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SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Sept. 27. — L. and G. Grammar Handicap, Second Series.
Quarter ends at 3.15 p.m.
,, 28. — Cadets move into Camp at Bathurst.
Oct. 5. — Cadets return from Camp.
,, 7. — Summer Quarter begins at 9.30 a.m.
Entries for University Examination closes.
Latin Composition to be sent in.
,, 21. — Sydneian Box closes.
,, 28. — Sydneian No. XIII. published.

No. XIII. will contain a full account of the Cadet Camp at Bathurst.
Several other interesting articles will also appear.

* * * Correspondents are requested—(1) To sign their names to their articles, but if their names be in brackets, they will not be published. (2) To write on one side of the paper only.
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"Here we are again!" as they say in the Pantomime, and we feel considerable pleasure in echoing the same cry.

Since our last number was published, our football team have played several matches; the cadets have fired for the prize shooting; the football team have had a grand dinner; the Debating Club Ministry have been defeated, and several other matters of interest have taken place.

We understand that it is not intended to have an entertainment this year, but, if the Melbourne cricket team come to play us again next year, an entertainment in their honour will be set on foot.

Of course, the principal thing that has occupied the public mind at school just now is the Michaelmas Cadet Camp, which is to be held this time at Bathurst. We should like to see the full number go up, and those who do go will be sure to enjoy themselves, as we believe there are several amusements being got up for their delectation.

Another little excitement has been stirring up the boys lately, and that is the bestowing of distinguishing rosettes to the football team, and "caps of honour" to the six best players. We believe it is intended to present the rifle team also with rosettes. We quite agree with this presentation plan, as it keeps all concerned up to the mark.

There is likely to be considerable competition for University honours this year, both in the senior and junior examinations. May the best fellows win!

Hoping you will all enjoy your holidays, and the cadets their camp, we beg to present you with the

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**MY EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

*Continued.*

On Saturday I visited the Pheasant's Nest—a stream flowing into the Nepean, whence we are to derive our water, according to Mr. Clark's scheme. The water flows through fine sandstone, and is very clear and pure. I was pleased with the pretty scenery round this river; but was completely charmed with the grandeur of the Bulli pass. The deep gullies, clad with fine trees of every shade of green, mingled with bright red, yellow, and purple berries; the rich masses of undergrowth and graceful tree-ferns, with the surrounding precipices, and the ocean in front make as fine a picture as one could wish for.
On Sunday I attended the ministrations of a lay preacher, who had a strong antipathy to the letter h, and a great fondness for hell—the word "hell" I mean. A tall man—an ex-private of the Dragoon Guards held a plate at the door, and acted as clerk, but brought in so many amens and other ejaculations at strange places, that my risible humour got the better of me. At length, in the middle of a prayer, when I turned round for the twentieth time to gaze at the yawning chasm in the middle of his face, he walked up to me, still giving the responses, and seizing me by the ear, walked me out for, as he afterwards told me, desecrating the holy place. I did not visit that bethel in the evening.

On Monday, I fell amongst a colony of Highlanders, chiefly from the Isle of Skye. I began a course of Gaelic, which so abounded in consonants that I failed to get beyond learning to pronounce "bdgh." In the evening I saw a dear grey-haired mother, parting from her only boy, who was about to go to Queensland to take charge of a station. The poor old lady evidently had a great dread that the blacks would eat her Lachie, and her grief first found vent in lamenting that her dear boy would never see any Christians or Churches, or even decent houses for many years; but as she began to realize the fact that she would never probably see her boy again in this world, she became truly pathetic, and her sorrow could only find vent in the Gaelic of her young days. She implored her son to walk in the steps of his good father, to remember her when he might be tempted to sin, and to think of her constant love for him; and when the final moment of parting had come, and Lachie had knelt to receive his mother's blessing she bent down and kissed his forehead, saying:—"Beannachd le a mhi mo graith agus gim deanadh t'athricthearn do chumail tearninte gus an cinnich sinn fadheoidh cum an ngheacht na gior." Farewell! my darling son! may the God of your Fathers keep you safe till we meet above) During the remaining holidays I had a great deal of riding which had an unpleasant effect on my manner of sitting for sometime afterwards.

In the course of one of these I met another G. S. Cadet, and we had a long talk about our coming entertainment, the drill of our company, and especially the bad shooting of the Rifles, which he ascribed to their excessive gallantry. "How is that," said I. "Oh! they are too fond of the Misses," said he.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The Sydnetian being the organ of the leading Public School in this colony, we take it upon ourselves to offer a few remarks upon the above subject. Upon consulting the University Calendar we find the following subjects set down for examination:—SENIORS: French—Racine's "Esther," and part of "Siècle de Louis Quatorze." German—Part of Schiller's "Thirty Year's War." JUNIORS: French—Part of "La Fontaine's Fables." German—"Lessing's Fables." Now, the Senior examination is supposed to be considerably more difficult than the Junior. But, as we have seen above, "Esther" has
been set for the Senior French, and Fortaine's "Fables" for the Junior. The question we should like answered is have the fables been set for the Junior examination, simply because they are fables, and therefore cannot be as difficult as a play such as "Esther"? And has the "Esther" been set for the Senior examination, simply because it is a play, and therefore is more difficult than mere "Fables"? Take a page of "Esther" and a page of the "Fables" and see if there are not more obscure, difficult, and out-of-date words in the latter work than in the former one? We venture to say that, out of five boys reading these two books, three of them, at the very least, would be able to translate and understand the "Esther," while they would be all at sea if they attempted the "Fables." The same may be said of the German. Schiller's "Thirty Year's War" is, as many know, a mere historical narrative, while every one of Lessing's Fables has some hidden meaning in it, which often requires the deep thought of the scholar to fathom out. Yet such books are set for the Junior Public Examination, the stepping-stone to the Senior Examination! As things are now, it is really more creditable for a candidate to pass the Junior in French and German than the Senior in these sections. We should very much like to know whatever possessed the Board of Examiners to arrange the subjects in these two sections in such a manner? Surely they must have made a mistake and meant to have ordered it otherwise! In the interests of all public and private school candidates for the University Examinations, we should like to see, if possible, these two sections altered. We hope that our remarks will be noticed in the proper quarter, for it seems to us an important question, and which, if not attended to, will most likely breed discussion and criticism by no means favourable to the Sydney University.

