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Editorial.

The past year may, perhaps, be ranked among the most successful periods of our school life; and its importance to us lies not so much in the scholarly achievements of our students at the Junior and Senior Examinations (though we have every reason to be proud of our success in that direction), as in the fact that a wave of self-consciousness and responsibility has swept over the school. Last year saw the inauguration of a debating society, the firm re-establishment of a dramatic society, and the foundation of a school magazine. The intellectual side of our school life has received the greater part of our attention, but the unusual success of our First Eleven in cricket shows us that we have reached another important stage in our physical education.

Now we have returned to school, after an enjoyable spell of six weeks, with noble resolves for the future, perhaps only too soon to disappear like smoke in the air. Yet we must be very careful not to allow our energies to flag; especially as we are now undergoing an experiment with our new regime. Until the present system is in full swing, there is a great likelihood of the various forms, and the Senior forms in particular, suffering from the unsettled state of the time-table, and

the only too frequent interchange of masters. So it will be necessary for those who look forward to the capture of laurels at the forthcoming Junior and Senior Examinations, to keep their intellectual weapons keen and unsullied.

As to the success of the new "constitution," there can be no doubt. Shorter lessons and a greater variety of subjects tend to stimulate interest in our work, and we may safely state that the masters will soon cover as much ground in these short periods as they have hitherto done in their full-hour lectures. Then, on the Wednesday afternoon of each week, we enjoy a delightful half-holiday, when we lay all thoughts of study aside, and give free vent to our sporting tendencies. The Tennis Club has been revived, after a lapse of some months; the Swimming Club is being well supported, and all seem to be anxious to improve their physique.

It seems rather strange that we do not rank among the premier Great Public Schools in sporting attainments. It is fair for us to say that the S.H.S. possesses the crack Cadet Corps of the metropolis, and the qualities that go to make a successful soldier are also most important in the formation of a good sportsman. The cricket or football field is like a miniature battlefield. Discipline, courage, and determination are as necessary for victory in sport as they are in warfare. Why, then, is it that our football season last year was barren and fruitless? The answer lies in two simple reasons: Disparity in weight, size, and age has erected an opposing wall too strong to be battered down. Very few of our boys have reached the age of eighteen, and they, forced to compress the work of three years into eighteen months, can find little or no time for indulging in sport. But another, and far more important reason, lies in the fact that our interest is so much absorbed in the nourishment of our minds that we are prone to neglect the necessary exercise of our bodies. It is rather hard, we must admit, to expect a boy to sacrifice even one afternoon in the week, when the ordinary lessons are in progress. Now, however, we have Wednesday afternoon set aside for sport, and sport alone. Let us hope, therefore, that our High School boys will rise to what is expected of them, and prove to other schools that the S.H.S. is capable of shin-

ing as a star in the realm of sport, with the same brightness that characterises its scholastic achievements.

At the annual Battalion Camp, held last year, at Middle Head, 66 cadets, in charge of Captain Hedberg and Lieut. Sullivan went under canvas for their annual course of training. Both from the standpoint of health and military efficiency our boys derived great benefit from this pleasant relaxation from school duties, and in the competitions between teams of cadets from the various companies, the High School far and away outshone all others. Camp concerts, boxing contests, route marches, and shamfights by day and night, varied the routine of camp life. Tents were struck on Friday, December 10th, and the various companies proceeded by special ferry boat to Circular Quay, and dismissed.

Bang!

[A most energetic and enterprising collection of iron-works in the neighbourhood, ably backed up by a tireless traction engine, are evidently responsible for this inchoate mass of words.—Editor.]

“Geometry, is it? Hm! Fortieth?” “Yes, sir.” “Very well. Come on, B——, to the board, and do that proposition.”

Br-r-r-r-t! “Required to prove that AB squared plus . . .” Bang! Bang! Bang! . . . “If this is perpendicular . . .” Bang! Bang!! Whir-r-rt (there is a new iron fiend over the road) . . . “follows from previous theorem. If not, let . . .” Bang! Bang! Bang! . . . “Then this squared . . .” Toot-toot! . . . “equals this squared plus . . .” Bang! Bang! Br-r-rt! . . . “-tangle contained by this and . . .” Bang! Bang! Bang! . . . “angle is acute then sum of . . .” Whir-r-rt (for five minutes). “And so, since this line is equal to that line by . . .” . . . Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! . . . “adding, the square on this plus the . . .” Chuterchutchuterchuterchut! . . . “Sir, we cannot hear because of the traction eng——” Bang! Bang! “Therefore the sum of the squares on two sid——” Bang! Bang! Whir-r-rt . . . “base, together with twice the sq——” Chuterchuterchut . . . “-sects the base. Q.E. . . .” Bang!

—“YAKIR.”

The Lay of a Dog.

1. On a blithe and bonnie morning,
 Forth we sallied in our best,
 Servile occupations scorning,
 For a quiet Sunday's rest ;
 In our best, forth progest
 For a quiet Sunday's rest.
2. To the Gardens we were bound,
 And our luncheon we were taking.
 As we sate upon the ground,
 Proudly servile works forsaking,
 Came a fawning yellow hound
 At a bound, to the mound,
 Where we sate upon the ground.
3. Now this hound did us accost
 As our luncheon we were eating,
 And it seemed that he was lost
 So we gave him friendly greeting.
 To our cost he was lost,
 Was this hound our path that crost.
4. And we thought that he would leave us
 Later on.
 When he did not it 'gan grieve us
 To be gone.
 As this hound would never leave us,
 Sorely it began to grieve us,
 If a plot we could not weave us
 And be gone.
5. So we waited till he slept,
 And away we softly crept,
 Crept away without a sound,
 Left him slumbering on the ground,
 Left the hound slumbering sound
 On the soft and verdant ground.
6. To the lily-pond we hied
 In great glee.
 Minutes by the water side
 Lightly flee.
 When a yellow form came gliding
 To the spot where we were biding,
 Thinking we were safe in hiding—
 It was he !
7. Yet again he falls asleep
 By the stream,
 So away once more we creep—
 Let him dream !
 But this time to roam about,
 Right and left and in and out,
 Till he's lost beyond a doubt,
 Is our scheme.
8. And straying from the track
 Wandered round,
 Till at length we wandered back
 To the mound,
 Where we took our lunch that morning
 Servile occupations scorning,
 And behold there stood a fawning
 Yellow hound.

