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EDITORIAL.



THE publication of this number brings us to the end of the second year of the new issue. It is hardly our province to express an opinion on the literary success of the magazine, but the occasion seems suitable to make some comments on its financial position. A reference to the financial statement published in this number shows a considerable balance on the wrong side of the ledger. What are the reasons for this? There seem to us to be two: (1) the expense of production; (2) lack of support within the School. With regard to (1). Enquiries have shown that the Magazine cannot be more cheaply produced; true, the cost to us might be lessened by opening our columns to advertisements, but against that source of revenue (not a large one, under any circumstances) we have steadily set ourselves: in our opinion, a school magazine is not the place to set forth the stock-in-trade of tailors, jewellers, tobacconists, etc. The custom has crept in from America, the home of advertisement, but has not yet found a foothold among the great schools of England, whose example we intend to follow. As to (2), if every boy in the School purchased a copy of the Magazine, we should "pay our way." That they do not do so is not because they do not read it—often have we seen three or four crowding round to read a copy—but because many prefer to read it without paying for it. Let us hope that after reading

these few remarks, all members of the community will regularly purchase the magazine: in future years they will often be glad to refer to the records of their school-days contained therein, and revive ancient memories, and they will have the immediate satisfaction of knowing that they are supporting a school institution.

Since our last issue the "Junior" results have appeared, and we congratulate the successful candidates. No brilliant results were expected, but the passes all round were quite up to the mark, and better than were anticipated this year; our senior candidates are nearly at the end of their troubles. Sporting events are fully chronicled in our columns: E're this appears in print the resting-place of the Chelmsford Cup for 1910 will be decided; that it may be within the walls of this ancient building is the fervent hope of us all. The establishment of the Literary Club is a subject for congratulation. It has started well, and we hope it will not look back. There is much to be gained from such meetings, and we have reason to think the interest will be sustained. We wish all our readers a cool and pleasant Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

SCHOOL NOTES.

In September last we played a Tennis match with the Girls' Grammar School on their courts. We started off by playing School against School, but as this was regarded as rather uninteresting, after a few sets it was agreed to play mixed doubles. Needless to say, this arrangement supplied the desired interest.

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On the first Saturday after Michaelmas we played our annual Tennis match with Brisbane Grammar School, our opponents again proving too strong for us.

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Our trip to Toowoomba in September was, as usual, very pleasant. We won the athletic contest and lost the tennis, but we were a jolly crowd. We stayed at a place near the school and were treated to our usual though very unnecessary little speech, which we will soon know by heart. Generally, we supply the music (?) on the way home, but this time we were treated to the latest Salvarmy hymns, in which we of course joined, though perhaps we did not sing the same words.

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Shortly after Michaelmas our Cadet Corps was drilled by Warrant Officer Rigby. After putting us through some forced marching and other arduous manoeuvres, he complimented us greatly on the way in which we fell in and otherwise encouraged us.

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At midwinter we lost Mr. Brown, who had been with us for nearly eighteen months. At roll-call on the last day of term Mr. Lawrance, on behalf of the boys and masters, presented him with a gold fountain pen as a token of the great respect we had for him, and as an appreciation of the good work he had done amongst us.

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On the 25th September the Shooting Team journeyed to Enoggera to take part in the Q. R. A. competitions. We did rather badly, and, in fact, the day turned out to be a rather unlucky one for all of us, mishaps, small and great, being the order of the day.

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In September we played our annual Tennis match with the Old Boys, and were beaten by a few games. We are grateful to those Old Boys who occasionally came up on Wednesday afternoons to give us practice.

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Shooting practice for the Toowoomba match has been going on regularly for some time now, and, although we have had some trouble in obtaining a range to shoot on since Dinmore was closed, the rivalry for getting a place in the team has been very keen.

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It is not often that the School has any distinguished visitors during the holidays, but an exception was made to this rule during the last midwinter holidays, when we were visited by a distinguished person who wished to inspect the School buildings and furniture. He was evidently much impressed by the appearance of the latter, for that same night he returned and took some of it away with him. His haul included boots, hats a violin, and some mathematical books. His choice showed that he intended following up the finer arts if he should become a guest of His Majesty. For three years at least we shall not be visited by him again.

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Gleanings from exam. papers: A circle is the circumference of the figure made inside it. A quadrilateral is an angle made by another straight line, and are equal in all respects.

Carter, the magician, lately visited Ipswich, and most of the boarders went to see him. He mystified his audience considerably. Brown made a very successful first appearance on the stage as his accomplice.

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We will be represented in the Sydney Senior Examination this year by two candidates, and excellent passes are expected from both.

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In the Junior Examination fifteen candidates represented the School, and thirteen succeeded in passing .

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Mr. L. G. Brown and Mr. H. K. Meek left us in June last. Mr. Brown having obtained the Rhodes Scholarship has gone to Oxford to study medicine, and Mr. Meek has taken up duties at Barker's College, Hornsby. The vacant places have been filled by Mr. A. J. Gorrie from Brighton Grammar School, and Mr. A. H. Baker from Melbourne, whom we are pleased to welcome among us.

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This year is the first that a Form Cup has been competed for in the Sports. A very handsome Cup was presented by Mr. Kerr, to be placed in the class-room of the winning form. The Cup was much appreciated by the boys, and caused very keen rivalry, the winning Form being the Fifth.

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A departure from the usual rule for the Tug-of-War was made this year. The teams represented the Boarders and the Day Boys, instead of being chosen from the whole of the School, and very keen rivalry existed. The Boarders were at a disadvantage in having less to choose from, but nevertheless, the pulls were very even, especially the first one. The Day Boys eventually won by two pulls to nil. The prizes—cake and lollies, donated by Mr. H. Foote and Mrs. Tatham respectively, were much appreciated.

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Last quarter a Fete was held at the Girls' Grammar School in the afternoon, and a dance at night in aid of charity. The majority of the boarders went in the afternoon and enjoyed themselves so much that they went to the dance at night. It would be interesting to know what happened when the gas meter gave out, as the room was plunged in darkness for a few minutes.

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On the night of the Sports Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance and the boarders went to see the "Scarlet Troubadours." The entertainment was a high-class one and thoroughly enjoyed by all. One item especially seemed to appeal to the boys, that about the master and the tack. We wonder if any of them have been concerned in so disrespectful a joke.

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Our Annual Sports meeting passed off successfully this year, notwithstanding the threatening weather and the heavy rain on the preceding day. The entries were very heavy and the competition keen, being made all the more so by the new departure—a Form Cup, presented by Mr. Kerr. Trevor Francis was successful in winning the Headmaster's Championship Cup for the best all-round athlete, after a fine struggle with Mellor, in which the interest was sustained till the very last race.

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Last year mention was made of a set of hurdles evolved on the premises by local labour. Readers will be interested to know that another step in the evolutionary process has been completed—the hurdles have been painted white.

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The vacancy caused in the Sports Committee by the departure of C. H. Wyman, has been filled by S. Francis.

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Mr. Baker is to be congratulated on successfully passing his examination for Lieutenant; also W. J. Meyer for his elevation to the same rank.

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Our football team has had a fairly successful season. In the grade matches we were thrown out of competition on account of the holidays. Of our School matches, two, those against Armidale and Brisbane, were lost; the other with Toowoomba, we won. This latter win gives us the substantial lead of four points for the Chelmsford Cup.

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In connection with the Armidale match, there were on exhibition in the prep-room certain effigies, representative of Armidale and Ipswich. We congratulate the artists on their work, but deplore the pun and regret that the implied prophecy concerning the result of the match was not fulfilled.

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A meeting of boys interested in the formation of a Literary Club in connection with the School was held in C. class-room, on Friday, October 15th. It was unanimously decided to form such a Club, and a Committee was appointed to draft rules, which were submitted for approval and passed on 22nd October. A committee was also appointed for the general management of Club affairs.

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We understand that such a Club existed formerly at this School. Membership is open to both past and present members of the School, so now then Old Boys "buck-up" and join and help to make the Club the success it deserves to be.

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One meeting has already been held, at which Mr. Lawrance read an interesting and much-appreciated paper, on "The Court of Louis XIV." The next meeting is to take the form of a "Mock Parliament," at which the subject of "Compulsory Military Service" in connection with Mr. Cook's Defence Bill, will be introduced.

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At the end of last half a most enjoyable euchre-party, attended by the boarders and day-boy members of the Football XV., was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance. The play was very interesting—Adams winning first prize; Lyons the second; while Foggon had the fortune to secure the 'Booby', a Jack-in-the-Box, which caused much amusement. At supper several toasts were honoured, notably "The King," "Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance," "The Cook," (?) "The Masters," "The School." Several amusing speeches were made, but the attempts of the Prefects in the rhetorical line were rather amusing.

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This was regarded as a favourable opportunity for the football team to bid farewell to Mr. Brown, who left us at midwinter for Oxford, having obtained the coveted Rhode's Scholarship. Mr. Lawrance, in a short speech, eulogized Mr. Brown's sportsmanship. It was greatly due to Mr. Brown's assiduous coaching that the football team had had such a good season. Mr. Lawrance was very briefly followed by Foggon, the football captain, who presented Mr. Brown with a silver-mounted ink-pot from the XV. The recipient was greatly surprised and moved; he thanked both masters and boys for their high opinion of him, and exhorted them, whatever happened, to be true to the traditions of sportsmen. The evening closed with three hearty cheers for Mr. Brown.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

We have sustained several losses in numbers since our last issue. "Chal" Wyman, footballer, cricketer, tennis player and runner, has left us, and has taken a position with his father. Every branch of sport in the School suffers by his departure.

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In "Tiny" McAllister we also lose one of our best forwards, and useful member of the cricket team also.

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E. C. Purdon has commenced teaching with his father at Marburg; he was also a promising footballer and cricketer, and a member of the first Tennis Four.

