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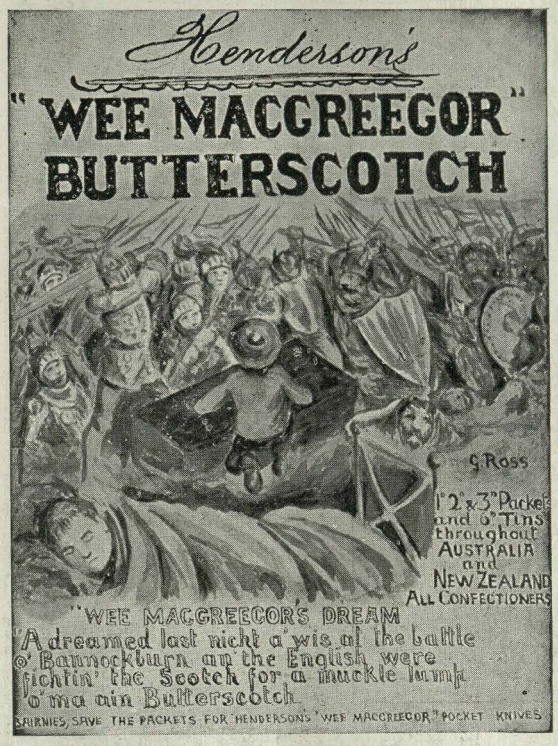
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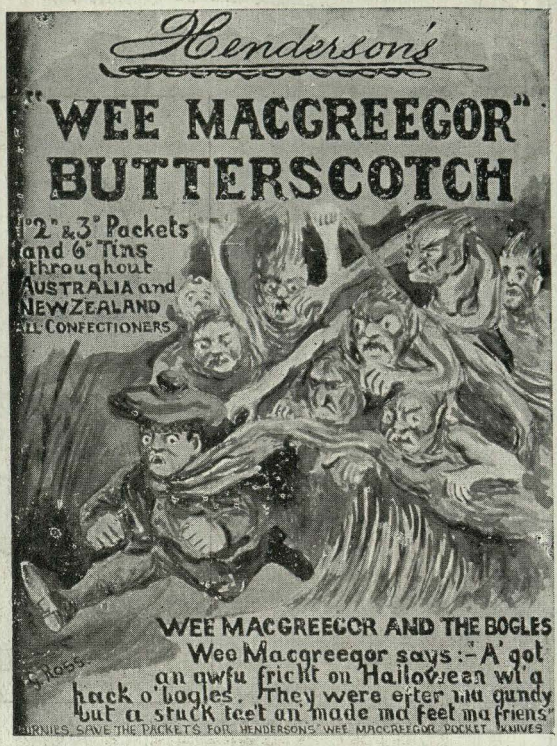
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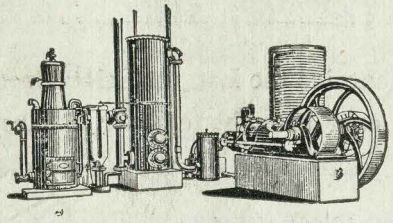
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Father Robert Hugh Benson AND *His Riverview Critics.*



Catholic Rectory,
Cambridge,
April 13.

(To the Editors of the "Alma Mater.")

Gentlemen,—

I must thank you most sincerely for the letters which you have admitted to your magazine with reference to one or two of my books, for the kind criticisms and suggestions contained in them, and for the gift of the magazine in question.

Will you allow me to reply shortly to these letters ?

(1) Mr. Thomas Meehan has hit upon the very point that was in my own mind as I wrote the last words of "The King's Achievement." He says they are ambiguous : I intended that they should be. Dying persons who have lived more than doubtful lives generally are ambiguous. I also intended to suggest that, in accordance with Miss Beatrice Atherton's words, on a few pages before, it was possible, considering all things, that loyalty to even such a villain as Cromwell might be a virtue rather than a defect. It is sometimes

better to be faithful to a villain, in an indifferent matter, than to be faithful to nobody.

Finally; if I am asked whether I meant the words " My Lord " to refer to Cromwell or to Almighty God—I can only answer that I am as doubtful as Mr. Michael Ryan. I wish, however, it was untrue to life to make an evil liver die evilly—tho' I don't say that Ralph did.

(2) Mr. Michael Ryan objects to Ralph's villainy towards his family. So do I, very much. But—well, it is better to be an Optimist than a Pessimist. It is Optimism that converts the world. I will try to correct my pessimistic tendencies.

(3) Mr. Basil Bryant objects that Ralph and his mother, who are said to be alike, are not really so. But people's attitudes towards life, and their characters, can be very much alike even though they express them quite differently. A green butterfly is more really like a brown one, than a brown one is to a dead leaf. Please consider this, Mr. Bryant.

(4) *[Dear Lionel,—Thank you very much. . . . Personally I am more afraid of the devil when he isn't in a motor car. . . . Yes, I think Mabel was all right, really. Honestly, she had no idea that suicide was a sin; and she did pray as well as she knew how at the end. . . . I have been trying my hand at plays—" not comic ones " (at least I hope they're not comic—they aren't meant to be).]

No, indeed, Dom Anthony was not idle when he left Lewes; but I simply hadn't time to go after him abroad. He only succeeded with great difficulty in escaping himself. I didn't like to take the risk of going with him : and, as I say there wasn't time.

Gentlemen,

I am, yours faithfully,

ROBERT HUGH BENSON.

P.S.—I trust all the other authors to whom you have written will answer also. †

*c.f. " The Lord of the World."

†The other authors were Scott, Dickens, and Coleridge.

The letter given above hardly needs any explanation, if our readers recall the fact that in the " Kelly Memorial " literary competition each candidate was required without previous notice to write a short letter of friendly criticism and encouraging advice to the author of whatever book he was presenting for purposes of the examination. On receipt of the very kind letter of Father Benson's, the writers of the original letters wrote a joint reply signed by all.

It may be out of place here to digress into a defence of the decidedly novel and startling possibilities presented to us with convincing realism in the lighter works by this brilliant new writer; but a Benson set and an anti-Benson set exist amongst us, just as we have our Sheehan and anti-Sheehan sets, and the first set will not be pleased unless we insert here a bit of Carlyle (and Coleridge) which they like to throw at the heads of anti-Bensonites, viz., " Every original writer, in proportion as he is original, must himself create the taste by which he is to be relished." One fellow illustrated this from meat-pies, which are well-known to create an appetite for more meat-pies——! Our thanks, anyhow, are due to the Bensonites and anti-Bensonites, and, above all, to Father Benson himself.

THE EDITORS.

The letters alluded to by Father Benson ran as follow (c.f. our last issue, Xmas, 1907) :—

To Rev. R. H. Benson.

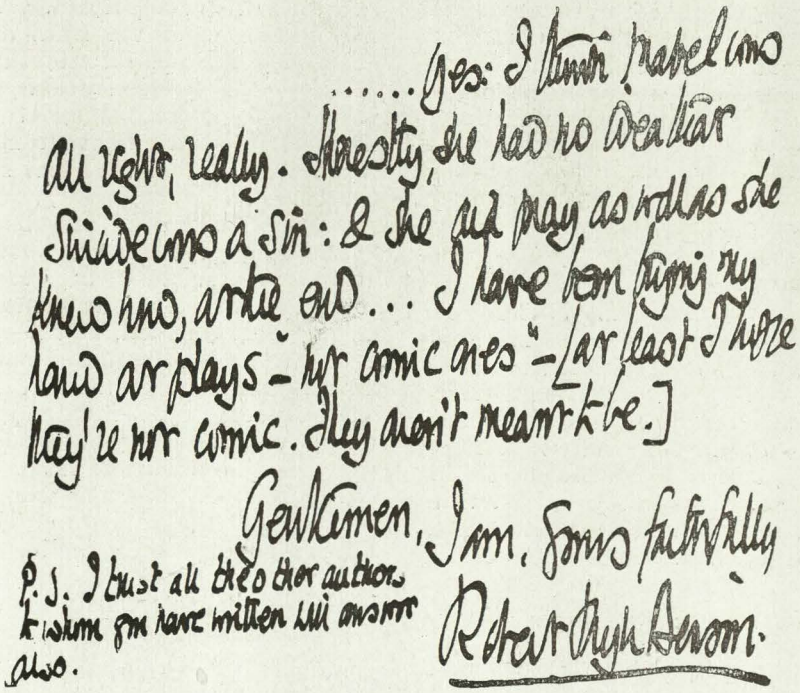
Rev. Sir,—One improvement might be made with regard to the closing sentence of " The King's Achievement." You say the dying words of Ralph Torridon were: " My Lord." Well, these words are a trifle ambiguous. I presume they refer to Cromwell, and that they mean Ralph, even at his death, was more faithful 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 God "—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 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.)

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 (Sub-senior).

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


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Gentlemen, I am, Yours faithfully
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I wish you have written will answer
also.
Robert Hugh Benson.

Facsimile of part of Father Benson's Letter.

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 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 postscript 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.

Our New Physical Laboratory.

IN our last issue some account was promised of the new Physics Laboratory, which, though as yet far from being fully equipped, has just been fitted up at considerable expense.

On our return from the midwinter holidays last year the news quickly spread that a small laboratory for physics was to be added to the College, and equipped in an up-to-date manner.

One reason of this was the ever-increasing demand of modern methods of education that a good grounding in experimental science should be given in the secondary schools, not only for the great advantage of such a training in itself, but also to fit the students for the more advanced work to be encountered on entering the University. Professor Pollock (Sydney University) showed the most kindly interest in our modest attempt, and, as well as his senior Demonstrator, Mr. Vonwiller, B.Sc., gave us much valuable advice as to fittings and instruments, and went to considerable trouble besides, in preparing lists of the latter. Our sincerest thanks are due to them for all their kind help.

Our thanks are due also in a special manner to Father Henry Gill, S.J., who visited the various instrument makers in London, and made the final selection. Towards October, Brother Girschik was hard at work preparing the room. He has now completed it in his usual splendid style, and it is owing mainly to his great taste and persevering toil that we have so inviting a place to work in for our Practical Physics. He made, erected, and varnished the six instrument-presses, and the ten experimental tables. Especially worthy of notice is the fine lecture table and blackboard, which he built at the western end. To the lecture table are laid on water, gas, electricity, and vacuum (water-pump).

And now as to the instruments. It is impossible in the short space at our disposal to give more than a brief description of the more important. Though the instruments cover the chief departments of physics, still special attention has been given to the electricity and magnetism, owing to the current being available from the College electric-light circuit.

Chief of note in the Heat section is a Glazebrook's calorimeter, with which some very good work may be done; and a Dines' hygrometer, for obtaining the amount of moisture in the air. Of course, with all these instruments thermometers must be used, and a good supply of them has been obtained—some of which have a certificate of their accuracy from Kew Observatory. Maximum and minimum, wet and dry-bulb thermometers were also obtained, the latter being used in connection with our meteorological station, of which more anon. There is also Puluz's apparatus for finding the mechanical equivalent of heat, as well as a Joule's calorimeter, and a good hypsometer.

To obtain the well-known sound figures of Chladni a set of plates was obtained, which give some very beautiful tracings of varied form.

A monochord demonstrates the laws of strings under tension, and sometimes a venturesome III. Grammarian may be observed giving the string a furtive twang. A Savarts' wheel illustrates the wave theory of sound, for which purpose there are also several tuning forks.

In the Light section a fine spectrometer, by Hilger, and also a student's direct-vision spectroscope, first attract our at-

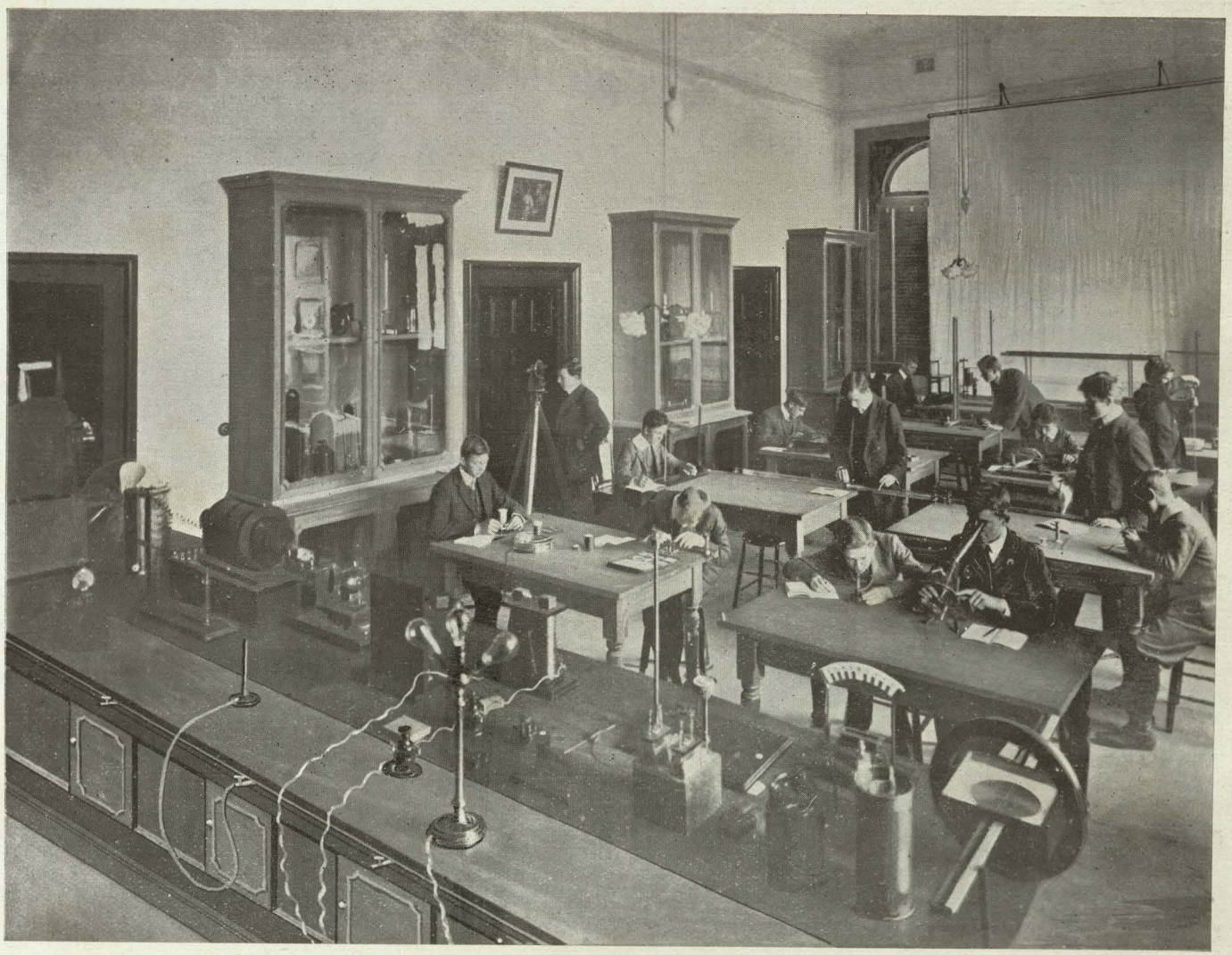


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tention. These do not give a normal spectrum, and to secure a means of obtaining this, a diffraction grating (replica) was ordered.

The laboratory possesses optical and science lanterns, illuminated by arc-light, and we are looking forward to some interesting demonstrations in the future. The screen for use with them was erected recently. An optical bench has been fitted up with sets of mirrors, lenses, and necessary accessories, to demonstrate the primary laws of light propagation, for photometry, etc. A Norremberg's polariscope gives one an opportunity to study the beautiful phenomena of polarised light.

To view the marvellous formations of crystals and the tiny diatoms, two microscopes are placed at the students' disposal. One is a binocular, and is available for petrological work, being fitted with polarising apparatus, etc.

Several galvanometers were ordered, the best of them being the D'Arsonval. This instrument is so sensitive that the tiny current generated by placing a steel nib and copper wire in contact on the tongue, passed through 10,000 ohms, produces a violent deflection. It is used with a mirror and beam of light reflected on a scale, so that the oscillations of the coil can be shown to a room-full of people at once. Amongst them is also the classic instrument of Nobili, as well as two designed for students' use. These last are very sensitive and handy to work with, and when their cost is taken into consideration, really splendid instruments.

Another very useful instrument is a combined tangent galvanometer and deflection magnetometer. By sliding off the circular coil, the instrument is converted into a very serviceable "end-on" magnetometer. A demonstration galvan-

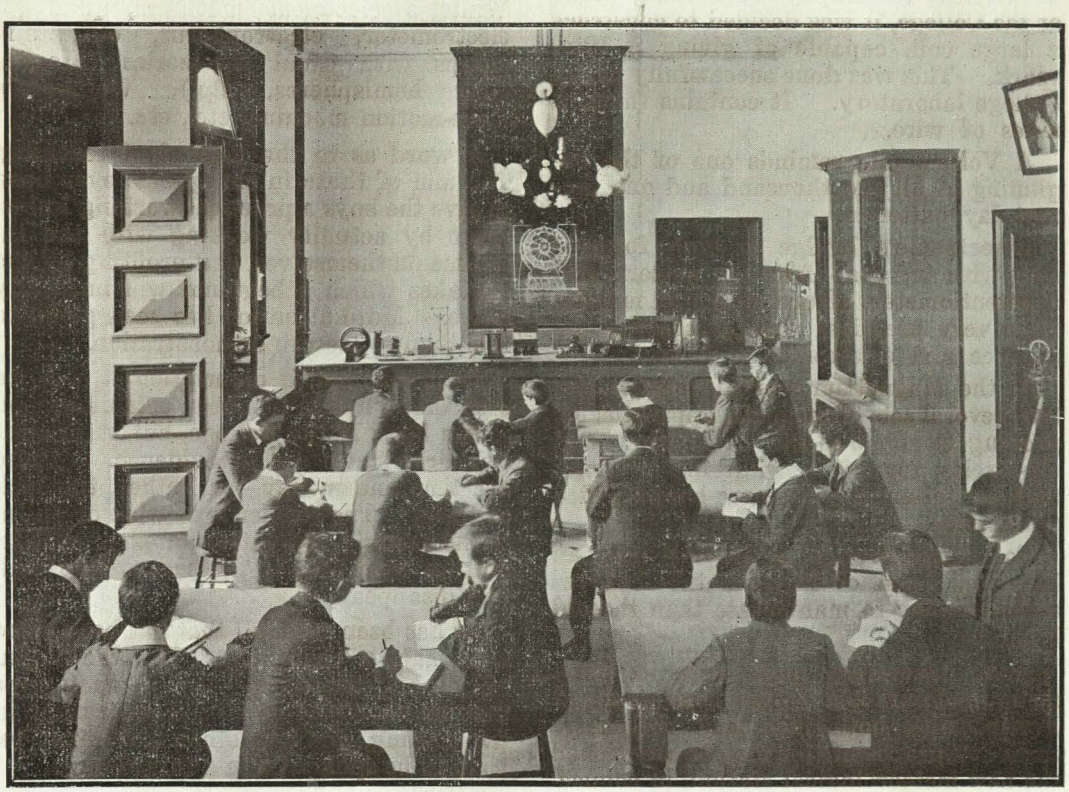


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ometer, with a large vertical scale, is also a useful instrument on the lecture table.

For high-potential work there are two induction coils, and various forms of vacuum tubes, Cathode and X-ray tubes, in addition to the usual Geisslers. Some of these work very well from even the smaller coil.

Some years ago, when some experiments in wireless telegraphy were being made at the College, it was decided to construct a large coil, capable of giving a 10in. spark. This was done successfully in the College laboratory. It contains thirteen miles of wire.

A Volta's pile reminds one of the beginning of all the thousand and one present-day batteries.

Wheatstone's bridge in both forms—slide-wire and post-office-box pattern, and a potentiometer, afford means of making some very practical measurements in resistance and electromotive force.

In the Magnetism section, magnetometers, several sets of magnets, apparatus for proving Coulomb's law, declination and dip-circles, form so bewildering an array that our faltering pen scarce knows which to describe.

For demonstration of Boyle's law, an improved form of Boyle's tube proves much handier to manipulate than the old J pattern.

Every laboratory must have its barometer, and ours is a ½-inch bore standard Fortin, with both inch and millimetre scale. Apropos of this may be mentioned the new meteorological station, in connection with which, observations are taken three times a day—the 9 a.m. readings being posted up, and a synopsis of the weather conditions at that time being issued.

As this does not pretend to be a complete list, space does not permit of more than a passing mention of the ordinary instruments for measuring mass, length, volume, etc.—balances, vernier slide-callipers, micrometer screw gauge, spherometers, etc., as well as Ramsden's, and Winter's electrical machines, quadrant electrometer, electrophorus, etc., air-pumps with usual accessories (Magdeburg hemispheres, etc.), Weinhold's wave-motion machine, etc., etc.

A word as to the method of teaching. The aim of those in charge has ever been to give the boys a practical working knowledge by actually working with the instruments themselves, and profiting by the mistakes which a beginner will naturally make. More attention has been given to this than to lecture demonstration.

From the above description it will be seen that Physics has been established on a firm basis at the College, but at present two drawbacks are in evidence. These are time and money—or rather, the lack of them. The former is capable of an internal remedy, the latter an external one, and we trust that in the near future both will disappear.

As has been said, all that has been done is to make a beginning. If "the beginning is half the work," then we may hope that we have half of a good laboratory in the making, and the other half must remain to be spoken of in a future issue.

A. GARDNER (Sub-Senior Class).

VIOLET OR TRIOLET?

You ask me for a violet
Of verse? Alas! it is a trouble
For me to make up rhymes, and yet
You ask me for a violet.

As well go seek your purple pet
All glowing shy amid the stubble.
You ask me for a violet
Of verse. Alas! it *is* a trouble!

E.D.

RELIGION AND ART.

BY JOHN PLUMMER.

SITTING in my quiet study overlooking the beautiful Lane Cove River, I frequently dream of the exquisite enjoyment afforded me by an inspection of some of the art treasures in which European cathedrals, churches, convents, and other ecclesiastical buildings, are so rich; and it was during a visit to Antwerp, which yet retains many of its old picturesque features, that I became impressed with the fact that the influence of Religion on Art was deeper and far more enduring than is generally supposed. The Church was for many generations the foster-mother of Art, and assisted in inspiring not a few of the noblest productions of the painter and the sculptor. It was in the Cathedral at Antwerp that I beheld with rapt admiration Ruben's world-famous masterpiece, "The Descent from the Cross," which engravings and photographs have made familiar throughout the civilised world. It is a grand, awe-inspiring work of art, breathing the highest spirit of spiritual devotion. Here, also, in another portion of the Cathedral, was the same artist's equally renowned "Elevation of the Cross;" while above the high altar, which literally blazed with its gorgeous profusion of gems and precious metals, was a third fine painting, representing "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin." These, however, formed but a part of the art-wealth of the Cathedral. The various chapels had their walls covered with paintings by Rubens and other eminent artists, as were those of many other portions of the sacred building, the estimated value of the collection being considerably over a million sterling. Yet the pictures in the Cathedral represented only an infinitesimal portion of the thousands of beautiful works of art yet to be found in Continental Cathedrals, and other religious buildings, despite the wholesale destruction effected during times of war and revolutions, which also left its mark on many of the older British churches.

For generations Antwerp shared with Rome the honour of encouraging Art in its highest and noblest forms, each entertaining an earnest desire to make Art the handmaid of Religion. Thus, it is that so many of the churches and religious houses in Continental countries still possess myriads of paintings displaying a marvellous wealth of creative power and imagination, combined with deep religious fervour. "The Madonna and Infant Jesus" was a favourite subject with the early painters, especially Raphael Santi, who invariably concentrated his genius in endeavouring to pourtray the perfection of Divine Motherhood, as shown in his "Madonna de Granduca." Most of his finest productions are to be found in Italy. Amongst Raphael's contemporaries was Andrea del Sarto, who painted for the Franciscan convent in France the "Madonna delle Arpie," representing the Blessed Virgin standing on a pedestal, holding the Infant Jesus on her right arm, and a book with her left; Saint Francis of Assisi standing to her right, and Saint John to her left. It was subsequently purchased by Prince Ferdinand de Medici, who presented the convent with a replica by Francis Petrucci. Another painting, "The Coronation of Our Lady," by Fra Angelico, is famous for the richness of its composition, colouring, and, above all, for the variety of the heads and expression

in the faces. The angels are particularly beautiful. I have selected these three as affording some idea, however feeble, of the general character of the works of art executed under religious inspiration. Few Australians visiting Europe have the faintest notion of the enormous wealth of art contained in the various ecclesiastical edifices on which they rarely bestow more than a passing glance.

The contrast between Art as the handmaid of Religion, and as divorced from it, is significantly illustrated in the Art Galleries of Holland and Belgium, where Teniers, with his marvellous illustrations of Dutch peasant life and drinking scenes, takes the place of the great masters of Italian and Flemish art. There is little that is inspiring or productive of elevated sentiments in much of the work of the modern Dutch and other schools, although there are indications of a partial reaction. I well remember how, after spending a day in visiting Notre Dame and other churches in Paris, and inspecting the many fine paintings in the chapels and the main portions of the sacred buildings, I made a trip to Versailles, where I speedily found myself in the "Hall of Battles," representing scenes of war from the time of Clovis to the present day. It was one long panorama of slaughter and ruthless destruction, illustrating the worst passions of human nature. There was nothing elevating, nothing appealing to man's higher instincts. In the Louvre there are numerous paintings, secured principally during the wars of Napoleon, from Continental churches, but their intended effect is largely neutralised by the presence of mythological pictures, in which scantiness of costume appears to be the main feature. Yet more marked is the contrast between Religious and Profane Art afforded by the annual exhibitions of the Paris Salon and kindred institutions. Occasionally there are a few pictures breathing a high devotional sentiment, such as Millet's famous masterpiece, "The Angelus," but these constitute the exceptions among a mass of representations of the nude, and uninspiring phases of every-day life. The highest forms of pictorial art have become almost non-existent, and the ambition of the modern painter appears to consist in producing pictures for the decoration of drawing-rooms and private galleries, rather than in the creation of works embodying the imaginative element in its most exalted development.

A TANDEM LYRIC.*

His steeds sipped the dew of the morning;
Sapphires and rubies their food.
Their tails were their only adorning;
Not earthly, nor mortal, their mood.

I am told there is danger in playing,
And my ribs are so many, no more,
That football is rude and dismaying;
But here goes, I'll sing you the score.

Eight to nil was the score against Grammar;
Against Grammar of Shore it was none;
Six to three was the score against Joseph's,
And ten 'twas against Newington.

(King's is not mentioned for reasons
Our record does not dwell upon.)

The fire of their eyes and the fury
As they lashed past the moon with their tails,
Would dazzle the judge and the jury
Of races in all New South Wales.

Thus these steeds reached their stables of amber
Stabled on top of the ice
With the sun and the south pole all shining
In rainbow hues vivid and nice.

So boys don't forget but remember:
The issue hangs doubtful to win.
We hope we may win by September,
Or lose it, keep honour, and grin.

Here's health to the steeds of the morning,
Here's health to the brave and the true,
Whether galloping free in the star land,
Or fighting for old Riverview.

The echoing chime of their neighing
Is the music far off of the spheres.
I am sorry to keep you delaying,
So please let us swig off our beers.

COOED.

*The writer of these lines has assured the Editor that is from no desire to be as incoherent as possible, that he has linked the light steeds of air and the grosser deeds of earth in these verses. It is rather a serious attempt to follow Matthew Arnold who suggests in a certain well-known preface on poetry that it is "salutary, very salutary" to place side by side stanzas of Shelley's Prometheus and Burns' Tam Glen.

Father Dalton Memorial Chapel.

Under the energetic leadership of Mr. T. J. Dalton, our Papal Knight and Chairman of the Building Committee, the Dalton Memorial Chapel is now well under way. Indeed, the first certificate for £250 has already been paid to the contractor. The plans worked out by Architect J. T. McCarthy have met with the warmest approval, and the building will be one of the great ornaments of Riverview, in addition to being a perpetual memorial of the generous loyalty of the College Old Boys and their friends. The contractor is Mr. Travis, and the contract price £2600, of which sum the Committee has already secured about £1400. The following are the names of the Old Boys who signed the contract:—T. J. Dalton, Esq., K.C.S.G. (Chairman of Trustees), 115 Pitt-street, Sydney; B. A. McBride, President of Old Boys' Union, 117 Pitt-street, Sydney; G. E. Flannery, LL.B., Wigram Chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney; W. T. Coyle, B.L., Selbourne Chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney; P. J. O'Donnell, City Mutual Chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney. It is expected that the Chapel will be completed in December, and, as the Chairman declared, voicing, we believe, the fervent aspiration of every former student, that the edifice should be opened free of debt. It behoves all the Old Boys and friends of St. Ignatius' to lose no time in forwarding their subscription to any of the above Trustees. Any donations sent to the Rector, St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, will be acknowledged by him and passed on to the Trustees.