9. "What" said I, "the Fates ordain
 'Tis not difficult to see,
 And 'tis useless to complain
 Of their decree."
 "So old fellow"—(to the hound
 Sitting there upon the mound),
 "Since another home you've found
 Come along and have some tea."

—Tom Bowling.

A Reminiscence.

To the majority of those who merely hear the name, Woy Woy is intimately associated in their minds with ideas of fish and oysters. By those who have seen the best it has to offer, it is remembered as a beauty-spot of winding waters, of land-locked bays and wooded hills. From every headland open new vistas, fresh views of wood and water, and when over all is diffused the soft, faint light of a crescent moon, paving the waterways and fringing the trees with silver, the beauty of the scene might inspire the very rocks to speak and cry:

"Ah! such a night, so soft, so lone
 So moonlit * * * * *"

It was the last night of our stay at Woy Woy, and we had decided to spend its moonlit hours in fishing for black bream. We were a party of six—my uncle and his daughter, a friend and his daughter, a chum of mine, and myself. Leaving our cottage by the waterside about 8 o'clock, we rowed quietly towards the evening's fishing ground, in the neighbourhood of the little railway bridge. The night was cool and clear. A bright half-circle of moon, like a lonely isle of light, floated in the heavens amidst a few scattered stars, that seemed like islets in a sea of sky.

"Headlands stood out into the moonlit deep
 As clearly as at noon * * * * *"

And still, wherever we moved, a broad, bright road stretched away from us across the water to the western shore. An evening too exquisite to be desecrated by the odour of stale bait! Such, at least, was my thought. But I am not an ardent fisherman.

The bridge was reached, and after testing the drift of wind and tide, we kellicked beneath one of the arches. Our lines were out almost immediately, though in my case putting out a line is purely a matter of form. My line always did show a perplexing fondness for twisting itself into awkward tangles. Hence, when I go fishing I spend half the time in sleeping

and half in unravelling my tackle. This night proved no exception—so far as tangles were concerned. A dozen times I laughed quietly to myself, as I thought what a ludicrous figure I must cut, presenting with one hand a tangle to the moon, and with the other seeking to solve the mystery of its undoing, cocking my head from side to side the while in order to bring the best light to bear upon the subject.

The business of the evening began when Uncle's line became securely caught amongst the congewoi growing thickly upon one of the piles. To Uncle eager to feel a large bream running about with his hook, this was an intolerable bore. Careful manipulation of the boat, and gentle tugging at the line failed to produce any effect, and it was only after poking about for some time with one of the stroke oars that my chum succeeded in rescuing the line from the congewoi and Uncle from exasperation. For a while we fished in silence. Yes, there were two young ladies on board; but silence is one of the essentials to success when fishing for black bream, and the girls being keen on the bream, we fished awhile in comparative silence. Occasionally such interruptions as the following would take place. "I really don't think we'll get much to-night," from one of the girls; followed by: "Oh, Daddy, I had such a big bite. I'm sure it must have been a bream." Then a line would be rapidly hauled in, until: "Oh, bust it, you've got my line!" in tones of disgust from my chum, informed us that his fishing outfit had drifted under the boat into the eager clutches of the young lady's hook. Matters took a more interesting turn when my cousin's line securely attached itself, as she thought, to the bottom. Failing to move it after several attempts Mr. ——— concluded that it must have become entangled in the kellick, and accordingly proceeded to deal with that implement. A few minutes later he informed us that: "My goodness, it was a fe-ish." Sure enough, an angry-looking devil-fish came struggling to the surface. So far as we could make out, his arms were each about three feet long. Very naturally, the girls did not desire closer acquaintance. But Uncle was anxious to welcome him in the bow, and, taking the line, proceeded to tow him for'ard. The devil-fish strongly resented such treatment, and clung stoutly to the side of the boat, whence he declined to be dislodged. There was nothing for it but to go ashore and deal with him there. We were still seeking a suitable spot, and uncle was closely observing his quarry over the side of the boat, when the brute suddenly changed his tactics. Coming to the top once more, he began to squirt water in a most business-like manner. The first stream shot across my cousin's lap, and what did not stay there went on to drench the opposite seat. A second column sprayed elegantly over Miss ———'s shoulder, whilst a third, despite vigorous ducking on his part, caught uncle full in

the face. Having thus taken his revenge, the devil-fish freed himself from the hook and made off, leaving us all, even the victims of his wrath, in shrieks of laughter.

Another period of "silence" succeeded, but intermittent chuckles and smiles that could be heard spoke for the vividness of the impression left with us by the devil-fish. After a few more fruitless endeavours to allure the fish, we set out definitely for home. Not a bream had fallen to our lot, though Uncle did aver that he felt one bump against his hook without taking the bait. I really think fish must know a thing or two. The others were all thoroughly disgusted. I was not. But then, as I remarked before, I am not an ardent fisherman.

It was after ten, and the moon had gone down below the hills in whose shade we rowed. At length we rounded the last headland, and the last stretch of water lay before us. Here it was bright moonlight, for "heofan candel" still hung above the hillcrests to the right. So across the rippling bay that seemed all bright with jewels we came home, as we had departed, beneath the silent moon.

—R. L.