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Wirth's Circus and Menagerie visited Ipswich during July, and the majority of the boarders took the opportunity of viewing the several wonders of the show. As on a former occasion, considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining tickets, but the assiduous scrum practice of several of our number proved efficacious. The most appreciated turns were the Performing Seal and Lions and the Musical Clowns. The ordinary funny (?) clowns were not appreciated; we have several private performers amongst us, and familiarity breeds contempt.

VALETE.

Charles H. Wyman, entered February, 1906; left June, 1909—
Colours First XI., First XV., and First Tennis.

Walter Yelland, entered February, 1907; left June, 1909—Passed
Junior, 1909.

John H. Germain, entered February, 1906; left June, 1909—Passed
Junior, 1909.

Frank Reilly, entered July, 1908; left June, 1909.

Gilbert T. Lyons, entered April, 1908; left June, 1909.

Harold J. Pettigrew, entered February, 1908; left June, 1909.

Reginald Andrews, entered July, 1908; left July, 1909.

Edward C. Purdon, entered February, 1906; left September, 1909—
Colours First XV. and First Tennis; Matriculation in
Junior, 1909.

William J. A. McAllister, entered February, 1909; left September,
1909—Colours First XI., First XV.

SALVETE (July).

H. M. Hewlett, E. Jones, R. Shewan, E. H. M. Fischer, R. Sneath,
H. McKee, S. Brown.
(October)—F. G. Brown.

JUNIOR RESULTS.

Appended are the results of the Sydney University Junior candidates of this year. Thirteen passed out of fifteen sent up; we had no boys this year from whom anything very good was expected and the results rather exceeded our expectations. The total number of passes, thirteen, is equal to the previous best obtained by the School. We congratulate the successful candidates, and offer our condolences to the two who failed. At the same time we wish to offer our congratulations to the Girls' Grammar School and Miss McCulloch on her success in winning the "Fairfax" and the "Byrne's" Medal.

	English History	English	Geo- graphy	French C or Ger.	Latin	Arith.	Algebra	Geom.	Physics
E. C. Purdon*	..	B	B	C	C	A	A	C	
H. Lowe ..	.. C	B	B	C	C	B	B	C	
J. Wheeling*	..	C	B	C	C	A	B	C	
J. H. Germain*	..	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	
G. H. Stafford*	..	C	C	B	C	B	C	C	
L. H. Foote ..	..	C	A		C	B	C		C
H. K. Fowles ..	.. B	C		C	C	A	C		
A. H. Francis ..	.. C	C		C	C	B	C	C	C
S. Ward* ..	..	C		C	C	B	C	C	C
J. Shields ..	..	C	B	C	C	C	B		
W. Yelland ..	..	B	B	C	C	C	C		
H. Shewan ..	.. C	C		C	C		C	C	
V. Germain ..	..	C		B	C	C			

* Qualified for Division "A" of Matriculation Examination.

FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL v. ARMIDALE SCHOOL. On Thursday, June 17th.

For the first time in its history our School received a visit from a New South Wales School. Our visitors were a big lot, and looked even bigger than they were from the big stripes of their jerseys. They played a very fast game, and showed very accurate clean passing among the backs. Their forwards were also heavier than ours, and generally got the ball in the scrums. The final score, 22 to 3 against us, is a fair representation of

the game, but, in our opinion, Ipswich should have done better. This is borne out by a comparison of the scores of our visitors in their matches against Brisbane and Toowoomba, the former of whom defeated them by a larger margin than they beat us, while against Toowoomba, Armidale secure a bare victory by 11 to 10, whereas we won by 9 to 6. The following detailed account is reprinted from the "Queensland Times."

Ipswich won the toss. Armidale kicked off towards the Gasworks, and following up well smothered the ball in Ipswich territory. Forward play ensued, in which Ipswich held their own, and eventually carried the ball to half-way, and subsequently into Armidale's 25. The ball was a new one, and appeared to be difficult to handle and kick. The Armidale players, however, soon reversed matters. Their passing was accurate and clean and a treat to witness. Foggon, picking up from the loose, ran and dodged well, and found the line in Armidale's end. From the throw-in several Ipswich players got very close to Armidale's line. The latter, however, soon transferred play to the other end of the field. Here the visiting backs were seen to advantage in several very fine passing rushes, which brought them unpleasantly close to their opponents' line. Play in neutral territory ensued. Armidale's passing rushes were causing the home team some discomfort, the tackling of the Ipswich lads being none too good. From one of these rushes Jenkins crossed the line and scored in the corner for Armidale. The kick failed. Some really brilliant play on the part of the Armidale boys was then seen. The Ipswich backs were kicking poorly, and their passing was not what it might have been. Play ruled dangerously close to the Ipswich line until Mellor relieved with a fine kick and a good follow-up. The visiting forwards were much heavier than the Ipswich pack, and more than held their own in the scrums. From a scrum on the Ipswich line, Vicars received, and, darting round the pack, scored near the posts. The kick failed—Armidale, 6 points; Ipswich, nil. In play again, Abbott put in a fine run, but was grassed by Foggon when almost over. A free kick eased matters for Ipswich. Half-time came with the scores 6 to nil in favour of Armidale. On resuming play was fast. Once or twice Ipswich backs started a passing rush, but the players showed an inclination to hold the ball, and thus spoiled their chance. Armidale began to force matters, and Thomas crossed and scored their third try. The kick at goal failed. M'Allister, who was always prominent amongst the local forwards, was next seen to advantage in a dribbling rush which took the ball into Armidale's 25. From here a long kick sent the ball well over Ipswich full-back's head, and a race for possession resulted in Lord, the Ipswich full-back, cleverly beating his opponent for the ball. Shortly afterwards Ipswich was forced to save twice in a few minutes. Hard forward play in neutral territory ensued, during

which Adams, who was playing a fine forward game, was laid out for a few minutes. On resuming, Lord, at full-back, secured and kicked well. He followed up promptly, and, assisted by several of the forwards, beat the opposing backs and scored for Ipswich. During the rush Francis knock-on, but the referee did not notice it, and the try was allowed—Armidale, 9 points; Ipswich, 3. Shortly afterwards Foggon nearly scored for Ipswich. At this stage the Ipswich lads appeared to be worn out, and Armidale scored their fourth try through the agency of A. T. Abbott. In play again, Jenkins secured, and, running from half-way, added another try for the visitors. Martyn converted, making the tally 17 to 3 in favour of Armidale. Ipswich "livened" up a bit, and some even play was witnessed till shortly before full-time, when Jenkins again scored for the visitors. T. Abbott converted, making the scores—Armidale 22, Ipswich 3. No-side sounded with the scores unaltered. The play of the visitors in all departments of the game came in for general admiration, their passing, especially, being fine. The Ipswich pack worked hard, but were generally beaten for the ball in the scrums. Adams and M'Allister deserve special mention among the forwards, whilst among the backs, Mellor and Foggon played well. Lord, at full-back, never failed to gather the ball, but his kicking was below his usual form.

IPSWICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. TOOWOOMBA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The match was played on the Toowoomba Show Ground in fine, bright weather. With the exception of one or two small paper battles in the tunnels, undoubtedly with a view to keeping the muscles from becoming stiff, the train journey was uneventful. Encouragement was given to the team by the presence at the match of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance and Dr. Cameron. After being entertained at lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Purves, the teams proceeded to the scene of conflict. We were represented by:—Lord (full-back); Mellor, Conroy, Wyman, Stafford (three-quarters); Watkins (half); Foote (five-eighth); Foggon, Adams, T. Francis, S. Francis, McAllister, Brodie, Meyer, Cribb (forwards). Mr. Steele was referee. Adams kicked-off, and the ball was soon in Toowoomba's 25, but matters were reversed a few minutes later, and for a time Toowoomba had much the better of the game. Our opponents got possession of the ball two or three times in succession, and, making several fine passing rushes, eventually scored, a try being obtained by Clowes. The kick at goal was unsuccessful. This was the most disastrous part of the game for us. A second try was obtained by the forward line not long afterwards, Bassett crossing on this occasion. Our players made the mistake of waiting for the ball to bounce, instead of gathering on the full. The remaining play up to half-

time was even. Toowoomba, 6; Ipswich, nil. After the interval the game was very even for the first ten minutes. Lord hurt his ankle, and his place was taken by Purdon, who played a very sound game. At this stage of the game it certainly looked as if Toowoomba would hold their own and keep the advantage they had gained. But our representatives began to "play up" and fought a plucky game, determined to do or die. Suddenly from a three-quarter passing rush, Wyman gained possession and dashed across at the corner, scoring a brilliant try. The kick at goal failed. This put new life into our team, and from a line-out Adams secured and fell across the line like a flash. Wyman's kick at goal was just outside the post. The scores were now 6 all, and the game at it's most exciting stage. A period of fairly even play followed, although Ipswich did most of the attacking. Our forwards were playing much better and did not give the Toowoomba backs a chance. With about ten minutes to go Trevor Francis from the forwards gained another try for us. Again the attempt at goal was unsuccessful. Toowomoba made two or three desperate attempts to even up the score, but our defence was too good, and the whistle sounded time with the play in the centre. Ipswich, 9; Toowoomba, 6. Adams played his usual determined game, and he was ably assisted by McAllister and S. Francis, but all the forwards showed to advantage in the second half, their dribbling rushes being particularly effective. Among the backs, Wyman played an exceptionally good game, and Mellor also showed out well. Among the smaller players, Foote and Watkins did good work.

1st XV. v. BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The annual football fixture against Brisbane Grammar School was played this year on the North Ipswich reserve on June 14th.

