in all private theatricals performed by college students.

Our spring grand concert was postponed until the Father Provincial arrived. He was in the house hardly three days before he was listening to the over-whelming applause of an enthusiastic audience.

Once again, fleet-winged rumour flew amongst us, but this time it only hovered over the heads of the senior boys, and the whisper materialised in official form.

There was to be a reception of new members into the sodality of the Blessed Virgin by the Father Provincial on the following Sunday. Immediately all postulants were eager for election. Needless to say the number was a record, for everyone thought that it was no small honour to be received by so distinguished a person.

On Sunday morning Father Conmee ascended the altar steps, and before summoning those who were elected, spoke a few words to them and the whole school.

To those about to be received, he pointed out the changes that should come upon their lives after such a dedication to the Mother of God. "If you are all boys of honour," said he, "even the least of you desire to be called that, and I know that if you gave your word to a Lady you would not break it. But now you come here to the foot of the altar and vow that you will dedicate yourself to the service of Our Lady, the Queen of Heaven. Surely you mean to keep this promise as you are all men of honour; I know you will."

He then addressed the whole school: "Before I came to Australia, I knew much about Riverview from so many of your old pupils and masters whom I had met or corresponded with for many years; but since my arrival I have been much impressed by the country, and have come to know you in a new way. It is a glorious country and one to be proud of. If hereafter any of you enter public life, I urge you to do all you can for your country, and for your religion. And even though you be the lowliest of the land, you can help the cause of religion and of country by upholding their interests on every occasion. But it is you who have the talent, who have the fullest measure of education, I especially call upon. Never forget God and country. You are Australian, and as such you should not forget the land of your birth, for 'tis a sweet and fitting thing to work and die in your country's cause."

The boys were then received into the sodality with all due solemnity, and Father Conmee then celebrated Mass.

After the eloquent discourse they had heard we may surely surmise that many boys went out of the chapel that morning feeling that they would not easily nor soon forget the inspiration of so happy an occasion.

HAROLD RORKE.

MUSICALE.

OUR concerts during the Michaelmas and Christmas terms, have been very regular; the four full months during which we were at school, brought each its own musical contribution to the general "fund for relieving the monotony of school life." This proverbial "happiest time of your life" is, no matter what our elders may think or say, apt to flag at times, when even the ordinary games and recreations fail to produce their usual effect. Then it is that a tonic like the monthly concert is required. Providing surprises and amusement of a different order, affording new topics for conversation and new matter for criticism and discussion, it brings new life to the schoolboy, and revives interest in his school life.

Here, perhaps, more than anywhere else, gratitude should be our first concern. We must not forget that others have sacrificed some at least, of their own enjoyment to provide for ours. And though taking part in concerts and plays may seem to the inexperienced a huge amusement, it might seem otherwise if they knew what it was to go over time after time every word and movement and gesture, in order that perfection might be reached. To our Rev. Stage Manager, Mr. Walsh, and his companies of youthful artists, to our music and singing professors, our best thanks are due and tendered.

ST. IGNATIUS' DAY CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Overture—"Athalie" Mendelssohn
College Orchestra.

Song—"I Fear no Foe" Pinsuti
Mr. M. B. Donnellan.

Violin Solo—"Ave Maria" Schubert-Wilhemj
Mr. W. J. Coad.

Song—"A May Morning" Denza
Mr. A. Finn.

Pianoforte Solo—"Valse Brilliante" Moszhowski
Mr. John Fay.
(Pupil of Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.)

Duet—"The Moon has Raised her Lamp Above" J. Benedict
Messrs. Finn & Donnellan.

Hon. Accompanist, Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

"CHISELLING."

Dr. Stonecrop (An Art Critic) Roger F. Hughes
Larkspur (A Sculptor) Clarence W. Bridge
Trotter (Man Servant) Gladstone W. Ward
Sergeant Tawkins Bryan Veech
Susan (the General) Frank G. McArdle

Scene: An Art Studio.

Incidental Music by Arthur Turner.

This was the first concert of the second half-year. The overture "Athalie," by the College orchestra (strings), was a creditable performance. Mr. W. J. Coad delighted everyone by his artistic and devotional rendering of Schubert's "Ave Maria." The splendid performance of the "Valse Brilliante," by Mr. John Fay, a pupil of Mr. McMenamin, should inspire our youthful pianists at Riverview with great confidence and ambition. Mr. M. B. Donnellan showed himself in "I Fear no Foe," to be the possessor of a very musical baritone voice. For an encore he sang "Queen of the Earth." Mr. A. Finn, a pleasing tenor, sang "A May Morning," with much effect, and for an encore sang "There is a Flower that Bloometh," from Maritana. The duet was not a success.

We had all been so pleased with "Chiselling" before the holidays, that a repetition of it was fixed for this concert. Accordingly the doughty Alexander was trotted out again, rolled in the flour bin, and placed on the vacant pedestal. The antics of the Statue, though practically the same as before, occasioned much merriment. Trotter in his cups was not so

good as might be expected. In this latter part of the play, there is scope for much fine, though difficult acting. B. Veech made an effective debut as Constable Tawkins.

SEPTEMBER CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Pianoforte Duet—"La Kraquette" Clerice
Arthur Turner and Rene Unger.

Recitation—"Boadicea" Cowper
Henry Milroy McCarthy.

Violin Solo—"Mazur" Mlynarski
Ernest Turner.

PART II.

"THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER."

Aboulifar (King of the Island)	Wm. Macdonald
Azan (An Exile)	John Deery
Gimbo (Lord Chamberlain)	Clarence W. Bridge
Alibajon (Vice-Chamberlain)	Arthur Tart
Heigh-Ho, So-So, No-No, Wat-O (Noble Lords)	Robert Macken, Edward J. Dinan, David F. Roth, Evelyn Keenan
Marian	Frank McArdle
Benjamin Bowbell (a Cockney)	Gladstone W. Ward

Guards, Nobles, Attendants.

Scene: An Island off the Coast of Malabar (Fleury).

Period: Between 2000 and 3001.

Incidental Music by Arthur Turner.

The September concert was opened by a duet from Arthur Turner and Rene Unger, whose performances on this and previous occasions gave promise of more than ordinary musical ability. We were delighted to welcome little Roy McCarthy as a reciter—a rarety, it would seem, amongst our present boys. His first appearance was undoubtedly a success; his phrasing and gestures were good, and when he has learnt to speak more slowly, his reciting should be really promising. "Mazur" (in which Mlynarski seems to have borrowed from Gounod), was nicely played by Ernie Turner, who continues to give proofs of very great genius. His posture during playing, should be more erect and easy.

"The Illustrious Stranger," abbreviated and adapted to our needs, was put on the boards this evening. The scenery and costumes, being quite Oriental, made a very pretty picture. The scene opens in a palm grove, in an island off the Coast of Malabar, and a short distance away the sea is breaking on the shore. Benjamin Bowbell, a Cockney sailor—a survivor of the wrecked "Saucy Jane"—is cast in sorry plight upon the shore. Recovering and looking about him, he is accosted by a magnificent personage, colored, turbaned, and jewelled. On close inspection they recognise each other as old pals from the neighbourhood of Tilbury. Sammy Sly, having set out on a tour of adventure, had now become Gimbo, the King's Lord Chamberlain. And that surprises should not come singly, another of Benjy's friends turns up in the person of Marian, whose sudden disappearance some time before, caused great consternation. The story of this is told in "Mari-an is Gone," in which, with accompanying dance, Ward and McArdle scored their biggest hit of the year, and for which they were deservedly encored. Bowbell is just the man that Gimbo wants. The King, wishing a husband for his daughter, and not finding anyone on the island sufficiently worthy, determines to find some illustrious stranger. Bowbell is the man, and after a little persuasion and advice from his friend Sammy, rises admirably to the occasion. Decked out in a native costume, Bengy is truly magnificent; and receiving the assurances of the King, marries the Princess.

But a terrible calamity overtakes the island. On the night of the marriage, the Princess falls sick and dies. Now, according to the laws of the land, when the Princess dies, her husband, the Prince, should be buried with her! To die without a struggle, to lie in a cold, damp, slimy, grave, just to satisfy the whims of a strange people, was not precisely Bowbell's idea of the end of a true Cockney. He objected accordingly, but without avail—for the people clamoured and insisted that the law should be fulfilled. While Bowbell is deploring the fact that a true Britisher should have to die in such an ignoble manner, the King consents to allow a substitute, and Azan, exiled some time before, is granted a free pardon and, to the great relief of Bowbell, the honour of being buried alive with the Princess.

The staging of this piece was rather better than usual. The introduction of several songs and dances by the noble lords, gave it an appearance of comic opera. D. Roth sang "The Crocodile" and "Chin, Chin, Chinaman," with great effect. Of the chorus of noble lords, we might single out for special praise A. Tart, whose eagerness to perform as well as possible, his not too important part, was plainly visible.

Recitation—"Julius Caesar" (Act III., Scene I.) Shakespeare
Characters represented.—Marcus Antonius, Brutus, Cassius.
Rev. T. A. Walsh, S.J.

Song—"Admiral's Broom" Bevan
Henry J. McArdle.

Pianoforte Solo—"Valse Arabesque" Lack
Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

Hon. Accompanist, Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

"THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER."



UTOPIAN PALM-GROVE *(Fleury).*

OCTOBER CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Pianoforte Duet—"Riverview Patrol" Mummey
Arthur Turner and Rene Unger.

Song—"The Harp That Once" Moore
Rev. C. F. Cuffe, S.J.

Song—"The Longshoreman" Chesham
Mr. G. E. Boyle.

Violin Solo—"Berceuse Slave" Neruda
Roger F. Hughes.

Song—"Nirvana" Adams
Mr. W. G. Murden.

In this concert, Part I. was highly successful. A. Turner and R. Unger played with their usual taste and finish. (We wonder how the piece got its name). Mr. Cuffe, S.J., sang with much feeling and sweetness "The Harp That Once." We felt genuine pleasure in hearing our worthy and popular singing master, Mr. Boyle, in "The Longshoreman," and in "Off to Philadelphia," which he sang for an encore. Both of these songs he sang with much expression and feeling. We were glad to see Roger Hughes' name down for

a violin solo, and notwithstanding his apparent nervousness, he performed very creditably. In "Nirvana," and in the encore "the Maid of the Mill," Mr. W. G. Murden, a pupil of Mr. Boyle, scored a success. Possessed of a tenor voice of good quality, and well produced, he sang with much power and feeling; his higher notes, however, especially in the encore, were piercing and unpleasant. In the recitation from Julius Caesar, Mr. Walsh, S.J., maintained his usual high excellence. For a boy, Harry McArdle has, we believe, an excellent voice, which with careful usage and training, should develop into a very fine baritone indeed. This was evident in "The Admiral's Broom." He loses considerably, however, by not endeavoring to throw himself into his songs. The new complexion that this puts on a song, was clearly shown in this concert by Mr. Boyle. The concluding item of a long and most enjoyable Part I., was the "Valse Brilliante," played by our pianoforte professor, Mr. J. H. McMenamin.

A new feature in Part II., was the introduction of a "latest" song with appropriate action —"The Sandow Boy"—sung with great success by D. Roth and chorus. There was also a new duet by G. Ward and F. McArdle, "Fancy Dress." The accompaniments and incidental music by Arthur Turner, left nothing to be desired.

NOVEMBER 22nd.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Overture—"The Flying Dutchman" Wagner
College Orchestra.

Song—"Yeoman's Wedding" Poniatowski
Mr. G. E. Boyle.

Violin Solo—"Mazurka" Zarzycki
Mr. W. J. Coad.

Symphony—Allegro Moderato—"Unfinished" Schubert
College Orchestra.

Hon. Accompanist, Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Comic Opera:

"UTOPIA, LIMITED,"

or

"THE FLOWERS OF PROGRESS.

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

King Paramount the 1st (King of Utopia) Gladstone W. Ward
Scapio, Phantis, Tarara, Calynx (Judges of the Utopian Supreme Court.) Arthur Nichols, W. Macdonald, Emmet O'Halloran, Leslie Elliott

Imported Flowers of Progress.

Lord Dramaleigh (a British Lord Chamberlain) Bryan Veech
Captain Fitzbattleaxe (of the "King's Own") Augustine Malone
Captain Sir Edward Corcoran, K.C.B., (of the Royal Navy) Eric Lenehan
Sir Bailey Barre, K.C., M.P. Alfred Mann
Prince Zaro (Eldest Son of King Paramount) Henry J. McArdle
The Princess Nekaya Ewart J. Dinan
The Princess Kalyba Francis C. McArdle
(His younger Sisters)

Salata, Melene, Phylla (Utopians) David F. Roth, Frank Kinkead, Carlos Gordon

Maidens, Guards, Attendants.

Chorus.—N. Chester, E. Keenan, C. Bryant, A. Moran, J. Deery, G. Vavasour, J. Bridge, R. Macken, B. Johnstone, G. Hughes, U. Walsh, A. Tart, C. Williams, T. Payten, S. McDonnell, T. Higgins, W. Allen, D. Foy, T. Wilkinson, L. Veech.

Act I.—A Utopian Palm Grove (Fleury).

Costumes by Batham. Electrical Effects by Olsen.

The greatest event under this heading took place on November 22—a "Gilbert and Sullivan" night. Invitations had been issued, and so great was the response that the special boat from town was almost inconveniently crowded. The visitors, notwithstanding, were a particularly gay and merry throng; and as they moved in their bright attire through the grounds, softly lighted with coloured lanterns, the scene was indescribably pretty. At the College itself, the visitors were met and welcomed by Father Rector, accompanied by Father Provincial. The concert hall was, it seemed to us, more taxed than ever to find room for all. Fortunately the evening was not very hot, and after the warmth (not metaphorical!) consequent on finding a place had cooled down, the hall was pretty cool for the rest of the evening. While the hall was being filled, and the orchestra were tuning up, the visitors had leisure to admire the new drop-scene, specially painted by Mr. L. Fleury, of Tennyson. But more of this anon.



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Second Row—Lord Dramaleigh, Sir Bailey Barre, K.C., M.P., Capt. Sir Edward Corcoran, K.C.B., R.N., Capt. Fitz-Battleaxe.
(B. Veech) (A. Mann) (E. Lenehan) (A. Malone)

Front Row—A "Guard." Tarara. Prince Zaro. King Paramount. A. "Guard."
(T. Wilkinson) (E. O'Halloran) (H. McArdle) (G. Ward) (J. Deery)

The performance opened with the overture from "The Flying Dutchman," played very creditably by the college orchestra. We were delighted to see Mr. G. E. Boyle's name on the programme. "The Yeoman's Wedding," however, we did not think a great success, but his "Infelice," from Verdi's "Ernagni" was, perhaps, the finest vocal performance we ever heard at Riverview. This was attested to by the marked attention with which the audience listened, and the rounds of applause which attended its close. Mr. W. J. Coad's artistic rendering of "Mazurka" (Zarzycki), was much appreciated, and the encore was insisted on. The "Unfinished Symphony" of Schubert, notwithstanding its length and difficulty, was excellently performed by the college orchestra, under the able conductorship of our violin professor, Mr. W. J. Coad.

As the audience on these nights seem impatient to arrive at Part II., the curtain was rung up without delay on "Utopia Limited," or "The Flowers of Progress." The dress rehearsal a week before did not promise so great a success as the previous entertainments. Certain it is that "Utopia" contains neither the "catchy" music, nor so many humourous touches as other operas we have had. No doubt the whole idea of the play is absurdly humourous, but there are many that this would not strike. The scene opens in a beautiful palm grove in the island of Utopia. King Paramount of Utopia has sent his eldest son Zaro to Oxford to be educated, after which Zaro obtains a commission in the "Guards." Impressed with the wonderful superiority of everything English, King Paramount, to the disgust and discomfort of Scapio, and Phantis, and Tarara, orders that henceforth Utopia shall become English in every detail. It shall have even a House of Lords. That Utopian maidens may see what their English sisters look like, the Princesses Nekaya and Kalyba are put on show in English maidenly attire. This change is prepared as a welcome to Zaro, who returns accompanied by representatives of the English Court, Army, Navy, and Law.

That the opera was a success, we have only to remember the applause of the audience. When the chorus sang "Let all our doubts take wing," its success was assured. Several declared it was the best that Riverview had ever produced. Considered as a spectacle, it certainly was. The scenery and dresses were costly and beautiful, and the return of Zaro with his "Flowers of Progress," and their presentation to the King, was a magnificent scene.

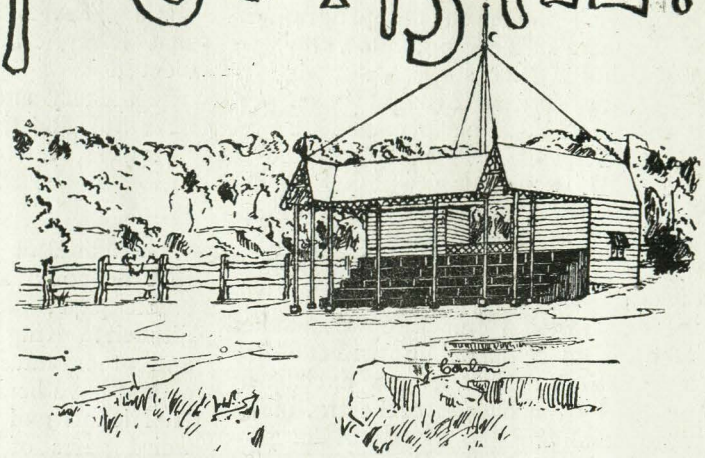
G. Ward, as King Paramount, showed that he could act a serious as well as a comic part; but we found it difficult to dissociate King Paramount from Trotter, and other amusing types. His make-up should have been more portly, we thought. A. Nichols and W. Macdonald played the weird parts of Scapio and Phantis very well. The latter's acting, especially his facial expression, was the best we have seen from him. We congratulate the former on making such a fine debut; it was a pity, however, he was not joined (as usual) by another well-known personage—on such a weird occasion too!

Harry McArdle made a fine figure as Prince Zaro; but lost considerably in his song, for reasons we mentioned before. The two princesses, E. Dinan and F. McArdle, were the two most popular characters in the piece. Their modest make-up and acting were really superb. The chorus with their leader, D. Roth, sang their parts, by no means easy ones, very effectively. The maiden in the terra-cotta costume caused considerable merriment.

All through the opera, the orchestra, under the baton of Mr. W. J. Coad, rendered efficient service. Very special thanks are due to Mr. J. H. McMenamin for the splendid way in which he played the accompaniments. To Mr. Walsh, S.J., and all who helped him in staging and producing such a successful entertainment, everyone, we are sure, of that happy party that returned from Riverview on November 22, felt deeply grateful.



FOOTBALL.



President: REV. J. A. BRENNAN, S.J.

Committee: P. J. KELLY (captain), C. VEECH, H. RORKE.

THE TEAM.

J. Conrick. C. Veech. H. McArdle. A. Cox. B. Johnstone J. Carlton.
R. Hughes. L. Veech. A. Johnstone. F. Hughes. L. Bamber. T. Higgins.
P. Kelly. H. Rorke. V. Conlon.

Emergency Forwards: J. Dalton, B. Murray, G. Malone.

Emergency Backs: T. Wilkinson.

FORTUNE doesn't always favour the brave; its smiles and frowns are meted out indiscriminately on weak and strong. We must express our sympathy with the XV. for the rough way in which Dame Fortune handled them. That they had a fair chance of winning the competition but for the thinning and weakening of their ranks by influenza, can hardly be doubted. The team was small, but fast, skilful, and specially high-spirited. It was their pluck that made them formidable. It was quite exhilarating to watch the little forwards hustling bigger men, as if they and not their opponents had the advantage of weight. A brief account of the season's doings is given hereunder.

COMPETITON MATCHES.

Date.	Against.	Result.	Score
Aug. 3	St. Joseph's College	Lost	11 to nil
7	High School	Won	21 to nil
14	Newington College	Won	11 to 3
17	Sydney Gram. School	Won	9 to 5
21	S.C.E.G.S.	Lost	11 to 9
28	King's School	Won	16 to nil

NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

Date.	Against.	Result.	Score.
July 20	Burwood Cambridge	Won	8 to 3
27	Toxteth	Won	8 to nil
Aug. 24	Hawkerbury A. Coll.	Drawn	3 to 3
31	S. Anne's	Lost	6 to nil
Sept. 7	Wentworth	Lost	6 to 3

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

On account of the excellent football played in our first encounter with St. Joseph's, this second match gave rise to great

expectations. Unfortunately, however, our team suffered very much from influenza, which was prevalent in the college at the time. News of this got abroad, with the result that only a comparatively small number of outsiders attended. The match took place on the Riverview oval.

From the kick-off, both sides set to work with great enthusiasm. St. Joseph's with their strongest combination, naturally wanted to win by as large a margin as possible, and our decimated ranks hoped, at least, to make their opponents fully earn their victory. Hence the game from the beginning was lively. St. Joseph's heavy forwards had many a good rush stopped by our plucky little backs. Again and again A. Johnstone won applause for the magnificent way he went down on the ball in the very thick of the ruck. Again and again our backs relieved our weakened forwards by magnificent line-kicking, that of F. Hughes being particularly good.

The first half contained nothing of very special note. All worked hard and our backs were defending brilliantly. Conlon and Carlton made unsuccessful shots at goal. Many fine rushes on the part of St. Joseph's forwards were stopped by our strong defence. Shortly after starting, our opponents scored a try. From a scrum on the line Dalton secured, fell over the line and scored. The score remained unchanged at half-time. (3—0.)