COMPULSORY PLAY.

That boys should require to be compelled to play may at first sight appear a paradox, but the experience of even the best English schools has proved, that unless some system of compulsion be employed the majority of boys will not take part in school games. In endeavouring to introduce some such system into our school, we shall have to contend not only against the innate indolence of those, for whose direct benefit we are to legislate, but also against the prejudices of many persons who appear anxious to limit the work of the Grammar School to that of a mere thinking shop. We are so frequently assured that the Grammar School is essentially a day school, and this comfortable assurance is used as a complete answer to all appeals for assistance in developing a higher tone or a larger amount of public spirit in our midst. We maintain that the functions of a day school are not necessarily restricted to the training of scholars, and we believe that the question of pressing importance for the authorities of the school is not so much what to teach the possible scholars of the future, as how to educate those who are at present growing up to be men. To such an education physical laziness is as great a hindrance as intellectual sloth.
Unfortunately, in our own case, the difficulties which must attend any such movement as that which we are now advocating, are increased by special causes, to which we have often had recourse to refer. We cannot force boys to play until we have a ground of our own, and we shall not have a ground of our own, until we obtain practical recognition of the principle, that it is an essential part of the duty of a school to make provision for the physical training of its pupils. We feel sure that the Trustees are willing to do what they can to promote our interests, and we feel equally sure that so soon as they see fit to carry this willingness into vigorous action in the direction we have already indicated, we shall get all we want. We shall then be in a position to introduce a scheme for a forcing compulsory attendance in the play ground.

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PORTUS SYDNIENSIS

Altera Karthago, Bais vel amœnior ipsis, 
Arridet noster si quis in orbe sinus, 
Hoc caput Austranis potuisset gentibus esse : 
Hei mihi, quanta Dei, quantula fecit homo !

Alumnus Abiturus.

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FAITH.

Faith stood before me,—childlike as of yore, 
The wonder-worker, mute, for aye he saith
No word whose voice is deed, so passeth faith 
Onward by slow degrees, by more and more, 
Himself the law, no law shall make unfree 
With petty chain of man's intelligence; 
No circumstance nor master influence 
Binds god-like Will to our philosophy.

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1.

I saw a lone wife in an agony 
Of sorrow and suffering, and fear and prayer, 
Mourning a husband’s loss : for yonder there, 
Before Rome's thousands, he stood up to die, 
Heard yon the hoarse stir of the crowd, intent 
On a vile Christian's death? Yet shall the years 
Not fail for ever brimming tears on tears 
To her, to them wild lust and merriment.

Yet thus apart unheeded in the strife 
Of the loud world, and whirl of senseless things, 
Earnest to catch God's far off whisperings, 
These Christians wrought their purpose into life.
2.

I saw a captain on a mutinous deck
Stand amid oaths and frowns of lawlessness;
Here, there, the poniard gleamed; he not the less
Unfearful of their threats, of reef and wreck,
Steered his land freight toward a deep emprize.
Leagues on, beyond the misty ocean rim,
A hid land lay expectantly for him
Who should ungarner hoard of centuries.

3.

I saw a boy within a room, wind-swept
Through ruinous crannies: in the grate a flame
Searching bare walls fitfully went and came,
Hard by with loosened limbs a drunkard slept.
What knew that boy of ease or good? Perchance
A ruddy glimpse in streets where rich men live:
Yet this his eager soul can store to hive
Its onward thought out reaching circumstance.

E. B.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON, 1878.

We have at length arrived at the end of another football season, and it becomes our duty to chronicle the successes and defeats of that period, whilst presenting to the view of our readers the principal events which have contributed both to the one and to the other. Our congratulations have not the firm basis, in the way of victories, upon which we would wish to set them, but when the quality of our opposing teams, and the manful way in which our representatives did battle are considered, we cannot look on them otherwise but as victors. Frequently overmatched, they fought up-hill games with that spirit of enthusiasm which is characteristic only of English (may we say of Australian?) schoolboys. Our failures are not embittered by the remembrance of not sustaining them in the proper manner, and our victories have been enhanced in value, when we know that we have borne them as they should be borne. We must not, however, lose ourselves in self-laudations, but direct our attention to the prime source of defeat. Every impartial observer must admit that this latter is the desultory mode of practice and training indulged in by the majority of the team. Fortune has been most unpropitious to us during the entire season—sometimes in one form, sometimes in another; but yet our non-successes are attributable in nearly every case to the above cause. We have certainly attempted improvements, we have endeavoured to secure attendance at afternoon training; but, until we can impress upon our champions their responsibilities, the knowledge that the interest of the masters and of the school is centred in them, and thus add new vigour to their efforts for success, our achievements must be incomplete. We have made great strides towards a better system than heretofore, and when our
committee has organised a scheme, with power to enforce it, which will be productive of better disciplined practice. Nothing should prevent us from possessing a team which will be capable of defeating the best city clubs which can be pitted against us, substituting our training and agility for the experience of our older opponents.