Ipswich kick-off, and fairly even play ruled for about fifteen minutes, Brisbane having a slight advantage; then, from a scrum near the line, Perkins ran round and scored; the try remained unconverted. Immediately Ipswich attacked strongly, Wyman marked in a favourable position, but the kick was charged down. McAllister securing on the rebound, looked like scoring, but was grassed in the nick of time. Mellor from the centre kicked and followed up well, but was tackled by Newell. Meyer was on his heels, and would have scored, but for failure to gather the ball. An interchange of kicks resulted in Ipswich "lining" near the Brisbane 25, where Conroy securing, gave to Trafford, who was brought down right on the line. After a spell of play in Brisbane territory a Brisbane three-quarter broke away and eluded the Ipswich full-back, but he was caught on the line, and Scott, who followed up, picked up and completed the effort. Newell converted. Brisbane, 8; Ipswich, nil. Some open work in the centre then ensued, in which Adams was conspicuous by his fine

tackling; but, soon afterwards, from a line-out, Brisbane registered another try, which Newell again converted. Brisbane, 13; Ipswich, nil. Half-time came with Ipswich desperately attacking. Upon resuming Brisbane began to assert themselves, in a few minutes Ipswich were compelled to save. After a spell of even play, Barriskill scored for the visitors; Newell adding the extra points. In play again, a magnificent piece of work by T. Francis and Mellor forced Brisbane to save. Over the rest of the play it is best to draw a veil. Brisbane's superior weight and greater experience began to tell. Tries were obtained by Barriskill, Sutton, Holmes, Scott, Cooper and Ord. Full time sounded with the score 39 to nil, in favour of Brisbane.

The general opinion of the spectators was that Ipswich played pluckily against far superior odds. The Brisbane forwards were a very uniform lot, while the Ipswich pack were most uneven. Adams played the best game of the Ipswich vanguard, and was well supported by McAllister and S. Francis. Mellor drew most attention for his three-quarter play, and Wyman and Conroy were also responsible for a deal of good work.

SCHOOL v. PEAK CROSSING.

The match was played on the School ground. Peaks won the toss and kicked up towards the pavilion. From the kick-off the ball was returned to the Grammars' 25, but good forward work, and a three-quarter rush carried the ball to our opponents' goal line, where, from a scrum, Adams fell over and scored. Wyman converted. Resuming, Peaks attacked strongly, but a good effort was spoilt by a "forward" pass. From the resulting scrum, Watkins gave to Mellor, who, punting high, followed up and smothered the return, and then, picking up smartly, ran over. Again, Foggon crossed from the line-out and was quickly followed by McAllister and Brodie. Half-time came with School attacking strongly. The home team were kept very busy defending for the most part during the second half. Some very determined rushes were well stopped, chiefly through the agency of Mellor, Wyman and Watkins; twice in the second half School three-quarter rushes ended in scores by Stafford and Mellor: neither of these were converted. The full time blast sounded, leaving us, the School, victorious by 23 to nil.

OLD BOYS v. PRESENT BOYS.

The annual fixture, Old Boys v. Presents, was played on our own ground.

Mr. Lawrance refereed the match. Immediately upon the kick-off play was rushed into Old Boys' territory, where some tough play ensued; then, from a scrum, Watkins gave to Wyman, to Mellor, who ran over near the corner.

Old Boys now took a turn at attacking, but were slowly forced back, chiefly through the deadly tackling of Mellor and Wyman, and the forward work of Adams and McAllister. Foggon, kicking low, ran in and gathered, scoring near the post. Wyman converted. Again, from an irresistible forward rush, Brodie scored near the corner. Even play now ruled for some time, when another forward rush carried the ball out near the 25 flag; from the line-out, McAllister set the backs going, and Mellor again scored. McAllister, from a line-out near the goal-line, registered another try for Presents. A good piece of work by McCulloch now carried the ball to Present's territory, but Lord relieved with a clever kick. From the line-out, McAllister started a dribbling rush, which ended in another score by Meyer. Half-time came with the scores: Presents, 22; Old Boys, nil.

The second half was more even, on account of the wind favouring the Old Boys. Soon after resumption, McCulloch, with a fine dodgy run, scored for the Old Boys, Lindsay converted. After a spell of even play, Stafford broke clean away and scored between the posts; himself converting. Presents, 26; Old Boys, 5. Again McCulloch broke away and scored for Old Boys, but failed to convert. Just before full-time, after a spell of even play, Adams, kicking and following up, scored for the Present Boys. Full-time arrived with the scores: 28 to 8, in favour of the Present Boys.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

- A. C. Lord—Full-back; has done very well this season; fields the ball cleanly, gets his kick in well, and follows it. His tackling, though very fair, might be improved upon; needs more confidence in himself.
- G. H. Stafford—A fast wing three-quarter and a good kick; he does not use his speed to its full advantage, and also needs practice at tackling.
- B. Mellor (Vice-Captain)—A dashing centre three-quarter; he is fast, dodgy, and a splendid kick; the best three-quarter tackle in this year's team; and the best three-quarter the School has seen for some time.
- C. H. Wyman—A strong dodgy runner, though not very fast; a good punt and place kick, and a safe tackle; makes an excellent centre three-quarter.
- A. W. Conroy—Five-eighth. A clever player; fair kick with either foot and a safe tackle; did fairly well at his position this season. Rather uncertain in taking his passes.
- H. Watkins—Half-back. One of last year's colts. He did very well at his place, being a nippy "nuggety" player, quick with the ball and a good tackle.

- J. B. Adams**—Centre forward. Easily the pick of the vanguard. Plays a hard, glucky game, always on the ball; a strong runner and splendid tackle. A good hooker in the scrum; he dribbles fairly well, but is apt to kick too hard.
- W. J. Meyer**—A strong forward; uses his weight to advantage; plays a hard-working, willing game, and is a good kick; hooks well, needs to be a little quicker in his movements, and to gather the ball better.
- S. Francis**—A very good forward, splendid dribbler and kick, and a safe tackle; plays a hard, clean game, and is always on the ball. Needs practice at hooking.
- T. Francis**—A fast forward and a good dribbler, though his kicking might be improved. A hard, willing worker, with plenty of initiative but a little inclined to get "off-side" in the heat of the moment.
- W. McAllister**—Forward; heavy, and a splendid line kick. On account of his great height he is seen to best advantage on the line-out; a very fair dribbler, though rather clumsy at times; one of the pick of the forward team.
- A. Duncan**—A very fair player in all departments of the game; he may serve as a substitute for "Tiny" on the line-out next year; and, with more experience, should make a useful forward.
- E. M. Fischer**—A new arrival from Southport High School, where he played the Australian game. Already (in a very short time) was picking up the Rugby game quickly. Should make a good centre three-quarter next year.
- J. S. Brodie**—A bustling forward, who does a great amount of good work; strong and plucky, but rather light; with more weight should make a good forward for next year's team.
- L. Foote**—A shining light of the second XV., generally plays half-back, and should have an opportunity next year of filling that place in the first XV.
- E. C. Purdon**—Has done himself credit by his work at full-back after Lord's injury; plays pluckily and kicks well.
- E. Cribb**—May, with more experience, become a useful forward or even a three-quarter; works willingly, but needs to train more.
- A. H. Francis**—Is a fairly fast and strong runner, has the ability necessary to make a good three-quarter, but not the knowledge and experience.
- C. A. Foggon (Captain)**—Played three-quarter this year, but is not suited to the position. Has great pace, but clings on to the ball too long, and so has often spoiled good chances. As captain, set a fine example in training. Would have led his team better as a forward, but the exigencies of the team put him among the backs,

THE SPORTS.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Kerr, assisted by the School Committee, the Sports were a complete success. No unpleasant incidents occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, if we exclude one shower of rain, which drove spectators pavilion-wards. Although the rain did not interfere with the actual arrangements of Sports' Day, it so far interfered with the previous preparations that it was found impossible to erect the massive flag-staff, which usually forms the central point of our decorative scheme. We suggest that possibly some kind friend would like to donate a permanent flag-staff.

Apart from this, the grounds certainly looked proud of themselves in their accustomed dress. The hurdles, now bolted and resplendent in good white paint, bore testimony to the skill of our amateur handiercraftsmen, and their colossal energy. Despite the fact that Jove's thunder roamed the ether, the attendance of visitors was as large as usual, and their interest never flagged, culminating in an exciting tug-of-war between Boarders and Day-Boys, wherein the latter "took the cake"!

Everything ran smoothly, and our thanks are due to those friends who assisted in carrying out the programme of events, and no less to those whose subscriptions and trophies rendered that programme possible. We are pleased to note that the fields of competitors were large, and that our visitors were entertained by participants in the various events, and not merely by the animated conversation of a few of the correctly-dressed, an accomplishment which is generally relegated to the drawing-room or a garden party.

The Championship was keenly contested, and, although T. Francis got a good lead in the preliminary events, he was kept going to maintain his lead by Mellor and Foggon. As a middle-distance runner, T. Francis proved himself easily superior to all rivals, and gave us great hopes of defeating Toowoomba in the Athletic contests. In style and pace he would compare very favourably with school-boy performers in any school. He is also a fair sprinter and jumper. Mellor, in the jump, and Foggon, in the 100 and the long jump, put up very good performances, and each made very fair times in the middle-distance races. Their performances must be considered good when an acknowledged runner like Stafford was found at the end of the day to be a candidate for the Consolation Race.

The addition of a Form Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Kerr, was a feature of the programme, that introduced the healthiest form of rivalry, and not a little enthusiasm. B. U. S. had the honour of being the first holders of this Cup, which adorns their class-room. It is to be hoped that the spirit of unselfish rivalry will be fostered and handed down as a school tradition.

It seems customary to make sarcastic and scathing remarks about the Walking Race; but let us hope that the element of comedy will be confined in future to the Sack Race. There is no reason why boys should not train for the Walk and cultivate a correct style. It must be remembered that the heel should meet the ground first, the body should be held erect, and the arms bent at the elbows and held to the sides. There is no doubt that several of the competitors run in this event, not purposely, but because they do not know what strict walking means.

