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EDITORIAL.

The principal event of the month has of course been the Athletic Sports' Meeting. This meeting has now become an annual institution, and would appear to be growing yearly in popularity. The number of entries for the various events, and the attendance of the general public, was larger this year than on any previous occasion. It should be remembered, however, that the success which attended the recent meeting was as much due to the organising power of the Committee, as to the muscular training of the competitors; but whilst the competitors had the lion's share of the applause and prizes, the Committee had to content themselves with such criticism as is inseparable from the performance of responsible duties. It is proverbially impossible to please everyone, and though there was nothing to be said against the general arrangements made by the Committee, some dissatisfaction was expressed in reference to the handicaps. Indeed a reporter from one of the daily papers, whose remarks savoured strongly of personal bias against the school, went so far as to state that the handicapping was as bad as it could be. Whilst we thoroughly dissent from this unmeasured condemnation, and have but little sympathy with the spirit by which the writer was apparently actuated, we may perhaps learn even from unjust criticism a useful lesson for the future. Fas est et ab hoste doceri. There can be no question, that on the present occasion the duty of handicapping was honestly and conscientiously performed by the Committee at very considerable labour to themselves, but the difficulty of handicapping a large number of boys, whose previous performances are unknown, and whose physical condition can only be surmised, must in any case be great: in the case of the Grammar School, where most of the boys see so little of one another's athletic powers out of school, the difficulty becomes enormously increased. Taking all these points into consideration, and comparing the published results of the races, it would appear that in most of the events the finish was so close as to justify the allowances given by the Committee to the various competitors. It would no doubt make the races more satisfactory, if handicapping could be entirely abolished; there is, however, the very practical objection, that if this were done, the number of entries would be very materially diminished, and the fields for the various events would be so small as to make the meeting less generally interesting. It might indeed be possible next year to limit still further the number of handicap races, and so gradually to educate the public taste of the school in the direction of open races. Such a course would tend to infuse a more honourable spirit into these contests, and would minimise the grounds for dissatisfaction.
DOUBLE STARS.
BY "AMATEUR."

To the student of Astronomy, who is possessor of a telescope of three or four inches in aperture, and who has a little leisure time at his disposal, nothing can be more interesting or instructive than the study of double stars, so that I hope a few lines on the subject may be of some interest to a few, at least, of your readers.

Some stars, carefully examined with powerful telescopes, which to the unaided eye appear single, will be seen to be in reality double, triple, quadruple, and in some few cases indeed, the number revealed to us revolving round one common centre of gravity is even greater. Let us take for instance the star ε in the constellation Lyra. To the naked eye, this star appears as a faint single star, but if we use a small telescope, or an opera-glass even, we find that this star is double; if again, we examine it with a more powerful telescope, we shall find that each star is in itself double. Let us take another instance. In the trapezium of Orion there is a small star, θ, visible to the unaided eye as a faint, single point of light: using a telescope of moderate power, this point is resolved into four stars, but if we employ a telescope of four or five inches in aperture, we find the two of the stars in the trapezium are accompanied by two others, so that where the unaided eye could only distinguish a faint, single point, the telescope has shown us no less than six suns!

Double stars are of two kinds, viz.: Physical couples (so called because in them a proper motion has been detected), and Optical couples, in which the stars have really no connection with each other—their apparent nearness being an appearance caused by their lying in almost the same straight line, as seen from the earth.

A century ago, only about twenty double stars were known, but each successive improvement in the telescope has revealed more and more to us, and the number at present known is between seven and eight thousand; of these about eight hundred have been shown to be physically connected.

So much for a general description of double stars: let us now turn our attention to examining some of the more prominent constellations, visible to us in the present month, at convenient hours of the night.

Let us begin with that most beautiful of all constellations, Orion. This constellation is of very great interest to the observer, on account of its being so rich in double stars, clusters, and nebulae. We will first take a very wide double (δ) Mintaka, the lowest of the three stars which form the belt. The primary star is of the second magnitude, the secondary is of the seventh. The colours of both are white. The star (α) Betelguise is a very interesting object indeed, its colour and brightness are most beautiful, and it is noted as being one of the most wonderful stars in the heavens on account of its changes in brightness. It is not however a double star. Point the telescope next to Rigel, the brightest star above the belt. This is a well known double star, and is a very good test for small instruments. Colours, orange and blue. Other doubles are (λ) the lowest of the three stars in the head of Orion, and (ζ) the highest star in the belt. While passing through Orion, let us glimpse at that most glorious nebula in the sword-handle. It will be
found a little above the belt, and to see it well the observer should use a low-power eye-piece.