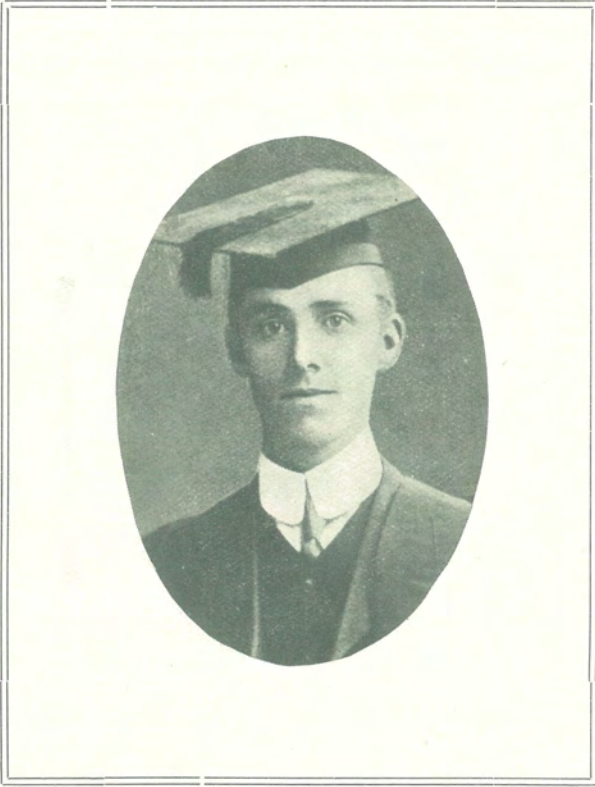
Country Memories.

1. The first long shafts of morning kiss the wattle's golden awning,
And the bell-bird's liquid notes of music swell,
With the splash of rill and fountain down the verdure-drapéd
mountain,
And the kookaburra's cackling in the dell.
2. And when the bright stars quiver on the ripples of the river,
And gentle breezes fan the crowding cane,
Through the lowing of the cattle comes the cowbell's rhythmic
rattle,
That lulls to sleep the moonlight-silvered plain.

—B.S.G.

Mr. JAMES WILLIAM MERRICK, B.A.**An Appreciation.**

It is hardly eighteen months since our late teacher and comrade, Mr. J. W. Merrick, B.A., stepped to a place on the High School Staff. From that time till his untimely death, he threw himself with unceasing ardour into the different school activities. He came to us as one who stood out from most others of his years for talent and high aspiration. It seems but yesterday he was amongst us, marching at the head of the cadets, racing with the forwards at Wentworth Park, or chatting pleasantly with invincible good humour round the masters' table. Now his voice is hushed by the Divine Will, and we find it hard to realise that he can never again be with us. As a teacher, he was a favourite with all, so engaging in manner, alert in thought, and ardent in work was he. Some of the most responsible work the School had to offer in French was allotted to him—and the confidence was not misplaced. He took a keen interest in the Senior Cadet Corps, and rendered invaluable service to Captain Hedburg in training the boys. At the School Debating Society he frequently took part in the discussions, and was a constant contributor to the Manuscript Journal. Intellectually, he was a man of rich promise. When he came to us he was in the midst of an arduous course at the University. Though forced to spend his evenings at lectures, and his midnight hours in study, he held easily a place among the best men of his year. In the March Honours Examination of 1909 he gained High Distinction in French and Philosophy—a rare achievement for an evening student. To perfect his knowledge of French, he spent the whole of the Christmas vacation of 1908 in New Caledonia, whence he returned with a fine conversational grasp of language. This gives an idea of his strenuous methods. In the degree examination, last December, he held a high place



The late J. W. MERRICK, B.A.

on the pass list, and proposed to offer himself for Honours in three subjects at the examinations held this month. In view of an almost certain success, he had been advised to apply for a travelling scholarship to Europe, awarded for conspicuous merit.

Chatting with him on the last day we met, late in December, he spoke with high courage and frankness of the use he hoped to make of the broad culture of the old world, and the reflex magnetism he hoped to win by coming into touch with the best the world has in scholarship. Within a month he was cut down, in the very flower of his young manhood. The ending was almost tragic in its suddenness, when viewed with relation to his hopes. Much reduced in health, by too strenuous a year, he offered but a slight resistance to a typhoid attack which seized him. With Tennyson, as he reflected on the death of Hallam, we feel that we cannot understand, but we bow before the wisdom of the chastening Hand. The wistfulness and pathos of such vain questionings are most felt by those who knew him best. Most young men have a spiritual horizon curtailed by too ready a response to the strong and tangible appeal of the material pleasures around them. Here was one who brought life and its potentialities into clear perspective while yet young, who starved his life of the things that youth loves best, who marched straight forward, never doubting he would win, who knew no sacrifice too great, no toil too wearing, to offer on the altar of a high endeavour. But the burden was too heavy for a thin, spun life. Such men we cannot afford to lose.

Thus passed from us the bright young soul for whom we all had an affectionate thought. We cannot readily forget him, or replace him. Most of his colleagues on the staff are just a little sobered by the touch of time, and there was a contagious freshness and sparkle about the personality of him we have lost, which can be ill spared. The youthful ardour, the vigour and enterprise of his dawning outlook on life, the frank cordiality of his temperament will keep his memory green for many a year with scholars and teachers alike.

—V. J. M.

OBITUARY.

L. HARDWICK.

THE holidays had but just begun, when we were inexpressibly shocked at the news of the drowning of L. HARDWICK, one, who by his many fine qualities, had endeared himself to all. He had interested himself in all school activities, and a week before break-up, full of life and spirits, and brimful of health and enjoyment, had been with us at the Cadet encampment at Middle Head. But the icy touch of death falls alike on those full of years and those on whom the morning sun of time is still shining. We know not the day or the hour. And yet, while we grieve at the loss of a friend, while we offer the sorrowing parents our deepest sympathy for hopes early blighted, we have consolation in the thought that we part but for a day, that—

“ There is no death,
 “ What seems so is transition,
 “ This life of mortal breath,
 “ Is but the gateway of the life elysian,
 “ Whose portals we call death.”