A.M.D.G.

OUR SODALITIES.

SODALITY OF OUR LADY.

President: REV. J. HASSET, S. J.
Prefect: VINCENT CONLON.
Council: A. COX, C. BURFITT, C. VEECH, J. McCARTHY, F. FANNING.

The New Year brought several changes. Towards the end of February a general election was held with the above result. The retiring prefect, P. Kelly was accorded a vote of thanks for the good work he had done during his term of office. The best wishes of the Sodality accompany him to St. John's, where he has gone to study medicine. In order to make candidates realise the importance attached to membership of the Sodality, they are not allowed to attend the ordinary weekly lectures for members, but a special one given for them once a month.

In the election held towards the end of the term, the following three out of ten candidates were admitted:—W. Macdonald, A. Malone and E. Leneham (whose father was one of the first members of the Sodality in Riverview.) V. CONLON.

SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

President: REV. E. MACKEY, S.J.
Prefect: BASIL BRYANT.
Council: S. McDONNEL, A. NICHOLS, .R MACKEN.

It is with regret we chronicle the loss of our late President, Mr. Byrne, S.J., who for the last five years has looked after the interests of the Sodality with no ordinary enthusiasm. We desire to express our gratitude to him for all his interest in us and wish him every success in his theological studies in Ireland, whither he has lately gone. We hope to see him back in Riverview after his ordination.

Four candidates were received by Rev. Fr. Rector before Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi; their names are: Austin Gardner, Arthur Barraclough, Evelyn Keenan, Francis McArdle.

B. BRYANT.



IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

NATURE ! To the poet and artist familiar, but to the plodding student and musty bookworm thine existence, though manifest, is unknown. Nature ! Earth, sky, and water, shifted into an ever-changing variety of scenes upon the stage of reality, are thine elements. Nature ! Surpassing fair is thy beauty, ennobling thy company, so sings the poet, and he sings correctly.

Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as is the lily of the field; such was the praise wrung from the lips of the Great Artist, when speaking of what was but a weed in the plains of Sharon. Need an argument be formulated to prove how much more deserving of admiration is Nature, when robed in fuller majesty!

The morning star, trembling in its silvery beauty as it rises from out the eastern wave, followed by a blazing sunrise, shattered into scarlet shafts by yonder group of palms; the sea, with its eternal sensation of ever tameless power, lapping lazily in rippling wavelets along the table-shore, or advancing in thundering cataracts to be dashed into creamy sweeps of down-streaming foam; the blue walls of mountain range, now soaring into peaks and pinnacles that stand out in bold relief against a clear quiet sky, now sweeping into sequestered valleys, that rise only to be lost in the haze and heat mists of the day; all these cannot fail to awaken admiration even in the uncouth and uncultured.

Pardon, gentle reader, for what might have proved a digression, did it not serve as a prelude. Blue Mountain scenery is our subject.

A PAINTING.

It was a painting that first introduced me to it. In the foreground rose two massive walls of cliff, chiselled by time into forms and colours fantastic. A few broken boulders lay strewn in confusion between, while here and there, from impossible nooks and crevices, a solitary gum spread its boughs athwart the sky. Like a storm gathering on the sea-coast, a blue haze came drifting in the distance, through which gleamed a soft mellow light that announced immediate sunrise. A living picture it was if you will, but on canvas.

The scene must have impressed itself very legibly on the sensitive plate of my imagination, for all that night I seemed to sleep in the open, somewhere in the vicinity of Katoomba. Only two days had slipped by when a friend suggested a visit to Wentworth Falls, the nearest Blue Mountain resort. To one so pleased with the imitation, a chance of seeing the reality was doubly welcome. Katoomba ! The word sounded poetic, but in the circumstances even a flying visit was out of the question. There was no choice, Katoomba must yield in favour of Wentworth Falls.

WENTWORTH FALLS.

It was Thursday. Saturday found us standing on Prince's Rock, the chief "look out" of the Falls. It is nothing more than a broken ledge jutting out from a rocky eminence, and sculptured by age into irregular smoothness. Some charitable hand has fixed an iron hand-rail around, so that visitors may approach



WENTWORTH FALLS—BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Through inability to obtain a photo of the Falls taken from Prince's Rock, we reproduce the above as bearing a striking resemblance to it in many respects.

without fear, to enjoy what was before, if not impossible, at least dangerous in the extreme.

Prince's Rock presents a scene, both of gigantic impressiveness and artistic beauty. Right in front rises a sudden cliff from out the evergreens, which, after assuming massive proportions, takes a deliberate curve to the left, runs parallel for a moment, then vanishes in a hollow sweep beneath your feet. From out this yawning chasm, and opening up as it advances, stretches a vast extent of mountainous bush country, which rises and falls in undulating symmetry till no longer discernible from the overhanging blue haze that envelops it. Here, be it said, that the characteristic feature from which these Mountains derive their name is the blue haze referred to. This it is that proves an unfailing inspirer to the Blue Mountain artist; this it is that lends tone and colour to Blue Mountain scenery.

Gigantic and artistic ! Such has been termed, and rightly, what opens up before the visitor standing on Prince's Rock. Gigantic is the four hundred feet of rock on which you stand : gigantic are the opposing cliffs, which, after a fall of six hundred feet, pause for an instant in a level space below that twists around to the right, then suddenly drop down another six hundred into the unfathomable glade beneath. Had not Nature stepped in and clad the terrible in the beautiful, such a sight might have given birth to unhealthy reflections on morbid possibilities; but here, art and art alone reigned supreme.

Artistic was the infrangible barrier "en face," inlaid with a blending of colour where cloven in crystalline precision, or mouldering in weedy ruin where inferior strata had yielded to the test of time. Artistic was the noiseless waterfall that tumbled over in rippling cascades of thinnest lawn. Over the cliffs it leaped in curving lengths of slender gauze that, against a background of emerald herbage, broke into flickering flames of puce and gold.

It is midday, and a shadow has stolen across, dividing it into sections of some three hundred feet: from off the upper, peal sparkling threads of spray, which issue forth from shade again in dazzling brightness to work a change undreamt of. A single touch of Nature's magic wand has been sufficient. The cool, loose shingle that lay strewn below is no longer. A tiny beach of golden pebbles now glistens through the falling splendour. Were this all, the scene could scarcely be denied the epithet of "pretty," but something yet more sublime remains untold.

We alter our position. The setting remains the same, but the effect is different.

The noonday sun now smelted into white heat, came slanting down against the shimmering lengths of veil, which, as if blown and shaken by a magician, fell in graceful folds shot with pink and orange. The mountain creek above sliding between mossy banks, or winding in and out through ferns and cresses, came gliding on. Silently and noiselessly it streamed over the smooth surface of impending rock, to fall in curving lengths of spray, that were wrought into swaying curtains and waving veils, of texture more elaborate than any ever borne over the blue waters of the Mediterranean by Persian or Arabian trader. Weaving had I seen, but never on a scale so exquisite as this.

Nature herself seemd to stand and gaze in wonder on her own handiwork. No murmuring streams, no creaking woods, encroached upon the sacred stillness of the place. Quiet, a sort of audible quietness seemed to seize one's very being and hold it spell-bound, for a time. It was then that the savage wildness of eternal bushland, it was then that the richly-woven fabric of falling water defying description, it was then that the multitudinous array of clouds marshalled in ranks across the clear transparency of heaven, waxed eloquent, and held a secret commune with the soul within. Nature ! Surpassing fair is thy beauty, ennobling thy company, so sings the poet, and he sings correctly.

Further down was the Valley of the Waters. We passed by its seven falls, not without feelings in sympathy with its

loneliness, and a certain sense of child-like delight at the mad rush of cataract after cataract, so different from anything experienced above. Nothing here was characteristic of Australian scenery, save the usual impression of immensity. The unbroken arches of water that tumbled over in pure polished velocity into surging sweeps of foam, might have been elsewhere, but the slender curving coloured gauze of Prince's Rock was unique.

Six hundred feet—according to my companion's estimation—did it fall with an elegance well befitting the theatre of God: in sprinkling spray it came showering over the rounded surface of rock below, to be gathered together again for a similar fall of equal grace and height. Here, day by day, Nature was silently enacting her world-old drama at the beck of the Sovereign Artist, and to an audience, that came not for the moral that peeped through every tint and colour, but to while away their leisure hours in idle conversation. How different with those drawn by a sense of delicacy towards Nature herself. For such, the present scene was a reflection of the hand that fashioned it. The massive walls of cliff hacked and mangled in the battle of time, the noiseless leap of coloured spray, splendid like the curtains of God's tabernacle, the marshalled glory of heaven, the breathless attention of earth, all bespoke testimony to the beauty of the Creator. If this world where Thou dwellest only by thy co-operation be so fair, how much more the other, where Thou art revealed in the full blaze of thy majesty.

Such was my first experience of Australian scenery, and such the thoughts awakened by its effects. Reluctantly did we drag ourselves away to catch the evening train for Sydney, well pleased with a day, that afforded us an introduction and a welcome from Nature herself to her realms of the Southern Pacific.

E.D.M.

A Ballad of Woe and Weal.

Class here,
Study there,
No beer,
Skittles rare.

Going home,
Shan't stay!
Coming back;
Didn't pay.

Telephone:—
"Teeth loose,"
With a groan.
(No use!)

"Homesick,
Wire reply."

Reply quick:—
"Don't die."

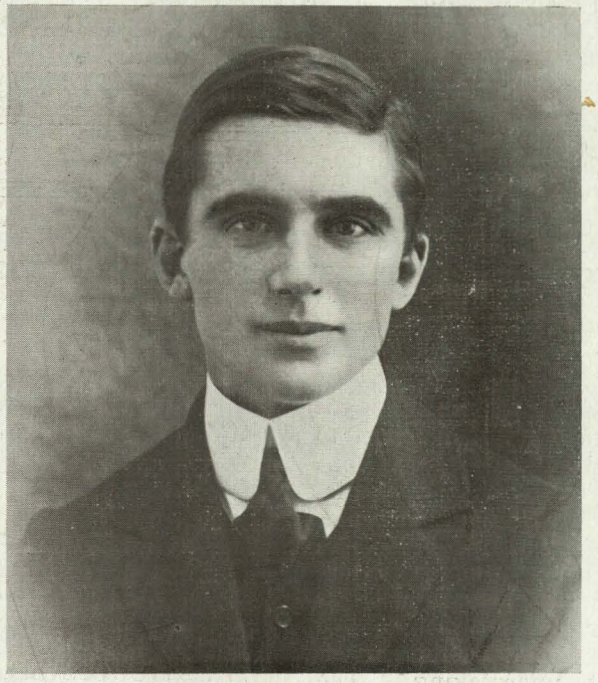
Hard hearts!
Up a tree!
Tough tarts!
Dear me!

Cream puff;
Not bad.
Plum duff—
Now glad.

Good-bye.
Leave school?
Not I;
No fool.

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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.



KEVIN J. RYAN.

JUNIOR RESULTS, AUGUST 6TH, 1908.

GEOMETRY—First Place and Medal
ALGEBRA—*Proxime accessit* to First Place } KEVIN JOSEPH RYAN.

KEVIN J. RYAN obtained six A's and one B.
ARTHUR KELLY obtained five A's and two B's.

	English.	French.	Latin.	Greek.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	
RYAN, K. J., N.S.W.	A	A	A	B	A	A(prox. acc.)	A (Medal)	M
KELLY, A. N.S.W....	A	A	B	B	A	A	A	M
DEERY, J., N.S.W...	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	M
DALTON, G., N.S.W.	B	C	C	C	C	B	B	
KELLY, W., N.S.W.	B	B	C	not presented	C	B	C	
MURPHY, J., Q.	B			not presented	C	B	C	
DALTON, J., N.S.W.	C	C	C				B	

1252 candidates from schools in New South Wales and Queensland presented themselves for the Junior Public Examinations in June, 1908. 914 (73 *per cent.*) have passed, and 130 (10⅓ per cent.) have qualified for Section A of Matriculation under the new regulations.

Out of the seven candidates from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, who passed, three qualified for Matriculation.

Senior Debating Club.

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

Committee: W. MACDONALD (Hon. Sec.), E. O'HALLORAN, L. QUIGLEY, V. CONLON, A. JOHNSTONE, and J. McCARTHY.

IT has ever been a task fraught with danger and toil, to wrench from the jealous clutch of the earth, the diamond so costly and rare. The effort to eliminate from our midst those orators whose eloquence might be invulnerable even before the professorial gaze, if not a dangerous, proved a difficult, undertaking. The united assaults of president and committee found it hard to undermine the native bashfulness of First Division. However, a party was soon found to uphold the question. An equally strong combination volunteered to oppose it.

The debate proved a thorough success. The speeches were all crisp—in most cases well known. The subject appealed to the whole assembly. The cross-questioning was brisk and sharp. The Celtic fire of the Premier blazed up before the cynical asperity of the Opposition. The Opposition found the naive sarcasm of a new member, Mr. Ralph Johnston, of great assistance. His witticism aroused the enthusiasm of all his hearers. The subject chosen—patriotic to the core—immensely furthered the success of the debate.

MOTION: "That the best interests of Australia urge a separation from England to secure her development on independent and patriotic lines."

GOVERNMENT.

Mr. O'HALLORAN, Premier.
Mr. A. JOHNSTONE, Honourable Treasurer.
Mr. QUIGLEY, Minister for Mines.
Mr. McCARTHY, Minister for Justice.
Mr. MALONE, Minister for Lands.
Mr. B. JOHNSTONE, Postmaster-General.

OPPOSITION.

Mr. MACDONALD, Leader.
Mr. CONLON (Clarence).
Mr. O. R. F. JOHNSTON (Richmond).
Mr. DEERY (North Sydney).
Mr. FANNING (Grafton).
Mr. ALLAN (Randwick).

The PREMIER (Mr. O'Halloran) began with a fine patriotic invective against the folly of Australia submitting to the octopus grip of England. He maintained that our vast country could easily form a confederation; and that the long sweep of ocean, which separates the land of St. George and the Southern Cross, would spell success for us. America, he declared, should teach us a sublime lesson—namely, that freedom, independence, and patriotism are the most precious gems a nation should treasure. Mr. O'Halloran demonstrated Australia's ability to withstand the oncoming British squadrons, by taking a parallel example. "America resisted the red-coat thirsting for revenge," stated the Premier; "therefore, why not we?" Other nations helped America, and they will also help us. He

next dilated on Britain's inability to defend us. The swarthy Jap, the ruthless Russian, or the fierce German could sink our miserable gunboats with a few shells, and then crush Australia in a deadly grasp. After deprecating the Opposition for clinging to the silken cord of friendship, he advised them to uphold their rights, and fight like the miners of "Eureka Stockade." The happy results of separation would be an increase of wealth, power, and industry, whilst our sea-girt continent would rank among the nations of the world. In conclusion, the Premier drew a harrowing, if not imaginable, sketch of our heaven-endowed land of Australia wallowing in the mire of subserviency. Surely, we should not receive within our portals that knavish race clad in wolf's clothing and sucking away our very heart's blood.

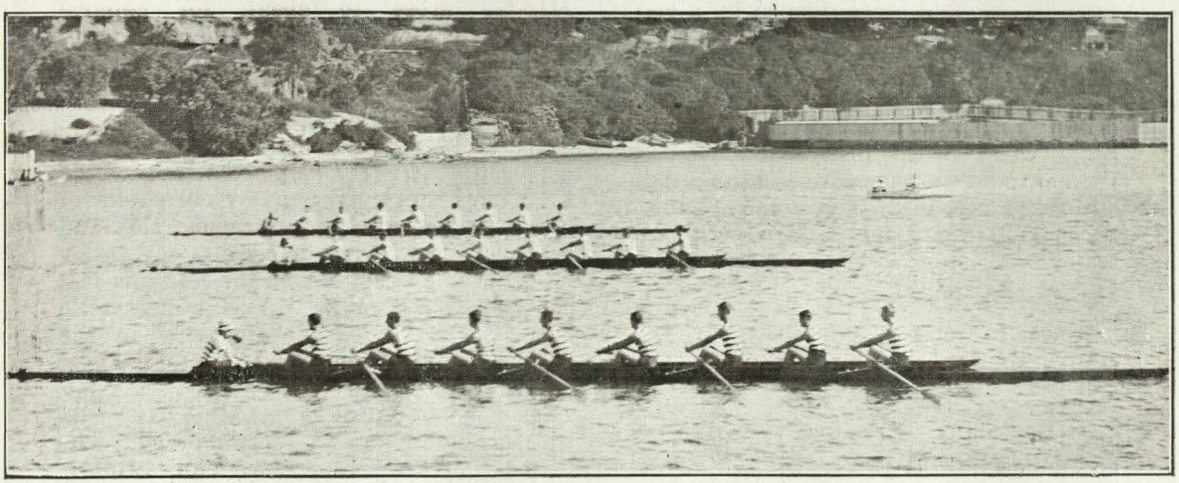
The Premier's speech was a brilliant flow of oratory, well known, and well delivered. It was not, however, devoid of anachronisms; nor was he altogether fair towards England. The orator should condemn where condemnation is really needed. The Premier was rather prejudiced, but otherwise his speech was good.

When the enthusiastic applause accorded his appearance had subsided, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition appealed to the national sentiments of his hearers. "Be they English, Irish, or Scotch," he said, "the question must have a vital interest for them to-day, as it will in years to come for their children's grandchildren."

His first argument against separation was based on the youth of Australia. He ridiculed the idea of a country so sparsely populated, so inefficiently equipped, opposing the native boomerang to the cannon ball; and trying to stay the landing of a fleet, with a few aboriginal shallops.

His next argument was that England had not been cruel to us; on the contrary, he asserted that she was most lenient in her administration. The Hon. gentleman evinced an absolute horror of war, and its bloody potentialities. He compared the expenses under which Australia now labours, and those of Germany, and referred to America's ripeness for revolt, and Australia's unpreparedness for such a crisis.

The weapon of ridicule is a good one, when that of argument fails; and no doubt the Hon. member felt gratified when his strictures on maddened Fenians, and his medley of misappropriate epithets evoked the applause of his less-thinking audience.



Regatta Day. 1908.—Start of the Senior Eights (open).

Starters: Mercantile (in front), Leichhardt, University, and Glebe (not in picture).

But ignorance is, after all, but a poor foundation for fact, and the evident misapprehension under which he laboured in the field of Irish politics served to throw into greater relief the weakness of his thrusts, and his lack of skill in parry.

The Hon. Leader concluded his opening speech by imploring all his audience to be sensible Australians, not maddened Fenians, and be true to England, for, quoted the hon. gentleman:—

> The stars of heaven are free, because
> In amplitude of liberty
> Their joy is to obey the laws.

His speech was a forcible one, and full of animation. The arguments were well thought out, and strengthened by a confident air of conviction.

The HON. TREASURER made Australia's distance from England the basis of his speech. In her present state, she could easily furnish an efficient army. In years to come she will have to meet the onset of a coloured race, if she is content to bask in the sunshine of ease. Australia's mines, crops, etc., yield her a harvest of wealth.

America's success should stir us on to action. Her population was small. Her resources undeveloped. This is not the case in Australia. It is a favourable omen for future success. If we wish to become great and powerful like America, the way to do so is by asserting our freedom.

Ancient nations resisted the Romans, as we must resist England.

Mr. CONLON (Clarence).—The member for Clarence unfurled to our gaze an ideal Australian landscape. Plenty and wealth on all sides; suddenly the owner sees a cloud on the horizon. It foretells bloodshed, misery, and war. But afar off he espies a shining star—the British constellation. He is comforted, and resolves to support dependence on England.

He predicted a Japanese invasion, and spoke of America's energy. While politicians out here delay to build the North Coast railway, and thus open up our resources, in America they bustle about, and are advancing with gigantic strides.

He spoke of Australia's unpreparedness, her poor resources, and the desolation which would accrue from separation. England would force us to submit, and then treat us as she treats Ireland. Our national debt is large enough now. A war would increase it. Our army is composed of raw recruits, unused to bloodshed or the horrors of war. Their condition is deplorable, as Major-General Hoad reports. This should teach us the folly of separation.

When the Member for Clarence had resumed his seat, the MINISTER for MINES arose to speak for separation. Men and nations, he said, are held together by similar privileges and equal protection. We are inclined to doubt this statement, however. He censured England for imposing unnecessary Governors and taxes upon us; for which in reward we receive a few old shells of boats, harmless in the extreme. England can even recall these miserable old tubs, and leave us stranded, as the Romans left the Britains of old. With a prophetic eye, our A Division orator saw in the future England degraded, Australia cast off and bartered by the nations, with her heart's blood sucked out in taxes. Be up and fight like men, he exclaimed. The Opposition are like Rip Van Winkle. Their speeches might do for fifty years ago. Let them awake to the year 1908, and its attendant prosperity. He spoke of our great wealth, our military abilities, and the pity to see such an avalanche of wealth pouring into England. We want protection. With it will come millionaires, riches, and prosperity. As long as we are unprotected they can have no security. We want machinery to increase our wealth. But England is our cruel Fate. She bars our trade, stifles our cities, and turns from our shores the gleaming dollar. Cut the cord that binds us to England, and, like a cork, we shall rise to the top. The hon. gentleman now grew rhetorical, inveighed against the Opposition, and declared the Government were not jelly blubbers. He stormed at

his opponents for their cowardice, and advised them to clear out from Australia. Finally, with a last burst of enthusiasm, he told us the clouds were passing, the sun of liberty was rising, and the mist of Dependence was dissolving before its rays.

This speech was a particularly good one. It appealed to all hearers. The fact that he didn't confine himself too closely to his written text, proves he would shape better as an impromptu speaker.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Richmond, Opposition) enclosed his ideas in an imaginary letter sent by Australia to England. England opens it and reads: "We in Australia thank you for kindnesses received in the past. We desire separation. Could you lend us a million or two for Auld Lang Syne? We will still be friends. Our raw recruits you can crush with your might. Otherwise we might have treated you to a battle!" But England will take good care not to lose Australia. It is of great value to her. From our shores she can watch the Jap, and any little plan he may conceive.

He next showed Australia's inability to preserve her independence, granting that she gained it. She would be a prey to every rugged, hardened nation in the world. No navy is hers; no millions lie in her Treasury. When the great smash comes; when nations are at each other's throat, Australia will be nowhere.

With minute accuracy he showed what an enormous navy and army would be required to guard our coast-line of 8000 miles. But Australia's small population showed its impracticability. The Chinese are no mean foes. They could easily land over in the undefended West, and thus seize Australia. Our troops could not expel them. The march across the desert is impossible. Neither have we



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a navy to bear our troops to the seat of war. Those New South Wales politicians who talk of separation ought to visit the West, and see the difficulty of organizing a successful Australian defence scheme.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE grounded his plea for separation on the precedent of America's prosperity. Her bid for independence raised her from a condition similar to Australia's, to her present position in the progressive march of the world: a blessing which Australia, too, might expect by following her lead.

Venice, too, whilst independent, rose to the pinnacle of prosperity and power. But, when Napoleon appeared, her sun of wealth suffered an eclipse, as the darkness of dependence closed over her.

Japan and America will help us in our fight for independence. England cannot be for ever mistress of the sea. Arguing thus, he called on all to be patriots, and gain their freedom.

Mr. DEERY (North Sydney) urged the cause of the union by appealing to the kinship which binds Australia to the motherland. Such a kinship is too sacred to be broken. America is no parallel. She was being unjustly treated by England. Moreover, the Powers were then very weak, and her task was not fraught with such difficulty.

A rupture with England would mean Australia's ruin. Her commerce would be paralysed. The land would be drenched in blood. England would not lose Australia without a fight. Such a fight would result in victory for her.

So it would be foolish to separate at such an untimely moment as the present.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS formulated his ideas under three headings. First, he spoke of the ambition we Australians should have, to make this land of the Southern Cross our own. Endless blessings would follow—brisker would be the hum of our mills, keener the throng of our cities, gayer the life of the miner.

Secondly, he called attention to England's selfishness. Her coffers were glittering with the gold of her colonies. Her greed for wealth is equal to the small interest she takes in our welfare. We should act like America. Hardships and danger would confront us as they did the Americans, but we would triumph. Our ambition should be to rid Australia of dependence and taxes.

Thirdly, he called attention to the heartless conduct of our Governors. Their life is one of luxury and aggrandisement. Their interest in Australia is nil. We should not tolerate them, but should make this the fairest of England's possessions, free and untrammelled. With independence will come wealth, happiness, and freedom.

Mr. FANNING (Grafton) based his arguments mainly on the inability of Australia, as an independent nation, to support her rank. The official report of our army was most discouraging, he stated. At present we are drilled by English officers to a great degree. Our condition would be worse if their help was taken away.

The two great stumbling blocks to Australian independence are capital and energy. The latter may be dormant, but the former is certainly real. We are largely in debt, and most of our ammunition comes from England.

We need money and time to train an army and defend our coast. Finally, he stated that we needed a fleet to protect us against the yellow peril. Then, confident in the good sense of his hearers and the labours of his colleagues, he resumed his seat.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL supported his plea by the following assertions :—

First, Australia has a larger population than America had in 1776, when she declared her independence. With this population we could easily revolt. Our mines would give us endless supplies of coal. The warships that guard our coast are not fit to compete with a flotilla of Maori canoes.

Secondly, during war, her internal resources would prevent famine. Her wool,

grain, and frozen-meat exports are enormous. Let them cease, and England would be crippled. The P.M.G. here gave an example of Australia's industries. He spoke of the success the "Town Talk Boot Polish" has achieved. A better example might easily have been proferred.

Thirdly, he compared America and Canada. One—a free and independent country—has advanced with great strides, and owns a huge and mighty navy. The other—a British colony—is far behind the times, and far less prosperous than the United States. The P.M.G. alleged that taxes are ruining Australia. America is free from them, and this immunity is her chief cause of success. Let Australia throw aside the shackles of dependence, and she will rise wealthy and prosperous like America.

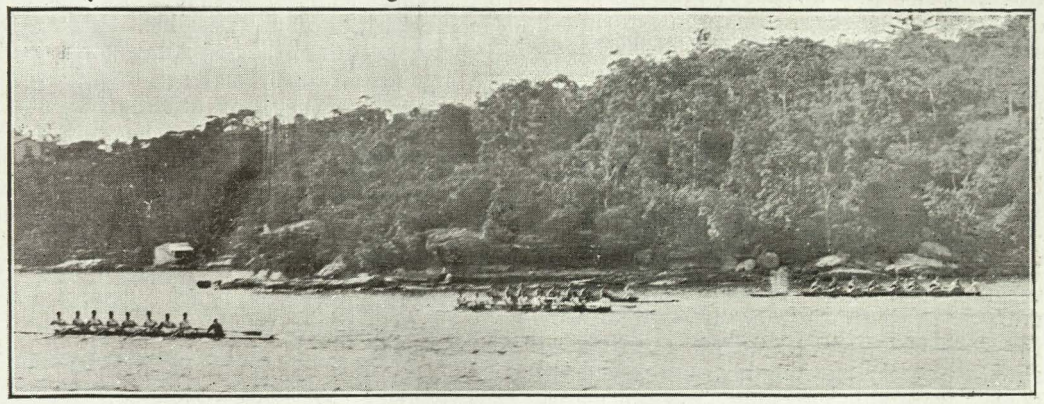
MR. ALLAN (Randwick) was the last to rise on behalf of the Opposition. He first advised us not to separate, lest England should withdraw her capital from Australia, and leave her stranded. Separation entails a large navy. But a navy is the growth of many years. At present we see politicians advocating a defence scheme. Yet all they have obtained are empty promises. Two hundred thousand pounds, which we pay to England in taxes every year, would not build a small warship.

The Yellow Peril must also warn us against separation. China and Japan can scarcely hold their millions. At the first opportunity they will swarm into Australia. Separation is the opportunity they await. They would expel the whites, and convert fair Australia into a den of vice.

Germany has an enormous fleet. But her coast line is very small. Her only object in amassing such a mighty navy is to found a large colonial empire. Separation would pave the way for a German seizure on Australia.

In concluding, the Member for Randwick told us to stick firm to England. She is in sympathy with us, and of the same flesh and blood. Separation is a nice name, but it will confer no other benefit on Australia.

When called upon to make his final effort, the LEADER of the OPPOSITION rose not only to crystallise the arguments of his side, but also to point out the failings and "brand the sophistry" of his opponents. He began with the Premier. He told him that a just cause is not won by heated bursts of imagination; nor could his Irish eloquence blind his hearers to the fact that England has a glorious record, omitting her treatment of Ireland. The Hon. Leader of the Opposition seemed to think that all the Premier's arguments were but happy delusions. He had the kindness as well as the audacity to say that "The Premier's whole speech, in fact, was a fine oratorical display, whose greatest fault was that it disregarded the question at issue."