Under Orion, a little to the right will be found the constellation Gemini, (the twins), distinguished by the two stars, Castor and Pollux, one of which, Castor, is double. This star will be very easily divided with a three-inch glass, and indeed I myself have seen the companion to it with a $2\frac{1}{4}$-inch. $(e)$ is another very fine double, though this will hardly be divided, I think, with a three-inch glass. Colours white and blue. As other doubles in this constellation, I may mention $(\mu)$, colours yellow and blue, and $(\gamma)$, which should be viewed with a low power.

Passing through Gemini let us next take Leo. We will first turn the telescope to the principal star, Regulus, which is another good test for a three-inch glass. The colours of the two stars are white. $\Sigma 1529$ is another beautiful object. Colours yellowish and ashy.

Next to Leo we find Boötes, distinguished by that superb star, Arcturus. As double stars we may note, $(e)$ a wide double, colours yellow and blue, $(\xi)$ Boötes, a rather severe test. The distance between these two stars is gradually diminishing, so that in a few years a very powerful telescope will be required to separate them; colours yellow and purple. As other doubles I may mention $(\pi)$, $(\xi)$, $(\mu)$, and $(\eta)$, all of which can be readily found by referring to Mr. Proctor's star maps.

We will next turn to Virgo, which will be found a little above Boötes, and at the present time high up in the zenith. The star which first claims our attention is $(\gamma)$, and this star, a very moderate power telescope will be sufficient to separate; colours white and yellow. The star $(\rho)$ will be found to be another easy double; colours yellow and blue. While passing through this constellation, let us turn to the nebula (M 88). This was first discovered by the Earl of Rosse, with his gigantic six-foot telescope, to be spiral, but can hardly be seen so in instruments such as we are at present considering. Fine sweeping will be found round the stars $\epsilon$, $\delta$, $\gamma$, $\eta$ in this constellation. Leaving Virgo the next constellation which claims our attention is Scorpio. Let us turn to Antares, the principal star. This is a most beautiful star, and has been divided with a $2\frac{1}{4}$-inch telescope; colours yellow and violet. $(\beta)$, a rather difficult object, but still the companion to it has been seen with a $3\frac{1}{2}$-inch glass. $(\nu)$. Have seen the companion to this star with a $2\frac{1}{4}$-inch telescope; colours yellow and dusky. Other doubles are $(\sigma)$ and $(\xi)$. A very fine cluster (M 80) is to be found in this constellation, called by Herschel "the most beautiful mass in the heavens." It will be found between the two stars $(a)$ and $(\beta)$ Scorpions.

To be continued.

A HOLIDAY TRIP.

At the beginning of the last Christmas holidays I might have been seen with my brother on the deck of a small coasting steamer in Sydney Harbour, impatiently awaiting her departure with that total regardlessness of impending discomforts which is one of the happy characteristics of youth.
The vessel started punctually, for her, being only four hours behind advertised time, and we were soon steaming down our beautiful harbour. On clearing the Heads, we found that there was a heavy sea on, and soon afterwards a violent "southerly buster" got up, causing the passengers to get down—I myself, being conscious of a curious and unpleasant sensation in the abdominal regions, "turned in" if such a phrase may be applied to a bunk of such narrow dimensions that it is impossible to turn in it; and having made myself comfortable, I perceived my brother staggering into the cabin, evidently intending to follow my example.

When we got abreast of Port Hacking, since the vessel could make no progress against the wind, but was only going up and down like a rocking-horse, the captain put the ship about and took refuge in Botany Bay, where we remained for three long days, spending our time in catching fish, or, more correctly, in trying to catch them.

At last the gale abated, and we put out, but were ourselves put out when we were soon afterwards enveloped in a dense fog, during which the vessel went half-speed, and the fog-horn was sounded every few minutes. This effectually prevented our sleeping, and we were glad when the morning came, and at the same time the fog lifted. We arrived without further adventures at Eden, where we disembarked at 9 p.m., and after walking a mile up a gradient of about one in five, we arrived at the hotel, but were told it was "full inside." Fortunately, however, there was another hotel close by, where we found room, but as the beds were not of the cleanest, we chose to sleep on the floor.

The next morning we went to a coaching office, and booked our seats for a station two days' journey distant. As we were anxious to see the scenery, we were disappointed at having to take inside seats, since the box had been secured by other travellers. The coach was licensed to hold six inside, but the driver managed to pack six more on the knees of the first six, and then to place a layer of bandboxes, parcels, &c., over all, so that, what with the crushing and the jolting, we were glad when the coach, which, on this occasion at least, might justly have been termed a slow-coach, stopped at a small village, where we stayed the night.

