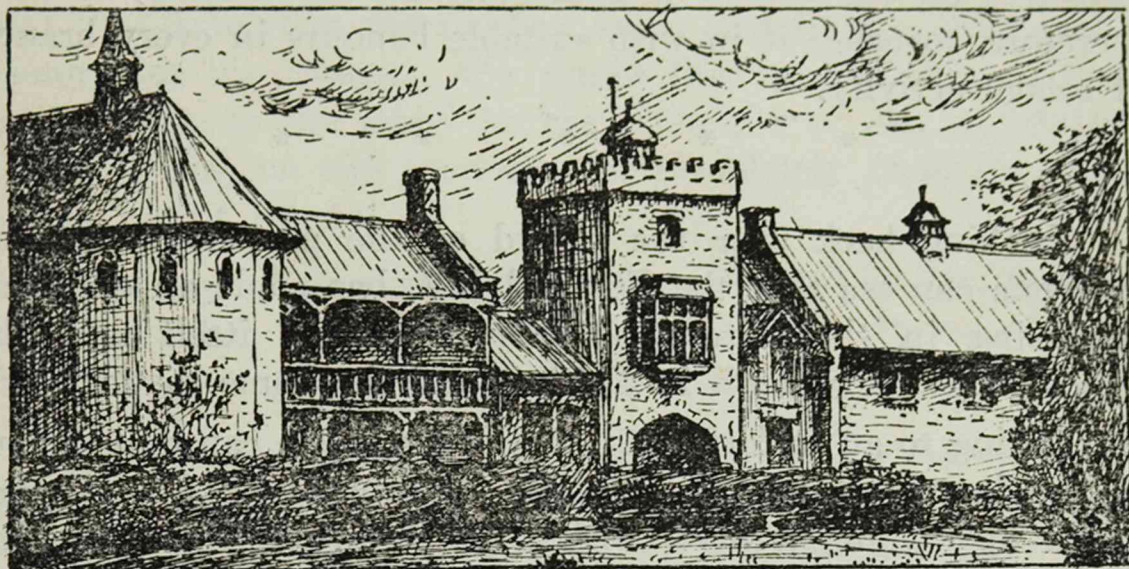


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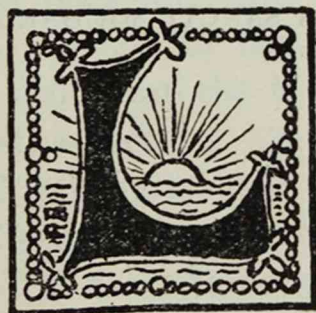


By "D. P."

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EDITORIAL.



ET us rise up and build."

With these words for his text, the Bishop brought us the good news last Michaelmas Day that a start is to be made on the new Memorial Building next Easter.

By the time, then, that another number of our *Chronicle* appears the old familiar Michaelhouse will be changing her

dress and putting on a still more glorious apparel, as is the regular custom with many folk at that season. Buildings, as we know, however, cannot often indulge in such luxury, especially in these hard times. Hence we are bound to feel ourselves on the eve of a great day in our history,—bound, therefore, to usher it in with suitable honours in every branch of school activity.

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Looking back over the record of the past four months, everyone can see that the Football XV. has made an excellent beginning in this direction, having covered itself and the School with glory, both in Durban and the home district.

Owing to an unfortunate circumstance, we can only dream of the laurels which the athletic champions of Sports Day would have brought back with them from Maritzburg. But readers will find that the "Cricket Prospects" give further promise of great things in the new season; and finally we are all hoping for many "Matric." successes to crown the year.

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"So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith," and he that studieth books him that smote with the bat, "saying, '*It is ready*'"!—ready, we trust, for that further "building up" of a brilliant and enduring future for the School, which is a task that all must share.

The present Editor of these pages, however, is as transient a visitor as the "Christmas beetle." He will have not even the opportunity of that old Byzantine woman, who at least could feed the oxen that brought bricks for Justinian's ancient builders. Nevertheless, he can join company with all the scattered friends of Michaelhouse, in many places, who cry, when the new walls go up: "FLOREAT DOMUS SANCTI MICHAELIS."

SCHOOL NOTES.

For once there are not many changes in the Staff to be chronicled. In our issue of May, 1920, the Editor of the day, in bidding farewell to Mr. C. W. Hannah, "after another

spell of three years' devoted service," remarked further that, "despite his denial, we do not give up all hope of seeing him once more among us," and added that Michaelhouse cricket without him was almost inconceivable. At the half-year we were able to welcome Mr. Hannah back again on the Staff; and this time it is the football team that he has organised to victory on his return. We would like to add our congratulations here to the many he has already received, and express the wish that he will soon recover completely from the effects of his recent illness.

The post of Carpentry Instructor, vacated by Mr. Franklin last June, has now been filled by Mr. J. G. Byrne, late of Maritzburg, to whom we offer our welcome.

On Sunday, May 8th, the School enjoyed a visit from the Rev. G. P. Jeudwine, M.A., Vicar of Mooi River, who exchanged duties with the Rev. Greenwood for the day, and gave us an impressive sermon at Evensong, which was much appreciated.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has visited us three times since the date of our last publication. On one occasion he came to dedicate the Eric Strapp Memorial Windows in the Chapel, a full description of which appears on another page of this issue. At Ascensiontide and at Michaelmas he officiated at the Early Celebration and preached at Choral Evensong on the eve of the Festival. To one of these sermons reference has just been made in our Editorial.

Mr. Bishop's delightful entertainments at these seasons will be found reported in detail under a separate heading.

Mr. Hall sends us the following notes on the Choir Picnic, held as usual just before the June holidays:—"Mrs. H. J. Butcher kindly allowed us the use of her cottage and grounds at Kingston for the day, and thither we repaired on foot on this occasion—all, that is to say, but three whose business it was to see to the commissariat. These performed their task so well that the bread was left in Balgowan Station. But, in justice, let us hasten to add that no one noticed its absence till afternoon tea time—a striking testimony to Mrs. Powell's solicitude on our behalf. Indeed, we had an excellent spread, and the customary football was played with vigour for the greater part of the day, much impaired, however, *after* lunch. In all respects a successful outing, and our best thanks are due to Mrs. Powell."

In the realm of sport especial mention must be made of the brilliant successes of our team in the Natal Schools Rugby Tournament held at Durban from the 27th of June to the 1st of July, where Michaelhouse ended with "105 points for, 5 against," as compared with the "42 for, 36 against," of the next competing team. It was good to see the friends and supporters of the School present in such large numbers on the ground.

The following were the Football Colours at the end of the season:—

First XV.—J. D. Elliot (Captain), L. H. T. Trotter (Vice-Captain), R. L. Harris, R. G. Armstrong, A. A. Gibson, M. Young, R. Miller, C. Melville.

Second XV.—R. Blackmore, J. Parker, A. P. Woods, G. T. Stokes, J. Saville, J. McKenzie, J. A. Cottrell, E. Vine Jory, G. Hart-Davis, E. J. Clemmans, L. T. Drew, C. J. Crowe, R. S. Armstrong.

As a result of their play in the Tournament, Elliot played for Natal against the O.F.S., and Young was picked as reserve three-quarter in the same match. Both Elliot and Young were chosen to represent the Maritzburg Sub-Union against West Griqualand. By a piece of bad luck, however, neither of them was able to take part in the match.

A tour of a Combined Schools Team to Bloemfontein and Kimberley was arranged to take place just after the Tournament, but, unfortunately, it fell through at the last minute. The following of our boys were picked for the Natal Schools side:—Elliot (Captain), Trotter, Young, Jory, Harris, Miller, and Armstrong. Gibson was picked as reserve.

The Annual Athletic Sports, detailed elsewhere, were held on Saturday, the 24th September, at 2.30 p.m., and passed off most successfully. The day remained fine throughout, and there was a large gathering of visitors to witness the events. It was pleasant to have the help, as judges, of Mr. H. W. Taylor for heats during the earlier part of the week, and of the Rev. Greenwood on the day itself. Our best thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their generous donations towards the sports prizes:—Mr. Ken Mowat, £1; Messrs. Mowat & Mowat, £2 2s.

We have also to acknowledge the gift of two books left to the School Library by Mr. P. V. Forbes on his departure:—

"The Poems of Elizabeth Barrett Browning," and "The Church of England," by Canon Watson.

Prefects.—Harris (Senior Prefect), Woods, Elliot i., Trotter i., Armstrong i., McKenzie ii., Melville, Gibson i.

VALETE.

April, 1921.—Form IV.: P. E. Laughton (not mentioned in last issue).

June, 1921.—Lower V.: M. Lindsay. Form IV.: C. Dyer, J. C. Matthews. Form III.a: K. S. Lund. Form III.b: R. G. Jansen, A. G. Jansen. Form II.: A. A. Carter, E. J. Jansen, F. F. Martens.

October 1921.—Lower V.: P. F. W. Soper, P. Gunningham. Form IV.: A. B. S. Soper.

SALVETE.

August, 1921.—R. J. Cathcart, R. L. D. Gilson (C), C. C. Glew, E. W. Howells, E. R. Miller, J. N. S. Morphew (C).

C=From Cordwalles.

DEDICATION OF THE ERIC STRAPP MEMORIAL.

"Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead!

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*These laid the world away; poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth."*

On Tuesday, June 14th, two stained-glass windows in the School Chapel, presented by Mrs. Henry Strapp, of Woodlands, Howick, to the memory of her son, Eric Strapp, an old Michaelhouse boy, killed in the War, were solemnly dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The School paraded in the quadrangle at 1 p.m., and marched into Chapel in Cadet Corps uniform. Among those present were Mrs. H. Strapp (mother of the deceased), Mrs. Paterson (sister), and Mr. Paterson, and the Staff in academic dress. The Rev. F. B. Greenwood acted as Bishop's Chaplain during the ceremony. The service opened with a hymn, followed by short prayers; and, immediately after the Act of

Dedication, the "Last Post" was sounded by two of the Corps Buglers from the chancel steps.

The Bishop, in his subsequent address, spoke of Eric Strapp's school days, of his prowess in sports, and of his services in the Army up to the time when he met his death in action. He described him "as one whose life showed that he had made good use of his Michaelhouse days as 'prep.' for the wider life afterwards," and how the lessons learnt on the playing-field stood him in good stead for that greater game in the outside world which followed.