And firm in this hope, we, his friends and schoolmates, lay this tribute
 on his grave.

Literary and Debating Society.

Since our last issue the members of the Upper Forms have been taking an active interest in the progress of the Debating Society. It is to be regretted that members of the Fifth Forms do not take a greater part in the Society's proceedings, since it is upon them that the responsibility of conducting the Society will next year devolve. They can contribute at least 20 members to the ranks of the Society, instead of the seven or eight who now represent them. It is not necessary for us to remind our readers of the pleasure and profit which can be gained from membership; this, we feel sure, has been impressed on them quite sufficiently.

So far, the attendance at the various meetings of the Society has been very satisfactory. Our membership is now only 45, a decrease of over 20 from that of last half-year, and yet our average attendance has been about 30.

So far, we have indulged in debates, lecturettes, musical (?) afternoons, and classical readings. We had hoped to have an inter-club debate with Newington College on the 10th of this month, but, owing to unfortunate circumstances, it has been indefinitely postponed.

The Society has lately shown a tendency towards humorous subjects. This can be easily detected in the subjects which are suggested for impromptu speeches. It is to be hoped, however, that this tendency will not gain too strong a hold on members, for we must remember that the primary object of the Society is to foster the literary instincts of members, and not to provide amusement alone.

Old Boys' Column.

At a meeting of the Council of the Old Boys' Union, attention was drawn to an error appearing in our last issue. Referring to Mr. C. A. Fairland, we stated that he had filled the position of Hon. Secretary to the Union ever since its re-formation. We now find that the Union was re-constituted in 1902, and that it was in 1903 that Mr. Fairland was appointed Joint Hon. Secretary with Mr. S. Spain. Last year Mr. Fairland was elected President of the Union.

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The Old Boys enjoyed the cricket match played against the School, though they were rather badly defeated. Unfortunately, there was only a small attendance of Old Boys and Masters. All who have any interest in the School should try and attend these little functions, as they are among the few links which keep the "old" and "present" boys together.

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We heartily congratulate J. R. Nield, the winner of the "Popularity" Prize, given by the Old Boys' Union. Previous winners of the prize are A. Palmer (1902), W. Nimmo (1903), H. S. Utz (1904), H. Wenholz (1905), M. Moore (1906), E. A. Southee (1907), C. A. Bourne and A. C. R. Todd (1908).

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The results of the December Examinations of the Sydney University contain their usual quota of High School successes. Following is a list of some of the passes:—

Arts I.—C. H. Currey, M. C. I. Levy, H. T. Parker.

Medicine I.—S. J. Blumer, A. L. Buchanan, C. L. Chapman, S. B. Clipsham, K. H. Grieve, L. May, C. K. Parkinson, E. K. Parry, N. D. Royle, A. C. R. Todd.

(May, Buchanan, and Chapman gained special distinction in their various subjects.)

Dentistry I.—R. P. Lane (high distinction in Chemistry and Physics)

Dentistry III.—Distinction: R. B. Bush, K. R. Boulton. Pharmacy.—Martin, Newcombe.

Science I.—W. S. Brown, F. S. Cotton, A. J. Robson.

Science II.—R. C. Blumer (distinction in Chemistry).

Science III.—M. McKinnon (honours in Class I., Geology and Paleontology).

Engineering I.—C. A. Bourne, A. L. Campbell, B.A.

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The winner of the Renwick Scholarship for 1910, awarded for proficiency in first year Medicine, is Leonard May, one of our Old Boys, who left the School at the end of 1907. He passed the first year Arts Examination with distinction. Last year he entered the Faculty of Medicine, and at the examination last December he gained high distinction in Chemistry, and distinction in Biology and Physics. His position was closely contested by A. L. Buchanan, the captain of the School for 1908.

The winner of the Renwick Scholarship for 1909 was also an Old Boy, A. Benjamin. He takes an interest in all matters connected with the School and the Old Boys' Union. He is now in his third year in Medicine.

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R. C. Blumer carried off the Caird Scholarship for proficiency in Chemistry at the second year Examination in the Faculty of Science. Mr. Blumer, besides completing his second year in Science last year, passed his third year Examination in Arts.

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H. Wenzholz, who is one of the recently-appointed Scientific Cadets in the Department of Agriculture, is now receiving training at the Chemistry Branch of the Department. During 1909 Mr. Wenzholz pursued a course of training in Wheat Experimenting at the Cowra Experimental Farm.

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To bring members into closer touch with one another, the Council of the Old Boys' Union has decided to hold a Smoke Concert at Sargent's Rooms on the 31st March. It is to be hoped that as many Old Boys as possible will be present. The tickets are 1/6 each.

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The following appeared in a recent issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald":—"The two students at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College who hold the bursaries donated by the proprietors of the 'Sydney Morning Herald' and 'Sydney Mail' have been very successful.

“Student P. L. Daniel, the winner of the first bursary in 1907, has acquitted himself well. After a successful first session he has now gained his diploma, and is ‘dux’ of the College.

“Student A. V. Donnan, who has completed his second session, has taken a certificate, having gained second place out of 62 in the first year class. The progress and conduct of both students are reported as excellent.”

Both, we are pleased to say, are Old Boys.

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The Editor of the Old Boys' Column will be pleased to receive contributions suitable for publication under this heading. All such correspondence should be sent to E. A. Southee, c/o. Boys' High School, Sydney.

School Notes.

Mr. Page, a popular master here for some time, has decided to take up Medicine at the University. We wish him every success. His brother, an old High School boy, is a well-known and much-sought doctor at Grafton.