The morning dawned wet and dismal, and we began to congratulate ourselves on having inside seats, but our illusions were quickly dispelled when the driver, with admirable forethought, brought out an open coach, saying that the covered one had gone back to Eden, and that he had no other. We grumbled, but there was no help for it, so we mounted in the pelting rain, and in spite of cloaks and umbrellas, in less than 20 minutes we were drenched to the skin. However, we plodded steadily on till about 4 p.m., when we arrived at a small roadside inn, at which the coachman alighted, and left us shivering in the wet for a quarter of an hour, whilst he went inside and had several "nobblers." He then emerged, and another hour's drive took us to our destination, where we changed our dripping garments.

The next day we procured guns, and devoted ourselves to sport. For some time we were very unlucky, as by some strange fatality we missed every shot, but we at length succeeded in bagging a couple of parrots. Though the day's
sport had not fulfilled our expectations, we said "better luck next time," and returned to the homestead.

In the evening I proposed to my brother that we should go out opossum hunting. He agreed, so we took our guns and went into the bush. After wandering about till nearly midnight, without seeing a single opossum, we began to retrace our steps, and when near the house, I saw something moving in a sapling. I raised my gun to within about six inches of the object, and—fired. The creature fell with an unearthly howl; I sprang to the spot and picked it up, when—horror! I recognized my hostess' pet cat.

What should I do? I racked my brains, but could only find two ways out of the difficulty. The best course was to make a clean breast of the whole matter, but this I dared not do. There was only one alternative. We took the poor creature to an unfrequented spot, and there

"We buried her darkly by dead of night,
The sods with our fingernails turning;"

and with guilty steps we stole to the house and to bed. The cat's disappearance was a matter of wonder to all (except my brother and myself), but her melancholy end was never discovered. It was generally believed that she had been killed by dogs.

In such innocent amusements the time passed rapidly, and at last the hour came when we were obliged to exchange these rural sports for the dull routine of school life. Our homeward journey was uneventful, and in due time we reached Sydney, with mingled feelings of joy at returning home and regret that the holidays were so nearly over.

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A GHOST STORY.

A friend of mine and I had been to a shooting-party, and returned tired, hungry and thirsty, by the last train to S—, a little town of about 7000 inhabitants in the Prussian province of Posen. We took a cab at the station and went up to the White Hart Inn, the only decent hotel in the place. The landlord regretted he could not offer us comfortable accommodation. Some military manoeuvres had taken place in the neighbourhood, and his best rooms were occupied by Lieutenant-General Count O—and his staff-officers. "I have only one bedroom left," he said, "not big enough for two gentlemen. But," he added, "if one of you would not mind sleeping in my private drawing-room, I could easily make up a bed there." We replied that we did not mind a bit, provided the bed was good and that we could have something to eat and drink at once. "Oh, no fear of that. Please walk into the breakfast-room; the staff-officers are all in bed already, for it is eleven o'clock and they are tired, but you'll find the General in there; a dear old soul to be sure, but since he had the misfortune with his son, he is taking to the bottle, I am afraid." So chattered the talkative old landlord.

