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EDITORIAL.

We feel moved to employ our Editorial pen as a sharpened goad, where-with to arouse the lethargic sensibilities of our fellow-Sydnegians. Whence could the general apathy that pervades with its malign and blighting influence such few School Institutions as we are fortunate enough to possess? Partly, no doubt, from the intrinsic difficulty of erecting a strong patriotic fervour in a wholly non-resident school; partly, also, it may be conceded, from the soothing languor that envelopes the mortal spirit in this too balmy climate; but we are much mistaken if the greater portion of this public feebleness does not proceed from the innate and aboriginal indolence of the old Adam within us. It is indeed a matter for very serious consideration, that, although it cannot be affirmed positively that our enterprises are wholly unsupported, yet the support accorded to them is of a very lukewarm description. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot." Even in the matter of athletic games, although remissness in this respect is of very unusual occurrence in schools, comparatively little interest seems to be felt. Teams are indeed forthcoming for occasional matches, but they appear to act in great measure on the theory that an accomplished skill in athletics is implanted by nature in every human frame, and that all practice and training is a work of supererogation. In the great English Schools it is the custom to make football compulsory on every individual without distinction every day throughout the season; and cricket is equally compulsory on all who are not distinctly understood to be taking exercise in some other of the modes open in summer time. The effect of this precept, by insuring regular exercise, cannot be otherwise than salutary. In the warmer climate of this country a similar injunction is the more imperatively necessary in proportion to the increased temptation to indolence, and the more serious and permanent nature of its results. The circumstances of our own case will no doubt be alleged in cause for our shortcomings, but we fail to perceive that there is any insuperable difficulty presented; as to inconvenience or discomfort, they ought not to be accounted of. At any rate, until some such rule be at least partially enforced, it will be impossible to achieve many successes against less endowed but better disciplined rivals.

If we have deemed, in drawing our illustration from athletics, to give undue prominence to the physical part of education, it is because that subject affords a reader appeal to the heedless attention, and not that our remarks do not apply with manifold force to intellectual matters.
Debating Society and School Magazine are the solitary indications of interest in the occupations of cultured minds; these do indeed stand, but on what uncertain footing! Third-class riddles are the principal contributions to the one; a sort of superficial effervescence the chief characteristic of the other. We would suggest that a little careful and serious thought is at once the means and end of success in either department. However, we do not propose now to discuss details. The text, summary, and substance of our remarks is energy. Do something—no matter what—and do it in earnest. Paradoxical as it may appear, we believe that it is often better to do active wrong than to be idle. Let us conclude with the dying words of the Heathen Emperor, wherein he summed up the whole duty of man—"Laboremus."

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**MY EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

During the Easter holidays I travelled along the Southern line for fifty miles, and there, with the aid of a horse, made excursions to different parts of the surrounding country, and met with adventures which, as they may interest my fellow-Sydneians, I will make the subject of my maiden article. Good Friday I spent in roaming about the fertile district of Appin, speculating on the curious fact that the hills are so fertile, and many of the plains so poor and sandy, and had just come to the conclusion that these hills must consist of eruptions of igneous rock, through surrounding layers of sand-stone, and hence their fertility, when I came to a paddock tenanted with a goose, a gander, and a number of goslings. I incautiously approached these too closely, when clown came the two senior anserine brutes in full charge. Here was a nice fix for a distinguished G. S. cadet. I stood my ground and faced the enemy. The gander, evidently a creature of good breeding and sound common sense, retired; his consort was not to be overawed, and hissed and flapped her wings in dangerous proximity to my legs. What could I do? It was too humiliating, so I seized a stick and slew that foolish bird. Heroic deed! I started from that field of glory with uplifted head and exultant heart; but my feelings changed when I beheld a broad, thick, bootless, stockless Irishwoman, with scanty petticoats and scantier courtesy, bearing down on me with a broom-handle at full charge. She called me a cowardly spalpeen—me a G. S. cadet. She became excited and very abusive; suffice it to say that I departed poorer by five shillings and wiser, I hope, by an equal amount.

I met some strange characters in the roadside inns. After tea, when we were sitting round the fire, one gaunt native gave us a violent harangue on the meanness of Scotchmen, and remarked that they would skin a flea to tan its hide and boil down its carcass for the tallow. I ventured to hint that as my great grandmother's cousin married a Scotchman I naturally felt sore upon the point, whereupon he magnanimously replied that "present company was always excepted," and asked me to "liquor up." I accepted the apology as ample, but declined the proffered rum.

I found that I was to have a bed-fellow that night, as there was very little spare room in the house. I did not at all fancy this idea, so I retired
to my room early and meditated. After my bed-fellow had come under the blankets I opened a conversation, in the course of which I told him how ill I had been with scarlet fever, from which I was just recovering. I remarked that doctors had a prejudice that at this stage the fever was very infectious. I then went to sleep, and shortly afterwards my worthy friend quietly took the top blanket and rolled on to the floor, where he camped for the night. Next morning, when he discovered the joke, he did not view it in at all an amiable light.