In the middle of the season, our team started for Bathurst, in order to play a return match with All Saints' College. The country fifteen played with their masters and ex-students, which considerably augmented their strength. Notwithstanding this, the result was an easy victory for the school by 4 goals and 6 touches-down. The trip was a most enjoyable one, and our representatives spoke in the highest terms of the kindness displayed by Mr. Bean and Syd. Webb in making it so. With the greatest pleasure do we anticipate many future contests between All Saints' College and the Sydney Grammar School.

Our weakest point during the past season was our place-kicking. Many matches were lost through our inability to convert touches-down into goals. This is obvious when we refer to the appended list, and ascertain that from 33 touches down we only secured 11 goals.

On the day of the last King School match, the first fifteen were presented with black, gold, and crimson badges by Mr. Weigall, which are to be worn daily in school. This distinction should be a further incentive to progress for those who have not already earned them.

The custom of giving caps of honor has been revived. The Misses Neill kindly presented one, and five were awarded by the committee. The recipient of the former was J. Mullins; and the latter fell to F. Wilkinson, R. Bowman, C. Rygate, T. M. Thomson, and R. Higgins. These are, undoubtedly, the best men in our team, and the decision was almost unanimous; but at the same time we must not look with indifference upon the services rendered by Barker, M. Thomson, Baylis, and Fairfax.

With these few remarks we bid adieu to the Football Season of 1878, with the brightest prospects for future seasons. When the curtain next rises, some places in our team will be vacant. Those who are absent will continue their interest in us, and look to those who succeed them to support the football fame of the Sydney Grammar School.

CURRICULUM.

LIST OF MATCHES.

June 8.—20 v. Wallaroo.
Wallaroo obtained 1 goal, 10 touches-down.

June 15.—15 v. All Saints' College, Bathurst.
S. G. S. obtained 4 goals, 10 touches-down.

July 20.—15 v. Burwood.
Burwood obtained 1 touch-down.

July 27.—15 v. Toxteth.
Toxteth obtained 1 goal, 2 touches-down.
S. G. S. , 2 touches-down.

July 31.—20 v. University.
University obtained 1 goal, 7 touches-down.
August 3.—15 v. The King’s School.

    King’s School obtained 1 goal.
    S. G. S.          2 touches-down.

August 10.—15 v. All Saint’s College.

    S. G. S. obtained 4 goals, 6 touches-down.

August 14.—15 v. University.

    University obtained 2 goals, 4 touches-down.
    S. G. S.          1 goal, 2 touches-down.

August 17.—15 v. Newington.

    Newington obtained 1 goal, 2 touches-down.
    S. G. S.          1 touch-down.

August 28.—15 v. The King’s School.

    The King’s School obtained 1 goal, 1 touch-down.
    S. G. S.          1 goal, 2 touches-down.

August 31.—15 v. Toxteth.

    S. G. S. obtained 1 goal, 2 touches-down.

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**List of Players Obtaining Touches-down and Goals.**

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**THE FOOTBALL DINNER.**

On Thursday, September 12th, a dinner to commemorate the close of the Football Season took place in the School Dining Room. Mr. Weigall occupied the chair, and Mr. Francis the vice-chair. About thirty of those who are interested in the football affairs of the school were present, amongst whom we noticed Mr. Meyrick and Mr. Anderson. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the catering was in the hands of Compagnoni and Co. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen," and "The Governor." He referred to the interest which had been always displayed in the school by the latter, and mentioned as an instance that he was the only Governor who had visited the school during the ordinary daily routine of school duties. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. "Prosperity to Football" was next proposed, which was treated in a similar
manner to its predecessor, Wilkinson, in a concise speech, proposed the health of “The Masters,” and gave expression to the feelings entertained by the school boys towards them, and especially thanked those masters present on behalf of the team, for their presence at the various contests of the season, which encouraged them on to greater efforts. Mr. Weigall responded, and said that the sentiments uttered by Wilkinson had given him very great pleasure, because he believed that they were real; he also remarked the relationship which at present exists between masters and boys. Mr. Francis proposed “The Football Team,” and in the course of a comprehensive speech, expressed his opinion that the team which represented us this year was the strongest which the school had ever possessed; at all events, as long as he was connected with it. He dwelt upon the admirable way in which they had worked together, and refrained in the field from all conduct which would be opposed to the principles of gentlemen football players. He regretted that fortune had been so unpropitious to us, and earnestly hoped that the team would strive to improve by training, and retain the laurels which they have already secured. Mullins regretted his inability to sufficiently express the feelings of his team, after the kind manner in which Mr. Francis had proposed their health. He referred to a few of the most important events of the season, and paid a just tribute to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bean and Webb, on the occasion of their late trip to Bathurst. He concluded by hoping that the majority of the team would be present at the beginning of next season, to strive for further successes.

Macansh, in an eloquent manner, spoke with great vigour of the present standing of the “Cadet Corps,” and prominently brought forward the advantages arising therefrom.

Mr. Anderson commented upon the interest manifested in the corps by old fellows, and the difficulty which he finds in supplying them with sufficient information. He dwelt upon the benefits in future life which such a course of discipline as military services affords, and the esprit de corps which such a union enkindles.

Ayres proposed “The Sports Committee,” and testified to the ability with which they conducted the affairs entrusted to them.

Mr. Francis thanked those present for the way in which they had received the toast, and assured them that they had the best interests of the school at heart.

Allen, with characteristic eloquence, referred to the great benefits derived from “The Houses” in connection with the school—thus securing for it all the advantages of a boarding school without its disadvantages.

Barker, in responding, took advantage of the occasion to express the regard of those residing at Cleveland House for the kindness always exhibited towards them by Mr. and Mrs. Fache.

Bowman, also with genial humour, spoke of the assistance which the boys at St. Kilda were to the school (?)