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Heartly thanks are due to our Headmaster for his interesting and instructive lecture at the end of last term. His description of the Rhine Valley was especially interesting.

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The members of the VI. A. Form held their usual annual picnic up the Woronora River last term. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and those of the VIth still at the School, hope for as successful an outing this year.

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Although talked of for many months, it was only at the beginning of this term that the School Tuck Shop became a reality. We are pleased to hear that it is in a flourishing condition. It will help to finance some of our school activities, sporting especially.

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We wish every success to F. A. Tidswell, who is competing this year for the Peter Nichol Russell Scholarship. During his stay at the School he has been a prominent member of most of our institutions, and it is mainly owing to his efforts that “The Record” stands firmly established.

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Major Alderson's physical culture class for cadets has increased in membership during the quarter, and his pupils receive great benefit from his systematic course of training.

The Physical Culture Class, under the direction of Mr. Norman Royle, is doing excellent work. It speaks well for his methods that in the recent record of chest-measurements taken at the School, his pupils outstripped all others in their amount of expansion.

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We have this year received a substantial addition to our School Reference Library, in the form of the 25 volumes of the "Historian's History of the World." Almost all the Senior boys have already expressed their appreciation of its value as a work of reference

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We deeply regret the indisposition of Mr. Miles, who, owing to an unfortunate accident, is unable to attend at the School. We trust he will soon be restored to health.

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The School has at last been provided with its new physics laboratory and manual training room, but the lack of a gas supply has rendered the laboratory useless for all experiments in heat.

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The Cadet Corps was well represented at the parade at Government House on January 8th, in honour of Lord Kitchener, several of our lads coming from considerable distances in the country to do honour to the Empire's greatest soldier.

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From the Librarian:—Members or intending members are notified that the Library will in future be open for the exchange of books on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, during the lunch hour.

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We again urge the boys to supply us with more material for our various columns. Our imagination cannot conjure up every point of interest to the School, and we rely on every boy to help us in some little way.

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Speech Day last year passed off very pleasantly. The Minister for Public Instruction gave us some very sound and kindly advice, while the Chief Inspector took the place of Sir George Reid, and treated us to a kind of humour that was distinctly Caledonian, not Australian.

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The Literary and Debating Society held its first annual Mock Banquet on Tuesday, 14th December. Several Old Boys were present, among them Mr. Buchanan, Captain of the School for 1908. The songs and recitations (especially that of Mr. Sullivan) were highly appreciated.

The School has good reason to be proud of Mr. J. H. A. Pike, an Old Boy, who has recently come before the public as the inventor of a new receiver for wireless messages, which promises to make a marked advance in the development of modern telegraphy.

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The Probationary Students evidently intend to make their coming picnic a rattling success. To judge by the call on the resources of the School Tuck Shop, they intend to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

“X.Y.Z.” writes to enquire when we were endowed with the gift of prophecy. “It is to be hoped,” he writes, “that the Junior results for 1910 will be at least as satisfactory as you so confidently forecast.”

The University Camp.

The Camp, which is conducted annually for the benefit of the Great Public Schools of the State, was this year held at Mona Vale, from January 20th to January 28th. Among the many Schools which were represented, the High School made the best showing with an attendance of 15. The daily routine, which was as follows, may interest next year's intending campers:—Following on Reveille came Prayers, which were succeeded by two interesting items—Biscuit and Bathing Parades. Then came Breakfast and Morning Prayers, after which the campers were free to amuse themselves until dinner-time. In the afternoon the time was occupied in sport of various kinds. A welcome tea was usually followed by vocal efforts on the part of the campers. After Supper and Evening Prayers came the closing item of the day—“Lights out!”

On the Tuesday the campers had a very enjoyable excursion to Barrenjoey, and all would have thoroughly enjoyed themselves but for the thought that on Thursday they should have to strike camp and make for home. We are sure that all who took part in this camp will, if possible, attend the next, so pleasant are the memories of such an enjoyable holiday.

The Library.

In connection with this most important branch of our school life we are pleased to report a very successful quarter. Not only has there been a decided increase in the membership, but a greater interest has been taken in the Library generally.

A number of new books have been added during the quarter, and some renewals made. We now have a total of 1138 volumes, amongst which are to be found books to suit the taste of every class of reader, from the small boy who greedily devours tales of weird and wild adventure to the studious senior who feasts his soul on the classics, and, we shrewdly suspect, often takes a more than furtive glance at his small brother's more lurid pages.

A fresh instalment of new books will soon be made. These will be ready for issue in the new quarter, which commences on March 21st. As usual, boys will have the privilege of taking home three books for the holidays.

Although we are pleased to report that the Library is well supported by the School in general, we regret to say that the Senior boys do not to the fullest extent avail themselves of its advantages. We would like to point out, for their benefit, that the Library possesses many works of reference in history and literature, which would be of the greatest advantage to them in their studies.

Reading Room.

Readers are reminded that, connected with the Library, is an excellent Reading Room, which contains many of the best English and American magazines. Such magazines as "Punch" and the "Graphic" will both amuse and instruct the student of modern history; while those who are fond of a light story or a thrilling tale of adventure, will find great satisfaction in "Chums," "B.O.P.," "The Storyteller," etc. All are invited to become members. The subscription is but a nominal one, the object of the Library Committee being to encourage a taste for reading, rather than to obtain revenue. The Committee for the present year consists of A. J. Howard and H. D. Allen (Librarians), A. Berman, L. F. Watt, B. S. Glass, and S. J. Hosie (Committee), and E. True (Librarian of Reading Room).