(To be continued in our next.)

GERMAN KINDER-GARTEN TRAINING.

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Fröbel was inexpressibly happy. This ecstasy of feeling we may easily imagine, soon subsided. In a calmer mood he severely questioned himself as to the means by which he was to satisfy the demands of his new position. He found the answer, he says, by descending into himself, and listening to the teachings of nature respecting life, mind, and being—lessons already theoretically known, but now, for the first time, correlated with practice. "My hitherto peculiar development, self-cultivation, self-teaching," he says, "as well as my observation of nature and of life, now found their proper place." But he keenly felt, at the same time, the effects of his desultory manner of study. He was neither instructed in knowledge not in teaching, but he now resolved to make up for his deficiencies in both respects. About this time he met with some of Pestalozzi's writings, which so deeply impressed him that he determined to go to Yverdun and study Pestalozzism on the spot. He accomplished his purpose, and lived and worked for two years with Pestalozzi. His experience at Yverdun impressed him with the conviction that the science of education had still to draw out from Pestalozzi's system those fundamental principles which Pestalozzi himself did not comprehend. "And therefore," says Schmidt, "this genial disciple of Pestalozzi supplemented and completed his system by advancing from the point which Pestalozzi had reached through pressure from without to the innermost conception of man, and arriving at the thought of the true development and the condition of the true culture of mankind."

Feeling still his want of positive knowledge, Fröbel spent the next two or three years of his life at the Universities of Göttingen and Berlin. It was now, while he was for the first time earnestly engaged in study, that his views on education gradually gained consistency and form. "Our greatest educators," he says, "even Pestalozzi himself not excepted, appear to me too crudely, empirically, capriciously, and therefore unscientifically, to allow themselves to be led away from nature and nature's laws; they do not appear, indeed, to recognize, honour, and cultivate the divinity of science."

It would only be tedious to relate the various preliminary experiences by which Fröbel—sometimes with few, sometimes with many pupils—sometimes under favourable, at other times under unfavourable circumstances—
pursued his course, until the moment when at Blankenburg, near Rudolstadt, he established, about the year 1840, the school to which he first gave the name of Kinder-garten. In this name he wished to embody two of his favourite theoretical notions:—the one, that education, as culture, has to do with children as human plants, which are to be surrounded with circumstances favourable to their free development, and to be trained by means suited to their nature; and the other, that a school for little children should have attached to it a garden, in which they may exercise their natural taste for flowers, and be not only the observers but the cultivator of plants.

Fröbel, as well as his disciples of the present day, protest against the application of the name school to the Kindergarten, which is, in their view, a place for the development of the activities and capabilities of children before the usual school age begins.

The Kindergarten proper is intended for children of between three and seven years of age. Its purpose is thus briefly indicated by himself:—

"To take the oversight of children before they are ready for school life; to exert an influence over their whole being in correspondence with its nature; to strengthen their bodily powers; to exercise their senses; to employ the awakening mind; to make them thoughtfully acquainted with the world of nature and of man; to guide their heart and soul in a right direction, and lead them to the Origin of all life and to union with Him."

Parramatta, June, 1878.

"IN MEMORIAM."

It is with sincere regret that we notice the recent death of a former pupil of the Sydney Grammar School, Henry Kennedy Kelly, which took place on the 11th of May, at his residence, Cleveland House, Alfred Park, after only a very short illness.

Besides the Government appointment he held, he had, for the last three years, filled the position of Assistant Master at Cleveland House, and his early death has been a source of great sorrow to all residing there.

We append extracts which appeared in the Sydney Mail, concerning him.

"The Late Mr. H. K. Kelly.

"It is our painful duty to record the death on Saturday last, of a young gentleman, well-known in our midst named Henry Kennedy Kelly, by typhoid fever, at the age of 23 years.

"The deceased was educated at the Sydney Grammar School, where he obtained the junior Knox Prize; and some years ago was appointed by the Imperial Government to fill a vacancy in the staff of the Sydney Mint, where by his industry and energy at all times displayed, he won golden opinions from all connected with that Institution. While attending to his business duties there, he matriculated at the Sydney University, and under a dispensation from attendance at Lectures, granted to him by the Senate,
he pursued the studies necessary to qualify him to pass the required examinations, and last Christmas acquired his B.A. degree, having during his curriculum obtained the following distinctions:—First year, first class in Mathematics; second year, first class in Classics, Mathematics, and Physics; third year, first class in Classics.

