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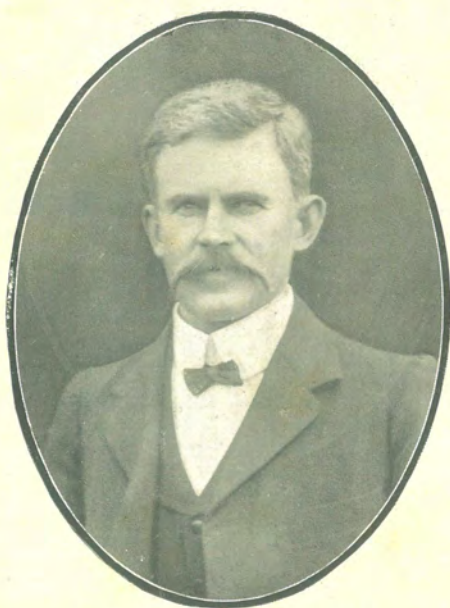


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Editorial

THE present year will doubtless go down to posterity as one of marked importance in the history of the development of Australia. Awakening to a keen sense of her increasing responsibilities, she has adopted two bold schemes for the defence of her shores. The early part of the year saw the inauguration of a system of Compulsory Training. Australia's citizens have determined, at the cost of personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice, to fit themselves to assert their national strength in the hour of crisis. It is a system which affects us nearly, for it is principally upon the boys of the Commonwealth that the burden will immediately fall. Nevertheless, no one will look upon it as such for one moment when he reflects that here is offered to him an opportunity of doing something personally for the defence of the Empire. Conscription it will never be called.

As part of a comprehensive system of land defence, the Commonwealth Government has founded at Yass-Canberra a Military College for the training of officers. The S.H.S. has already sent thither its quota of boys, and it is to be hoped that she will ever continue to do so. A splendid training and a fine profession are being thrown open to aspiring youths at no cost to themselves.

Again, it is but a few months since we welcomed to our ports two up-to-date destroyers—the nucleus of a mighty fleet to be.

Amid these signs of our own growth and development, our minds have been recently directed to thoughts of the Empire as a whole. Some little time ago we bade farewell to a band of our schoolfellows who are to represent us at the Coronation of King George V. But a few days hence people from every corner of the British dominions—ay, from every corner of the world—will assemble in London to pay homage to the official head of our great Empire. Last month, too, we celebrated Empire Day—a day which has been set apart for national rejoicing and to remind us of our duties towards the Empire.

Whether the nation shall continue to prosper or whether it shall fall into decay is a question to be answered by its peoples. As young Australians who would choose the former alternative, we should surely take to heart the question of Dr. Morris on Empire Day, and ask ourselves, “What are we going to do about it?”

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The first half-year has been one of ceaseless changes, and the end is not yet. We are still in a state of transition, nor have we been able to completely adapt ourselves to the new order of things. So far as the staff is concerned, a further loss has been felt in the (fortunately, we believe, only temporary) absence of Mr. Hedberg, who has been appointed to a command in the Coronation Contingent. While we rejoice in the honour paid him, and, through him, to the School, his absence will be severely felt, and we look forward to the day when we shall welcome him back. Again, our regular work has been more or less interfered with by the recent annual inspection, which lasted more than a fortnight.

Such constant changes and interruptions must handicap all those boys who are studying for examination, but especially do they seem to have conspired to place at a serious disadvantage our Junior candidates for this year. Apart from the actual loss of four senior masters, the atmosphere created by change is not conducive to earnest study. Nevertheless, we trust that the steady individual efforts of our representatives will place the “Old High” once more at the top.

In other spheres, the half-year shows no falling-off in our activity. In fact, that public spirit and that esprit-de-corps which have made themselves so apparent in the School during the past few years are becoming more and more marked. The hearty and enthusiastic support accorded the "Record" is sufficient evidence of this. In the past it has sometimes been said that the School is lacking in this respect. A general desire to wipe out all such impressions has pervaded our School life for some time. We have, during the same time, upheld our reputation in competitive examination. The story of the triumphs of recent years in scholarship stands in no need of repetition. It is too well known to every High School boy, whether past or present.

The Literary and Debating Society is still in a satisfactory state. The membership, perhaps, is not very great, but an earnestness highly creditable to the School still characterises the majority of our weekly meetings. We also may claim that its educative value is shown in the high standard of debate shown in the recent contest with the Old Boys.

Again, the departure for London of a squad of representatives from our Senior Cadet Corps was a significant event. We, through them, will, as a School, participate in that great event. Surely we shall all follow with interest the travels of the Contingent, and in thought accompany them to lay our tribute at the feet of our Sovereign.

So far as sport is concerned, the half-year has been marked by development and prosperity. We have just completed our first season in the G.P.S. Cricket Competition. What if our success was not so great as might have been hoped? The effort shows that we are moving forward. The Tennis Club, too, has recently been firmly re-established, owing to a sustained burst of enthusiasm among a large section of boys. Again, two comparatively new games—Baseball and Lacrosse—have found a place among us. Moreover, the older sports of Cricket and Football have not suffered, but there are eager supporters for all.

These things, surely, are signs of the broadening of our school lives, and of a vigour which it behoves every one of us to maintain! *Sursum corda!*

Our Cadets on Tour

S.S. Themistocles,

At sea below Albany,

Thursday, 4th May, 1911.