Regatta Day, 1908.—Senior Eights—off Mornington.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. A. M. Johnstone) was the next to suffer at the hands of the Hon. Leader. His speech contained a certain amount of ancient history which, so said the Hon. Leader, had nothing whatsoever to do with the matter in hand. "Perhaps the Government would like to separate from England, and take a trip down the ladder of prosperity just to see what misery and desolation were like," sarcastically remarked the Leader of the Opposition.

It would be superfluous to quote further remarks on the opposing speeches, for the worthy leader had a happy knack of turning everything said towards the advancement of his own side. Vain delusion! He also discovered that every member on the Government side spoke of America, and congratulated them on the harmony shown in a trivial matter. The hon. gentleman then rapidly touched on his previously mentioned arguments against separation.

In conclusion, he asked his listeners to be wise and not consider him unpatriotic. He thought the Government would do so. "I long," said he, "for Australia to be independent; but," he added, "we are sensible enough to see that it cannot be done at present. We advise you to wait for another century. If we revolted we should bitterly rue the day, and, when the enemy would be carrying fire and sword over the land, with Byron we should exclaim:

'Shall we, who struck the lion down,
Shall we
Pay the wolf homage?'"

The PREMIER now rose to deliver his final speech. He excused his own powers to convince, and declared the Opposition's lack of logic made up for that. Their overstrung sentimentalism, he declared, might be in harmony with the boudoir, but not with the patriotic club. He replied to the leader of the Opposition's cynical remarks about Ireland by reminding him that Scotland sold herself to England. The Premier emphatically condemned delay, and said we should break off from England at once. His criticism of the opposite leader's comparison between Australia's freedom and Niagara's untrammelled flow was good, but too far-fetched. He declared the Opposition had eloquently proved Germany's inferiority to England. Therefore, if we could beat back England, we would be able to resist Germany. The argument holds true, provided Australia can beat off England. But that is not too evident.

The Premier admired the member for Clarence's literary talents, and his powers as a landscape painter. But they made him blind to the fact that Australia must engage in war sooner or later, and then see her country drenched in blood.

The Premier next blamed the Member for Richmond for too much irony and sarcasm, and too few solid facts. His criticism is, however, unjust. The member for Richmond's speech showed the greatest judgment possible. He (the Premier) thought Australia could fight other nations, and disagreed on that point with the member for Richmond. The latter gentleman seems to be nearer the truth. The Hon. Premier emphatically denied England's justice to the Boers, and stated she was egged on by the diamond mines of Kimberley to wage such an unjust war against them. Liberty, he stated, is a priceless pearl. England has snatched it from the Boers.

He disagreed with the member for Grafton, who stated Australia had not the energy to organize an army, and severely reprimanded the member for North Sydney for his grandfatherly ideas about the silken cord of friendship.

The Premier now advised the House not to lie lazy in their dependent position, but to warm their patriotic feelings and arise to arms. We are as clever as the Americans, even in our dependent position. Therefore, we should be much more so when we have cast off the shackles of slavery. The latter part of his speech was a fine panegyric on liberty, freedom, and patriotism. After calling on Australians to rise and fight for freedom, he resumed his seat, midst loud cheering.

The verdict of the chair was a win for the Opposition by 10 points.

W. MACDONALD, Hon. Sec.

Great Public Schools' Championship.

Officials.

Committee—I. G. MACKAY, Esq.; B. A. McBRIDE, Esq.; BROTHER JOSEPH; W. H. SAVIGNY, Esq.

Umpire—N. J. McDONALD, Esq. Starter—J. McGREGOR, Esq.

Judge—J. DEGOTARDI, Esq. Timekeeper—W. KERR, Esq.

THE fifteenth annual contest for deciding the title of "Head of the River" took place as usual on the Parramatta on April 29th. Everything pointed to a splendid afternoon's sport. The weather conditions were perfect—a bright sunny day, a cloudless sky, and scarcely a breath of wind to ruffle the surface of the water. It was an ideal day for rowing. We had chartered the "Rose" to bring the school and its friends to watch the race. Besides a host of the friends of the present boys, quite a number of "Old Boys" mustered on board to support their old college. The Parramatta was alive with small craft flying the colours of the various schools, and large steamers carrying shiploads of enthusiastic friends and supporters of the respective crews.

On this occasion the struggle for supremacy surpassed any yet seen among the schools. The rowing all round was decidedly above the average, and a magnificent race ended with Church of England Grammar School leading by a third of a length Sydney Grammar School, who led St. Ignatius' College by the same distance; so that all three boats well overlapped one another at the finish. St. Joseph's College were a very good fourth, and for their second year's rowing showed capital form all through the race. We congratulate heartily Church of England Grammar School on their splendid and well-deserved win.

The race for Second Crews proved an exciting event also, especially in the last 50 yards, and resulted in a win for St. Ignatius' by two lengths from Sydney Grammar School. Church of England and St. Joseph's were well behind.

Particulars of the events (from the "Daily Telegraph") are as follows:—

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Major Rennie Trophy and Schools' Association Badge and Certificate. Distance, mile and a quarter.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School: C. M. Marsh, 10st. 6lb, bow; A. R. Hordern, 11.13; R. J. A. Massie, 13.8; C. H. Edwards, 10.1, stroke; F. H. Day, 5.7, cox. 1

Sydney Grammar School: S. R. Stafford, 10st. 6lb., bow; A. T. Woodruff, 11.7; J. C. Lamrock, 11.7; J. R. Garland, 11.3, stroke; J. T. Anderson, 5.2, cox. 2

St. Ignatius' College: J. Dalton, 10st. 10lb., bow; C. Veech, 11; J. Carlton, 12.12; B. Veech, 11, stroke; A. Kelly, 5.7, cox. 3

St. Joseph's College: P. Walsh, 10st. 4lb., bow; D. Poett, 11.4; J. Tracey, 12.12; S. Kelly, 12.11, stroke; T. Healy, 5.11, cox. 4

The boats were started from opposite Peter Kemp's boatshed. St. Joseph's were the speediest away, with St. Ignatius', who had the inside position and the better tide, next. Sydney Grammar School were last. Approaching the Gladesville Wharf, the Church of England crew had a slight advantage over St.

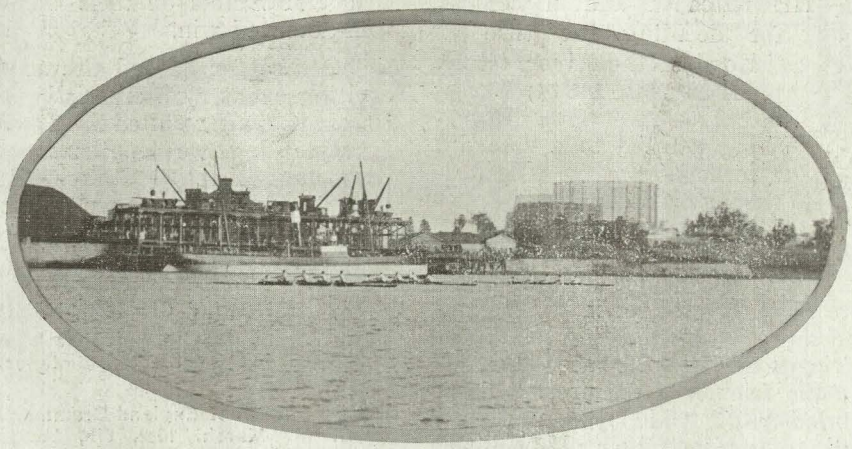
Ignatius', Sydney Grammar School being third, and St. Joseph's in the rear. The boats passed the wharf 1min. 40sec. after the start, and Sydney Grammar School had then jumped into second place, but were not steering too well. Cabarita was passed at 2min. 45sec., Church of England still in the lead, but the Sydney Grammar School boat gradually creeping up on them, and St. Ignatius' holding their own in a good third position, and with great possibilities ahead if they properly gauged the tide. St. Joseph's labored along behind, but were pulling well. Halfway to Mortlake St. Ignatius' appeared to shoot to the front, and they were leading at Tennyson, which was

Sydney Grammar School: C. R. Sheldon, 10st. 7lb., bow; H. R. Cowdery, 10.13; G. P. Arnold, 10.7; A. J. Robson, 9.12, stroke; H. K. Crawford, 5, cox. 2

Church of England Grammar School: K. V. McDonald, 10st. 3lb., bow; R. L. Sayers, 11.12; W. E. Tucker, 10.13; C. W. Snook, 10.8, stroke; W. Webster, 6, cox. 3

St. Joseph's Colege: T. Roche, 11st. 4lb., bow; C. Lynch, 11; E. McCaffrey, 10.9; R. Quinn, 10.10, stroke; H. Nash, 4.8, cox. 4

Church of England were smartest away, but St. Ignatius' soon got on equal terms, and then forged to the front. At the gasworks St. Ignatius' had a well-established lead, with Sydney Grammar School in close attendance, and the others tailed off; St. Joseph's last. Sydney



All Schools' Race—Crews approaching Mortlake.

Reading from left: St. Ignatius' College, Sydney Grammar School, North Sydney Grammar School.
[Photo by O. R. F. Johnston, II. Gram.]

passed in 5min. 4-5sec. But the Church of England crew had stamina, and were ahead again at Mortlake (6min. 28sec.). Thence to the end they were not caught. But it was a splendid finish—one of the best seen on the river. The judge said that the first, second, and third boats overlapped each other, and the distance between each of them was not more than a third of a length. The time was 7min. 35 4-5 sec.

SECOND CREWS.

Trophy the Yaralla Cup and Schools' Association Certifcate. Distance, one mile.

St. Ignatius' College: L. Veech, 10st. 12lb., bow; F. Fanning, 10.12; J. Wilkinson, 10.6; A. Cox, 10.11, stroke; F. Kinkead, 7, cox. 1

Grammar School moved up a bit closer to the leaders in the next quarter of a mile, but St. Ignatius' pulling strongly, romped past the judge's boat winners by two lengths, four lengths separating the other boats. The time was 5min. 37 3-5sec.

With regard to our hopes for the day we may begin by saying at once that for both races they were high. The first crew contained two of its 1907 champions, J. Carlton and C. Veech. The newcomers were B. Veech and A. Cox. On the advice of our coach, Carlton, on account of his superior weight and strength, rowed No. 3, and B. Veech rowed stroke. All went well till certain unfortunate happenings



Photo by] **WINNERS OF THE YARALLA CUP—Great Public Schools' Regatta, 1908.** [*Tesla.*

L. Veech (No. 1) F. Fanning (No. 2)

Mr. A. MacDougall (Coach).

J. Wilkinson (No. 3) A. Cox (Stroke).

F. Kinkead (Cox.)

took place that tended to impede training and worry the coach. About three weeks before the Regatta, stroke got a poisoned hand that kept him out of the boat for a week. He did good work in training, however, out of the boat. Carlton, shortly after, nursed a severe cold for three days. Perhaps the greatest misfortune was that Cox, who in the heavy boat had made much progress, was quite unfit for the fast work in the shell. After much consideration, it was decided to make him change places with J. Dalton, stroke of the second crew. After this everything went on splendidly.

The second crew were all debutants in school-racing. Very soon, however, they developed a splendid swing and altogether a nice style of rowing. They showed perhaps the greater progress of the two crews, Wilkinson and Fanning being especially noticeable.

Both crews rowed a game and dashing race. The first crew were unfortunate just beyond Gladesville in getting into slack water, which for a moment made them stand still though rowing hard. Though they managed to lead after this at Tennyson, the pace was too hot for them, and they could not keep their position. To have been one of the first three in such a race, however, we consider a splendid performance.

Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. A. MacDougall, of the North Shore Rowing Club, for the thorough and self-sacrificing way in which he performed the duties of coach. We could not but have the greatest confidence in him. In the beginning he came up from town three or four times a week, and every afternoon as the race drew nearer. A great disadvantage was the want of a launch from which to coach. This want was supplied a short time before the race by Mr. C. T. Relph, who kindly put at our disposal the "Magic," and on a few occasions came himself with his famous "Invincible." Our best thanks are due to Mr. Relph.



Three Sports and a Ditty.

Merry merry rush where the field lies open,
Tear the forwards forward. As meeting clouds that flame
They crash into the backs and dissolve in new formation.
Here and there the lightning, so here and there the game.

Merry merry shouts, with the sweet birds calling,
Daisies on the grass and wickets pitched between;
Swift as the swallows rising and falling
See the ball flying, low above the green.

Merry merry oars where the sunbeams glitter,
Splash and dash and scramble, foam about the keel;
Earnest little faces move in time together,
Faces as of foemen, flashing like their steel.

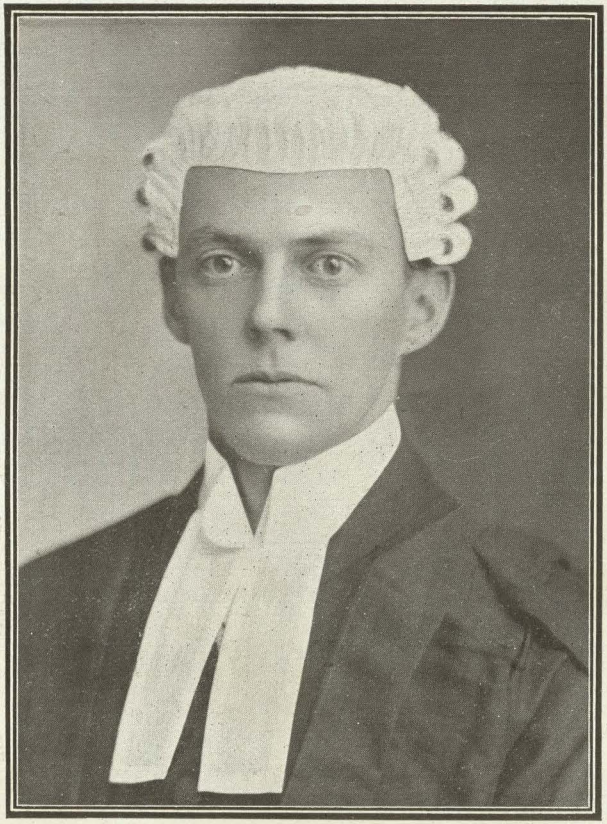
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Old Boys' Sixth Annual Ball.

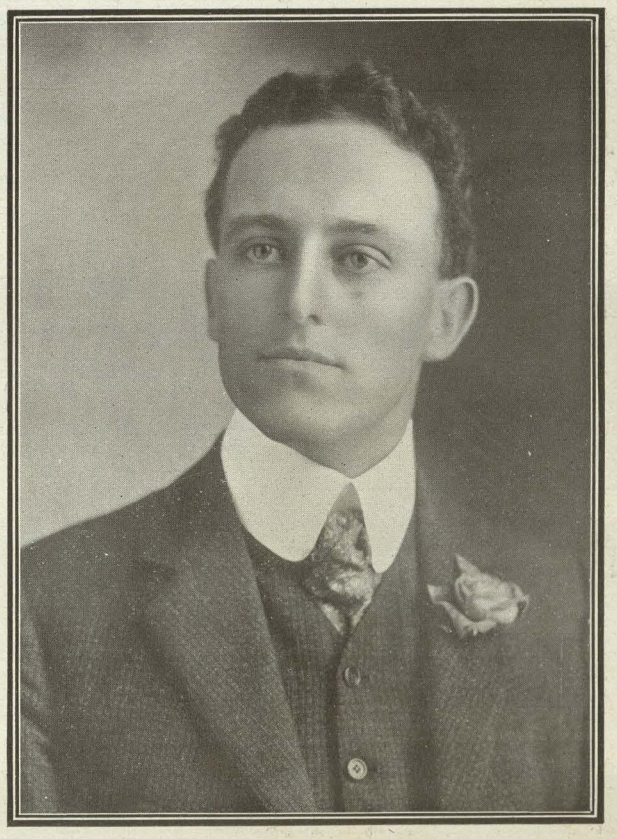
THIS past week has been quieter somewhat—only a few dances, and but one of these was a big dance. It was the annual affair given by the Old Boys' Union of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview. They rather pride themselves on 'doing' their balls well, and, to do them mere justice, they have reason to so pride themselves." Thus wrote "Frances" in the "Sydney Social" in the Melbourne "Punch" for June 25. 'A very delightful ball," wrote "Eblana," of "The Catholic Press." "The brilliantly successful function that one has learnt to expect the Riverview ball to be," wrote "Sheelah," of "The Freeman's Journal." These criticisms alone entitle us to congratulate heartily the energetic President and Committee on what seems to have been the most successful function yet held under the auspices of the Old Boys' Union.

The ball took place in the Paddington Town Hall on Tuesday evening, June 16. The decorations, in which the College colours—blue and white—were much in evidence, were extremely artistic. The wide staircase leading to the ballroom was lined on each side by a row of tall palms, which, meeting overhead, formed an archway all the way up to the corridor outside the ballroom. This corridor was carpeted, and made to resemble a conservatory. In the ballroom itself, another space was carpeted and reserved for the chaperones. Here easy chairs were placed for the comfort of those ladies, and the background was filled in with pot plants. The supper-room was made equally attractive with flowers and flags and palms. Excellent music was supplied by Messrs. Glass and Tremain's Band. Baumann provided the catering in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Bernard A. McBride, President of the Old Boys' Union, with his sister, Miss Gertie McBride, received the guests as they were announced, and saw to the comfort of everyone present. There were over 350 guests, amongst whom were the Lord and Lady Mayoress.

The Lady Mayoress wore a gown of green chiffon over silver tissue, her long trained skirt was edged with silver fringe; silver tulips in raised design were on the skirt and bodice, the latter having sleeves of dewdrop chiffon and bretelles of the chiffon and silver embroideries and Empire belt of green velvet; diamond and emerald ornaments were worn, and gold grapes and high jewelled comb in the hair. Miss Gertie McBride's frock of cream duchesse satin was embroidered in silver with long Angel sleeves of pale blue satin and bertha of silver sequined lace; she carried a posy of Czar violets tied with purple silk and velvet streamers. The debutantes were Miss Florrie Rose, in white Roman satin, embroidered in silver with silver fringe and bertha of Honiton lace; Miss Dolores McFarlane, white Liberty silk net, Limerick lace and silver sequined net; Miss Kenna, white chiffon glace with overdress of white muslin; Miss Ada McDonnell, white crepe-de-chine with mousseline-de-soie and satin trimmings; Miss Eileen Carroll, Empire gown of white Liberty satin, with silver and sequined net bertha; Miss Irene McDonnell, white chiffon glace and Honiton lace. Each carried a posy of white flowers tied with satin or tulle streamers. Also present were Mrs. G. F. Fuller, in pale blue duchesse satin with trimmings of Honiton lace and silver embroideries. Mrs. Connell, white Chantilly lace over white glace, with Limerick lace and diamonds. Miss Vera Connell, white mousseline-de-soie embroidered in pale pink roses and forget-me-nots. Mrs. Christmas, black and white striped chiffon over white glace, with rose point lace bertha and touches of black velvet, white osprey in hair. Miss Ethel Christmas, eau-de-nil satin striped ninon over silver tissue. Miss Kathleen Christmas, hibiscus red crepe-de-chine, with white chiffon and Honiton lace. Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell, black Chantilly lace and black glace, with forget-me-nots on the corsage, and jewelled osprey in hair. Mrs. J. T. Davis, ivory white mousseline-de-soie over white glace, with Honiton lace and chiffon trimmings, pale pink roses on corsage and pale blue ribbon threading her hair. Mrs. Charles Mitchell, white silk net over silver tissue, with medallions and insertion of white sequined lace, jewelled osprey in hair. Miss



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RIVERVIEW OLD BOYS.

Eileen Curtin, black jetted net over black glace silk, with pale pink roses on the corsage, and pink ribbon threading her hair. Miss Beard, pale blue chiffon over blue glace, with silver fringe and embroideries. Miss Forsyth, mauve pailette and Honiton lace. Miss Doris Payten, rose pink crepe-de-chine, with deep bertha of Honiton lace and silver sequined net. Miss Coyle, mauve Louisenne, with velvet of a darker shade, and silver trimmings. Mrs. Freshman, grey chiffon over grey glace, with silver embroideries and sequined net. Mrs. Mann, black jetted net over black glace, with velvet and black Chantilly lace. Miss Eva Mann, flame-coloured crepe-de-chine with bertha of tucked chiffon and Honiton lace. Mrs. P. Quinn, silver sequined net over black glace with bertha of jetted net and sequins. Miss Marjorie Quinn, palest blue pailette, inlet with Mechlin lace and insertion, and deep bertha of silver sequined lace. Miss Beatrice Curtin, cream crepe-de-chine over cream glace, with silver embroideries, Honiton lace. Miss Mollie Curtin, pale blue mousseline-de-soie and pale blue glace, with Limerick lace bertha, wreath of pale blue roses in hair. Mrs. Spruson, ivory white crepe-de-chine and Honiton lace. Miss Ursula Spruson, white chiffon glace and Mechlin lace. The Misses Irving were in pale pink and blue chiffon respectively. Miss Holly Coffee, pale blue silk. Miss McKinnon, cerise chiffon, over glace of the same colour. Miss McEvoy, white crepe-de-chine and Honiton lace. Miss B. Moran, lotus blue ninon, with gold embroideries. Miss McDermott was also in blue, with silver trimmings. Miss Deakin, pale pink pailette and sequined lace. Miss May Deery, palest pink pailette with Honiton lace and pastel pink and blue embroideries. Miss Eileen Deery, white mousseline-de-soie over silver tissue, with silver sequined net and rose point lace bertha. Miss Doris Henry, pale pink glace and sequined net. Miss Gordon, vieux rose velvet and silver embroideries. Miss Hennessey, white crepe-de-chine and spangled chiffon. Mrs. McDermott, black jetted net over black glace, with red velvet on the corsage. Miss de Courcy, mauve floral chiffon over white glace, with mauve and silver trimmings. Mrs. W. T. Coyle, petunia chiffon velours, with rose point lace and silver tissue roses. Mrs. Clifford, pale pink pailette and Honiton lace. Miss Fallon, mauve crepe-de-chine, silver trimmings and accordeon-pleated chiffon. Miss McLeod (Melbourne) grey chiffon over grey glace, with silver sequined lace and velvet. Miss Louise Rose, cream Duchesse satin and Honiton lace. Miss Elsie Coulter, white chiffon glace with silver tissue and Mechlin lace. Miss Oxenham, floral chiffon over white silk, while her sister was in pale blue silk, and Limerick lace. Mrs. McCray, pale blue Louisenne and Melines lace. Miss Asche, rose pink pailette with velvet of the same colour and gold embroideries. Miss O'Donnell, white mousseline-de-soie over white glace, her sister was in black glace with overdress of black chiffon. Miss Mamie Punch wore palest blue crepe-de-chine, and her sister was in white chiffon and silk. Miss Ives, Honiton lace over cream glace. Miss T. Clarke, embroidered chiffon over white glace. Miss McPhee, white ninon over white glace, with sequined net trimmings. Miss K. Craven, vieux rose crepe-de-chine and silver embroideries. Miss Ryan, black Chantilly lace and silk, with touch of orange velvet. Mrs. McFarlane, pale blue brocaded satin and sequined net. Mrs. Hoare (Hay), black chiffon glace and rose point lace. Mrs. Neidhardt (Hong Kong) also wore black silk and lace. Miss Ellen Murphy, white mousseline-de-soie and sequined net. Mrs. Arthur Deery, mauve chiffon over glace of the same colour, with silver and velvet trimmings. Miss M. Watkins, green silk and Brussels lace. Mrs. Burfitt, black crepe-de-chine and Honiton lace. Mrs. Murphy, black satin and jetted lace. Miss Mellin, palest blue mousseline-de-soie over blue glace. Miss M. De Courcy pastel pink pailette with silver embroideries and Honiton lace. Miss M. Clifford, dewdrop chiffon over pale blue silk taffeta. Miss K. McKennon, pale crepe-de-chine and silver sequined lace. Miss Winter, brown tulle over brown glace. Miss Edie Coyle, eau-de-nil crepe-de-chine, with point d'esprit lace and velvet trimmings. Miss Davis (Grafton) pale blue crepe-de-chine and sequined net. Miss Crawley (Junee) pale green crepe-de-chine and Honiton lace. Miss Io Foy, palest pink silk and Limerick lace. Miss Tyson, floral silk and rose point lace. Miss Kathleen McDonald, white crepe-de-chine and Melines lace. Miss Eva Cahill, pale pink dewdrop chiffon over pink glace. Miss Eden Marshall, pink and blue striped ninon over pink glace. Miss Packer, ivory white glace and accordeon-pleated chiffon. Mrs. Carroll, black jetted net over black Duchesse satin. Miss Kathleen Ryan, brown chiffon over brown glace lace. Miss Fitzpatrick, white merveilleux with bertha of Mechlin lace. Miss Finn, pale pink pailette and silver trimmings.

The gentlemen present included the Lord Mayor (the Hon. T. Hughes, M.L.C.), Mr. T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., Colonel Wallace, Major R. Lenehan, Drs. Percy Clifford, C. Weston Maher, Schlinck, A. Cahill, Messrs. F. Donovan, P. W. Fallon (hon. sec.), J. T McCarthy, W. T. Coyle, P. J. O'Donnell, F. Mann, F. Mulcahy (treasurer), F. Coen, Hughes (3), Punch (2) McDonald, Kelly, McHugh, Cronin, Simpson, Hopkins, Geddes, Hinton, Arthur Deery, Syd. Rorke, Bert de Courcy, Tedbar Johnson, Percy Summerbelle, E. Finn, P. Quinn, Roger Forrest Hughes, Oxenham, F. Deery, Moran, McMenamin, A. Curtin, Durack, McFarlane, V. Macken, M. T. Farrell, du Boise, I. B. Norris, and many others.



St. Ignatius' College Rowing Club.

22nd Annual Regatta.

Officials of the Club.

President.—VERY REV. T. GARTLAN, S.J.

Captain.—J. CARLTON.

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

Committee.—REV. W. STEPHENSON,S.J., MR. B. A. McBRIDE, MR. F. W. J. DONOVAN, MR. N. J. McDONALD, MR. A. McDOUGALL, C. VEECH, A. COX, B. VEECH, B. BRYANT, J. DEERY, S. McDONNELL, C. BRYANT, J. HACKETT, J. McBRIDE.

OPEN RACES.

Starter.—MR. J. DEGOTARDI. Judge.—MR. J. McGREGOR.

Umpire.—MR. N. J. McDONALD. Timekeeper.—MR. F. W. J. DONOVAN.

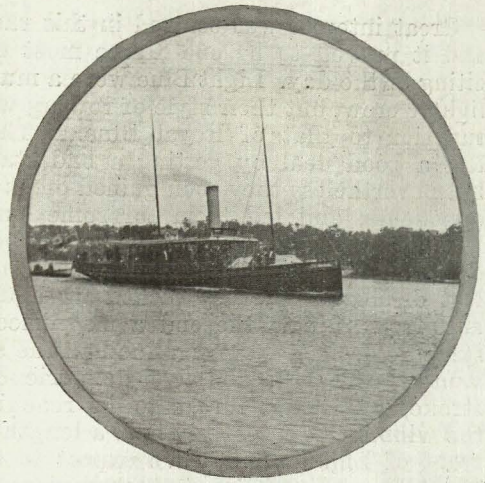
CLUB RACES.

Starter.—REV. F. X. O'BRIEN, S.J. Umpire.—P. J. KELLY.

Judge.—CLARENCE BRIDGE, Junr.

THIS year's regatta of St. Ignatius' College Rowing Club (says "The Freeman's Journal") will long be memorable as exceptional in all the elements that contribute to a sporting, spectacular, and financial success. It would indeed be surprising if Saturday's splendid festival on the picturesque Lane Cove River turned out other than a pronounced success, for the principal reason that no detail that could help towards that desirable result was left unattended to. Even the weather was ideally perfect, and the river was scarcely rippled by the gentle wind that served to temper the wealth of sunshine which glinted on the waters and draped the softly verdant slopes of the College grounds in sunshine. Withal the foliaged natural terraces of the grounds afforded cool and grateful pleasance to the multitude of spectators in which the snowy costumes of the ladies formed the predominant note of colour. The river and the beautiful prospect overlooking it never appeared more enchanting than on Saturday afternoon. The gliding of steamers, launches, and rowing boats along the river, with the crowds of spectators, formed a scene of animation in striking contrast to the sylvan repose of the charming environment.

From the towering roof of the great College interested groups of spectators followed with close attention the fortunes



Umpire's Boat "Eva."
(Photo by Master E. Rouse, Rud. A.)