The Cadets.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Lieutenant Merrick, which took place on February 1st. Lieut. Merrick was an officer of whom our Corps had every reason to be proud. He was energetic, devoted to his duties, and did all in his power to further the interests of the High School Corps. By his death there has been created a gap in our ranks which will be by no means easy to fill. Expressions of sympathy on behalf of the Corps and its officers were sent to the bereaved parents.

We have also to record the death, by drowning, of Cadet Lyndon Hardwick, which occurred at Rylstone, whither he had gone to spend his Christmas holidays. Cadet Hardwick had been a member for some considerable time, and was a very promising cadet. His knowledge of, and interest in, his work made him prominent, while his cheery voice and manner will be keenly missed by his fellow-cadets. We deeply sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick and their family in their great bereavement. A message of sympathy was despatched to the family, and replied to feelingly by Mr. Hardwick.

Owing to vacancies having occurred in the ranks of the N.C.O.'s by boys leaving the School at Christmas time, the following promotions were made:—Sergt. Biden to be Color-Sergeant; Sergt. Smith to be 1st Sergeant in charge of No. 1 Section; Lance-Sergeant Uren to be 2nd Sergeant in charge of No. 4 Section; Corporal Nield to be Sergeant in charge of No. 2 Section; Corporal Beasley to be Lance-Corporal in charge of No. 3 Section; Corporal Vader to be Corporal in charge of No. 1 Squad; Corporal Berman to be Corporal in charge of No. 8 Squad; Lance-Corporal Wells to be Corporal in charge of No. 4 Squad; L.-Corp. Hosie to be Corporal in charge of No. 5 Squad; Lance-Corporal Broadbent to be in charge of No. 2 Squad; Cadet Coyle to be Lance-Corporal in charge of No. 7 Squad; Cadet Glass to be Lance-Corporal in charge of No. 3 Squad; Cadet Saxby to be Lance-Corporal in charge of No. 6 Squad.

BATTALION PROGRAMME FOR 1910.

1. Tuesday, March 8th.—Parade in Domain.
2. Friday, April 8th, and Saturday, April 9th.—Trek at National Park.
3. Tuesday, May 3rd.—Parade in Domain.
4. Tuesday, August 2nd.—Parade in Domain.
5. Friday, September 2nd, and Saturday, September 3rd.—Trek.
6. Tuesday, October 25th.—Parade in Domain.
7. Saturday, November 12th.—King's Birthday Review in Centennial Park.

Cricket.

Since our last issue, we have not met with such phenomenal and unvaried successes as characterised the earlier part of our cricket season, for out of seven matches played since by our First Eleven, three have been won, two drawn and two lost. The Second Eleven has played five matches, out of which one was won, two drawn, and two lost.

In the First Eleven, Bogle is still our most distinguished bat having scored 672 runs in 11 completed innings, or an average of 61·09 runs per innings. We lost at the Christmas vacation another brilliant bat in the person of G. Body, who in seven completed innings had scored 341 runs, averaging 48·71. But, though his loss is felt, we have received a welcome addition to our batting strength in Bardsley, who in three completed innings has scored 132 runs, averaging 44. The only other player whose average is over 20 is Nield, who in 14 innings has scored 335 runs, averaging 25·35. Asprey and Biden are still our most successful bowlers, but Dunstan has left us.

S.H.S. v. OLD BOYS.

This match was played at Wentworth Park on December 1st. The Old Boys won the toss and decided to go to the wickets. Asprey and Biden opened our bowling and kept the batsmen very quiet. Wickets soon began to fall, and the innings closed for 111. Bogle and Body opened the batting for the School, and the score was taken to 110 without loss by vigorous batting, Bogle scoring 61 and Body 38. Both batsmen then retired, and the innings being continued, three more batsmen—Oberg 32, Biden 28 and Dunstan 30—retired without losing any wickets. The score then mounted rapidly to 272, when the last wicket fell. The match thus resulted in an easy win for the School by 161 runs.

OLD BOYS.				S.H.S. 1st XI.			
Turner, b Asprey	...	...	6	Bogle, retired	...	...	61
Brown, b Biden	...	...	19	Body, retired	...	...	38
Roughley, c Asprey, b Biden	...	...	8	Nield, c Dawson, b Fairland	...	...	13
Moyes, b Asprey	...	...	3	Oberg, retired	...	...	32
Attwill, b Clemenger	...	...	20	Biden, retired	...	...	28
Boorman, c Body, b Biden	...	...	12	Asprey, b Boorman	...	...	0
Southee, b Asprey	...	...	4	Burdon, not out	...	...	29
Fairland, c Clemenger, b Asprey	...	...	0	Dunstan, retired	...	...	30
Todd, thrown out	...	...	0	McLean, c off Southee	...	...	4
Dawson, c Dunstan, b Clemenger	...	...	31	O'Neill c off Southee	...	...	8
Weatherburn, not out	...	...	2	Clemenger c off Southee	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	6	Sundries	...	...	29
Total	...	...	111	Total	...	...	272

Bowling for S.H.S.—Asprey, 4 for 40; Biden, 3 for 37; Clemenger, 2 for 17.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. COMBINED STATE SCHOOLS.

Played at Wentworth Park on December 8th. This match resulted in the closest finish of any game yet played this season. We won the toss and batted first, scoring 169 runs before the innings closed. The issue of the match thus became very doubtful, but when seven of our opponent's wickets fell for 96 our hopes were high. But wickets fell

slower, runs too came slower, and we were on the tip-toe of expectation. Any result therefore was possible, win, loss, or draw, and we were inexpressibly relieved when the last wicket fell, with the score standing at 152. The match was thus won for the School by a narrow margin of 17 runs.