Another event which calls for comment is the Hurdle Race. If properly done, a Hurdle Race is generally admitted to be one of the finest events on a sports' programme. We would suggest that boys practice "flying" the hurdles and not "hopping" them. By "flying" is meant taking-off with one foot and landing on the other. Speed is added if one can take the regulation three strides between the hurdles. If difficulty is experienced, it can easily be remedied by trying low hurdles first and gradually raising them.

A very pleasant sports' meeting was concluded by the distribution of the trophies won. This office was graciously performed by Mrs. Tatham from the pavilion, while the football fifteen formed a cordon to keep back impetuous and enthusiastic spectators.

100 Yards Handicap—T. Francis (4 yards), 1; Mellor (2 yards), 2; S. Francis (5 yards), 3. Time, 10 1/5th.

Broad Jump (Chelmsford Cup Event)—Mellor, 19ft., 1; Foggon, 18ft. 6in., 2; T. Francis, 18ft., 3.

80 yards Manx Race—Watkins and Brimblecombe (7 yards), 1; A. Francis and Purdon (4 yards), 2.

100 Yards Championship (Chelmsford Cup Event)—Foggon, 1; T. Francis, 2; Mellor, 3. Time, 10 3/5th secs.

High Jump (Chelmsford Cup Event)—Mellor, 5ft., 1; McAllister, 4ft. 10in., 2; T. Francis, 3.

220 Yards Handicap—Heiner (55 yards), 1; Fleischmann (30 yards), 2; E. Francis (45 yards), 3. Time, 25 1/5th secs.

Throwing Cricket Ball—E. Francis, 99 yards, 1; B. Mellor, 2; A. Lord, 3.

880 Yards Walking Handicap—A. Lord (45 yards), 1; E. Francis (80 yards), 2; Connors (70 yards), 3.

80 Yards Sack Race—E. Cribb, 1; Conroy, 2.

- Footballers' Race (220 yards)**—Brodie (35 yards), 1; Purdon (30 yards), 2; Adams (25 yards), 3.
220 Yards Handicap (under 15)—McKee, (24 yards), 1; Harding (20 yards), 2; L. Foote, 3.
440 Yards Handicap—Watkins (60 yards), 1; Fewtrell (80 yards), 2; Bain (80 yards), 3.
100 Yards Handicap (under 15)—Mills (4 yards), 1; L. Foote, 2; Lulham (scratch), 3.
120 Yards Championship Hurdle Race—T. Francis, 1; Mellor, 2; Foggon, 3.
Junior Hurdle Race—A. Francis, 1; E. Cribb, 2; H. V. Fleischmann, 3.
120 Yards Old Scholars' Race—Clowes (10 yards), 1; Wilson (5 yards), 2; Cribb, R. (10 yards), 3.
120 Yards Flag Race for Forms—Fourth Form (13 yards), 1; Fifth Form (5 yards), 2; Third Form^a (20 yards), 3.
880 Yards Handicap—Brodie (20 yards), 1; McKee, (160 yards),
880 Yards Handicap—Brodie (120 yards), 1; McKee (160 yards), 2; S. Ward (160 yards), 3.
100 Yards Consolation Race—S. Brown, 1; Spencely, 2; Adams, 3.
Tug-of-War—Dayboys, 1; Boarders, 2.
Challenge Cup for Forms—Form V. (35 points), 1; Form IV. (25 points), 2; Form VI. (24 points), 3.
Championship Cup—T. Francis (20 points), 1; B. Mellor (18 points), 2; C. A. Foggon (14 points), 3.
440 Yards Championship (Decided on September 8th)—T. Francis 1; Foggon, 2; Mellor, 3.
880 Yards Championship (Decided on September 7th)—(Bryan Cup)—T. Francis, 1; Mellor, 2; Foggon, 3.
 Both these are Chelmsford Cup Events.

TENNIS AND ATHLETIC SPORTS CONTESTS AT TOOWOOMBA.

The annual contests against Toowoomba Grammar School in Tennis and Athletic Sports took place at Toowoomba on the 22nd of September. Our representatives sadly against their will, were obliged to miss afternoon school on the previous day, and to journey by train to the place of battle. Yet the trip was so enjoyable as to make up for this heroic self-denial. The tedium of train travelling was lessened by many amusements, notably the card tricks and parlour magic of one who has since departed from our midst. We were, unfortunately, not crowded out of the second-class carriages, and could not, therefore, persuade the authorities to put us into first-class; but we finally reached our destination and were received by Mr. Purves in the usual cordial manner. With respect to our night's stay in the boarding-house we shall keep a discreet silence; it has, however, been whispered that the landlady is a sweet-tempered person, and loves Ipswich Grammar School boys, and has invited the whole School to stay for the Christmas holidays. In

the early morning we took a brisk walk to the edge of the range and returned in time to take breakfast at the School. Shortly afterwards a move was made to the Sports Ground, where the Athletic events were contested. The arrangements made were excellent, and no difficulty arose in the decisions. The 100 yards went to Foggon, who won narrowly, but decidedly, after a splendid race—the whole field finished within about three yards of each other. In the 440, which came next, we were again successful, Trevor Francis showing himself several classes better than any of the other competitors. The time—57 seconds—speaks for itself, when one remembers that Francis was not pushed. The third event was won by Toowoomba, whose representative—Lendrum—easily cleared 5 feet 11½ inches. Mellor stopped at 5 feet 0½ inches. The broad jump was looked upon by everyone as a certainty for Ipswich, but here occurred one of those unaccountable lapses which are so characteristic of sports. Both Mellor and Foggon should jump at least 19 feet without difficulty, but neither could cover more than 17 feet 6 inches, in three attempts, and this event therefore, placed our opponents on a level with us, and made the half-mile the deciding struggle. We were very anxious lest fate might again play us a trick, but the issue showed that our fears were groundless, and that in Trevor Francis we have a long-distance runner who can be relied on in an emergency. This race was the subject of much favourable comment, and was won in really admirable style. Till the last lap Toowoomba led the way, but then Francis simply left the field behind, finishing strongly some 50 yards or more in front in 2min. 14secs.

We thus won the majority of the events and scored two points towards the coveted Chelmsford Cup.

The Tennis Match was begun immediately after the Sports, and the results were as follows:—

Singles:	Wilcox v A. Francis ..	6—5	6—5
	Meyer v. Armstrong ..	6—1	6—2
	Bell v. Purdon ..	6—2	6—2
	Craddock v. Mellor ..	6—4	3—6

Doubles:

Willcocks & Bell v. Francis & Purdon	6—1	6—0
v. Mellor & Meyer	5—6	6—3

Craddock & Armstrong v. Francis & Purdon

6—3	4—6	2—1
	(unfinished).	

Totals:

Toowoomba—6 rubbers, 80 games

Ipswich—1 rubber, 63 games.

Toowoomba, therefore, gained the two points.

The games were, for the most part, close, and much good Tennis was played. The best exhibition was, undoubtedly, given by Craddock and Mellor in their "singles" battle. This was a most exciting contest and was in doubt until the very last stroke, both players showing judgment and tenacity, and playing a first-class game.

The journey home was uneventful, except for the entertainment provided by the "Troubadors," which was both high-class and hearty.

CRICKET.

Our season this year has opened very auspiciously for the First XI. with two victories, one over the C. Y. M. S., last year's junior champions, promoted this year to senior grade, the other over the strong Blair's Club. The first match was expected to be a win for us, but we hardly hoped to beat Blair's, and were all the more pleased to do so, as we were not assisted by fortune. The batting all through was sound, and nearly all the XI. got into double figures. Mellor bowled very well, and was backed up by keen fielding. E're these lines are in print the two School matches—Brisbane and Too-woomba—will be over, and we have every reason to hope for success in the latter, if last year's match is anything of a guide. The weakness of the batting is shown against leg-break bowling: it is hoped we shall conquer this by practice before the season is over. Our bowling is fairly plentiful, but has not much variety. Meyer and Lord have more sting than last year, and Mellor is bowling very well. S. Francis and T. Francis are both useful changes. In fielding the team is fair: the throwing-in is not always accurate, nor the picking up clean, but the catching has been good. The 2nd XI. are stronger than last year, and there is promising material lower down. Outside the first XI. the catching is very weak: this can be improved by regular practice.

SCHOOL v. ALBERTS A.

On October 9th we opened our Cricket season with a scratch match against the Alberts A, last season's premiers. As it was only a one-afternoon match a retiring limit of 36 was fixed. We batted first, Mr. Lawrance and Adams going to the wickets. In the first over Adams was out, caught behind the wicket. Mr. Meyer followed, and he and Mr. Lawrance carried the score to 27, when

the latter was stumped after adding 7 to the score. Mr. Meyer scored freely until he reached 35, and was then caught at leg. Duncan and Mellor, who got 13 and 10 respectively, were the only others to reach double figures, and the innings closed for 93. Lossberg and Clowes opened for our opponents, to the bowling of Mr. Lawrance and Lord. In Lord's second over Lossberg was dismissed by a lovely catch taken by S. Francis at cover. The next four wickets fell quickly, and 5 were down for 20 when McDermott came to the rescue, and, with the help of Ironmonger and Watson, the score was carried to 74 for 8 wickets. Stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock, McDermott just having reached the retiring limit. The total was 83, and, as one man was absent, we won by 10 runs on the first innings.