The next toast, which was proposed by Street, was “The Donor of the Football Cap.”

It was responded to by Neill.
G. Higgins proposed "The Ladies," and it is needless to mention, made a very happy speech.

R Higgins responded.

The last, but by no means the least worthy toast, was proposed by J Mullins—"The Press—including the 'Sydneian.'"

Mr. Meyrick, in a very able speech, responded.

The meeting, shortly afterwards, broke up, after a most enjoyable evening. We hope that the affair will be an annual one, in connection both with football and cricket.

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**THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS IN ENGLAND.**

**By "Our Special Cricketomaniac."**

The above named, who
Are well known to you,
Will very soon be here again;
With their laurels well earn'd,
And their heads well nigh turn'd
With praise that the English ne'er feign.

Their Captain so brave,
Whose name's Gregory (Dave)
Is the Captain of Captains I ween;
For who'd undertake
Such a task and not quake,
But a cricketer cool in th' extreme.

And now let me tell
Of Spofforth as well—
The demon of bowlers they style him,
Took wickets just seven,
For runs but eleven—
After which, no one cared to revile him.

But I have not time
To put into rhyme,
The merits of the other ten;
Still, of Conway I'd sing,
Who thought of the thing,
And took home a team of our men.

He first praised should be,
Who long before we,
Should ever have thought of this plan,
Took it into his head,
And accordingly led
Home a team truly sharp to a man.
FROM SYDNEY TO SANDON, N. Z.

Being supposed to have sufficient knowledge by this time in my brains to enable me to begin my next career, I was compelled to leave school, after twelve years of it, and to let me have a few holidays I was sent, with ma chère sœur in my charge, to some friends in New Zealand. So we packed up our traps on January 8th, and started to the steamer, which left at 4 p.m. At length, “all aboard” was shouted out by the boatswain. Shortly the captain took up his post on the bridge, and we were started on our journey at quarter-speed. I had never been out of Sydney before, so that I felt queer in having to go a journey of 1600 miles, and knowing no one either on board or in Wellington—our first stopping place. At Fort Benison “half-speed” was given, and we went a little quicker, till we reached the Heads, then “full-speed” was telegraphed down to the engineers, and sail was set, the steamer gliding along at 10 ½ knots, as smoothly as she came down the harbour. She was very deeply laden (having 2000 tons of coal in her), and the sea was very smooth. At 6 p.m. the bell rang for tea, when we all went down below; but, by the time we had finished, every part of the land was out of sight, which was something quite new to me. About 8 o’clock I went to my cabin and turned in. Being very tired I slept pretty well, although the vibrations caused by her heavy engines would serve to keep one awake. It must have been a great deal worse in the steerage, which was aft, and right over the shaft of the screw. About two bells, or 5 o’clock next morning, most of us were awakened by the seamen scrubbing the deck overhead with a big stone in an iron frame, with a long handle—so, after washing, we went on deck. There was a long southerly swell on, which caused us to roll, so that the port holes had to be closed. Having had a cup of coffee from the steward about 6 a.m., I went up on deck and found a few passengers already walking up and down and enjoying what cool breeze there was, for the wind had almost died away, and sail had been taken in during the night. At half-past 8 we had breakfast. There was a marked diminution in the number of the passengers at the table. I put it down to the increased rolling of the ship. After breakfast most of us brought our books (of which I had laid in a good supply) and were reading all the morning—nothing appearing in sight, and the heat of the sun being too great for playing quoits or any other game. At 12 o’clock, the Captain took his observations; the log was drawn in to see the distance we had run, and the ship’s clock was put ahead a quarter of an hour, for we were travelling apparently against the sun, which made the days shorter to us. After lunch we lounged about the deck, which was as clean and white as hands could make it. At 4 30, the bell rang to prepare for dinner and half an hour afterwards we had dinner. Later on, at 7, came tea, after which most of us went on deck, where comic and sentimental songs were sung to the music of a concertina. Towards evening it became especially pleasant and cool on deck, yet in the cabins the heat was not at all nice, in consequence of the cabin windows having to be kept shut; therefore a few who had provided themselves with Ashantee hammocks slung them across the deck and
slept in them. About 10.30 p.m., every one went to bed, and all lights were put out. I had determined before starting to keep a diary, so I put in it during the evening the facts concerning the voyage so far; but the rolling of the steamer made it very difficult to write. Nothing unusual occurred the next day. Some of the passengers amused themselves playing with quoits made of rope, while others read books or papers. Meanwhile the wind commenced to blow, cooling the air a little, so all sail was set, yet it was so close that I slept on a form on deck. The next day, Friday, the log showed at 12 o'clock, that we were 800 miles from Sydney, or about half-way from Sydney to Wellington. By this time, watches which had not been altered were an hour slow, losing twenty minutes every day. The passengers did nothing but read all day, or watch the numerous albatross following us and picking up whatever was thrown overboard. The next day was Saturday, and as we expected to reach Wellington the following day, the tickets were collected by the purser, who, during the voyage, amused the young ladies very much, he having nothing else to do. After lunch a strong wind sprang up and all sail was set, which gave the vessel a lift to leeward, but it sent us along at 11½ knots (as I learn from an officer off duty.) The sea began to rise, and the spray went flying over the vessel, causing us to roll a great deal, upsetting tumblers full of water at the dinner tables, and making the dishes slide from one side to the other; but to prevent this, small rods had to be laid across and along the tables. Towards night the sea became very rough, and having a strong southerly wind on our beam, we rolled rather heavily, so that not many had a good sleep that night, those on the port side of the vessel being afraid of rolling out of their bunks, which were fixed to the side of the cabin nearest the centre of the ship.

CADET CORPS.