"During the course of his mental improvement he was a great admirer of all athletic games. As a cricketer, he was in the first eleven of the University Club; and, in football, his name was, for two or three seasons associated with the "Waratah" Football Club, as its captain, and lately he has occupied a similar position with the University Club, the players of all the Metropolitan Clubs expressing their opinion that he was the "best all-round player" in the colony. In aquatics the members of the Sydney Rowing Club consider that they have lost their most promising puller, and at the Regatta held up the Parramatta River some two or three Saturday's ago, he obtained two prizes, filling a place in the club's senior four. He was at the Mint at his duties last Monday week, though complaining of feeling unwell; but after reaching home in the evening he became worse, and gradually sank till death ensued. His funeral took place at Haslem's Creek, on Sunday afternoon; his corpse being followed to the grave by every member in the staff of the Sydney Mint, the Professors of the University, many fellow-students and graduates, and several leading citizens—universal regret being expressed at the loss of him, who by his modesty and general disposition, combined with great ability, and sterling goodness, had endeared himself to all who had the good fortune to know him. A tomb will be erected over his grave by his many admirers, and his fellow-students intend to place a tablet up at the University as a last mark of respect for their lamented friend."

In the same paper, "Leather Stocking" also writes:—

"Poor Kelly! It was only the other day that I was talking about his prospects in the busy competition of life, as well as in the recreation of the leisure hour, and the news of his death came upon me suddenly. I knew little about Mr. Kelly personally, except that I found in him a combination of gentlemanly refinement and modesty; but as a football player I always looked upon him as possessing the desiderata of an exponent of the game, namely, a temper thoroughly under control; a cool judgment and a keen appreciation of the game. Mr. Kelly's sudden death has given a great shock to his friends, among whom I am quite sure a large number of the football public are included."

Also in the same paper appears the following:—

"During the week, rowing men have had to mourn for the loss of an oarsman and sculler of no mean promise. Mr. Henry Kennedy Kelly in his 24th year, a very active and successful member of the Sydney Rowing Club, was carried off by fever after a very short illness. The club could easily have spared an older man."

Perhaps the most complimentary tribute of all, is that paid to him by the Committee of the "Mercantile Rowing Club," which follows:—

"The Committee would pay a slight tribute to the memory of Mr. H. K. Kelly, of the Sydney Rowing Club, and whose lamentable death has deprived us of one of our most promising rowers. He was a rower who, whether victor or vanquished, met his opponents in the true spirit of manliness, and gained the esteem and respect of all who knew him, both in his own and in this rowing club."—Sydney Morning Herald.
SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS.

On Saturday, the 1st June, the Annual Athletic Sports of the School were held for the fifth time, and the events contested with the greatest vigour and excitement. The afternoon was marked by showers of heavy rain, not sufficiently penetrating, however, to damp the ardour of the competitors. The results in most cases could be traced to a careful course of preparation, which, we are happy to say, can now willingly be persevered in by our athletes, notwithstanding all contrary temptations. The running of F. Wilkinson, who followed up his double victory on the occasion of the late Amateur Athletic Meeting, by again bearing the blue and gold to the fore in several different items, was the theme of general admiration.

The programme was begun at a few minutes after 1.30, by Mr. Francis sending the aspirants for the Champion 100 yards away on equal terms. Wilkinson was the recipient of the coveted trophy, with Baylis as his first attendant.

The 220 yards Handicap, for boys under 13, after an exciting race, was decided in favour of Wilson, who appears to be the most promising athlete among the junior boys.

The Governor's Cup fell to the lot of Wilkinson, who won rather comfortably, escorted home once more by Baylis.

The Mile Champion Cup kindly presented by "Our Chief," was secured by F. Baylis, who, in other events also, stamped himself as a "ped" of the first water.

The flight over the "sticks" was performed in such a manner by R. Bowman as to leave no room to doubt the result from the very start.

Three ex-students appeared in the race arranged for them, E. M. Bowman, A. C. Mansfield, and H. S. Teece. The conclusion placed the men in the above order.

The Medley Race, which was the final event on the programme, after a well contested struggle, gave the preference to Baylis.

The prizes, which were both useful and of elegant workmanship, were then presented in front of the Grand Stand by Lady Allen, for whom three cheers were afterwards heartily given. After three more had been accorded to Mr. Weigall, the days' enjoyment was brought to a close. Appended are the results:—

No. 1.—100 yards—F. Wilkinson, 1; F. Baylis, 2; C. M'Kay, 3. Time, 11 seconds.

No. 2.—220 yards, Boys under 15—handicap—J. Wilson, 10 yards, 1; W. Phillips, 5 yards, 2; A. Thomas, 12 yards, 3. Time, 31 seconds.

No. 3.—House Cup, presented by Mrs. Richardson—handicap, half-mile—C. Rygate, Faches House, 10 yards, 1; R. Bowman, St. Kilda, scratch, 2; J. Moffatt, Fachés House, 25 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 22½ seconds.

No. 4.—220 yards, Cup presented by Mr. E. Pratt—F. Wilkinson, Sydney Grammar School, 1; A. H. Farrand, Collegiate School, 2; J. A. Norton, New School, 3. Time 24 seconds.