We entered. I shall never forget the impression the General made on me. There sat an old gentleman, every inch of him a nobleman, with a half-drained bottle of champagne before him. You would have called him
exceedingly handsome for his age, had it not been for an expression of unutterable grief and sorrow which hovered over his noble brow. According to the German fashion, we introduced ourselves before sitting down at the same table with him. The waiter brought us some roast partridge, and opened a bottle of Rhine wine; and soon we had a lively chat with the General. The Franco-Prussian war was the main topic of conversation, and the old gentleman grew quite warm over it, and now and then I caught a smile on his dear old face, like so many glimpses of sunshine on a rainy day. He had finished his bottle of champagne and had just asked us to share another with him, when my friend, terribly outspoken as he used to be after a bottle of Rhine wine, addressed the General in the following terms. "Look here General, there is hardly a man who has passed through greater tribulations than myself, and I know that if something is weighing on one's mind, there is no better remedy than to talk it over with a good friend. Now General, I have been watching you closely all this time; there is something troubling you; have it out at once, and be assured of our full sympathy." "Well sir," he replied, "you are very kind. I rarely speak about it, but it is no secret to anyone that knows my family. A curse has been resting on my house ever since the Thirty Years' War. One of my ancestors who had married and was the father of two little sons, was then captain of a troop of the renowned 'Free Lancers.' Protestants and Roman Catholics equally committed terrible atrocities in that religious war. One day (it was just on my ancestor's 31st birthday) a hideous-looking monk was caught by his Lancers, and on searching him, papers were found on him which proved him to be a most dangerous spy. 'Have we caught you at last, you miserable wretch?' my ancestor exclaimed, 'well, this is the nicest birthday present I have had for some time; seize him at once and hang him on yonder tree.' The monk asked permission to say his last prayer before dying, and his request being granted, he knelt down and prayed with a loud voice, so as to be heard by every one. 'Lord, thou hast promised that when we ask God for something in Thy name, He will grant it. Look down now upon me: I have been serving Thee all my life, and here is this cruel man who is about to take away my life for so doing. Grant now that after I am dead I may return to this earth and punish him.' After these words he turned round to the captain and said, 'I feel my prayer has been granted; now mind, to day is your birthday. This day next year I shall come and call you away; and whenever one of your descendants has reached his 32nd birthday, I shall come and call him away too.' 'Impudent scoundrel,' exclaimed my ancestor. 'Do you hope to frighten me by your stupid humbug? Seize him, and hang him up on yonder tree, as I ordered you.' The monk then cried out with a loud voice, 'The Lord be merciful unto me and thee;' and two minutes afterwards, he hung on that tree, a terrible sight indeed, with his bald head, the rope round his neck, and his eyes wide open, still glaring at my ancestor, who, in spite of himself, could not stand the sight; so he ordered him to be cut down, and to be buried at once. Well, gentlemen," the General continued, and the same melancholy expression reappeared in his face. "Let me cut a long story short; his next birthday came; and he, who had been sneering at it all the time, suddenly exclaimed, 'There he is! I see him distinctly, with the rope round his neck.
God have mercy on me,' and down he fell senseless, was seized with brain fever and died. His eldest son grew up, and came into possession of the entailed property. But on his thirty-second birthday he had the same vision, caught brain fever and died too. Well, gentlemen, and so it has always been ever since with the eldest sons of our family. Some years ago, the owner of the estate, my cousin, died! and having no children, made it over to my only son, a cheerful, healthy young man of twenty-eight. For three years he enjoyed possession of the property, when a few weeks before his birthday, we noticed a terrible, nervous agitation in his manner, which neither any doctor nor spiritual adviser was able to cure. On the very same day, he had the same vision, and a few weeks afterwards he died of nervous debility."

"But how do you account for it?" exclaimed my friend. "Well, do you see, it is the power of imagination. So many of their relations having died before them, their nerves get more and more excited, the nearer the day draws on, until at last they give way."

In the meantime the clock had struck one; and as we both felt we could not offer much consolation in a case like this, we silently shook hands with the General, wished him "good night," and made for the drawing-room. It was a big room, full of furniture of all kinds, couches, sofas, arm chairs, double chairs, &c., all with grey linen covers to keep off the dust, and there was also a comfortable bed. James the boot boy, without asking, had put all my things on to it. There was my knapsack, my double barrelled gun, and my cartridge box. So my friend wished me good night and retired to his room.

I went to bed and tried to sleep, but in vain. The General's story kept me awake. That hideous monk with the rope round his neck seemed to glare at me. I had just made a great effort to fall asleep, when hark! What was that? I heard a terrible groan as of a dying man, and then quite distinctly, the word 'God have mercy upon me.' I jumped up with a start. Was I dreaming? Was it the terrible monk, who came to call me away, mistaking me, perhaps, for one of the General's relations? Dear Monk, please don't. I am as innocent as a new born babe. Oh! its all nonsense. I am dreaming with my eyes open, I'll try to go to sleep again.

Hark! There again the same groan, and the same voice, imploring the mercy of the Most High. This was too much for me, I jumped up, lit a candle, opened my cartridge box, seized my gun, put in two cartridges, and said in a loud voice "There is somebody trying to play a practical joke upon me. Now, I am armed with a double-barrelled gun. I am going now to search the room, and if I find anyone hidden here, I will shoot him on the spot. However, I may pardon him, if he steps forward at once." Dead silence. After a pause, "Do you hear me, I cried." No answer; I now stooped down with my gun in my right hand, and my candle in the left, I looked under all the furniture, and into the cupboard. Nothing to be seen. I then waited for a long time, keeping my candle burning, and ready to fire at the Monk at a moment's notice. Finally, every thing remaining quiet, I put away my gun, blew out the candle and returned to bed.