Two verses of the National Anthem, sung after the Benediction, brought to an end a short but very impressive service.

The Memorial itself, designed by Miss Margaret Rope, of Fulham, England, fills the centre and one of the dexter-side lights of the seven small trefoiled lancet windows high up in the Chancel walls.

The former contains the figures of the Virgin and Child within a *vesica piscis*. Our Lady is clothed in vestments resembling the mediæval alb and chasuble, with blue and crimson as the dominant colouring.

The latter, which has a much richer colour scheme and is a very striking piece of work, represents St. Michael. He stands, bare-headed, looking towards the previous group, clad in plate-armour of late Fifteenth Century pattern and holding spear and sword, while the School motto flies from the former weapon, on a pennon, behind the golden nimbus surrounding the hair.

Beneath both figures there runs the following inscription: "A.M.D.G. ERIC HENRY STRAPP, Killed in Action, 25th Oct., 1916."

With two such beautiful enrichments already added to our Sanctuary windows, we trust that before long other donors may be found to complete the scheme set out by the artist for the remaining five.

G. R. O.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Club was held at No. 7, Timber Street, Maritzburg, on the 7th October. There was a very small attendance. It is hoped that next year we shall be able to revive the former custom of an Annual Meeting at the School. Mr. J. B. Calder, Box 277, Durban, has taken over the work of Secretary of the Club, in place of Mr. J. J. L. Sisson, who has resigned after filling the post for several years.

The Old Boys' Club has generously voted a sum of £5 per annum, to be expended on an annual prize for the best essay by any boy present at the School, upon a subject connected with South Africa. The subject and the conditions of the competition are to be decided by the Rector. The first competition will be held next year, and particulars will be announced early in the year. It should attract a good field of competitors.

MARRIAGES.

Cowie—White.—"A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Greyville, on Wednesday, June 8th, the contracting parties being Mr. Perrott Paxton Cowie, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cowie, well-known Durban residents, and Miss Eva White, daughter of Mrs. White, of Holmewood, Southampton, England. The Church was beautifully decorated with white carnations, sweet peas, and maiden hair. The Right Rev. Bishop Delalle, O.M.I., officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Sormany, O.M.I. (Cathedral), and the Rev. Father Serrière, O.M.I. (Greyville). As the bride entered the Church leaning on the arm of Mr. C. C. Cowie (who gave her away) the Choir sang the beautiful 'Gloria' from Farmer's Mass."

Eccles—Bagnell.—At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Pietermaritzburg, on Wednesday, April 27th, 1921, Launcelot W. G. Eccles, M.C., to Viva Margot, daughter of Mrs. E. S. Bagnell.

Winter—Armstrong.—At St. Matthew's Church, Estcourt, on June 8th, 1921, by Canon A. P. Troughton, Ralph Elwyn, youngest son of the Hon. H. D. Winter and Mrs. Winter, of Estcourt, to Edith Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Armstrong, Campsie Glen, Ennersdale.

ORDINATION.

Eric F. Pennington, B.A. (N.U.C.), was ordained to deacon's orders at Oxford on Sunday, September 18th, 1921.

T. C. Lloyd, who graduated at N.U.C. in December, 1920, sailed for England on the 13th May last to enter London University.

In the *Natal Witness* of the 9th August, under the heading "Newcastle's Mayor: The Youngest First Citizen in the Union," there appeared a short account of the election of Councillor Frank Greaves, junr., son of Senator the Hon. Frank and Mrs. Greaves, to that office on Saturday, August 6th. Mention was made of the fact that he was the first Newcastle-born boy to be appointed and also to his energetic work on behalf of the local cricket club and the Estates Committee.

As we go to press, news arrives that the marriage between Christopher Stainbank and Miss K. Spiers will be celebrated at Eston on November 29th.

ACROSTICS.

(BY OUR SPECIAL ACROSTIC EDITOR.)

Prizes, to the value of One Guinea, will be awarded to those who send in the best solutions to the three Double Acrostics printed below.

Solvers must adopt a *nom-de-plume*.

Solutions must be sent in within one week of the day on which this *Chronicle* is issued.

THE FIRST ACROSTIC.

The Upper Fifth must bear in mind
This date, or they'll be left behind.

1. Tooth-extractor designating.
2. Just enough I'm contemplating.
3. Waxy and illuminating.
4. Fairy gives a clue.
5. Hark! in Paris noon is striking.
6. For her Tony had a liking.
7. Don't try silly ones when "biking."
8. Torn, and paid when due.

THE SECOND ACROSTIC.

You must allow
You've got it now.

1. S.P.C.K. in disorder.
2. A walk, or a month, or a border.
3. "Four," says the Bisley recorder.
4. Lady of old, holding spindle.
5. This is to err—there's no swindle.
6. Cannibals—unknown to Bindle.
7. Odd? Ask mechanical "benchman."
8. "With it I see," says the Frenchman.
9. What we expect from a henchman.

THE THIRD ACROSTIC.

Look above and look below.
What it is the lights will show.

1. A hatchet, please—the bird has flown away.
2. Suppose yourself the middle of the Sun.
3. You must not make it, or you'll go astray.
4. Why "swank" so much? You've only just begun.
5. A schooner famed in verse by "lanky chap."
6. Now write it clearly: 'tis by no means tough.
7. Last of the Tribunes; let him fill the gap.
8. Measure: you see examples here enough.

CADET CORPS NOTES.

The following promotions have been made:—

As from 1st January, 1921:

- Sergt. R. L. Harris, to be R.-S.-M.
- Corpl. L. T. H. Trotter, to be Sergeant.
- Corpl. C. M. Melville, to be Sergeant.
- Corpl. A. P. Woods, to be Sergeant.
- Corpl. R. C. Miller, to be Sergeant.

As from 30th June, 1921:

Cadet C. J. Saville, to be Corporal.
 Cadet C. J. J. Crowe, to be Corporal.
 Cadet R. G. Armstrong, to be Corporal.
 Cadet G. T. Stokes, to be Corporal.
 Cadet J. A. Cottrell, to be Corporal.
 Cadet L. T. Drew, to be Corporal.
 Cadet F. H. R. M. Young, to be Corporal.

The Band, as usual, have fairly done their part in giving the necessary touch which does so much to enable the Regiment to maintain its fine marching order. It is not all who carry a bugle who are buglers, nor all who beat a drum who are drummers, for it is necessary to pass a stiff test in the use of each instrument before the coveted badge can be worn. The Bugler's Badge has been won by Cadets F. E. W. Fynney and G. T. Ross.

R.-S.-M. Harris and the Troop Leaders (Sergeants H. J. D. Elliot, C. M. Melville, L. T. H. Trotter, R. C. Miller, and A. P. Woods) are indebted to the kindness of Instructor-Sergeant-Major Barden, who presented them respectively with gold crown and chevrons.

The Corps paraded in Maritzburg at the ceremony of the presentation of Regimental Colours to the 10th S.A.I. An account of the occasion will be found elsewhere.

It is regretted that there is to be no Cadet Camp this year, owing to the fact that the Union Government find it necessary to curtail expenses.

As soon as it is possible to get our rifle range put in order we hope to be able once again to start rifle shooting with the service rifle. Eight .303 short M.L.E. rifles have been supplied. These will be sufficient to start on, and perhaps in the distant future the authorities may decide that fifteen marksmen require more than one rifle.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

This competition was fired for by our team on our miniature range on the 17th June. The weather conditions were fairly good. Sergt. C. M. Melville was selected Captain of the team. We are once again indebted to Mr. G. Burgmann, who kindly consented to be Range Officer for the day. Though the average

score this year was higher than that of 1920, Michaelhouse will not hold the proud position of first among the Natal Schools in this competition. The scores are as follows:—

	D.	R.	T.
Corpl. R. G. Armstrong	36	36	72
Cadet R. S. Armstrong	36	39	75
Corpl. R. H. Blackmore	39	30	69
Corpl. J. A. Cottrell	35	29	64
Cadet G. C. Hart-Davis	35	34	69
Cadet W. L. Martin	37	43	80
Corpl. J. W. McKenzie	38	40	78
Sergt. C. M. Melville	38	25	63
Sergt. R. C. Miller	36	28	64
Cadet G. A. Shaw	34	30	64
Corpl. G. T. Stokes	35	22	57
Sergt. A. P. Woods	39	30	69
Corpl. F. H. R. M. Young	41	26	67
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	479	412	891
	—	—	—

Average 68.54.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLOURS.

On March 21st, 1921, the School Cadet Corps travelled to Maritzburg to parade for the presentation of Colours to the 10th South African Infantry. As the presentation of Colours to a Regiment is a very rare occurrence—only taking place either when a new Regiment is formed or when the Colours of an old one are shot away—we were all glad of the opportunity to witness the ceremony.

We paraded in the quadrangle at about 10.30 a.m. and marched to the Station. There we boarded the special Cadet Troop train conveying Cadets between Mooi River and Maritzburg. At lunch-time school rations, in the shape of bread and butter, were issued on the train. Maritzburg was reached at 1.30 p.m. Here arrangements had been made for our Corps

to receive light refreshments on the platform. After we had regaled ourselves on tea and cake we fell in, along with Hilton, outside the Station, and, headed by our Band, marched to the parade ground in front of the Pavilion in the Park.

The ceremony was due to begin at 3 o'clock, so shortly before the hour, when the markers had been posted, the Cadets of the various Schools, including Hilton, Maritzburg College, St. Charles', and Michaelhouse, took up their positions. First there was an inspection by General Beranger; then medals were presented by him to several men belonging to different Regiments. Most of these had rejoined the Maritzburg Borough Police after returning from the front.

Three sides of a square were now formed by the Cadets, and the ceremony of presentation began. A hymn was sung to the accompaniment of the Carbineer Band, which was in attendance. This was followed by a prayer and an address by His Lordship the Bishop of Natal, in which he briefly explained the object of the gathering and gave an account of the activities of the 10th S.A.I. during the late War.

Members of the Regiment, in mufti for the most part, to the number of eight, now marched up and halted about twenty yards from the Colours, which were next blessed by the Bishop and presented to one of the men belonging to the Regiment, who then marched back to the remainder of the squad in slow time.