No. 5.—Boys under 13, 80 yards, prize presented by Mrs. Weigall.—Cooper, 1; J. Thompson, 2; T. Robertson, 3. Time, 10½ seconds.
No. 6.—Maiden Race, handicap, 300 yards, cup presented by Mr. J. A. Gardiner.—W. B. Fairfax, 12 yards, 1; Addison, 6 yards, 2; D. A. Bucknell, 9 yards, 3. Time, 38 seconds.

No. 7.—Three-quarter Mile Handicap, cup presented by his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson.—F. Wilkinson, scratch, 1; F. Baylis, scratch, 2; C. Hawkins, 60 yards, 3.

No. 8.—Throwing Cricket Ball.—R. Lenthall, 1, throwing ball 107 yards; S. Jones, 2, with a throw of 104½ yards.

No. 9.—Cup presented by Flavelle, Brothers, 100 yards, boys under 14.—J. Wilson, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; T. Robertson, 3. Time, 12 seconds.

No. 10.—All Aged Race, 220 yards handicap, 5 yards a year.—Addison, 10 yards, 1; M. Thompson, 10 yards, 2. Time 26½ seconds.

No. 11.—Champion Cup, 1 mile; cup presented by Mr. A. B. Weigall.—F. Baylis, 1; C. Rygate, 2; T. H. Barker, 3. Time, 6 minutes 17½ seconds.

No. 12.—Hurdle race, handicap over 8 hurdles, 150 yards.—R. Bowman, owes 8 yards, 1; A. Griffith, owes 4 yards, 2; Addison, owes 6 yards, 3.

No. 13.—Boys under 15; 440 yards handicap; cup, presented by Mr. J. A. Gardiner.—G. Eden, 5 yards, 1; W. Phillips, 5 yards, 2; C. Hawkins, scratch, 3. Time 66 seconds.

No. 14.—School Cup; 220 yards handicap.—W. B. Fairfax, 12 yards, 1; T. M. Thompson, 5 yards, 3; F. Baylis, scratch, 3. Time 25½ seconds.

No. 15.—Ex-students' race; 150 yards.—E. M. Bowman, 1; A. C. Mansfield, 2; S. H. Teece, 3.

No. 16.—Walking Handicap; 1 mile; cup, presented by Mr. Stephenson.—J. E. Oxley, 120 yards, 1; W. Street, 60 yards, 2; Time 8 minutes 46½ seconds.

No. 17.—440 yards handicap; cup, presented by Hon. J. White.—F. Wilkinson, scratch, 1; R. Bowman, 13 yards, 2; W. B. Fairfax, 19 yards, 3. Time, 53½ seconds.

No. 18.—Medley Race; 200 yards: 60 yards running, 30 yards hopping, 70 yards walking, 40 yards on all-fours.—F. Baylis, 1; M. Thomson, 2; T. H. Barker, 3.

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FOOTBALL.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. WALLAROO.

This match, the first of our matches, was played on the Albert Ground on June 8th, and resulted in an easy victory for the Wallaroos by one goal and eleven touches-down to nil. J. Mullins officiated as captain for the School, and R. Arnold for the Wallaroos. Play was commenced soon after three o'clock by the Wallaroos kicking off against the wind. Some lively play ensued, but very soon the School had to touch behind their own goal, and shortly after the Wallaroos obtained a touch-down, but did not succeed in kicking a goal. The ball was again kicked off, soon another touch-down for the Wallaroos was obtained, and before half-time was called, the Wallaroos had obtained three more touches-down but no goal. We then changed goals, but the Wallaroos being too strong for us, soon carried the ball within our goal line, and got three more touches-down, from one of which R. Arnold secured a goal. The school played very well, considering it only played with 16 men. I attribute this defeat to some of our fellows who deserted us, and I hope that such a thing will never occur again. Those who played
well on the side of the school were especially, J. Mullins, F. Wilkinson, T. M. Thomson, Fairfax, Rygate, and Bowman; while, on the side of the Wallaroos were, R. Arnold, Boydell, Bayley, Lester, M. Arnold.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, BATHURST.

This match took place on Moore Park, June 15th, and attracted a considerable crowd which interfered greatly with the game, towards the end. J. Mullins captained the Grammar School and Matthews the College. Play was commenced at 2.30 p.m., but from start to finish it was evident that the College was overmatched. The School won the toss and decided on kicking with the wind.

The following were the positions held by the respective sides—Grammar School: backs, Fairfax, Barker; half-backs, J. Mullins, F. Wilkinson; quarter-backs, R. Bowman, T. M. Thomson; forwards, Rygate, M. Thomson, G. Mullins, Higgins, Fraser, Parnell, Jones, Addison, Carroll. Butler kicked off for the College, and sent the leather into the hands of one of the half-backs, who carried it by a fine run on to the goal line of the College. The ball, hovered about here for a short time, when J. Mullins ran in and secured the first touch-down for the School right under the goal posts, but no goal was secured on account of the bad placing. The ball again was kicked off, and soon Wilkinson got the ball and ran right round them all and secured another touch-down under the goal posts, but for the same reason as before no goal was obtained, but Rygate running in touched the ball behind again, from which Fairfax by a good kick secured a goal for the School. Before half-time was called, two more touches down were obtained by J. Mullins and Wilkinson, but no goal was secured. After the goals were changed the Grammar School obtained eight more touches down, and J. Mullins from three of these kicked three goals. Touch-downs throughout the game were obtained by J. Mullins (5), F. Wilkinson (3), Jones (1), Rygate (1), Carroll (1), G. Higgins (1).