Following are the detailed scores:—

School—1st innings.	Alberts A.—1st innings.
Mr. Lawrance, st Watson, b Cummins 7	Lossberg, c S. Francis, b Lord 6
Adams, c Watson, b Cummins 0	Clowes, b Mr. Lawrance 7
Mr. Meyer, c McDermott, b Biddle 35	Biddle, b Lord 0
Mellor, c Watson, b Biddle 10	McDermott, retired 38
Mr. Baker, c & b Wilson 2	Wilson, b Mr. Lawrance 0
Mr. Gorrie, c Watson, b Biddle 2	Jones, c Mr. Baker, b Mr. Lawrance 0
S. Francis, run out 0	Ironmonger, st Adams, b Mellor 8
T. Francis, b Ironmonger 1	Watson, b S. Francis 15
Meyer, st Watson, b Jones 5	Cummins, l.b.w., b Mr. Meyer 3
Duncan, c Wilson, b Lossberg 13	Stephenson, not out 1
Lord, not out 4	Sundries 5
Sundries 14	—
Total 93	83

Bowling: Cummins, 2 wickets for 9; Clowes, 0 for 18; Wilson, 1 for 13; Biddle, 3 for 21; Jones, 1 for 2; Ironmonger, 1 for 13; Lossberg, 1 for 3.

Bowling: Mr. Lawrance, 3 for 17; Lord, 2 for 17; Mellor, 1 for 16; Meyer, 0 for 11; Mr. Meyer, 1 for 9; S. Francis, 1 for 8.

SCHOOL v. C.Y.M.S.

On the 23rd October we commenced our first fixture, when we met last season's Junior Grade Premiers. The spin of the coin was in our favour, and we decided to bat, Mr. Lawrance and Adams being the opening pair. They both batted steadily, and the score was brought to 45, when Adams, who had made 23, hit one up to mid-off and was held. Mr. Meyer followed, but soon lost Mr. Lawrance, who had his stumps shattered by a "yorker." Mellor joined Mr. Meyer, and these two gave the bowlers a good deal of trouble before a separation was affected by Mellor chopping a fast one on to his wickets. He had made 22, and the partnership had yielded nearly 70 runs. Mr. Meyer was then 50. S. Francis was the next,

and the score still continued to mount up. Mr. Meyer was now fast approaching the century; for a long time he kept in the nineties, but at last he found the leg boundary, and brought up his century. He then started to hit out, but picked the wrong one, and was held by the bowler. His score included 11 fours and 5 threes. Four wickets were down for 208, and the partnership had added 78 runs. Meanwhile, S. Francis, who had been joined by his brother, was steadily increasing the total, but at 43 he was bowled by a bailer. Watkins batted nicely for 11, and, when stumps were drawn, our total was 274 for 7 wickets—T. Francis being 15 (not out). On the following Saturday we declared, in hopes of obtaining a three-points win, but it was five o'clock before the last wicket fell. Our opponents were 133 behind, but claimed that it was a two-days match, and refused to follow on. After some discussion, we went in and played out the remainder of the time, losing two wickets for 43, A. Francis and Duncan obtaining 16 and 14 (not out) respectively. Our fielding was by no means as good as it should have been, several catches being dropped.

The detailed scores are as follows:—

School—1st innings.	
Mr. Lawrance, b Cummins	27
Adams, c sub., b Cashin	23
Mr. Meyer, c and b Cashin ..	101
Mellor, b Cummins	22
S. Francis, b Cummins	43
T. Francis, not out	15
Watkins, b Cummins	11
Meyer, b Faulkner	7
Lord, not out	5
Sundries	20
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Total ..	274

Bowling: Cummins, 4 for 60; Cashin, 2 for 55; Faulkner, 1 for 21.

School—2nd innings.	
A. Francis, c Cashin, b Cummins ..	16
Duncan, not out	14
T. Francis, b Cummins	1
Lord, not out	7
Sundries	4
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Total for 2 wickets ..	43

Bowling: Cummins, 2 for 15.

C.Y.M.S.—1st innings.	
Kent, c Mr. Meyer, b Meyer ..	15
P. Landy, run out	0
McKey, b Mr. Meyer	27
W. Landy, b Mr. Lawrance ..	0
Ryan, b Mr. Lawrance	5
Galligan, b Mr. Lawrance ..	1
Cummins, c Duncan, b T. Francis	43
Cashin, b Mellor	11
Faulkner, c T. Francis, b Mellor	29
Thomas, c T. Francis, b Lord ..	11
Hegarty, not out	3
Sundries	16
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Total ..	161

Bowling: Meyer, 1 for 32; Mr. Lawrance, 3 for 25; Lord, 1 for 7; Mellor, 2 for 32; Mr. Meyer, 1 for 26; S. Francis, 0 for 12; T. Francis, 1 for 11.

SCHOOL v. BLAIR'S C. C.

On the 6th November, we commenced a match against the Blair's C. C., who were runners-up for the premier-ship last season, and we again came out victorious. Mellor won the toss, and sent in Mr. Lawrance and S. Francis. These two batted very steadily, but when 36 was reached

Mr. Lawrance had the misfortune to be run out. Mr. Meyer followed, and, with Francis, advanced the score to 82, when he was smartly stumped in trying to hit one out of the ground. Two wickets were down for 82, about as many as the whole team made against the same Club last season. Mellor came next, and, by nice batting, made 22 before he was bowled by a ball that kept low. Francis soon followed Mellor to the pavilion, not being able to get past his score of the previous match. He had batted very steadily for his runs. After this the wickets fell fairly quickly, Adams and T. Francis being the only others to reach double figures. The latter batted well for his 31 (not out), but showed a great tendency to get too excited when running between the wickets. The innings closed about 5.45 for 179. With half-an-hour to go, we got four of our opponents out for 21. Resuming on the following Saturday, we had a good deal of trouble in separating the first two, but when the score stood at 73 McCormack hit one into A. Francis' hands at mid-on, and the latter made no mistake. This batsman had made centuries in both the matches which we played last season, and with him out we thought our chances for victory were good. And so it turned out, for the remaining five only added about 40, and the innings closed for 112, giving us a lead of 67. Mellor came out with the very good average of 5 wickets for 37. In the second innings we were all dismissed for 83, the score being pretty well distributed. This gave our opponents 150 to win with only about half-an-hour to do it in. We succeeded in getting 3 of them out for 48, all being run out by smart, accurate returns from Mellor, who was fielding at "third-man." The fielding all round in the second innings was excellent, the throwing-in being exceptionally good.

The following are the detailed scores:—

School—1st innings.	Blair's C. C.—1st innings.
Mr. Lawrance, run out. 11	Campbell, b Mellor. 15
S. Francis, b Platz. 43	Patrick, c Meyer, b Mr. Lawrance 3
Mr. Meyer, st Patrick, b McCormack 32	T. Platz, b Mellor 0
Mellor, b Dalton 22	Ritchie, b Mr. Lawrance 3
Adams, c Boldery, b Platz 11	Smith, not out 42
Watkins, run out 5	McCormack, c A. Francis, b Mellor 38
T. Francis, not out. 31	Green, b Mr. Lawrance 2
Duncan, b Platz 0	Dalton, b Mellor 1
Meyer, b Ritchie 4	Beverly, b Mellor 0
Lord, b Campbell 1	Boldery, b Lord 6
A. Francis, c T. Platz, b G. Platz 5	Platz, absent 0
Sundries 14	Sundries 2
Total . . 179	Total . . 112
Bowling: Ritchie, 1 for 16; Campbell, 1 for 13; McCormack, 1 for 19; Dalton, 1 for 11; Platz, 4 for 27.	Bowling: Mr. Lawrance, 3 for 61; Mellor, 5 for 37; Lord, 1 for 12.

School—2nd Innings.	
T. Francis, b Smith	8
Adams, b Smith	8
Duncan, b McCormack	10
Watkins, c Boldery, b G. Platz ..	5
S. Francis, c sub., b McCormack ..	8
Meyer, b Dalton	11
Lord, c Smith, b McCormack ..	0
A. Francis, b Platz	0
Mr. Lawrance, c G. Platz b Dalton	10
Mr. Meyer, b Dalton	3
Mellor, not out	2
Sundries	18
Total	83

Bowling: Smith, 2 for 17; McCormack, 3 for 13; G. Platz, 2 for 10; Dalton, 3 for 11.

Blair's C. C.—2nd Innings.	
McCormack, not out	24
G. Platz, run out	2
Boldery, run out	1
Beverly, run out	1
T. Platz, not out	12
Sundries	8
Total	48

Bowling: Meyer, 0 for 7; Lord, 0 for 24; S. Francis, 0 for 8.

1st XI. v. BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played on our wicket on November 15th, in very hot weather. Our opponents came down by the mail: Mellor won the toss, and decided to bat, opening with Adams and S. Francis. The start was extremely inauspicious, Adams being bowled off his pads from the first ball delivered. Mellor followed, but with only 1 run on the board, S. Francis was smartly caught at slip. Worse was to come, for, with the score at 8, Mellor reached out to Macintosh, missed it, and was smartly stumped. T. Francis joined Watkins, who was shaping well, and a determined stand was made. Neither took any risks—they could not afford to—but, by slow degrees, the scored mounted, till at 42 Francis was caught for 16. His cricket was not as good as he has shown, but his innings was valuable. Watkins saw two more wickets fall, and was then out to a simple catch at cover for a well-played 19. The rest of the innings needs no description, and the total of 64, against really ordinary bowling, can not be called anything but disappointing. Brisbane opened with Willcocks and Kent. Runs came freely from the start, but at 40 Willcocks was run out, having just previously been badly let off at square-leg by T. Francis. Powe joined Kent, but left at 54, caught at short-leg. Waraker and Kent batted on till lunch, when the score was 87 for two wickets. Continuing after lunch the score was raised to 106, when Waraker was l.b.w. to Mellor: at the same total three more wickets fell, including Kent, who played good cricket for his runs. Shirley and Campbell gave a little trouble, but the total was only 143 at the fall of the last wicket, leaving us 79 in arrears. Mellor bowled well, particularly after lunch, and got 6 wickets for 60. Meyer took 3 for 43. Going in again, our start was little better

than before. Again a stand was made for the fourth wicket, this time by Mellor and T. Francis, the former of whom showed good cricket for his runs. After his dismissal at 66, the procession of the first innings was repeated, and we were all out at 4 o'clock for 74, leaving Brisbane victorious by an innings and 5 runs. We should certainly have done better: the batting was poor, not a bit like the good work shown against Blair's. The fielding was far from good, quite 30 runs being lost by tricklers through the legs. The weakness of our batting against leg-beak bowling, even when of very poor quality, was lamentably obvious and must be taken in hand at once. Let us hope for a closer match at our next meeting.