Hardly had I done so when I heard the same groan, the same exclamation. I now made up my mind to alarm the hotel. I got up again, lit the candle and rang the bell—long time of suspense— I rang again; at last I heard the
hutting of some door in a distant part of the house, then footsteps on the stairs. The door opened, and there stood James the boot-boy, still half asleep. "I say, James, who is dying in this house?" "Nobody that I'm aware of, your honour." "But James, I can swear I heard somebody groan like a dying man, and calling out for God's mercy." Then James chuckled and laughed. "Well, what are you laughing at, you idiot?" "Please, yer honour, it's—it's." "Well, who is it? Speak out, you silly." "Please sir, it's Polly." "Polly! and who is Polly?" "Please yer honour, Polly's our parrot." "Do you mean to say a parrot has been kicking up all that row? What's he groaning for?" "Please sir, before the gout touched our old master's heart, he suffered most terrible pain, and uttered all those groans and exclamations which the bird imitates." We searched the room again, and there, sure enough, was a brass birdcage, four feet high, with a cover over it, so that I mistook it before for étagère, a small solid bookcase frequently used in German houses, and in it sat Polly. Twisting his head on the side mockingly, when he saw me, as if he wished to say "Ain't you a great fool." James now removed my troublesome friend. I returned to bed, closed my eyes, and as no monk came to call me away, soon fell fast asleep.

Heaven grant the same rest and peace to our dear old friend in his great affliction.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Athletic Club took place at the Association Ground, Moore Park, on Saturday, the 19th of May, and passed off most successfully. Doubtless even more success would have been our lot if the University Commemoration had not unfortunately come off on the same day; the Sport's Committee, we believe, made every effort to effect a change to some other Saturday, but could not arrange the matter, so that to a certain extent the two events had to clash. Nevertheless, everything else was in our favour, a more suitable and pleasant day could hardly have been picked out of the whole year, and this was all the more fortunate, insomuch as the weather both before and after that day was very bad. There was no wind to make the air cold, and during a portion of the time the sun shone out most cheerfully. Throughout the afternoon there was hardly a hitch to interfere with the pleasant progress of the appointed events.

It was estimated that there were about 4,000 people present, consisting of and comprising—to a large extent—the youth and beauty of Sydney; the Grand Stand and Lawn were crowded, the latter by a brilliant company of promenaders of both sexes; the ladies' costumes—but no, we will leave that for the Town and Country Journal. There was no disorder, and the several events were started well up to time. The handicaps were as a rule good, but there were too many of them; in fact, it would be a great improvement if we could get on without them altogether. The time keeping was fairly good, but in a few cases the time given was too short. One of the most interesting events was, as usual, the four miles bicycle race, which proved very exciting and the finish was a very good one. We would also mention the 440 yards handicap, which was well won by Parker.
The amusing events of the afternoon were the walking race, which brought out a field of forty, and was well contested and won, and also the sack race, in which all but one tumbled down.

On the whole the Secretary and Committee are to be complimented on their admirable arrangements and the success which attended them.

We now proceed to give the details of the several events.

I.—ONE HUNDRED YARDS. OPEN. TWO PRIZES.

Prize presented by Mrs. Higgins.

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Four started for this race, and after a great many false starts, Hayes got away with slightly the best of the start, and won rather easily. Parker a good second, one yard behind. Time, 10 2-5th seconds (we suspect this is too short; the real time we should say was about 11 1-8th seconds.)

II.—ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS HANDICAP. BOYS UNDER 14 YEARS.

Two Prizes presented by the Masters and S. Webb, Esq.

**FIRST HEAT.**

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Twelve started; won easily by 2 yards. Time, 19 secs.

**SECOND HEAT.**

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Eight started; won rather easily by 1 yard, dead-heat for second place. Time, 19 secs.

III.—MAIDEN HANDICAP. THREE HUNDRED YARDS. TWO PRIZES.

Presented by Hon. John Marks, Esq., M.L.C., and Captain Broomfield.

**FIRST HEAT.**

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<th>J. Musgrave (25 yards)</th>
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Won by Musgrave after a fair start and close finish, in 36 4-5 secs.

**SECOND HEAT.**

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One and two did as they liked. Time, 37 secs.

**THIRD HEAT.**

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Six started, won easily. No time was taken.

IV.—EIGHTY YARDS. BOYS UNDER 12 YEARS.

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The two above ran a dead heat for first place, and on the run off, Bone won rather easily. Time, 11 3-5th secs.
V.—House Cup. Half-Mile Handicap.
Prize presented by W. G. Armstrong, Esq.
L. Jenkins (100 yards) Wimbledon Hall 1
S. Hayes (85 yards) Wimbledon Hall 2
Thirteen started. Won easily, in 2 min. 5 3-5th secs. by Jenkins, who received too large a handicap.

VI.—Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Handicap, for Boys Under 15 Years. Two Prizes.
Prize presented by W. F. Mackenzie, Esq., M.D.
J. Wilson (7 yards) 1
H. Osborne, (10 yards) 2
E. C. Robison (scratch) 3
Nineteen started. Won easily. Time, 27 1-5th secs.