During a large part of the second half, the issue seemed doubtful. Riverview often threatened to score. At one time Frank Higgins also broke clean away and was with a clean run in tripped up and fell. Hughes, having broken through the opposing defence, was running for the line, and within an ace of scoring when he bumped into the full-back. After some time, however, exhaustion began to show itself on our side; Hughes seemed at the end of his strength, and the change from three days of warm blankets to the cold position of full-back, told considerably on Conlon. At a little more than half-way through the second half, Deans scored a very fine try from a passing rush, and a little later on the ball came out to Birch, who also scored. One of these tries was converted, which brought the visitors' score to 11 points.

The Riverview team did not lose spirit. During the last quarter of an hour, they were not very hard pressed. When the game ended the play was in Riverview territory. St. Joseph's were victors by eleven points to nil.

S.I.C. v. HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was disappointing. The opposition was too weak to evoke anything brilliant, and our team were, with one or two exceptions, painfully mediocre. High School won the toss and played with a strong southerly. A few minutes after starting, Carlton had to leave the field with a badly wrenched ankle. As a result, the scrum formation had to be changed, much to the detriment of the forwards, as they were beaten again and again for the ball. After about 10 minutes' lukewarm football, the forwards got going. They dashed down the field and McArdle scored, but Conlon failed to convert. Soon after, Conlon was given another chance from a splendid mark by Higgins, and this time succeeded. The play again lapsed into mediocrity. Before the half-time whistle sounded, another try was notched by A. Johnstone, right in the corner. From within a foot of the boundary line, Conlon kicked a beautiful goal. This brought the score to 11—0.

Shortly after the interval, McArdle and B. Johnstone broke away with the ball at toe, and the former again scored. Conlon added the extra points. Wilkinson fumbled the kick-off. Bamber, however, came to the rescue and sent the ball out in the H.S. territory. The forwards sent the ball out to the backs for a change, and Higgins scored. Conlon converted. Soon after the no-side whistle blew, leaving Riverview victors by 21—0.

In the absence of an official referee, one of our old boys, Gordon Rorke, took charge of the whistle.

ST. IGNATIUS' v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

The first match of the season with Newington, had been a very close one, as we just emerged victorious by the necessary 3 points. The extraordinary variations of fortune in the 2nd half of the competition, made it impossible to predict results with any accuracy. All, however, felt that the game would be a good one—and events justified the expectation. Dr. Bohrsman was in charge of the whistle, and as the two teams lined up they seemed perfectly matched in weight and size. Once the ball got going, a great deal of give-and-take play followed, mainly in the centre of the field. Neither pack could get its back division moving, for the greater portion of the first half, but ultimately the Riverview backs got in a neat piece of work, and a try resulted in the corner. Half-time left the score unaltered 3 to nil.

Immediately on resuming play, Leadly managed to get going, and registered a clever try for Newington. The game brightened up considerably after this, and a good deal of hard forward play ensued. About 14 minutes before full time, the Riverview backs improved their combination, and some quick passing resulted in a try.

This was the turning point of the match. A few of the Newington lads—who were but recent recruits from the influenza—began to feel the results of the hard work, and another try followed rapidly. The whistle sounded, leaving us victors by 11 to 3.

ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE v. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played at the Sydney Sports Ground, and was witnessed by about 200 supporters of the teams. Among the spectators was the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman T. Hughes. Mr. F. Dunn had charge of the whistle. Grammar School won the toss, and defended the eastern goal, and St. Ignatius' kicked off. Play was very fast, and hovered between the twenty-fives for a considerable time, the defence being strong. From a good opening at St. Ignatius' 25, Fisher kicked across the goal line, but Conlon forced. St. Ignatius' now took a hand in attacking, by means of their forwards, but were stopped by Green, who was playing a brilliant game. Grammar School again attacked, and got the ball out at their opponents' 25. From the throw-in Hill secured, and after a strong run, scored; Fisher converted from an easy position. Sydney Grammar School, 5 points to nil. Play now became uninteresting, and the half-time whistle blew at centre.

On resuming, St. Ignatius' attacked, and had Grammar School penned in their halfway nearly the whole of the half. St. Ignatius' attempts at opening up the game were nullified by the quick forwards of Grammar School. From a scrum the ball was sent to Hughes, who cut through nicely and passed to Higgins, who scored a try near the post. Grammar School, 5 points; St. Ignatius' 3 points. St. Ignatius' kept up the pressure, and were not long in adding to their score. Johnstone working the blind side, passed to Hughes. The latter feinting and cleverly beating his man, passed to Rorke, who scored in the corner. Hughes failed to convert from a difficult angle. Grammar School now broke away, and a forward, picking up, passed out to Lamrock, who ran right through from halfway, but the ball was re-called as the pass was forward. St. Ignatius' again worked the leather to Grammar School's territory, where Rorke took a mark at the 25. Hughes kicked a splendid goal, and made the scores 9 points to 5 in St. Ignatius' favor. Sydney Grammar School tried hard to score, but failed, and the whistle blew without any alteration in the scores.

The Lord Mayor entertained the boys at dinner after the match.

ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE v. S.C.E.G.S.

Our match against S.C.E.G.S. was played on North Shore No. 2 oval. There was a fairly strong breeze blowing, which increased considerably during the match.

P. Kelly, our captain, won the toss and decided to play with the wind.

S.C.E.G.S. kicked off against the wind. F. Hughes returned well, and a short time afterwards Rorke and Higgins almost scored, and compelled our opponents to force. The game was now rather slow. N.S. Grammar defended well. The play of our team was rather patchy for the whole first half. During some loose play, Hughes marked in a fairly difficult position, and kicked a really beautiful goal. Shortly after this, A. Johnstone passed the ball from behind the scrum to F. Hughes, who passed to Kelly. Kelly kicked and Hughes again got possession, and passed to Bamyards' scrum, Kater secured and placed the ball behind the goal posts. He easily converted his try, making the scores 8 points to 6 in favor of S.C.E.G.S.

Things were now at a very interesting stage. The scores were almost equal, and each side looked like scoring. Great excitement was caused at this stage just inside Grammar School 25-line. From behind a scrum, A. Johnstone passed the ball to Frank Hughes, who, by a fast, tricky run, broke through our opponents' defence, and scored a splendid try amidst great applause. The position was difficult, and the kick at goal failed.



COLLEGE SPORTS—SIAMESE RACE. [*Sydney Mail.*

ber, who scored. The attempt at goal was unsuccessful. After a good rush, headed by McArdle, R. Hughes and J. Carlton, the Grammar School got a free kick, which resulted in a penalty goal. The score then was St. Ignatius' 6 points, N.S. Grammar School 3. A few good forward rushes took place before the end, but at half-time the scores remained unaltered.

At the opening of the second half, Carlton kicked off for St. Ignatius' against a wind which was steadily increasing in vigour. Our opponents quickly brought the ball into our territory, and from a five

Excitement was now at its highest. The scores were 9—8 in favor of St. Ignatius', the end was near at hand, and we had been forced inside our own 25-line. There was a scrum in our territory, in which all were working with might and main, when the whistle went, and to our great consternation, we found that one of our backs straight in front of the goal was offside. A free kick was given, and an easy penalty goal scored, making the scores 11—9. This kick lost us the match. Our team rallied, but in the few minutes that remained the scores were not altered.

RIVERVIEW v. THE KING'S SCHOOL

Hewitt kicked off for T.K.S. with the sun in his eyes. Play was transferred to T.K.S. territory by some smart play on the part of Higgins. From a free-kick in front of the posts, T. Hughes kicked a goal 3—0. The play now became hard and fast, and several forward rushes headed by C. Veech and McArdle taxed the defensive powers of T.K.S. to the utmost. Their full back, however, relieved time after time, and played a brilliant game throughout. From a scrum in the school's 25, Dick Johnstone passed to F. Hughes, who dodged and beat the opposing five-eight, then passed to Higgins who scored in a good position. Conlon converted, 8—0. The forwards still kept up the pressure playing with remarkable dash. Outside the T.K.S. 25, Rorke secured, and running strongly, scored a splendid try. Conlon, who was in fine fettle, converted, 13—0. The score was unaltered when the whistle for half-time sounded.

In the second half, the play resolved itself into a dogged hard-fought game. The ball travelled freely from 25 to 25, yet neither side could score. T.K.S., who were playing a ding-dong game in the second half, nearly scored on two or three occasions. Twice, however, Kelly, whose tackling in this as in other matches was sound, saved the situation. Nearing the close, Johnstone secured the ball from a scrum passed to Hughes on the blind side, who brilliantly beating two men, passed to Rorke who grounded the ball over the line. —16.—0. When the whistle went the scores were unchanged.

The following table shows the final results of the Competition Matches of 1907:

	Won.	Dr'n.	Lost.	Comp. Points
St. Joseph's College ...	10	1	1	21
Sydney Grammar School.	7	3	2	17
St. Ignatius' College ...	7	2	3	16
S.C.E. Grammar School...	6	1	5	13
Newington College ...	4	2	6	10
The King's School ...	3	1	8	7
Sydney High School ...	0	0	12	0

PERSONNEL OF THE TEAM.

P. KELLY, captain, centre three-quarter. Though rather slow in attack, is invaluable in defence; a fearless tackler, and an example of pluck and determination to the team.

C. VEECH, vice-captain, a fast, hard-working forward, good on line-out, and remarkable for following on fast, and for his foot work. Missed his "all-schools" badge by a small margin.

H. RORKE, wing three-quarter, a very strong runner, fine tackler, and good line kick.

L. BAMBER, wing three-quarter, tackles well, and though at times has handled the ball uncertainly, has worked hard and contributed materially to the success of the team.

T. HIGGINS, inner centre three-quarter, and "emergency" five-eighth and scrum-half. The most useful of the backs we have had this season. Won his place in the All Schools 2nd team, and his college cap for back play.

V. CONLON, full back, and at times wing three-quarter, very fast, a good tackler, and line kick. His goal kicking has been of great service to the team.

F. HUGHES, five-eighth for the college and for the All Schools Team v. University. The best of our backs in attack, good line and place kick, a fast runner, and a player who promises to be heard of afterwards.

A. JOHNSTONE, scrum-half. Though a young player, is splendid in defence, being fearless in rush stopping, a good line kick. Won his "Improvement" cap, and promises to be a great player next year.

H. McARDLE, probably the best forward we had during the second half of the season. Good on line-out, following on, dribbling and tackling, has been of great use to the team, and has played up to his form of last year.

A. COX, plays centre-forward, is a hard grafter, fast on his pins, and a sound tackler.

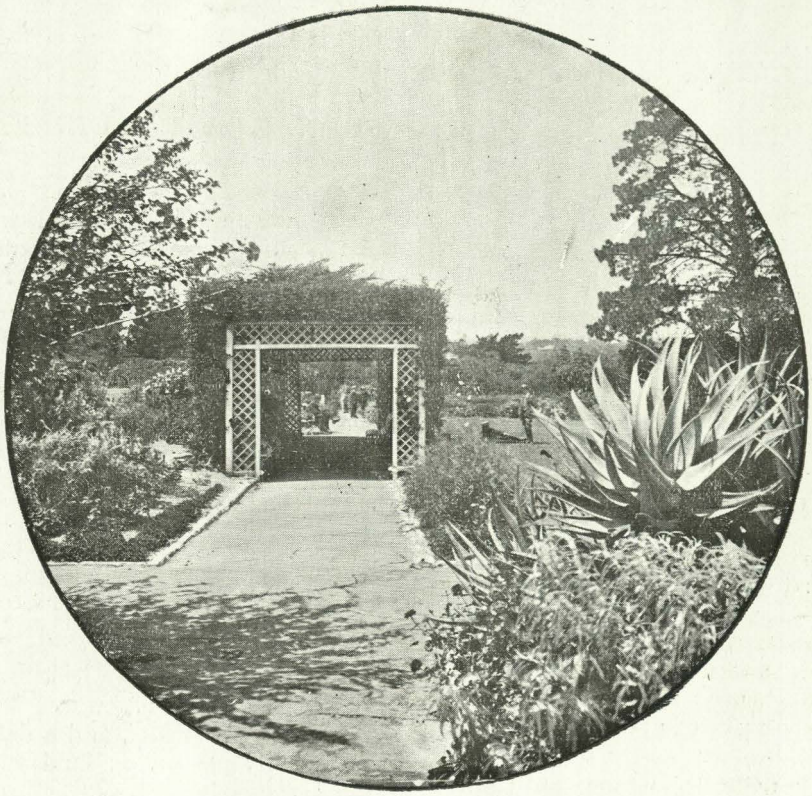
B. JOHNSTONE, the youngest member of the team, "hooks" well in the front-line, shows to advantage in loose fast play; when tackling, he doesn't mince matters.

R. HUGHES, plays lock-scrum, shines in the ruck and in the line-out, being facile princeps in the latter; plays with determination, uses his pace, and is always on the ball.

L. VEECH, plays like a Trojan from the pistol, follows on with great persistency, and tackles fairly well. He has a tendency to hang on too much. As breakaway, he is a thorn in the sides of opposing backs.

J. CONRICK, a ding-dong forward, plays every ounce of his twelve stone; in the close work and in breaking through the ruck with the ball, is the best man on the side. With C. Veech, he forms a solid second row in the scrum. He won his "All-School's Badge" this year.

J. CARLTON, a good breakaway forward; his place and drop-kicking are phenomenal; his tackling is weak at times.

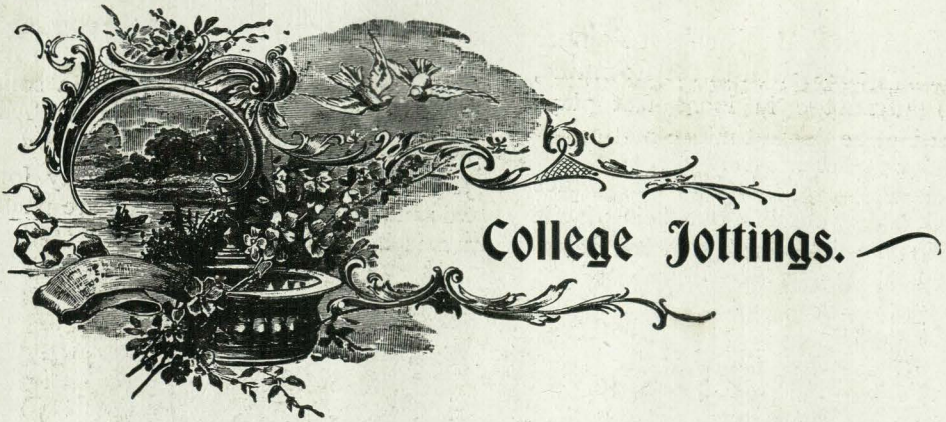


A WALK IN THE COLLEGE GARDENS.

[*Town and Country Journal.*

T. WILKINSON, the emergency back, handles the ball neatly, though a bit slow on his feet; played successfully as full back in two or three matches. His tackling is good.

B. MURRAY, emergency forward, plays well in the loose, tackles well, but does not use his height on the line out.



College Jottings.

From Contributions by W. MACDONALD and E. DINAN.

July 18.

Our principal scribe informs us that he has been back at Riverview for several days, and that he and his returned friends are as happy as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances. Our numbers are immense—higher than at any corresponding period during the last twelve years. The probable results of the Junior examinations, and our prospects on the football field, are being much discussed.

July 20.

Our senior Rugby team began the new term with a victory over Burwood Cambridge. The Riverview team began the attack, but were soon driven back to their own goal line, when McArdle forced. Some neat and useful line-kicking by Hughes and the college captain brought the ball to the centre. McArdle, Johnstone, and Conrick kept up the forward movement, and soon Burwood were penalized near their own 25. Conlon made a fair, but unsuccessful effort at the goal. Early in the second half, the visitors put in some fine play, and crossing the home line were the first to score. The try was not converted. Murray was then applauded for some brilliant forward work. He found touch near the Burwood line. The visitors relieved, but only for a moment. T. Higgins marked near their 25, and Conlon, with a fine kick, sent the ball soaring over the bar. Honours were then easy, but the college total was speedily increased. The captain gained a grand try, and Conlon converted. From that till the finish, the game was uneventful, save for one of those brilliant flashes to which Frank Hughes is wont to treat us. Securing near midway, he raced to the full back, then short-punted over the latter's head, and crossed the line with the ball at toe. It was the ball itself tricked him in the end. Final score:—Riverview 8, Burwood 3.

July 25.

The Junior results are out. Father Rector announced the glad tidings at breakfast. The news of Jack Fitz-Herbert's quartette of medals was greeted with a storm of well-merited applause. A whole holiday was granted to the school, and a delightful day was merrily passed on land and water.

July 27.

Those who expected some good play in the Rugby match between our Seniors and Toxteth were not disappointed, though some of our best players were already down with influenza. Toxteth kicked off, and Higgins returned well into touch. Playing with the wind, the college forwards were soon moving fast, Conrick and McArdle being prominent. The visitors brought play towards the centre, when the college marked, and Conlon opened the score with a neat and well-placed goal.



Photo by] RIVERVIEW COLLEGE.—The Main Building from the Quadrangle. [*Hall & Co.*

With the wind in their favour, the Toxteth team gave the home lads a lively time of it in the opening part of the second half. The college captain stopped a dangerous rush by diving pluckily on the ball. Then the tide turned again in favour of Riverview, and Johnstone got the ball away through Hughes to Higgins to Kelly to Rorke, who made a gallant though unavailing effort to cross the visitors' line. Attacking again, Johnstone cut straight in, beat a pair of his opponents, and transferred to Hughes, who took a high pass in masterly style, and scored a brilliant try which Conlon readily converted. Final score, 8 to nil in favour of Riverview.

July 29.

Influenza! For some days it was evident that the prevailing epidemic intended paying us a visit. Now it has arrived, and there is plenty of it. This morning our correspondent espied a somewhat doleful procession of feverish and barking boys wending its way towards the local hospital. A few less studious youths are praying that they may join it, but the arrival of a portentous supply of undelectable medicine may cause an increased interest in roots and ratios.

July 31.

Feast of Saint Ignatius. Congratulations from the editorial staff to Master Godfrey Johnstone on this, the happy day of his first Communion. The day is full and free, the weather is superb. These items combined with the prospect of a substantial feast, may account for a strange break in that doleful procession to the infirmary. By midday, the second division are scattered far and wide over the river and the harbour. The thirds have gone a-hunting. David Roth and Senan Ryan, two fleet-footed and cunning hares, are treating our young cubs to a glorious run over the rocks, through the creeks, and across the wild bushland.

August 2.

We play the return match against St. Josephs' to-morrow. The prospects are not brilliant. Conlon, Bamber, Cox, Veech (2), Hughes (2), Conrick, and Lenehan are all down with influenza. Fanning, too, is busy nursing an injured ankle, and for that purpose hath taken unto himself two crutches. Ten from fifteen leaves only five. Such is the fortune of football.

August 8.

In justice to the feline species, we protest against the name "cat" being used in a certain game now much in vogue in the second and third divisions. Two taps of a stick, one on the head and another on the tail, are the means which he uses to give his so-called "cat" a forward motion. We doubt if any self-respecting feline would calmly submit to such an undignified method of propulsion. The prevailing epidemic —not of cats, but of influenza—has disturbed our order of time in favour of the sleepy heads.

August 9.

The third division orators are contemplating another debate. We hope their coming effort will rival the success of the inaugural meeting of last term. That bright and most interesting discussion on the relative merits of Boarding and Day Schools, was reported in our July number, and earned for our young debaters the unstinted praise of a distinguished editor in a far north land.

August 10.

Many of the bigger boys were in town to-day to see the contest between New Zealand and Australia. In their absence a team of young giants arrived unexpectedly at Riverview. Our scratch XV. fought a brave battle, but were beaten by 9 points to nil. Don Foy was one of the heroes of the game.

August 12.

Senator Keating paid a welcome visit to his Alma Mater to-day, and was accompanied by another distinguished Tasmanian, Mr. Bourke. Speaking to the boys before evening study, the visitors referred with manifest pleasure to the brilliant success of our young Tasmanian at the recent Junior examinations. Jack Fitz-Herbert's name, they said, was now a household

word in his native isle, and in his honour they would venture to ask Father Gartlan to grant the boys a holiday. Such a request could scarcely be denied. Then Major Lenehan improved the occasion by asking and obtaining a reprieve from evening studies in honour of the visitors. The applause was prolonged.

August 15.

Feast of the Assumption. Felicitations to the five seniors who were to-day enrolled in Our Lady's Sodality. After the usual morning studies, we all adjourned to the senior oval to enjoy the much-talked-of football match between the best of the third division and the "scallywags" of the second. The latter won by 3 to nil after a hard and fast and most exciting contest. Master Sharpe, the gainer of the only try, was cheered and cheered by his enthusiastic brother scallywags. Apropos of this famous struggle, a second division supporter makes three allegations. He says the first divisioners along the touch line were arrayed in cuffs, collars, and cosmetics. He says they squealed excessively for the thirds, and that the average age of the latter is at least 17 years. We are preparing a suitable epitaph for that temerarious alligator.

August 18.

An unwelcome guest, the influenza, has at last departed. The infirmary has yielded up its invalids, and the classes are again complete. Our rugby team has signalised its convalescence by a double victory over Newington College, and Sydney Grammar School. Yesterday evening at the conclusion of the latter match, the Riverview team was most hospitably entertained by the Lord Mayor. As the great Public School Competition matches are described at length in a separate chapter, we are not called on to record them here.

August 24.

To-day's match against the Hawkesbury College team was exceptionally good. The weather was ideal, and the game fast right through. The visitors had some advantage in weight, and their science is acknowledged. As to our own lads, we have rarely seen them in better form. We were defending during the greater part of the opening half, and that defence was adamantine. The repeated and vigorous rushes of the Hawkesbury forwards, were powerless against the well-combined efforts of Conlon, Bamber, Kelly, Rorke, and Murray. On resuming, some clever work on the part of Tom Higgins and Allan Johnstone enabled McArdle, Conrick, and the younger Johnstone to invade the Hawkesbury territory. The visitors' defence was as strong as our own, and soon the ball was back again in the home 25. Another keen and united attack by the Riverview team saw play return to the visitors' 25, and from there as the result of a free kick, Conlon sent the ball across the Hawkesbury bar. The applauding was hearty. The visitors rallied, and the strength of our rear-guard was repeatedly tested. At last they got through. A clever solo on the part of the Hawkesbury half was deservedly rewarded by a try. The goal-kick failed, and the scores were equal. The same keen and fast game continued to the finish. Both sides strained every nerve, but the final whistle found the score unaltered. Heartiest thanks to the anonymous reporter of this match. It is the last on our file, and also the best.