Ipswich—1st innings.	
J. Adams, b Willcocks	0
S. Francis, c Barriskill, b Willcocks	1
B. Mellor, st Kent, b Macintosh	4
H. G. Watkins, c Waraker, b Davey	19
T. Francis, c Barriskill, b Shirley	16
A. Duncan, c Powe, b Davey	5
J. Meyer, thrown out	1
A. Lord, b Shirley	2
A. Francis, b Davey	2
E. Francis, not out	3
C. Foggon, b Davey	1
Sundries	10
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Total	64

Bowling: Willcocks, 2 for 13; Macintosh, 1 for 23; Shirley, 2 for 11; Davey, 4 for 7.

Ipswich—2nd innings.	
S. Francis, b Willcocks	0
H. Watkins, c Davey, b Macintosh	4
T. Francis, c Powe, b Macintosh	11
J. Adams, b Macintosh	6
B. Mellor, c Macintosh, b Shirley	28
E. Francis, st Kent, b Macintosh	7
J. Meyer, b Macintosh	0
A. Duncan, c Newell, b Macintosh	4

Brisbane—1st innings.	
R. Willcocks, run out	22
Kent, c Watkins, b Meyer	36
Powe, c Foggon, b Mellor	9
N. Waraker, l.b.w. Mellor	21
J. Barriskill, b Mellor	0
Newell, b Meyer	0
A. Davey, c Mellor, b Meyer	7
R. Shirley, c Foggon, b Mellor	16
C. Campbell, b Mellor	14
E. Doyle, not out	0
H. Macintosh, c A. Francis, b Mellor	0
Sundries	18
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Total	143

Bowling: Meyer, 3 for 43; Mellor, 6 for 56.

A. Lord, not out	0
A. Francis, c and b Shirley	0
C. A. Foggon, b Macintosh	1
Sundries	13
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Total	74

Bowling: Macintosh, 7 for 29; Willcocks, 1 for 15; Shirley, 2 for 15.

The Cricket Match v. Toowoomba, played November 27th, was won by Ipswich, who thus secure the "Chelmsford" Cup for the year. Scores: Ipswich, 206 (Mellor 92); Toowoomba, 135.

IPSWICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Council have the honour to submit to you their report of the progress of the Association during the year 1908-1909. Two years have now passed since the formation of our Association,

and it is pleasing to note that our membership has been steadily increasing, until it now totals 134. Although this is very creditable for the short time of our existence, there is still room for a large increase in our numbers when we consider that upwards of 1,100 boys have passed through the School, to which we have had the honour to belong. At our first annual meeting and dinner held just a year ago to-night, and which was a most successful function, the following officers were elected to carry out the duties for the year: Patron, the Headmaster; President, Dr. J. A. Cameron; Vice-President, Mr. C. W. L. Heiner; Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Pender; Secretary, Mr. J. W. McCulloch; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. R. H. Robinson; Auditor, Mr. A. Hayne, Junior; Council, Dr. D. A. Cameron and Messrs. T. B. Cribb, W. L. D. Salkeld, P. W. Cameron, R. Bardon, and H. V. Gibbs. Mr. McCulloch, who was elected to the Secretaryship for the second time, was compelled to resign in December last, owing to being transferred to Brisbane. The Council reluctantly received Mr. McCulloch's resignation, and placed on record their appreciation of his services. Mr. C. E. Flint was chosen to fill the vacancy, but, unfortunately, the Council also lost his services a few weeks ago owing to a similar cause. Your present Secretary was then appointed in Mr. C. E. Flint's stead. Several changes have also taken place in the personnel of the Council through the resignation of Dr. D. A. Cameron and Messrs. T. B. Cribb, and R. Bardon. Messrs. H. G. Simpson and J. W. McCulloch were appointed Councillors in place of the first two named gentlemen, but in Mr. Bardon's case, as it was late in the year, no further appointment was made. The Council held eight meetings during the year, the number at which each officer attended being as follows: Dr. J. A. Cameron, 7; B. G. Lawrance, 4; C. W. L. Heiner, 2; E. J. Pender, 2; J. W. McCulloch, 4; Dr. D. A. Cameron, 1; T. B. Cribb, 0; P. W. Cameron, 4; W. L. D. Salkeld, 0; R. Bardon, 4; H. G. Simpson, 3; C. E. Flint, 3; and H. V. Gibbs, 7.

The Council arranged monthly meetings for members during the year, but with two or three exceptions the attendance at these functions were rather disappointing. We sincerely hope more interest will be taken in these re-unions during the coming year. The fixtures that were most popular and well patronised were: the Patron's Evening, the President's "At Home," and the Progressive Euchre Party. We are indebted to Dr. J. A. Cameron and Mr. B. G. Lawrance for the most enjoyable evenings with which they entertained members. Our President held his "At Home" at Whitehouse's Cafe, and, as was the case with our Patron's Evening at the School, the hospitality extended was thoroughly appreciated by the large number who attended. The thanks of our Association are also due to Messrs. R. A. Kerr, P. W. Cameron, and others, who assisted to make monthly re-unions interesting and instructive. There was an attendance of over 60 at the Progressive Euchre Party, held on 17th of last

month, the guests including the members of the Girls' Grammar School Old Girls' Association. During the year members had an opportunity of contributing towards the erection of an "Honour Board" at the School and it is creditable to think that subscriptions were freely forthcoming towards that laudable object. The amount required was subscribed by the Old Boys, and the Board erected in time to be unveiled by His Excellency Lord Chelmsford at the last Prize Distribution.

Greater interest is being taken generally in the Sporting Life of the Association, although as far as Football is concerned, not much enthusiasm has been shown. We have not yet been able to muster a fifteen, and as we have the available talent, let us hope a start will be made next season. The result of the forthcoming annual match with the School Fifteen should be most interesting in view of the strong team which the latter now possess. Last year's match had to be abandoned owing to unfavourable weather.

Our Cricket Team was very successful last season, playing in the "A" grade of the Ipswich and West Moreton Cricket Association. At the conclusion of the fixtures our XI. occupied the position of third place out of seven teams, having 8 wins to their credit, and being defeated 4 times. This was a decided improvement on the previous season's performance, when our team were compelled to accept the position of last but one out of 6 teams. The annual contest with the School XI. on the 17th March last provided a rather bitter draught for our representatives, for, although the match was drawn it was morally a victory for our opponents, who are to be congratulated on the splendid team they were able to put in the field. The Tennis match against the School team, which was arranged to be played in September last, had, unfortunately, to be postponed under similar conditions to the Football Match. However, after the lapse of several months, the match eventuated, and resulted in the School being defeated by 41 games to 25. As regards finances, the Association's position is growing stronger, and it is only a matter of time when we hope to be able to have a permanent club room. The credit balance as will be shown in the Hon. Treasurer's annual statement, now stand at £20 19s. 5d., and, taking into consideration the rather heavy expenditure during the year, this must be considered very satisfactory. Members' subscriptions have been the chief source of income—£33 10s. having been received therefrom, and incidentally this discloses a rather large number of unfinancial members. The Cricket Club has again had to look to the Association for financial assistance, their balance-sheet for the year showing indebtedness to the extent of £4 8s. 10d., £1 10s. 6d. of this was outstanding from the previous season, so that £2 18s. 4d. was really the amount of their debit for the past season.

In conclusion, your Council wishes to thank you for the support accorded to the Association during the year, and to express the desire that you will continue to loyally assist in carrying out its aims.

ANNUAL DINNER.

This event, the second function of its kind, took place in Whitehouse's Cafe, on July 22nd, 1909. Owing, possibly, to clashing with another function, the attendance was not so good as last year, but was, nevertheless, satisfactory. Mr. C. W. L. Heiner, who had been elected President for the year at the Annual General Meeting, which was held immediately before the Dinner, took the chair. The toast of the School was proposed by Dr. J. L. Gibson, in a humorous speech, and replied to by the Headmaster, who briefly alluded to the events of interest during the year in connection with the School. The "Old Boys' Association" was proposed by Mr. Donald Cameron, whose presence at the Dinner was highly appreciated by all, and whose reception when he rose to speak showed unmistakably how welcome he was at the reunion of his Old Boys. Mr. Heiner, in a thoughtful speech, expressed the pleasure of the Association at the presence of their respected old Headmaster, and also spoke encouragingly of the future of the Association, and the present success of the School. The approaching Jubilee of the School was alluded to by the Headmaster and the President, and a hope expressed that some worthy memorial of over fifty years of existence would be established when the time arrived. The last toast, the "Retiring President," was proposed by Mr. Kerr, who recorded the appreciation of the members for the interest shown, and work done by Dr. Cameron. The evening's oratory was interspersed with songs by Messrs. T. R. Cribb and J. W. McCulloch. The meeting broke up shortly after ten o'clock.

IPSWICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for year ending
31st July, 1909.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year .. .. .	.. .. .	17	10	8
Members' Subscriptions as per list .. .. .	.. .. .	33	10	0
Annual Dinner Tickets .. .. .	.. .. .	6	0	0
Euchre Party .. .. .	.. .. .	2	0	0
CRICKET CLUB:				
Members' Subscriptions as per list	5	10	0
Donations—C. W. Hooper, 5/-; Dr. Gibson 5/-	0	10	0
Surplus from Luncheon	0	2	0
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		6	2	0
Total Receipts	£65	2	8

	Expenditure,	£	s.	d.
I. G. S. Magazine	10	8	0
Rent of Rooms	1	0	0
Donation I. G. S. Sports .. .. .	.. .. .	0	10	6
Annual Dinner: F. Whitehouse, £8 2s. 6d.:				
J. P. O'Dea, 8/- .. .. .	.. .. .	8	10	6
Printing and Advertising .. .. .	.. .. .	4	5	9
Stamps and Stationery .. .. .	.. .. .	2	10	9
Smoke Concert .. .. .	.. .. .	0	19	9
Progressive Euchre Party—				
Catering	£4 14 6			
Prizes	0 12 8			
		5	7	2
CRICKET CLUB:		33	12	5
Material	£8 15 4			
Repairs	0 15 6			
P. Cash	0 5 0			
Cricket Association	0 15 0			
		10	10	10
	Total Expenditure ..	£44	3	3
Bal. Cash in Savings Bank	£20 0 5			
Cash on hand.. .. .	0 19 0			
		20	19	5
		£65	2	8

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

- C. E. Flint, ex-Secretary to the Association, has been transferred to the Roma Branch of the Bank of New South Wales.
- R. H. Willet is now at Lismore, where he is assistant-manager for Messrs. Flavelle, Roberts and Sankey, the well-known Gem Merchants and Jewellers.
- C. Maughan has received notice of transfer from his position as a Clerk in the Chief Engineer's Office, Brisbane, to similar work in the office of the Engineer in charge of the Kangergur-Blackbutt extension.
- W. H. Conwell, who passed the Solicitor's preliminary examination some months ago is now articled to Mr. V. H. Tozer of Gympie.
- E. S. Closs, having completed his term as a Cadet in the Ipswich Government Workshop, has left for Christchurch, New Zealand, where he intends residing for some time.
- G. S. Webb has relinquished his position as Law Clerk, and is at Townsville preparing for the Methodist Ministry.
- H. Gill has been transferred to the Oakey branch of the Bank of New South Wales.
- J. G. Elliott is in London, where he has a position in the Queensland Agent-General's Office.

- J. E. Cribb, who was successful in the preliminary examination for Solicitor's held in August last, is serving his articles with Messrs. Walker and Walker, Brisbane.
- C. Atkinson is a Cadet in the Chief-Engineer's Office, Brisbane.
- F. Walke is now at the Winton Branch of the Bank of New South Wales.
- C. Burchill has been transferred from his position as a Clerk in the Supreme Court, Rockhampton, to a similar position in the Supreme Court, Townsville.
- J. Mellor is working with Staff-Surveyor Warren in the Nerang district.
- C. E. Cossart won Mr. B. G. Lawrance's trophy for the batting average of the Cricket Club last season with an average of 62.
- C. Atkinson, with an average of 11.2, was awarded Dr. J. A. Cameron's trophy for the best bowling average of the Club.
- H. Hally has passed into the Federal Public Service.
- J. H. Germain and W. Yelland have joined the Bank of New South Wales.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The Association still continues to progress satisfactorily and more interest is being taken in the fixtures arranged by the Council. No doubt this is due in a measure to the fact that only social re-unions have been held this year, no provision having been made for educational evenings, as so few members patronised the previous efforts in that direction. The Progressive Euchre Party, held at Whitehouse's Cafe, on September 16th, was well attended in spite of rather unfavourable weather. Members of the I. G. S. Old Girls' Association were our guests, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Old Girls' Association gave us a return Progressive Euchre evening on November 4th, which was likewise thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who accepted the Old Girls' hospitality.

The Smoke Concert, held in Hughes' and Cameron's rooms, on October 20th, was well patronised by members, over 30 being present thereat. Cards were indulged in and songs contributed by Messrs. Lawrance, Shuttlewood, Simpson, Cribb, McCulloch, and McGill, helped to pass the evening very pleasantly. We are indebted to Mr. R. H. Johnston for the use of his piano for that function, and also for playing the accompaniments for the singing.

Members are looking forward to an enjoyable re-union at the forthcoming fixture, which is the President's (Mr. C. W. L. Heiner) "At Home," and which will be held in Ham's Rooms, on 24th November.

The sporting instinct has not diminished in our members, but as far as cricket is concerned, we have not been able to put as

strong a team in the field as last season. This is due to the loss of our ex-captain (R. Bardon), who is in Sydney, and Messrs S. J. and C. E. Cossart, who are playing in Boomah; these three members were a tower of strength to our Club last season. However, we are now laying down a practice wicket, so in future hope to see our team holding its own with the best eleven in the grade. Two of the annual sporting fixtures against the School this year have eventuated, viz., the Football and Tennis matches. In the former, our representatives were outclassed by the School XV., but in the latter we were successful.

PAST GRAMMARS' CRICKET CLUB.

The second Annual Meeting of the above Club was held in Mr. Heiner's office on the 26th August, 1909. There were nine members present, including Dr. J. A. Cameron. Mr. W. E. Hargreaves occupied the chair. The minutes of the first Annual Meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Secretary (Mr. H. V. Gibbs) was received. The following officers were elected for the incoming season:

Captain—J. W. McCulloch.

Vice-Captain—W. E. Hargreaves.

Secretary—R. C. Ward.

Selection Committee — Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, and R. Robinson.

Delegates to Association—Secretary and R. Robinson.

Finances: The question of raising money to liquidate the debt to the Old Boys' Association was discussed. Dr. Cameron said that he would promise a bat to the Club instead of giving a trophy for best bowling or batting average. The next question raised was regarding a practice wicket, and after a little discussion, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Cricket Association and ask if they would be agreeable to lay down a wicket, and on what terms the work would be done.

It was resolved that in future the bowling average go to the bowler who gets the best average with ten wickets or over.

On a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary (Mr. H. V. Gibbs) being accorded, the meeting terminated.

Mr. Chairman,
Gentlemen.

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the second Annual Report of the Past Grammars' Cricket Club. The 1908-1909 season proved a very successful one for our Club. We again affiliated with the Ipswich and West Moreton Cricket Association, and at the termination of the fixtures stood 3rd in order of merit out of seven teams. Of the twelve Association matches played by the Club we won 8 and were defeated in 4. This was a decided improvement on the previous year's performance, when we occu-

pied the position of last but one out of the 6 affiliated teams. Undoubtedly a great measure of our success was due to the efforts of Messrs. S. J. and C. E. Cossart, who did us the honour of travelling from Boonah to take part in the matches, and both of whom met with the success they deserved. The latter secured both the batting and bowling averages of the Club, with an average of 62 and 10.2 respectively. Mr. C. E. Cossart also obtained the highest individual score for the season, viz., 227, this being a record for fixtures played under the Ipswich and West Moreton Association.

Towards the end of the season, we had the misfortune to lose the services of our Captain (Mr. Bardon), on account of his taking up studies in Sydney. Our Vice-Captain also was unable to take part in the latter round of fixtures, and the absence of these two players was a decided handicap to the Club.

Besides the Association fixtures, three scratch matches were played during the season, including the annual game against the School XI. and a match against Toowoomba Past Grammarians. In the former contest, victory practically rested with the School, although the game was drawn, our opponents scoring 292 to our 9 wickets for 134. We were not favoured with good weather for the Toowoomba match, and as all their team didn't put in an appearance, we played a team composed of Toowoomba Old Boys and present boys. The result was an easy victory for us on the first innings.

No wicket was available for practice during the season, as the Town Council refused us permission to play on the wicket in the Central Gardens previously used by the Club. It is to be hoped it will be possible to lay down some sort of a practice wicket this season, as practice is so essential to consistent playing.

As regards finances, the Club has again been compelled to look to the Old Boys' Association for assistance. The revenue which was derived chiefly from members' subscriptions amounted to £6 10s. 10d., so that we were indebted to the Association in the amount of £4 8s. 10d.

CADET CORPS

At the opening of the third quarter the Corps was without subalterns. Mr. Robertson's place had not been filled, and Mr. Brown had left us on his way to England. Col-Sergt. Meyer has now received his commission—a promotion fully deserved by good work as Senior N. C. O. Mr. Baker has charge of the left half-Company. Sergt. Mellor has taken Lieut. Meyer's place as Col-Sergt., and

has charge of No. 2 Section. Corpl. Fowles, L-Corpls. Wyman and Yelland, have left. Their places have been filled by the following promotions:

L-Corpl. Dart to be Corporal.
 Cadet A. Francis to be L-Corporal.
 Cadet Lord to be L-Corporal.
 L-Corpl. Ward is promoted to Corporal, and Cadet V. Michel becomes L-Corporal in his place.

An examination in rifle exercises and squad drill for confirmation of appointments, was held by the O. C., on Friday, November 5th, with the following results:

	Squad drill.	Rifle Ex's.	Total.
Corpl. Ward	41	40	81
L-Corpl. Lulham	40	44	84
L-Corpl. Francis	29	40	69

The undermentioned Cadets also took the Examination, and will be eligible for the first vacancies:

	Squad drill.	Rifle Ex's.	Total.
Cadet Fischer I.	48	48	96
Cadet Cribb II.	32	41	73
Cadet Connors	27	33	60

So far we have had no inspection by any officer from headquarters this year, but are likely to be visited at any time now. Sergt.-Major Rigby, Garrison Sergt.-Major of the Forces, paid us a visit about six weeks back, and some of us felt rather as if we had come out of a cyclone when he left. Certainly under his hands a man has practically to choose one of two courses—be smart or die—The Company turned out well and worked really hard, and have the satisfaction of knowing that the Sergt.-Major was highly pleased with them.

CLASS FIRING RESULTS, 1909.

Marksman: Sergt. Watkins, 103.

First Class: L-Corpl. Lord, 86; Lt. Meyer, 85; Sergt. Foggon, 83; L-Corpl. Yelland, 83.