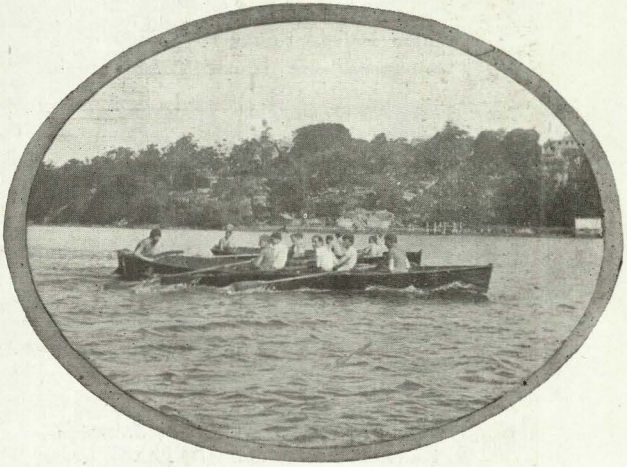
of the oarsmen on the river. The beauty of the whole scene, the keenness of the great rowing contests, the enthusiasm aroused among the onlookers, and the splendid facilities for viewing the races, induced the regret that such a large number of Sydney folk who miss the treat do not realise what a glorious afternoon's sport and pleasure they miss when they fail to attend this annual festival of the College Rowing Club.

There were many prominent visitors ashore, whilst those on the umpire's boat Eva, included Dr. P. J. Kelly, Dr. A. Burne, Messrs. C. H. Helsham, D. G. Bathgate, E. E. Keary, J. C. Scott, J. McGregor, P. D. Kirby, A. D. Hall, C. H. Hodges, J. Degotardi, S. Porter, D. Drake, F. Cronin, O. J. Wood, A. Bishop, H. Wenden, W. J. Hanna, M. Killeen, A. S. Mayne, V. Horniman, H. Howarth, J. Marr, D. McLain, T. Mitchell, N. J. McDonald, Rowan, Hickson, A. Howatson, and others.

"Old Boys" of the College were as conspicuous this year as ever, and amongst others the familiar faces of Mr. F. W. J. Donovan, Dr. Percy Clifford, Mr. J. T. McCarthy, Mr. W. T. Coyle, Mr. M. T. Farrell, and John Hughes showed that the past scholars had not forgotten their early days.

Amongst those who brought launch parties were the Lord Mayor (Alderman T. Hughes) and Lady Mayoress (who included in their party the Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., Alderman Lane Mullins, and Dr. O'Gorman Hughes), Brigadier-General Gordon, the Hon. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A., Minister for Public Instruction, Dr. Reaney, Messrs. G. E. Bryant, B. A. McBride, Ramaciotti, Moseley, and Noyes.

The Newtown Band discoursed sprightly operatic airs during the afternoon. The races proved very exciting, the College boys rowing with great spirit and enthusiasm, which influenced even the tiny crews that manfully competed with one another as if the fate of nations depended on their efforts. The open races aroused intense interest. The Maiden Fours, in which seven crews started, proved a capitally-contested event all the way, but the good form of Enterprise landed them winners by a few lengths from the fine Sydney crew, which came second. The Senior Eights went to University in the last few hundred yards, after a dogged tussle with Mercantile, a victory which is the first for University in the past eleven years. In the Junior Fours the crews made the race interesting by their close struggle, but Leichhardt, despite their desperate work in the Senior Eights, wore down Mercan-



II Division Six-oar Race.—"Loyola" Wins.
(Photo by Master E. Rouse.)

tile (which had led all the way), and won a game race by a length and a half. John R. Towns, a brother of the retired champion, won the amateur sculling championship in plucky style from the others. This win entitled Towns to represent New South Wales in Melbourne on May 9, at the interstate contests. The course for the open races was just over a mile in length, but somewhat shorter for the College events.

One of the most interesting events of the afternoon was a training row over the course, which the New South Wales Eight kindly consented to do, in preparation for the interstate race a short time afterwards. They gave a good exhibition of rowing, for which they were repeatedly applauded as they passed along the College grounds. We congratulate the crew on its magnificent win in Melbourne in the race referred to.

Tea, coffee, ices, and light refreshments were served in a large marquee near the water's edge. Sargent's were the caterers, and gave entire satisfaction.

The chief organizers of the whole function were Rev. J. Corboy, S.J., and Mr. B. A. McBride, Solr., whose indefatigable and self-sacrificing labours were responsible for most of its success. The congratulations and thanks of all who attended are most justly due to them.

COLLEGE RACES.

Senior Pairs. Prize—Gold Medals.

The "Melbourne"—G. Ward, W. Macdonald (str.), C. Lynch (cox)..... 1
The "Sydney"—J. Conrick, T. Payten (str.), E. Turner (cox)..... 2

The winners are to be congratulated for the magnificent fight they put up, not only in this race, but also in their preliminary heat some days before. Starting training under disadvantages, they put their heart into their work, and were most assiduous in practice every day. The result was a most deserving win, of which they may be justly proud.

College Fours. Prize—Gold Medals.

Royal Blue—R. Johnstone (bow), J. Bolger, W. Kelly, C. Burfitt (str.), A. Kelly (cox) 1
Light Blue—R. Quigley (bow), E. Quigley, M. Allan, E. O'Halloran (str.), F. Kinkead (cox) 2

Great interest was centred in this race, and it proved to be one of the most exciting of the day. Light Blue were a much lighter crew, but their style of rowing was superior to that of Royal Blue. They lost a good deal by getting a bad start, but nevertheless they soon gained on their opponents, and led them for some time. At about three-quarters of the course bow caught a crab, which put them back again. Not disheartened, they picked up again, and from this to the end a magnificent struggle ensued. Royal Blue had the advantage of weight, and a very experienced stroke, and were fortunate in reaching the winning-post scarcely half a length in front of Light Blue. We expect to see M. Allan competing for championship honours next year.

11. Division Six Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

The "Loyola"—J. Glennie, P. de Lepervanche, A. Sheath, D. Moffitt, F. Smith, J. Bryant (str.), G. Oxenham (cox)..... 1
The "Madonna"—P. Osborne, K. McDonald, M. McGahey, J. Hogan, G. O'Hanlon, J. Fitzherbert, H. McEvoy (cox)..... 2
The "Riverview"—K. Ryan, R. Macken, A. Gardner, C. Rorke, H. Barraclough, S. McDonnell 3

By general consent, no heats had been run for this race. The speed-capacities of the three boats were well known to be far from equal. In fact, the "Loyola" has never yet been beaten; whereas the "Riverview" has been dubbed ingloriously the "tub." Hence, the crews were arranged accordingly—the strongest in the "Riverview," the lightest in the "Loyola." The "Madonna," holding the middle place, got a middling crew. This crew improved so much with training that they were deemed too good, and in fairness to the others, as it was said, the crews were changed. They didn't show any more improvement after that. To make the race more even still, the "Riverview" got a start of 8sec. on the "Loyola," and 10sec. on the "Madonna." In their willingness to win, one of the "Riverview" crew broke an oar, which put them out of the race. A splendid race between the "Loyola" and the "Madonna" ended in the former winning by about a length.

11. Division Four Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

Pink—A. Nichols, J. Deery, J. Kain, B. Kelly (str.), H. Craven (cox) 1

Royal Blue—M. Ryan, N. Chester, C. Gordon, C. McKillop (str.), C. Williams (cox)... 2

Light Blue—G. Vavasour, B. L. Mullins, B. Bryant, W. Allen (str.), E. Chester (cox) 3

The crews entered for this race were all very good. It was thought that Royal Blues would win, as they had the most constant practice, and McKillop and Gordon had been in the winning crew in their races the year before. But nothing could avail against the solid going of Deery and Kelly, who won rather easily.

III. Division Four Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

The "Gonzaga"—R. Macfarlane, K. Pelletier, N. Macken, G. Hughes (str.), H. Regan (cox) 1

The "Kostka"—J. Bridge, W. McDonnell, B. Bowler, C. Bryant (str.), C. Keenan (cox) 2

The "Community"—G. Johnstone, F. McDermott, L. Cranney, A. Moran (str.), C. Burke (cox) 3

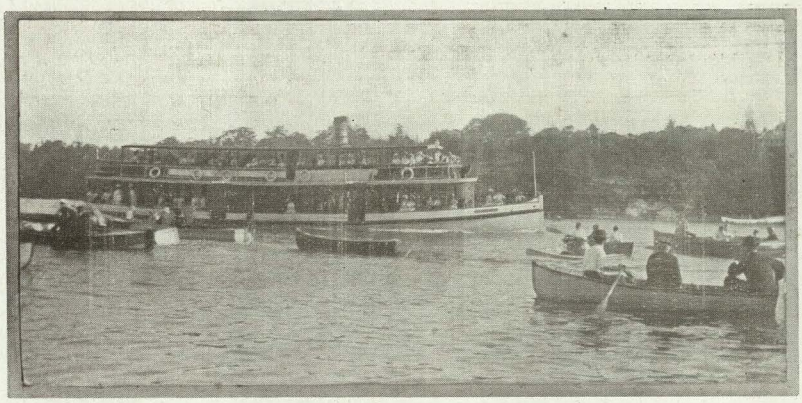
The excitement of the little boys was undoubted. The crews were all out half an hour even before the starting time, anxious to show their admiring fathers and mothers, and sisters and brothers, what they could do with the oar. We doubt if the Senior Eights were half as enthusiastic or excited about their win as these tiny rowers were about theirs. The "Gonzaza" won by not more than a length, after a hard struggle. When the race was over the winning crew, which was stroked by Geoffrey Hughes, was congratulated by the Lord Mayor (Alderman T. Hughes), who gave them special prizes, and invited them on board his launch.

III. Division Six Oar. Prize—Silver Medals.

The "Loyola"—P. S. Allan, C. Weaver, W. Dalton, L. Horsley, S. McDermott, J. Hackett (str.), B. Payten (cox)..... 1

The "Madonna"—J. S. Allan, P. Meagher, A. Evans, J. Connolly, G. Hogan, V. Bowler (str.), N. Foley (cox)..... 2

Another victory rather easily added to the record of the "Loyola." But this would hardly have been the case had not Joe McBride, the original stroke of the "Madonna," cut his hand rather badly, and so become unable to row. We should like to see another boat in the Junior shed, on a par, in racing capacity, with the "Loyola." As it is, the races must necessarily lose a good deal of extra interest, and the rowers a certain amount of fairness and advantage, which they would otherwise have.



Regatta Day, 1908.—Approaching the Wharf.
(Photo by Master E. Rouse.)

OPEN EVENTS.

Maiden Fours.

Prize—The Magnus-Mercantile Trophy and Gold Medals.

Course—From Grimley's Baths to Judge's Boat.

Balmain Enterprise R.C.—D. E. Ross (bow), W. McKelvy, C. H. Smith, B. S. Wilkinson (str.), J. Grilk (cox)..... 1

Sydney R.C.—R. L. Rabbett, F. P. Kelly, T. R. Irons, C. N. Neale, A. Smedley (cox) 2

Mercantile R.C.—F. J. Pegg (bow), J. McMahon, J. Crow, L. C. Norton, H. Deane (cox) 3
Leichhardt 4
Glebe No. 2..... 5
Glebe No. 1..... 6

Won by four lengths. Time, 6min. 45sec.

Mr. Degotardi quickly had the big field in line, and Glebe No. 2 got the best of the start, owing to being slightly under way when the gun went. Enterprise, however, shot out like a rocket, and rowing with great dash, opened out a clear length within half a minute of the start. Shortly after passing Longueville they increased their lead a trifle, with the two Glebe crews racing last, but they were nearly all bunched. Enterprise eased away another half length about half-way to the finish, where the order of the others was Sydney, Mercantile, Leichhardt, North Shore, Glebe No. 2, Glebe No. 1.

Here Enterprise displayed renewed vigour, and quickly went away to three lengths, while Sydney began to move away from Mercs. The Shoremen and Glebe No. 2 fouled approaching the College, and Glebe No. 1 overtook them. But the race was all over, as Enterprise, pulling a grand race, went further away at every stroke, and won easily. There was about 20 lengths between the winners and the last crew.

Mr. F. Cronin coached the winners.

Senior Eights.

Prize—Riverview Gold Challenge Cup and Gold Medals.

Course—Grimley's Baths to Judge's Boat.

University B.C.—K. Inglis (bow), H. a'Court, L. B. Rudder, H. Ward, C. N. Smith, A. B. Gaffney, K. Smith, T. S. Dixon (str.), R. K. Waley (cox)..... 1
Mercantile R.C.—C. B. Willis, R. B. Beattie, E. F. P. Bower, D. Gates, F. W. Proctor, W. J. Furlong, N. L. F. Josephson, F. Terry (str.), D. Riddington (cox)..... 2
Leichhardt R.C. 3
Glebe R.C..... 4

Won by three-quarters of a length, with the same distance between second and third. Time, 6min. 17sec.

University were almost left at the post. Glebe seemed to hit the water first, but Mercs. were also off very fast. Leichhardt showed such a flash of fine form at the start that there were thus early cries of "Leichhardt wins." Mercs., however, were first to show out in front, and led by a length in the first two hundred yards. University were a length astern of Glebe and Leichhardt here. University were rowing a splendid long and free stroke, and began to make up leeway. Five hundred yards from the start the crews were almost level, but, suddenly Mercs. shot out again, but, only to the extent of a quarter of a length, while Glebe dropped back last, and were failing in form. Off Tambourine Bay University passed Leichhardt, and Mercs. here had half a length lead. A sensational

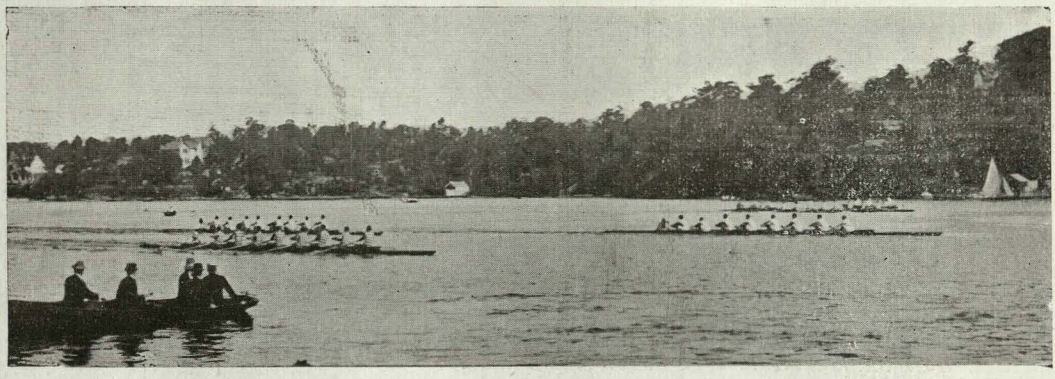


Photo by] **Senior Eights Race.—50 Yards from the Finish.—University in First Place.** [*Hall & Co.*

race followed, Terry fighting Dixson every inch of the way, but off the College wharf the Blue and Golds got their bow in front, and ended a grand struggle by getting the judge's verdict by three-quarters of a length. Leichhardt came well at the finish, and closed right upon Mercs. Mr. Rowan Hixson coached the winners.

Handicap Sculls.

Prize. The Butcher Gold Medal.

Course—Grimley's Baths to Judge's Boat.

J. Towns (Mercantile), scr..... 1
J. Russell (Enterprise), 25sec..... 2
F. J. McNeill (Enterprise), 15sec..... 3

Won easily. Winner's time, 7min. 14 sec.

John Towns, a younger brother of the world's ex-champion, had to allow some long starts for a mile race. But it was not a formidable field, and erratic steering by some of the men (Ratcliffe being the worst offender) enabled the scratch man to get well up with his opponents. Russell, who rowed very well indeed for a comparatively small and new man, troubled Towns most, but at three-quarters of a mile Towns was in front, and sculled home comfortably. Conlon rowed in a boat as old as Bill Beach, and finished up by nearly knocking a beacon over. Ratcliffe ran White down, and suffered disqualification by not steering the correct course.

Junior Fours.

Prize—The Albert Nash Trophy and Gold Medals

Leichhardt R.C.—F. C. Elliott, A. V. Kenny, H. J. Swain, N. J. Marr, J. English (cox) 1
Mercantile R.C.—R. Ottaway, H. Levy, A. B. Neville, A. R. Buckland, A. Beattie (cox) 2
Balmain Enterprise R.C.—A. Cronin, J. Lauder, N. Davis, G. Ratcliffe, N. Grilk, (cox) 3
University B.C. 4
North Shore R.C..... 5

Won by half a length, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 7min. 3sec.

Mercs. broke away first. Enterprise got the worst start, but came along well. The crews rowed level for some distance, and then Mercs. began to haul clear. Just when half the course had been covered North Shore bore University close to the shore, and fouled them, and both stopped rowing for some time. Mercs. and Leichhardt drew away smartly, with the latter drawing level very quick. As they

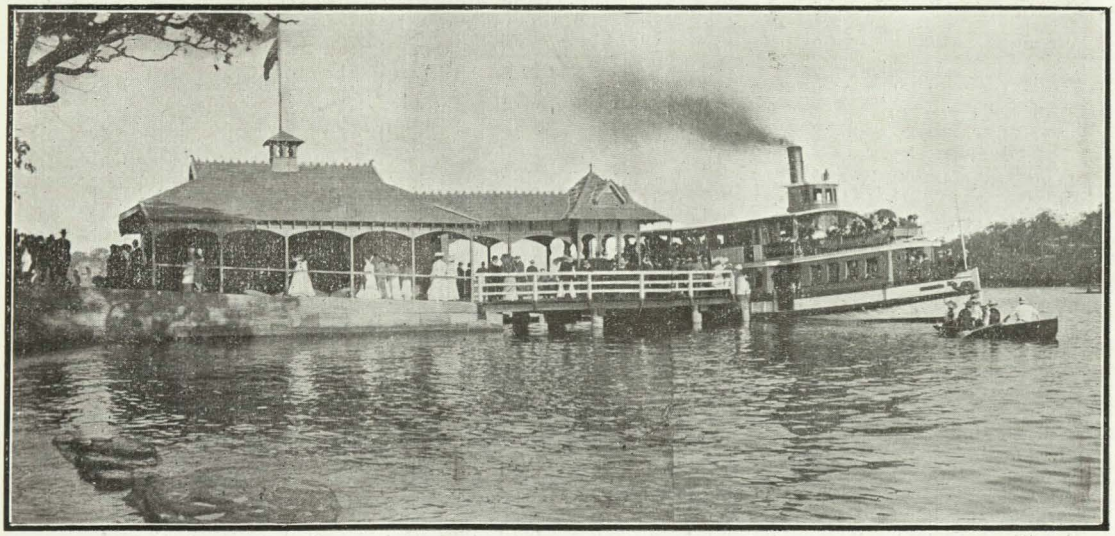
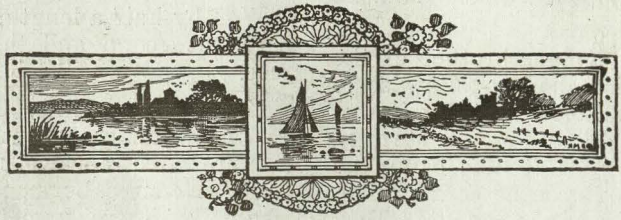


Photo by] **Regatta Day, 1908.—Visitors Landing on the Grounds.** [*Master E. Rouse.*

straightened their boats up at the pile opposite the College shed for the dash to the finish, Mercs. had to avoid their opponents. Leichhardt seized the opportunity, got level, and raced away ahead of them. It was a slashing struggle to the finish, though with only half a length between the boats. Leichhardt stayed too well for their rivals. Enterprise plugged along, but after half the course had been covered were too far behind, as were University and North Shore, to be dangerous. Mr. Allan Ramsay looked after the winners.

Thus ended what was undoubtedly the biggest aquatic function held at Riverview for many years. It took some time for the great crowd to make its way citywards, and boatful followed boatful with as much expedition as possible. The grounds and foreshore, which up to this had been one bright scene of life and excitement, by degrees resumed their wonted quiet, and in a short time all was still again.



The President and Committee of the Rowing Club return their sincere thanks to the friends who have so generously subscribed to the Regatta Prize Fund.

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Photo by] THE AMERICAN FLEET ENTERING SYDNEY HARBOUR, AUGUST 20th. [*Hall & Co.*

Photo taken from North Head.

The Riverview Community and Boys were in a special boat anchored amongst those seen in picture.



COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

Feb. 5.—Returning day! Small boys and new boys in plenty. Veterans rare.

Feb. 6.—A short class as prelude to a long and enjoyable swim. Many of the old "audacious" Fifths have been promoted to the Second Division. Some of them have become rabid vivisectionists since the last number of the "Alma" appeared. They were busy to-day in search of a certain libellous alligator. Their search was in vain, for their enemy has betaken himself to waters new—the placid waters of the First Division.

Feb. 8.—Some veterans are appearing. Sturdy mortals from the Northern Rivers and a celestial luminary from the sister State. Every promise of a record year. The century has now been reached and passed. Paddy Kelly is the only New Zealander in sight. We were really glad to welcome back our old captain, and we wish him every success in his approaching exam.

Feb. 11.—The usual strong contingent has arrived from the Southern Dominion, with three new boys—two small Aucklanders and a distinguished Wellingtonian.

Feb. 14.—War! Without its attendant horrors. Merely our innocuous cadets marching and countermarching. Felicitations from the Rector and the Sergeant Major. A recent arrival suggests that the shortening of the Friday evening study time is an "awfully good scheme."

Feb. 15.—The strange quadruped which haunts the roof of the College Chapel appeared again at prayer time. Theo says 'tis a pious-minded possum. Rumour hath it that the tiny Third Divisioners are preparing to debate the relative merits of Town and Country Life. We offer the juvenile parliamentarians our heartiest good wishes for another successful meeting. The Second Divisioners have decided to bring forward a motion for the total abolition of corporal punishment. The discussion should be interesting and lively, as most of the debaters are qualified to speak from personal experience.

Feb. 16.—Cricket match against Church of England Grammar School. At the finish of a plucky game we were 21 runs behind. Arthur Cox was our most useful bat. Justin McCarthy did most of the bowling, but Gerald Dalton gave us a welcome surprise by taking three good wickets for 14 runs.

Feb. 19.—The Retreat concluded to-day. "Splendid practical lectures"—so saith our repentant alligator. The tiny Thirds are grateful to Father Corish for the salutary impression which he made on that amphibious reptile. Said reptile is reported to have devoured 24 "Wayside Tales" during his journey thro' the desert.

Feb. 23.—140 boys in the College and more to come. Seven members of English Cricket Team paid us a visit to-day under Mr. Cranney's escort. New Zealanders proud of Webb's victory at Wanganui.

Feb. 24.—Regatta practice in full swing. The Lane Cove waters are alive with tubs and racers. Anxious mothers need have no fear about the safety of their youngsters. The Riverview Rowing Club will soon celebrate its silver jubilee. During all those years its success has never been marred by even a single serious accident. Our junior tubs are eminently safe, and our senior oarsmen are experts in the art of navigation.

Feb. 29.—Mercantile Regatta off Longueville. The College fleet was out in full force during the afternoon to enjoy the racing.

March 4. — Ash-Wednesday. Father Rector blessed the ashes, and gave us a short address on the Lenten Season.

March 5.—After supper some second divisioners adjourned to the Riverview Observatory to study heavenly bodies. Comets were scarce, but one of our budding astronomers discovered a new moon.

March 10.—Harry McArdle called to see us, and met with many warm greetings from old companions. He is on his way to join the Jesuit Novitiate in Ireland, and we look forward to some interesting notes on his trip through America. The popular New Zealander bears with him the good wishes of many who in other days fought with him side by side on flood and field.

March 13.—The great cricket match between the lower divisions was concluded to-day. After five days of cheering, counter-cheering, and intense excitement, the wee ones were victorious with a substantial majority of 44 runs. Wilfred McDonnell, Cyprian Bryant, and Gordon Hogan were the heroes of the winning side.

March 17.—St. Patrick's Day is full and free. No dark shadow of class or study to mar the enjoyment of our juvenile world. At the conclusion of the evening concert, Father Rector presented some valuable prizes to the various champions in the second division sports. Basil Bryant gained the gold medal for pride of place on the tennis court. Willie Hogan captured the handball trophy. The swimming handicap went to J. Glennie, and the prize for diving to Bertie Kelly. Cyril O'Hare is their champion cueist.

March 22.—A Sunday afternoon on the river. Pairs and fours and eights in plenty. The College Regatta is close at hand, and to-day the preliminary heats in the club races are being decided. An oar breaks, a slide slips from its fastenings, and two coveted races are lost. Such is the fate of warriors and rowers. City crews are on the river practising for the open races. The Unis. and the Mercs. are favorites. The whole scene is gay with life and sunshine—a foretaste of what we may expect on Saturday next.

March 28.—Regatta Day! Ideal weather, record crowd, good catering, and splendid racing. Hearty felicitations to the organisers. An illustrated account of our successful aquatic festival will be found in another column.

March 31.—All and sundry who expect the Winter Order of Time to begin to-morrow should remember that the 1st of April is the feast of all fools.

April 5.—The monthly concerts are a most enjoyable feature of our College life. Our gratitude is due to the originator and to the perpetuators of such an "awfully good scheme." The first part of to-night's programme was repeatedly encored. In the operatic farce which followed, "His Excellency Yen How" and that dainty maiden Miss Penelope Prunes kept the youthful audience in roars of laughter. The parts in question were acted by Masters Ward and McArdle. We understand that Miss Penelope's charming attire was a gift from Mrs. Macken. On the stage "His Excellency" paid a tribute to the marvellous potency of the Riverview Cough Mixture, but the cream-puffs which followed the concert were better appreciated.

April 6.—The Regatta may have come and gone, but our interest in aquatics is on the increase. The Great Public Schools' Championship—the biggest rowing event of the year—is due at the end of the month. Our prospects of retaining the coveted trophy are much discussed.

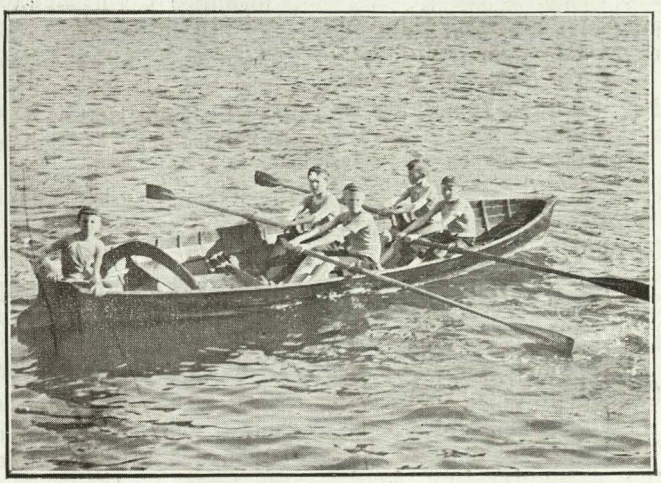
April 11.—The football season has begun and promises well. Many of last year's noted players are absent from the field. Some have left the school, half-a-dozen others are still busy on the river in preparation for the championship race. The remnant, assisted by many fresh men, played a fair game to-day against Fitzroy. In the opening half Murphy crossed for Riverview, and Conlon kicked the goal. In the second half, when the visitors had equalised the score, the game got very fast, and there was much excitement among the onlookers. Dandison after a fine run was brought down within a yard of the Fitzroy line. Close on time the visitors had a fair chance from a free kick and the ball sailed over the bar, leaving them victors by 8 points to 5.

April 17.—Our honorary sacristans deserve a generous tribute of praise for their care in arranging for the Holy Week ceremonies. The Altar of Repose was prettily decorated with lights and flowers. Last evening the 1st Division Harmonical Society gave a select entertainment in aid of the local poor-box.

April 18.—Exodus of Sydneyites for the Easter spell.

April 23.—The Sydneyites returned last night. A few unfaithful ones are still missing. At breakfast-time to-day the Refectory hummed with the marvels of "Humpty Dumpty"—its glorious wheel of life, its diving bells and ocean grottos. This afternoon the College crews went for a trial spin on the Parramatta. Our seconds are rowing splendidly. Our firsts are not quite as strong as last year, but their style is much better, and we are looking forward to a grand race.

April 25.—Rugby match against Wentworth. The visitors were first to score. Their try was not converted. Malone, Murphy, and Johnstone brought the ball to the Wentworth line. A free was awarded to Riverview, and Conlon piloted the ball across the bar. On resuming after half-time, the home team was outplayed. Plucky defence work by the College backs did not avail to prevent the visitors crossing our line twice. The game ended in their favour by 11 points to three.



Regatta Day, 1908—Winners of III. Division Four-oar Race.

April 26.—The results of the Easter examinations were published to-day. Basil Bryant wins first place among the sub-seniors ; Arthur Nichols leads the grammarians. Arthur Moran, Mark McGahey, and Harold Regan have gained the premiership in their respective classes. The "Alma Mater" offers its congratula-

tions and invites them one and all to contribute to its pages.