The Cadets are drilling with great energy at present, to learn their camp duties. The Rifle Company is drilling very well, and in points of average, size, and numbers, is good to behold.

On Saturday about 80 of the corps, with some choice old fellows, will go to camp near Bathurst for a week. While there the corps is going to give an entertainment on behalf of the Bathurst Hospital; and, in return, will be invited to a private ball, to be given in their honour. There will be a skating party one afternoon, a cricket match another; so we all expect glorious times.

The Rifle team has been picked, and consists of Lieutenant Anderson, Color-sergeant Bowman, Quarter-master-sergeant Baylis, Corporals Hungerford, Barker, and Thomson, Lance-corporals Neale and Gorrick, Cadets Hill and Thomson, each of whom is shooting well. A silver star will be presented to each member of the team at the prize-giving.

At the yearly shooting for prizes on Tuesday, September 10th, and Tuesday, 17th, the following Carbines and Rifles won prizes, varying from £2 to 10s. in value.
CARBINES.
1. Cadet Sands 400 yards.
2. Lance-corporal Cooper
3. Cadet Thomas
4. Trebeck
5. Corporal Richardson
6. Cadet Fairfax
7. Newell
8. Dezarnaulds
9. Street
10. Paterson
11. Hungerford

RIFLES.
1. Cadet Barker
2. Sergeant Wilkinson
3. Cadet Dezarnaulds
4. 500 yards.

AGGREGATES.
Highest Score—Lieutenant Anderson,

PRIZES.
1. Color-sergeant Bowman
2. Cadet Barker
3. Dezarnaulds
4. Lance-corporal Hungerford
5. Gorrick
6. Sergeant Wilkinson
7. Cadet Hill
8. Cadet Thomson
10. Sergeant Neill
11. Cadet Shute

The Cadets themselves collected over £20 for prizes, and a Cup has been kindly presented by Flavelle, Roberts, and Co., and another by ex-Cadet M' Rae.

SENSE SACRIFICED TO SOUND.

THE GALLANT KNIGHT AND THE FAIR LADY.
Fair was the night, and blue the sun,
As it shone through the gurgling leaves,
And the glistening wind with its sonorous eyes,
Did shriek through the mountain eaves.

And a maiden fair, with her crimson hair,
All streaming a-down her brows,
Come forth with a glittering step, to see
The dew on the curling boughs.

Her eyes were white as the yellow noon,
Her cheeks like the blue hare-bell,
And her hands, as the neck of the wild black swan,
That feeds in the upland dell.

With timid glance, she breathed a sigh,
There was heard the sound of a tear,
And she shaded her hands, with her lovely face.
Saying, "Oh! that he were here."

And e'en as she spoke, from the purple trees,
Did trickle a manly form,
And a gallant knight, in his whitened shoon,
Stood, bright, as the thunderstorm.
In his garnished hand he held sweet flowers,
As black as the crimson wave,
And these he offered with kingly grace,
To his well-loved lady brave.

His crumbling plumes in the water waved,
And he doffed his silken hose,
It was for his lady fair, that he
Did carry these shining bows.

Then with sorrowful eyes, he laid him down,
At the feet of the lady fair,
And with twisted gasps and a curling bow,
He died from the weight of care.

Then the lady wept and she wrang her head,
Till it touched the silken corn,
And her shriveling hair, in the seaweed air,
Did echo the bubbling horn.

Alas! for the knight and the lady fair,
That they both should sink away,
And be lost to sight, in the brittle height,
Before the dawn of the day.

HILDA.

FOOTBALL.

2ND GRAMMARS v. 2ND KING'S SCHOOL.

This match was played at King's School, Parramatta, on August 3rd. The ground was in a very bad state, but the game was a good one. It ended in a draw, each side having obtained a goal. Moore captained the Grammar team and Bowden the King's.

The first half of the time neither side gained any advantage. Soon after half time Moore by a splendid run obtained a touch down for the Grammar, from which Roberts kicked a goal. Soon afterwards Wickham secured a touch down for the King's, from which Bayliss kicked a goal. Kelly, Moore, and Carroll played well for the Grammar's, and Perry and Wickham for Kings. Hannell, Lamrock, Street, and Daly showed some good play.

2ND GRAMMAR v. 2ND IMPERIAL F. C.

This match was played at Moore Park, on 16th August. The game was not so pleasant as it might have been owing to the frequent squabbling. Gorrick headed the Grammars and Keyle the Imperials. This match was won easily by the Grammars by one goal and five touch downs to nothing. The touch downs were obtained by Lamrock 1, Kelly 1, Smail 2, Hungerford 1, Hannell. The goal was kicked by G. E. Fairfax. The above mentioned played well for the Grammars. On the other side Keyle, Palmer, and Jennings were about the best.
This match was played at Double Bay, on August 17th. The game ended in a draw, neither side having obtained any advantage. The Grammars played better this match than in the others, although they had a much stronger fifteen against them.

Daly distinguished himself in this match. He made some very fine runs. Besides Daly, Lamrock, Fairfax I., and Moffatt played well for the Grammars. The others played very well. On the other side Burns, Jennings, Cansdell played very well.