S.H.S. 1st XI.				COMBINED STATE SCHOOLS.			
Bogle, h.o.w., b Sadler	...	...	13	Smith, run out	...	...	4
Body, st Simons, b Hunt	...	...	10	Symans, b Asprey	...	...	0
Nield, b Wall	...	...	46	Elder, b Asprey	...	...	0
Oberg, c Dunston, b Wall	...	...	21	Wall, c Dunston, b Asprey	...	...	19
Biden, l.b.w., b Wall	...	...	6	Fligg, not out	...	...	43
Burdon, b Hunt	...	...	1	Dunbar, b Biden	...	...	10
Asprey, not out	...	...	22	Lacey, st Burdon, b Biden	...	...	10
Dunston, c Creber, b Hunt	...	...	23	Teale, b Asprey	...	...	18
McLean, run out	...	...	1	Creber, run out	...	...	24
O'Neill, c Wall, b Hunt	...	...	11	Hunt, b Bogle	...	...	4
Clemenger, b Hunt	...	...	0	Sadler, run out	...	...	4
Sundries	...	...	15	Sundries	...	...	16
Total	...	...	169	Total	...	...	152

Bowling for S.H.S.—Asprey, 4 for 44; Biden, 2 for 56; Bogle, 1 for 11.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. FORT STREET.

Played in Domain on December 15th. Fort Street batted first, but with the exception of Flook, none of the batsmen gave our bowlers much trouble. Asprey disposed of seven of their batsmen for 23 runs, and the whole innings closed at 91. Bogle and Body opened for us, Body hitting out vigorously and driving in a way peculiarly his own, and as this was to be his last game with us we were glad to see him in such good form. Our innings closed for 159, and we thus won by 68 runs.

S.H.S. 1st XI.			
Bogle, run out	...	...	21
Body, c off Berry	...	...	36
Nield, run out	...	...	2
Oberg, b Berry	...	...	23
Asprey, c off Dinsey	...	...	0
Kline, b Berry	...	...	3
Burdon, st Flook	...	...	11
Dunston, st Berry	...	...	25
O'Neill, b Flook	...	...	0
Clemenger, not out	...	...	19
Garrett, b Berry	...	...	5
Sundries	...	...	14
Total	...	...	159

S.H.S. Bowling—Asprey, 7 for 23; Clemenger, 2 for 24; Dunston, 1 for 29.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. S.J.C. 1st XI.

Played at Wentworth Park on February 9th. Like the first match at Hunter's Hill, this match resulted in a very even draw. We won the toss and decided to bat. Bogle played very solidly for 74, and Bardsley "made his début with great éclat," scoring 48 not out in fine style. Nield batted well for 47. We closed our innings with six wickets down for 203.

St. Joseph's wickets soon began to fall, and 4 were out for 34, when Quinn and Cody made a very useful stand, taking the score to 150 before Cody was caught off Bogle. When time was called we had dismissed 5 of our opponents for 152.

S.H.S. 1st XI.		S.J.C. 1st XI.	
Bogle, b Bambridge	... .. 74	Whealy, b Biden	... .. 2
Biden, b Bambridge	... .. 8	Bambridge, st Newcombe, b Biden	... .. 5
Nield, b Thorpe	... .. 47	Brady, l.b.w., b Asprey	... .. 0
Bardsley, not out	... .. 48	Cody, c Nield, b Bogle	... .. 57
Kline, run out	... .. 0	McKelvy, b Biden	... .. 6
Asprey, b McKelvey	... .. 2	Quinn, not out	... .. 66
Newcombe, run out	... .. 0	Sharpe, not out	... .. 0
McLean, not out	... .. 3	Sundries	... .. 16
Sundries	... .. 21		
Innings closed at 6 for	... 203	5 for	... .. 152

Bowling for S.H.S.—Biden, 3 for 35; Asprey, 1 for 35; Bogle, 1 for 4.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. S.G.S. 2nd XI.

Played at Rushcutter's Bay on February 16th. Here we have to record our first defeat. We made a bad start on an indifferent wicket, 2 wickets falling for 0. Bogle played in his usual consistent style, and Bardsley batted well for 21. Our innings closed for 109, to which S.G.S. replied with 4 for 147, thus winning by 6 wickets and 38 runs.

S.H.S. 1st XI.		S.G.S. 2nd XI.	
Nield, b Street	... .. 0	McLean, not out	... .. 4
Bogle, b Johnson	... .. 61	MacNamara c Gibson	... .. 1
Biden, c and b Street	... .. 0	O'Neill, b Gibson	... .. 0
Bardsley, c and b Johnson	... .. 21	Clemenger, b Gibson	... .. 1
Asprey, c and b Johnson	... .. 0	Sundries	... .. 17
Kline, l.b.w., b Gibson	... .. 3		
Newcombe, b Johnson	... .. 1	Total	... .. 109

S.G.S. 2nd XI.—4 for 147.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Asprey, 2 for 49; Biden, 1 for 44; Bardsley, 1 for 22.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE 1st XI.

Played at Stanmore on February 23rd. Misfortunes never come singly, for our defeat of the previous week was followed by another. The result, however, might have been different but for O. James, who secured for our opponents 3 wickets and scored 105 before he retired. We batted first and soon lost Bogle and Bardsley, though Nield's score of 56 raised the total to 110 before being caught. Then wickets fell rapidly, and our innings closed at 153. Newington then batted, and when time was called had scored 186 with the loss of 7 wickets, thus winning by 3 wickets and 33 runs.

S.H.S. 1st XI.		NEWINGTON COLLEGE 1st XI.	
Nield, c Plaskitt, b James	... 56	Murray, c Newcombe, b Clemenger	16
Bogle, c Prescott, b Whyte	... 0	Rawson, thrown out	... 8
Bardsley, b James	... 54	Taylor, b Bogle	... 9
Biden, c Taylor, b Whyte	... 4	Tasker, b Bogle	... 10
Kline, h.o.w., b James	... 0	James, retired	... 105
Newcombe, l.b.w., b White	... 5	Prescott, c Newcombe, b Nield	... 4
Asprey, c James, b Whyte	... 3	Roberts, not out	... 12
Beasley, c Thompson, b Whyte	... 2	Whyte, c and st Bogle	... 1
McCredie, c Taylor, b Whyte	... 4	Sundries	... 21
McNamara, c Prescott, b Whyte	... 6		
Clemenger, not out	... 9		
Sundries	... 10		
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Total	... 153	Total	... 186

S.H.S. Bowling—Bogle, 3 for 16; Clemenger, 1 for 24; Nield, 1 for 47.