April 27.—Our senior orators have captivated the House. Emmett O'Halloran is Prime Minister. Willie Macdonald leads the Opposition. Separation from England is the question at issue. The ardent Celt would break the bonds which bind his country to the Motherland. The scarcely less ardent but more canny Scot prefers to calculate the cost of the breakage. The speeches on the whole were so well delivered that we are prepared to pardon the profusion of rhetorical flowers. Prosit!

April 29.—The keenest race ever rowed by school crews! That is the general verdict on to-day's great contest. Church of England, Sydney Grammar, and St. Ignatius'—such was the order of places at the finish when all three boats were overlapping. In the second race Arthur Cox stroked his crew to victory.

May 1.—Mary's Month. We have Benediction on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The whole school joins in the singing of the hymn. The college choral class is a decided success.

May 2.—Riverview versus Holwood. Our oarsmen appeared on the football field for the first time, and in consequence were somewhat lacking in form. This was evident towards the finish, when the visitors, fresh from a country tour, kept us hemmed in our own 25. The first half was scoreless, but some good tackling by Murray and Malone, and some fine play by Veech, the College captain, roused enthusiasm. In the second half smart passing brought the ball out to Cox, who raced and scored. A penalty gave Carlton a chance, and from a difficult angle he landed a beautiful goal. Then Holwood form began to tell. They scored twice and won by 8 points to 6.

May 5.—Passive resistance was the policy adopted by the old octagonal shop when requested to change its site. Considerable force was necessary before that ancient landmark agreed to move on. Perched now on the central pathway which leads to the ball-alley, it serves as a decrepid shelter for the masons' tools. The new Chapel, which our Old Boys are generously erecting in memory of Father Dalton, will occupy most of the space between the Seniors' House and the old Chapel. That part of the playground is at present in possession of trench-diggers and rock-choppers.

May 6.—Gentle reader, if you are interested in such trifles as Great Public Schools' Competition matches, you had better consult another column.

May 10.—Our budding scientists should be pleased with their well-equipped science hall on the ground floor of the new building. To this department there is attached a full-fledged and scientifically-installed weather bureau.

May 12.—In the match against Wayfarers the visitors were completely outplayed. Dandison scored three times. So did O'Halloran. Lenehan, Malone, and Johnstone added a try each. Conlon kicked four goals. Final score, 35 points to nil.

May 18.—Closing night of the Senior debate. The summing-up speeches of the respective leaders were really good. A most successful session. Hearty congratulations to all concerned.

May 20.—The cadet outfits have arrived. Our juveniles are charming in their smart military attire.

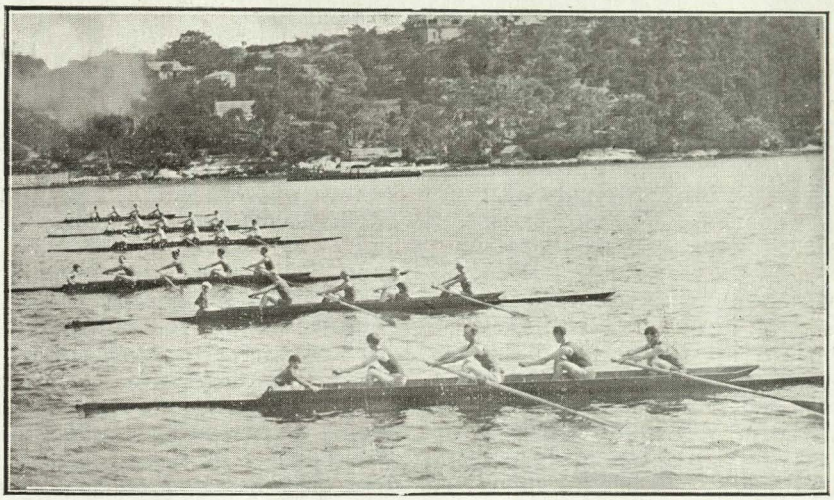
May 23.—Those who are acquainted with the working of large boarding-schools are aware that from the point of view of health, study, and spirit, the proper organisation of manly outdoor games is an essential consideration. We are glad to record the term's success in this respect. The Seniors would have had sufficient incentive in their competition contests with other schools, but in addition there have been matches with other outside teams on every available Saturday afternoon. The lower divisons are kept going either battling with suitable teams from the outer world or battling even more enthusiastically among themselves. To-morrow's inter-divisional match between the tiny fifths and their older brethren " The Scallywags " is arousing

immense interest. Both teams have been practising hard for weeks back. Half-a-dozen committee meetings have been held to decide as many knotty points. The fifths have increased their chances of victory by the election of a new captain.

May 24.—The famous inter-divisional match was played to-day on the first divison ground. Good weather and plenty of barrackers, and a keen, closely contested game. The youngsters showed plenty of pluck and more science than Scallies made repeated attempts to break through the youngsters' plucky defence, but their efforts were equally fruitless, and the game ended in favour of the older team.

June 10.—Examination fever again rampant. There are exams. at morn, exams. at noon, and exams. at night. Exams. at home and exams. abroad, as the Juniors are on trial at the Sydney University.

June 15.—The Regatta Concert. A

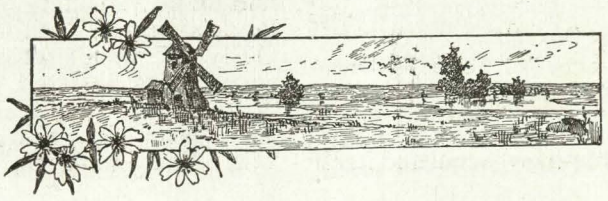


Regatta Day, 1908.—Start of the Maiden Fours (open).

their opponents, but weight and age were in the balance against them. Hackett, their newly-elected captain, was the pick of the field. The fortune of the game was decided by a single score. Before half-time McGahey claimed a fair mark for the Scallies. The claim was allowed, and Nichols gave his side the lead and the victory by placing a fine goal. In the second half the Fifths carried the ball to their opponent's line and over, but the gallant effort ended in a force. Then the host of visitors came out from Sydney along the moonlit river. They enjoyed the fun and returned delighted.

June 16.—The Rev. Mr. Byrne is leaving soon for Ireland. To-night there was a touching scene in the Junior room when the Angels' Sodality presented him with a parting gift.

June 18.—Home for the holidays and happy.



MUSICALE.

The night shall be filled with music,
And the cares which infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

THE 1908 Season opened as usual on St. Patrick's Day with the customary national concert. With the exception of three orchestral selections, all the items were Irish. We should like of course to have the programme entirely Irish on this night, but in a case like this, in which the items were mostly instrumental we can understand the difficulty our Rev. Stage Manager may have had in finding suitable Irish selections. The programme was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

Overture—"Ireland" College Orchestra.	Volti
Song—"Eileen Alannah." Mr. W. G. Murden.	Thomas
Violin Solo—"Echoes of Erin" Mr. W. J. Coad.	Coad
Selection—"The Flying Dutchman" College Orchestra.	Wagner
Song—"Father O'Flynn." Mr. G. E. Boyle.	Stanford
Pianoforte Solo—"Irish Airs." Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.	McMenamin
Gavotte—"Stephanie." College Orchestra.	
Song—"Oft in the Stilly Night." Rev. F. X. O'Brien.	Moore
March—"Tannhauser" College Orchestra.	Wagner

Distribution of Prizes by Rev. Father Rector.

God Save Ireland.

The orchestra (pianoforte, violins, cornet, clarionet, double-bass) acquitted itself admirably, especially in "Ireland," "Stephanie" and "Tannhauser," a notable feature of "Ireland" being the violin solo "The Last Rose of Summer" by E. Turner. "Echoes of Erin" was one of the most appreciated items, and had to be repeated as an encore. The burden of the piece was that exquisite Irish melody, "The Snowy Breasted Pearl," to which Mr. Coad, our violin Professor, did full justice. His double stopping was a particular feature. The predominant characteristics of Irish music are extreme sadness on the one hand and extreme joyousness on the other. The first characteristic is present in "The Snowy Breasted Pearl" and its passionate pathos was beautifully brought out by the violin in such capable hands. The second characteristic was delightfully shown on the piano by Mr. McMenamin, our senior pianoforte professor, the chief of whose "Irish Airs" was Moore's "May Morning," a melody so full of life and vigour that on hearing it, you are almost lifted out of your chair and forced to "take the floor."

The vocal items were well chosen. The well-known "Eileen Alannah" proved a favourite this time also, and had to be repeated for an encore. Mr. Boyle's refined rendering of "Father O'Flynn" was a great success, and an encore was insisted on. "Oft in the Stilly Night" was feelingly rendered by Mr. O'Brien, S.J., who sang as an encore "Oh! The Shamrock."

APRIL CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Pianoforte Solo—"Valse Brilliante." Chopin
Mr. John Fay.
Song—"Barque of Dreams." Gray
Rev. C. F. Cuffe, S.J.
Violin Solo—"Serenata." Moszhowski
Ernest Turner.
Pianoforte Solo—"Valse de Concert." Mayer
Mr. John Fay.

Hon. Accompanist—Mr. John Fay.

PART II.

"HIS EXCELLENCY,"
Or "A Genuine Cure."

His Excellency, Yen How — Gladstone W. Ward
Sing Smawl, Chief Chamberlain — Arthur Nichols
Li-Lo, Wharf-For, Ah-Cow, Woo-Nix, Mi-Hi (Noble Lords) — David F. Roth, Robert Macken, Norton Chester, Ewart Dinan, Evelyn Keenan
Miss Penelope Prunes (an English Tourist) — Frank G. McArdle.

Scene—The Island of Foo-Too.

We looked forward to the April Concert with great eagerness and expectation. About a fortnight before, the rumour went around that a play had been specially written for this concert by a certain local celebrity. Before the curtain went up for the play, this celebrity wore a very contented countenance with quite a pleasing smile. The former became even comfortable and the latter quite delicious when "His Excellency" began, and when the "Chief Chamberlain" read out with pompous mien the long roll of pains and penalties on would-be offenders in various respects. Some very topical allusions were introduced, and much merriment was caused when the penalty for a certain offence was proclaimed to be "Sunday sausages and Friday scones for six months." But as the play wore on, and little evidence of a plot was visible, and as popular songs and dances by Roth and McArdle and Ward were receiving the lion share of the applause, the content and smile of the aforesaid celebrity gave place to a darkening frown which soon developed into an angry scowl. We doubt whether the light hearted strains of "The Sandow Boy" or "High Sassiety" or "I want to be a Lady" brought very much pleasure to this poor soul saddened by the conviction that his play had been mutilated out of sight. Thus youthful ardour and genius has often been damped. But our genius was not extinguished, for he began very soon again, and they say his next play will be the master-piece of the Riverview stage.

The first part of the programme contained two brilliant selections by Mr. John Fay, our assistant Pianoforte Professor. Mr. Cuffe, S.J. (whom we should be pleased to hear oftener) sang "Barque of Dreams;" and Ernie Turner's "Serenata" was a further assurance of undoubted talent.

MAY CONCERT.

PART I.

Pianoforte Solo—"Frühlingsrauschen." Sinding
Mr. John Fay.
Song—"You'd Better Ask Me." Löhr
Mr. G. E. Boyle.
Monologue ... ...
Mr. Warwick Armstrong.
Song—"The Romany Lass." Adams
Con. Lynch.
Violin Solo—"Cavatina" Raff
Justin McCarthy.

PART II.

A Fantastic Operetta:

"THE WITCHING HOUR."

Dramatis Personæ.

Sir Rupert Ruthless (a phantom)
Gladstone W. Ward
Lady Matilda Mannerley (a phantom)
Frank G. McArdle
Reginald Ruthless (a spendthrift)
O. Featherstone Johnston

First Ghost — David F. Roth
Second Ghost — Evelyn Keenan
Third Ghost — Ulric Walsh
Fourth Ghost — Ewart J. Dinan
Fifth Ghost — Norton Chester
(Distant Connections of the Ruthless family.)

Ghosts, Attendants.

Scene—Midnight in Castle Ruthless.
Period—The Present.

The May Concert was quite a surprise packet coming so soon after the April one, and being the best of the monthly concerts we have seen for long. The first part opened with a pianoforte Solo, "Frühlingsrauschen"—a beautifully descriptive and realistic piece—played with wonderful skill by Mr. John Fay. Mr. Boyle very kindly lent his services again, and again was highly appreciated. His song—"You'd better ask me"—a pretty little piece in which a coy Irish maiden gives the solution of a difficulty to her lover who is afraid to ask her father and

mother to consent to their marriage. For an encore Mr. Boyle sang, "Three for Jack," which "brought down the house." Mr. Warwick Armstrong is an entertainer of no mean ability. His funny stories and his almost spoken song, "Has any one been asking for me?" created many a hearty laugh. "The Romany Lass" by Con. Lynch and the violin solo "Cavatina" though accompanied by the unfailing nervousness of the debutant, were much appreciated.

"The Witching Hour," a fantastic operetta in one act, gave us a glimpse of the great event in the daily life of two inhabitants of the lower regions. Sir Rupert Ruthless, a spendthrift noble of the middle ages, had in a fit of passion made away with his uncongenial better-half, and filled with remorse for his mad act, committed suicide. The punishment for this was that every night at the "witching hour" of twelve, they had to return to their old home on earth, to enact over again the awful scene of their death. The tone of the piece was from its nature subdued—an effect that was heightened by the costumes of ashy white, and by the green footlights. The five little ghosts that made the chorus, sang ghostly songs and went through ghostly dances with much grace. "Dreamland" a wonderfully weird song, sung excellently by Roth, had a deliciously subduing effect on the audience The entrance of Ralph Johnston as a true descendant of the Ruthless family, in evening dress, smoking a cigar, and somewhat the worse for much champagne, was greeted with thunderous applause. Ward and McArdle did some very fine serio-comic acting in enacting their tragedy which, of course, is altogether burlesque.

Mr. John Fay played the accompaniments all through in his usual finished manner.

REGATTA CONCERT, JUNE 15TH, 1908.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Overture—"Tancredi." ... Rossini
College Orchestra.

Violin Solo—
(*a*) "Romance" ... Rubenstein
(*b*) "Perpetuum Mobile" ... Ries
Mr. W. J. Coad.

Song—(*a*) "The Windmill" ... Nelson
(*b*) "Eyes that used to Gaze in Mine." Löhr
Mr. S. W. Gordon.

Pianoforte Solo—"Bluette." ... Schütt
Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

Gavotte—"Pastorale" ... Resch
College Orchestra.

Hon. Accompanist, Mr. J. Hugh McMenamin.

PART II.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Comic Opera:
"THE GRAND DUKE,"
Or, "The Statutory Duel."

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

Rudolph (Grand Duke of Pfennig-Halbpfennig) Arthur M. Nichols
Ernest Dummkopf (a Theatrical Manager) Leslie Quigley
Ludwig (his Leading Comedian) Gladstone W. Ward
Dr. Tannhäuser (a Notary) Stan. A. McDonnell
The Prince of Monte Carlo O. Featherstone Johnston
Viscount Mentone ... ... Don S. Foy
The Duke of Riviera ... ... Alfred Mann
Herald ... ... William Allen
The Princess of Monte Carlo ... Vivian Crowley

Lisa, Elsa, Olga, Gretchen — Members of Ernest Dummkopf's Company. — Rollo Vavasour, Claude Keenan, Evelyn Keenan, Ewart J. Dinan

The Baroness Von Krackenfeldt (a wealthy Spinster) ... Frank J. McArdle
Nobles, Chamberlains, Guards, Actors.

ACT I.

THE GRAND DUCAL TERRACE *(Fleury.)*

CHORUS—C. Gordon, N. Chester, U. Walsh, J. Bridge, K. Pelletier, C. Williams, G. Forest Hughes, A. Moran, B. McKay, B. Veech, T. Payten, R. Macken, J. Glennie, L. Elliott, C. Rorke, E. Lenehan, G. Vavasour, B. Lane Mullins, C. Weaver, H. Barraclough, M. Ryan, J. Johnstone, N. Foley, J. Conrick, F. Fanning, A. Gardner.

Date 1750.

Costumes by Batham. Electrical effects by Olsen.

Distribution of Regatta Prizes.

The dress rehearsal for this concert three days before had not been a great success. It had revealed in fact a state of affairs bordering at times on the highly ludicrous. Most of the actors, though many of them were "old-stagers" seemed quite new to the "boards." But a dress rehearsal, from its very *raison d'etre*, is expected to be imperfect. When patches for a great patchwork design are sewn together for the first time, alterations have to be made here and there which, how-



Photo by] SCENES FROM "THE GRAND DUKE" (*Gilbert and Sullivan*), [*Hall & Co.*

The Grand Duke's Noble Guard. **The Company.**

The Prince of Monte Carlo and his "Nobles." **The Grand Ducal Terrace** (*Fleury*).

ever needless they may be in the single patches, are necessary for the whole design. So in our play, the rehearsals up to this had been done in pieces, and now when the whole was presented for the first time, it was evident that here and there a square patch should be a triangular one, an elliptic patch a circular one, and so on. There were three days in between, during which our Rev. Stage-Manager Mr. Walsh, S.J., was busy.

Monday the 15th was overcast and cold in the early part of the day, but towards evening it became fine (the clerk of the weather must have a soft place in his heart for Riverview.) Among the six hundred or so guests that came by special steamer in response to the invitations of the President (Rev. Father Rector) and Committee of the Rowing Club, were Very Rev. J. Ryan, S.J., the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. T. Hughes,) and Brigadier-General Gordon.

The first part of the entertainment was entirely musical and of a high-class order. The College Orchestra, led by our violin professor, Mr. Coad, was especially good in the overture "Tancredi." Mr Coad himself again proved a favourite in his two selections while Mr. J. H. McMenamin, our pianoforte professor, showed his exquisite artistic skill in a short piece "Bluette." Mr. S. W. Gordon, a baritone of very pleasing voice, sang with much taste, two very modern songs. His second song will recall to many pleasant memories of Mr. Kennerley Rumford.

With regard to the evening and the second part of the entertainment in particular, we shall quote the Melbourne "Punch" (July 3rd):—

"The beautiful grounds of "Riverview" presented a fascinating spectacle on the night of the 15th June. The steamer Lady Carrington landed from five hundred to six hundred visitors at the college wharf, including the Lady Mayoress and Brigadier-General Gordon. The long line of dark-robed men and gaily-dressed ladies as they wended their way beneath interlacing foliage and beetling rocks, amid the eerie twinkling of Chinese lanterns, was a pretty sight indeed. The college concerts have attained quite a reputation, such is the skill and perfection with which the "Riverview" boys have produced Gilbert and Sullivan's operas for the past five years, under the extremely clever conductorship of Mr. T. A. Walsh,



Photo by] **New Drop Curtain, painted by Mr. L. Fleury, Tennyson.** [*Hall & Co.*

S.J. On the night's programme the "Grand Duke" (Gilbert and Sullivan) was the piece de resistance, It was the first time it had been staged under Southern skies, and the hopes and anticipations of anxious matrons ran high, burning to see how their darlings would figure in the grand ducal palace. The curtain went up amid an outburst of applause. In the centre was a wedding-cake, the sight of which would have shattered out of recognition the single purposes of the most inveterate bachelor in favour of a dual existence. At dainty tables to right and left where the pretty little maidens—counterfeit, of course—of Dummkopf's company, sipping their chablis and chattering like Parisian belles at an open-air restaurant. The acting of Arthur M. Nichols (Grand Duke of Pfennig-Halbpfennig) was of a very high standard. Gladstone Ward (the leading comedian) and Stan. A. M'Donnell (Dr. Tannhauser, a notary) were at times brilliant, and evoked unstinted applause.

"Berlin on the Spree," sung and acted by Frank McArdle (the Baroness von Krackenfeldt a wealthy spinster), was inimitable. The charms of the Baroness were a thing of the past; yet she showed a little of her quondam baronial vivacity in the irresistible comicality of her acting, and the pneumatic sprightliness with which she tripped on the fantastic toe and waltzed round the stage, linked arm in arm with the leading comedian. The performance was a capital one, and the enthusiasm which prevailed, and the bursts of approbation that greeted the clever actors and carefully-trained voices of the chorus, furnished a handsome send-off to Mr. Walsh, S.J., who leaves for Melbourne in a few days, prior to a protracted sojourn in Europe. Brigadier-General Gordon, in a brief address, spoke in encomiastic terms of the feats of the boys on land, water and stage. The Lady Mayoress handed over the prizes."

We could have hardly wished for a more successful performance. Not a single hitch occured—everything was in its proper place. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Walsh, S.J., and his youthful artists, who sacrificed many a play-hour in rehearsing and to our music professors, Messrs. Boyle, Coad, and McMenamin who gave much generous and genuine assistance, for such a delightful evening's entertainment, and our heartiest congratulations are offered to them on the well-merited success their efforts achieved.



General Notes.

Very Rev. T. Brown, S.J., formerly Provincial of the Irish Province and Rector of Xavier College, Kew, Melbourne, has been appointed Superior of the Australian Mission of the Society of Jesus in succession to Very Rev. J. Ryan, S.J., who was Rector in Riverview for many years. We congratulate Father Brown on his new office, and wish him every success.

Father O'Dwyer, S.J., formerly Prefect of Studies in Riverview, has been appointed Rector of St. Xavier's College, Kew, in succession to Father Keating, S.J., one time Rector of Riverview. We congratulate Father O'Dwyer, and wish him every success. Father Keating is now stationed at St. Mary's, North Sydney.

Since our last issue a few changes have taken place in our staff. Father Corcoran, S.J., has become Minister in succession to Father Cahill, who is now at St. Patrick's College, Melbourne. Father Brennan, S.J., who for so many years has been our First Prefect, is at present in Melbourne enjoying a change of air and employment at the Church of St. Ignatius, Richmond. His health for some time had not been satisfactory, and towards the end of April last he was ordered by his doctor to Melbourne. The change, we believe, is doing him good, and we hope to see him back with us before long. Mr. Byrne, S.J., acted as First Prefect in Fr. Brennan's absence. Mr. Mackey, S.J., joined our staff from St. Aloysius' College at Easter last.

We have to chronicle the loss of Mr. Byrne, S.J., and Mr. Walsh, S.J., both of whom left Australia in the "Ormuz" a few weeks ago. They are bound for Ireland, where, in Milltown Park, Dublin, they will begin at once their theological studies in preparation for the priesthood. We wish them every success in their studies, and hope to see them back in Riverview again after their Ordination.

In our last issue the name of Mr. Charles Hepburn, of the firm Hepburn and Spruson, was through an oversight, which we regret, omitted in reference to the new columns and corridors erected by Br. Foster, S.J., at the back of the main building. In this matter, as in every other of the sort, our old friend Mr. Hepburn gave us much valuable advice and time, for which we are deeply grateful.

Sergeant-Major Cush has in the short time allotted to him for drill effected a very marked improvement in our Cadets. Our old pupil, Mr. John Toohey, formerly holding a captain's commission in the N.S.W. Irish Rifles, has accepted the captaincy of our company, and as he is well-known for the thoroughness with which he throws himself into all that he undertakes, there are surely bright days before our young soldiers. We hope to give some photos of the Cadets in our next issue.

Br. Doyle has again revolutionised the engine-room. He has installed, at the cost of about £400, a new Hornsby gas-engine to work the electric light dynamo and laundry. He has not yet got rid of the old boiler, but its fate is doomed. A donkey-engine, erected in the kitchen, will take its place in that department. In our

next issue we hope to publish an article on the engine room and its appurtenances.

Since the advent of Alfred Cole, our new gardener, a great many improvements have been effected. We consider the basket of flowers which he has made a centre-piece in one of the lawns his chef d'oeuvre. We have been informed by a much-travelled gentleman that it is the only one in the Commonwealth, and as might be expected, it has evoked considerable praise from visitors.

Riverview is deeply grateful to Mr. F. Cusack (uncle of W. Macdonald), of Brisbane, for his present of a selection of the very best rose plants that are grown in Queensland. Mr. Cusack purchased them from Mr. John Williams, a famous Queensland rose-grower who raised them all himself. One of them, "Penelope," is much admired by fanciers.

The Editors gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the "Catholic Press" for the favour of Father Benson's block, of the "Town and Country Journal" for six blocks of Regatta, of the "Referee" for the blocks of John and James Hughes and H. Daly.

OBITUARY.

Mr. O. McArdle, of Wellington, New Zealand, was a most enthusiastic friend of Riverview and the cable announcing his sudden death at Masterton, N.Z., on February 1st came as a shock to the entire College community. Mr. McArdle was a grand specimen of an Irishman and by his untiring energy, absolute integrity and genial kindness won a foremost place in the esteem and affection of his fellow citizens. Before and above everything he was a fervent Catholic—For some time before his death he went to communion daily. One of his last acts was to joyfully give his second son to the Society of Jesus. As he lay on his deathbed he asked the priest to hand him the crucifix he had procured during a mission and even when he seemed to have lost consciousness his hands were observed searching for his rosary beads. So keen and warm-hearted was the interest that Mr. McArdle manifested in Riverview that we feel it a bounden duty to ask the fervent prayers of all the friends of the college in his behalf. May his soul rest in peace.

OLD BOYS.

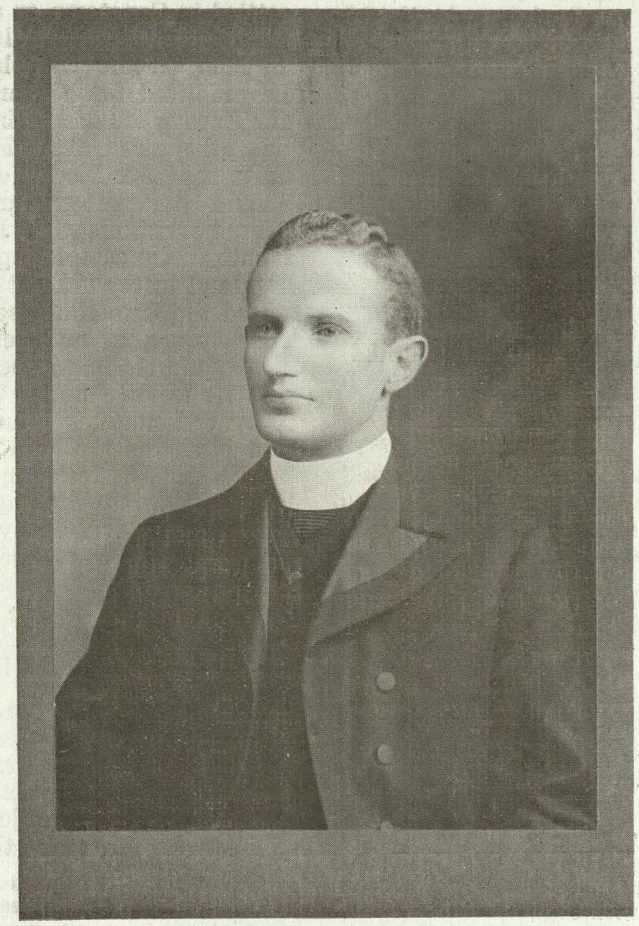
Father Cecil Loneragan, since his return from Ireland where he was ordained, has been stationed at Wellington, N.S.W., where he is engaged in the sacred ministry with another old Riverview boy, Father J. A. Dunne. The latter laid the foundation-stone of a new Church at Micketymulga on June 7th.

Since our last issue two more Riverview boys have entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Ireland—Gordon Rorke and Harry McArdle. The former left Riverview about four years ago for the Hawkesbury College, where he did a course of agriculture. After this he was engaged in station and wool work, but shortly after Christmas last he surprised many of his friends by sailing by the "Grosser Kurfurst" for Ireland to begin his noviceship in the Society. We wish Gordon the greatest success in his new life.

Harry McArdle was preparing before Christmas last for the March matriculation. When the holidays were over he announced his intention of proceeding to Ireland to join the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He left Sydney by the "Marama" for Vancouver, and on the voyage had good company in Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland. The train journey over Canada, though exciting and interesting at first, became very monotonous, as the number of days in an overheated carriage increased. From Toronto he visited Niagara Falls, and was much impressed by them—especially from the Canadian side. Thence he proceeded to Buffalo, and then to New York, where he delayed nearly a month. While there he saw the monster Catholic parade of 50,000 men in honour of Cardinal Logue, and was much struck by the strong faith of the American Catholics. Leaving

New York on the 14th of May, he took boat for Queenstown, from which he went straight to the Novitiate in Tullamore, King's Co. We wish Harry, too, every success in his new life, and hope that before long we shall see both himself and Gordon Rorke engaged in the duties of

for both branches, and was called to the N.S.W. Bar in May, 1908. He was the only one, we believe, in N.S.W. that ever qualified for both branches at the same time. He is now reading in the chambers of Mr. J. L. Campbell, barrister-at-law, in Wigram Chambers, and intends following



Rev. Cecil Loneragan.