The School played very well, especially J. Mullins, F. Wilkinson, Addison, and Bowman. Those who played well for the College were: Butler, Oakes, Matthews, and Atkinson.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. BURWOOD.

This match was played at Burwood on July 30th, and after a desperate struggle on both sides, resulted in a bare victory for the Burwoods. The School Captain, J. Mullins, lost the toss, and so, for the first half of the game, the School had to play against the wind; and, though this was not in their favour, they played excellently, J. Mullins occasionally spiriting the game with some of his fine runs; and, on the side of the Burwoods, Salway and Robinson doing the same. Both sides rested for five minutes at half-time, when the antagonists renewed the game with all their vigour, to see which side could wrest the palm of victory from the other. The game was very even till five minutes before time was called, when J. Wild ran in with the ball, and secured a touch-down, and thus gained a victory for the Burwoods. Moses tried the goal but failed.
In this match the Grammar School played excellently, especially J. Mullins, who played with his usual excellence, T. M. Thomson, M. Thomson, R. Bowman, Rygate, and Baylis; while on the side of the Burwoods, Salway, Robinson, Holden, Thompson, and Wild.

**Grammar School v. Toxteth.**

The above Clubs met on Moore Park on July 27th, and after a fierce struggle on both sides the Toxteth won by one goal and one touch-down to two touch-downs. F. Baylis captained the school fifteen, and Mullarky the Toxteth, and the former having lost the toss, wasted no time in commencing the game. The school for the first half, had the best of the game, and secured a touch-down to Toxteth's nil, but as the touch-down was too near the boundary-line, failed to obtain a goal. Shortly after changing ends the School obtained another touch-down, and the ball was punted out, but owing to the wind the ball was blown out of bounds close by the Toxteth goal line. After this the school did not play so well, though occasionally some very fair runs were made. The Toxteth, however, were not to be beaten, but worked the ball down to the school goal, and ran it out, but owing to the wind the ball was blown out of bounds close by the Toxteth goal line. From this touch-down Macnamara obtained a goal. The game was soon commenced again, and the Toxteth obtained another touch-down, but secured no goal, and soon after, time was called.

Those who are worthy of mention on the side of the School are, Rygate, Barker, Baylis, T. M. Thomson, M. Thomson, Bowman, R. Higgins, and Wilkinson; while on the side of the Toxteth are, Oatley, Daly, Antill, Mullarky, Palser, and Kippax.

**Rowing Club.**

One of the chief things to be noticed at the commencement of this half, is that the boys of Cleveland House with the aid of Mr. Fâche, have succeeded in establishing a Rowing Club in connection with the house. It is to be hoped that, now the example has been set, a Rowing Club will also be started in connection with the School itself, so that next year we may be able to accept the challenge of the Geelong Grammar School.

**Debating Club.**

**Friday Evening, May 24.**—No meeting (public holiday).

Friday Evening, May 31.—No meeting (monthly half-holiday).

Friday Evening, June 7.—Debate: “Are the Australian colonies a source of strength or weakness to Great Britain?” F. B. Wilkinson was in the chair. The Government maintained that the colonies were a source of
strength to Great Britain. The following members took part in the debate: *For the motion*—Montagu, Lowe, Mullins I., Mr. Anderson, Connell; *against*—Herbert, Moore I., Mr. Weigall. The division was: *For*—18; *against*—9.

Friday Evening, June 14.—Songs and Recitations. Mr. Weigall (President) was in the chair. The Football Team from All Saints’ College, Bathurst, were present, and evidently enjoyed the evening’s amusement. The room was crowded to excess, many having to stand outside the door. There were about sixty members present. Mr. Carroll caused considerable amusement by singing, in character, a song called “Fifty Years Ago.” Baylis sang “All that Glitters,” and being encored, gave “Tim Flaherty,” now made famous by him. Green recited “The Charge of the Light Brigade.” The piece was, however, scarcely suited for him, his voice not being powerful enough. “The Charge” is very often attempted, but very few can recite it well. Mr. Francis favoured the audience with a song, for which he was enthusiastically encored. Roberts II., Roberts III., Tait, and Anderson gave “The Little Brown Jug.” Baylis, Neill, Barker, and Wilkinson, all in full dress uniform, went through the Bayonet Exercise. Mullins II. and Milgrove both made their débuts as pianists. Mullins played very carefully, and in good time. Both players were very well received. Baylis and Street sang the “Mulligan Guards.” H. S. Teece gave a recitation. The programme was concluded by this gentleman singing the “Marseillaise.” The entertainment and last meeting of the quarter was brought to a close by the audience singing the National Anthem.