August 29.

Physical culture is rampant, moderately rowdy, and eminently successful. Even Ward's pigeon chest is beginning to expand. Our felicitations are due to Mr. Young, whose instructions are much appreciated.

September 1.

One half of the second division is busy consuming cream puffs and chocolate at the expense of the other side. Our sedate seniors are holding an impromptu debate. The third divisions are too insignificant to mention. This last remark comes from the alligator.

September 8.

Return match between the youngsters and their enemies the scallywags. The last

of the season and well attended. A reporter tells us that young Payten was several times conspicuous by his spirited tackling, and was repeatedly cheered by the frantic onlookers. After much excitement and no little amusement, the battle ended in a scoreless draw. Farewell to football.

September 12.

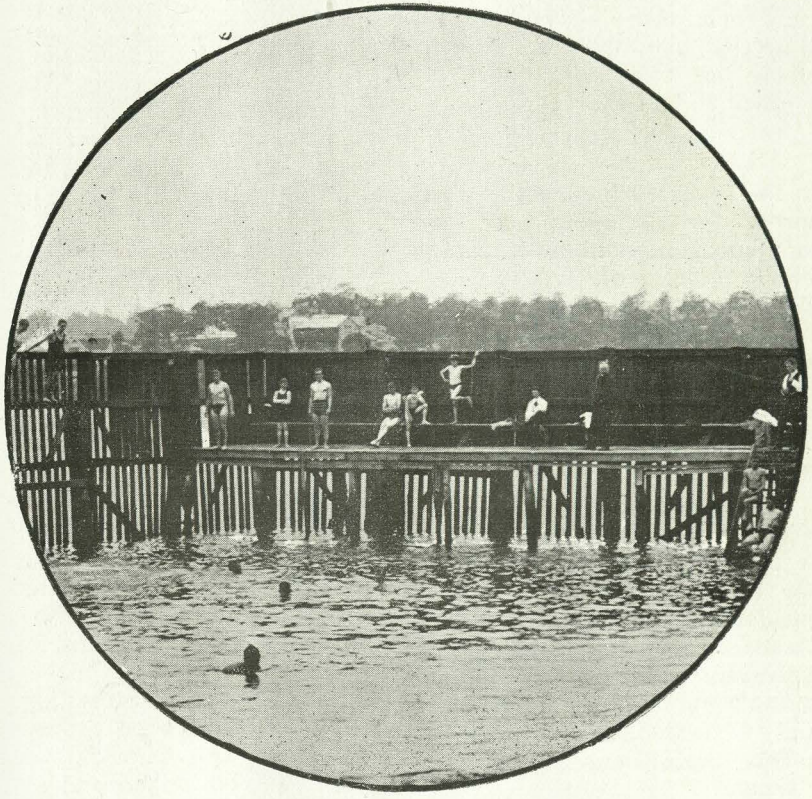
Our most faithful contributor informs us that there is nothing moving save hot winds and dust by the ton. He declines to waste his wisdom on such desert air. We understand that our friend is busy in the preparation of a learned speech on the virtues of hangmen.

September 15.

Should hangmen be abolished? This gruesome topic was ably, adequately, and not inelegantly discussed to-night by our second division parliamentarians. There was a goodly gathering of local celebrities; Masters Deery and Fitz-Herbert were the respective leaders. The seconds are not in a penitential mood, and we fear that the time-honored institution of hangmen is doomed.

September 20.

It was with sincerest regret that we bade good-bye to-day to the elder Conrick. Brave and big-hearted, he was a staunch supporter of his Alma Mater's fame on flood and field. He was very popular among his comrades; his masters have spoken of him in terms of high praise; and the college magazine owes a handsome debt to his purse and to his pen. Our kindest good wishes will accompany him to his home in distant Nappa-Merrie.



COLLEGE SWIMMING BATH. [*Town and Country Journal.*

A welcome retreat in hot weather.

September 23.

The summer order of time was ushered in to the accompaniment of some excessively hot weather. Under such circumstances a plunge into the waters of the Lane Cove River is a real delight. Thanks to the proximity of the college baths, it is also a regular delight. Woe betide the unwary traveller who is caught on the stone steps when the lunch bell has rung and a hundred youths come racing down. Facilis descensus! say some of our heavy weights. 'Tis the pull up that they object to, especially when there are two more hours of class at the other end of the climb.

September 29.

Thanks to the repeated kindness of Mr. Cranney, our successful juniors were enabled to go a-launching and a-lunching amid the scenic glories of Sydney's far famed Middle Harbour. Our reporter dwells with rapture on ocean breezes, boiling billies, tender chickens, stirring speeches, plentiful puffs and a long-to-be-remembered, never-to-be-forgotten, bosker-all-right kind of day that he had.

October 6.

Yesterday our tiny fifths put up 108 runs against Melrose. Cyp. Bryant was responsible for 33. Captain Kelly, Julian Bryant, Wilfrid McDonnell and D. Roth, also find a place on the honour list. Tonight we applauded to our hearts' content the sayings and songs of Messrs. Ward, McArdle and Co., in "The Illustrious Stranger." The staging was superb and likewise the supper.

October 10.

Feast of Saint Francis of Bordeaux! So writes our juvenile contributor. 'Tis a play day, and a lovely one. But alas, here comes that atrocious alligator. This time he tells of aquatic nobs, tell-tale crumbs, and crest-fallen Jackdaws, which if you do not understand, you had better consult the alligator or else apply for information to that distinguished person whom he calls the aquatic regulator.

October 17.

The alligator is insuppressible. His latest is about a recent arrival from the Emerald Isle, who when wandering through bushland was frightened by an ancient kerosene tin which he mistook for an old man kangaroo. He also tells a tale at the expense of his friend Ward, and dwells pathetically on what befell him when he fractured his altum silentium on the staircase.

October 23.

Our seniors are revelling in the intellectual delights of test exams. Roger Hughes gets pride of place in all the classical results. The mathematical honours are divided between C. Bridge, H. Rorke, and that youthful prodigy John Aloysius Fitz-Herbert.

October 27.

Tommy Payten, the genial and popular secretary of the second division has abandoned his old friends and gone in search of pastures new in the shape of a turf wicket. The firsts paid a friendly visit to North Shore Grammar School, and after a good match were hospitably entertained.

November 1.

There is an honour scroll on the wall of the Senior Boys' Library. On it you may read the names of our champion athletes for many years. The old list is now complete, and the competition for first place on the new roll should make the coming sports exceptionally interesting. This year the thirds are running a championship of their own. The winner must prove his prowess on both land and sea. Most of the thirds are amphibians, and the struggle promises to be keen.

November 2.

The youngsters had an evening off and enjoyed themselves immensely. 'Tis grand to bathe in the waters of the Lane Cove when the weather is hot, and the tide is at the flood. An "al fresco" feast, too, has pleasures all its own. But the combination of swimming and feasting is unsurpassed, especially when you have the added delight of knowing that your an-

cient enemies, the scallywags and alligators, are stewing in the study-hall.

November 10.

The colonnades at the rear of the college are fast approaching completion. Out in front the gardens are abloom, and down by the waters' edge, the wharves and boat-sheds are resplendent in their summer costume.

November 16.

The applause this morning was loud and prolonged, when Bernard Murray won the handball tournament. It was no easy task to dispose of Hughes, Carlton, and Bolger. The latter played an exceptionally good game.

November 17.

Grand excursion for the choir and orchestra, whose prolonged and successful preparation of "Utopia Limited," has earned for them a generous reward. Day after day they had sacrificed their recreation hours to provide a musical feast for the house. When the bell rang for study at nine o'clock this morning, there were not a few who envied the happy prospects of the picnickers. The boats were soon laden with the delectable things, which Brother Doyle dispensed with generous hand, and then away to the happy hunting grounds up the broad and winding river.

November 21.

A whole holiday in honour of Very Reverend Father Provincial, who has arrived from Ireland. The sports' committee are busy getting their programme through. Gus Malone has run away with the Second Division high jump, long throw, and foot ball kick.

November 24.

To-day our scienic artist, Mr. Fleury, brought us a pair of beautiful snow-white doves. Towards evening their cage was thrown down by a strong wind and was broken. The doves escaped and alighting on the infirmary roof were soon espied by a well-known worthy in that quarter. This time he greeted his visitors from the college with a drastic dose of six leaden pills administered through the barrell of a pea-rifle, the immediate effect being to shatter a leg of each. Congratulations and thanks to Clive Conrick, our young "way-back," who, with the skill of a surgeon, treated and bound up their legs, so that the doves are able to go about as usual with only a faint indication of their mishap.

November 28.

Basil Bryant wins the Tennis Championship. Basil is the captain of the second division. That section of the house was accused of impudence for daring to compete with the firsts for Championship honours. But Bryant wiped out the haughty seniors, and then settled down to a friendly final with his comrade Ward.

December 1.

Only four days more! Wardens' picnic on a delightful day up the Lane Cove River. What became of the cherries? They disappeared mysteriously and 'tis said that the blame lies at the mouth of the alligator.

December 6.

Farewell to Riverview. Heartiest thanks to our contributors. Heartiest good wishes for a joyous Xmas, and Many Happy Returns to ——.



STRAY NOTES ON OUR EX-STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

(BY ONE WHO KNOWS THEM.)

THE year has been one of unusual brilliancy in the annals of the college, both as regards the old boys, and those at the school. In March last, Reginald A. Fitzherbert secured classical honors. Shortly after John Fitzherbert, jealous of his brother's fame, obtained the prize for general proficiency in the junior examination, with no less than four medals. In the field of sport, Riverview has had its representatives in the New South Wales and Australian football teams, in the Univeristy Champion Eight, while the records of the college crew and football team are too well known to need recording.

During Trinity term, C. Maher took out his doctor's degree, and is now installed as resident of St. Vincent's Hospital. Charlie was always a prominent man at John's, and though all wish him luck, his loss is keenly felt. He proved himself an energetic and able organiser, and his tact and courtesy were often called upon to smooth over difficulties. As a committee man he was invaluable, and there was nothing he would not do, no difficulties he would not surmount, in order that all might go well in the college. Until quite recently, he was a prominent man in tennis circles, possessing a powerful forehand drive, but now his profession makes too many calls on his time for him to appear in active sport.

The Sirius of the Riverview constellation is E. T. Real, whose portrait was reproduced in our last number. His record is one of unusual brilliancy. Son of Mr. Justice Real, of Queensland, his feats lend strong confirmation to the theory of inherited tendencies. Be that as it may, he has just gained the highest distinction in the L L.B. course that the University confers. It will be remembered that it was G. Flannery who first secured the Wigram Allen and Matilda Harris scholarships. E. T. Real is the latest to join the select few. A man of brilliant attainments, and tremendous working energy, his unassuming manner has led many to underrate his powers. But one need only examine the L L.B. course to be disillusioned. The range and character of the work, the multiplicity of facts to be absorbed, the penetration and acuteness required for their mastery, the demand for sound judgment and clear thinking, leave no room to doubt the high mental gifts of him who excels in such an ordeal. And he has excelled. In other domains he has also figured. He rowed on several occasions for his college, and played football during his first years at the 'Varsity. It is also said of him that he has a "powerful left," to use the technical parlance. We do not know from experience, so we cannot give a guarantee. But it is open to anyone else to seek confirmation on this point.—(The point?—Ed.)

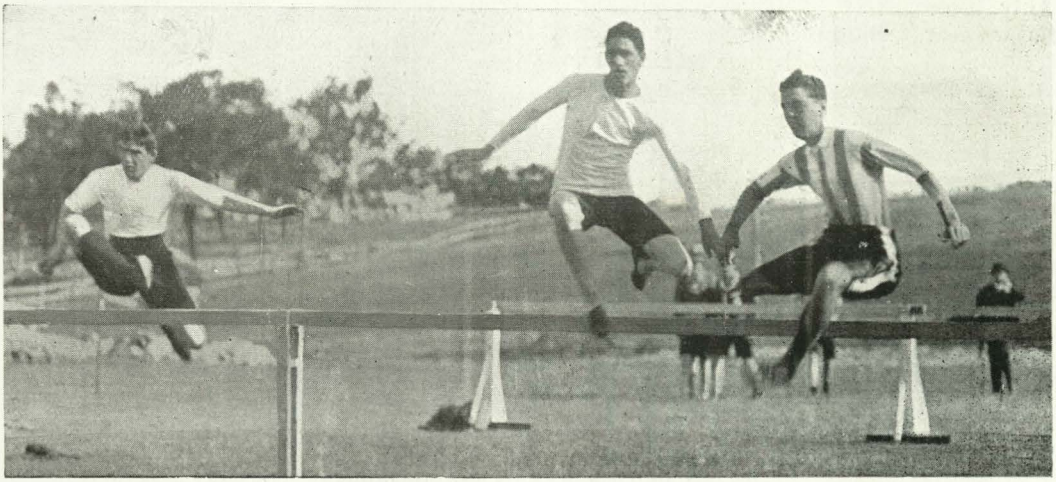
Austin Desmond, the affable 'Austin, put in an appearance this year, and is hobnobbing with the aristocratic muse of History. He is John's sole representative in Arts, but bears the burden with grace and dignity. You ought to see him in cap and gown!

What has happened to Reg. A. Fitz-Herbert? Alas! he has forsaken the "humanities," cast off Thucydides, and Sophocles, and the Man of Arpinum, and is now a supplicant at the altar of the gracious Ologies, and passes his days dissecting frogs.

Mirabor vitae via si conversa decebit. However, he is not yet wholly degenerate. The football season found him playing for the III. Fifteen; and in the challenge fours, he stroked the John's crew in a surprisingly good manner, considering the disparity of weight.

J. Victor Macken, who comes from "Ultima Thule" every morning, is still pursuing the even tenor of his way in Arts. Throughout the season he figured prominently in tennis. He also rowed in the Challenge Fours. But the crew was a casual one, and forgot to sprint. Sad to relate he also fell a prey to the charms of the fair Glaciarium, and therein used frequently to find respite from the profound repose of Philosophy. "Puer, digne meliore flamma." We have it on good authority that he will shortly publish a learned article on "Gravitation, and its Effects." Congratulations to Furneaux Mann on having obtained such high classical honours in First Year Arts. We have it on high authority that his powers as a pianist are quite above the ordinary.

G. McElhone has levitated to the land of the almighty dime and pugilists, where he proposes to study dentistry. J. Cosgrove has gone with him. It makes one quite a moralist to reflect how quickly and how far afield they scatter when once they leave College. Raymond Ward might be at the South Pole for all one can hear of him. Edgar Wyatt is in Britain somewhere; R. J. Douglas is surrounded with briefs in Townsville; Fritz Hoeppner is at Coolamon, but regularly shows his interest in the College by reporting his whereabouts. Who does not remember with what gusto (and dramatic power!) he used to recite "Rubenstein's Playing?" and how he used to leap up on the chair and waving his arms like a semaphore shout out, "Go it, my Rube!" and how third division used to join in as in a fugue! Third division always were unconscionable. But to continue: Felix Conlon has flitted off to Ireland to join Basil Loughnan, who used, as many will remember, to punctuate the harmony of Mr. Garahy's concerts with hideous noises on the clarionet emitted at regular intervals. But we cannot remember all. This last is too much.



COLLEGE SPORTS.—CHAMPIONSHIP HURDLES. [*Sydney Mail.*

Randal Vivien McDonnell proved a most valuable acquisition this year, both to John's and the University. His aquatic prowess has won the admiration of all. Beginning by stroking his College to victory, he proceeded to further enhance his record by stroking the winning Junior Four at the Riverview Regatta, and finally crowned his previous triumphs by rowing in the victorious Eight against Melbourne University. To obtain his "Blue" within six months of entrance, is a feat that many might envy. But even the sun shows spots. Randal is a medico.

Sydney Rorke and his brother Fred are both aspiring to medical honours. Fred recently took a trip to Kruger's land and was, we hear, favourably impressed. Should he intend to go back there, the University will lose one of the most promising scrum-halves it has had.

Joe Kenny has been keeping to the fore throughout the year. He passed his first year's medicine with ease. He took up football again, and lost no time in gaining a permanent position in the seconds. We should not be surprised to see him in the First Fifteen next season.

Frank Coen, the energetic secretary of the football club, has been particularly prominent this year in sporting circles. There is scarcely a function that does not owe much of its success to his efforts. As a member of the Old Boys' Union, he has succeeded in bringing forward many matters that needed attention. In every department he has proved himself a zealous thorough-going worker. He is now aspiring to higher honours. We wish him luck, and would like to see him score high in his final L.L.B.

Of John and James Hughes we need say little. Throughout the year the papers have told of their prowess on the football field. As regards James, last year's promise has been more than fulfilled. There is a prospect of both going home next year in the State team. James passed his Third Degree examination very creditably, seeing that it came in the important part of the sporting season. H. Oxenham, who is in the same year, reached the climax of his football career when he led the New South Wales team to victory in Queensland.

Frank Hutchinson came on this year to study engineering. The engineers reside in the back blocks for they are "greasers," and are not at all proper persons to have parading about on the front lawn.

Percy Curtis may occasionally be seen in full uniform with rifle and a fearsome-looking bayonet. In him the University Scouts secured a member with an uncommon amount of enthusiasm. Many others might do well to follow his example. It is needless to mention that Percy is studying medicine. The medicos are the chosen ones of the earth, the seed of Abraham. No body else counts for anything.

Reggie Bridge is another of the tribe. It will soon become necessary to establish a profession to make people sick, or to invent some new microbe of a particularly tenacious and fatal character. Imagine the joy in the medical camp, the fiendish joy! The doctors and undertakers would go and make merry together.

"What ho! and a bottle of rum."

It is a good thing to see some signs of revolt and some respect for helpless humanity now and then. Reggie expressed his disapprobation of the medical spirit by rowing in an engineering crew in the Challenge Fours. He has not yet been excommunicated, but the sentence is pending. Heresy and disloyalty must be vigorously suppressed.

Austin Curtin is keeping to the fore in football. His fault is that he is too modest. Did he push his way a little more, he would soon find himself at the top. The same remark applies to Michael Veech, who passed his Third Degree examination in June last. Mick is a very fine forward, but keeps too much in the background when the selection committee are passing round. It is advisable on these occasions not to hide your light under a bushel, but to flash out now and then after the fashion of the south-head beacon, otherwise people will not know you are there at all.

John Boylon has lately adopted pince-nez, which gives him quite a beneficent look, but his walk is the same as of old. Jack Lentaigne, his contemporary, has cultivated a very sober aspect, and always appears as to have considerable difficulty with his pipe.

Now that the English cricket team are here, it is but right to mention one of Riverview's representatives—Barney Coen. Last year's feats, or rather the feat, and it is well-known, has not been disgraced. This year in the match v. St. Andrews, he also made a substantial score. It is not an exaggeration to say that Barney is one of the most versatile men in the University. He plays many parts, and each with equal facility. He is a Trojan to work and will even look up his notes while his friend is putting on his overcoat to go out with him. He gained second place in the important Third Degree examination, and will certainly do well in his final. In John's, at least, he is the recognised authority on cricket, football, rowing, law, politics, tariffs, education, and engineering (save one) and is also said to have a good eye for horse-flesh.

His oratorical powers are well-known. He is a very acute logician, and has always at hand a deep fund of subtle disquisition with which to confound the audacious babbler. He has never been known to be at a loss, and can speak at any moment, on any subject for any length of time. The "freshers" have been sorely tried this year.

"And still they gape, and still their wonder grows
That Barney's head can carry all he knows '›



Our Sodalities.

SODALITY OF OUR LADY.

President: Rev. J. Hassett, S.J.
Prefect: P. KELLY.
Councillors: F. HUGHES, C. BURFITT, H. RORKE, C. VEECH, A. COX.

The meetings were held regularly on Friday evenings.

May 26, Robert McCarthy, Justin McCarthy, Vincent Conlon, Clarence Bridge were received.

May 15, Leo Bamber, Allan Johnstone, Edward Dandison, were received by Father Rector.

Nov. 24, Emmett O'Halloran, James Dalton, John Murphy, Wm. Kelly, T. Wilkinson, J. Bolger, R. Unger, L. Quigley, E. Quigley, J. Bowler, J. Wilkinson, B. Murray, were received by Very Rev. Father Provincial.

Before the reception he delivered an earnest and eloquent address on the aim and objects of the sodality, urging upon all who were members already, or who were to be admitted that morning, to be faithful through life to the promises they made as professed members of the Sodality. It was much, no doubt, that whilst at college they should take seriously the obligations they took upon themselves to be models to their companions in every department of college life. But this was not all: they should earnestly keep in mind that when they passed from the college walls, they were expected still more to be models in the parishes where their lot would be cast, and be foremost in every good work for the spiritual and material elevation of their fellow men.

PATRICK KELLY.

SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

President: REV. G. BYRNE, S.J.
Prefect: BASIL BRYANT.
Council: JOHN FITZ-HERBERT, WILLIAM MACDONALD, BRYDEN JOHNSTONE, KEVIN RYAN, CYRIL LEONARD.

It is satisfactory at the end of the year, to be able to state that the Junior Sodality continues the good work done in the college by former members. No better guarantee can be given of this than the large numbers that have been added to our ranks during the year. As the voting is exceptionally severe, candidates feel that when they demand admission, they are expected to have reached a high standard. Again, it is from our Sodality that the most generous response has been made to the Holy Fathers' wishes with regard to Daily Communion.