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. T.K.S. 2nd XI.

Played at Wentworth Park on March 2nd. Most of the game was played in the rain. We batted first, and Bogle drew very near the century. Our innings was closed with 9 out for 142. King's School then went in, but after one over the match was abandoned.

S.H.S.

Nield, st and b Lord	... 5	Clemenger, not out	... 14
Bogle, c and b Ross II	... 81	Asprey, b Paul III	... 3
Bardsley, c and b Ross II	... 9	McCredie, b Paul III	... 0
Biden, l.b.w., b Ross II	... 1	Newcombe, not out	... 0
Vader, b Ross II	... 0		
Bignall, c and b Ross II	... 16		
McLean, b Ross II	... 3		
		Innings closed at 9 for	... 142

The King's School 2nd XI.—2 for 4.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Asprey, 2 for 4.

SECOND XI. MATCHES.

- v. Holy Cross College 1st XI. at Ryde. A draw. McCredie 30, Rae 18, Beasley 15, Bush 13 (not out). Kline 4 wickets, Newcombe 4 wickets.
- v. St. Joseph's College 2nd XI. at Hunter's Hill. Lost by 30 runs. Bignall 24, Beasley 15. Macnamara 3 for 5, McCredie 3 for 39, Beasley 1 for 15, Rae 2 for 0.
- v. S.C.E.G.S. 2nd XI at North Shore. Lost by 36 runs. Beasley 33 (not out), G. Saxby 17, Rae 6. Rae 6 for 23. E. Saxby 2 for 6.
- v. King's School at Wentworth Park. Won by 1 wicket and 51 runs. Scores:—K.S. 147, S.H.S. 9 for 198. Bartier 35, Bignall 30, Chadwick 29, Berry 25, Garrett 23. Bowling—G. Saxby 6 for 41, E. Saxby 2 for 16, Bartier 2 for 55.
- v. Newington College 2nd XI. at Stanmore. A draw. Play stopped on account of rain. Scores:—N.C. 117, S.H.S. 2 for 29.

OTHER MATCHES.

In the Christmas vacation a match was played against Callan Park by a scratch XI., including 5 of the 1st XI. The scores were—our XI. 91. Nield 8, Biden 31, McNamara 0, Asprey 15, Dunston 8, O'Neill 0, Neich 1. Callan Park 157. Asprey 5 wickets, Biden 4 wickets.

1st December, 1909.—S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Katandra College. Played at Ashfield. S.H.S. 137. Katandra 36.

11th December, 1909.—S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Abbotsholme. Played at Lindfield. Won by S.H.S. by 84 runs. S.H.S. 165. Abbotsholme 81.

9th February, 1910.—S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Ryde P.S. Played at Ryde. Won by S.H.S. by an innings and 25 runs. S.H.S. 110. Ryde 45 and 40.

23rd February, 1910.—S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. S.H.S. 4th XI. Played at Erskineville. Won by 3rd XI. by 6 runs. 3rd XI. 54 and 55. 4th XI. 33 and 70.

2nd March, 1910.—S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. T.K.S. 4th XI. Played at Parramatta. Won by T.K.S. 4th XI. Scores not available.

The S.M.S. Shakespeare Amateur Dramatic Society.

The members of our Dramatic Society felt highly flattered by the remarks of the Minister for Public Instruction and the Director of Education, who were present with us on Speech Day. The School generally will have an opportunity, after Easter, of seeing whether that praise is deserved or not, when the officers intend to stage the farcical comedy, "Tom Cobb, or Fortune's Toy," written by W. S. Gilbert.

We were intending to play a few selections from "Twelfth Night" at the end of last term, but the unfortunate absence of our Stage Manager and many of his assistants at the Senior Examination necessitated the postponement of the production. We intend, however, to make up for the delay

next term, by giving what we feel sure will be a record as well as a thoroughly satisfactory performance. Should the support which the School has in the past readily accorded to such representations be continued, then the success of the piece is undoubted and the progress of the Society assured.

Meanwhile, those who would like to join our histrionic ranks should see the Secretary, who will be pleased to give any information required.

Tennis Club.

The outlook for the ensuing year is a very favourable one for all the sporting activities of the School, and the Tennis Club has already given indications of unusual energy. The court in the School grounds has at last been cleared of obstructions, and, as soon as it can be marked out again, will be available for practice and inter-club matches. As the Club can only admit of a membership of 24, the Secretary was rather bewildered when about 60 boys desired to become members. However, after keen discussion, it was agreed to admit the 12 old members of the previous year's Club and to ballot for the 12 remaining places. The Secretary and the members look forward to a record year, both financially and otherwise, and we see no reason why this hope should not be realised, if the interest in the sport continues unabated.

Swimming.

The Swimming Club in connection with the School has opened successfully this year. The resumption of school work after the Christmas vacation saw an immediate increase in the membership of the Club, and since Wednesday afternoon has been devoted entirely to sport, many boys have availed themselves of the opportunity of taking part in this healthy and invigorating pastime. Let us hope that interest in the Club will not flag during the current season, and that the enthusiasm of the members will continue till the end of the season, when the Handicaps and Championship Events will take place. Last year the number of competitors who entered for these events was very satisfactory, but the Secretary hopes to see a finer array of swimmers taking part in the function which winds up the operations for the year.

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