The Cadets now took up their original position, and, headed by the Colours under escort, marched past the Pavilion, in front of which General Beranger received the salute.

The crowd that assembled to witness the proceedings was a considerably larger one than is usually seen in Maritzburg, and gave the Pavilion a very gay and animated appearance. The sides of the Oval were also packed, mostly with school children.

After the march past the Colours were escorted by the Hilton Cadets to the Church, where they were deposited.

Meanwhile we left the parade ground. Our idea was to get into Church Street, but after some minutes of marching our worthy R.-S.-M. lost his bearings! However, we at last emerged into the main street and made for the Station.

Our march up the town caused quite a sensation, and great enthusiasm was shown by a large crowd of inhabitants,

consisting mainly of Indians and Kafirs, who accompanied us as far as the Station. They all seemed particularly interested in the big drum.

At the Station several parents had gathered. They were all impressed by the smart appearance of the Cadets.

Soon afterwards we again boarded the train, and reached the School at about 7.30 p.m., greatly edified by the experiences of a most enjoyable day.

C. M.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on Saturday, September 24th. The heats and also the Long Jump were decided earlier in the week. A large gathering of parents and friends of the boys assembled to watch the long and varied programme. Although no records were broken, the results were on the whole satisfactory.

The 100 Yards Open proved a most exciting event. The opinion of critics seemed to be divided. Jory just managed to beat Harris, with Elliot ma. as third man.

In the 220 Yards Open, Harris, after obtaining the lead, was overtaken by Elliot ma. and beaten by inches. At this juncture Harris, who, unfortunately, was feeling indisposed, had to retire for the afternoon. It was unfortunate, as he is certainly one of our strongest runners.

Everyone was pleased with Cottrell's performance in the Mile. From the very commencement of the race he got ahead, and won comfortably in 5 minutes 11 seconds. If we take into consideration that Cottrell ran with a bad ankle, and in consequence was unable to train, we must regard his performance as very creditable.

The Long Jump was somewhat disappointing. Most of the competitors appeared to be mere novices, and we feel that a greater effort has to be made in this direction in future.

The High Jump Open, as well as the Under 16, was well contested. The ground, unfortunately, is not suitable for jumping, and this no doubt spoilt all chances of obtaining good results.

The Derby Race was substituted for the first time for the Sack Race, and caused great laughter as rider, horse, and cart came to grief.

In the Under 16 events, Leslie was the hero of the day. He won the 100 Yards (under 15), 220 Yards Handicap, 440 Yards (under 16), and the 220 Yards (under 15). Leslie is a most promising young runner, and ought to prove a tower of strength in the near future.

The Senior and Junior Relay Races were not very interesting. Perhaps this was largely due to the fact that the best competitors did not run on account of the quick succession of events.

In the remainder, McKenzie ii. deserves credit for being an easy winner in Throwing the Cricket Ball; while young Hall, by putting up a splendid fight in the Mile and in the winning of the Half-Mile Handicap, promises to be a very fine runner in time to come.

The Dan Taylor Cup (floating trophy) and the Eric Strapp Prize were won by Elliot ma. (9 points). The runner-up was Young (8 points). The latter obtained a second place in the 440 Yards and also in the Mile and a first in the Half-Mile Open. He is a determined runner, and his victory in the Half-Mile over Elliot came as a surprise to many.

We are indebted to the members of the staff and others, who acted as judges, to Mr. Bishop and Mr. Adair, starter and timekeeper respectively, and finally to Mrs. Byrne for her kind gift of refreshments to the School.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS.

OPEN EVENTS.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, McKenzie ii.; 2, Fynney; 3, Elliot ma. 98 yds.

Long Jump.—1, Jory; 2, Blackmore. 15ft. 10½in.

High Jump.—1, Melville; 2, Gibson i. 4ft. 11in.

100 Yards.—1, Jory; 2, Harris; 3, Elliot ma. 11 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Elliot ma.; 2, Harris; 3, Jory. 24 sec.

440 Yards.—1, Elliot ma.; 2, Young; 3, Moultrie. 57 sec.

Half-Mile.—1, Young; 2, Elliot ma.; 3, Moultrie. 2 min. 24 sec.

Mile.—1, Cottrell; 2, Young; 3, Stokes; 4, Campbell i. 5 min, 11 sec.

JUNIOR EVENTS.

100 Yards (under 15).—1, Leslie; 2, McKenzie iv.; 3, Gibson ii. $12\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

100 Yards (under 16).—1, McKenzie iv.; 2, Sperry; 3, Mowat. $12\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

220 Yards (under 15).—1, Leslie; 2, McKenzie iv.; 3, Gibson ii. $27\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

440 Yards (under 16).—1, Leslie; 2, McKenzie iv.; 3, Hill. $63\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

High Jump (under 16).—1, Beningfield; 2, Reid. 4ft. 7in.

OTHER EVENTS.

220 Yards Handicap.—1, Leslie; 2, Gibson. $23\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Half-Mile Handicap.—1, Hall and Mills; 3, Hamilton. 2 min. 12 sec.

The Derby Race.—1, Gibson i., Miller i., Soper ii.; 2, McKenzie ii., Tomlinson, Pennington ii.

Senior Relay Race.—1, D Team (Harris, Trotter, Blackmore, Clemmans); 2, C Team (Armstrong ii., Elliot ii., Gibson ii., Armstrong i.).

Junior Relay Race.—1, Lower Dormitory; 2, South Dormitory.

Victor Ludorum.—Elliot i.

O. L. C.

Sports Secretary.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Not for many years have we had such a successful season as the one that has just closed. It started a little late, and we were some time finding our form. Out of our first five matches we lost three, but then right to the end of the season we had one long series of triumphs. It is true that we lost one more match, but this game was perhaps our best performance of the whole season, as we only lost to the Wasps-Wanderers in the first round of the Murray Cup by the narrow

margin of two dropped goals to two tries. As the Wasps-Wanderers eventually won the Murray Cup, we have little reason to be ashamed of the fight we put up against them. In inter-School matches, after losing rather unluckily our first game against the College by a very narrow margin, we won six matches straight off, scoring 147 points to 9. These included two wins by substantial margins against the College, which gave us particular satisfaction, as it was nearly sixteen years since we had beaten our old rivals. On the whole, we were singularly free from accidents, and, although we were hardly ever able to play quite our best team, still we never had to go into the field with a weak side. We were also singularly lucky in having five such useful three-quarters, with the result that our line was very little weakened when one of the regular four dropped out. A large amount of the success of the team was due to the conscientious training that they voluntarily underwent, and it says much for their enthusiasm that, in spite of all the counter-attractions of Durban, practically the whole team turned out every day, under Mr. Adair's able guidance, to do their Swedish exercises. Coming now to the play of individuals, although undoubtedly the great success of the season was due to the combined excellence of our backs, still pride of place certainly belonged to our Captain, J. D. Elliot, as the best individual player, who led the forwards. A tremendous worker, he never tired. Never sparing himself, already ready to cut back to help in defence, he was a tower of strength to the side. He had the happy faculty of being nearly always in the right place at the right time, with the result that for a forward he scored a great number of tries. On his form in Durban he had the great honour of being picked for Natal against the Free State, and we heartily congratulate him on this well-earned distinction. Armstrong was the next best forward. A real hard-working, bullocking forward, he lacked the pace to shine in the loose. Miller, who started the season as full-back, showed unexpected powers as a forward. In Durban particularly he shone, and he should go far if he stays in the pack. Gibson was uncertain. At his best a brilliant forward, at times he was too inclined to shirk the scrum, though he certainly improved as the season went on. He was also too inclined to be offside. Hart-Davis also improved a lot as the season went on. With his great weight we look to see him do great things next season. Woods was the unlucky man of the side. Early in the season a broken wrist kept him out of

half-a-dozen matches, and as soon as he started playing again a heavy fall, causing slight concussion, laid him up. He plays more a five-eighth game than a forward, but at his best he was very useful. He and Hart-Davis were our best men at the line-out. Stokes was a very hard worker, but still light. He was probably the best hooker in the pack, but our hooking was generally poor. Cottrell was another hard worker, but he, too, is very light. His collaring, however, was very good. Of the other forwards who played from time to time for the team, easily the best was Saville. He was a little disappointing in not improving as the season went on. This was probably due to his being somewhat overgrown for his age, and he is another whom we expect to do great things next season. Clemmans, Drew, and Crowe were all useful hard-working forwards. Our halves—Parker at scrum and Trotter at fly—combined splendidly, and luckily were neither of them ever laid aside by accident. Much of our success was due to the pace with which Parker managed to get the ball away from the scrum. Trotter's handling was magnificent, and he very frequently managed to get his threes going, even when our forwards were over-weighted and coming on top of him. Young and Melville, with Trotter, formed a fine combination. Their handling of the ball in match after match was greatly admired. The weakness of all our backs was in touch-finding. In this we were outclassed by most of our opponents, and it was only by our really good passing and taking of passes that we managed to make up for this. Young was a tower of strength in defence and a difficult man to stop. His play in Durban pleased the selectors so much that he was picked as reserve in one of the Natal matches—a well-deserved honour. Of the wings, Harris was invaluable. A heavily-built fast runner, without being particularly dodgy, he was very difficult to stop once he got going, as the big number of tries he scored attest. He had the great satisfaction of bringing his total tries scored for the School since he got into the team to 34. He has thus scored over 100 points—we think, a unique record. Jory was uncertain. At his best really brilliant, he sometimes failed unaccountably to take his passes. With a really clever side-step, we do not consider that he quite fulfilled the promise that he showed early in the season. McKenzie was very unlucky in not getting a permanent place in the team. A strong runner, he showed brilliant form at times, and always proved an admirable substitute, whether at inner or wing. And, lastly, our full-

back, Blackmore. His collaring was always safe, but his fielding at times was uncertain. However, he always kept his head, and consequently managed to clear in time. As our line was only crossed five times in the ten matches in which he played, it will be seen that he was quite adequate, but, in company with practically the whole team, his touch-kicking lacked accuracy. To Elliot, as Captain, and Trotter, as Vice, a large amount of the success was due. The whole team worked most harmoniously under them. The weak point of the team was undoubtedly the kicking. Our goal-kicking at times was positively deplorable, and, with the exception of Young, the touch-finding was equally bad. Our thanks are due to Mr. Adair for the large amount of time he devoted to the training of the team. The results were very visible, in that we nearly always did well in the last ten minutes of the match.