I feel it my duty, on behalf of the Sodality, before bringing this brief notice to a close, to express the most sincere gratitude to our Reverend President, whose approaching departure for Europe we all so much regret, for his consistent devotedness to our interests during the past six years. We have looked forward from Tuesday to Tuesday with extreme pleasure, to his scholarly, practical, and eloquent lectures, and we hope that when—as we trust he will—he returns to Australia, he will be rewarded by finding that not one of his Sodality shall have failed to live up to the high ideals he put before them.

On Sunday, November 1st, Rev. Father Rector received the following new members:—D. Foy, C. Gaertner, C. McKillop, C. Gordon, A. Nichols, G. Vavasour, R. Vavasour, N. Chester, N. Sharpe.

BASIL BRYANT.

Annual Athletic Sports.

AN ideal summer's day, tempered with a refreshing north-east breeze, favoured our annual athletic sports on November 30. The events were decided on the College Cricket Ground, where every arrangement had been made for the comfort of a large gathering of visitors. There was a band in attendance during the afternoon.

Amongst those present were the Very Rev. J. Conmee, S.J., Provincial of the Irish Jesuits; the Very Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J., (Rector of St. Ignatius' College); the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sydney, Messrs. H. A. Lenehan (Government Astronomer), G. E. Bryant, A. Coffey, B. M'Bride (President of the Old Boys' Union), N. Macdonald, G. E. Flannery, R. M'Carthy, S. Rorke, H. Richards, J. Lentaigne, J. Conry, W. D'Apice, J. M'Evoy, J. Kelly, Colman Burke, B. Hughes, J. Hughes, H. Roth, P. Murphy, V. Macken, F. Mulcahy, M. Johnstone, and D. O'Shea.

The officials in charge of the sports were:—Committee and handicappers: Ex-students: The officials of the Old Boys' Union; 1st division: Messrs. P. Kelly, J. Carlton, C. Veech; 2nd division, Messrs. G. Malone, G. Dalton, B. Bryant; 3rd division: Messrs. A. Kelly, J. M'Bride, J. Bryant. Stewards: Messrs. A. Johnstone, R. Unger, H. Turner, C. Burfitt, J. Bolger, E. Quigley. Starter: Mr. R. Armstrong. Judges: The Rev. J. Cahill, S.J., the Rev. J. Hassett, S.J., Messrs. B. A. M'Bride, G. E. Bryant, W. T. Coyle. Timekeeper: The Rev. F. O'Brien, S.J. Hon. secretaries, Messrs. P. J. Kelly and J. Carlton.

Father Brennan, S.J., and Mr. Armstrong, who we were glad to see was in his old place as starter, and the officials, are to be congratulated on the way in which the various events were decided. There was no delay or hitch in any part of the long programme. The handicapping in the various heats and races was excellent, and the close finishes in most of the events made this meeting one of the most successful yet held at Riverview. There were no fewer than five dead heats. In one event, the handicap hurdles (2nd division), K. Ryan and G. Ward ran a dead heat twice, on which Rev. Father Rector decided that each boy should receive a first prize. The contest for College Champion brought out J. Carlton on top again this year with F. Hughes second. The particulars of this are given in the notes to this article.

At the conclusion of the contests the prizes were presented by the Very Rev. J. Conmee, S.J. In addition to the winners in the athletic events, the following lads were awarded trophies: T. Higgins, honour cap, football; A Johnstone, honour cap, improved football play; J. Conrick, forward division.

The following events were decided prior to Saturday:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Handball Championship.—1st, B. Murray; 2nd, F. Hughes; 3rd, J. Bolger.

Calisthenics Championship.—1st, P. Kelly; 2nd, H. Rorke; 3rd, J. Carlton.

Tennis Championship—1st, B. Bryant; 2nd, G. Ward; 3rd, R. Hughes.

Swimming Championship.—1st, B. Kelly; 2nd, J. Carlton; 3rd, T. Wilkinson.

Kicking the Football.—1st, J. Carlton; 2nd, F. Hughes; 3rd, V. Conlon.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, J. Carlton; 2nd, V. Conlon; 3rd, T. Higgins

High Jump.—1st, H. Rorke; 2nd, F. Hughes; 3rd, R. Hughes.

Long Jump.—1st, C. Veech; 2nd, P. Kelly; 3rd, E. Dandison.

SECOND DIVISION.

Kicking the Football.—1st, G. Malone; 2nd, W. Bridge; 3rd, N. Chester.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, G Malone; 2nd, W. Allen; 3rd, E. Lenehan.

High Jump.—1st, G. Malone; 2nd, M. Playoust; 3rd, A. Mann.

THIRD DIVISION.

Kicking the Football.—1st, B. Mullins; 2nd, S. Ryan; 3rd, G. Hogan.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, Sen, Ryan; 2nd, G. Hogan; 3rd, W. M'Donnell.

High Jump.—1st, E. Keenan; 2nd, B. Mullins; 3rd, E. Dinan.

The results of the different events on Sports Day:—.

100yds. Handicap (3rd Division, over 12).—S. M'Dermott, 1; S. Ryan, 2; B. Mullins, 3.

100yds Championship (2nd Division).—E. Lenehan, 1; K. Ryan, 2; G. Malone, 3.

Forwards Handicap, 100yds —J. Kain, 1; A. Cox, 2; C. Veech, 3.

100yds. Handicap, (under 12).—N. Macken, 1; H. Bowler, 2; B. Payten, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race.—J. G. Dalton.

100yds. College Championship.—F. Hughes, 1; J. Carlton, 2; A. Cox, 3.

440yds. Handicap (2nd Division) —E. Lenehan, 1; F. Kinkead, 2; P. de Lepervanche, 3.

Sack Race, 50yds.—C. Gordon, 1: A. Kelly, 2; E. Keenan, 3.

440yds. Championship (1st Division).—C. Veech, 1; J. Carlton, 2; F. Hughes, 3.

100yds. Championship (3rd Division).—S. Ryan, 1; W. M'Donnell, 2; A. Kelly, 3.

Maiden Handicap, 100yds.—C. Feehan, 1; K. Ryan, 2; J. Kain, 3.

Siamese Race.—Messrs. D. Moffitt and E. Keenan, 17yds, 1; Messrs. V. Conlon and F. Fanning, scr., 2; Messrs. G. Dalton and C. Conrick, 7yds, 3.

Handicap Hurdles (2nd Division).—G. Ward and K. Ryan, dead heat, 1; G. Dalton, 2.

Musicians' Handicap, 440yds.—A. Mann, 50yds, 1; E. Turner, 45yds, 2; H. McArdle, 15yds, 3.

Championship Hurdles,120 yds. (1st. Division).—F. Fanning, 1; F. Hughes, 2; P. Kelly, 3.

Obstacle Race.—A. Kelly, 1; E. O'Halloran, 2; E. Chester, 3.

Cricketers' Handicap, 150yds.—G. Dalton, 1; A. Cox, 2; B. Murray, 3.

Handicap Hurdles, 150yds. (1st Division).—F. Fanning, 1; H. Rorke, 2; P. Kelly, 3.

Half-mile Handicap.—B. Murray, 55yds, 1; W. Bridge, 100yds, 2; C. Gordon, 3.

The visitors were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea on the college lawn by the Very Rev. T. Gartlan.

B. Murray's win in the handball tournament was popular and deserving, especially as he received only one forfeit.

The success of Basil Bryant—a "second divisioner"—in the tennis tournament, created no little surprise. His play was never sensational, but always most careful and steady. The swimming championship went to another "second divisioner," Bert Kelly, who won by a couple of lengths. This was practically a foregone conclusion, as last year he beat easily all his present opponents. In the athletic contests in second division, Gus Malone was easily champion. The favourite for the high-jump, however, was H. Bacon, who in the beginning certainly seemed to have the best chance of winning; later on he lost all hope of success by landing too heavily.



Photo by] **Egg and Spoon Race.**

Finish of 440 yds. Championship.
C. Veech, 1; J. Carlton, 2.

Finish of 100 yds. Championship.
F. Hughes, 1; J. Carlton, 2.

Siamese Race.

II Division Sack Race.

J. CARLTON,
Champion Athlete, 1906 and 1907.

Start of the 100 yds. Championship. [*Hall & Co.*

II Division Hurdles.
K. Ryan, G. Dalton, G. Ward, L. Elliott.

III Division Sack Race.

The egg and spoon race caused considerable amusement; in the final, only one reached the tape still carrying his egg. In the Siamese race, Fanning and Conlon made a bold bid for first place by diving at the tape. They failed to get it, but Fanning bumped his head on the ground and got a black eye instead. P. Kelly was leading in the handicap hurdles, but at the seventh hurdle he slipped and fell, and lost all chance of winning. In the half-mile handicap, B. Murray finished in superb style about 40 or 50yds ahead of the second man, and seemed ready to go on for another half-mile if required.

Though Jim Carlton's performances this year were not so brilliant as last year, he managed to secure for the second year in succession the coveted honour of champion athlete. This record has been gained only once before by M. Gleeson, who was champion athlete in 1899 and 1900. This year the competition was very keen. Although Carlton was leading on the events decided before the Sports Day, his final victory looked very doubtful, especially as he was beaten by F. Hughes in the 100yds championship. Frank Hughes, whose form could not be better, wanted now only two or three points to win. These seemed pretty certain to be his in the 440yds championship, where he was easily leading. But anxiety to win made him look round, and within 20yds of the post, with certain victory before him, he slipped and fell, and lost all hope of the championship. In justice to the champion it must be said that during the morning of the sports he had been somewhat indisposed, a fact that may easily account for his want of form in the afternoon.

This competition for champion athlete is decided by points. A first place counts 3 points; a second, 2 points; and a third 1 point. Besides receiving a handsome gold medal, the champion has his name and year inscribed on a tablet for the purpose in the senior playroom.

There is no knowing to what lengths the ambition of third division will carry them! This year they had nothing less than a contest for "Third Division Champion Athlete," and the excitement created amongst them was probably greater than that for the Senior Champion. The final results was a tie between Arthur Kelly and Senan Ryan, both of whom had an equal number of points. Both got special prizes.

C. BURFITT.



Class Championship.

The Class Championship is awarded to the winner in the inter-class competition. Each class above Rudiments competes through a group of representatives. This year the subjects chosen by lot were Greek, French, Arithmetic or Trigonometry. The winner of the first place and gold medal (instead of which a valuable prize of books was preferred), was J. A. Fitz-Herbert. In the competition the first four attained a very respectable average. The marks per cent. are given as under:—

		Greek	French	Maths.	Total
1st	J. A. FITZ-HERBERT (Gold Medal)	88	90	81	86.3
2nd	KEVIN RYAN, Junior Class	88	80	88	85.3
3rd	STANLEY McDONNELL, II. Grammar..	71	78	87	78.7
4th	VINCENT CONLON Sub-senior	68	87	69	74.7

Second Division Debate.

President: REV. T. A. WALSH, S.J.

Committee: W. MACDONALD, J. DEERY, J. A. FITZ-HERBERT.

GOVERNMENT.

MR. FITZ-HERBERT, Premier.

MR. SHARPE, Minister for Agriculture.

MR. McDONNELL, Minister for Education.

MR. LEONARD, Minister for Lands.

OPPOSITION.

MR. DEERY, Leader.

MR. NICHOLS, (Member for Yarra).

MR. MACKEN, (Member for Longueville).

MR. MACDONALD (Member for Brisbane).

MR. FOY, (Member for Stirling).

MR. ROBINSON, (Member for Nowra).

MR. RORKE, (Member for North Sydney).

The REV. PRESIDENT having proposed as motion for discussion that—"Capital Punishment should be Abolished," called on the HON. PREMIER to open the debate.

The HON. PREMIER (Mr. Fitz-Herbert) opened the debate by scornfully refuting the idea that Capital Punishment benefited the State. A vine is rendered fruit-bearing not by destroying it root and branch, but by careful and seasonable pruning. Why should not the criminal in like manner, be gradually reformed and thus become a useful member of society. Wrong done to the individual ricochets, by an inexorable law, on the community in general; for, as the Hon. Premier argued, death is an unjust penalty for murder when the extenuating circumstances of passion and deranged mind are taken into account. The Premier thought that the Members of the Opposition, though politically biassed, were at least Christians. He reminded them that "Thou shalt not kill," was one of the Commandments of God, and he was unable to convince himself that the consensus of their opinions, or the braying of their misguided eloquence, would drown the thunders of Zion.

The HONOURABLE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Mr. Deery), assured us that if Capital Punishment were to be abolished, the flood-gates of crime would be flung open, and a despairing world deluged with a seething torrent of vice. Man, he continued, when released from prison, is often far worse than when he went there. Quinlan and Brown, both of whom he knew well, were cases in point. Waxing bucolic, he compared the country's need for Capital Punishment to the farmer's need for wire-netting. In a fine peroration he declared that a custom which had grown hoary and time-honored with age, a law which all nations have found necessary and beneficial in quelling crime, was not to be discarded for the effeminate caterwaulings emanating from the Government benches. Mr. Deery, in his final speech, dismissed all his opponents, except the Hon. Premier, with a sweeping gesture of contempt. The twaddle they stalked forward was not fit stuff for his analytical scalpel. In refutation of the Premier's logically woven discourse, he proved conclusively that death

was far preferable to imprisonment. First, because the prisoner pooh-poohs the cell, but turns pale at the mere mention of death; and, secondly, that prison life transmogrifies man into a brute, ruthlessly crushing out of existence the germs of nobleness that still lie dormant in him; whereas, when face to face with immediate death, he at once turns his thoughts to eternity, and prepares his soul to meet his God. Therefore, for the benefit of the individual, and the community at large, Capital Punishment must be retained.

The MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURE (Mr. Sharpe), told us that he was but a plain "blunt" man. He then proceeded to prove by statistics from "Hansard," that the co-efficient of decrease in crime was directly proportional to the abolition of Capital Punishment. Boiling over with righteous indignation, he asked what right had temporary rulers to inflict the death-penalty in this twentieth century, when man is faring fast on the high-road of perfection. Such a law was effete, and medieval, in fact almost antediluvian, and was suitable only for those ages when man was still but a "cooee" distant from his grandsires the Chimpanzee and the Ourang-Outang. He then asked us to imagine the feelings of a criminal on the scaffold. (No body seemed to try). And then, with an altogether unnecessary apology for wearying us unduly, he retired.

MR. NICHOLS, a "wise" and levelheaded man, off as well as on the stage, took his stand on man's reason and honour. No man with sense and brain unimpaired, will take the life of his fellow-man. When such a monstrous deed is committed, a plea of temporary insanity is almost invariably allowed. And as man can only be held responsible for "wilful" actions, actions performed with the full use of reason, it would be intolerable, not to say unjust, to take his life away for an act committed when non compos mentis. Crime has diminished out of sight since the abolition of Capital Punishment, for such appalling crimes as laying hands on a sheep, eyeing a hen askance, lifting a turnip, or "shaking" a loaf of bread.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Mr. S. McDonnell) stated that human life is the most precious thing on earth, and must not be wantonly squandered. Capital Punishment has a brutalising effect on humanity, lowers the estimate of life, encourages suicide and murder, and thus, boomerang-like, recoils and strikes what it attempts to cure. In the case of a miscarriage of justice—and there must be many such—the irremediability of Capital Punishment makes justice shudder. Then man, he continued, is not an animal and consequently punishment should be reformatory, not vindictive. Such is the lesson Christ has taught us. In the Old Testament, we read that Cain killed Abel—the blackest crime that has ever stained sacred parchment, or historic page—and yet God branded him with a special mark that no man was to kill him. And advising the fire-eating members of the Opposition benches to give his argument the full benefit of their consideration, he bowed to the House with a dramatic bow.

MR. MACKEN'S brief speech sparkled with argument. When the condemned man he said, is confronted by immediate death he loses his bearings on life; his mind lapses into a quasi-ccomatose condition and he is in no fit state to solve and clear up the tangled meshes of his past history, and prepare himself for the eternity that appals him. Whereas a long course of imprisonment, the dark walls and the scanty light of his prison cell conducive to meditation, would afford a splendid opportunity of coolly reasoning out and amending the error of his ways. Psychology and study of character, teaches us that force is no remedy. Man must be dealt with reasonably. Those feelings of repentance that mount up in the hearts of the majority of criminals are smothered by a penalty, fit only for Red Indians or Hottentots.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (Mr. Leonard), delivered one of the ablest speeches of the Session. He asked the Opposition to prove that Capital Punishment was a greater deterrent than a long

term of imprisonment. He was of opinion with Mrs. Goold, that death was far the lighter of the two. Then indulging in a little sophistry, which was swallowed down even without the proverbial "pinch of salt," by the unsophisticated "prawns" of III. Division, he stated, that the Opposition, if they wished at all to be logical, must burn a man guilty of arson as they kill one guilty of murder. They thirst for pure unadulterated pagan revenge. And revenge is not justice. The State, by belittling life, sets a bad example to its individual units. A criminal should be imprisoned till he shows himself worthy of receiving once again his civic rights.

MR. MACDONALD wafted us on the wings of his imagination to the sunny hills of France, and in phrases aglow with eloquence, sang the praises of Madame Guillotine and her splendid achievements during the Revolution. France waded in blood, it is true, but no other road to salvation lay open.

MR. FOY, a much-travelled member, asked us to accompany him to Scotland, France and Siberia. He gave a racking description of Siberian gaols, which on his next visit to Russia will entitle him to a protracted stay in the Siberian mines. The Hon. Member considered Austrian gaols not a bit better; of the latter he could speak with more confidence. Therefore, until gaols were fitted up with the most modern appurtenances, theatre, ball-room, and the rest, Capital Punishment is our only alternative.

MR. ROBINSON was of opinion that the day on which Capital Punishment was withdrawn from the Statute Books of England and Australia, the streets of our big cities would run blood. English laws and institutions would be dashed from their pedestals, and "Penny Dreadfuls" and "Deadwood Dicks" erected in their stead. With his hair on end, and a melodramatic flash in his eye, he painted for us some of the horrors prevailing under an anarchic regime. His vivid imagination depicted the cricketer lifting his bat to make the winning stroke for his side, stabbed to the heart by the wicket-keeper, and for knocking off the bails as he fell, given out by a mercenary umpire. He told us that needy citizens would go about with a score of razors in their pockets; one for each victim, we suppose. A refinement of cruelty, surely!

MR. RORKE was at his wit's end to know what penalty the Government would substitute for Capital Punishment. The Hon. Member drew a harrowing picture of a man breaking down at the death sentence. Our tears prevented us from taking copious notes. Our account, therefore, is necessarily brief, but no higher tribute can be paid to the gentleman's fervid eloquence.

The Government was beaten by a large majority to its utter bewilderment. It bemoaned the mole-eyed ignorance of the voters who saw not beyond their own noses. The debate was eminently satisfactory to both sides, as each individual member was perfectly certain that his side had by far the best of it.

A. NICHOLS.
J. FITZ-HERBERT.



Photo by] **JOHN ALOYSIUS FITZ-HERBERT.** [*Crown Studios.*

Winner of the University Prize for General Proficiency and First Place in Junior Examination, 1907, with Medals in Latin, Greek, Algebra, and Arithmetic (ex. aeq.) College Class Champion (Gold Medal) in 1906 and 1907.

General Notes.

WE give as frontispiece the portrait of the Very Rev. J. S. Conmee, Provincial of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus, and attached Mission of Australia, who arrived in Australia towards the middle of October on a visit to the houses of the Order in these parts. He reached Sydney about the middle of January. He will take his departure from Australia about the middle of February.

To old boys of the great Irish Jesuit Colleges of Clongowes and Tullabeg, no man is better known that Father Conmee. He himself was a student of Clongowes, between the years 1863 and 1867. In the latter year, he won the medal for Debate, a much coveted prize in Clongowes. He was Rector of his Alma Mater from 1885 to 1891. Clongowes had always held a place in the front rank of educational institutions in Ireland, and under Father Conmee, Clongowes had phenomenal success in the great struggles of Intermediate examinations. During this period he organised and carried through with conspicuous ability, the amalgamation of Clongowes and Tullabeg; and those who recall the elements that had to be harmonised, will realise in some degree the rare qualities of head and heart that were taxed to bring about such happy results. Father Conmee was Superior of the Church of St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner St., Dublin, during the years 1898-1905. In 1905 he was appointed Provincial or Head of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus. A year after this, in 1906, he sat in the General Congregation at Rome that elected Very Rev. Father Wernz, the present General of the Society of Jesus. These facts show him as a Superior in many high offices, much trusted and beloved; but he has won fame also in other spheres—as a brilliant speaker, preacher, writer. Father Conmee has recently taken a prominent part in the beatincation of the Irish martyrs, and is Vice-Postulator of the Cause.

We take this opportunity to give some lines from a Latin ode, in which the Clongownian of 1906 greeted their distinguished past-student. Readers will note the allusion to his well-known classical and literary tastes which, flavored by the "merum sal" of a delightful humor, help to make his spoken word, whether in private conversation or before larger audiences in public, so pleasant to hear and so pleasant to remember.

"Quaeritne fructus alma parens suos?
Notum remotis eloquium plagis
Testatur excultas profanis
Cum studiis pietatis artes.

Dicam, remissae si liceat lyrae,
Faustos labores, gestaque munera,
Gentis magistratum togatae,
Et calamum nimio repostum.

Supplex honores martyribus petit
Summos Ierne; sacra cohors suum
Defensa defendet feraci
Promeritum studio clientem."

Mr. Bourke, S.J., who left our staff last mid-winter, to begin his philosophical studies, has joined Mr. Sullivan, S.J., at St. Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst, Lancashire, England. Since mid-winter, two new members have joined the staff, Mr. Hannon, S J., from St. Aloysius' College, and Mr. Davis, S.J., from Clongowes Wood College, Ireland.