**Grammars v. King's School 1st Fifteen.**

August 3rd, 1878.—The Grammar School commenced with the hill in their favour, and for a time the ball was kept about midway between the two goals, until T. M. Thomson, by a good run, brought it near the King's School goal, and J. Mullins secured a touch down. The kick, rather a difficult one, was entrusted to Fairfax, who failed to score. Soon after the kick out by King's School, the ball was again brought down by Thomson and Mullins secured a second touch, which again resulted in a failure to score. For a time both sides played pretty evenly, until after Hillas and Brown had carried the leather near our goal, Wade, with a drop kick, secured a goal for King's School. After the kick off a good run was made by Wilkinson, and the forwards forced King's School to touch behind twice. Presently the Grammar School were forced to touch behind. After half-time the ball was kept near King's School goal, until Ryrie, by a good run, brought it down near our goal, and for some time the game was very even. King's School were soon again forced behind, and after some good dribbling on the part of the King's School forwards the Grammar School were forced behind. The ball was again put in motion by Mullins, and Barker by a good run brought the ball near King's School goal, where Jones secured a free kick, from which Mullins tried a rather long place kick but failed. After this nothing of importance occurred, the King's School thus winning by a goal to two touches down.

Bowman, T. Thomson, Mullins (captain), M. Thomson (2), Rygate, Higgins (1), and Wilkinson played well for the Grammars; Bowman and Thomson were especially good. On the King's School side Brown (captain), Ryrie, Wade, and Lee were distinguished for good play. In this match there is no doubt the Grammar School had by far the best of the game all through, though the result did turn out unfavourable to them.

**Grammar School v. University.**

This match was played on Moore Park, on July 31st, resulted in an easy victory for the University by one goal eight touch downs to nil. Play was commenced at twenty minutes to 4 by J. Mullins, the School captain, kicking off, and it soon became evident that the University were far too strong for the School, and although the school had twenty men it would have been better if it had had only fifteen. After the kick off the boys kept them off
for some time; but alas! soon one touch down came, then followed the second, from which H. Wilkinson, by a cool kick, sent it between the posts; and then came the next, and so on, to the end of the game, when eight touch downs and a goal had been scored to the 'Varsity, while the School could not score anything, though J. Mullens especially, T. M. Thomson, Rygate, Bowman, and F. Wilkinson did their level best, and played very well. On the side of the University I would like to mention E. M. Bowman, J. Cohen, H. Wilkinson, Campbell, and Raper.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY.

This time the School determined to meet them on even terms, and this result will show, if you compare the former result, how much better it was. Shortly after the ball had been put into motion, Campbell collared it and by a nice run got behind; but J. Mullins and T. M. Thomson following up got it from him, thus preventing a touch down; but shortly afterwards Petersen obtained a touch down, and the try being entrusted to H. Wilkinson he early obtained a goal. Shortly after this Barker, of the School, by a fine run, got a touch down right under the posts, which proved a goal from a kick by Fairfax. The University then redoubled their efforts and before the end of the game obtained four more touch downs, and H. Wilkinson, by a nice kick, secured another goal. Towards the end, the School also obtained another touch down by Baylis, who got clear of all the players and ran with the ball across the ground, closely pursued by H. Wilkinson, who failed to collar him until at the posts. There was a dispute as to whether Baylis obtained this or not, but it was at last settled by the umpire who gave it in favour of the School. Fairfax again tried the goal, but failed. The game terminated shortly afterwards. Those who played well for the School are:—J. Mullins, T. M. Thomson, M. Thomson, F. Baylis, R. Higgins.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, BATHURST.

At about 3 o'clock, on Saturday, the 10th of August, the above clubs, which had on a former occasion met in Sydney, though with far weaker teams, met on the Ordnance Ground, Bathurst. The School team was headed again by our gallant captain, J. Mullins, while that of the College by Mr. Bean. Play was commenced by the School kicking off against a stiff wind, but which did not seem to damp their courage at all, for shortly after the kick off J. Mullins secured a touch down but from which no goal was obtained. The College lost no time in kicking out, but the School again worked the ball up to the College goal, and by a smart piece of play on the part of Barker another touch down was obtained near the boundary line, J. Mullins tried the kick, and though it was an extremely hard one, sent it between the posts, amidst the cheers of his comrades. After this, before half-time was called, the School obtained five more touch downs, by the following:—Addison, Bowman, T. M. Thomson, M. Thomson—from one of which Barker by a fine kick got a goal. After half-time the College,
for about half-an-hour, kept the School hard at work, but never got it behind the School goal, though touch downs were obtained for the School by T. M. Thomson and M. Thomson by fine play. From one of these, which was under the posts, Wilkinson easily kicked a goal. The ball was again kicked off, and Baylis, who had come forward, carried it some distance, and was run out of bounds; but throwing it to Wilkinson, who had followed him up, he carried it in front of the goal, and by a nice kick, obtained another goal for the School, which terminated the game. Those who played well for the school are J Mullins, T M. Thomson, M. Thomson, Bowman, Barker, and Wilkinson, and those for the College are S. Smith, Slowman, M'Intyre, Oakes, and Baker. I may mention that five ex-students played in the College team.

**Grammar School v. Newington College.**

The above match took place on the 17th of August and after a desperate struggle on both sides resulted in a victory for Newington by one goal and one touch down to one touch down. The School lost the toss and so had the wind, which was rather strong against them. The game all through was very even; but the ground could not be said to be very soft, and occasional scrummages afforded no encouragement to the forwards on this soft grassy meadow, and after some time one could see how the Grammar school was altogether cowed from attempting any runs, for one tumble was quite enough for any of them on this ground.

About ten minutes before half-time, Warden, by a smart piece of play, got the first touch down for Newington; but Martin, who tried the kick, failed altogether. After half-time the game went on as before, until Warden again collared the leather, and by a nice run obtained another touch-down. from which Martin, by a nice kick, secured a goal. The ball was kicked off again, and soon, Wilkinson, who had come forward, following the ball up well ran in and secured a touch down for the Grammar School, Fairfax essayed the kick, but kicked a poster. Soon after this time was called and the game was brought to an end, with the usual cheering. The Grammar School was in this match all at sea on such a rough ground, and no doubt would have made a better stand only for this obstacle. I may mention J. Mullins, R. Bowman, T. M. Thomson, Baylis, F. Wilkinson and Rygate as playing well; while on the side of Newington: Martin, the two Wardens, Glasson, and Rygate.