Our Second XV. also had a most successful season, winning three and drawing one out of four matches. It is a great pity that more matches cannot be arranged for them. Unfortunately, two had to be cancelled owing to illness. McKenzie was, of course, a tower of strength whenever he played. Campbell and Elliot show great promise as inners and Fynney is fast on the wing. If, as is more than likely, this is our First XV. line next year, we do not think that there will be any great falling off from the high standard of this year. Shaw shows very good promise as fly half and Wilson should do all right at scrum. Right at the end of the season Armstrong ii. was taken out of the scrum, where he had played an excellent game, and proved himself a sound full-back. His place-kicking in the last match was better than anything done for the First XV. Of the forwards not already mentioned, Jones and Reid did plenty of useful hard work; Philipps came on with a rush at the end of the season, and Truscott, Ross, and others showed the great value of the coaching given them by Mr. Bishop in Second Game.

There was no want of enthusiasm in the Junior Games, and the one match arranged for the Juniors proved a great success. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Bishop, Mr. Adair, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Crawford for their invaluable help, particularly in the arduous and generally thankless task of refereeing.

FIRST XV. RESULTS.

PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.	DRAWN.	—POINTS—	
				FOR	AGAINST.
15	11	4	0	284	68

SECOND XV. RESULTS.

PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.	DRAWN.	—POINTS—	
				FOR	AGAINST.
4	3	0	1	53	11

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First XV. Matches.

MICHAELHOUSE v. NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Played at Balgowan on Saturday, April 30th, and resulted, after a fast and good game, in a win for the N.U.C. by 11 points (1 goal and 2 tries) to 7 (1 dropped goal and 1 try).

Michaelhouse won the toss, and elected to play down-hill. For the first ten minutes play settled in midfield, with little advantage to either side, though it could easily be seen that that the Natal University College three-quarters, particularly Shaw and Evans on the left wing, were faster than the School three-quarters and likely to prove dangerous. It was Michaelhouse, however, who opened the scoring. A nice three-quarter movement was started by Trotter, and ended in Harris racing across close to the touch-line. The kick failed. Not long after the resumption Young obtained in a good position and dropped a nice goal. This seemed to put the Natal University College threes on their mettle, and, after several promising movements had been spoilt by mishandling, Shaw and Evans got away and enabled Evans to score close to the line. The kicked failed. Soon after half-time arrived with Michaelhouse leading 7—3.

The game started very fast after the interval, and it was not long before Dugmore, with a fine forward dribble, scored under the posts. The kick struck the cross-bar and rebounded. After this, for a time the Natal University College attack was very strong and their threes dominated the game. A fair piece of combination among them ended in Shaw scoring. This try

was nicely converted by Harrison. The School team improved greatly after this, and several forward rushes succeeded. For the last ten minutes the School were attacking vigorously all the time, but the defence was just too good, and time arrived with the visitors leading as stated. It was a fast and even match, in which the score just about represented the merits of the two sides.

Mr. Bishop's refereeing gave complete satisfaction to both sides.

Natal University College.—Phelps; Evans, Shaw (Captain), Harrison, Titlestad; Dent, Dyer; Dugmore, Alexander, Hardacre, Bullock, Gardener, Armitage, Egeland, Livingstone.

Michaelhouse.—Miller; Harris, Melville, Young, McKenzie; Trotter, Parker; Elliot (Captain), Armstrong, Stokes, Woods, Saville, Cottrell, Blackmore, Crowe.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* CEDARA.

Played at Michaelhouse on Saturday, May 7th, resulting in a win for the School by 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries) to nil.

The Cedara forwards worked very hard all through the game, but, probably owing to the absence of their two usual inners, they were weak in the three-quarter line. It was some time before the School three-quarters seemed to realise this, as, instead of opening the game up and using their speed, they did nothing but punt for touch, thereby missing several good opportunities of scoring. Young was the chief offender. As soon as they altered their tactics, and tried passing instead of kicking, an excellent run by Melville and Jory ended in Jory going through. Shortly afterwards a fine combined three-quarter movement ended in Harris scoring on the left. At half-time Michaelhouse were leading by 6 points to nil.

In the second half Jory and Harris each scored another try, both of which Woods converted. Jory, well served by Melville, played a fine game on the right wing, but the handling of the Michaelhouse backs was not as good as it should have been. The forwards on both sides played a good hard game, Kirkpatrick for Cedara and Elliot for the School being conspicuous.

Michaelhouse.—Miller; Jory, Melville, Young, Harris; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Stokes, Woods, Saville, Cottrell, Blackmore, Crowe.

Mr. Bishop was the referee.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

Played in Maritzburg on Saturday, May 14th.

Under the whistle of Mr. H. F. Dowling, the above teams took the field before a large crowd and a full stand. Michaelhouse kicked off down field, and for a few minutes play was of a ding-dong nature, neither side having much advantage. The visitors, however, as the result of three movements, got going nicely, but McKenzie held the ball too long and a good opportunity was lost. From the twenty-five kick the local side started pressing, Hesom gaining ground. Even exchanges ensued, and Bruyns just got Harris in time shortly afterwards. Later, however, Elliot got away and would have scored, but dropped the ball, the ensuing scrum giving the College an opportunity of relieving the pressure, and Galt was later brought down in the Michaelhouse twenty-five by Miller, who found a good touch. Midfield play followed, with a slight advantage to the College, but Woods gained ground from a subsequent line-out, and a nice Michaelhouse "three" move was thwarted by clean tackling. Exciting loose forward play followed, and things looked dangerous for the College for a while, and Elliot passed to another forward, a knock-on spoiling a certain try. Resultant play saw the pressure on the College relieved by good footwork, and later the local side was penalised for offside in their opponents' twenty-five. Good three moves following a fine kick by Miller, saw Michaelhouse make good progress and Jory nearly scored, a knock-on and subsequent twenty-five kick saving the situation for the College. Nel and his forwards relieved the pressure somewhat for their side, but a good Michaelhouse touch saw play taken to the College try line, where good forward work, in which Nel was again prominent, saw play taken to midfield, where a good Michaelhouse three move let Jory in to score, Kean failing to take his man. Wood's kick at goal failed. The following play saw Michaelhouse still possessing the ascendancy, and Elliot securing from the loose, resulting in both he and Young nearly scoring.

McKenzie later threw away a certain try by trying a drop instead of passing. No further score followed before half-time was sounded. Half-time score:—

Michaelhouse: 3 points.

College: Nil.

On resumption of play the College pressed very hard, and were unlucky not to score. Shortly afterwards, from a five-yard scrum, Paton secured and scored, and Nel, with a nice kick, converted. The College now had a lead of two points on their opponents, and very hard and fast play followed, in which Bruyns got in two fine kicks, but the pressure on Michaelhouse XV. was splendidly relieved by good three-quarter work. The College, however, maintained the better of the exchanges, and Wessels put in a fine run before being well tackled. Again Michaelhouse rallied, and the ball went up field. Michaelhouse were now pressing hard, but a College counter-attack was cleared by Young. The pressure was more or less in advantage of the College, and the local side really had the better of the second half, although Michaelhouse had the better and cleverer idea of the game. When time was sounded the score stood as follows:—

Maritzburg College: 5 points (1 goal).

Michaelhouse: 3 points (1 try).

A really fine game this was to watch, and Michaelhouse were, in the writer's opinion, by far the cleverer side. Their threes were more spectacular than effective and did not draw their men enough.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* HILTON COLLEGE.

Played at Balgowan on Saturday, May 28th, and resulted in a win for Michaelhouse by 28 points to nil.

The Hilton forwards for some time fully held their own and the Michaelhouse three-quarters got little chance. Later on, as the game opened up, the better combination and the greater speed of the Michaelhouse backs enabled them to pile up a good score. Harris scored four tries on the left wing, while Trotter and Jory scored one each. Elliot played a great game at forward for Michaelhouse, and scored two tries. The footwork and following up of the Michaelhouse forwards was

good, though Hilton more than held them at the beginning of the game in the scrum. The Hilton touch kicking was good, but in other respects their backs were very disappointing. The Michaelhouse place-kicking was deplorable. Only two out of eight tries were converted. Mr. Bishop, as referee, gave every satisfaction.

Michaelhouse.—Miller; Harris, Young, Melville, Jory; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Stokes, Gibson, Saville, Cottrell, Blackmore, Drew.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* DURBAN ROVERS.

Played at Balgowan on Tuesday, May 31st, and resulted in a win for the Rovers by 21 points to 13. The play on both sides was fast and open, and, from the spectators' point of view, it was by far the best game played this year on the School ground. The School forwards in the loose were particularly good, but were somewhat overmatched in the scrums by the heavier pack against them. They all worked hard, and Elliot and Gibson were very noticeable in the loose, both in attack and defence. Trotter was ever on the alert, and was especially clever in setting his backs in motion, even from forward attacks on the other side. The three-quarters handled well on the attack, and the three tries scored by the wings (Harris two and Jory one) were the result of good combined movements. The defence of the backs collective was weak, and it was this weakness that cost the School the match. The Rovers' forwards were particularly good at the line-out, and their greater weight enabled them to wear down the School in the majority of the scrums. The backs did not show any great combination, but Chantrell, through good individual play, atoned for this by scoring four tries. His quickness in seizing his opportunities enabled him to put in three brilliant runs. Raw scored the remaining try, and played a sound game at the base of the scrum.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable game, and Michaelhouse are particularly grateful to the Rovers for sending such a good side on so long a journey. This keenness to help Rugby in the schools will undoubtedly go far to improve the standard of the game in Natal in the near future. Teams:—

Rovers.—Chitty; Oldring, Macdonald, Chantrell, Cornelius; Raw, Francois; Goldby, Stainbank, Calder, De Villiers, Norris, Dewar, McBeth, Stuart.

Michaelhouse.—Miller; Harris, Melville, Young, Jory; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Stokes, Gibson, Saville, Cottrell, Blackmore, Clemmans.