VII.—All Schools Race. Two Hundred and Twenty Yards. Two Prizes.
G. Hayes, Sydney Grammar School 1
J. Parker, Sydney Grammar School 2
V. M. White, King's School 3
Five or six started. Hayes got away with best of start, and after a good race, beat Parker at the tape by about one and a-half yards. Time, 24 4-5th secs. This was a very good race.

VIII.—Final Heat of No. II. (150 Yards Handicap, for Boys Under 14 Years.)
Lawson (9 yards) 1
Miller (7 yards) 2
This was a good race, and won by Lawson in 18 secs. (one sec. quicker than either of trial heats.)

IX.—Three-Quarters of a Mile Handicap.
Prize presented by J. Wood, Esq.
R. S. Smith (200 yards) 1
G. Horne (160 yards) 2
W. E. Clapin (140 yards) 3
Eight started. Won easily in 3 min. 8 4-5th secs. by Smith, who received (by mistake, we believe), a far too large handicap.

X.—One Hundred and Fifty Yards Handicap. Two Prizes.
Prize presented by the Rowing Club.
As a large number started, the two heats were divided into three
FIRST HEAT.
E. Harnett (14 yards) 1
T. Kemmis (12 yards) 2
Six started. After a good start and good race, Harnett won by one and a-half yards. Good second. Time, 17 secs.

SECOND HEAT.
E. P. Woolcott (6 yards) 1
A. Oliver (6 yards) 2
J. R. Wood (3 yards) 3
Good race between 1, 2 and 3. Time, 16 secs.

THIRD HEAT.
McCabe (12 yards) 1
S. Harnett (16 yards) 2
Time, 16 3-5th secs.
XI.-One Hundred and Twenty Yards Hurdle Race. Handicap.

Prize presented by J. Wood, Esq.

J. Nicholson (owes 9 yards) 1
E. Stirton (owes 9 yards) 2
O. Carter (owes 4 yards) 3

After a good race, won by Nicholson by 2 yards. Time, 23 4-5ths secs.

XII.-Final Heat of No. III. (Maiden Handicap, 300 Yards.)

L. Cork (7 yards) 1
E. Stirton (11 yards) 2

This was a good race; Thomas would probably have won, if Musgrave had not accidentally fallen and compelled Thomas to step over him. Considerably quicker than trial heats. Time 33 5-5ths secs.

XIII.-Four Hundred and Forty yards Handicap, for Boys under 15 Years. Two Prizes.

Prize presented by W. Laidley, Esq.

H. Osborne (22 yards) 1
W. Fitzhardinge (scratch) 2
A. Watson (10 yards) 3

Well won by Osborne by 5 yards, after good race. Fitzhardinge was handicapped out of it, but came in a good second by splendid running.

XIV.-School Cup. Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Handicap. Two Prizes. Prize presented by "The Masters."

First Heat.

S. Hayes (11 yards) 1
F. W. Thomas (8 yards) 2

Good race. Won by Hayes in 26 secs.

Second Heat.

W. K. Johnson (9 yards) 1
E. Harnett (16 yards) 2

Won easily in 25 5-5th seconds.

Third Heat.

H. Osborne (30 yards) 1
A. Hole (25 yards) 2
E. C. Robinson (11 yards) 3

Won easily. Good race for second place. Time, 25 4-5ths.

XV.-Mile Champion. Two Prizes.

Prize presented by A. B. Weigall, Esq.

J. Parker 1
A. Kemp 2

F. Croudace also started, but left off. Kemp ran well but was no match for Parker, who trotted docilely behind him until within a few yards of the tape, and then won as he liked.

This race was very tame and slow. Time, 5min. 52 4-5sec.

XVI.-Three Hundred Yards Handicap.

Open to Members of all Amateur Athletic Clubs under S.A.A. Club Rules.

Gerard (8 yards) 1
T. Stephen (11 yards) 2
C. Thomson (13 yards) 3

Time, 33'9 sec.

XVII.-Final Heat of XIV. (School Cup.)

H. Osborne (30 yards) 1
F. W. Thomas (8 yards) 2

 Won easily; good second. Time, 25 2-5ths; quicker than any of trial heats.
XVIII.—BICYCLE HANDICAP. FOUlR MILES. TWO PRIZES.