Pupils and friends of Father Albert Power will be glad to hear that he has been made

Professor of Theology in the Jesuit Theologate, at Milltown Park, Dublin. Father Martin Martin is also a professor in the same place.

During the past few months an important change has been made in the time-table at Riverview. Formerly during the ordinary school-day, there were five classes of an hour each between 9.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. Now the duration of each class has been reduced, some to three quarters of an hour, and two to 35 minutes, with the result that seven classes can be fitted into the ordinary day. So far the system has worked admirably: one great advantage gained is that each subject is treated more frequently and regularly. This is a change, therefore of "class-hours," not of "hours of class."

We reproduce a photo. of the main building looking on the quadrangle. No one that knew Riverview of a year ago, will deny that the completed verandahs with arches and pillars are a distinct and picturesque improvement. Great credit is due to Brother Foster who, with only two labourers to help him, complete the work since mid-winter. The encosed portion of the upper verandah will be used for a lavatory for III. Division.

There is no limit to the energy of Brother Doyle. Since our last issue a new and more powerful dynamo has been installed in the power-house, and another department has been added containing nearly 100 accumulators or storage batteries. The great advantage of this is that now the electric light is available at any time of the day or night, whereas formerly, it was so only when the dynamo was actually working. At present the dynamo has only to charge up the accumulators twice or three times a week. A new ice-machine has also been bought; it is driven by a small motor which is itself driven by the accumulators. With all these improvements and additions, Brother Doyle informs us that better still is to come in the near future.

The following extract from "The Amateur Gardener" (Sydney), will be interesting to admirers of the college gardens:—

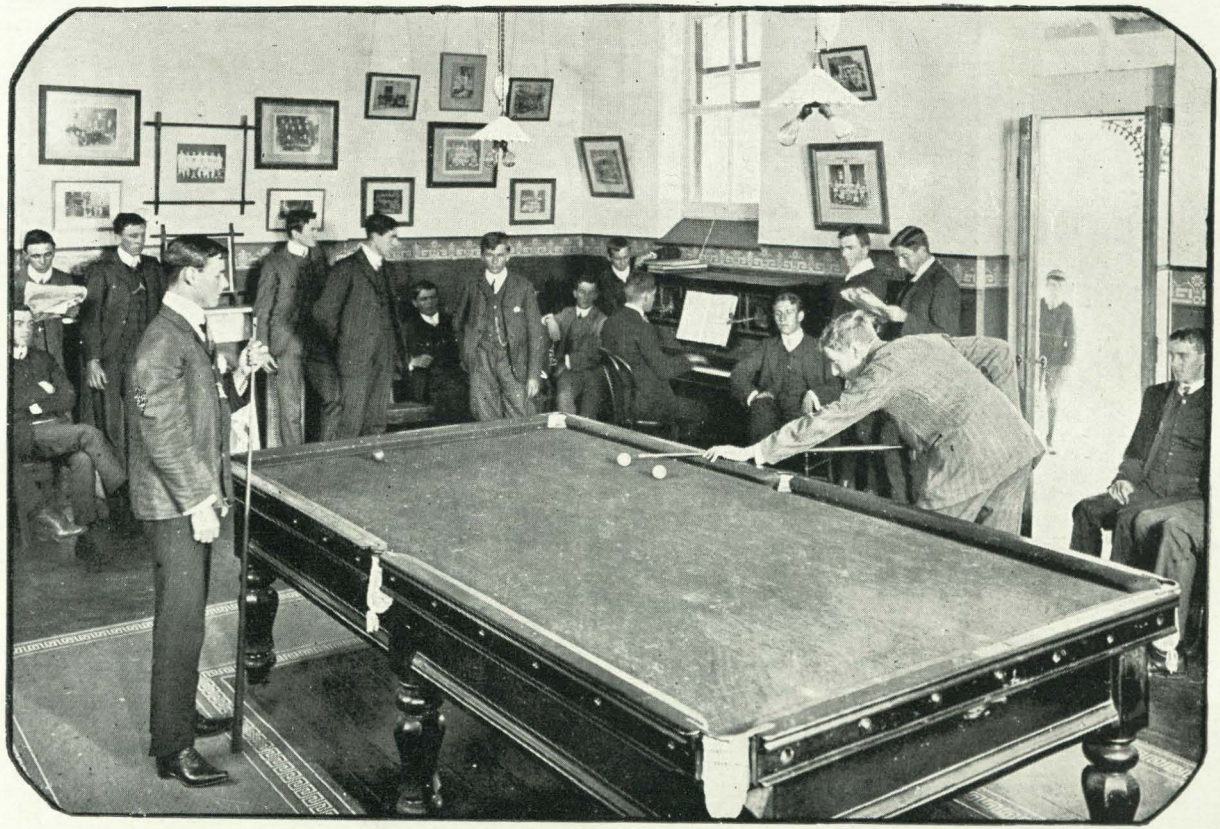
"Father Hassett, of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, sent us one of the most interesting exhibits we have seen for a very long time. It was a fuchsia, White Jubilee, carrying flowers of two very distinct colours. On one stem the original double, a red tube and calyx with a white centre; on the other the same type of flower, with a light purple centre. The plant had sported and had produced an entirely new variety, which can easily be made permanent by propagating from the new break. Plants do these odd things at times. No satisfactory explanation can be given for the strange action. Wise as is the human being there are still many things in nature which he knows but little of."

The drop-scene and "palm grove" scene (reproduced elsewhere) that were universally admired on the night of the "Utopia" concert, were painted specially for the occasion by Mr. L. Fleury, of Beech Road, Tennyson. An accident prevented us from reproducing the drop-scene in this issue. The Oratory was also decorated by Mr. Fleury.

We acknowledge with thanks, the present of Mr. Fleury to the College of a pair of milk-white fan-tailed doves. They are very beautiful and have become great pets.

The Chinese lanterns, that, on the last concert night, served the double purpose of making the grounds look prettier, and the steps from the wharf to the college more conspicuous, were due to the thoughtfulness and generosity of old friend Mr. G. E. Bryant. We are sincerely grateful to him for this as well as many other acts of kindness.

On December 2nd, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at luncheon in their apartments in the Town Hall, Father Provincial, Father Rector, Father Cahill, and the late Senior Class, both masters and pupils. The Town Clerk, Mr.



SENIOR PLAYROOM. [*Town and Country Journal.*

Nesbitt, and his deputy, Mr. Layton, were also present. The table was tastily decorated in blue and white, the Riverview colours. Roger Hughes, the Lord Mayor's eldest son and dux of the Senior Class, proposed "Riverview College," and in a graceful speech, referred to the hold that Riverview College has on the affections of its present and past pupils. He also related a few humourous incidents of his college life. Father Rector acknowledged the toast. An extremely pleasant afternoon was spent.

Solid work was done during last term in practice on the river. From all accounts the material in the Senior Division is not inferior to that of former years. At this date, however, it is impossible to say who will represent Riverview in the coming championship. The Senior boatshed has been lately painted, and the addition of a red roof to match that of the college wharf makes a very fine effect.

The Editors have great pleasure in acknowledging the kindness of the Sydney press in reporting the College doings during the year.

OLD BOYS.

Cecil Loneragan was ordained priest last June in All Hallows' College, Dublin. After his ordination he spent some time in Rome, and towards the end of last year he set out for Australia. By the time that these lines are read, he will have actually arrived. He will be attached to the diocese of Bathurst. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Father Loneragan and wish him many years of active service in the Vineyard of the Lord.

The deepest sympathy for Father Archie MacDonald on the recent death of his father in New Zealand, is felt not only by his old masters and friends at Riverview, but also, we are sure, by all his old school fellows.

William McNally has finished his first year's Philosophy at St. Patrick's College, Manly; and Maurice McKenna is in his first year at All Hallow's College, Dublin.

The Rev. Patrick Dalton, S.J., and the Rev. Basil Loughnan, S.J., are both studying Philosophy at St. Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst. The former's scalpel and the latter's clarionette, are often called into requisition, the one in the Biological Laboratory, and the other in occasional orchestras and concerts. We wonder what their feelings are as they sit on the same benches listening to the same professor as their old masters, Messrs. Sullivan and Bourke—or vice versa! The Rev. Thomas O'Mara, S.J., is studying Philosophy in Gemert, Holland. His community is French, having been expelled from France in the recent religious persecutions. A younger brother of his, Richard, joined the Jesuit Novitiate in Ireland a few months ago.

Felix Conlon and Louis Loughnan entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Ireland last August, and both, as far as we can hear, are doing very well. Before leaving the world for good, both tried to get as good an impression of it as possible. Felix made an extended tour of Ireland, and saw most of its beauty spots. When visiting Blarney Castle, he kissed the famous Blarney Stone. This achievement will no doubt increase his well-known powers of eloquence which, though they didn't always convince, never failed to delight. Louis disembarked at Naples, and shortly after went to Rome, where he made a prolonged stay. Proceeding to Ireland by easy stages, he visited most of the places of interest in the countries through which he passed. Messrs. Conlon and Loughnan, the fathers of these boys, visited the college on their way to and from the old country, whither they accompanied their sons.

Jack Jennings, famous in Riverview between '84 and '87 as a debater, cricketer, shooter, diver, etc., and a former President of the Old Boys' Union in Queensland, was the guest of Father Rector for a few days at Xmas. Jack inherited the

title of Marquis from his father, Sir Patrick Jennings, on whom it had been conferred by Pope Pius IX.

We offer our congratulations to Dr. Walter Burfitt, Dr. Joe Coen, and Charlie Murray, on their approaching marriages. Dr. Burfitt is engaged to Miss Esmey Mann, a sister of our old friend Furneaux Mann.

Congratulations to C. Brenan, M.A., who was lately made temporary lecturer in Latin at the Sydney University.

Jack, or rather Captain d'Apice, of the Royal Artillery, who is stationed in London, is always on the look out for an Australian face, more especially that of an old Riverviewer. Jack hopes to run out to Australia at the end of the year if he can obtain the necessary leave. One of his first visits is to be to his old college.

We are glad to hear that Brendan Gavan Duffy has been appointed Associate to Mr. Justice Higgins, one of our High Court judges.

Arthur Makinson lately paid his first visit to Sydney since he went in for extensive fruit-growing and sheep-farming at Houlder in South Australia with his brother Roger.

Charles McBride is at present in London, engaged in dentistry. He will probably visit Australia in a few months.

We were sorry to hear of the death recently in Brisbane of Miss Evelyn Power, sister of our old friends Virgil and Joe, and of that best of all old Riverviewers Percy, who died a few years ago travelling in America.

E. T. Real, who was admitted to the New South Wales Bar a short time ago, has gone to practice in Brisbane.

Jack Fitz-Simons never forgets his friends or his duties in Australia. Quite recently he sent out from England the Sanctuary lamps for the new church of St. Augustine, Balmain. His nephew, Jimmy Morris, is doing splendid work in connection with this Church. He is an energetic worker on the Church committee, and is besides an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Senator Keating when sending his apology for not being able to be present at the Old Boys' Dinner, enclosed a cheque for £5 as a donation to the Dalton Memorial.

At Breeza, Jack Clift is doing much in his spare time to further the work of the C.T.S. At the present time the Church, especially in Australia, stands in need of zealous lay workers. We would urge upon all our Old Boys the earnest consideration of their duties in this matter.

Messrs. F. W. J. Donovan and J. T. McCarthy (past-presidents of the "Old Boys" Union) recently entertained the Council of the St. Ignatius' College Old Boys' Union, and a number of friends at dinner at Paris House. Messrs. Jean and Co. had charge of the decorations, and the college colours, blue and white, were interlaced with the flowers, palms, and electric fairy lights, which graced the tables The dinner was a pronounced success, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Amongst the guests were: Messrs. P. J. O'Donnell (President of the Union), W. T. Coyle, L L.B., G. Flannery, L L.B., and T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., (Past Presidents), Dr. Percy Clifford, Captain T. L. Mullins, Dr. J. Kain, Mesrs. B. A. McBride, J. T. Toohey, Arthur Deery, Frank Coen, B.A., Bert Norris, Harvey Brown, W. P. Fallon, L. Kelly, and H. Lenehan. The Rector of the College (Rev. T. Gartlan, S.J.,) wrote from Wagga, regretting his inability to be present, and thanking the "Old Boys" for the good work they were doing in connection with the "Dalton Memorial," and in all other matters concerning the welfare of their "Alma Mater." Apologies

were also read from Major Lenehan, Senator Keating, (Minister for Home Affairs), and Messrs. F. Du-Boise, John Hughes and H. B. Oxenham. The two last named were absent in Queensland, representing their State at football, and Major Lenehan's absence, it was generally regretted, was due to a serious illness from which he has since happily recovered.

"The Union" was proposed by Mr. Frank Donovan, who referred to the excellent results that had already been achieved by that body in promoting the interests of the "Old boys," in cementing schoolboy friendships and in invoking a spirit of loyalty that tended to the advancement of the college. The toast, which was enthusiastically received, was acknowledged in suitable terms by Messrs. P. J. O'Donnell (as President) and T. J. Dalton. Mr. Frank Coen in his best style, proposed "The Visitors" to which Messrs. Kain and Toohey replied.

"Our Hosts" was the final toast, spoken to by Messrs. Flannery and Coyle, who referred to the loyalty to their old school, shown by both gentlemen who had also afforded the Union since its inception a most generous support. Messrs. McCarthy and Donovan briefly and fittingly replied.

During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. McCarthy and Lenehan, to the accompaniment of Fred Gray, and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent.

The doings of a batch of city Old Boys will prove interesting. Life Assurance occupies the time of Lance Kelly, Jim Punch, Pat Stanley, and Frank Mulcahy. Des. Clarke has looked for wider fields in surveying. Albert Walker is at the Mint, and Jim Rynn serves His Majesty's customs, and plays cricket with Sydney second grade team. Harry Rose is doing a course of chemistry, and Harold Hunter is qualifying for manager of the big firm.

Jim Gleeson interrupted his University course (Law) in New Zealand last midwinter to tour England with the "All Blacks." Besides being a player, he was also one of the managers, and, as we have read, has met with varying success. In his capacity of manager, he must have held many an audience spell-bound by his rare powers as a speaker. In the Riverview debate, Jim was always conspicuous, and the speeches he delivered there rank among the best. Before setting out, he paid a visit to the college, accompanied by his brother Pat, who has been living in New South Wales for the past few months.

Dick Craven returned to Sydney about a year ago after much travelling in Europe, and a protracted stay in England. On leaving Riverview in 1898, he decided to adopt engineering as a profession, and with this end in view, entered Feafield Park Technical College, near Portsmouth, England. After two years spent there, he entered the large firm of Robey in Lincoln. He spent about two years with this firm, and then proceeded to Owen's College, Manchester, to continue his studies. The next year he spent in travelling. His brother, Will, studied medicine in Edinburgh University, for about a year, but the winter there being too severe for him, necessitated his return to Australia. Harry Craven has finished his course at the Hawkesbury College, and has gone to join his eldest brother, Tom, on his farm at Temora. We wish him all success on the land. Harry was an efficient member of the Hawkesbury College football team, that held such a high record last season. This long line is by no means extinct at Riverview. There is a younger brother, Horace, at the College at present, and another yet to come.

Melville Johnstone took a holiday in Sydney in November last, and was present at all the Riverview functions that were held at the close of the school year. He returned with the New Zealand contingent from Riverview. Melville is on the land in New Zealand.

The late seniors will all go on to the University, Roger Hughes and Leo Bamber for medicine, Harold Rorke and Cl. Bridge for engineering, and Frank Hughes for dentistry. We wish them all success.

The following Old Boys play in First Grade cricket in Sydney:—Frank Punch for North Sydney, James Hughes for University, Eddie Long for Middle Harbor, and Redmond Barry for Central Cumberland. Redmond Barry, tho' quite a "colt"—he left Riverview at midwinter—has been sensational of late with the ball, and is beginning to repeat in grade cricket his former performances on Riverview oval.

OBITUARY.

JACK O'CONNELL ('87-'90) of Mogo, N.S.W., died January 5, 1907, in Sydney, after an operation for appendicitis. R.I.P.

SPOOKS IN CLASS.

Senior.

Lo! Here comes the shade of great
Caesar!
With a cold haughty go-as-you-please air.
He is spoons on the glooms
In his rooms mid the tombs
Whence he stalks to the class without fee,
sir,
"Tu Brute!" "Oh please, sir! Not me,
sir!"

There is linked to his toga, dear Lycid
Who "weltered" on "floods"—words explicit—
Of "watery bier,"
Which drowned him, I hear.
John Milton was glad not to miss it—
This is often disputed, or is it?

Junior.

The Juniors see ghosts in the garden,
Enoch and lone Mrs. Arden,
And Richard whose Coeur
Had a taste for murdér,
And Saladin—he was a hard un!
Great Scott and Lord Tennyson, pardon!

II. Grammar.

This lady is Mrs. Macbeth
The gent is Cain, brother of Seth,
"Pray why did you M'am"——
Asked the son of Adám,
"Please wait till I get back my breath,"
Said the lady, "And don't speak of death."

A voice came from Second of Grammar:
"She murdered the King with a hammer."
The voice that said that
Now sits on a hat,
A soft hat, and softly says "Dam-er-*
With faint praise in Addison's manner."

"And I am the spirit of Banquo
As usual free-spoke and frank, ho!
Mr. Mac. do not frown!
In your chair I'll sit down,
With never a 'please' or a 'thank,' ho!
To prove that I'm Banquo so lank, ho!"

III. Grammar.

Last Minstrel! old boy you're our poet!
And William of Deloraine, go it!
Ho! Ho! Wizard Scott,
Your magic's all rot,
"We'll meet again?" Not if I know it!
Q. E. D.

*It will edify lovers of literature to see recalled in lighter strain Mr. Alex. Pope's classic description of his friend Mr. Addison.



Photo by] **THE SENIOR CLASS, 1907.** [*Hall & Co.*

Back Row—C. Bridge. L. Bamber.
Front Row—R. F. Hughes. F. Hughes. H. Rorke.

University Examinations.

Senior and Matriculation Honours Examinations, November, 1907.

	English.	Latin.	Greek.	French.	Algebra	Geometry	Trigonometry.	Conics.	Geometrical Drawing	
ROGER F. HUGHES	A.	B.	A.	B.	C.	C.				Honours Matriculation.
HAROLD RORKE ...	B.	B.		C.	A.	B.	B.	C.	A.	Hon. Matric. and Qualified for Engineering Department.
CLARENCE BRIDGE	B.	C.	C.	B.	B.	B.	C.	B.		Hon. Matric. and Qualified for Engineering Department.
LEO BAMBER ...	C.	C.		C.	C.	C.	C.			Hon. Matric. and Qualified for Engineering Department.

In the Senior, R. F. HUGHES obtained 3rd place (1st Class Honours) in Greek and 11th place (1st Class Honours) in English. HAROLD RORKE obtained 4th place (1st Class Honours) in Geometrical Drawing and 9th place (1st Class Honours) in Algebra.

In the Honours Matriculation, R. F. HUGHES obtained 2nd Class Honours (5th place) in Greek, 2nd Class Honours in French and 3rd Class Honours in Latin. H. RORKE obtained 3rd Class Honours in Latin and Mathematics. C. BRIDGE, 3rd Class in Mathematics.

ROGER HUGHES was born in May, 1890. He came to Riverview in February, 1901, and showed throughout his early career a promising literary appreciation. In the 1905 Junior he secured his Matriculation qualification—winning the University Medals in Latin and Greek. He was always one of the great mainstays of the Debating Clubs and succeeded in obtaining the much-coveted Gold Medal for Oratory. As a member of the 1st Fifteen he played a dashing forward game, especially noticeable for his work in the line out. The ALMA MATER stands indebted to him for many interesting contributions. He was the most promising batsman in the cricket eleven.

HAROLD RORKE was born in March, 1890, and entered Riverview in June, 1902. He passed the Junior in 1905, qualifying for Matriculation,and securing the medal for Geometry—the first to win the distinction under the new University regulations. He was a prominent supporter of the College Debating Society—acting as Premier or Leader of the Opposition for the last two years. Few interested in school football are unacquainted with his powers on the Rugby field, his opponents especially realise the virtue of his tackling. He was also a member of the 2nd crew at the All Schools' Regatta and one of the Senior Sodality Council.

CLARENCE BRIDGE, born in February, 1890, came to Riverview at the age of eleven. In 1904 he won the Silver Medal for second place in the Class Championship, and in the Junior Examination, for which he presented himself in 1906, he was awarded the University Medal for Algebra. At football he did excellent service for the II fifteen as scrum-half, and his constant frequentation of the libraries made him a valiant "Senior Wrangler" in debate.

LEO BAMBER was born in March, 1889, and entered Riverview in September, 1901. On reaching II Grammar Standard in 1903 he left Riverview, and after an absence of three years returned last February to complete his Senior. In the early days he was well-known as the popular captain of the "fourths," and his cricketing and football abilities secured him a place in the 1st XV and 1st Eleven, where he did good service.

FRANCIS HUGHES, born in February, 1890, arrived in 1900. As a mere "stripling" in 3rd division he gave promise of the great football prowess which subsequently won him such fame in the Schools' Competitions as five-eighth. At cricket his batting and bowling were both serviceable. He secured Matriculation Qualification in the Junior, 1906, which in conjunction with his pass in Latin and English in the recent Senior entitles him to enter the faculty of Arts at the University. He was Prefect of the Junior Sodality and a member of the Council in the Senior Sodality last year.

We conclude this brief notice of our Seniors' schoolboy days by assuring them that the best wishes of the masters and their old comrades accompany them in the opening of life's career: and we feel confident that the sterling qualities of manliness, persevering work, and solid virtue, which have characterised them within the school walls are a sure guarantee of a bright future.