Friday Evening, July 26.—Election of Officers, &c.—Mr. Weigall took the chair. For the first meeting in the half-year, the attendance might have been better, there being only about thirty members present. The following is the result of the election: —President, A. B. Weigall, Esq. (unopposed). *Vice-Presidents*, F. B. Wilkinson and T. H. Barker (both unopposed). *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. H. C. L. Anderson (unopposed). *Hon. Secretary*, W. Neill. Montagu was proposed, but for various reasons, was not elected. *Committee* (besides the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer),

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Mullins II., Higgins I., Higgins II., McIntyre, and Ayres were also proposed. Wilkinson and Barker acted as scrutineers. After the election was over, Herbert and Mackay recited. Amess II. and Abigail also recited. There is much room for improvement in Amess. Abigail was rather nervous at first, but soon gained confidence, and towards the end he was very good. He was in character, the subject of the piece being “The Quack Doctor of Timbuctoo,” or some other such outlandish place. During the latter part of the evening, Mr. Meyrick took the chair, Mr. Weigall having to leave.

BIRON.
THE ENTERTAINMENT.

On Thursday evening, June 20, and on Friday evening, June 21, the Grammar School boys celebrated the breaking-up for the June holidays by a Dramatic Entertainment in the School of Arts (instead of the Guild Hall which could not be obtained). On Thursday evening, the Hall was crammed to overflowing; in fact, a number of people had to be turned away.

The first item on the programme was a farce, entitled "Poisoned." Mr. Anderson as Mr. Mivins was very fair; Fred. Barlee as Tom, was at first somewhat nervous, and in some parts he spoke much too rapidly. However, he thoroughly knew his part. On the following evening, he was more at home, and put considerably more life into the performance. Herbert made the most of a small part. M. McCarthy was a capital make up as Miss Brown; in fact several of the audience wanted to know who "the young lady" was. What he had to say, he said well.

But the most laughable character in the piece was personated by R. C. McPherson (Mrs. Priggit). He had the audience in roars from his first appearance on the stage till the fall of the curtain. His by-play with Barlee, where he "puts away" nearly a bottle of rum (we hope it was weak), caused great merriment. The curtain fell amidst much applause.

The next was a song, "Tim Flaherty," by Baylis who was very well received.

Then came a burlesque "An Appeal for Cats" by H. Teece. He was exceedingly comic and caused much amusement to the audience. The piece was not only very humorous, but it was also very well recited. A song, "The Bold Fisherman" (in character) by Mr. H. Raymond, came next. He received an enthusiastic encore.

The second farce was entitled "Raspberry Syrup." In this piece, Barlee as Mr. Oldreants had a better opportunity, of which he made good use, to distinguish himself. He and Gregory, his servant (Mr. Anderson) were the principal characters, but Gammon (W. Neill) and Spinage (F. Baylis) were the funniest. Oldreants asks them to have some raspberry syrup, his "very best!" Gregory changes it for horse medicine, and the contortions gone through by Gammon and Spinage, after drinking it, sent the audience into roars. Gregory, on discovering the mistake, bursts forth into hearty peals of laughter, so catching, that the audience had to join in with him. Homespun (Gregory's father), a sententious old Chawbacom, was ably personated by J. Herbert. At the close of this piece, Mr. Anderson came forward and recited an Epilogue, cleverly written by Mr. John Perry, containing an explanation why the entertainment was given, and introducing several Grammar School localisms. It was very well given.

But in our opinion, the pick of the entertainment was the "Camp Scene," represented by the Grammar School Cadets. This followed the farce "Raspberry Syrup." On the rising of the curtain, a number of the cadets were discovered, seated round a camp fire.

Immediately afterwards, Lieut. Anderson, "all in his armour dressed," led forth his little band of devoted warriors. Having formed them into line, he gave the word of command, and all simultaneously started the
"Bayonet Exercise" under the leadership of Quarter-Master Sergeant Baylis. The exercise was intended to exhibit their drilling, and they did infinite credit to their instructors (Lieut. Anderson and Sergeant Pope.) The way they worked together would have done credit to any company of regulars. If there was any best amongst them, it was Corporal Thomson. Sergeants Baylis, Neill, and Wilkinson were also very regular, keeping excellent time. The "Exercise" finished, Lieut. Anderson got all the Cadets together, and called for some songs. Baylis came first with the "Mulligan Guards," the chorus being enlivened by the Cadets marching round the stage, in double file. Will. Neill next gave the "War Song," in which he was very happy. "The Little Brown Jug" was then given by A. and H. Roberts. Eden followed with "Ten Thousand Miles Away." It may be mentioned that he has a very sweet voice, which could be heard distinctly even at the back of the Hall. After this came H. Teece with the "Marseillaise." He has a very powerful voice which was heard to great advantage. The chorus was very spirited.