**Grammar School v. King's School.**

The return match between the above clubs took place on Wednesday, the 28th August, at the Albert Ground. Both teams were equally weakened by some of their best players being absent. The day was very hot indeed, which the players did not seem to welcome. Play was commenced at 3 o'clock, the Kings having the wind, which by that time was very strong; but the Grammar School forwards soon carried the ball on to their opponent's goal line, and obtained a touch down, not far from the posts from which
Wilkinson, by an easy kick, got a goal. The ball was kicked off again by Brown, who sent the ball right between the goal posts amidst great applause. The Grammar School touched behind, and again the ball was carried by R. Higgins over the goal line and another touch down secured. The kick, which was entrusted to Barker, proved a failure, and the King’s School redoubled their efforts to try and secure a win, and soon carried it very near the Grammar goal, when Hillas, by a fluky drop kick, sent it between the posts. A few minutes after this half-time was called, when both teams rested for a few minutes. Again play was resumed, and soon after, by a badly judged piece of play on the side of one of the Grammar backs, Hillas, of the King’s School, got the ball behind the Grammar line and touched it down, no goal however resulting from it. Nothing of much importance occurred through the rest of the game, and it may well be said that the game throughout was very even. Those of the King’s School who are especially worthy of mention are Brown, Hillas, Ryrie; and of the Grammar School: J. Mullins, Rygate, Barker, R. Higgins, T. M. Thomson, and Wilkinson.

**Grammar School v. Toxteth.**

The above match took place at Moore Park, on Saturday, 31st August, and attracted a large crowd, who seemed to be greatly pleased at the School winning. Antill lead the Toxteth, while J. Mullins lead the School. The former having won the toss, chose the Northern goal, and soon the ball was put into play by the School. At first the Toxteth ran it down to the School goal, and kept it there for some time, until Wilkinson, of the School, collaring it, by a nice run carried it over the Toxteth line, amidst the applause of the spectators. The kick was entrusted to the same player, who failed altogether; but R. Higgins following the ball up carried it over the line again, from which J. Mullins secured an easy goal. The ball was again kicked off and the Toxteth began to work far harder, and soon after a touch down was given to the Toxteth, which everyone said was extremely unfair; but as the Toxteth umpire gave it to the Toxteth the School yielded. Kippax tried the goal, but failed. Nothing of importance occurred till after half-time, when the School carried the ball down to the Toxteth goal and J. Mullins rushing in with the ball, got behind the line, and as there was a dense crowd could not touch it on the ground, and in his endeavour knocked one of the spectators down, on whom he touched the ball down; but Antill taking advantage of this snatched the ball from Mullins and touched it on the ground. The Toxteth umpire gave it in favour of the Toxteth. The ball was again kicked off and one of the half-backs of the School by a nice run carried near to the line. Here it hovered about for some time, until J. Mullins, by a fine piece of dodging, ran in with it and got another touch down for the School. Soon after this time was called, leaving the School easily the victors. Those who are worthy of mention on the side of the School are:—J. Mullins, as usual, Barker, T. M. Thomson, and F. Wilkinson; while on the side of the Toxteth are—Antill, Jacobs, and Kippax.
In summing up this season I would like to say a few words. There is no doubt that the Grammar School, in the past season, have had the strongest team it ever has had, and I attribute most of this to it having such a captain it has never had before, and one that has been as enthusiastic in every game as he possibly could have been. He introduced training for football into the School, and did all he could to get the team out for practice and training. I am now alluding to J. Mullins, and everyone in the team cannot deny anything I have said. I will now give a short account of each of the players:—G. Addison, a good forward, and works very hard; F. Baylis, a fine back, excellent drop-kick, and can use his pins when he is wanted; T. H. Barker, a good forward, sometimes very good, a good place kick; R. Bowman, fine quarter back, dodges well, and very often gets through a crowd—a cap of honour; W. Fairfax, a good back, very good place kick; J. Mullins, by far the best in the team—in every department of the game he is excellent—he dodges splendidly and is very hard to tackle, good place, very good drop-kick—our head cap of honour; G. Mullins, a fair forward, follows up well; S. Jones, a fair forward, but too light, good drop; R. Higgins, a strong forward, carries great weight with him, tackles well, and is of great service to the team—a cap of honour; G. Higgins, a fair forward; W. Neill, a strong forward, works very hard, and follows up very well; C. Rygate, the best forward in the team, tackles very well—a cap of honour; T. Thomson, a splendid quarter back, dodges very well, and is very hard to hold; wonderfully improved since last season—a cap of honour; M. Thomson, quite a colt, a fine half back; he runs well, and tackles well; F. Wilkinson, the best runner in the team, very good kick, both place and drop—has done great service in every match—a cap of honour; Carroll, a good forward, at times making some very fair runs; Moore played with the first in most of the matches and frequently exhibits good tackling and running powers. Street, rather light, but making up for this deficiency by his activity, follows up very well.

FOLLIS.