JOHN ALOYSIUS FITZ-HERBERT was awarded in the Junior Examination the University Prize for General Proficiency and first place, Medals in Latin, Greek, Algebra, Arithmetic.

COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS.

RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE. HIGHER PAPER.

(Gold Medal presented by the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly.)

A. Gardner.
J. Fitz-Herbert.
W. Macdonald.
C. Leonard.

THE "KELLY MEMORIAL" PRIZES.

(Presented by the Ex-Students' Union.)

SENIOR DIVISION.
W. Macdonald (Prize).
J. Fitz-Herbert (Prize).
K. Ryan.
T. Meehan.

JUNIOR DIVISION.
S. McDonnell (Prize).
A. Malone (Prize).
A. Nichols.
C. Robinson.

HISTORY OF IRELAND.

(Prizes presented by Dr. J. A. Beattie and Mr. E. M. O'Halloran.)

HIGHER DIVISION.
E. O'Halloran (Prize).
W. Macdonald (Prize).
J. Fitz-Herbert.
G. Dalton.

JUNIOR DIVISION.
C. Robinson (Prize).
E. Dinan (Prize).
C. Rorke.
E. Lenehan.

INTER-CLASS COMPETITION AND CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP.

MEDAL AND BOOKS.
J. Fitz-Herbert (Senior Class).
K. Ryan (Junior Class).

PRIZES.
S. McDonnell (II Grammar).
V. Conlon (Sub-Senior)

WEEKLY EXAMINATIONS.

II GRAMMAR.
E. Dinan.

III GRAMMAR.
A. Moran.

SENIOR AND MATRICULATION.

Aggregate.
J. Fitz-Herbert
P. Kelly
H. McArdle

Latin.
J. Fitz-Herbert P. Kelly
H. McArdle

Greek.
J. Fitz-Herbert

Ancient History and English.
J. Fitz-Herbert P. Kelly
H. McArdle

French.
J. Fitz-Herbert

P. Kelly
H. McArdle

Mathematics.
J. Fitz-Herbert

SUB-SENIOR CLASS.

Aggregate.
V. Conlon
B. Kelly
B. Bryant
A. Gardner

Religious Knowledge.
A. Gardner
J. Fitz-Herbert
W. Macdonald
C. Leonard

Greek.
M. Playoust
B. Kelly
V. Conlon
B. Bryant

Latin.
V. Conlon
A. Gardner
B. Kelly
B. Bryant

French.
M. Playoust
V. Conlon
W. Macdonald
B. Bryant

Higher English.
C. Leonard
J. Fitz-Herbert, A. Gardner
W. Macdonald

English.
W. Macdonald
C. Leonard
B. Bryant, A. Gardner, E. O'Halloran *ex aeq.*

Algebra.
V. Conlon
M. Playoust
B. Kelly, A. Gardner *ex aeq.*
C. Leonard

Geometry.
V. Conlon
W. Macdonald
C. Leonard
A. Gardner

Trigonometry.
V. Conlon
C. Leonard
B. Kelly
B. Bryant

Ancient History.
A. Johnstone
B. Bryant
W. Macdonald
A. Gardner

Science.
J. Fitz-Herbert
A. Gardner
V. Conlon

JUNIOR CLASS.

Aggregate.
A. Kelly
K. Ryan
G. Dalton
J. Deery

French.
A. Kelly
K. Ryan
G. Dalton
J. Deery

Religious Knowledge
K. Ryan
A. Kelly
J. Dalton
G. Dalton

Higher English.
G. Dalton
K. Ryan
A. Kelly, T. Meehan, J. Deery

Geometry.
K. Ryan
A. Turner
S. McDonnell
A. Kelly

Greek.
K. Ryan
A. Kelly, J. Deery *ex. æq.*
S. Ryan

English.
A. Kelly
G. Dalton
J. Dalton
K. Ryan

Arithmetic.
K. Ryan
S. Ryan
A. Kelly
G. Dalton

Latin.
A. Kelly
K. Ryan
G. Dalton
J. Deery

Algebra.
A. Turner
A. Kelly
K. Ryan
T. Wilkinson

SECOND GRAMMAR CLASS.

Aggregate.
S. McDonnell
C. Robinson
A. Nichols
R. Macken
E. Dinan
A. G. Malone

French.
A. Nichols
R. Unger
S. McDonnell
T. Wilkinson

Ancient History.
S. McDonnell
E. Lenehan
A. Nichols
M. Ryan

Religious Knowledge.
S. McDonnell
A. Malone
N. Sharpe
E. Lenehan

English.
S. McDonnell
T. Wilkinson
C. Robinson
A. Malone

Arithmetic.
T. Wilkinson, T. Meehan *ex aeq.*
S. McDonnell
C. Laney

Greek.
E. Dinan
C. Robinson
C. Rorke
R. Macken

Essay.
C. Robinson
S. McDonnell
T. Wilkinson
A. Nichols

Algebra.
T. Meehan
N. Chester
A. Nichols
H. McEvoy

Science.
T. Meehan
A. Nichols
S. McDonnell
T. Wilkinson

Latin.
S. McDonnell
F. Wilkinson
C. Rorke
E. Dinan

History and Geography.
D. Foy
R. Macken
S. McDonnell
C. Robinson

Geometry.
H. McEvoy, N. Chester *ex aeq.*
A. Nichols
R. Macken

THIRD GRAMMAR CLASS.

Aggregate.
A. Moran
W. Allen
D. Roth
H. McEvoy
H. Rausch
M. Bolger, C. Bryant

French.
A. Moran
D. Roth
W. Allen
J. Bridge
H. Rausch

Arithmetic
C. McKillop
B. Murray, L. Quigley *ex aeq.*
W. Allen
E. Quigley

Religious Knowledge.
A. Moran
T. Meehan
W. Dalton
H. McEvoy
W. Allen

English.
W. Hogan
W. Allen
C. Bryant
J. Bowler
M. Bolger

Algebra
A. Moran
C. McKillop
E. Turner
B. Murray
R. Vavasour, W. Bridge *ex aeq.*

Greek.
A. Moran
J. Bridge
D. Roth
W. Allen
H. Rausch

Essay.
C. Williams
C. Laney
A. Moran
R. Vavasour, W. Allen *ex aeq.*

Geometry.
B. Veech
C. McKillop
V. Foley
E. Turner
C. O'Hare

Latin.
A. Moran
W. Allen
D. Roth
B. Veech
C. Bryant

History and Geography
R. Vavasour
C. Laney
L. Elliott
C. Conrick
W. Bridge

Science
H. Rausch
A. Moran
C. O'Hare

RUDIMENTS—A CLASS.

Aggregate.
E. Keenan
M. McGahey
R. McCarthy
U. Walsh
C. Bacon
F. McArdle

Religious Knowledge.
U. Walsh
G. Oxenham
F. McArdle
W. McDonnell

Latin.
E. Keenan } *ex. aeq.*
C. Bacon }
M. McGahey
P. Osborne
R. McCarthy

French.
A. Pelletier } *ex aeq.*
E. Keenan }
B. Lane Mullins
J. Kain
A. Quong Tart

Essay.
M. McGahey
E. Keenan
F. McArdle
G. Hughes

English.
F. McArdle
E. Keenan
M. McGahey
R. McCarthy

History and Geography.
M. McGahey
E. Keenan
J. Kain
E. Chester

Arithmetic.
R. McCarthy
H. Regan
M. McGahey
F. McArdle

Arithmetic.
R. McCarthy
H. Regan
M. McGahey
F. McArdle

Algebra.
G. Hughes
R. McCarthy
A. Quong Tart
S. McDermott

Ancient History.
S. McDermott
E. Keenan
M. McGahey
M. McCarthy

RUDIMENTS—B CLASS.

Aggregate.
H. Regan
V. Bowler
F. McDermott
B. Payten

Religious Knowledge.
B. Payten
F. McDermott
V. Bowler
H. Regan

Latin.
V. Bowler
H. Regan
F. McDermott
G. Hogan

French.
H. Regan
F. McDermott
B. Payten
V. Bowler

English.
L. Cranney
F. McDermott
V. Bowler
H. Regan

Essay.
V. Bowler
G. Johnstone
L. Cranney
B. Payten

History and Geography.
V. Bowler
H. Regan
B. Payten
F. McDermott

Arithmetic.
G. Johnstone
G. Hogan
D. Moffitt
V. Bowler

ELEMENTS.

Aggregate.
N. Macken
T. O'Hare
H. Bowler } *ex aeq.*
A. Evans }

Religious Knowledge.
B. Bowler
C. Burke
T. O'Hare

Arithmetic.
K. Pelletier
J. Pollock
H. Bowler

Reading.
C. Burke
A. Evans
N. Macken

Spelling.
T. O'Hare
N. Macken
A. Evans

Elocution.
C. Burke
N. Macken
H. Bowler

Essay.
C. Burke
N. Macken
T. O'Hare

Poetry.
A. Evans
N. Macken
B. Bowler

Geography.
H. Bowler
N. Macken } *ex aeq.*
T. O'Hare }

SPECIAL PRIZES.

DRAWING.

(Prizes presented by Alfred Coffey, Esq.)

ADVANCED GEOMETRICAL AND PERSPECTIVE DRAWING.
H. Rorke.

FREEHAND DRAWING.
Bryden Johnstone.

Improvement.
G. Johnstone.

GEOMETRICAL DRAWING.

Sub-Senior.
J. Fitz-Herbert.

Junior.
S. McDonnell.

II. Grammar.
N. Chester.

III. Grammar.
A. Mann.

Rudiments.
M. McGahey.

DEBATE.

Senior Division.
R. F. Hughes (Gold Medal).
H. Rorke.

Improvement Prize.
L. Quigley.

Junior Division.
A. Nichols.
L. Elliott.

Improvement Prize.
J. Deery.

Preparatory Division
E. Dinan.
A. Kelly.

Improvement Prize.
F. McDermott.

MUSIC.

SENIOR PIANOFORTE.

Excellence.	*Improvement.*
1. T. Higgins (Prize)	1. W. Macdonald (Prize)
2. R. Unger (Prize)	2. C. O'Hare

JUNIOR PIANOFORTE.

Excellence.	*Improvement.*
1. N. Chester (Prize)	1. C. Rorke (Prize)
2. C. Robinson	2. F. McArdle

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR APPLICATION.

(Presented by J. Hugh McMenamin, Esq.)

J. Dalton.

VIOLIN.

Excellence.	*Special Prize.* *(Presented by W. J. Coad, Esq.)*	*Improvement.*	*Orchestral Prize.*
J. McCarthy.	E. Turner.	J. Kinkead.	A. Turner. J. Bowler

SINGING.

Excellence.

H. McArdle.
G. Ward.

ELOCUTION.

Senior.	*Junior.*
W. Macdonald.	R. McCarthy.

SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSICS.

Sub-senior.	*Junior.*	*II. Grammar.*	*III. Grammar.*
V. Conlon	A. Kelly	A. Nichols	J. Hogan

SUPPLEMENTARY FRENCH.

Sub-senior.	*Junior.*	*II. Grammar.*	*III. Grammar.*
C. Leonard	J. Deery.	R. Unger	J. Bridge

Rudiments A.
M. McGahey

DICTATION.

Rudiments A.		*History and Geography.*
A. Tart } *ex aeq.*	J. Kain (Prize)	(Notes)
J. Wilkinson }	E. Quigley „	P. Osborne
		C. Feehan

Rudiments B.	*Elements.*	*Senior Division.*	*Junior Division*
V. Bowler	T. O'Hare	W. Macdonald	R. McCarthy

PRACTICAL EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE.

A. Gardner B. Bryant
J. Fitz-Herbert V. Conlon

WRITING.

II. Grammar.	*III Grammar.*	*Rudiments A.*	*Rudiments B.*
L. Elliott	D. Roth	L. Bibby	V. Bowler

The Jesuit Fathers gratefully acknowledge the donation of a Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge from the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly. They also beg to return thanks to Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Liverpool, and to Mr. Alfred Coffey, for their donations of Two Guineas each towards the Prize Fund; to Dr. Beattie, Liverpool, and Mr. O'Halloran, for their Special Prizes for Irish History; to the Ex-Students of the College for their donation of the "Kelly Memorial Prizes"; and to Messrs. McMenamin, Bruce, Coad and Knaggs for the Special Prizes presented to the pupils.

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 5TH, 1908.

The "Kelly Memorial" Prize.

THESE valuable prizes are presented each year from a sum contributed for the purpose by the Old Boys' Union, in memory of T. J. Kelly, Esq., the first President of the Union. Great encouragement is thus given to the study of English throughout the school. This year in the four branches, viz., class authors, essay on a poet, historical or descriptive essay, and set paper on novels, the results were very satisfactory, both in the interest excited during preparation and in the good work done. The best papers were sent up by the following:—

Senior Division.

1st. W. Macdonald (Prize).
2nd. J. Fitz-Herbert (Prize.)
3rd. K. Ryan.
4th. T. Meehan.

Junior Division.

1st. S. McDonnell (Prize).
2nd. A. Malone (Prize).
3rd. A. Nicols.
4th. C. Robinson.

Short Extracts from some Letters to Dead and Living Authors.

(The following items explain themselves. They are taken from the examination work done in connection with the "Kelly Memorial," in November.)

Dear Scott.—I have just read with much pleasure your work entitled "Peveril of the Peak." I may safely say that you have given a very accurate description of the customs of the age of Charles II. The hostility between the Cavaliers and the Puritans, and the real grievances of each are well brought out. We are also shown the low moral standard of the age, and the perjury to which the supporters of the Popish plot fabrication would descend in order to make money; the general subservience shown to the King is also well marked.

The less important and more uninteresting events introduced, supply us with time to reflect upon the greater incidents, and also prevent us from being too much carried away by the excitement of the plot. The interest is sustained throughout, but it is tempered. I consider that many writers, including Dickens, sometimes fail in this respect, since instead of giving us a moderate repast, they intoxicate us.

Though I can well imagine the difficulties of a novelist, yet, with all due deference to you, I consider that there are one or two points in which this work might be improved. In the first place, our first impression of Edward Christian is too good. Though his character has some failings which we can immediately see, yet they are few, and it is not until we have had our sympathies in some measure enlisted with him that we see his full villany.

What appears to me another flaw in this novel, is that the sequence of events is not very clear towards the end. We are left to imagine how the Peverils escape from the armourer's house. Also, we do not understand in the least Bridgenorth's reason in leaving Alice to wed Julian, and no explanation is given.

These are the only flaws I can perceive upon this work of art. I hope you will not take it amiss if I venture a suggestion. I should like you to turn your hand to some more modern theme. As an example, I would propose the adventures of a family of long lineage, which is not equalled by the length of their purse, and who are in imminent danger of being cast upon the world. Hoping that you will pardon my



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presumption, I remain, your most obedient servant, Jack Fitz-Herbert (Senior).

Dear Sir Walter,—Your novel "Ivanhoe" which dates back to the period of about 1100, is one of the best novels that I have yet read. I am about to give you my opinion as regards one or two of the principal interesting portions of this famous book of yours.

One of the great failings which I noticed in this book, is that you made it very dry in the beginning. This fact might turn a less experienced person than I altogether away from your book, for, judging by the first few pages, it is a book hardly worth reading.

But when, however, one has read about one-third of it, one begins to like it, and to find that it is not nearly so dry. Yours G. M. Vavasour, (III. Gram.)

To Rev. R. H. Benson.

Rev. Sir,—One improvement might be made with regard to the closing sentence of "The King's Achievement." You say the dying words of Ralph Torridon were: "My Lord." Well, these words are a trifle ambiguous. I presume they refer to Cromwell, and that they mean Ralph, even at his death, was more faithful to Cromwell than to God. Otherwise you would have "My God." But couldn't you alter them a little, and make the meaning plainer? Even "My lord" is clearer than "My Lord." Yours, Th. Meehan, (II. Grammar).

Dear Father Robert Benson,—I have just finished your novel "The King's Achievement," and like it very much. There are a very few things which improved would make the novel better. About the character of Ralph Torridon, on the whole it is very well put together, but I do not think that any person could so insult his brother, sister and father as he did. Now, at Ralph's death, I do not like the way you end up. It left a funny impression on my mind, for the novel makes out that he died very badly, which, I think, is untrue to life. With these few remarks I will close. Yours, Michael R. Ryan, (II. Gram.)

Dear Father Benson,—Lady Torridon is as mute as a door post, and yet you tell us that Ralph is like her. Well, Ralph is all activity, and is never at home. Again, Lady Torridon, I think, ought to start more quarrels at home and be more lively about it, if she is to be like Ralph, and if she has such hatred for the monks. Dom Anthony is a character which I don't think you have given us enough of. He is a charming piece of soul and body as one can see by his action at Lewes, and then we don't see anything of him and his bright ways when he has gone, and has been banished. I'm sure he was not idle when he left Lewes. Yours very sincerely, Basil Bryant, (Subsenior).

Dear Dickens,—I think that perhaps if you had more dramatic scenes in David Copperfield, it would become much more interesting. I think that Dora's death should be left out altogether for she is such a silly girl, even when dying, that you cannot really feel sad when reading of her death. You should put more life into your writing, and not describe so much domestic doings. It is interesting, but too much of it gets on my nerves. If you were to read a few of Scott's works, and try to imitate his grand, lively way of writing, and his magnificently-described dramatic scenes, your books would become much more popular. Rider Haggard, too, would be well worthy of your reading. His description of battles and hunts are very fine. If some battle or quarrel were to find its way into your books, it would be better.

I would like you to write about the Middle Ages. Some story of a knight doing his devoir and having rivals for his lady's hand and his fighting and beating them and wedding the lady. You should open the book with a fine description of the knight fighting in battle, and end it by describing some knight dying in glory after fighting in the lists. Faithfully yours, Kevin Ryan, (Junior Class.)

Dear Dickens,—I have read your novel which deeply interested me, where there is tolling and the carrying of the coffin, but I would like you to put more life into it, and more conversation. The remarks make it much better. I would like you to put into a novel the story of the Boer war, the cannons roaring, the guns thundering, the horses kicking, the groaning of the soldiers, and the mules snorting; the fires blazing, then the triumphers riding back to their country amid the cheers of the people. But put more life in and it will become much better. I like the death of little Knell. Yours, Cyprian Bryant, (III. Grammar.)

Dear Mr. Coleridge,—In your novel, the saddest parts that I could find are where the Ancient Mariner shoots the albatross. It is very sad, because of the way you put it. I don't think that the mariner could have meant to shoot the albatross. If he had meant to shoot the bird, the rest of the sailors should have killed him at once. If you had given more space to the killing of the albatross, I should have liked things even better.

Another sad part in your novel is where the Phantom Ship is seen by the sailors. It is coming up just like a small boat. The sailors think that they will be delivered, but they are mistaken. This Phantom Ship carries Death in it, she comes up to the ship of the Ancient Mariner, and she throws out her grappling irons. She shrieks with pleasure when she sees the state that the sailors are in. She hangs the Albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck.

There are only two really cheerful bits in this novel, and the first is the description of the wedding and the second is the description of the party cheering the sailors as they sail out of the harbour. I do not like your way as much as I do Scott's. Faithfully yours, C. Laney, (III. Gram.)

My Dear Walter,—As a friend, you asked me my opinion of your works, and as a friend I am going to answer you. I hardly know where to begin; your faults are so numerous. I shall begin with your heroes and heroines, who are generally very uninteresting creatures, though usually faultless young men and women. Perhaps the only exception is the hero of "The Fair Maid of Perth," who is a bit of a coward. I have never yet found a lady friend who wished she had a brother like any of your heroes, much less that her future spouse should resemble any of them; nor even when reading about your hero, exclaim, "Is he not a darling!" The heroines are unbearable. Alice Mannering writes long letters, by no means original, to her friend Mathilda; interesting only where she speaks of Brown. You speak enough about Mathilda to interest us in her future. Why do we suddenly hear no more about her? You might tell us at least who marries her. Do not try to be humorous. Domine Samson is not funny, but absurd. Yours, Marcelle Playoust.

Dear Father Benson,—Thank you very much for writing such thrilling yarns. They are regular scorchers, especially your "Lord of the World." I am sure I shall be afraid of the devil in a motor more than ever. I like your end of the world, and I think your idea of a suicide hospital ought to cure queer people pretty quick. I feel sorry you made Mabel turn the handle of the suicide machine, and I think it would be nicer if we were sure Mabel was all right in the end. A post-script would set my mind easy on this point. You are very highly coloured and easy to remember like Macbeth. Try your hand at plays, not comic ones, like the Mikado, but serious ones with a murder or two in them; but keep the Pope alive to the end. Yours affectionately, Lionel

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Short Extract from one of the Essays.

A beautiful play Shakespeare wrote at this time is "A Midsummer Night's Dream. It is a pure poetic creation, full of fun and fantastic beauty. The revels of mediaeval fairies in their woodland groves, when the grey streak of dawn is lighting the horizon, as well as the clownish antics of un-

schooled English mechanics, he portrays with the brush of genius.

At this time, the romantic charm of the Italian love-tales seized him, with the result that he wrote Romeo and Juliet. It is a fine drama full of warm southern colouring. But it lacks the tremendous power of his later tragedies. However, it is soft and beautiful as when Romeo exclaims:

"Look, love, what envious streaks
Do lace the severing clouds in yonder east.
Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day
Stands tip-toe on the misty mountain tops."

The second current in Shakespeare's poetic life, is the patriotic feeling which seized him as it did Marlowe. He at once produced his historical plays—plays which depict the misery and ill-success of mis-government, and the happiness resulting on a just administration. The chief of them are Henry IV. and V., Richard III., and John. These plays are fine, dramatic, and full of characterisation. Here, I think, is a fine example of true dramatic force:—

Clarence is come! false, fleeting, perjured Clarence,
That stabbed me in the field by Tewkesbury,
Seize on him, Furies, take him into torment.