The Grammar School Cadets then gave "The Men of Harlech" and the "Watch by the Rhine."

The "Camp Scene" was brought to an end by W. Street singing "Rule Britannia," the chorus to which, we regret to say, was very weak. There is some excuse, however, as a little too much red fire had been lit to make this song effective, and the smoke had found its way down their throats, almost preventing them from singing.

The best of the farces was "D'ye know me Now?" which followed the "Camp Scene." No-go Dumps (R. C. McPherson) is a broken down Commercial Traveller, and the look of misery depicted on his countenance would have made an undertaker laugh. His "kind Sir, I'll try!" his pitiful tale of woe, and all his little eccentricities were, not laughable, but, if we may coin the word, screamable. The part of Jolly, another Commercial Traveller, an enemy of Dumps, was performed by W. Neill, with much better success than when he took the same part last Christmas. Mr. L. Whitfield took the part of the waiter. It was well sustained. S. Lowe surprised many by his careful rendering of the part of Sniggins, and in some parts was quite amusing.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the Artillery Band playing the National Anthem.

We are requested to state that the grateful thanks of the Committee are tendered to Mr. John Bennett, of the Victoria Theatre, for his able assistance in acting as stage-manager, and for presenting the scenery and dresses. They also state that, but for his able help, the entertainment would not have been the success it was.

The Committee have presented Mr. Bennett with a gold locket as a memento of the Entertainment.

THE DANCE.

Immediately after the entertainment was over, the greater part of the audience adjourned to the Protestant Hall where the dance was to take place. There were about three hundred to four hundred persons present. The Artillery Band performed, and gave every satisfaction.
The dancing was not concluded till the "small hours" of the morning. It may be remarked that there were several officers from H.M.S. Wolverine present. We understand that Mr. Anderson acted as M.C.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 21.

The second night was as great a success as the first. The Hall was very comfortably filled, consequently there was a greater degree of comfort. The performance went much more smoothly than the preceding night "Rule Britannia" was given with better success. Of the rest, suffice it to say that all were at home in their parts, and, evidently all went away well satisfied with the entertainment. _En passant_, we would refer our readers to a letter, headed "Elocution," on another page of this number.

BIRON.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By the death of Mr. A. H. C. Macafee, the school has lost a very energetic and useful Trustee. We believe that latterly Mr. Macafee has been unable from ill health, to attend the meetings of the Board; but when he did attend, his practical common sense, his love of fair play, and his appreciation of the truth that "true dispatch is a rich thing: for time is the measure of business, as money is of wares; and business is bought at a dear hand where there is small dispatch"—on several occasions proved most useful to the "true dispatch" of School business. No one, who ever met Mr. Macafee, is likely to forget his genial kindliness and pleasant address.

We are glad to report that Mr. Meyrick has recovered from his late severe illness, and has returned to his duties in the School. The Vth. seem very glad to have their own master back again.

Mr. Hammond, who has been a master in the School for the last three years, has obtained the Headmastership of the Lower School in the College, Auckland, New Zealand, and has left for his new sphere of duty. His vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mr. L. Whitfeld, B.A., Sydney University. Mr. Whitfeld was educated at the Grammar School, obtained a First Class in the Senior Public Examination, won a Scholarship on matriculating at the University, and won several other University distinctions.

Of the boys who left school at the end of last half, Murray has sailed for England in the steamship Cuzco. We believe that it is his intention to enter an English School for a year and a half, and then to proceed to one of the Universities. King and Jeffreys have gained Scholarships, and Lenthall a Bursary, at Matriculation. Gibson, Elphinstone, Bucknell, and McCarthy have matriculated. Two prefects—Lowe and Parnell—have left the School. In losing Lowe we have lost not only one of the most promising pair of whiskers in the School, but also an upright, conscientious, and deservedly respected leader of public opinion. Parnell was a good prefect, and maintained his position intellectually as well as morally. The other fellows who have left the Upper School are:—Form V.—Hall 1, Frazer; Form IV.—Littlejohn 1, Robinson 1, Stephen, Jacob, Skinner 1, Ward 1, Stutchbury; Remove—Durham, Patrick, Watt, 1; C. S.—Bradridge, Corner, Griffiths, Roseby.
**CORRESPONDENCE.**

* Correspondents are requested to sign their names to their contributions, as a guarantee that they are original. If the writer's name be within brackets it will not be published.

CRICKET.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

Sirs,—As the cricketing season is fast approaching, I hope that steps will be taken on the part of the Sports Committee, to organise a second cricket Eleven in the School. Nearly all the leading Schools in and about Sydney have a second Eleven, and we, who claim the precedence, should not be behind hand. It would also act as a reserve for the first Eleven. There is a second Football Fifteen, and I think with a weekly practice, a second Eleven might be formed, which would be able to compete with the second Eleven of other schools. Hoping that this will be brought under the consideration of the Sports Committee,

I am, yours, &c.