DEBATING CLUB.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2.—Debate—"Which Statesman has done the more good for his country, the Earl of Beaconsfield or Mr. Gladstone?" The Ministry defended the Earl of Beaconsfield. Mr. Weigall (President) took the chair. After a very warm debate, in which Montagu (Premier), Wilkinson, and Mr. Meyrick spoke for the Earl of Beaconsfield; and Herbert, Ayres, and Mr. Weigall for Mr. Gladstone; a division was taken, the result being—For the Earl of Beaconsfield, 20 votes; against, 11. The announcement was received with considerable cheering from the Government Benches, and counter cheers from the Opposition.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9.—No meeting.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16.—Debate—"That a Naval Force is better calculated to sustain the interests of its country than a Military Force."
As neither of the Vice-Presidents were in attendance, Mr. Meyrick was voted to the chair. Neill (the Hon. Secretary) being unavoidably absent, Herbert read the minutes of the previous meeting. The debate was very sharply contested on both sides. The speakers were, for the motion—Montagu, J. Mullins, F. Barlee; against—Herbert, R. Higgins, Ayers, and D. Moore. The meeting divided as follows:—For the motion, 20 votes; against, 16; the Government again securing a victory. As there have been several changes in the Ministry (consequent on some of its members leaving school), I append the names of its members as it now stands:—N. Montagu (Premier), with F. B. Wilkinson, James Mullins, F. R. Barlee, and G. T. Mullins.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 23.—Songs and Recitations. Neither of the Vice-Presidents being present, G. Mullins was voted to the chair. There were only about fifteen members present.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 30.—Songs and Recitations. Both the Vice-Presidents again being absent, F. Barlee (one of the committee) was voted to the chair. There were between thirty and forty members present. The committee of the Debating Club having purchased a "Bord" piano out of the funds, the instrument was opened, upon which Mr. Meyrick, G. Mullins, and W. James played selections, adding much to the pleasure of the audience. Mr. Meyrick was loudly cheered. It may be mentioned that the piano is in excellent condition and well suited for the room. Mr. Anderson deserves a word of praise for his judicious selection. A large cupboard has been erected for it, and so made as to enable the piano to be used without being taken out, thus saving much trouble. Mr. Carroll gave a comic song, and on concluding was enthusiastically encored. He afterwards sang a duet with W. Neill (Hon. Secretary), both of whom were loudly applauded. Lamrock and Sam Jones sang a duet "Nancy Lee." Jones surprised every one with his singing, which was really very good. He has a good bass voice which might be cultivated to great advantage. Anderson and Moore III gave, as a duet, "The Little Brown Jug." The effect of this song was somewhat marred by Anderson, who occasionally gave way to laughter. Green and Anderson recited "Lochiel's Warning" very fairly. Neill and Gorrick gave, as a duet, "All that Glitters," with considerable success. Shute gave a song, but was evidently suffering from a cold. Herbert gave a recitation in his usual style.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 6.—Debate—"That the Federation of the Australian Colonies is desirable." Mr. Meyrick was voted to the chair. Resignation of the Premier—Mr. Meyrick having taken the chair, J. Mullins came forward and announced the resignation of the Premier (Montagu); also that they (the Ministry) would go on with the debate and would resign at the close, and that an explanation would be made at the same time. The debate was then proceeded with. The speakers were—for the motion: James Mullins, L. Samuel, Mr. Meyrick; against the motion: D. Moore, Thomson, Ayers, and Montagu. The result of the division was as follows: For the motion, 8 votes; against, 17. The Government then resigned. Ministerial explanation.—After the division J. Mullins rose, and,
in what he termed an explanation, made a strong attack upon the late
Premier. Mullins having concluded, Montagu rose and said that he could
not let certain remarks made by Mullins pass by unnoticed, and that he
thought an explanation from him (Montagu) was also due to the meeting.
His reason for resigning was that he found the Ministry could not give
proper attention to the debates, consequently he resigned. He also replied
to Mullins. The Chairman, according to the rules, called upon D. Moore
to form a Ministry. The meeting then adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 13.—Songs and Recitations. Barker
took the chair. There was a very fair attendance. The New Ministry.—
The new Ministry consists of the following members: D. Moore (Premier),
with Herbert, C. Ayers, J. Macintyre, and G. Rennie. A gentleman
visitor favoured the audience with a song, which elicited considerable
applause. Connell gave a recitation in very good style. He afterwards
gave "The War of the League," but in this he was not so happy. Mr.
Meyrick gave a piano solo, for which he was loudly applauded. Mr.
Anderson gave a pathetic reading from Dickens, which almost drew tears
from the audience, it was so effectively given. Montagu gave "Mr.
Simpkinson's Adventures at Margate." J. Herbert gave "The Death of
Napoleon," which was recited in even better style than usual. There were
several other items on the programme, which were all very creditably gone
through. It was announced that the next debate would be—"That
Chinese Immigration is not Desirable." It is a great pity that the Hon.
Secretary is unable to attend the meetings more than he does, and as it
requires all his energies to get good meetings and good programmes, he
ought either to attend oftener or else resign. As he is known to be very
energetic it must be from some other cause alone that he is kept away.

BIRON.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

"SYDNEY ONCE-A-WEEK," No. 25.—This little periodical, has, as we are
informed on turning to its pages, been re-modelled and re-started on a
firmer footing, and is edited by C. H. Barlee, Esq. Readers of light litera-
ture will no doubt find that a couple of hours spent in perusing the Maga-
zine, will not be thrown away. It is neatly printed by Jarrett and Co.,
George-street.

"THE MELBURNIAN."—It contains a very good article on "The use of
Cribs."

ERRATA.—In our last number we published a Football letter, signed
"Curriculum," in which we inserted the name of Mullins. It should
have read thus—J. Mullins.—[Ed.] Also, in the same letter, for
"labour," read "talent."

We are glad to see that F. Wilkinson the well-known School runner has
again distinguished himself by winning the Schools' Race (600 yards), and
the Forced Handicap (150 yards) at the University Athletic Meeting.
## THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB.

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(Signed) A. B. WEIGALL, Captain Commanding.

Examined and found correct with the vouchers

HENRY C. L. ANDERSON, Lieutenant.

REGINALD BOWMAN, Color-Sergeant.