We must ever thank the muse that wrote these plays, for they are priceless gifts, and are esteemed as such. Shakespeare was truly English, and he has one salient piece of advice running through these historical plays:—

"This England never did, nor never shall
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror,
But when it first did help to wound itself.
. . . . Naught shall make us rue,
If England to itself do rest but true."

About the year 1601, the third great period of Shakespeare's life is recorded. He was now well off. He was known to, and patronised by, many noblemen of that day. Southhampton and gallant Lord Essex were his friends. But the times were dark and bloody. Poor Essex lost his head, and most of Shakespeare's friends fell into ruin. This caused his genius to take another turn. His bright and airy style of drama gave place to dark and heavy tragedy.

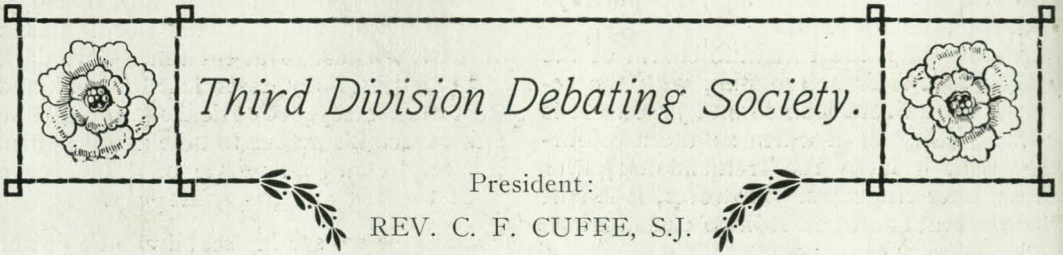
And now we see his real dramatic power showing itself in full force. The grand irresistible chords which thunder forth in Macbeth, the appealing grandeur of Hamlet, and the vivid manner in which he describes the tumultuous and heaving passions of King Lear, are triumphs in dramatic art. In these dark tragedies, Shakespeare shows all the deep and terrible mysteries of life, the hideous phantoms which ever haunt the murderer, and the clouds of retribution which lower round his remorseful conscience. To illustrate some of these, take Lady Macbeth when she says:—

"Come thick night,
And pall thee in the dunnest smoke of hell,
That my keen knife see not the wound it makes,
Nor heaven peep through the blanket of the dark,
To cry 'Hold! hold!' "

The fickleness of the mob, as in Julius Caesar, and the worst passions of mankind, as in Macbeth, he depicts with the skill of a great artist. This is a grand period in Shakespeare's art, a time when the mightiest chords of drama resounded through the world, and when the choicest blossoms of literature flourished.

As we drift into Shakespeare's fourth period, we find that peace and happiness have found their way into his later plays. Leaving the tumbling, roaring seas of Macbeth, he steers the barque of his genius into a haven of security, and lands on the shores of beauty and calm.

W. MACDONALD (*Sub-Senior*).



Third Division Debating Society.

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

During last March our Third Division resolved itself into a debating society. The invidious seconds who expected a debacle were sadly disappointed. The success of the inaugural meeting was immense. The efforts of our tiny orators were applauded by distinguished critics within the college walls, and by independent judges in the columns of the public press. An echo of that applause has reached us from a dear, but distant shore. In a recent issue of that delightful and ever-welcome periodical, "The Irish Monthly," we find an article entitled "Boarding School versus Day-School." It refers to the Riverview debate, and many of the juvenile speakers are quoted in detail. The writer begins his introduction with an act of faith of which we approve. In his second sentence he indulges in an act of hope in which we too would share. In the succeeding paragraph he perpetrates an act of charity, for which we are sincerely grateful. He believes in the Communion of Saints. He hopes to share in the reward of those who "by their persevering and self-denying labours are striving to secure for generation after generation the supreme blessing of a sound and religious education." His act of charity embraces St. Ignatius' College with its "pleasantly written and beautifully illustrated periodical," and its "daring youngsters," whose words of wisdom on the question of boarding and day schools, it is his pleasure to quote.

In the second session held during the third and fourth weeks of October, the youngsters discussed the relative merits of soldiers and explorers. This time we fear their success was not quite so pronounced. The previous question was one with which the debaters themselves were intimately acquainted, and which they discussed with charming naivete from many interesting and amusing points of view. Whereas, soldiers and explorers are too far removed from the fun and frolic and the daily life of the average schoolboy, and their doughty deeds and weary wanderings, are too vast a theme to be adequately discussed even by our own daring thirds.

We append the account which we have received from the secretary of the Third Division Debating Society.

GOVERNMENT.

E. DINAN, Premier.
E. KEENAN, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
A. MORAN, Postmaster General.
C. BRYANT, Minister for Mines.
S. RYAN, Minister for Forestry.
F. McDERMOTT, Minister for Justice.

OPPOSITION.

A. KELLY, Leader.
J. BRYANT, Mosman.
H. RAUSCH, Drummoyne.
F. McARDLE, New Zealand.
R. McCARTHY, North Sydney.
J. BRIDGE, Redfern.
B. MULLINS, Woollahra.

E. DINAN (Premier) opened the debate. Among other things he said:—"Suppose some English explorers discover a new land, and that then invaders attack it, would the scientific orations rolling out from the orbed mouths of these gentlemen drive back the invaders? No, gentlemen, their exclamations might be almost overpowering, but they would not serve to



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Front Row—F. McDermott, A. Kelly, E. Dinan, C. Bryant, R. McCarthy.
Second Row—J. Bryant, A. Moran, B. Mullins, F. McArdle, J. Bridge.
Third Row—S McDermott, E. Keenan, S. Ryan, H. Rausch.

check the foe in any way. 'They are but cultured words against naked steel ' "

A. KELLY. "I stand up here to-night before you to convince you to the utmost of my ability that 'explorers have conferred greater benefit on mankind than soldiers.' . . . . . Let us consider Africa. Africa was practically unexplored until recent years, when men like Livingstone, Mungo Parke, Stanley, and others, holding their lives in their hands, pierced through the trackless forests and the fever-stricken swamps of Central Africa, and explored the so-called Dark Continent. By their efforts the rich minerals of Central Africa were discovered, and they opened up a way for bringing its products to the Coast to be shipped all over the world. The ignorant natives of this country are now being rapidly civilised, owing to their intercourse with white men—and all this is due to explorers.

Another most important event was the passage round South Africa to Asia, discovered by Vasco de Gama, a Portuguese sailor, of the fifteenth century. Formerly the rich products of the East used to come by means of caravans, or huge trains of waggons, across the desert wastes of Central Asia. These caravans sometimes took three years in journeying across to Europe, so you see it was a very slow process of trading. But by Vasco de Gama's discovery, ships could sail to India and other Eastern countries, and back again in less than a year; hence the trade was considerably increased. I need not speak of Columbus, for his main discovery will be fully dealt with by my colleagues, but I will say a little about soldiers whose cause the Government are upholding.

The benefit which soldiers confer on mankind is always accompanied by violence and bloodshed. War, grim war, lays waste beautiful countries, brings sorrow to many a house, and ruins men and nations by its devastating hand. Its benefits are purchased by the blood of many men, and by the tears of afflicted households. What good came of all the conquests of Caesar and Alexander? The benefits they may have conferred have passed away with the fall of the Empire. The Romans and their glory have passed away, but Australia itself, or America, cannot pass away till they are involved in the common destruction of mankind. Are the benefits conferred by explorers always accompanied by violence, sorrow, and bloodshed?"

EVIE KEENAN.—"All fully realise the necessity of having a large army to defend and protect the country in time of war. It is by soldiers we retain possession of our country and her colonies. Remember, too, the services rendered by soldiers during the Crusades and many other stirring events in history."

J. BRYANT spoke at length on the great courage and self-sacrifice of explorers that made them brave starvation and death for the sake of their country and the whole world. Hudson and Cook, to whom we owe an immense debt of gratitude, laid down their lives for this glorious cause.

A. MORAN, in a happy speech, laid great stress on the fact that soldiers and not explorers have made England what she is.

HANS RAUSCH, in a really eloquent speech, gave a glowing account of the dogged perseverance of the explorer; he described pathetically "the explorer, weary and footsore at nightfall lying down to take a brief, but well-earned rest, and dreaming now of the lands he was going to discover on the morrow, now of the friends and the country he might never see again."

CYP. BRYANT.—"Just as Greece and Rome in former times became great nations by means of their armies, England to-day owes her place as first nation in the world to her soldiers, who by their courage and determination, defended her in the hour of peril."

FRANK McARDLE in a short speech for the explorers, told the story of Drake who, though abandoned by many, succeeded in sailing round the world. Explorers

do not look for pay, whereas many soldiers look for money first and everything else after.

STAN. McDERMOTT.—"Men like Caesar and Alexander, by their great conquests, not only secured new and valuable possessions for their country, but brought civilisation into regions covered either totally or in part by the pall of barbarism."

ROY McCARTHY, having given brief biographies of Columbus, Stanley, Livingstone, Cook, and others, showed that these and many others have done more for the good of mankind than soldiers. Soldiers are very expensive, for they must be paid not only while at war, but also in time of peace, when they are hardly needed.

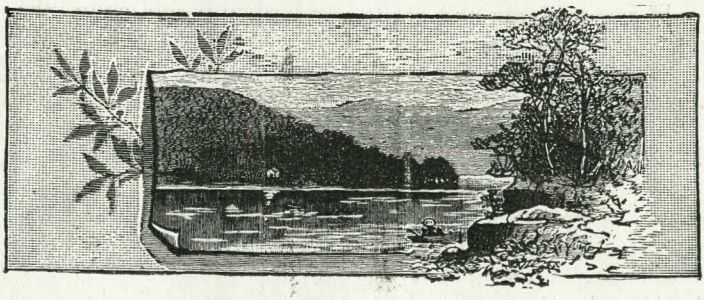
SENAN RYAN pointed out the many dangers soldiers had to face, and their courage and perseverance in overcoming them.

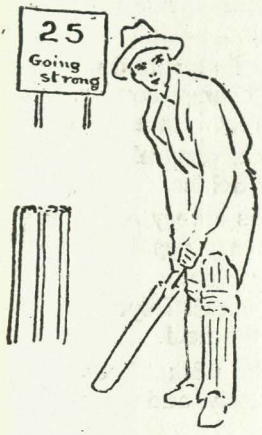
JACK BRIDGE.—"Though soldiers and explorers have done much for the world, and deserve great credit, of the two, I think, that explorers have done more. If explorers did not discover the different countries, there would be very few soldiers. No explorers set out aganist their will, consequently their work was more thorough and whole-hearted. Had not Cook found this land of Australia, the English market would be bereft of its wheat and wool."

FRANK McDERMOTT'S speech was remarkable for the earnestness and conviction with which it was delivered. This speech, in fact, and the speech of Hans Rausch, were the only ones that were in the true sense of the word, delivered. In the case of the other speakers, recourse was too often had to the notes before them.

BRENDAN MULLINS recounted the deeds of several famous explorers in order to show how they helped on civilisation.

On votes being taken, the Government won by a majority of 4.





CRICKET.

FIRST ELEVEN.

President: REV. J. A. BRENNAN, S.J.
Committee: T. HIGGINS (Capt.), A. JOHNSTONE, A. COX.

WE are sorry we cannot congratulate our First XI. on any very brilliant performance during the part of the season just finished. Our record is:—Matches won 0, lost 2, drawn (and greatly in favour of our opponents) 5.

The team, however, was, as regards material, very much more promising than many that preceded it, and did much better than it. It included several very fair bats, who, with more serious practice, and more self restraint, might have scored many more runs. There were three very good bowlers in the team, but we must candidly confess that they got very little assistance from the fieldsmen. There were five good solid hard-working fieldsmen, but the less said about the performances of the other six the better.

There is no reason why Riverview should not do as well at cricket now as it did in the past, provided that those who can and ought to do so, will give that amount of assistance which may be reasonably expected from any boy who has at heart, the interests of his school, and is prepared to make some little sacrifice to secure its success.

The following were the matches played:

October 5th, v. Railway Audit Office. Played at Riverview. Drawn. Riverview, 8 for 119; Audit Office, 10 for 71. E. O'Halloran 32, R. Hughes 20, V. Conlon 18, A. Cox 10. Cox took 2 wickets for 28.

October 12th, v Ylo. Played at Riverview. Drawn. Ylo 145; Riverview 5 for 71. R. Hughes 42, A. Cox 4 for 27, J. McCarthy 3 for 23, A. Johnstone 1 for 16.

October 19th, v. Wentworth. Played at Riverview. Won by Wentworth by 36 runs. Riverview 85; Wentworth 121. T. Higgins 21, V. Conlon 18, R. Hughes 15, A. Cox 11, J. Bowler 4 for 27, J. McCarthy 2 for 22, A. Cox 2 for 23.

October 26th, v. S.C.E.G. School. Played at North Shore. Won by S.C.E.G.S. by 178 runs. Riverview 181; S.C.E.G.S. 359. V. Conlon 46, F. Hughes 37, R. Hughes 15, E. O'Halloran 13, A. Cox and L. Bamber 10. F. Hughes 2 for 70, T. Higgins 1 for 37.

Nov. 2nd, v. St. Paul's C. Club. Played at Riverview. Drawn. Riverview 138; St. Paul's 6 for 131. F. Hughes 24, R. Hughes 21, A. Cox and T. Higgins 13, T. Payten 11. A. Johnstone 2 for 6, A. Cox 4 for 45.

Nov. 9th, v. Beecroft. Played at Riverview. Won by Beecroft by 5 wickets and 156 runs. Riverview 63; Beecroft 5 for 219. R. Hughes 23, V. Conlon 15, R. Hughes 3 for 46, T. Higgins 1 for 23, V. Conlon 1 for 24.

Nov. 16th, v. Holesworth. Played at Riverview. Drawn. Riverview 7 for 178; Holesworth 1 for 115. R. Hughes 64, V. Conlon 32, B. Murray 22, L. Bamber 12. F. Hughes 1 for 15.

THIRD ELEVEN.

President: REV. T. A. WALSH, S.J.

Captain: B. BRYANT.

Committee: A. MALONE, T. PAYTEN.

Scorer: J. FITZ-HERBERT.

Though the matches played this season (September-December) were not so numerous as in former seasons, our high record has not been lowered. Out of five matches played, three were won, one was drawn, and one was lost. In most of these matches we played at a disadvantage, as three of our team were taken up to play with the firsts, and of these we may, in passing, say that they acquitted themselves creditably.

The first match was against Verona, and was drawn. Riverview, 6 for 81; Verona, 6 for 77; Basil Bryant 25, J. Deery 19, G. Malone 10.

Two matches were played against Redfern Undaunted, and both were won.

In a match against St. Aloysius' College, Riverview won by 47 runs. Riverview 91; St. Aloysius' 44. C. Laney 18, G Ward 16 not out, G. Dalton and W. Macdonald 10.

We lost the match against Church of England Grammar School Third XI. by 57 runs. Riverview 54; N.S.C.E.G.S. 131; B. Bryant 17; G. Dalton, 3 for 33, B. Bryant 1 for 15, C. Laney 3 for 55.

PERSONNEL OF 3rd XI.

B. BRYANT, (capt.)—Is a reliable bat, a sound fielder in the slips, and bowled well on a few occasions.

J. DEERY.—Is a solid bat and at times has powerful and dashing strokes. Bowls and catches fairly, and with more interest and seriousness in the practices, should improve very much.

G. DALTON.—Bowls well when he uses his pace; he is developing a useful break. His batting is improving.

C. LANEY.—Is a good all-round player, bats well, and is a good change-bowler. He should show more interest in the game.

M. PLAYOUST.—Is a very reliable bat, and a sure, though slow fielder.

S. McDONNELL.—Is a very promising batsman. Is good in every department of the game.

A. NICHOLS.—Is much improved at the bat, and is smart in the field.

L. ELLIOTT.—Is the wicket-keeper of the team. He bats steadily, and brings off many fine hits.

G. WARD.—Fields well at point; is an improved bat.

W. MACDONALD.—Bats fairly well. His fielding could be improved.

C. GAERTNER.—Shows an all-round improvement. Is a promising bowler.

W. BRIDGE.—Fields well, and his bowling is, as a rule, dangerously straight. His batting is not sufficiently careful.

Cricket is rather wide-spread among the sprightly second divisioners this season, down in the extensive playfield overlooking the river. The four teams outside the thirds, are well worthy of mention. The Fourth XI., captained by C. Rorke, have played 3 matches, and were successful in them all. The "Scallywags" come next, under the able command of Colin McKillop; the "Juniors" and the "Slashers" take up the rear, but are none the less distinguished under their respective leaders, Nicholas Sharpe, and Paul de Lepervanche.

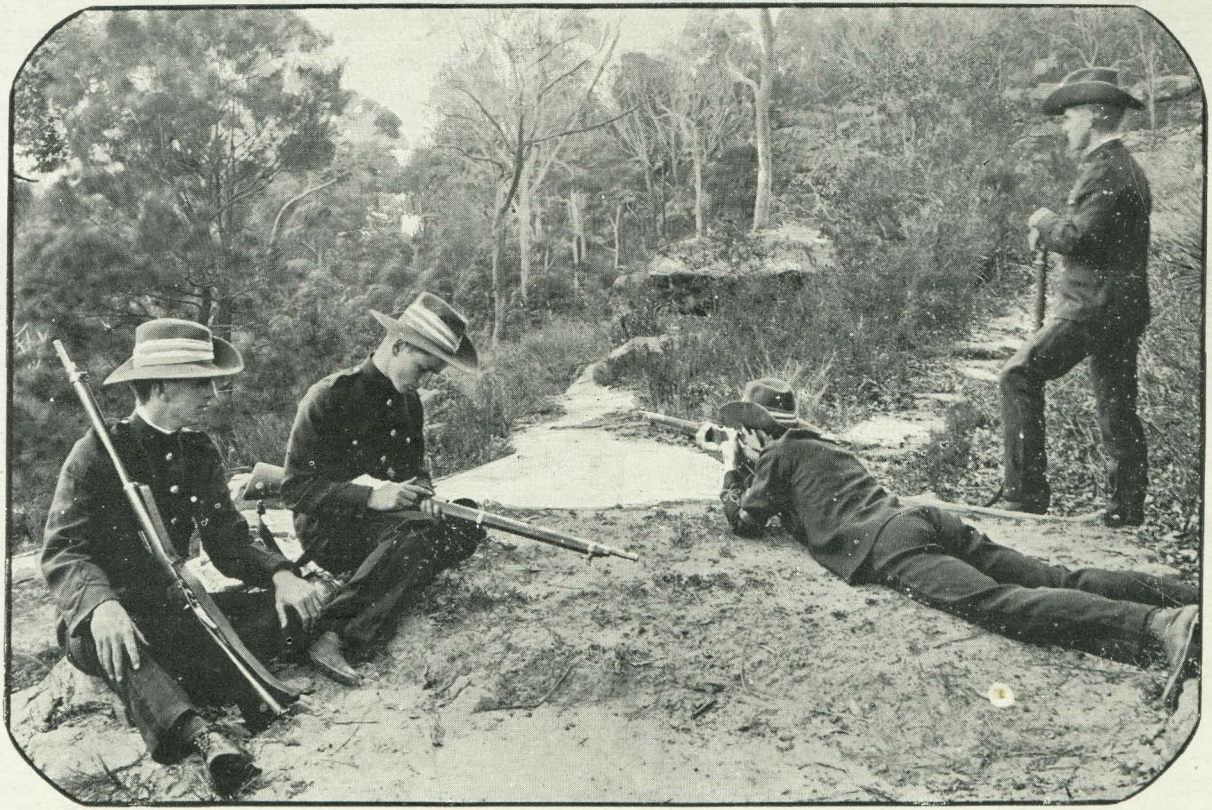
B. BRYANT.
T. PAYTEN.
A. MALONE.

FIFTH ELEVEN.

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

Committee: A. KELLY (capt.), J. BRYANT, F. McARDLE.

Though we have not many victories to record, we consider the season to have been a successful one. As a rule we experience difficulty in finding teams whose



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age and size correspond more or less to ours. Furthermore great inconvenience has been caused by members of the team being called to town, etc., on match days.

The matches played were:—

Sept. 28th, v. Melrose. Played at Riverview, and won by Melrose, who scored 114 to Riverviews' 103.

Oct. 5th, v. Woollahra. Played at Riverview, and won by Riverview by 30 runs.

Nov. 2nd, v. Melrose. Played at Riverview and won by Melrose, who scored 84 for 5 to Riverview's 83.

Nov. 9th, v. Verona. Played at Riverview, and won by Verona, who scored 90 for 8 to Riverview's 61.

Nov. 23rd, v. St. Aloysius' College. Played at Riverview and drawn. Riverview 79, St. Aloysius' 2 for 24.

E. DINAN.

Our Cadet Corps.

Our prospects for the rifle meeting of 1907, were at first dull, owing principally to the lack of old members and to the great general interest centred in the football competition. But once the latter had ceased, little difficulty was found in enticing new members to the mound.

After a few weeks' practice only the more keen-sighted were permitted to look through the orange cluster. With the assistance of the two new Westerley Verniers, which were added to the armoury at the beginning of the season, a great deal of the time and labour of former years was saved. So well did the recruits progress, that three weeks before the match, the first ten were able to average 27 at 500yds. In fact, the three members from last year's team did not always head the list by any means.

Our chances, therefore, of winning the much-coveted shield, so long held by Newington College, looked very promising. Three days, however, before the first match five of the team were stricken down with measles, and these, as they got better were succeeded by other members of the team. The consequence was that in every match we entered the arena with a regiment composed largely of raw recruits.