MICHAELHOUSE v. CEDARA.

Played at Cedara on Saturday, June 11th, and resulted in a win for the School by 29 points (4 goals and 3 tries) to 3 (1 try). The Cedara forwards were much the heavier pack, and for the first half more than held their own. The only score up to half-time was 5—0 in favour of the School. Miller scored the try with a good run from half-way. After the interval the superior wind and training of the School began to tell. Trotter, as usual, was great in getting his threes going, and the score mounted rapidly. Harris (3), Jory (1), and Elliot (2) all scored for the School. During the last two minutes the Cedara forwards woke up and worked the ball down with a good rush, which ended in Maunsell scoring far out. Kirkpatrick for Cedara and Elliot for the School stood out among the forwards. Trotter converted four tries for the School.

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, McKenzie, Jory; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Gibson, Stokes, Saville, Cottrell, Miller, Crowe.

Cedara.—Bowles; Smith, Dealy, Gordon, Whittle; Lindbergh, Hilliard; Jennings, Fletcher, Green, Van der Plank, Maliny, Maunsell, Whittaker, Kirkpatrick.

MICHAELHOUSE v. ESTCOURT.

Played at Estcourt on Saturday, June 18th, and resulted in a win by 20 points to 0. A large number of our opponents had very little knowledge of the game, and a very scrappy game resulted. For us, Young, Armstrong, Trotter, Cottrell, Hart-Davis, and Jory each scored a try.

The hospitality and kindness that we received from Basil Ralfe went far to compensate for what was one of the poorest games of the season.

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, Melville, Jory; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Stokes, Saville, Cottrell, Miller, Drew, Hart-Davis.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* WASPS-WANDERERS.

(MURRAY CUP.)

Played in Maritzburg on Saturday, August 21st, and resulted in a win for the Wasps-Wanderers by 2 dropped goals to 2 tries.

Before a large crowd of spectators, Michaelhouse kicked off, the ball being fielded by Du Plessis, who found touch. Soon after the commencement Michaelhouse were awarded a free kick. The ball was kicked high, and Worthington gathered, and after a long run passed to Elliot, who was forced out of touch near the Michaelhouse try line. Loose play followed, and eventually Michaelhouse gathered and punted high, but the ball was held by Hooper, who found touch. Short three rushes by the Wasps-Wanderers carried play to Michaelhouse territory, and during one of them Cooper punted forward, but the Michaelhouse full-back knocked-on. During the ensuing scrum Michaelhouse were given a free kick owing to "foot-up" by the Wasps-Wanderers, Michaelhouse finding touch near midfield. The Michaelhouse three-quarters got going, which movement ended in Harris scoring near the corner flag. The kick at goal failed (Michaelhouse, 3 points; Wasps-Wanderers, 0).

After the restart Cliff obtained and found touch in the Michaelhouse twenty-five line. The forwards at this stage were having a great struggle, the Wasps-Wanderers being slightly superior. During play at midfield the Wasps-Wanderers were awarded a free kick, Ceronio's drop at goal striking one of the poles. It was a magnificent kick. Michaelhouse returned to the attack, but the Wasps-Wanderers' forwards were too good and returned play to the Michaelhouse twenty-five, where from a loose movement Cliff obtained and dropped a lovely goal (Wasps-Wanderers, 4 points; Michaelhouse, 3).

The Wasps-Wanderers started another three-quarter movement, but ended when McLaren, who was playing a good game, was forced out near the opposing corner flag. The Michaelhouse forwards replied with a great rush, but Cooper saved by fielding the ball and kicking to touch. From the line-out Ceronio caught the ball, and, after dodging a few opponents, dropped a beautiful goal from the half-way line (Wasps-Wanderers, 8 points; Michaelhouse, 3).

The Wasps-Wanderers' three-quarters were called upon on several occasions, but, although they found the defence solid, they nevertheless gained valuable ground. The Michaelhouse forwards then seemed to get going, but the rushes were often spoiled by kicking the ball too hard, more often than not right into Hooper's hands, who had no real difficulty, under the circumstances, in clearing. Another free kick for the Wasps-Wanderers saw Ceronio attempt a drop, but the ball found touch instead. As a result Michaelhouse were compelled to touch down. From subsequent play Hooper found touch, and later McLaren, when in a good position, fumbled. A five-yard scrum saw play relieved to midfield, but the Wasps-Wanderers relieved the pressure and again were attacking when half-time arrived. Half-time score:—

Wasps-Wanderers: 8 points.

Michaelhouse: 3 points.

The Wasps-Wanderers attacked on the resumption of play. McLaren a little later tried a drop when a three move would have been more advisable, and the ball went dead. At a later stage McLaren gathered and found touch, but the Michaelhouse forwards transferred an extremely dangerous attack to advantage by judicious footwork and carried play upfield. Here they let the three-quarters have it, and a fine bout of passing ended in Harris scoring in the corner. The kick at goal failed, and the Wasps-Wanderers now had a lead of 8 points to 6.

Subsequent play saw Anderson gain good ground, but short touch-finders eased the situation for the visitors, and the leather was carried over the Wasps-Wanderers' dead-ball line. At a later stage midfield play followed, and Stodel and Ceronio were penalised for offside and hands in scrum respectively, neither kick gaining the visitors any great advantage. Again the Wasps-Wanderers attacked, and Du Plessis gained good ground, and a score would almost certainly have resulted had he passed instead of being tackled in possession. The

Wasps-Wanderers were now pressing hard, and the visitors were compelled to touch down. The Michaelhouse defence was magnificent, and neither side possessed much advantage, the exchanges being comparatively even. Worthington hurt his arm badly after a grand run, and it was rumoured that his wrist was broken. Nevertheless, he pluckily continued playing. Give-and-take play of a furious nature followed, and both sides had bad luck in not scoring. Excitement was now at fever pitch, and the match was anybody's game. With but half a minute to go and the leather in midfield, Woods, when jumping for the ball, fell on his head, and had to be taken off the field unconscious. Half a minute later the game ended, and the Wasps-Wanderers emerged victorious from one of the most exciting and fierce encounters that has ever been witnessed on a local ground. Final score:—

Wasps-Wanderers: 8 points (2 dropped goals).

Michaelhouse: 6 points (2 tries).

Mr. Hay controlled an excellent game in a very able manner.

Now to refer to the game. In the writer's opinion the score just reflects the game, and Michaelhouse has every reason to feel proud of the side which represented her in Maritzburg. The visiting team is brimful of talent, the outstanding players in the back division being Trotter and Young. A wonderfully well-balanced side, Michaelhouse Rugby players will go far in the realms of Natal, and perhaps South African Rugger.

The local side was not at its best on Saturday, and has put up better performances. Their handling was bad, and had they combined more they must have undoubtedly scored three or four tries.

Wasps-Wanderers.—Hooper; McLaren, Cooper, Worthington, Elliot; Cliff, Anderson; McIntyre, Ceronio, Du Plessis, Steinhobel, Stodel, Brokensha, Pearse, Hart-Davis

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, Melville, Jory; Trotter, Parker; Elliot, Armstrong, Gibson, Miller, Woods, Hart-Davis, Stokes, Cottrell.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. (RETURN.)

Played in Maritzburg on Saturday, September 3rd, and, after the fastest and prettiest game of the season, resulted in

a win for the School by 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries) to 11 points (1 goal and 2 tries).

A large crowd had gathered round the Rugger field to witness the game between the above teams, who took the field as follows, under the whistle of Mr. Len Hay:—

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, Melville, McKenzie; Trotter, Parker; Elliot (Captain), Armstrong, Gibson, Miller, Hart-Davis, Cottrell, Stokes, Saville.

University.—Phelps; Tittlestad, Morin, Shaw, Evans; Dent, Bayer; Pennington (Captain), Dugmore, Alexander, Winder, Livingstone, Armitage, McGuire, Egeland.

From the kick-off fast even play followed until Harris got away and gained good ground before being tackled by Shaw. At a later stage McKenzie made good ground before being well taken by Dent. Neither side was having much of an advantage until McKenzie later broke away, but Tittlestad saved in the nick of time. Play then went back to the visitors' territory (after a penalty place against the N.U.C. had failed), and Evans secured from a cross kick by Tittlestad, and, making good headway, passed to Shaw, who just got over to score. Pennington failed with the kick. The Michaelhouse XV. hustled matters now, but play of a ding-dong nature followed, and Harris later got away, but was checked by Morin. Shaw, securing from a subsequent scrum, found a good touch, but a magnificent Michaelhouse rush saw play carried dangerously near the N.U.C. try line, where the defending side were penalised, Trotter having bad luck with a drop kick. Play was then carried back to the Michaelhouse defence, but Elliot led a good rush down field. Subsequent play saw Harris secure and put in a magnificent run to score between the posts, Trotter converting (Michaelhouse, 5 points; N.U.C., 3). Subsequent play was of a fairly even character, but again Michaelhouse swept down the field, Dent touching down in the nick of time. Score at half-time:—

Michaelhouse: 5 points.

N.U.C.: 3 points.

Exciting play followed after the interval, a faulty pass by Shaw to Morin spoiling a golden opportunity. A minute later Shaw had bad luck in not scoring a drop goal, and again the N.U.C. attacked and Shaw was almost over, but a visitor touched down in the nick of time. The N.U.C. were now

having the best of play, but a good touch kick took play up field, where, from a fumble by Phelps, Elliot secured and scored near the posts, Trotter failing with the kick (Michaelhouse, 8 points; N.U.C., 3). On the resumption after the kick-off Shaw made a good opening, and was within an ace of scoring, when the N.U.C. were penalised for hands in the scrum. Subsequent play saw Michaelhouse attacking, and a nice wing movement transferred the game to Harris' wing for this player to score. Young's kick just missed its objective (Michaelhouse, 11 points; N.U.C., 3). From the kick-off the N.U.C. rallied and carried play to their opponents' twenty-five line. Play was thence carried to the Michaelhouse try line, but a three movement carried it right back to the N.U.C. twenty-five, where Morin secured and found touch. Later Phelps was forced to touch down, and Pennington subsequently was instrumental in carrying the leather to midfield. Inter-passing between Evans and Shaw resulted in Shaw going over near the flag. Winder failed from a difficult angle to convert.