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<td>A. Lee (scratch)</td>
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<td>E. C. Wood (170 yards)</td>
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Eleven started, but the above were left at finish; several fell and one bicycle was badly broken. This was a most exciting race for almost the whole distance. Just after the commencement of last round, Wood making a good spurt (but too soon), passed Lee, and kept a slight lead till 100 yards from finish, when Lee passed him with a terrific spurt and won. Barnet worked his machine splendidly, and the result might have been different had he not lost his pedal during the last round.

XIX.—ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS. OPEN TO OLD SYDNEIANS.

Two Prizes. Prize presented by E. W. Knox, Esq.

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<td>F. W. Baylis</td>
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Four started. After a good start and race, Baylis won by two feet from Grainger. Time, 15 4-5ths.

XX.—FINAL HEAT OF X. (150 YARDS HANDICAP.)

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<td>E. P. Woolcott (6 yards)</td>
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<td>E. Harnett (14 yards)</td>
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A very good race. The time 16 3-5ths being better than that of the first heat, but a trifle slower than that of the second. Woolcott ran well and deserved his place.

XXI.—MILE WALKING HANDICAP. TWO PRIZES.

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<td>R. Windeyer (140 yards)</td>
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<td>A. Curwood (140 yards)</td>
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About 30 started, scattered over the field; of various ages, various sizes, various costumes, and still more various walking powers; in fact they formed a very motley assemblage, such as caused delight and amusement to the spectators (and we rather think, to themselves). Some of the little fellows walked very well, especially Stephen and Lyon. When fairly started Windeyer, Curwood and Stephen went to the front, and for a long while Stephen led, walking splendidly for his size. Then Windeyer took the lead and kept it till the end, though rather hard pressed by Curwood several times. Dunlop coming up with a spurt at the end took the second place, but was very properly disqualified for lifting.

XXII.—440 YARDS HANDICAP. TWO PRIZES.

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<td>J. Parker (scratch)</td>
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<td>W. E. Clapin (30 yards)</td>
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This race from the beginning was considered a certainty for Parker, whose former performances quite justified the expectation. The race was a splendid one throughout, Parker half-way from the winning-post running quite away from the other competitors, and coming in an easy winner, Clapin taking second place. Time 53 3-5ths secs.

XXIII.—SACK RACE. 80 YARDS. TWO PRIZES.

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<td>S. Harnett</td>
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The course was altered to 30 yards to a table, round it and back. About 10 started, and most of them succeeded in keeping up till they fell down; some, however, were so unfortunate as to tumble down before they started. After a good race which caused a great deal of amusement among the spectators, S. Harnett came in first; Johnson, a good second, fell underneath the tape.

FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL V. HOUSES.

A most exciting match was played between the above mentioned teams on Moore Park on Wednesday 30th June last. The School team was captained by Clapin, and Wood performed the same duty for the Houses. Clapin won the toss and determined to play with the wind which was then pretty strong. The House team being much heavier than the School had all the best of the game at first, and gradually forced the School to their own goal when Croudace got hold of the ball and "dropped" a goal (4 points). The ball was then kicked out when Parker got it, and by a good run secured a touch for the Houses (2 points); Wood tried the kick but failed. Some good play was then shewn by Harnett, Buchanan, and Clapin, and the ball travelled up to the other goal line, when the Houses were forced down. A run by Wood, and then Thomas got the ball and obtained a second try for the Houses, Wood again tried the kick and failed. Half time was then called. After a few minutes' rest, ends were changed and the game renewed, and it now became apparent that the School were much the fresher team; some good play on the part of Barbour, Forrester, and Smith carried the ball to the House line where Adams obtained a try (2 points), the kick an easy one was badly missed by Woolcott. Some good passing was then shewn by the School, and Forrester making a rush took the ball over the House goal line near the boundary, by a well judged kick Woolcott converted this into a goal (5 points). A little while after this Adams made a run and when collared passed the ball to Woolcott who got across the line with it and secured another try (2 points.) Shortly after this time was called, the School thus winning a most exciting match by a point.

Hayes, Kenna, Wood, and Watson I., besides those who obtained touches, played well for the Houses, while for the School Johnson, Clapin, Buchanan, Forrester, Adams, and Harnett played best.

ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET.

In submitting the Annual Balance Sheet of the Sports Fund, the Committee have the satisfaction of proving that the financial side of their work is most creditable. We began the cricket season with a very poor balance, and all through the summer the cricket suffered considerably from the indifferent supply of materials. But the experience of previous years has shewn that our annual Sports were a great drain on our resources, and that the money could not be expended on cricket without risking a severe defeat after the sports. But this year the Sports had a most unprecedented success, and we
were able to give better prizes than ever, and yet largely to increase our balance. In fact this year the Sports nearly paid their own expenses, and the quarterly Sports fees can be applied to the improvement of the cricket and football; the cricket alone requiring a very large sum of money to adequately supply the forms with the necessary material.