Master or Prefect, or both, in their old Riverview.

Ign. Bertram Norris entered Riverview in 1890, and left in 1896 on passing the Law matriculation. He entered into articles with M. J. Brown, solicitor, and read for the Bar at the same time. He qualified

the Northern Circuit. Bert is also captain and adjutant in the N.S.W. Irish Rifles, and has represented New South Wales in hockey. He is a member of the "Corinthians" Hockey Club.

M. T. Farrell was at Riverview from 1890 to 1895, in which year he passed the

Junior examination with high distinctions, gaining the University medal in Latin. He then matriculated, but did not go on to the University. He engaged, instead, in mining pursuits, assaying, etc., for six years. In 1902 he was articled to John Robinson, solicitor, Forbes, and on the expiry of his term became his managing clerk. He sat with success for the last two sections of his final examination in May last, and was admitted as a solicitor on May 30th. He intends to settle down to practise in the country.

Frank Coen, B.A., LL.B., left Riverview after passing the Senior examination at the end of 1902, and entered the University the following March, residing at St. John's College, where he won the "Dunne" Scholarship. He secured his B.A. degree in March, 1906, taking the following subjects:—History (English), Roman, and Constitutional Law. In March, 1908 he secured his LL.B. degree with distinction.

During his stay at the University, Frank entered fully into its sporting and social life, where his powers as a speaker and organiser gave him several posts of honour and importance. In 1904 he rowed in the Sydney crew in the Inter-University boat race in Melbourne. In 1905, he was elected vice-captain of the University Boat Club. He rowed for four years for St. John's in the Inter-Collegiate boat race, stroking his crew in 1905 and 1906.

In football, also, Frank had a large share of honours. He played several times with Sydney University First Grade team, and in 1907 was captain of the Second team. When the former team visited New Zealand in 1906, Frank was chosen to be its manager, and during the tour played himself against Otago University.

Frank intends to practise in Sydney.

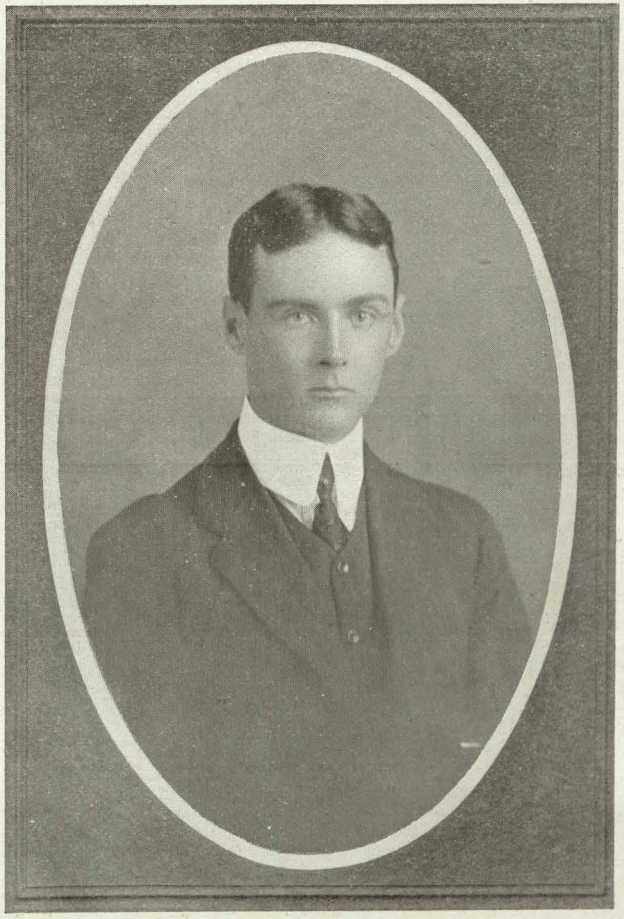
Mr. C. A. McBride, surgeon dentist, left Riverview in 1893, and after serving his apprenticeship for dentistry started practice in 1898 in the Equitable Buildings. Catching the war-fever in 1900, he landed in Capetown in March, joined Kitchener's Horse, and took part in the taking of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Having got enteric fever, he was invalided to England for three months, during which he enjoyed the hospitality of several distinguished people. He returned to South Africa in December. In May, 1901, he took his discharge from his regiment, and settled in Capetown as a dentist. He got married there the following September. In 1905, he left for Johannesburg, where he practiced for a year. He then sailed for Europe via Mozambique and the eastern ports of Africa. From Hamburg he took boat for New York, where he attended the post-graduate course at the New York College of Dentistry for nine months. On completing this, he sailed for England in the "Lusitania," and experienced the marvellous sensation of travelling by sea at an average rate of 23.8 knots, and making a record trip. In London he worked under Dr. Davenport, of Stratford Place, W., and while with him did work for the Earl of Jersey, Prince Alexander of Teck, and the Duchess of Buccleugh. He left England in February, 1908, and arrived in Sydney in due time, heartily grateful and delighted to be back in his native city, which, he maintains, surpasses any place he has visited in his wanderings. He has now resumed practice as surgeon dentist in Challis House.

In the course of an interview with a "Sydney Morning Herald" representative, Mr. McBride gave the following "new and certainly interesting explanation" of the real object of the tour of the American Fleet to the Pacific:—

"He (Mr. McBride) says it was well known in New York that the United States was looking to South America as an outlet for her surplus products. Over-production was the great problem in the United States, and the Republics of the south could give a very big market, and thus solve it. The idea of despatching the warships, according to opinions in commercial circles in New York, was to impress the Republics with the hugeness of the American nation, and its capabilities to protect them against foreign Powers, so that the United States might get favored treatment and thus discover the necessary outlet for its surplus production. Mr. Root, Secretary of State, has paid two visits comparatively recently to the



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Republics of the south, with obviously a commercial object.

It was significant that at the Hague Conference the South American Republics followed the lead of the United States in practically every instance. The tremendous fleet of battleships cruising round their coast would be a powerful factor in giving the South Americans a sense of security in the event of their incurring the displeasure of foreign Powers by strong preferential or prohibitive tariffs. Officially this, of course, has nothing to do with the voyage, but amongst business men in New York it is regarded as the true reason. No one in New York ever thought for a moment of any serious conflict with Japan. For strategical purposes the cruise was a useless waste of energy, but as a demonstration of peace, as Mr. Roosevelt said more truly than most people realised, the great tour of the battleship fleet would be a tremendous success, although the objects might not be achieved for some years." —"S.M.H.," May 25, 1908.

T. J. Hurley left Riverview in 1895 after matriculating, and entered upon the arts course of the University at St. John's College. After two years there he made an extended tour of Australasia, and on returning entered into articles with the firm of Laurence and McLachlin in Sydney. On the expiry of his term of five years he lived for some time in Bathurst, but returned to Sydney to complete his law studies. He passed the final sections of his examination in May last, and was admitted as a solicitor in the same month. He has begun to practise in the Savings Bank Chambers, Moore-street, Sydney.

When at school "Tom" was a prominent member of both the Football XV. (the first Rugby team in Riverview) and the Cricket XI. At the University he played for the Second and Third XV. He played cricket with Waverley District, and also in all the inter-district matches in Bathurst. Next season he intends to resume cricket with Waverley district.

Hubert Barry has started in Challis House as general agent and insurance broker in partnership with Mr. Carlisle. We fancy he is the first old boy to take up this business, and most heartily congratulate him.

Old schoolmates of Mr. Tom Curran, formerly M.P. for Kilkenny in the Imperial Parliament, will be glad to hear that he is not allowing his powers of a speaker and lecturer to lie fallow.

Under the heading "Humours of Politics," the following appeared in the London "Daily News" of Friday, March 6th, 1908:—

Mr. T. B. Curran, formerly a member of Parliament, lectured last evening at Salisbury House, London, on "Humour and Pathos in the House of Commons." He told many amusing stories.



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At the time of the commencement of the South African war, he said, when feeling ran very high and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was the popular idol, the following incident took place:

One summer morning in Birmingham an elderly governess was out in the gardens with a number of her young charges—all boys. As they walked she asked them who made the beautiful sunshine, the flowers, the foliage, and the twittering birds. Immediately all hands went up, and picking out one bright lad she asked, "Well, who was it?"

"Joey Chamberlain," came the prompt answer.

"No," replied the teacher, "it was not Joey Chamberlain."

"Oh," replied the boy reproachfully, "I never thought you were a pro-Boer before."

Another ardent Birmingham politician of a somewhat different type, said Mr. Curran, was a South Sea Islander, whom a traveller had brought home with him as a servant. In a local tavern he was praising up the British Constitution, when one of his hearers said to him:

"What do you know about it? You're not a Englishman. You haven't a drop of English blood in your veins."

"Don't you be so sure about that," replied the black; "my grandfather helped to eat Captain Cook."

We should be very glad to have something from Mr. Curran's pen for a future issue of "Our Alma Mater."

Congratulations to two Old Boys who have lately "joined the ranks of the Benedicts"—Dr. Walter Burfitt, who was married in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, to Miss Esmey Mann, sister of Furneaux Mann ('04), in the beginning of June, Rev. Father Rector performing the ceremony; and Austin Donnelly, who was married towards the end of April in the Catholic Church, Maitland, to Miss Wilkinson, sister of one of the present Riverview boys. Both marriages may be truly called "Riverview alliances."

Congratulations to Furneaux Mann on gaining Professor McCallum's Prize for History (first place) and Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy (first place-tie) as well as high honours in Greek in his recent second year examination at the University. Prosit!

The "Journal of the Royal Artillery" (published at the R.A. Institution, Woolwich, England) for January, 1908, contains an elaborate article on "Communication in the Divison" by Captain J. E. F. d'Apice, R.A., B.Sc., in which he treats of the various modes of signalling in use and their respective merits. We should require the use of a key to understand the greater portion of the paper. Perhaps some of our cadets might derive profit and pleasure from its perusal. We derived pleasure only in the reading of it. There are, we fancy, many past and present of Riverview (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) Divisions, who could ably treat on the same subject.

The following is a cutting from the "Freeman's Journal" of March 12th last. We congratulate Mr. Carlton on his new office:—

The newly-elected Warden, Mr. T. Carlton, of the new branch of the A.H.C. Guild, opened on Thursday evening last in connection with St. Paul of the Cross Church, Fern Hill, is an old St. Ignatius' boy. Mr. Carlton is a very fluent speaker, and under his able direction the St. Paul of the Cross branch of the Guild is sure to prosper.

In the preface to his English (verse) translation of the "Inferno" of Dante, the Right Hon. Sir Samuel W. Griffith, M.A., Chief Justice of Australia, writes: "I desire to express my grateful thanks to Mr. C. J. Brennan, M.A. ('87), for his valuable criticisms and suggestions, without which any merit which this translation may possess would have been greatly diminished."

Kenneth McKillop who, on leaving Riverview ('06) after matriculation, was articled to Johnson and Sindall, solicitors, Goulburn, passed his Intermediate Law Examination a short time ago, securing first place. We congratulate "Ken," and wish him every success. "Ken" is the second last of a long line at Riverview. Robert, better known as "Bob," the eldest, is in the City Bank at Braidwood, and last year was secretary of the Goulburn Senior and Junior Football Clubs. Archie is a doctor, and practises with his father in Goulburn. Alick is at present in Sydney studying wool-classing and shearing machinery. Ronald is in the Bank of Australasia at Newcastle. The last representative—and a weighty one, too—of this family is Colin, who is at present in Riverview.

Arthur Murray ('93-'95) paid the College a welcome visit in July. He came down from Cowra to consult his oculist. It is rumored that he intends migrating

to the United States. Has the advent of the " Fleet " anything to do with this? Charlie Byrne is in the same town, and is a prominent orchardist. The Editors will be delighted to sample some of his " sans pareil " plums. Jack Fagan also is a squatter in the same district.

With regard to our Old Boys in the football world at present, we have reason to pride ourselves on their prominence. In the first place, one of the three selectors of the N.S.W. RugbyUnion is Mr. I. C. O'Donnell, the famous " Iggy " who captained our first XV. in the first half of the nineties. It was his duty with the others to select the team to tour England in the coming season. " Iggy " himself has a wonderful record in first grade and representative football in New South Wales. He was captain of the famous " Wallaroo " team, and on the initiation of District Clubs, of North Sydney. He represented New South Wales against Queensland in '98, '99, '00, '01, '04, '05; the Metropolis against England in '99 and '04; Australia against England in '99; and Metropolis against Country in '90, '01, '04. His duties never allowed him to go to New Zealand. We hope the success of the N.S.W. team in England will justify the choice of the selectors.

Of the success in football of John and James Hughes we need hardly speak, as everyone in Sydney, if not in N.S.W., knows about " the brothers Hughes " of the University Football Club. Both were invited to be members of the Australian team to visit England, but not wishing to interfere with their University courses, they declined the invitation. In Country Week, James played with 1st City and John with 2nd City. Both declined the visit to Queensland. In the two matches against Queensland in Sydney, both were on the N.S.W. team, and James was captain. In the first match of N.S.W. against the English Team, both are playing, and James is captain.

Riverview's sole representative on the touring Australian team will be Harry Daly ('95-'98), of the Mudgee Football Club. Harry has played with 1st Country for several seasons, and last year and this year represented N.S.W. against Queensland. His performances in the last Queensland match in Sydney, in which as wing three-quarter he was responsible for a good deal of the scoring, would alone justify his inclusion in the Australian team. We wish Harry a pleasant and successful tour and a safe return.

H. V. Oxenham would also in all probability have been invited to accompany the Australian team to England had he not been severely injured in the University v. Newcastle match early in the season. This injury (to his knee) prevented further play this season. We hope, however, he will reappear next season in all his strength and brilliancy.

In all the University football teams this season Riverview is well represented. In the First XV., three of our Old Boys have been regular players—John and James Hughes and Syd. Rorke; in the Second XV., four have been regular players—Fred. Rorke (captain), Frank Hughes, J. Kenny, and P. Kelly; and in the Third XV., Harold Rorke and R. Fitz Herbert. H. V. Oxenham played with the First XV. till he was hurt, and Fred. Rorke in the semi-final and final of the Sydney District Competition, in both of which he was brilliant. Austin Curtin, too, played in one or two matches with the Second XV.

John Molloy, our captain and champion athlete in 1901, was invited to Sydney from Western Australia to play before the selectors for possible inclusion in the Australian team to visit England. He played with Western District v. Metropolis, but was not selected to tour. John, who was married a short time ago, paid, with his wife, a welcome visit to the College while he was in Sydney.

Pat. Quinn played on a few occasions this year with Sydney District in First Grade football. We hope he will be a regular player with them next season.

Dr. Fred. Page is flourishing in his practice at the Valley, Brisbane. He is moving into a larger house, and has always a hearty greeting for any of his former masters or old College chums.

Willie Page (Fred's brother), also a doctor, is practising in Medhurst, Sussex, in partnership with Dr. Field.

George Page is doing good business as a chemist in Mt. Morgan. George has kept up his music, and no doubt his great talent in this line contributes not a little to the harmony of his family of seven—all girls—worse luck!

Ed. Prendergast is also at Mt. Morgan, and is well-known in mining circles as a skilful assayer.

We have got good news of all three McKennas (Brisbane). Maurice, the youngest, is making excellent progress in his ecclesiastical studies at All Hallows, Dublin. Tom is getting a lot of experience as assistant house-surgeon at Ingham Infirmary, North Shields, and is likely to be senior house-surgeon in the near future. Patrick is doing great things as a skilled and energetic brewer in Forbes (N.S.W.).

Mat Cranney ('06) has decided to "go on the land" and at present is devoting himself to the study of wool classing etc., on a station near Brewarrina. The interest he takes in his new work, in which we wish him every success, can be gauged by the fact that even the American Fleet and its attractions could not draw him to Sydney in "Fleet week."

George Grey looks as if the highly responsible and onerous duties he discharges in the big firm of Quinlan, Grey, and Co. (Brisbane) agreed with his health. Harry, his brother, who has married quite lately, carries on extensive farming on the Darling Downs. If any of our readers desire to see prime turkeys of gigantic size, let them look in on Harry. By-the-bye, an invention, just patented, and likely to be of very substantial advantage to sugar-cane growers in dealing with the thrash of the cane, is the outcome of Harry's inventive genius.

Jack Davidson is just as young-looking as ever, and as he has had big experience on land as well as on sea, it is hard to say whether he will adopt farming or seafaring as a profession. Arthur, Jack's brother, has been for years in a high position in the Australian Estates Co., Brisbane.

Rev. Father Harry Fitzgerald continues his great work of zeal in the Maryborough parish, and his brothers, Vin. and Berney, are in their brother's office. In one respect they seem to have changed constitutions with each other—Vincent has become plump and Berney slim.

Dawson and Jack Corrigan are both hard at work; the former with a leading firm in Warwick, the latter with Smellie and Co., Brisbane.

Dr. John McEvoy has his headquarters at Bunlea, a township some miles from Brisbane. The district he looks after is a very large one, but evidently none too large for Jack, who is looking exceedingly well.

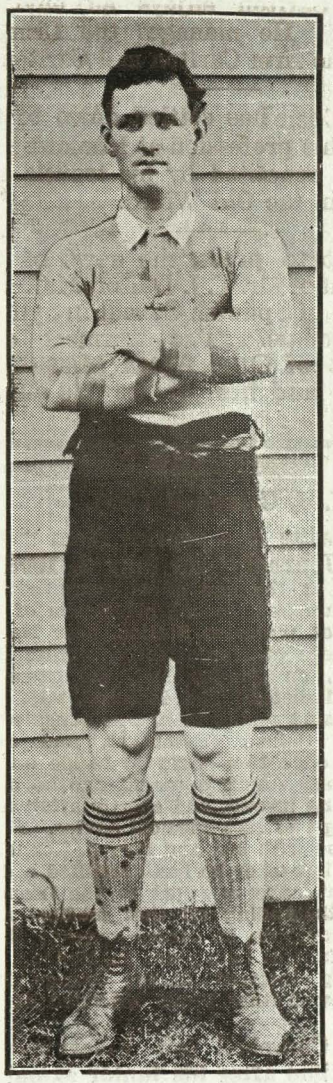
Any of his old friends who heard of the very severe attack of appendicitis that Bobby Beirne, of Toowoomba, had some months ago will be pleased to hear that he has completely recovered, and is fast polishing off the heavy legal work that had accumulated in his office during his illness.

Few boys of the early eighties will have forgotten Joe Smales, of Tasmania. Joe is in the wool business, and travels around a great deal, though, we believe, he makes Sydney his chief centre.

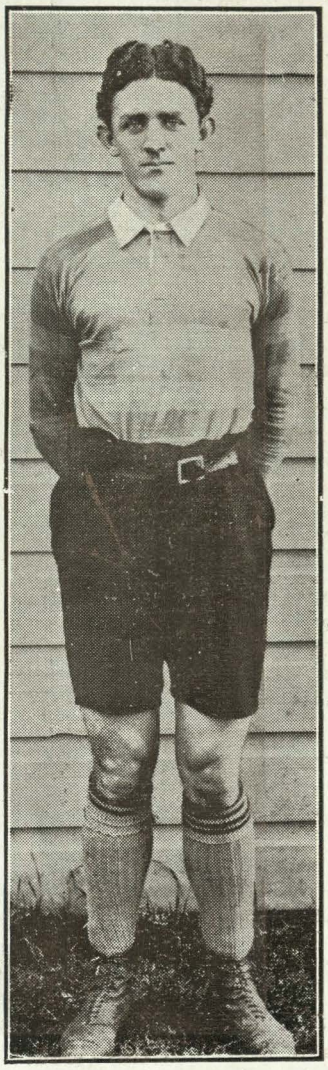
Willie McDermott is an energetic worker in his father's big business in Lismore. His brother Tom has travelled much, and just now is completing his musical training as a violinist in Geneva.

The good luck that all his masters and mates wished to Tyson Donnelly has surely come to him. Now, then, Tyson, just work out the sense of this verse from the Book of Proverbs: "Qui invenit mulierem bonam invenit bonum et hauriet jucunditatem a domino"—and the wedding-bells will find you with a joyful and grateful heart.

Joe Conlon, in the pretty township of Maclean on the Clarence, is bearing bravely the hard work that falls to his share in his father's very extensive business.



James Hughes ('00-03).



John Hughes ('00-02).

"The Brothers Hughes."

Alfred Shewcroft finds that his solicitor's business at Ingham leaves him little time.

W. F. Lalor (Roma) is a partner in the well-known Brisbane firm, Thynne and Macartney, and many of his class-fellows would be surprised to find how lightly the passing years and many professional worries have dealt with him.



H. Daly ('95-98).

Fredk. O'Rourke's name as a barrister in Brisbane stands very high—a fact that will surprise none of his old masters or fellow-students.

E. Real, who had such a triumphant course in his law studies at the Sydney University, is associate to his father, Justice Real. His health is now very good, and so all anxiety in the minds of his friends has been removed.

As an auctioneer and all-round business man, Jack Carlton enjoys an enviable reputation. He manages the Lismore branch of the firm Carlton and Carlton.

Dr. Joe Coen has settled down to the practice of his profession at Lismore. He has greatly benefited by his travels and experience in the Old World.

As we go to press, the news of the appointment of Mr. T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., to the office of Spanish Consul in Sydney has reached us. The warmest congratulations of OUR ALMA MATER go out to him, and best wishes "ad multos annos."

OBITUARY.

W. J. Campbell ('99).

The following is a reprint from "The Freeman's Journal" for July 2, 1908:—

The death, at the age of 26 years, of Mr. William J. Campbell, second eldest son of Mr. J. Campbell, of Waterloo Station, near Narromine, took place at Nurse Hart's private hospital, Orange, on Sunday last, the cause of death being diabetes. The deceased, who was a most promising young man, was educated at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, and after finishing his education, went to reside on his father's station. About a month ago he complained of being unwell, and shortly afterwards went to Orange, to seek medical advice. For a time he resided with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenna, of East Orange, but after he had consulted a doctor he was at once removed to the hospital, where, notwithstanding all that medical skill and nursing could do, he passed away as above stated. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the Orange R.C. cemetery. Rev. Father Ryan officiated at the graveside.

"Will" Campbell left Riverview in 1899, some time after his junior examination, in which he won a "Proxime" for first place and medal in English. He was a member of the First XV. in 1899. He was admitted into the Sodality B.V.M. in June, 1899. Our deepest sympathy is with the family and friends of "Will" R.I.P.



Second Division Debate.

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

Committee: J. FITZ-HERBERT, A. NICHOLS, B. BRYANT, A. GARDNER.

THE Second Division Debate is generally bright and breezy, and without flattering ourselves, we may say that this one was no exception. Quite a number of the debaters seemed, to judge from their brilliant efforts, to have gathered in with advantage, some of those rays of eloquence that radiated from the presidential chair. The brief resumes given hereunder do but scant justice to many of the speeches, which were cleverly composed, and full of argument, and delivered with surprising aplomb and confidence.

GOVERNMENT.

Mr. FITZ-HERBERT: Hon. Premier.

Mr. McDONNELL: Minister for Music and Drama.

Mr. RORKE: Minister for Art and Literature.

Mr. ROBINSON: Minister for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.

Mr. MACKEN: Minister for Marine Affairs.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Minister for Aerial Navigation.

Mr. CHESTER: Minister for Aesthetics.

Mr. GARDNER: Minister for Scientific Research.

OPPOSITION.

Mr. NICHOLS: Leader.

Mr. FOY: Member for Annandale.

Mr. DINAN: Member for Bathurst.

Mr. SHARPE: Member for Orange.

Mr. B. BRYANT: Member for Randwick.

Mr. GORDON: Member for Burwood.

Mr. ROUSE: Member for Redfern.

Mr. A. KELLY: Member for Balmain.

The REV. PRESIDENT having proposed as motion for discussion that—"In the best interests of Humanity, it is eminently desirable that Corporal Punishment should be continued," called on the HON. PREMIER to open the debate.

The Hon. Premier (Mr. J. FITZ-HERBERT) led his audience for a passing visit through the corridors of Time, sketching the changes that successive eras had ushered in. Some were beneficial, some were detrimental, to the best interests of humanity. Among the latter he classed the partial abolition of cor-

poral punishment. France, whose volatile nature ever thirsts for change, led the way, and as a result her schools were hotbeds of iniquity. How different the upbringing of Spartan and Roman youths; stern and virile, it brought forth men whose names are enshrined in the memory of mankind, as typical of glorious heroism.

Fear, continued the Hon. Premier, is far more effective than love, and a certain percentage of it is necessary for the formation of independent character. He knew a school in which corporal punishment had been abolished. The result was disastrous. Even the boys themselves were disgusted with the anarchy that prevailed. He referred to the severe training of Frederic the Great, and his subsequent brilliant career when Europe trembled before his splendidly organized and invincible hosts. Then the Premier enumerated some of the disadvantages of detention, and closed with an appeal to the honour and righteousness of the House.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. A. NICHOLS) confined his attention to corporal punishment in schools and colleges. School-life, he said, was the spring-time of life; when youthful ambition was brightly blossoming forth; a time when great sympathy and encouragement were required from Prefect or Professor. Such a state of feeling was rendered impossible if corporal punishment was had recourse to. Master and pupil were at daggers drawn. And thus the tendril shoots of budding hopes, for lack of a guiding and paternal hand, would fall to earth, don, snake-like, the hue of their low surroundings, changing into base and unworthy tendencies. The child is father of the man, and if our youth is blighted and darkened by a black superincumbent pall of physical fear, our manhood must be atrophied, our outlook on the world on a par with our sombre surroundings, our mind poisoned and pessimistic. If in our prime we inhale the air of a cruel despotism instead of deep draughts of a soul-expanding freedom, our subsequent civic nature will be for ever stunted. The majority of those men who have made their mark in the political and commercial life of the Commonwealth have been brought up in schools where corporal punishment is not tolerated. This, gentlemen, is conclusive evidence. Some few I admit, have been educated in Dark-Age institutions—but it is a case where the exception proves the rule.

The Hon. Member for Scientific Research (Mr. GARDNER) harangued the House in a vigorous, bold, and telling speech. Law would fall into abeyance if its violation were not accompanied by some form of corporal punishment. Mankind would lose its most cherished gift—strong character and manliness. Fines and penals are instituted for those whose backbone Nature has left in an undeveloped state. If carefully prepared doses of rod are not duly administered to irresponsible youth, lawlessness must be the outcome, and thus both State and individual suffer.

To the rod we may trace the virility of the Irish, English, and Scotch—a quality which we find lacking in the Frenchman, in whose country the birch lies mouldering in dusty museums. For some reason only known to himself, the Hon. member informed the Opposition that they were more suited for Rose Bay than Riverview. He clearly knows at his fingers' ends the ways and doings of that admirable institution.

The Hon. Member for Bathurst (Mr. DINAN) declared that he should not experience the least difficulty in running a school without having recourse to corporal punishment. That it was necessary for the maintenance of discipline or success in matters academic was absurd—such a tenet found favour only with retrograde conservative people, whose ideals of perfection sprang, fungus-like, from a gloomy past. Penals are far more effective, inasmuch as they are more unpalatable, and thus weed out the germs of loafing. The mighty twentieth century is in all the strength of its youthful prime shaking itself free of the shackles of the past. Corporal punishment is played out. It served its purpose when

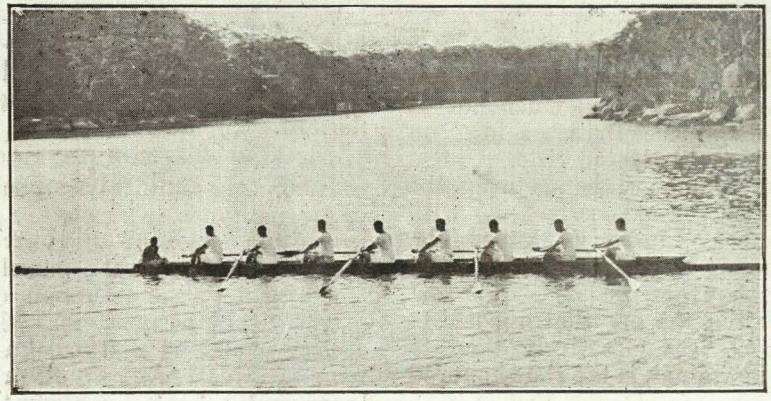
man still bore traces of his zoological ancestry. To-day it is but a withered leaf from the tree of wisdom, which the historical or evolutionary botanist may catalogue with advantage among his rarer collections.

The Hon. Minister for Aerial Navigation (Mr. ELLIOTT) informed his audience that in his aerial flights, as far as he could judge from sounds and screams, corporal punishment was much in vogue in the moon and Mars. Detention was detrimental to health, and played havoc with temper, and must, therefore, be done away with. In one of his airship-trips to France, he found that land blindly advancing to the brink of a precipice. He warned her to take up a staff, retrace her steps, and use it on those lawless sons, who, by madcap legislation and godless paganism, were tarnishing her fair name, and dragging her to perdition.