This reverse appeared to rouse the School, who immediately pressed, and several times were within an ace of scoring. A touch down came as a relief to the N.U.C. The School fly half completely deceived the N.U.C. defence, and with a beautiful individual run scored in a good position. A clever kick completed a well-earned score.

From the kick the N.U.C. pressed, and, the ball going loose, McGuire dived on it for a try. Alexander converted.

From the kick-off Bayer mulled badly, nearly letting the School in. The play was waged up and down the field in a most exciting fashion, time being called with Michaelhouse the winners of a game that was well worth watching. The N.U.C. missed Dyer badly, and Phelps was shaky at full-back. Michaelhouse were also without their right wing and one forward. Nevertheless, the better side won. Mr. Len Hay ably handled the play. Final score:—

Michaelhouse: 16 points (2 goals, 2 tries).

N.U.C.: 11 points (1 goal, 2 tries).

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* CEDARA.

Played at Michaelhouse on Saturday, September 10th, and resulted, after a poor game, in a win for the School by 27

points (3 goals and 4 tries) to 0. The School were poorly represented—Elliot, Harris, and Blackmore all were absent owing to injuries—but, nevertheless, proved much too good for their opponents. McKenzie had plenty of opportunities, and took full advantage of them, scoring four tries. Clemmans, Cottrell, and Jory all scored once. Our place-kicking was poor.

Michaelhouse.—Miller; Jory, Melville, Young, McKenzie; Trotter, Parker; Armstrong, Gibson, Hart-Davis, Woods, Stokes, Cottrell, Saville, Clemmans.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

Played at Michaelhouse on Saturday, September 17th, and resulted in a win for Michaelhouse by 14 points (1 goal and 3 tries) to 4 (1 dropped goal). This was the last match of the season, and the great heat in which it was played militated greatly against good play, and showed clearly that it was time the season ended. The College played with five three-quarters, but, in spite of this, their seven forwards fully held their own with our eight and fully got their fair share of the ball. The handling of our threes was for once faulty and our touch-finding deplorable. In this latter department the College fairly outclassed us. Well though McKenzie played on the wing, we undoubtedly suffered considerably from Harris' absence. The first score came from a clever movement of Trotter. Just as he crossed the line the ball was knocked from his hands, but Armstrong, backing up well, secured and scored. The next came from a really brilliant run of Elliot's. A College forward secured in the line-out, but his pass back was intercepted by the latter, who then fairly outran his field and scored in a good position. The kick again failed. Half-time came soon afterwards with the score 6—0 in our favour.

Immediately on resuming the College came with a great rush, and for fully ten minutes pinned us within our twenty-five. During the course of this Drew dropped a pretty goal. Later, our training told its tale, and we were again able to take up the attack. From a scrum near the College line Woods scored. This try was also unconverted. Just in the last minute a really beautiful bout of passing between Melville and Jory ended in Melville scoring. The kick, from a difficult

angle, taken by Young, after striking both upright and cross-bar, was successful. The game in many ways was somewhat disappointing, but from our point of view it was a satisfactory finish to a brilliant season. Mr. Mowat was the referee.

The Inter-School Tournament.

This was played at Lord's, Durban, from June 25th to July 1st. A thoroughly enjoyable week's football resulted in little short of a triumph for us. Five teams participated this year. The Durban Technical High School made the fifth entrant, and fully justified their inclusion. The final log of the Tournament was as follows:—

					Points Scored.	Points.	
			Played.	Won.	Lost.	For	Against.
Michaelhouse	4	4	0	105	5	8	
Maritzburg College.	4	2	2	45	36	4	
Durban High School	4	2	2	25	20	4	
Hilton	4	1	3	14	92	2	
Technical H.S. ..	4	1	3	8	44	2	

Starting with a very easy win over Hilton on Saturday, on Monday we met Maritzburg College. This was an even game up to half-time, but in the second half our superior training told, and we were able at last to break through a very long series of defeats and register a win by a big margin. Following two days' rest, we met and easily overcame the Technical High School, though resting one or two of our team. On the last day, Friday, we played the Durban High School. This was the finest match of the Tournament. The High School played a great game, and it was only after a grim struggle that we kept our record unbeaten.

The arrangements of the Tournament went without a hitch, and great credit is due to Mr. Martin, of the Durban High School, who worked very hard to make the Tournament the success it was.

To our many kind hosts and hostesses in Durban we tender our hearty thanks for all they did to make our stay so pleasant.

FIRST MATCH.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON.

This match was played in the morning on Saturday, June 25th, and resulted in an easy win for us by 48 points (6 goals, 1 penalty, 5 tries) to nil. Hilton had a very light team this year, and were quite outweighed and overmatched. We scored in the first two minutes and at regular intervals all through the game. They were quite unable to stop our repeated three-quarter movements. Tries were scored for us by Harris (4), Elliot (4), Young (1), Melville (1), Miller (1). Mr. Martin, of the High School, referred.

SECOND MATCH.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

Played on Monday, June 27th, and, after a hard game, resulted in a win for us by 25 points (2 goals and 5 tries) to 5.

The teams lined out under the control of Dr. Drummond, as follows:—

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, Melville, Jory; Parker, Trotter; Elliot, Armstrong, Gibson, Stokes, Saville, Cottrell, Hart-Davis, Miller.

College.—Bruijns; Human, Newall, Steere, Jones; Nash, Proksch; Nel, Farrant, Hesom, Scoble, Potgieter, Galt, Adendorff, Berman.

Maritzburg College kicked off, and had the better of the game in the earlier stages of the play, rendered possible by several good punts to touch. Michaelhouse were soon away to the attack. Jory followed up a kick well and grassed Bruijns. Then the ball came out to Melville and on to Young and Harris, who was immediately grassed. Steere relieved the pressure with a useful punt to touch, and a further kick to touch by Human placed Maritzburg College close to Michaelhouse's lines. Here the ball was rushed across, and Hesom scored a try, which Nel converted, though to everyone except our touch-judge the ball appeared to go outside the line of the post. Michaelhouse came down the field with a rush. Bruijas was collared as he caught the ball and was grassed. Picking

it up, Miller crossed the line for a try, which was not converted. Michaelhouse was soon on the move again. Elliot and Armstrong, passing and re-passing, went half the length of the field, where Elliot scored the second try, which was unconverted. Michaelhouse had the lead of 6 points to 5. Blackmore found a good touch, but Jones, with a rush close to the line, took play to midfield, where a free kick to Maritzburg College went over the dead line. The drop-out was rushed down, and Maritzburg crossed the line, but the ball was touched down. Michaelhouse three-quarters got well away, but Harris was closely marked. He hesitated and the opportunity was lost. When the ball came out again Young dropped wide at goal. Maritzburg College forwards were playing a vigorous game, and a fly kick, after dribbling, took the ball across the line, where it was touched down. Hesom took his mark, but little ground was gained from the kick. Newall was applauded for several useful kicks to touch, as was Proksch. In this way Maritzburg was placed in a very favourable position, but Michaelhouse forward rushes and handling by the backs soon changed the position of affairs, until Potgieter found a very lengthy touch. Maritzburg College was heeling well, and the backs gained frequent opportunities, which went in punting to touch. Young and Melville combined before a lengthy kick took Michaelhouse over the half-way line. Half-time then came with Michaelhouse leading by 6 points (2 tries) to 5 (1 goal).

The first incident after the game was re-opened was a free kick to Maritzburg. Nel found a splendid touch. Then the ball came out to Harris, who got well away, but he slowed down as he approached Bruijns and was overtaken and grassed. Human intercepted a pass and gained ground. With play in the loose, Elliot threw himself towards the line and wriggled across for a try, which Young converted(amidst applause. Michaelhouse now led by 11 points to 5. Blackmore fumbled in fielding a punt. A little later he fumbled twice, and scrums took place on Michaelhouse twenty-five line. Bruijns shone in the face of a forward rush, and a punt by Steere drove the team back. Here Jory got well away, and then passed to Melville, who was collared a little short of the line. Smart heeling by Michaelhouse forwards enabled Parker to get the ball into the three-quarter line, and it went down to the left wing. Harris, who tried to run round the field, was thrown out of the field of play. From his own side of the half-way

line Jory came well away, but was brought down by Bruijns some ten yards out. From the ensuing scrum the Michaelhouse halves and three-quarters figured well. The ball went right down the line to Harris, who scored. Young failed to convert. A useful punt drove Maritzburg back on its defence. Then Parker whipped the ball away from the base of the scrum, and Melville and Young operated before Jory got his chance. He crossed the line for a try. The kick failed. His mark taken, Young dropped at goal from near the half-way, but the kick fell short. The attack continued. First Elliot made a bid for the line, but slipped and fell. Then Young broke through, but Bruijns took him low. Michaelhouse heeled out again, and the ball came right down the line. The end came to perfect passing with Harris again across the line. Young failed to convert. A few minutes later, Elliot, picking up in the loose, the line was crossed the seventh time for a try. Young converted. Time came and Michaelhouse had won its second match by 25 points (2 goals and 5 tries) to 5 (1 goal).

The superiority of Michaelhouse in the last quarter of an hour was very pronounced, and was an excellent example of the enormous value of hard and systematic training.

THIRD MATCH.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, McKenzie, Jory; Melville, Trotter; Elliot, Armstrong, Gibson, Miller, Stokes, Cottrell, Hart-Davis, Clemmans.

Technical High School.—Osler; Armstrong, Bellinger, Chaplin, Lambert; Schlarchik, Burns; Van Niekerk, Cotterill, Mason, Sheppherd, Roberts, Tedder, McKenzie, Harper.

Mr. J. R. Brokensha refereed the game, and Michaelhouse kicked off, the Technical playing five threes. After an exchange of kicks, Clemmans charged the Technical back and had a clear field, but fumbled. A free kick relieved the Technical. Trotter opened the score for Michaelhouse with an unconverted try. Harris from a three movement looked a certain scorer, but fumbled badly. Continuing the pressure, Gibson got over. Oster was playing soundly and saved twice. The Technical forwards took play to Michaelhouse twenty-five. At length

Michaelhouse scored a goal from a penalty. Gibson received from loose play and scored again, Trotter converting, and shortly before half-time Harris got over near the flag, when the score stood:—

Michaelhouse: 17 points.