A CRICKETER.

FOOTBALL.

To the Editor.

SIR,—As one who takes a deep interest in the athletic affairs of the School, I ask the favor of space in this issue to point out the responsibility of our football representatives.

Thus far, we have contested five games, out of which we have lost four: one by a touch-down—another by 11 touches-down and 1 goal. In none of these has our team been in training form such as is necessary for the putting into practice of the niceties of the game which totally depend upon the perfect state of one's enduring powers. Dodging, goal-kicking only obtainable by a run-in, can no more be put into execution without a previous course of train than can the rules of Latin Syntax be brought into practical use without the knowledge of a Latin vocabulary.

We have been handed down a fairly honourable athletic fame by those who have preceded us, and which we merely hold in trust while we are Sydneians, and thus pass on to those who fill our places. When we reflect upon this, and incited as we all should be to place our School at the top of school sports, the labour of training for one half-hour every day, as well as the practice-matches twice a week, must sink into insignificance as we look towards the victories which will certainly accrue as the result.

No lack of labour can be put forward as an excuse for our failures by a team which contains such names as those of Mullins, the two Thomsons, Bowman, Wilkinson, Higgins, and others.

The efforts of an ill-trained team deprived of some of its foremost men against the Wallaroos and Burwoods are sufficient support for the truth of what I say. We have some six or seven matches remaining on our engagement card, for which one single thrashing is inexcusable. A failure can be in each case averted by previous training.

Let us remember that as action, according to Demosthenes, is the virtue of an orator, so training is the virtue of a football player.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

August 1st, 1878.

CURRICULUM.
LETTERS.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

Sirs,—The Upper-School boys have in their passage a box, in which all the letters that come in, are put. May I, through your Magazine, draw the attention of the "powers that be" to the fact, that when any letters come for Lower-School boys, the aforesaid letters are put in the Upper-School box, where they lie for days; and as the Lower-School boys cannot come upstairs to see if there are any letters, often an important letter, by the time it is received, is useless. I do not think it would cost much to put a letter-box up in the Lower-School passage. By inserting this, you will oblige,

Yours truly,

A LOWER-SCHOOL BOY, pro. tem.

ELOCUTION.

To the Editors of the Sydneian.

Sirs,—We have lately received condemnation for acting, at the late Grammar School Dramatic Entertainment, three farces. Now, Sirs, I would make a suggestion. There is, in Sydney, a gentleman, well known in educational circles as an excellent Elocutionist. Feeling a great interest in the Grammar School, he spoke to me thus: "Why could you not get up a good burlesque for Christmas, such as "Medea" for the principal piece (in which, though extremely funny, some fine speeches and classic characters are introduced), and "Box and Cox" (a screaming burlesque) or some other good one, as a second piece. The former play would give full scope for elocutionary powers, while both pieces are extremely funny, and quite as enjoyable as three farces" In consequence of this suggestion, I have written this letter, and now propose that about fifteen or twenty of us boys join together and get up an Elocutionary Class, and show at Christmas, what the Grammar School boys can do. If we could get together a fair number, this gentleman promises to limit the fee to the same amount as for members of the School of Arts, and would bestow plenty of time on his pupils. Hoping some notice will be taken of this letter,

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

ELOCUTION.

P.S.—If Lyndhurst College could get up a good burlesque, and have it well acted, as they did some time ago, surely the Grammar School could do something worthy of the name!

E.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

"SYDNEY ONCE A WEEK," No. 24.

The "COMIC HISTORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES" which still continues to be published by the Author, Madame Cook, at No. 39, Cumberland-street. No. 8 is to hand. We feel sure that, as the History gets into the later years of the colony so will it become the more interesting and popular. It is well printed by F. Cunningham and Co., Pitt-street.

The "ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE GAZETTE," No. 2, published by Members of the College Debating Association,—Melbourne.
SCHOOL NOTICES.

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The Ancient History Prize (for which Examinations were held in February and July) has been won by McIntyre.


V. Form, Latin Prose Prize—Arnold’s History of the Later Roman Commonwealth; vol. i., p. 83—“All now became tumult” to p. 85—“atrocious cruelty.”

VI. Form, Latin Prose Prize—Arnold’s History of Rome; vol. 1, p. 12—The Legend of Numa Pompilius.

Exercises to be given in on Monday, October 7.

The third Examination in the year for the Voluntary Modern History Prize will be held on September 20, at 1.15 p.m. Subjects (1)—English Literature Primer—caps. 1, 2, 3, 4. (2)—Macaulay’s Essay on John Bunyan (to be studied principally for style).

The second Handicap Examination in Latin and Greek Grammar will be held at the end of the present quarter.

The Examination in Modern Languages for the Lower School will be held at the end of the present quarter.

The Librarian of the VIth Form begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following Books:

- Polar and Tropical Worlds... W. King
- Saved from the Sea... A. Houston
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