It is well that the Grammar School boys should clearly understand to whom this success is due. It is to the substantial help of kind friends of the School that we owe the present satisfactory position of the fund, and the valuable prizes that were presented by Mrs. M. H. Stephen on Friday last. The following subscriptions to the Sports were sent in:

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In addition to these Mr. and Mrs. Weigall gave the usual prizes, Mrs. Higgins again sent us a cup, and Mr. Gorrick forwarded a very nice prize for B. Lyon’s perseverance in the walking race. The House Cup was given this year by Mr. Armstrong. The sale of programmes brought in almost twice as much as we have ever received before, and gave us a most unexpected addition to the Fund.

We have also to thank Mr. Wearne for lending us some sacks.

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In addition to the above, £15 has been entrusted to Broomfield for the purpose of buying a stock of cricket material in England. This should reach us in time for the commencement of the season.

W. N.
SCHOOL NEWS.

The following names head the Lists in the various Grammar Examinations held at the end of last Term.

UPPER SCHOOL.

LATIN. GREEK. ENGLISH. (Modern Divisions).

Leibius VI. 87 Stephen i IV. 90 Woolcott 1 68
Saddington VI. 79 McIntyre i VI. 88 Robison i 1 61
McIntyre i. VI. 78 Leibius VI. 85 Steel 1 56
Littlejohn i VI. 74 Walker VI. 84 Holle 2 51
Garran VI. 73 { Hunt i V. 83 Shortland 1 51
Thompson i. VI. 71 Saddington VI. 83 Dunlop i 2 50
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{ Shirlow i V. 70 { Stephen ii IV. 80 { Danne 2 49
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{ Stokes 2 47

LOWER SCHOOL.

LATIN, GREEK, ENGLISH.

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{ Cadell ... III. B 85 King, 3... II. A 81
{ Holle ... II. A 85 { Palmer ... III. A 80
Osborne ... III. B 84 { Rope ... III. A 80

CAPE VERSE PRIZE.

For Hexameters. Tennyson: Morte D'Arthur.

"And slowly answered Arthur from the barge

................. My grievous wound.

or,

For Elegiacs. Byron: Siege of Corinth.

"Tis midnight; on the mountains brown

................. o'er the plain.

or,

For English Verse. Tibullus: Bk. I.: El. I. [78 lines.]

Divitias alius...... despiciamque famen.

Exercises to be handed in at the end of October.

WINDEYER ESSAY, 1883.—"Federal Government: Its Advantages and Difficulties." To be discussed from the historical point of view. Exercises—identified by a motto and not by the name of the writer—to be handed in at the end of September.

Mr. A. T. Cape, M.A., a Trustee and formerly a Captain of the School, has promised an annual prize for the encouragement of verse composition. This will be known as the "Cape Verse Prize."
SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
JUNE, 1883.

THE school will be examined in English, French, and German.

ENGLISH SUBJECTS.—UPPER SCHOOL.

Division I. Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar.

Paper 1. The language of the play.
Paper 2. The matter of the play.

The remaining Divisions.

Paper 1. A short original composition upon a set subject.
Paper 2. Comus, or Lady of Lake, Cant. I.

Geography viva voce. Australasia, Europe, Asia.

LOWER SCHOOL.

Reading, Spelling, Dictation, Grammar, Repetition and Parsing of Poetry, History, Geography.

ORDER OF EXAMINATIONS.
JUNE, 1883.

Friday, June 8. 1·15, 3·15, German.
Monday, June 11. 9·30, 12·30, French; 1·15, 3·15, English Grammar and Composition.

Tuesday, June 12. 9·30, 12·30.
Division 1. Julius Cæsar, language of the play.
The rest of the school—English Poetry, 1·15, 3·15, Geography.

Wednesday, June 13. 9·30, 12·30.
Division 1. Julius Cæsar, matter of the play.
The rest of the Upper School—History.
Lower School—History or Reading and Spelling. 1·15, 3·15, Dictation.

The class list will be published on Friday.
The Head Master will sign Railway Passes at 3·15 on Wednesday afternoon.
There will be no school on Thursday.

A. B. WEIGALL, H. M.

26. 5. '83.

ENIGMA.
My first is in heifer but not in bull,
My second is in whole but not in half,
My third is in donkey but not in mule,
My fourth is in fool but not in calf,
My fifth is in bull-dog but not in pug,
My sixth is in lake but not in mere,
My seventh is in tumbler but not in mug,
My eighth is in malt but not in beer,
My whole high in the air is found,
But much more often on the ground.

A. N.

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