Second Class: Cadet E. Francis, 82; Cadet Lyons, 82; L-Corpl. Lulham, 78; Cadet E. Cribb, 78; Cadet Brodie, 77; Sergt. T. Francis, 75; Cadet Warren, 75; Cadet McAllister, 74; Cadet McCarthy, 74; L-Corpl. Ward, 74; Corpl. S. Francis, 71; Cadet Barbour, 71.

Third Class: Cadet Harding, 68; Cadet W. Michel, 68; Cadet Fewtrell, 67; Cadet V. German, 65; Cadet Spenceley, 63; Cadet Wheeling, 63; Cadet Williams, 60; Cadet McDonald, 58; Cadet Tambling, 58; Cadet E. Mellor, 58; Cadet L. Foote, 58.

Gold Medal, presented by W. F. S. Fox, Esq., for highest aggregate: Sergt. Watkins.

Prize for 2nd in aggregate: L-Corpl. Lord.

Prize for best under 15: L-Corpl. Lulham.

Prize for best score by any boy who has never before fired out of a Service Rifle: Cadet Brodie.

SHOOTING.

Practice for the match with Toowoomba has been going on, under difficulties, since the midwinter holidays. Even when the Dinmore Range was still open, we could not always get it when we wanted it, and the necessity of completing the mass firing delayed our selection of best shots for final practice. Since we obtained the use of the one-mile, early in October, we have been regular in practice, and hope to improve on last year's performance against Toowoomba. Our originally selected 12 have now been reduced to 8, from whom we hope to select five who will put up a good score in the match. A steady improvement is being shown.

SWIMMING.

The pleasure of this wholesome exercise is now fully upon us in real earnest, for within the horizon of our vision, we see before us the competition against Toowoomba, which we all sincerely hope our team will win.

Several of the boys are showing very creditable form with a good clean stroke, but methinks if the team means to pull off the event they will have to lay back their ears and put more power behind their strokes.

Our most promising swimmer at present is Germain, and the hope of the side; but he has several rivals, who are doing their best to equal him, if not defeat him for the honour of the place. Amongst the juniors there are several, who, for their size, are showing excellent form, while here and there, one notices several who have not acquired the swan-like ease and gracefulness in their spluttering efforts to keep afloat.

We have also occasionally noticed some very neat diving, but there are others who have not acquired the knack of gliding smoothly into the water.

Our latest scheme to relieve the monotony is the introduction of Water Polo, a game which the boys enter into with a great amount of zest, and, with practice, should play a very sound game. Some of them already, after only short practice, play very well indeed. This is a game that is not so easy as it may appear to onlookers, but calls forth staying power, quickness of movement, and good judgment, acquirements which are essential to the good all-round swimmer.

GYMNASTICS.

This feature of the Sports is very well patronised at present, for at every available period, the gymnasium is a scene of activity.

Emerson tells us that "a sick man is a rascal." Is this why our gymnasts are practising so assiduously to gain strength of limb, development of muscle, and depth of chest, that they may thus take steps to render themselves impervious to ill-health and evade that scathing remark? I do not think that is their greatest ambition at present, for one hears, "borne gently on the zephyr breeze," remarks, alluding to a certain competition which is to be held shortly, and conveyed in those remarks advice worthy of Plato, is fully and freely given, relating to the method in which the exercises must be performed, but space does not permit us to elaborate our pages herewith.

The competition includes the most improved gymnast for the past year, and also the Championship of the School.

Early next year it is intended to hold a Combined Gymnastic Display, for which there is plenty of willing material available. Our drawback in this direction is the want of a fully-equipped, up-to-date Gymnasium, but this may come later on. It is very encouraging to know that we have the warm sympathy and support of our Headmaster, Mr. Lawrance, in this branch of physical recreation as in the other branches.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1909.

Receipts:	£	s.	d.	Expenditure:	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1908	4	2	6½	Cricket Material	12	15	2
Ordinary Subscriptions ..	32	1	0	Football Material	3	7	0½
Sale of Tennis Balls	0	13	3	Tennis Material	4	13	2
Refund Advances	2	13	11½	Sundry Material	1	9	11
Donations to Prize Fund	21	10	10½	Annual Sports Expenses	9	3	8
Entry Fees for Sports ..	13	5	0	Fares	4	13	0
				Entry Fee-Hospital Sports	0	4	6
				Grade Fees	3	10	6
				Advances	2	13	11½
				Stamps & Petty Cash ..	0	17	8
				Sports Prizes	24	6	10
				Balance	5	12	2½
	£73	7	7½		£73	7	7½

R. A. KERR, Treas.

MAGAZINE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:				Expenditure:			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Fines, etc.	0	6	3	Debit Balance	2	17	1
By sale June issue—				June Issue	10	2	0
Boarders	1	2	0	Stamps	0	7	3
Day-Boys	1	12	0				
Old Boys' Association	5	7	0				
Sundry	0	16	0				
Debit Balance	4	3	1				
	£13	6	4		£13	6	4

B. G. LAWRENCE.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

University of Sydney,

Dear Editor,

November, 1909.

Matters at the 'Varsity are rather tame at present, everyone working his hardest, but it may interest you to hear a little of what has been going on.

All the important events of the year are over now, except the exams. I must apologise for my unkind reference to fees last time, as they dropped slightly in the second term; a few more drops would be welcome. The long-expected Fisher Library has been opened with all due pomp, and it was certainly worth waiting for. The new Engineering School is in full working order, and there is some talk of converting the old one into a common room or "Union Building," though many consider it too common. The Med. School is growing every day, and it needs to, considering the countless number beginning med. this year. The Department of Vet. Science will be a reality next year, and we expect a good number of students going for the new degree of M.D.—(Doctor of Mokes).

And now a word about Sports. Football has departed after an exciting season, and Cricket rules. The 'Varsity team are doing fairly well, the first XI. being an excellent fielding side. Sydney defeated Melbourne at Cricket this year; the Rowing Crew won for the third time in succession, whilst the Scouts were victorious with their new rifles. Melbourne came first in Athletics, Tennis and Hockey. For variety, Melbourne put a Rugby team in the field, and though defeated, they were brave to introduce Rugby into the stronghold of the bounceball game. The Football team also toured New Zealand—won 3 matches, lost 4, and, most important of all, had a good time.

The Boxing Tournament this year attracted only a few, and was the cause of only one broken jaw. Lacrosse was introduced here this year, and we now play every game except croquet and cards.

The College Contests showed Andrew's superior in all except "Footy." Andrew's and Paul's drew in the latter after a good game; Albert Dunlop considerably strengthened the Paul's team. St. John's, as usual, fulfilled about half their engagements.

Of our own reps., there is little to say; at least till exams. are past. Sid Jonah has entered on his fifth year, Med., Dick Bardon and John England are quit of part of their worries, with more to follow; in a few weeks time we all expect to fail with honours.

And now I must conclude for fear of crowding out something more important.

Yours always,

L. S. D.

To the Editor

Boys' G. S. Magazine.

Dear Sir—It has been observed by many of the boys of this School that other schools of even lesser celebrity and antiquity than ours have a distinguishing School Cap for all boys, whether they belong to the "Firsts" or not. Could not this deficiency of ours be remedied by the members of the Sports Committee. There are many ways of distinguishing the "Firsts" and this improvement would, on the whole, be highly beneficial both to the School and the boys for many reasons, which it is not necessary to particularise.

I hope the matter in question will be taken in hand and duly considered.

"IMPRIMATUR."

I. B. G. S., 15/11/09.

To the Editor

Ipswich Grammar School Magazine.

Dear Sir—I wish to call your attention and that of the Trustees to the deplorable condition of the "Second's" Cricket pitch. The capabilities of an asphalt pitch in the way of bumping and "shooting" are well-known, and these are hardly improved by the presence of several mountain ranges and ravines extending across the pitch, some of them in the very spot where the average ball is pitched. It is not pleasant to bat on this country of hills and valleys, even against slow bowling; but it is decidedly unpleasant—and even dangerous—when the bowling is fast; to this the swollen upper-lips and blackened eyes of several of our budding wicket-keepers, will bear eloquent witness. There is, Mr. Editor, no need to enlarge on the matter, you, yourself, know the position, and we all hope that some decisive action will be taken so that the Christmas vacation may be utilized for the putting down of a new pitch.

I am, yours respectfully,

F. A. C.

To the Editor

Ipswich Grammar School Magazine.

Dear Sir—A question of intense moment among many of us, and, perhaps, even some of the masters, is the advisability of the renovation or reconstruction of the Gymnasium. Considering the time it was built and the buffetings received by it for so long a time, it is an edifice worthy of admiration, but its glory has departed. By examination, it is plainly evident that the ladders, horse, ropes, one pair of rings, climbing pegs, and even the parallels need attention. Would it not also be far more expedient to lay down a wooden, or better, a concrete floor and mattresses than the coating of tar which, as is said, costs 10 guineas every 1½ yards. True, the extraction of the tan would deprive the boys of their ancient initiatory process, but this would not be greatly deplored. The lengthening of the Gym., by taking up the carpentry room would be a vast improvement, both as regards space (which is badly needed) and appearance (which some paint would not tend to destroy), so that it would do credit to the oldest Grammar School in the State. Such a question requires consideration when there is the prospect of a public display in the near future, and the present, viz., the holidays, is a suitable time to effect these desirable changes.

"FIAT."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

IMPRIMATUR.—Certainly, approach the powers that be. The Editors, however, are of opinion that the present custom of wearing straw hats with the badge is better suited to our climate than caps.

F A.C.—You have our sympathy. Hills, valleys, mountains and ravines are certainly not usually associated with Cricket pitches.

FIAT.—Yours letter deserve attention. The question of a wooden floor has been considered in the past by the Trustees, but the building is not considered worth it. What we want, and hope in time to get, is an entirely new building.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

With apologies for possible omissions:

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