Technical High School: Nil.

The second half saw the Technical playing a surprisingly good defensive game, with occasional attacks, mostly through the forwards. The Technical pressed for a short time on the left, but the Michaelhouse threes cleared. Trotter got possession and put in a nice run. Bellinger failed to score from a penalty to the Technical in a good position, and Van Niekerk was prominent. Elliot got away finely, but was grassed by Osler, and vigorous play ensued. Give-and-take play followed, Michaelhouse always being the more scientific side, and after a three movement Jory scored. The kick failed. Trotter and Harris got in some good work, and Osler was called upon to save, and shortly after Harris and Elliot were prominent. The last try was scored by Harris, which was not converted. Time went with the score:—

Michaelhouse: 23 points.

Technical High School: Nil.

FOURTH MATCH.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL.

Played on Friday, July 1st, and resulted in a win for Michaelhouse by 9 points (3 tries) to nil.

The final game in the Tournament was between Michaelhouse and Durban High School. Mr. S. A. Townsend was referee, and the teams lined out as follows:—

Michaelhouse.—Blackmore; Harris, Young, Melville, Jory; Parker, Trotter; Elliot, Armstrong, Gibson, Miller, Stokes, Saville, Cottrell, Hart-Davis.

Durban High School.—Siedle; Macpherson, Preen, Gray, Cottrell; Campbell, Greenhough, Gillatt, Brown, Watson, Cooper, Wulfes, Shepherd, Bullock, Coyne.

Michaelhouse kicked off, and Durban High School had the better of the early stages of the game, frequently getting possession of the ball and playing a fine open game. The tackling and the smothering tactics and speedy forwards on both sides made the football interesting to watch. Michaelhouse heeled, and the ball came down to Jory, who knocked on. Then Durban High School obtained, but the speed of the Michaelhouse backs spoilt the opposition three-quarters' chances of getting away. Michaelhouse shone in loose play. A fly kick saved a probable score. The pressure was continued. Again and again the three-quarters got going. Then Durban High School broke away, but Greenhough, to whom the ball came, hung on too long. With play at midfield, Trotter gained Michaelhouse ground with a free kick. Again the pack heeled, but Melville, to whom the ball came, knocked on. Twice in succession Durban High School pack heeled vigorously, but so keen had the tackling become that ground was gained chiefly by punts to touch. Blackmore saved splendidly in the face of a forward rush, and the game fluctuated slightly on either side of the line. Again the Michaelhouse full-back cleared with a fly kick in the face of a forward rush. If anything, Durban pack was slightly the better at this stage, with play in the loose. Several short rushes, and then Elliot picked up, to be grassed near the twenty-five line. The ball came out and went down the line to Harris, who out-ran the field for a try, which Young failed to convert. Shortly afterwards half-time came, with Michaelhouse leading by a try to nil.

Some fast play in the second half was followed by a free kick to Michaelhouse. It was taken by Young, but fell short, and Siedle touched down after the rebound. Durban High School soon rushed play down the field, but Greenhough fumbled behind the forwards. Again the ball came down the line to Harris, who was winded in the tackle. Play closed down on Durban High School twenty-five. Again and again Parker was smothered in possession of the ball, but the forwards took control of the game, until Siedle picked up brilliantly in the face of a forward rush and found touch. It was by far the most spectacular game of the Tournament. Harris, who had been knocked dizzy, had to be carried off the field of play, and Miller came out of the scrum to take his place on the left wing. Again and yet again Michaelhouse heeled from the scrum, but so deadly was the tackling that progress was made only by slow degrees. At last Melville put the finish to the finest pass-

ing of the afternoon, crossing the line for a try. Blackmore's kick hit the upright. Scarcely had the game been resumed when, as the ball was thrown in by Campbell from the line-out, Trotter caught it in the air and ran half the length of the field. Elliot, backing up well, was in position when Trotter reached Siedle, and scored easily. A few moments later Preen, for Durban High School, from a similar incident, nearly ran across for a try. Very exciting forward play followed. The line was crossed and the teams recalled for a five-yard scrum. Saville was at the head of a footwork movement, which temporarily relieved the pressure, and a lengthy touch took play to centre field. Time came, and Michaelhouse had won by 9 points (3 tries) to nil.

Second XV. Matches.

MICHAELHOUSE v. NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Played in Maritzburg on April 30th, and resulted in a draw of 6 points (2 tries) each. Mr. Pennington refereed, and a fast, clean game ensued. The N.U.C. forwards were heavier than ours, but we had an advantage in a better knowledge of the game. Hart-Davis and Fynney both scored for us. Hart-Davis and Ross Armstrong stood out among our forwards. We should probably have won had Jory on the left wing been better served by his inner. Team:—

Michaelhouse.—Edwards; Jory (Captain), Burdon, Campbell, Fynney; Shaw, Dyer; Moultrie, Clemmans, Armstrong, Hart-Davis, Jones, Reid, Truscott, Hallows.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE.

Played at Hilton on May 28th, and resulted in a win for us by 13 points (2 goals and 1 try) to nil.

Our pack was weakened by the absence, owing to injuries, of three of our heaviest forwards. In consequence of this the

Hilton forwards dominated the game and our threes had few opportunities. Twice McKenzie obtained and ran right through the whole field and scored. Fynney also obtained a try. If only our forwards could have given their backs even a reasonable chance we should have piled up a big score. Team:—

Michaelhouse.—Edwards; McKenzie ii. (Captain), Elliot, Campbell, Fynney; Shaw, Dyer; Crowe i., Clemmans, Armstrong ii., Reid, Jones, Truscott, Hallows, Dunn.

MICHAELHOUSE v. NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. (RETURN.)

Played at Balgowan on Saturday, August 20th, and, after a good game, resulted in a win for the School by 19 points (2 goals and 3 tries) to 5 (1 goal). The N.U.C. pack more than held their own against us, but our backs, particularly McKenzie iii., were much faster and far more accurate in their handling. McKenzie ii. played a great game, and scored twice. Fynney also scored twice on the left wing, while the fifth try was gained by Reid. Edwards' handling at back was very weak. McKenzie iv. did some splendid tackling, and should make a useful man when he knows the game better. Of the forwards, Armstrong was very conspicuous in the loose, while Saville got through an immense amount of work. Team:—

Michaelhouse.—Edwards; Fynney, Campbell, McKenzie ii. (Captain), McKenzie iv.; Shaw, Elliot; Saville, Clemmans, Drew, Crowe, Armstrong ii., Reid, Moultrie, Ross.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

Played in Maritzburg on Saturday, September 17th, and resulted in a win for us by 15 points (3 goals) to nil. The College forwards played a bustling kick-and-rush game, and had it not been for the sound play of Armstrong iii., who was playing his first game at back, would undoubtedly have scored more than once. Our backs missed McKenzie ii., who was playing for the First, but proved adequate, though Fynney's bad handling spoilt several chances. Campbell and Elliot, the inners, were sound, and McKenzie iv. was again good in defence. Campbell scored two tries and Drew one. Armstrong

ii. converted all three—a good performance. Our Second XV. thus again proved unbeaten for the season. Team:—

Michaelhouse.—Armstrong; Fynney, Campbell, Elliot, McKenzie iv.; Shaw, Wilson; Saville (Captain), Drew, Crowe, Moultrie, Clemmans, Reid, Jones, Philipps.

Junior Match.

MICHAELHOUSE (BUNNIES) v. CORDWALLES.

Played in Maritzburg on Saturday, October 10th, and resulted in a win for us by 15 points (1 goal, 1 dropped goal, and 2 tries) to 3 (1 try). We had intended to put in an under 14 team, but found we had not sufficient boys young enough in the School. Consequently three or four over-fourteens had to be included. This made us both the heavier and faster team, and the Cordwalles youngsters are to be congratulated on the plucky fight they put up. Their forwards dribbled well, and at half-time we were only leading by a dropped goal, kicked by Gibson, to a try. Later weight began to tell, and Lund, Gibson, and North each scored a try. One of them was converted by Lund. Team:—

Michaelhouse.—Mills (Captain); Shaw iii., Truscott ii., Tomlinson, Hamilton; Gilson, Fleming; Beck, Pennington, Lund, North, Cress ii., Cathcart, Glew, Miller mi.

An Ode to the First XV.

[WRITTEN IN ANAPAESTIC, TROCHAIC, IAMBIC, TETRAMETERS.]

- (1) From Kokstad Elliot, our Captain, hails;
In matches he seldom to score a try fails.
- (2) Trotter, Vice-Captain, is quick on his feet,
And in gathering the ball is exceedingly neat.
- (3) Harris, our wing, he comes from Zinguin;
He does a great deal our matches to win.

- (4) Armstrong major 's a Verulam man;
We wish we could do in the scrum what he can.
- (5) Young is the "three" of whom it was said:
"Plays as well with his feet as he does with his head."
- (6) Gibson's a forward who works very hard;
'Tis rough luck his beauty is by his face marr'd.
- (7) Miller is one of magnanimous build,
And many a player he's nearly killed.
- (8) Another "three" of much renown
Is Melville the "masher" of bonny Greytown.
- (9) On the wing is Jory, the 100 yards "crack,"
Who oftentimes side-steps the opposing full-back.
- (10) A ducker and dodger the First XV. lacks,
If they fail to play Blackmore, the best of the backs.
- (11) The half-back Parker is small efficient;
He seems to consider two feet insufficient.
- (12) "Jumbo," the gent. with the "walloping" waist,
Batters opponents and leaves them as paste.
- (13) Another forward is George T. Stokes,
Who is known to be good at telling jokes.
- (14) Look on the ground and you'll find there
Wee Jock Cottrell collaring fair.
- (14) Lastly comes Woods; but we're sorry to see
That he twice lost his balance in P.M.B.

R. H. B.

E. V. J.

R. B. A.

CRICKET PROSPECTS.

With the season already begun, it is perhaps rather a misnomer to speak of "prospects"; but, after all, very little has been seen of the School XI. as a team, and it is still in the experimental stage.