The Hon. Member for Burwood (Mr. GORDON), by his maiden nervousness, added a spice to his well-composed speech. He deprecated very strongly recourse to corporal punishment. The bodily weal may heal, but the corresponding weal upon the mind will only fester and gangrene with time, contaminate the whole man and his associates, and thus cause untold harm. "That knowledge hath a bloody entrance" is absurd. A stripe never yet impressed ten lines of the "Lady of the Lake" on the memory of the offender. In gaol, which, by the way, is not corporal, but mental, punishment, a man learns a trade, and, therefore, imprisonment is superior to corporal punishment.

The Hon. Minister for Art and Literature (Mr. RORKE) opened fire on his opponents with terrific effect. He smote them hip and thigh, and hurled Xenophon, Plato, Aristotle, Pythagoras, Seneca, and a host of other heroes of the past at their affrighted heads with the significant query: "If men such as these, landmarks in the history of the world, have advocated corporal punishment, will you dare raise your puny heads and decry its time-honoured usefulness?" Some mothers' darlings who were exempted from corporal punishment were very roughly handled by the Hon. Minister. If such a state of things was to become general, we would loaf away our time, turn out nincompoops, and be a curse to ourselves and to our country. Wellington upheld it when he declared that the fields of Albuera, Badajos, and Waterloo were won on the "block" of Eton College, and in an eloquent outburst he urged the House to walk in the footprints of the glorious dead, to go and do likewise.

The Hon. Member for Redfern (Mr. E. ROUSE) looked at the question from a twofold standpoint, from that of the



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punisher and the punished. It debases the former, for the operation is on the face of it ignoble, and the latter because force is no remedy; a man must be led to do good, not by rack or rod or sword, but by means which appeal to what is noblest in him, to wit—his mind and soul. The fact that it has been in use since the dawn of creation proves nothing. So, too, have drink, gambling, betting—(how or where the Hon. Member found evidences of a grand-stand or steeplechasing in the Garden of Eden we have not yet discovered)—and no sane man holds that these are beneficial to the unit or to the community. The State has learned the lesson. It no longer punishes; it conciliates mutineers.

The Hon. Minister for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge (Mr. ROBINSON) was brief but fluent. He stated that a master without a rod would be as much out of place in a college as a British soldier on the veldt with an ill-sighted rifle. Unless the sword of Damocles hangs over the pupils' heads and drops occasionally with dramatic effect, control is impossible. What is true of a college is still more true of the army and navy. The most telling corrective, the one that appeals to the growler no less effectively than to the hardened criminal, is the time-honored rod.

The Hon. Member for Botany Bay (Mr. SHARPE) ascended the Bema amidst ringing cheers. When the applause had subsided the orator declared that he had mounted the paltform to advocate mild and gentle methods. (Sarcastic mutterings from some members of the Third Division, whom the Hon. Member had scragged a few days before in a friendly (?) scally match.) Though the name of his constituency, Botany Bay, savoured of convict hull, still echoed the noise of rattling chain and swishing lash, he had broken, nevertheless, with the past, and had fallen on happier times. He had consulted with conscientious care the archives of Botany Bay, and he had come to the conclusion that the lash was a fiasco, that instead of bettering man, which all punishment should have for its aim, it made of him a brute and a savage.

The Hon. Member for Balmain (Mr. KELLY) began by informing the House that his practical experience of the matter in hand was scanty, that he was ever a law-abiding citizen, and never remembered having a cane extended on his person. We had only to go to Russia to witness the baneful effects of flogging. There the brutal Cossack roamed the streets, lash in hand, and the country as a consequence was a seething cauldron of discontent and sedition. Liberty, freedom, and justice can never thrive where the knout rules supreme. Under its baneful influence evil grows apace. As long as the Cossack wields the knout, so long will his victimised fellow-countryman hurl bomb and lay dynamite—for action and re-action are equal and opposite—while the land groans in the agony of civil discord.

The Hon. Minister for Aesthetics (Mr. CHESTER) staunchly upheld the old order of things. The picture he conjured up of the chaos of the universe, in the absence of corporal punishment, was worthy of the imagination of a Dante. Might would become right, the bonds of society would be shattered, a Republican form of Government would prevail in colleges and schools—government by the boys and for the boys. Man, of course, would step down again to the lowest rung of the evolutionary ladder, and roam the earth an untutored savage. The barriers between nation and nation would be tumbled down, and the spirits of disorder and anarchy would lord it over a chaotic world.

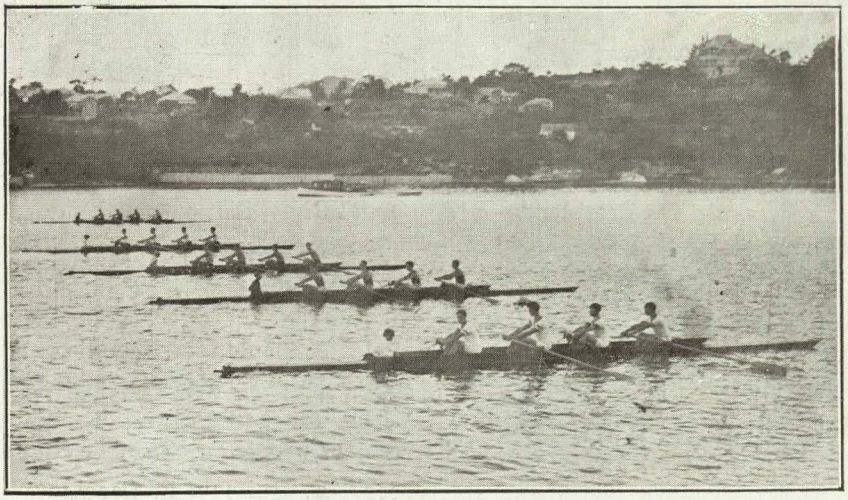
The Hon. Member for Annandale (Mr. FOY) knew from experience that criminals snapped their fingers at corporal punishment. Therefore, it is pure waste of time and cane. It has poisoned the spirit of the British navy, has been instrumental in causing countless mutinies, and dyeing in crimson hues the broad expanses of the Atlantic and Pacific. The growing tendency against it, manifested during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, is sufficient testimony that it has

been tested and found wanting. Man is evoluting fast towards the goal of perfection, and such mediaeval treatment must be discarded. Corporal punishment lets loose the dogs of war; unbolts the dungeon of the fell Furies of Revenge; inoculates the victim with an obsessing desire of murder—and from no viewpoint is it productive of good.

The Hon. Member for Music and Drama (Mr. McDONNELL) showed that " Spare the rod and spoil the child," was false economy. 'Twas penny wise but pound foolish. You spare the rod and spoil Creation's lord. Without discipline a college is a Bedlam, and a nation a universal laughing-stock. Discipline can be maintained only by judiciously applied corporal punishment. Judiciously, for we advocate not the abuse, but the use of the rod: est modus in rebus. An instinctive feeling of justice tells man that when he has committed a crime, or violated rules or laws, that he must pay the penalty in order to restore the moral disturbance to a state of equilibrium. Now, the wisdom of the ancients, the histories of the greatest kings, and the nations over which they reigned, teach us in unmistakable terms that corporal punishment is the most effective penalty ever yet devised. You cannot, gentlemen, break with impunity from the past. France did it in the days of the dread Revolution, and she has ever since been playing at nation-building, floundering like a bedizened whale in sandy shoals. If then, like England and other great nations, we cling to the traditions of the past, we shall not go masquerading as buffoons, like the members of the Opposition, with electric bulbs dangling from hats and coat-tails, proclaiming that this is an age of light and enlightenment, which can have naught to do with corporal punishment.

The Government won by a small majority.

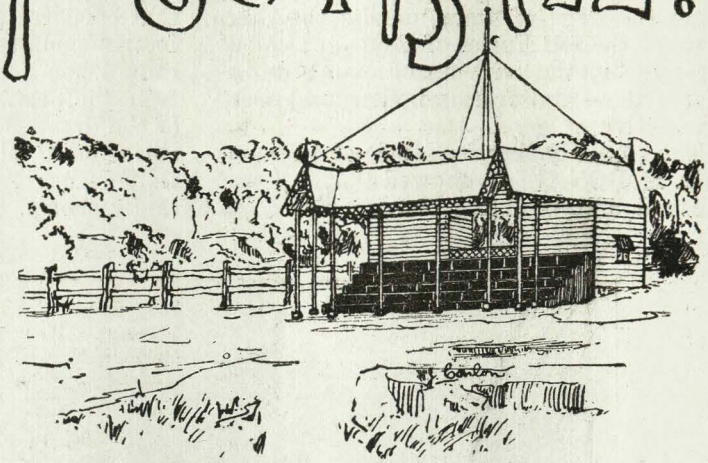
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A. NICHOLS.



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Start of the Junior Fours (open).



FOOTBALL.



President.—REV. G. BYRNE, S.J.

Committee.—C. VEECH (Captain), A. JOHNSTONE, V. CONLON.

Team :

Full-back.—B. Murray.

Three-quarters.—A. Cox, A. Malone, V. Conlon, E. Dandison.

Five-eighth.—T. Wilkinson. Half.—A. Johnstone.

Forwards.—L. Veech, J. Carlton, C. Veech, R. F. Johnston, F. Fanning, J. Johnstone, J. Murphy, J. Dalton.

Emergency forwards.—B. Veech, E. Quigley, E. Lenehan.

Emergency backs.—E. O'Halloran, G. Dalton.

OUR team has every reason to be content with its achievements in the first round of this year's Great Public Schools' competition. Riverview, at present, stands second, two points behind North Sydney Church of England Grammar School. We played six school matches, of which we won four, drew one, and lost one. Naturally, we are anxious to win the much-coveted cup, and although we are losing quite a number of our players, including our captain, C. Veech, we hope to put up a very good fight, so that, if we needs must die, we shall die fighting.

Three of our team secured places in the "All Schools" this year :—V. Conlon played on the wing, A. Johnstone half, and J. Carlton forward.

Our first fifteen this year is fast, and can last well. The backs are good in attack. Their defence, as a rule, is also of a high standard. The forwards, though fast and good in the scrums and ruck, will have to improve somewhat in following up after free kicks, etc. Several good opportunities of scoring were lost owing to this defect.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. A. Burdon for the energetic and painstaking way in which he performed the duties of coach.

The following is a brief account of the season's doings : —

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Second XV.

Captain: W. Kelly.

April 30, v. Norwood.—Lost, 25-0.

May 9, v. Beecroft.—Won, 63-0. Of the scorers G. Dalton scored 5 tries, Rorke 3, R. Quigley 2, B. Veech 1. Elliott and Dalton converted most of the tries.

May 16, v. Bingara.—Lost, 11-3. Dalton scored one try.

May 23, v. Randwick Juniors.—Won, 14-0. B. Veech and Foy scored 2 tries each. Elliott converted one.

May 30, v. Wentworth 2nd XV.—Lost, 18-0.

Third XV.

Captain: R. Macken.

May 9, v. N.S. Challengers.—Won 50-0. Ryan (2), Quigley, Macken, Vavasour, and Kain did most of the scoring.

May 23, v. N.S. Challengers again.—Won, 30-0.

May 30, v. Green Oaks.—Won 35-0. McKay (2), Meehan (2), Gardiner (2), Foley, Vavasour, Macken scored tries. Gordon and Nichols converted 2 tries each.

June 6, v. Shamrocks.—Won, 25-8. O'Hanlon (3), Macken (2), Ryan, Quigley, Gordon, converted 2 tries.

Fourth XV.

Captain: C. McKillop.

May 9, v. Waroo.—Won, 11-3. S. Ryan, A. Kelly, McKillop scored tries. T. Dalton converted one try.

May 30, v. Wallaroo.—Won, 14-0. S. Ryan (2), Foley (2). McKillop converted one try.

June 6, v. St. Leonards.—Won, 23-8. S. Ryan (2), A. Kelly (2), McArdle, Keenan scored tries. Keenan and McKillop converted one each.

Fifth XV.

Captain: J. Hackett.

May 2, v. Waverley.—Draw, no score.

May 16, v. Melrose.—Lost, 6-0.

May 24, v. Second Div. " Scallies."—Lost, 3-0.

June 6, v. St. Aloysius' College.—Won, 27-0. Hackett (2), Payten, Foley, Johnstone, McDermott, Hogan scored tries. Hogan converted 3 tries.

June 13, v. St. James' (Forest Lodge).—Won, 11-0. McDermott (2), Johnstone scored tries. Hogan converted one.

RIVERVIEW COLLEGE v. C. OF E. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Great Public School Football Competition started on May 6. The game in which most interest was centred was that between St. Ignatius' College and Sydney Church of England Grammar School, which was played on the picturesque Riverview ground. The game could by no means be classed as good. Both fifteens were in the position of having half their men unfit. Rowing has a first claim on both colleges, and as about half of each team have been on the water during the past month or so, football has had to take a back seat. General attention, however, is now to be paid the good old winter game. There never was such an uninteresting tussle in the first half. Both teams failed in all departments of the game. In the second half play was much brighter, and raised considerable excitement among youthful partisans. St. Ignatius' backs showed much promise, while the scrum, while lacking in power, made amends by clean footwork. School forwards were most to the fore. They worked hard, but failed on many occasions. The result was a scoreless draw. Sayers shone above School forwards, while the full-back, Macintyre, was to be relied upon. C. Veech and Johnstone were the most promising of Riverview forwards. Conlon, the full-back of last year, was far and away the best of the backs, assisted by A. Johnstone, the scrum half.

North Shore Grammar School won the toss, and Riverview kicked off against the wind. Very uninteresting play ruled till Conlon passed out from the loose. He ran well, and passed to Lenehan, who passed to O'Halloran. The latter kicked,

but Macintyre marked and kicked clear. A series of long kicks followed, when McDonald mis-kicked the ball, which was secured by Lenehan, who had a splendid opening for a clear run down. He elected, however, to take the mark. Murray missed at goal. At half-time the scores were nil. On resuming Pockley made a game effort at scoring. He got the ball from a kick out of the ruck, just inside of half-way. He dived straight for the line, and was only stopped a few feet in front by Murray. Play on both sides brightened up. Riverview backs got going several times, but were well tackled. A fine piece of work was that in which Johnstone passed to Conlon, to O'Halloran, to Dandison, who fell just inside the goal-line, where the ball was knocked out. A line-out and scrum followed, when Riverview scrum half was penalised for taking the ball out of the scrum. Up and down play followed, and the no-side whistle was blown with the game a scoreless draw.

S.I.C. v. THE KING'S SCHOOL.

This match was played at Riverview, and was witnessed by a large number of barrackers, and by all the pupils of both schools.

T.K.S. captain won the toss, and S.I.C. kicked off. Some loose play ensued near the centre, from which the visiting forwards rushed the ball down the field, beat the home defence, and scored the first and only try of the game within the first five minutes. The kick at goal failed. The King's forwards again attacked with might and main, A. Johnstone saving repeatedly. The Riverview forwards then got possession, and brought the ball at the toe to the opponents' territory. Carlton picked up, and ran to the full-back, who forced him into touch a short distance from the line. Shortly afterwards, owing to bad kicking, the leather was again in the Riverview 25. A score seemed probable, until A. Johnstone saved by a good line kick. From the line-out J. Johnstone secured and brought the ball to the centre. From some loose play it was kicked into touch. From the throw-in the Riverview forwards, headed by B. Johnstone, got the ball at the toe, and dribbled well to near the visitors' 25, where a free was awarded to Riverview. Carlton beautifully piloted the ball over the bar, but, unfortunately, in its flight, it touched the hands of one of the opposing forwards, and, of course, no score was awarded. Shortly afterwards the half-time whistle sounded.

T.K.S., 3 points; Riverview, nil.

In the beginning of the second half Riverview was defending, until some good forward play and line kicking brought the ball to the centre. One of the visitors centred, and Murray mis-fielded the ball, but made up for his mistake by gathering quickly, and by a beautiful kick, which found the line within the opponents' territory. Uninteresting play followed for some time. From some close play A. Johnstone picked up and got his backs going. Conlon got right away, but was grassed near the line. From this on there were a series of attacks both by backs and forwards on the King's School line, but the defence was not broken through, and when the no-side whistle sounded the score remained unaltered.

The King's School, 3 points, Riverview, nil.

S.I.C. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

This match was looked forward to with the keenest interest by all the followers of School football. The memory of last year's splendid encounter in the first round of the competition was fresh in the minds of all. The cheerless, threatening morning, however, damped to a certain extent the ardour of the barrackers. The sun made his appearance about midday, and by 2 o'clock it looked a most inviting day for football.

The match took place at Hunter's Hill. The ground was very slippery. Pools of water were seen here and there; so that some, especially from among the younger onlookers, were in high hopes of seeing what they termed " real good fun."

At 3.30 the teams made their appearance. The kick-off by Riverview was followed by play, mostly among the forwards, as fast and as exciting as could be



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Back Row: E. Lenehan, B. Veech, J. Murphy, J. Carlton, Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., B. Murray, F. Fanning, J. Dalton, E. O'Halloran.
Middle Row: O. R. F. Johnston, A. Johnstone, C. Veech (Captain), V. Conlon, B. Johnstone.
Front Row: L. Veech, T. Wilkinson, E. Dandison, A. Malone, A. Cox.

wished for. Riverview was defending with might and main. Scrum after scrum was taking place in the vicinity of our line, until a good punt from Murray relieved the pressure somewhat. The St. Joseph's forwards were playing very well, packing tightly, and using with great effect their superior weight. Our defence was very solid. A. Johnstone punted high up the field, and our forwards, following on fast, brought the leather well into our opponents' territory. The Blue and White front line was securing the ball in most of the scrums; but, unfortunately, the backs were not getting it at all. The play was again transferred to the Riverview 25, where again and again A. Johnstone's plucky defence was loudly applauded. An almost certain try was saved by the splendid tackling of T. Wilkinson, the Riverview five-eighth. Soon after this the half-time whistle announced a much-desired ten minutes' spell. The first half had been scoreless.

The second half was even more exciting than the first. From the kick-off until the end, there was not a moment's slow play. At the beginning the Cerise and Blue forwards were pressing hard, but the tension was repeatedly relieved by the splendid screw kicking of our scrum-half, and by the desperate rushes of our forwards, headed by C. Veech, the captain. Once, from the Riverview 25, Conlon got well away, and with his great pace outstripped not only most of the opposition, but also all his own backs. He was collared, however, before he reached the line. The play now remained near the centre, and it looked as if no one would score. The Cerise and Blue forwards again rushed and brought the ball close to our line. Murray, the full-back, tried to find his line, but his kick was short, and bounded off the chest of the opposing wing, who, following on, scored a well-earned try for St. Joseph's College. The kick at goal failed. Very soon after this the Riverview forwards brought the ball well up the field. A. Johnstone got his back division going. The ball travelled from Johnstone to Wilkinson, to Malone, to Dandison, who scored. Conlon narrowly missed the goal. The scores now being even, the excitement reached its highest. A few minutes afterwards, in some loose play, O'Halloran secured, passed to Conlon, to Johnstone, to Malone, who dodged the opposition, and scored behind the posts. Carlton missed an easy goal. The end was now approaching. St. Joseph's team was again attacking, but was unable to pierce our defence. There was no further addition to the score, and when the no-side whistle sounded, Riverview had won by 6 points to 3.

Mr. Howe was referee.

S.I.C. v. SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL.

This match took place on the Erskineville Oval. The weather was very bad. A slight rain was falling throughout the match. The ground was soft and muddy, so that after a short time it was very difficult to hold the ball.

Mr. Morgan was referee.

The first half was fast and interesting. High School defended well. Riverview's first score was the result of some neat passing from Johnstone, to Wilkinson, to Conlon, to O'Halloran, who scored. Our forwards were playing well, except that by some off-side play they lost some chances of scoring. From a scrum, our backs got going again. The ball travelled the length of the line, but Dandison, the wing, was grassed by O'Neil, just in time to save a score. The ball rolled out of play. Then followed a series of line-outs and scrums. Several times our backs initiated passing rushes, but the slippery ball would not remain in their hands. A. Johnstone punted high, and followed on, and as Symons failed to mark he again secured, and scored close behind the posts. The kick at goal failed. From a loose scrum R. Johnston picked up and scored. C. Veech added the extra points. Dandison nearly got over on a few occasions, but was tackled splendidly each time. Before the half-time whistle went, Conlon broke away and scored a fine try almost behind the posts. The score at half-time was :—

St. Ignatius' College, 14 points; Sydney High School, nil.

The second half made no change in the scores. The players were drenched; the ground had become very bad, and the play, as a result, was lukewarm and uninteresting. The Riverview backs started numerous passing rushes, but were unable to hold the slippery ball. The Sydney High School team showed great improvement on last year's form, their judicious marking in this game being a feature of their play.

The score at full-time left us victors by 14 points to nil.

S.I.C. v. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On May 30, S.G.S. journeyed to Riverview to meet the home team. The numerous supporters of both teams, who, in anticipation of a good match, came to witness the contest, were not disappointed. The weather was perfect, and the ground looked in very good condition. Both teams were intact, and a ding-dong game, played in the nicest spirit, was the result. Mr. Tom Pauling, the popular umpire, had charge of the whistle. Needless to say, his ruling was all that could be wished for.

During the first half Riverview had the advantage of a slight wind, but the sun was unfavourable. Carlton kicked off, and Carr returned. Lamrock secured, burst through most of the opposing defence, and made a splendid dash for the line. He was well backed up, but his pass was not taken, and Dandison saved the situation for Riverview by a good line kick. From the line-out Grammar School secured, and passed back to Stafford, who, by a splendid kick, sent the ball into touch in the Riverview 25. From the line-out Lamrock again secured and made another splendid dash for the line, but was grassed in the nick of time by Murray, the Riverview full-back. Soon after this Riverview was penalised for off-side play. Lamrock kicked high, and the Grammar School forwards, following up well, worked the ball to the home line. Things now looked very dangerous for the home team, until Dalton secured, ran, and found the line near the centre. Grammar School again pressed, and Buckal made a splendid attempt at a field goal, the ball hitting the post. Some forward play followed, during which the School was penalised for off-side. Carlton kicked a beautiful goal from about ten yards inside half-way, and not more than a foot from the touch-line. After the kick-off, the ball was kicked out of play at half-way. From the line-out, the home forwards started a fine dribbling rush, in which the brothers Veech were conspicuous. Some loose play followed, from which A. Johnstone secured and passed to Wilkinson, to Conlon, to Cox, who scored in the corner. Carlton, from a difficult angle, added the extra points. Grammar School now attacked strenuously, Ross being particularly prominent. The good line kicking of the Riverview backs, however, kept the attackers in check. Soon afterwards the half-time whistle sounded. Riverview, 8 points; Grammar School, nil.

There was no score in the second half. Shortly after resuming play the home team was penalised, and Lamrock's kick at goal missed the post by inches. Almost immediately the Riverview forwards brought the ball to the visitors' territory, and attacked strenuously, but without effect. Carlton had a kick at goal from half-way, but failed. Almost immediately Wilkinson took a mark in a fairly good position, but Carlton's kick again missed the posts. The game was now very fast. C. Veech, the Riverview captain, broke away on several occasions and eluded a number of opponents, but was tackled before getting over the line. At full time the score remained unchanged.

Riverview, 8 points, Sydney Grammar School, nil.

Among the visitors Ross, Bull, and Arnold, in the forwards, and Lamrock and Stafford in the backs, were worthy of special mention.

S.I.C. v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

The last competition match in the first round of the Great Public Schools' Rugby Football Competition was played between St. Ignatius' and Newington Colleges, at Riverview. Mr. Marks acted as referee.



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Back Row: M. Ryan, C. Gordon, C. Gaertner, A. Gardner, G. Vavasour, B. McKay, A. Nichols, N. Sharpe.
Middle Row: J. Kain, R. Quigley, R. Macken (Captain), G. O'Hanlon, T. Meehan, A. Kelly.
Front Row: F. Kinkead, L. Foley, K. Ryan.

Newington kicked off, and the ball went out near the home 25. From the throw-in the Black and White pressed Riverview hard, but the situation was saved by Murray marking. Play was returned to mid-field, and very uninteresting play ended in Newington being awarded a free kick. Soon after they were awarded a couple more, but too far from the posts to be dangerous. From a scrum A. Johnstone sent to Wilkinson, who, after beating a couple of opponents, passed to Conlon, but a knock-on saved Newington. Securing the ball from the ruck, Malone kicked splendidly, and the ball went into Newington's 25. From the throw-in Newington forwards brought the ball at the toe upfield, but were stopped by Malone marking in a good position. Conlon kicked for goal, but the ball hit the posts and rebounded into play. A good piece of passing took place among the Riverview backs, Cox being thrown out at the corner flag. At half-time there was no score.

On resuming, Carlton kicked off, and the ball was returned to half-way. Newington pressed very hard for a time, but eventually the Riverview team drove them back. The Riverview forwards were not packing round the ball, and it was evident that they missed their brilliant captain, C. Veech, who always set them that example. From the half-way A. Johnstone secured, and sent to Wilkinson, who kicked out at the 25. A few minutes later the same player marked on the boundary, but Carlton failed to kick a difficult goal. Newington forced. After the kick-off again, the ball went our near half-way. From the line-out, Carlton secured, and putting in a magnificent run in which he beat several opponents, scored behind the posts. Conlon converted. Riverview pressed their opponents for a time, till Conlon, securing from Wilkinson in mid-field, put in another splendid run, and scored exactly behind the posts. He also converted. St. Ignatius, 10 points to nil. From this on Newington were continually on the defensive. From a scrum A. Johnstone secured, and running well sent the ball to Wilkinson, to Conlon, to Malone, who put in a good run, and on being tackled passed to Dandison, who was pulled down a few yards from the line. The full-time whistle then sounded, leaving the score unaltered. For the winners A. Johnstone, Wilkinson, and Malone did yeoman service in the back division, and great praise is due to R. F. Johnston, J. Johnstone, and "Jim" Carlton in the forwards.



The following tabulated list (which we reproduce from the *Torch-Bearer*) will show the positions of the various schools in the first round of the competition:

	S.C.E.G.S.	St. Ig. C.	T.K.S.	S.J.C.	N.C.	S.G.S.	S.H.S.	Points. For.	Points. Against.	Comp. Points.
C. of E. Grammar School...	—	0-0	6-0	13-3	12-3	11-0	29-0	71	6	11
St. Ignatius' College ...	0-0	—	0-3	6-3	10-0	8-0	14-0	38	6	9
The King's School ...	0-6	3-0	—	11-13	6-0	6-5	22-0	48	24	8
St. Joseph's College ...	3-13	3-6	13-11	—	5-0	3-6	49-0	76	36	6
Newington College ...	3-12	0-10	0-6	0-5	—	11-13	16-0	30	36	4
Sydney Grammar School...	0-11	0-8	5-6	6-3	3-11	—	16-0	30	39	4
Sydney High School ...	0-29	0-14	0-22	0-49	0-16	0-16	—	0	146	0

Midwinter Examinations.

SENIOR CLASS.

B. Kelly—1st in Aggregate, Geometry.
W. Macdonald—1st in French.
J. M'Carthy—1st in Ancient History.
A. Johnstone—2nd in Geometry.

SUB-SENIOR CLASS.

V. Conlon—1st in Aggregate, Latin, Geometry.
A. Gardner—1st in Science, Higher English, Algebra.
M. Playoust—1st in French.
B. Bryant—1st in Greek, 2nd in French.
M. Allan—1st in Ancient History.

JUNIOR CLASS.
(PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.)
II. GRAMMAR.

S. McDonnell—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, English, Algebra, Arithmetic.
A. Nichols—2nd in Aggregate, 1st in French, Science.
T. Meehan—3rd in Aggregate, 1st in Essay, Geometry.
C. Robinson—1st in Greek, Latin, History and Geography, (tie.)
M. Ryan—1st in History and Geography, (tie.)

III. GRAMMAR.

A. Moran—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, Greek, Latin, French, English, Science.
A. Barraclough—2nd in Aggregate, 2nd in Latin, 1st in Essay, History and Geography.
H. Barraclough—3rd in Aggregate, 1st in Geometry, Arithmetic.
E. Turner—1st in Algebra.
D. Foy—2nd in French.
W. Bridge—2nd in Religious Knowledge.

RUDIMENTS A.

E. Rouse—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, English (tie), History and Geography (tie), Algebra and Geometry, Arithmetic.
W. Dalton—2nd in Aggregate, 1st in French.
M. McGahey—3rd in Aggregate, 2nd in Latin, 1st in English, (tie.)
E. Keenan—1st in Latin.
T. Dalton—2nd in Religious Knowledge.
C. Williams—1st in Essay.
J. Barry—2nd in Religious Knowledge, 1st in Algebra and Geometry (tie.)
A. Pelletier—2nd in French.
B. McKay—2nd in History and Geography.