In all three matches we came last. We congratulate Newington College for their consistent victories throughout; and the King's School for the magnificent fight they made for the N.R.A. Schools' Challenge Shield. The scoring in this match was as follows:

Newington College	509
The Kings' School	504
St. Ignatius' College	461

In this match the second highest score, 58 out of a possible 70, was made by Corporal Turner.

Our only, though sore need at Riverview, is a 600yds mound. If this were forthcoming we feel sure that the Riverview Cadets would, with a little more luck than this year, and, by the way, with the new rifles that have already arrived, make the contest for the G.P.S. Shield very much keener than it has been of late.

The averages for the College Gold Medal are as follows:—

Col. Sergt. Veech	53.4
Corporal Turner	51
Sergt. Burfitt	50.1
Cadet Playoust	48.6
Cadet Fanning	48.2
Cadet Unger	47.7
Corporal A. Johnstone	46.5
Cadet T. Wilkinson	45.7
Cadet Bowler	45.6
Cadet Carlton	45.4

COL. SERGT. VEECH.

Handball Tournament.

The interest taken in the handball was as great this year as ever. The weather being rather cool during the tournament, tended to make the games all the more enjoyable. There were so many fine struggles that to describe all would be too tedious. I will pick out, therefore, a few of the most interesting games, and describe them as best I can.

Though most of last year's best were again struggling for supremacy, the improvement in many other players was so marked that the issue right up to the last game was uncertain.

Second Division rallied round the court and cheered their champions—but in vain. One after another they fell victims to the grand players of the higher division, and by the end of the third round, they had but one or two representatives left. From this on, the contest lay among the senior boys.

In the second round, A. Johnstone and H. McArdle, two fine players of the first division, met and gave a fine exhibition. Johnstone, with his underhand style, returned the hard hits of his opponent in a wonderful fashion. At 15 all, McArdle regaining new strength, soon reached the required number of points. In the third round, B. Johnstone and J. Bolger played an interesting game. The fourth round brought out all the champions. B. Murray defeated P. Kelly by 21 to 15. For a while both played their best and the rallies were long and exciting, but when 10 all was reached, Murray began to forge ahead and was never caught. F. Hughes tried conclusions with H. McArdle. The latter playing beautifully, was 15 while his opponent was 12. F. Hughes, however, putting more force behind his strokes, gradually wore his opponent down. H. McArdle who seemed to lose all his vigour, saw his opponent score 21 while his own score remained unchanged. In this round J. Bolger had a bye.

In the fifth round, B. Murray was drawn to meet J. Carlton. As both were in good form and of fine physique, a good game was expected. In the beginning both found it difficult to get going, but after much careful play, they settled down to a hard contest. During the early stages Carlton had his opponent in difficulties, and always kept ahead. The prolonged rallies, exciting and well worth seeing, were soon, however, to come to an end. Carlton had reached 17 to his opponent's 16. Murray, making a final effort, played beautiful handball, and reached the final score while Carlton's remained unchanged.

The sixth round brought Bolger and Murray together. Though Murray played his usual brilliant game, he was kept busy by Bolger right to the end and did not go out before his opponent had reached 17. Murray and F. Hughes, who had a bye in the previous round, provided the last game of the tournament. Almost the whole school flocked to see the final, and the several pieces of good play on both sides were readily applauded. Murray winning a hard and magnificent game by 3 points, proved himself the senior champion of 1907.

The institution of a handball tournament for third division caused great excitement and enthusiasm among the smaller fry. Many good matches were witnessed, and talent of great promise was evident. The finals brought Arthur Kelly on top with Bay Bowler and Frank McArdle not far below him. Norman Foley, who was put out after a hard and exciting game by the champion, showed considerable skill and vigour.

P. KELLY.



PRESS NOTICES.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Editors of the various papers, not merely in New South Wales, but in Victoria, Queensland, South and Western Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and even Ireland, in which notices of our July issue appeared. We are deeply sensible of, and truly grateful for, the many encouraging words our youthful efforts have received from their pens. In journalism, reprinting may be said to be the sincerest form of appreciation In several of these papers, articles from our last issue were reprinted whole, or in part. To those editors whose notices do not appear through their papers being mislaid or not returned, we offer our sincere apologies.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It seems more than six months since the last number of "Our Alma Mater" was read with so much eagerness. The journal of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, contains such a lot of literary merit that the wait between issues appears more prolonged. The magazine has been over 25 years in existence. From the first it caught on, and every fresh print has been featured with improvements. Now, "Our Alma Mater" justly claims to be one of the best publications of its kind anywhere. And certainly the editor has been substantiating this fact right along. Enclosed in the handsome green covers, with their golden lettering, are 60 pages that will interest even those who have never seen Riverview. Characteristic, well-chosen illustrations, beautifully reproduced, are in liberal proportion. Indeed, the picture showing the finish of the Riverview Eights, on Regatta Day, 1907, is something out of the beaten track. The letterpress is exceptionally bright, and shows that the capabilities of the present-day students have not deteriorated any from the standard set by their predecessors. The production is quite worthy of the tuition of the Jesuit Fathers, and the editor deserves congratulations for sending to press such a tasty journal. Of course, departments like the debating club, rowing, football, college events, and general jottings are entered into fully and interestingly.—"The Catholic Press" (Sydney), August 15.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We rather fancy that the winter number of "Our Alma Mater" (the mouthpiece of Riverview College) has reason to be haughty this year. It is not often that such a big gun as young Fitz-Herbert happens to be presented to the scholastic world on the eve of "Our Alma Mater's" publication. But while the hero of the junior this year is not lost sight of in this issue, he is by no means the be-all and end-all of it. There are lots of things in a half-year at Riverview, and they are all—or the notabilia of them all—set forth in the current issue. . . . The magazine has been beautifully turned out by Finn Brothers.—"The Freeman's Journal" (Sydney), August 15.

"OUR ALMA MATER".—We have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the midwinter issue of "Our Alma Mater," the organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. Like preceding numbers, the one before us is a highly creditable production, the letterpress, printing, illustrations, and general get-up being all that could be desired. The contents consist mainly of well-written articles on the work of the students during the past half-year, and of their successes at the public examinations and in athletic competitions. "Our Alma Mater" is certainly amongst the most interesting and best conducted of school magazines that come to this office.—"New Zealand Tablet," August 29.

"OUR ALMA MATER.'—The thirty-third volume of "Our Alma Mater," the organ edited by students of St. Ignatius', is just out, and shows an improvement in every department. The printing is good, the photographs excellently reproduced, and the reading matter so interesting that it appeals equally to the boy on the lowest form as to the Old Boy, who from his high estate might be expected to pass with a sniff the records of the little chaps who are worthily upholding the traditions of the college. Among the illustrations are

several fine views of the college and its environs, the last regatta affording scope for some artistic pictures. The "junior" class—all of whom were successful—is shown, and in the foreground is a tiny little fellow in knickers and turn-down collar—Fitzherbert—who is the envy of the 1223 candidates who faced the "junior" ordeal. He took the University prize for general proficiency, and the medals for Latin, Greek, algebra, and (ex aeq) for arithmetic. Truly a double first. A picture of the champion crew of the river is also given, and photos. are reproduced of the two Hughes', and of Oxenham—all old boys, now represented in inter-State football.

One of the best articles in the magazine is a report of the third-grade debate on the relative merits of boarding and day schools. (Here follows a considerable extract from the article).—"The Daily Telegraph" (Sydney), August 8.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—St. Ignatius' College may be said to have eclipsed all previous records in the July issue of their popular college magazine, "Our Alma Mater," which was published last week. And it must be remembered that St. Ignatius' has achieved a reputation for the completeness and brilliance that has characterised "Our Alma Mater" in the past. The magazine is easily the first among college publications, and the editors have no light task to maintain, let alone raise, its standard. In this issue the letterpress is better, the literary matter of more interest, and the illustrations more numerous. It stands as a record progressive in itself of the progress that has attended the college that gave it being. There are many articles within its pages, and a well-written essay on the college, its ideals and its life, finds pride of place. The reports of school doings—debates, rowing, football, and musical and dramatic—are dealt with by very able pens, and are instinct with life. Articles are contributed on "Homer and History," while Miss Peggy O'Connor writes sympathetically on an evening spent at the college. The portion of the magazine devoted to college jottings, which are written in the form of a diary, forms excellent reading, and deals with the incidents of the term. They also contain a pretty humour. The results of the University junior examinations just concluded have special prominence, and, in view of the brilliant record of young Fitz-Herbert, deserve reproducing. Master J. A. Fitz-Herbert, who is only 16 years old, obtained four first places and medals, viz., Latin, Greek, arithmetic, and algebra, besides other passes. Of the two thousand candidates sent up for examination 65¾ per cent. passed, while 9½ per cent. qualified under section A of matriculation, under the new regulations. St. Ignatius' College sent up 14 boys, and all passed, while five qualified for matriculation. The boys sent in 96 papers, passing in 85, and securing 18 first-class honors, and 38 second-class honors—a record to be proud of.

The illustrations of "Our Alma Mater" are splendid specimens of printing, and comprise many scenes and incidents of interest both to the present scholars and the old boys.—"The Australian Star" (Sydney), August 8.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the July number of the above production. "Our Alma Mater" contains several interesting and excellently written articles full of interest for students and ex-students of St. Ignatius College. It is also superbly illustrated with scenes of the College, taken from several points of view; also pictures showing members of the several athletic clubs attached to the College, as well as individual photos of ex-students, and group photos of the successful candidates from the College who have passed the several University examinations during the first half of 1907. The journal is certainly equal to, if not above its general standard of excellence, and is one of which both the youthful editors and students should be justly proud.—"East Sydney Argus," August 14.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, has just issued the thirty-third number of "Our Alma Mater," a College journal edited by the students, and containing fifty-eight pages, together with sixteen fine illustrations. The "Catholic Press" writes as follows regarding a previous issue, and what it says applies to the present 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." The contents of "Our Alma Mater" are very varied and interesting.—"Monthly Calendar" (N. Sydney), September.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have received the midwinter issue of that splendid school magazine, "Our Alma Mater," conducted by the students of Riverview College, Sydney. It has for some years been our pleasant task to write in eulogistic terms of this semi-annual publication; and the present issue is just as deserving of praise as its predecessors. In addition to the school records, there are good articles on "St. Ignatius College, Riverview," and "Homer and History." There are also a number of very fine illustrations, including a very artistic reproduction of La Madonna della Sedia, from a copy of Raphael's masterpiece, as framed in one of the College dining halls. The printing has, as usual, been very artistically executed by Finn Brothers.—"The Southern Cross" (Adelaide), August 23.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The magazine is splendidly printed and illustrated, and points the way to many older literary organs. There are numerous capital pictures, particularly interesting to the boys of the college. The letterpress deals exclusively with college news and notes, except for an eminently literary sketch on "Homer and History." (This article was reproduced in full in another part of the paper.)—"The Register" (Adelaide), August 17.

"OUR ALMA MATER" is the title of the magazine of the Jesuit College of St. Ignatius, Riverview, Sydney. The July number, which has just reached us, is a credit alike to organisers and publishers. The cover is a work of art, and the contents, including beautiful half-tone illustrations, are printed on first-class surface paper. These include reproductions of pretty pieces of scenery, past and present students, and sporting teams. The matter contained in the journal gives evidence of high literary ability.—"The Wairarapa Daily News" (N.Z.), August 21.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The July number of "Our Alma Mater," the magazine of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, is to hand, and is a volume of which masters, editors, and the school alike may justly be proud. Between the covers enclosing the sixty pages is contained a faithful and interesting chronicle of the indoor and outdoor work of the school, and the illustrations besides giving point to the reading matter, convey some idea of the lovely surroundings in which the boys pass their school days. Riverview was purchased by the Jesuit Fathers in 1878, and since then £30,000 has been spent in beautifying and improving it. There is ample breathing space for the pupils in the 120 acres of grounds, and the proximity of Lane Cove River adds greatly to the picturesqueness of the place. No better situation for a scholastic institution could be desired, and the joyousness, yet earnestness, of the boys is reflected in their magazine.—"The Marlborough Express" (N.Z.), August 20.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We acknowledge with sincere pleasure the receipt of the latest issue of Our Alma Mater," a magazine published by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. It is a most admirable production, the printing, paper, and binding being excellent, while the cover design, in green and gold, and the title page in the same colors, reaches a high standard of artistic design. A goodly portion of the magazine is devoted to the school's sports chronicles, in which rowing prowess is easily predominant. In the Public Schools Rowing Championship, St. Ignatius College scored an easy victory, which race is graphically described. There are sixteen full-page illustrations, all of a high standard of production, and altogether the College is to be congratulated on the publication of a periodical which not only possesses merit of its own, but reflects merit on the standard of the school that produces it.—"The Oamaru Mail" (N.Z.), August 19.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the July number of "Our Alma Mater," a journal edited by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Sydney. It is one of the most handsomely produced school journals we have seen, and, with its full record of school news and many illustrations, is certainly one of which students of the college may be proud.—"The Hawke's Bay Herald" (N.Z.), August 16.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The flight of time brings round the thirty-third number of "Our Alma Mater," the interesting semi-annual publication issued by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. As may be expected, the book is mainly a record of the doings of the college students, scholastic as well as athletic, during the past half-year, and it is a record of which all who are or have been connected with the college may be justly proud. We have, too, in acknowledging with pleasure the receipt of this publication, to once more praise its literary standard, its beautiful illustrations, and the highly creditable manner in which it is printed. Among the illustrations is a full-page portrait of Felix Conlon, who, after a successful college career, left Maclean some months ago, with his father, Mr. P. Conlon, for Ireland, where he has since entered the Jesuit Novitiate. Judging by the records in the current issue, however, the vacancy in the college which was created when he left, bids fair to be well filled by his younger brother, Vincent Conlon. James Carlton, of Cowper, the college all-round athletic champion, also continues to take a prominent part in sporting matters there, and stroked the fours which won the Great Public Schools' Rowing Championship, in April last, by five lengths. As for the scholastic triumphs of the college, the results of the University Junior Examinations (held in June last), which were made known two or three weeks ago, may be cited. . . . Truly a wonderful achievement, and one that speaks volumes for the methods of instruction in vogue at Riverview.—"The Grafton Argus," August 15.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We are in receipt of a copy of the above scholastic publication, which is latterly issued half-yearly. It is edited by pupils of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, and as usual is very nicely got up, the contents being interesting even to outside readers. This college

continues to combine instruction with legitimate amusements, on the plan so successfully adopted by Dr. Arnold, of Rugby. The University prize for general proficiency, at the recent junior examinations, was awarded to J. A. Fitzherbert, a pupil of the college, and a mere youth, who scored six A's and a B, also four medals. Fourteen lads were sent up from Riverview, all of whom passed.—"The Coonamble Times," August 24.

"OUR ALMA MATER," just issued from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, is a publication deserving of more than passing notice. It contains full information of the college, and events connected therewith, together with copious illustrations. It is excellently prepared and well printed on good stout paper, and is a credit to both compilers and publishers.—"The Goulburn Herald," August 12.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the bi-annual journal of the Riverview College, is as usual, a splendidly got-up production. Full-page and other portraits are given of prominent students and ex-students, and there is a fine collection of group photographs. A large amount of interesting information of the doings of the college boys and of their successes in examinations is given. Riverview College is splendidly situated, and equipped, and its alumni have good reason to be proud of their journal, and to take pleasure in the achievements that it records.—"Maitland Daily Mercury," August 12.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the midsummer number of "Our Alma Mater," the splendid little school magazine issued every half-year by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, which is now in its twenty-second year of existence. The new number, as is usually the case, shows an advance in some points on previous issues, and special praise must be bestowed on the photographic illustrations, some of which are most artistic. The contents are a pleasing record of the progress of a great educational establishment, which is second to none in Australasia, and the service done to Australia by the training of her youth in the high ideals and traditions of public school life cannot be over estimated.—"The Bundaberg Star," August 15.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the half-yearly organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, well maintains its high standard of both literary and mechanical merit. The current number—sumptuously printed and illustrated—contains a great deal of interesting matter well presented, though it must be admitted that the magazine is in the main a chronicle of sport and pastime. There is evidently plenty of maturing literary talent at Riverview, a scene of natural beauty well calculated to inspire the imagination and encourage the loitering of the Muses.—"The Wagga Advertiser," August 10.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the half-yearly edition of "Our Alma Mater," published by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, is to hand. It is up to the high standard of excellence we have observed to be the aim of its publishers for years past. From the results of examinations as published, we should say the College has reason to congratulate itself on its general efficiency. The idea of combining learning with physical exercise is to be commended. Sporting paragraphs take up a good deal of the space. Evidently some few types of Australian manhood are to be found in the ranks of the students—directly due to the efforts of the management. The Debating Club is evidently very strong, and we are glad to see the common-sense subjects chosen for debate. The report of the proceedings is highly colored, almost too much so; but it forms an agreeable change from the set newspaperish chronicles of embryonic reporters. The photographs of students—individual and collective—and also of the college and grounds, are very fine. We compliment those responsible for the excellence of the publication.—"Richmond River Express," August 13.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Again we put into print words of encouragement regarding the publication, "Our Alma Mater," which is issued by a bright band of students at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview. It is about six months since the previous number appeared, and this last issue fully maintains the high standard which has been set, the reading matter and illustrations making a very interesting magazine. We are informed in the leading article that 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 £8,000. Assuredly the purchasers were well inspired, for it is admirably fitted for a collegiate site. . . . 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.—"The Tamworth Observer," August 10.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is always a pleasure to see the excellently got-up magazine edited and issued by students of Riverview College, the type is so clean, the illustrations are so good, and the reading matter so creditable to all concerned. For 22 years it has been before the public, and during that period it must have exercised a considerable influence for good, not only on those who took part in getting it up, but on all those connected with the college. Several views are given of the latter, one showing the building itself, another the beautiful scenery amid which it stands; while a third gives a splendid group of the boys themselves. The principal article is devoted to a description of the work carried on at the college. It is there that "the Jesuit Fathers have put in practice their elaborate and world-renowned system of education—a system whoch provides for the thorough moral, intellectual, and physical training of the boys confided to their care." A special feature is evidently made of the debating class, and brief reports of the speeches delivered by the boys are contributed to the magazine, and must enhance the interest of the debates and put the lads on their mettle. The frontispiece is a fine illustration of La Madonna della Sedia, one of Raphael's most admired pictures, a painted copy of which adorns one of the college dining halls.—"The Lithgow Mercury," August 8.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The yearly "Our Alma Mater" of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, reached us yesterday morning. The issue is even better and more interesting than the many previous ones, and contains much interesting matter regarding the doings of the college, and clearly sets forth the great advantages to be derived by the students. Independent of various articles written from an educational and sports point of view, the book is beautifully illustrated with photos of the Madonna, the college, the students, sports, etc. Among the students, we notice the photos of three or four Orange boys.—"The Leader" (Orange), August 9.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—A copy of the last half-yearly issue of "Our Alma Mater" is to hand, and is as full of interesting notes and college news as usual. It is also neatly printed and got-up, but perhaps its chief interest is the record of literary success it is able to announce to its numerous readers. At the late Junior Exam., fourteen boys were sent up from St. Ignatius, and all passed, five making the preliminary qualification for matriculation. The fame of this college is universal, and we are pleased to see that its semi-annual journal is always worthy of such an institution.—"The Cobar Leader," August 16.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We thought that for literary merit and as an example of exquisite printing the silver jubilee number of "Our Alma Mater" reached high-water mark. Alas for the judgment of a country editor! The 33rd number, just to hand, is an advance on all previous issues of this excellent school magazine. If the merit of the magazine, which is edited by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, is an earnest of the training given by the Jesuit Fathers, then lucky indeed are those youngsters who are under their experienced rule. Riverview, we remember, won the prize for general proficiency, besides several medals, at the recent Junior University examination. But looking carelessly at "Our Alma Mater" one would hardly guess anything like that was done; it is so full of plates illustrating college victories at the rifle butts, on the water, and in the football and cricket fields. Which reminds us that a one-time "stroke" of the College crew is often seen in Mudgee; we refer to Mr. H. F. McHugh, of Wilbetree. Other Riverview "old boys" we have in the town—Messrs. E. and R. Lonergan. We certainly look forward with pleasure to "Our Alma Mater.—"The Western Post" (Mudgee), August 15.

"OUR ALMA MATER," for July, to hand, is a most creditable production, full of literary merit and beautifully illustrated. It reflects all that is bright in school life at "Riverview," which must be excellent to produce the satisfactory results indicated by a perusal of the pages of this high-class magazine.—"The Picton Post," August 14.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have received a copy of "Our Alma Mater," the official organ of the year's doings in connection with St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. "Our Alma Mater" is published in magazine form, is brightly written and artistically illustrated, and is in every way worthy of the reputation this college enjoys.—"Dubbo Liberal," August 14.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the half-yearly number of "Our Alma Mater," a high-class magazine published by the students of St. Ignatius' College,

Riverview. The general get-up is admirable—nothing finer in the way of a school magazine being published in the Commonwealth.—"The Manning River Times," September 11.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The winter issue of this handsome school magazine shows what can be done in the way of good printing when people are prepared to pay for the work. This, of course, not the only charm of the magazine, for there is much in it to interest the student of the times.

This particular number appears in the same subtle fashion to have narrowed itself within the precincts of the College grounds, and perhaps in this manner may appeal more strongly to its immediate circle of friends.—"The Gunnedah Advertiser," August 29.



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Australian Photo. Review.
Australian Photographic Journal.
Bathurst Convent Annual.
Beaumont Review.
Belviderian.
C.B.C. Annual.
Convent High School Annual.
Clongownian.
Dial.
Fleur-de-Lis.
Fordham Monthly.
Hawkesbury Agricultural College Magazine.
Mangalore Magazine.
Melbournian.
Newingtonian.
Nudgee College Magazine.
Scotch Collegian (Melbourne).
St. Joseph's College Magazine.
S.P.C. Annual.
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