Up to Christmas there is no reason why the team should not be successful. All last year's side is available, and in batting two or three others have shown decided improvement—notably Shaw and Campbell. Indeed, Shaw has begun the season in most promising fashion. The batting throughout the side should be altogether more reliable than that of last year. One remembers the Zingari match—131 for 1 wicket, 159 for 5, and all out 179! We ought not to have collapses of that kind this season. From Melville we expect great things this year, and he should be more than a modest third to Woods and Trotter. He has opened the season well. Trotter is at present not to be compared with the Trotter of 1920, but no doubt this lapse from grace is merely temporary. Woods seems more subdued, but whether this will add to his effectiveness is open to question.

Our fielding should be not merely sound (one expects that in a School side), but really first-rate. If this estimate is to be realised, the catching will require much attention. The ground fielding is fairly sound. Stewart appears to have improved greatly in this respect.

The bowling is the problem. Nothing new has shown itself. Indeed, Jory would appear to be much more uncertain than he was last year. Whether this is due to striving, at one time after increased pace, at another after a leg-break, we cannot say, but certain it is that his bowling does not seem to present any difficulty to the batsman at the present time. A slower ball and fewer experiments would probably be beneficial. After all, *length* is the foundation of all bowling. Stewart does not appear to have developed much, but his steadiness is his great asset, and he ought to have a good season. We regret that Woods has to be used as a bowler, but certainly this season he appears more difficult than last year. He has more spin altogether. He should, however, drop his so-called "slow" ball, or, at least, try to make it somewhat less obvious. Wilson, if backed up by really good catching, should do very well. When he can bring the ball back with more "nip" off the pitch he will be a dangerous bowler. Hart-Davis bids fair to be the best wicketkeeper we have had since the days of Higgins.

There are several boys in the Junior Games who should be of great assistance later on. [Indeed, our outlook for the Easter quarter is black, and they may be needed almost at

once.] It behoves the Captains of the various games to mention any likely youngster to the Cricket Captain, so that he may get a chance. It is not easy with the limited time at our disposal to get to know the form of all the boys, and no doubt occasionally a boy does not come to the front through lack of opportunity. Captains of Games are urged to devote fifteen or twenty minutes to fielding practice before their games begin.

A. P. H.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Ascension Day evening, and again at Michaelmas, two most excellent entertainments were given under the direction of Mr. Bishop before the School and a large number of visitors.

Not content with training the actors and taking a leading rôle in the plays himself, our indefatigable producer continues to design and execute his own special scenery, plan and put up the staging, prepare the costumes, be his own stage-manager, and contribute generally to the concert programme into the bargain. Truly, Dionysus' own son! As it is, we suspect him of intimate personal relations with more than one leading actor-manager of the Union.

On May 5th the first part of the performance gave us a very varied fare, from kaffir dances and conjuring to more serious vocal and instrumental items.

The *pièce de résistance* of the evening was, of course, the musical comedy, "Carrottina," which proved a veritable Italian operetta with its delightful mixture of picturesque rustic dances, wicked dukes, and murderous bandits.

Mr. Bishop, a brilliantly-attired and most entertaining nobleman of the old school, captured all hearts by the topical references in his song and the peculiar wickedness of his ways. R. L. Harris, bearded brigand and aggressive School Board

Inspector, entered into his part with great keenness, and incidentally proved himself a "quick-change" artist.

A most winsome and self-possessed Carrottina, a blushing, energetic Mrs. Sellerbeer, and a handsome Stabarino completed the principal caste.

A special word of praise is due to Mr. Hall, musical director and accompanist, and to Mesdames Stuart and Roberts for so skilfully dressing up the "ladies."

PROGRAMME.

(1) The National Anthem. (2) Song, "A Lay of the Lee Metford Rifle," Mr. Bishop. (3) Kaffir Dance, C. H. Dyer and H. O. Lee. (4) Song, "The Vagabond," Mr. Owst. (5) Conjuring by the "Michaelhouse Nicola" (S. V. Humphries). (6) Two Irish Songs, Mr. Romer. (7) Pianoforte Solo, "Sylvette," C. A. Rawlings. Accompanists: Mrs. Bynoe and the Rector. (8) Musical Comedy, "Carrottina": The Duke of Daggernaught, Mr. F. S. Bishop; Pistoli (*alias* Job Robinson), R. L. Harris; Stabarino (*alias* Peter), R. C. Miller; Mrs. Sellerbeer, J. L. Parker; Carrottina, V. A. Impey; Villagers, R. G. Armstrong, W. V. Grimwood, G. O. Pennington, C. K. Trotter, A. J. Truscott, J. T. Wilson. Scene: Outside "The Empty Barrel." Musical Director: Mr. Hall. Stage Electrician: Mr. Adair. Wigs by W. L. Fort (Maritzburg). Dresser: Mr. Owst.

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For the Michaelmas Evening entertainment on Thursday, September 29th, Mr. Bishop had a still more ambitious project, which included three scenes from "She Stoops To Conquer"—a set book for the current Matriculation year—as well as a modern "Sketch," and involved no less than three changes of scenery. The outstanding features of the rest of the programme were the recitations by members of the Lower School and the singing of Pennington ii. and Truscott ii. The former of these two in particular has a good treble voice of very pleasing quality, heard at its best perhaps in the warmly-applauded duet with Truscott.

H. B. Chaplin deserves special mention for his clever reciting of a humorous piece from Leonard Flemming's "Fool on the Veldt." Mills, too, considering that he stepped into the place of another boy at an hour's notice before the performance, did remarkably well with "The Soldier's Dream," by Thomas Campbell. Both reflect great credit on Mr. Romer's careful training.

The "Garret" scene of the opening "Sketch" introduced a penniless heart-broken artist (Mr. Hall), his blind wife, ignorant of her husband's real condition (Mrs. Bynoe), and a very burly, though sympathetic, "Man in Possession" (Mr. Bishop), who, after playing the part of rent-collector, art connoisseur, philanthropist and gallant, turns out in the end to be no other than the long-lost uncle of the unfortunate pair. The unwinding of the bandage from Rose Woodleigh's eyes, at the dramatic moment of her recovery, caused quite a sensation by reason of its length. The successful issue of the operation was the signal for an outburst of "loud and prolonged cheering."

In the extracts from Goldsmith's celebrated play we were transported most realistically to the age of snuff, wigs, and silk knee-breeches. The "drawing-room" and "forest" scenes were exceedingly picturesque, the costumes cleverly made up, and the episodes sufficiently animated. Mr. Bishop, as usual the life and soul of the acting, looked a perfect Beau Nash but for his shock of red hair; and Mrs. Harcastle would have added dignity to any pump-room reception in the fashionable City of the West.

The management wish to say that they cannot speak too highly of the great help given by Mr. Owst and Mr. Byrne, who were largely responsible for the setting of the stage. Armstrong i., quite invaluable afterwards behind the curtain, rendered much assistance in this connection too. To Mr. Owst also the admirable making-up of all the characters was due. In this he excelled himself.

Our congratulations to everyone concerned for a most enjoyable evening!

PROGRAMME.

Part I.—(1) The National Anthem; (2) Sketch, "The Man In Possession": Alfred Woodleigh, Mr. Hall; John

Barker, Mr. Bishop; Rose Woodleigh, Mrs. Bynoe. (3) Pianoforte Duet, C. Rawlings and N. R. Reid. (4) Recitation, H. B. Chaplin. (5) Songs, Mr. Romer. (6) Pianoforte Solo, J. S. Robertson. (7) Duet, G. O. Pennington and A. J. Truscott. (8) Song, Mr. Owst.

Part II.—(1), (4) and (7) Scenes from “She Stoops To Conquer” (Goldsmith): Tony Lumpkin, Mr. Bishop; Mr. Harcastle, R. L. Harris; Mr. Hastings, E. V. Jory; Mrs. Harcastle, R. R. Butcher; Miss Neville, J. W. Parker; Servants, E. J. Clemmans and R. C. Miller; Stage Assistants as before. (2) Songs, Mr. Romer. (3) Pianoforte Duet, Mrs. Bynoe and G. O. Pennington. (5) Recitation, W. N. Mills. (6) Song, G. O. Pennington. (8) “God Save the King.”

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If the lightning-conductor was placed in the Upper Fifth classroom by mistake?

If B-ck-m-r- still goes looking for bees on Sundays?

Why some people don't go to Chapel on Sunday mornings?

Whether the early bird always gets a hiding instead of catching the worm?

How the camel got his hump?

On what occasions B-d-ge wears his new sports coat and bow-tie?

Whether the new rifles have rusted yet?

If the electric light is affecting the Hall clock?

If all hippopotami have pigeon chests?

Where W-d-s got his SMALL appetite?

Whether the running team went fishing on the 22nd October?

Who will pass the Matric.?

Whether G-b-n misses his dearly beloved?

Whether ALL bathroom songs are appreciated?

If M-l-t-e is about to receive the old-age pension?

If golf is the most popular game at Michaelhouse?

Why S-v-le is called "Ginger"?

If the new First Game mat was bought for the "bunnies"?

E. V. J.

R. H. B.

R. B. A.

MEMORIAL HALL.

It has been decided to postpone the building of the Memorial Hall until next year, 1922, in the hope of a decrease in cost of material and labour. The Fund stands at roughly £7,000. Further contributions from Old Boys and friends of the School will be gratefully accepted.

CHAPEL OFFERTORY ACCOUNT, 1920.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Chapel Building				By Balance in hand,			
Fund	3	2	4	January 1st	5	14	2
„ Natal Dioc. Soc.	1	16	8	„ Offertories	11	13	9
„ S.P.C.K.	1	16	9				
„ Cost of Surplice	3	16	0				
„ S.P.G.	1	2	0				
„ Communion							
Wafers	0	8	6				
„ S.A. Railways . .	0	2	1				
„ Laundry	0	2	0				
„ Balance in hand,							
December 31st . .	5	1	7				
	17	7	11		£17	7	11

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the following School Magazines which have reached us since last October:--"The Birkonian," "The Blue," "The Laxtonian," "The Shirburnian," "The Diocesan College Magazine" (Rondebosch), "The Durban High School Magazine," "The Johannian," "The University College Johannesburg Magazine," "The Jeppe High School Magazine," "The Sea Point Magazine," "The S.A. College School Magazine," "The St. Andrew's College Magazine" (Grahamstown).