RUDIMENTS B.

H. Regan—1st in Aggregate, Latin, French, English, History and Geography, (tie.)
E. Chester—2nd in Aggregate, 1st in Religious Knowledge.
M. Marnane—3rd in Aggregate, 1st in Essay, History and Geography, (tie.)
F. McDermott—2nd in French.
L. Horsley—2nd (tie) in Religious Knowledge.
C. Weaver—1st in Dictation, 3rd in History and Geography.

ELEMENTS.

A. Evans—1st in Aggregate, Religious Knowledge, Dictation, Exercises.
C. Burke—2nd in Aggregate, 1st in Reading, 2nd in Maps.
T. O'Hara—3rd in Aggregate, 1st in Compositions.
K. Pelletier—1st in Arithmetic, French.
J. Pollock—2nd in Arithmetic, Exercises.

EXCHANGES.

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

Stonyhurst Magazine.
Dial.
Fordham Monthly.
Springhill Review.
Hawk. Agric. Coll. Mag.
Mangalore Magazine.
Xavier (New York.)
Fleur-de-Lis.
Melburnian.
Scotch Collegian.
Australian Photo Review.
Memoirs of Rosebank.
Catholic Magazine S. Africa.
Australasian Photo Journal.
Beaumont Review.
S. J. C.
Xaverian (Calcutta.)
Newingtonian.
Torchbearer.
Mountaineer (Chesterfield.)
Scotch Collegian.
The King's School Magazine.
Echoes (Armidale.)
Swan.
Clongownian.
Mungret Annual.
Redwood.



PRESS NOTICES.

We desire to express our grateful thanks to the Editors in various parts of Australasia and elsewhere, whose words of kindly criticism and encouraging praise of our last (Christmas) issue we are glad to reproduce in this.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is very superficial criticism of "Our Alma Mater" (Riverview College, Sydney, Australia) to remark that its cover of green and gold makes it externally one of the handsomest of college magazines. The number for Christmas, 1907, is full of interesting matter, especially for Riverviewers. The visit of the Irish Provincial, Father Conmee, evidently engrosses the attention of everyone. He seems to have won all hearts, and we have some fear that he may have left his own behind him; for, happily, he is now on his way home.—"Irish Monthly" (April).

"OUR ALMA MATER."—From far Australia comes the Christmas number of "Our Alma Mater," the paper of St. Ignatius' College, Sydney. Its general appearance is good, and it contains a number of excellent photographs. Here is a thing that some of us would do well to copy. Let our artist friends contribute a sketch or two or a snap-shot. They will not only take added interest in the magazine themselves, but the illustrations will attract some that would otherwise have paid no attention to the reading matter. But "Our Alma Mater" could add a little fiction, of which there is none in this issue. Also, a few of the extremely local articles could be omitted.—"Fleur de Lis" (St. Louis University, U.S.A., May).

(We shall be on the look-out for fiction in future. If we omitted any of the "extremely local articles," we should neglect what we believe to be the chief care of a College Magazine, viz., to write the history of the College it belongs to.—Ed.).

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Our Australian colleges are prolific producers of school magazines. Amongst the good ones is "Our Alma Mater," the outcome of the literary talent of the students of the great College of St. Ignatius at Riverview. The Christmas (1907) number was issued a couple of weeks ago, and contains as large an amount of interest-holding material as former issues—and that is saying a good deal. Again, the illustrations are a feature, and they have been liberally scattered through the eighty pages of the book, which is handsomely got up and printed. Information welcome to those inside the college, and especially to ex-students, is in abundance.—"Catholic Press" (Sydney), February 27.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The midsummer issue of the well-known Riverview College publication is a really brilliant reflex of an institution which has won a foremost place in the great schools of Australia. We find within its pages well-written articles and sketches on subjects of more than academical interest, and the collegians' doings since midwinter in every branch of college life—domestic, academical, and sporting—are set forth in a manner at once graphic and readable. We must confess that the section which most powerfully appeals to us is that devoted to paragraphic notes relating to the doings of past and present students, many of the former of whom are occupying distinguished positions at home and abroad. These notes are bright in their literary form, and profoundly interesting to those who are interested in Catholic education. The pictorial part of the publication is elegant and representative of college life, and enhances its value as a souvenir of a distinguished half-year. The mechanical get-up reflects credit on the printers (Finn Brothers).—"Freeman's Journal (Sydney), February 13.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The Riverview College magazine, "Our Alma Mater," just issued, is, as usual, a bright, chirpy publication, full of articles, reports, and notes interesting alike to the lads who are making history at the college, and to the older boys, who have passed officially from its portals, but who never lose an opportunity of revisiting the scene of their former triumphs and trials. Excellent photographs of the provincial and staff, of the college itself, and the baths, billiard-room, theatre, rifle range, and grounds are reproduced, while portraits of boys who have excelled in either studies or sports during the year, are also given.

The letterpress is varied and interesting, and some screamingly funny advice is given to dead authors like Walter Scott and Dickens, by young competitors for the Kelly memorial prize in English. The whole volume is a credit to the editor.—"Daily Telegraph" (Sydney), February 19.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have received a copy of the latest issue of "Our Alma Mater," a magazine published half-yearly by the St. Ignatius' College, Riverview. The magazine devotes a good deal of space to letterpress and illustrations about the college, but it also contains articles and pictures of general interest. The letterpress, illustrations, and printing are well done.—"Town and Country Journal" (Sydney), February 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—For excellence from every point of view, "Our Alma Mater," the organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, has few equals. The half-yearly volume, just to hand, is most creditable to all concerned in its production. Within its eighty odd pages is a great deal of diversified reading which will interest a larger circle than is comprised in those directly or indirectly connected with the institution. In the current issue the greater part of the space is devoted to records of the in-door and out-door work of the students. The original articles, which are generally of high literary excellence, are in this instance few, but well up to the high standard of the magazine, whilst the illustrations are, as usual, very good. On the whole, the mid-summer issue of "Our Alma Mater" is in every way worthy of the reputation the college enjoys. —"New Zealand Tablet," April 2.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The thirty-fourth volume of "Our Alma Mater," edited by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, has reached us. To say it is well up to the standard of previous years, when we remember the brilliancy of past publications, both from a literary and artistic standpoint, is no mean praise. The reading matter, as usual, proves most interesting, and special attention may be drawn to the two articles entitled, "Aboriginal Carvings in Lane Cove River and Elsewhere," and "Impressions of Holland," which are very well written. The reports of the speeches delivered by the members of the Debating Club clearly show that good work is still being done in this direction, and it is no exaggeration to state that many of our public men could well take a lesson from their youthful eloquence. It is pleasing to note that side by side with their successes in the University examinations, they have been equally successful in the athletic field. The magazine is well printed, and the photographs—individually and collectively—and the views of the college grounds, are all excellent.—"Southern Cross" (Adelaide), March 20.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have just received a copy of "Our Alma Mater"—an interesting little magazine edited by the students of Riverview College. This publication is a well-written record of the College work for the past half-year. In it we see that work and play may be combined successfully, and that Riverview is to the fore both in learning and sport. A rather humourous article is that in connection with the Kelly Memorial Prize—the criticisms on the various authors. It is evident there is no lack of enthusiasm among the youthful debaters, judging from the speeches reproduced. Though the subjects chosen for debate were rather ambitious, still, the boys managed them very well. The illustrations are splendid, and comprise scenes in connection with the College, and photographs of distinguished students. In fact, this bi-annual well sustains its reputation of being an artistic and brightly-written magazine. The publication is excellently got-up and printed by Finn Bros.—"East Sydney Argus," March 11.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have received the current number of "Our Alma Mater," the official magazine of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. Its pages (eighty-two in all) are filled with matter which evidences a wide range of subjects, and both editors and contributors are to be congratulated upon the excellence of the various articles. Besides the ordinary school news, there are papers on "Impressions of Holland," and "Father Conmee's Visit to Riverview," and the lighter side of life is touched on in several poetic effusions. One of the most interesting features of the magazine (from a reviewer's standpoint) are extracts from letters to living and dead authors, written in connection with the "Kelly Memorial Prize." Some of the criticisms show a very fair grasp of the authors' characteristics, and all are worth reading. In addition to the foregoing, some fifteen full-page photo reproductions are given, and the whole compilation is a distinct advance in the realm of the College magazine.—"Oamaru Mail" (N.Z.), February 21.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have to acknowledge a copy of "Our Alma Mater" for December, 1907. This excellent school journal comes from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, and is capitally produced, including quite a number of illustrations.—"Hawke's Bay Herald" (N.Z.), February 21.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The current half-yearly issue of "Our Alma Mater," the official record of the happenings at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. It is a large and handsome volume, profusely illustrated, and beautifully printed. It is a credit alike to the institution and to the printers, and its excellence may fairly be regarded as symbolical of the size and standard of the College.—"Wanganui Chronicle" (N.Z.), February 21.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Amongst favors by mail from Australia is a handsomely-printed and illustrated Christmas magazine entitled "Our Alma Mater," got up and edited by students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. The number of publications of this class nowadays may be accepted as an unerring indication of a marked advance in the prevailing systems of education. . . . Besides being a record for the year, the magazine contains original contributions in prose and verse, that almost tempt one to give some of them special mention. Altogether it is one of the most creditable productions of the kind that reached this office. As for the mechanical portion—the text and the illustrations—they cannot be surpassed. The magazine is a credit to all concerned, a most excellent production.—"Grey River Argus" (N.Z.), February 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The chief point about this meritorious College periodical is the capital style in which it is printed and published. The school notes are well written, and the illustrations would shame many a more pretentious magazine.—"Register" (Adelaide), February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is always a pleasure to behold a neatly turned-out publication. When in addition to this it boasts much interesting reading and some fine illustrations, it becomes something of a valued friend for the time being. Above can apply, with very good reasons, to "Our Alma Mater," the Riverview College magazine, that in other hands may have taken on the guise of a dry annual or semi-annual report. The standard this magazine sustains speaks well for its promoters and the cause they have at heart. To one who knows picturesque Riverview on Lane Cove River, "Alma Mater" conveys a doubly dear message of comradeship and good cheer. The publication runs to over eighty pages of pictures and letterpress, depicting every phase of college life, whether in the study, in the playing field, or on the water. All is brightly and entertainingly written up, so that the outsider's interest in the work and history of the College is assured if he settles down to read what its old boys have to tell us of their "Alma Mater." The publication is issued twice a year of late, and very likely, with more support, may blossom into a quarterly. It can count on the "Observer's" good wishes for further success in the near future.—"The Nyngan Observer," March 7.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the semi-annual number issued by St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, makes its welcome appearance, and, like all previous issues of the kind, has an excellent account to give of successes won in the scholastic as well as in the athletic field. Besides reports of various functions, there is a goodly quantity of interesting reading of a general character, while the photographs and illustrations are numerous. The get-up of the volume deserves unstinted praise, and its cover is in orthodox green.—"Evening Echo" (Ballarat), February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We are in receipt from its editors, the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, of "Our Alma Mater," the organ of that fine and well-known scholastic institution, which is yearly turning out some brilliant young men to take their part in the process of the nation-making of Australia. The publication is a most meritorious one in the quantity of the matter it deals with, in its literary aspect, and in its artistic get-up. It deals with the history of the institution and its ramifications, including the debating, dramatic, and sporting clubs, and the photographs it contains of the College and grounds yield proof that the general physical well-being of the students is as assured as is that of their mental training. Riverview College is a handsomely-appointed institution, of which Australians are justly proud, and the fact that boys of all creeds are benefiting by the instruction receivable there is proof that secularism is no bar to its popularity.—"Daily Record" (Rockhampton), February 24.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—Once more we have been favored with a copy of that bright, somewhat humorously-written, school magazine, entitled, "Our Alma Mater," which chiefly concerns itself with the doings of Riverview College, and which both from an artistic and a literary point of view, is second to no other school magazine in the Commonwealth. Among the articles dealing with subjects outside the College is one which, from the point of interest of Australian readers, tops the lot, viz., "An Ethnological Mystery," dealing with ancient supposed aboriginal carvings, etc. Some of the criticisms given by the boys on various authors both living and dead, are very original, and the happy individual who happens to possess the 1907 Xmas number of "Our Alma Mater," should not miss reading them.—"Tamworth Observer," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER" (edited by students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview), now in its twenty-second year, is, without doubt, the best got-up and most ably-conducted bi-annual journal issued from any Australian College—anyway, so far as we have seen, having by careful attention and steady growth, attained to sturdy and robust maturity.—"The Grenfell Record," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—There has just come to hand the Christmas number of "Our Alma Mater," the journal of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. The journal is edited by students of the College, and is a credit to its renowned seat of learning, which has turned out so many eminent scholars during the past quarter-century. The number under observation contains many photos. and illustrations; the printing and paper is high-class.—"The Cessnock Express," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—It is with feelings of pleasure and admiration that we have perused the pages of the Xmas number (1907) of "Our Alma Mater," edited by students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. This production is so well and favourably known, and has on many occasions been reviewed with such enthusiasm, that we confess to some degree of apprehension lest we should attempt "in wasteful and ridiculous excess, to gild refined gold, paint the lily, or add another hue unto the rainbow." We beg to submit that this is very much apropos when speaking of a gem of art and literature in the province of journalism such as that before us: one, the snowy paper of whose pages sparkle with chrysostomatous matter, redolent with the freshness of youth, and of many-hued variety. The handsome garb in which it appears is worthy of the contents, and the photographs—illustrating, for the most part, singly or in groups, the doers of the doughty deeds achieved during the past curriculum in the realms of mind as well as of body—are a distinctly interesting and ornamental feature. No one can look through this magazine without arriving at the conclusion that very hard work is done at St. Ignatius' College—hard intellectually and physically, and with brilliant results, which nobly uphold the high repute for excellence in their system of training that the Jesuit Fathers have adopted. That they keep abreast of the times in their work is borne ample testimony to by the fact that a recent addition to the College is a physic's room with an up-to-date equipment—defeating once for all, the notion that the study of science is tabooed in certain educational establishments. Among the articles the following deserve special mention:—"Aboriginal Carvings," "Impressions of Holland," the humorous and "promising" report of the three "Debating Clubs," and the "Kelly Memorial" letters, which are capital specimens of healthy, educated boy's writing. The items of more local interest are racily worded. When, in addition to all this, we catch a glimpse of the neatly laid-out grounds, with their magnificent water frontage and imposing structures, we cannot, indeed, wonder that old boys and new are proud of their beloved "Alma Mater."—"Warwick Argus," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, has every reason to feel proud of its handsome school magazine, the Christmas number of which is before us. The numerous photos. of teachers, students, and glimpses of the beautiful surroundings at Riverview are excellently reproduced, and the letterpress is written in a bright and entertaining manner. A credit alike to the editors and printers.—"Manning River Times," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER," the College journal of Riverview, ever appears in artistic guise, and has eclipsed its former thirty-three appearances by this Xmas number for 1907. Its contents are in keeping with its general appearance, and reflects credit on its editors and contributors. Numbers of illustrations are well reproduced, depicting the successful candidates for various honours, and views giving a fair idea of the beautiful grounds, surroundings, and recreations of this celebrated seat of learning. We notice the name of M. R. Ryan in the prize lists, and a letter to the Rev. Father Benson, giving his impressions of the celebrated novel, "The King's Achievement," by that author. Valuable prizes are given each year for the study of English literature from a sum contributed for the purpose by the Old Boys' Union, in memory of T. Kelly, Esq., its first President. It must be a great encouragement to the study of English, and extracts published in this number from letters to dead and living authors show originality and keen perception in the youthful critics. The description of the year's work shows it to have been a particularly successful one, and in healthy sport and recreation the students have upheld the reputation of previous years.—"The Kiama Independent," February 22.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We are in receipt of the Christmas issue of "Our Alma Mater," a college journal which is steadily working up a reputation as a literary and artistic production, quite surpassing the ambitions of such publications. The number before us is carefully edited and well printed, and contains literary and scientific articles of merit and general interest. The various departments of the College (St. Ignatius', Riverview) receive full consideration at the hands of the editorial virtuosos whose training in this way should be of great advantage.—"The Cobar Leader," February 20.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—This school magazine from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, again comes to hand. As usual, it is splendidly finished, well printed, and contains many very fine illustrations. Its frontispiece is a portrait of the Very Rev. J. S. Conmee, S.J. The pictures include views of the large buildings, beautiful gardens, baths, and sports events, and also two musical pieces staged by the students. The records of the progress of the college are most satisfactory, the standard of marks gained by the pupils being excellent.—"Glen Innes Guardian," February 28.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The flight of time brings us once more "Our Alma Mater," that most interesting publication, issued in its usual artistically-designed cover of green and gold, under the auspices of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney; and although this is the 34th number a glance between the covers is sufficient to show that, like good wine, it improves with age. The latter does not stale its infinite variety one iota. We thought "Our Alma Mater" had reached high-water mark—the very acme of perfection—as a college magazine when it made its last appearance, but the number before us eclipses, as a work of art, any of its predecessors, and everything in it

shows that its production is full of literary merit, and reflects the highest credit on all connected with the institution. It's a number of which masters, editors, and students alike may be justly proud, and they can certainly claim for it that it is one of the best publications of its kind anywhere. It embodies in its letterpress reading matter calculated to be of intense interest not only to the "old boy" but to the youngest boy in a class. The illustrations have been beautifully reproduced, and include some pretty pieces of the entrancing scenery in which the College is situated. The students of St. Ignatius are doubly blessed, for in the matter of beautiful scenery their lines have most unquestionably fallen in pleasant places. They have the advantage of spending their school days in the midst of some of the loveliest of lovely scenery. The view of the quadrangle and the College gardens recalls to the writer's mind some pleasant recollections of visits to St. Ignatius' on speech days and festive occasions in the years gone by. It was a happy move on the part of those who selected such a beautiful site, and a worthy ambition on the part of those who have striven to make the College what it is to-day—an institution worthy of the grand natural scenery which surrounds it. It stands in something like 120 acres in close proximity—in fact, almost on the bank—of the Lane Cove River, which adds greatly to the picturesqueness of the place. The illustrations in this number of "Our Alma Mater" are well chosen, and as usual beautifully reproduced. We congratulate the editor-in-chief on his magazine, which is easily first among college publications.—"Western Post" (Mudgee), February 27.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—The up-to-date magazine issued by Riverview College, Sydney, is again to hand. It is as brimful as ever with the doings of pupils, and contains excellent portraits of the clever staff of tutors, the College, baths, billiard-room, theatre, rifle range, and the spacious grounds, an inspection of which ought to make any boy with ambition anxious to join the ranks of the scholars. The articles, reports, and other notes are interesting to pupils (past and present), and indicative of the excellent educational work done at this College. The magazine is a decided credit to the editor and publishers.—"The Richmond River Express," February 25.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of "Our Alma Mater," 1907, which is very cleverly edited by students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. It contains an excellent amount of reading matter, which includes concise and interesting reports of the doings of the students, and everything appertaining to this College for the past year. The debating—vide reports of the three Debating Society's divisions—portion of the number is exceptionally good and instructive to a degree, while the essays for the "Kelly Memorial" prize are well written, and full of interest. The whole number is a highly creditable production, and is a distinct credit to the compilers and printers alike.—"Molong Express, February 29.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We have to acknowledge receipt of the midsummer number of "Our Alma Mater," the magazine issued half-yearly by the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. It contains several well-written articles full of interest, not only to students and ex-students, but also to the general reader, and as usual is exceedingly well illustrated with views of the College and environs, photographs of successful students, etc., and well maintains its reputation as the best school magazine in Australia.—"The Bundaberg Star," February 25.

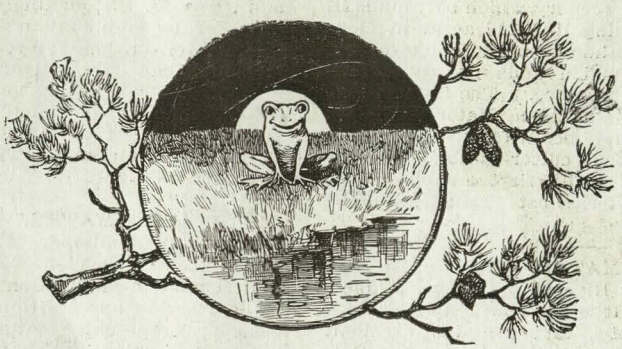
"OUR ALMA MATER."—The editors send us a copy of the Christmas number of "Our Alma Mater," the official organ of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. The publication maintains its literary and typographical standard, and is a bulky and well-written and illustrated record of a successful educational establishment, which has played a big part during late years in the making of the citizen. We know of no publication of the kind of more interest to the general reader, as well as the student, than the Riverview record. The present number has a most interesting illustrated ethnological sketch by Mr. John Plummer, treating of aboriginal carvings at Lane Cove and elsewhere.—"The Nowra Colonist," February 26.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—We are in receipt of the Christmas number of "Our Alma Mater," issued from Riverview College, and about the best scholastic publication in the State. Mental instruction and legitimate amusements continue to be the chief features at this high-class scholastic institution, on much the same principle and character as at Eton and other leading public schools in the Mother Country. The copy before us is nicely got up, both as regards illustrations and printing.—"Coonamble Times," February 28.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—This extremely artistic and literary record of the doings of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, is to hand in the form of a complimentary copy from "The Editors." It is an eighty-two paged production, about a quarter of an inch in thickness, printed and illustrated on high-toned paper, with an artistic cover in green and gold. "Never take the book by the cover" is an adage which applies not to "Our Alma Mater," the Sydney magazine of the leading pupils of that distinguished order of teachers, the world-renowned Society of Jesus. From cover to cover the beauty of the work fascinates, and it comprises not only an indisputable record of actual collegiate triumphs, but also a further proof of the high plane at which the printing art has arrived in Australia. The latter phase

is, perhaps, of far less importance to the Jesuits of Riverview than is the matter of the scholastic victories won by their students, as recorded in the pages of their College magazine. . . . Throughout the magazine is redolent of the scholastic eminence of the institution, and a mere passing glance through the contents enables us to easily conceive the far-reaching results of the high educational system of the Riverview Fathers, whose students must ever carry with them throughout their after careers in the world the hall-mark of their super-excellent "Alma Mater."—"The Corowa Free Press," February 21.

"OUR ALMA MATER."—A copy of the last half-yearly "Our Alma Mater" of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, is to hand, and is as usual full of very interesting reading matter. It gives full information of the College, the students, and events, together with many excellent illustrations. The list of successful candidates in the recent University examinations is a very creditable one, and the College should feel proud of its clever students. A report of the senior debating club appears. The subjects are good, and Mr. R. Hughes' (gold medalist) speech on "Gambling" is worthy of the highest praise. We wish the College and students every success.—"The Leader" (Orange), February 20.



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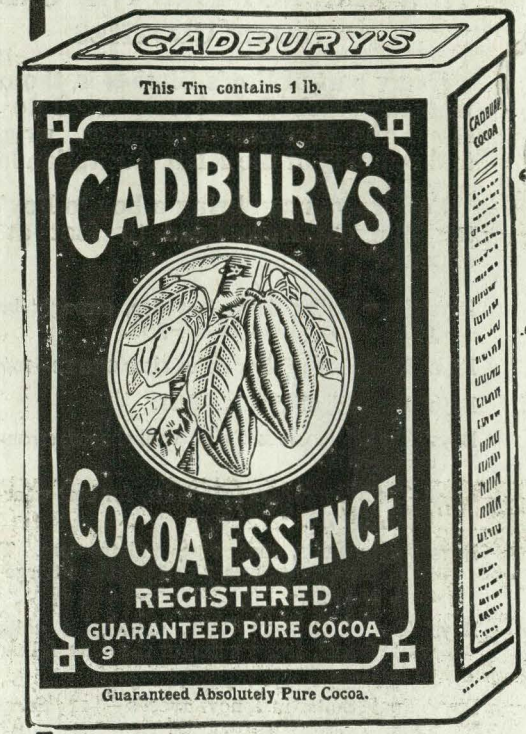
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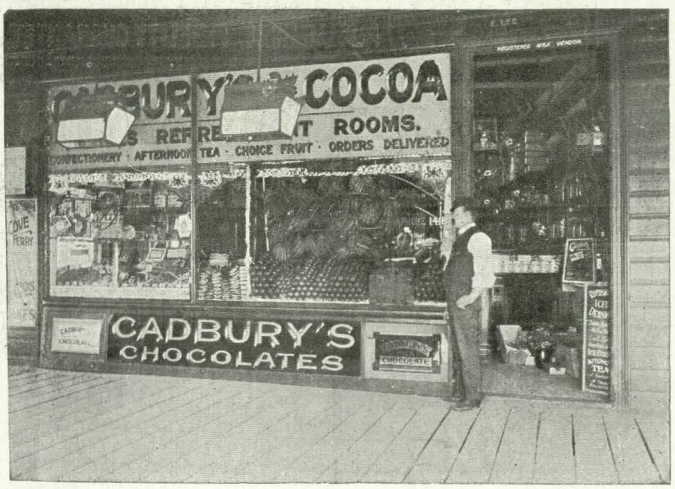
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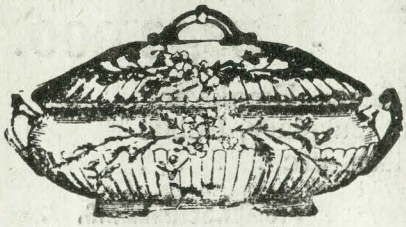
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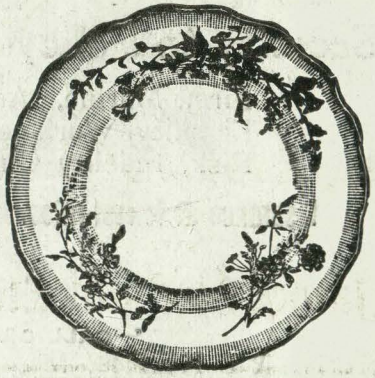
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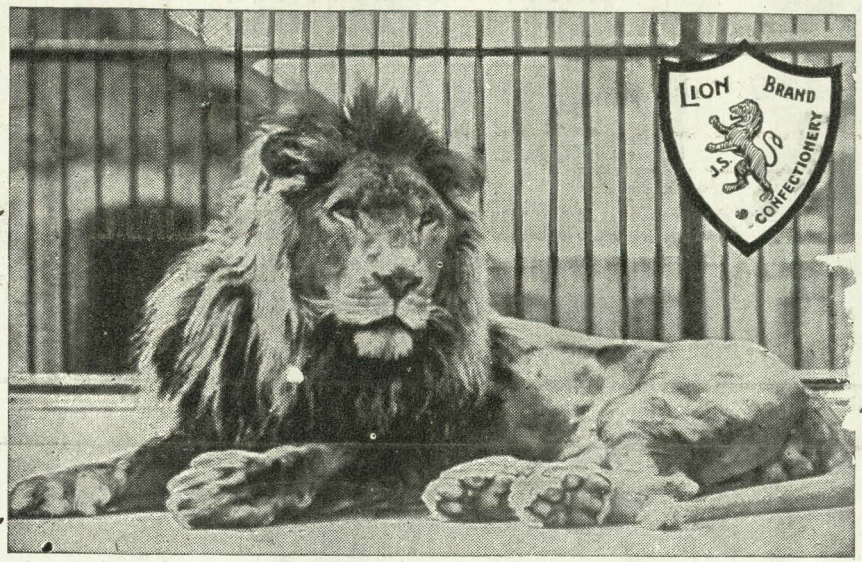


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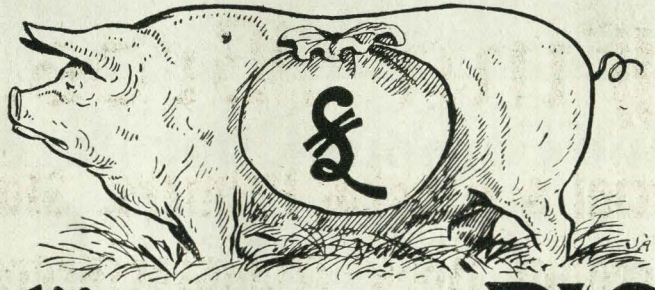
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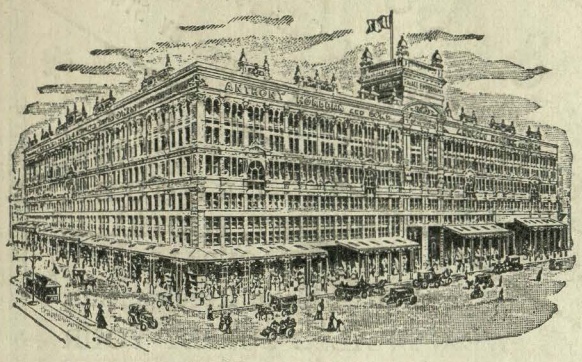
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