Dear Sir,

The Coronation Contingent, numbering 140 Senior and 40 Junior Cadets, embarked on board the Themistocles on Friday, 21st April, and left the shores of Port Jackson favoured by beautiful weather and the good wishes of an enormous crowd of friends and relatives, who thronged the wharf at Miller's Point and bade us God-speed. There were few of the fellows who did not feel rather sad at saying good-bye, but after the parting our spirits rose immediately. Major Dove accompanied us as far as Melbourne, via Hobart, for the purpose of giving us a good start off as far as drill is concerned; but he was, unfortunately, confined to his cabin most of the way, owing to muscular rheumatism, which the Antarctic cold of Hobart served to bring on. The passage to Hobart was a comparatively calm one, yet many of the Cadets, notably the younger ones, could not resist the attacks of "mal-de-mer." On Sunday, the 23rd, we arrived at Hobart. The city itself and the approach to it are alike very picturesque. The wharves are right in the heart of the city, which nestles admirably at the foot of Mt. Wellington. Bitterly cold weather set in on the day following our arrival, and a gale of wind, accompanied by driving rain, delayed the departure of the vessel until noon on Wednesday. During our stay, in which individual leave was doled out very sparingly, we were driven round in double-decker tram cars to view the sights of the city and suburbs, and Monday night saw us comfortably installed at a theatrical entertainment. The city reminds one of a large country town; there is not the bustle and excitement of Sydney or Melbourne.

Leaving Hobart, the Themistocles struck heavy seas broadside on for about four hours, and seas occasionally came right over the decks, giving some thirty unfortunates a salt shower-bath free, gratis, and for nothing. After rounding Cape Raoul, we ran before the seas, and soon struck calm water. On Thursday the weather was in all respects perfect. It is peculiar to note the isolated rocky peaks north of Tasmania, which thrust their summits ever and anon above the ocean's surface, forming grim, barren, mountainous inlets.

The good ship, stout and true, made fast to Port Melbourne Pier on Friday morning. I was surprised at the extent of land surrounding the bay occupied by houses, factories, and such-like; and, after visiting Hobart, the low-lying nature of Melbourne impressed me greatly.

Both at Hobart and Melbourne we were marched ashore, exercised on convenient drilling grounds, and then paraded through the principal streets. Having an opportunity to view the surroundings, I did not fail to note Melbourne Grammar School and Wesley College, both fine structures, to which are attached ample and well-laid-out playing areas.

The train service of Melbourne is used to carry practically the whole of the people to the suburbs, the tram service being quite subsidiary. The result is that an excellent time-table is in vogue. The streets are well laid out and well kept, and on the whole I think Melbourne compares very favourably with Sydney. There seems to be more space and room for expansion, but there is certainly the lack of natural pleasure resorts which Sydney possesses. No Manly, no Coogee, etc.!

We left Melbourne on Sunday at daybreak, and, after passing through the Heads, struck delightfully calm water. This could not last, however, and, sorry to relate, the waters of the Great Australian Bight have, during the last week, developed a long swell, combined with a choppy sea, the outcome of strong head winds. In consequence, some of us are a little off colour; but it is no fault of the boat, which takes the wildest seas in the most delightful manner.

As yet, there have been no deck sports, but in the evenings sing-songs are held in the third-class music-room. The Sergeants have a separate mess in the third-class dining saloon, while the rank and file mess between decks.

All the work of bed-making, tidying sleeping quarters, serving at table, and washing-up is performed by fatigue parties and mess orderlies. Non-coms. are, of course, exempt from such duties, their primary function being to see that others do the work properly.

This morning (Friday) we sighted Western Australia, and are now in the vicinity of Cape Leeuwin. We shall probably make Fremantle some time to-morrow.

Yours, etc.,

NOEL E. BIDEN.

Through a Pocket Lens

Tossed one day into space, and hurried by an unseen force 'mid the circling spheres and planets of the universe, past flaming comets and whirling worlds, I came at last to a small solar system. There, too, was a minute globe, resembling our own earth in all respects but size. With a pocket lens I was able to examine it with ease. I was indeed greatly surprised when, focussing my lens upon a very small speck, I saw a beautiful city. Turning my attention to a portion devoted

to some kind of ironworks and foundries, I was rewarded by a strange sight; for, through the smoke which hung like a small cloud over this quarter, I saw a somewhat pretentious little building, surrounded by a bare paved space. Then with my ear-trumpet I heard a tinkling as of a bell, and a moment later there streamed forth from the doors a tiny people. The foremost of them, consumed by hunger, seemed to be striving to reach a small table, whereon various cakes and sweetmeats were displayed. There appeared to be two classes of these people. One lot occupied a kind of stone portico and conducted themselves with the utmost gravity and decorum. I was indeed greatly impressed (as they themselves seemed to be) by their importance. The other class regarded them with a kind of wonder not unmixed with awe, and kept strictly to themselves, for the most part occupying curious wooden seats, evidently well adapted to their comfort. What little I could hear of the conversation in the portico appeared to turn regularly upon the word "Seenyer," but whether this was a kind of family god or a species of bitter pill (to be taken once in a life-time) I am unable to say. The corresponding dissyllable among the lower class was "Junyer."

The deportment of the men of the portico led me to believe that they were the rulers of the community, but the appearance of still greater gentry left me in doubt. These latter wore a square headgear, but I know not what can have been their position unless they were mathematical "savants" or philosophers; for in truth, although stately and dignified (one even showing a predisposition to comparatively extravagant linear dimensions), they seemed to be accorded tolerance rather than the reverence which the high and mighty men of the portico invariably received.

Although, on the whole, the lower classes did not attempt even so much as to cross the threshold, there were a few in short-cut breeches who seemed to be on terms of familiarity with the "porticoes." In particular, I noticed a cheerful youth popularly hailed as "Billy." This individual showed himself capable of many atrocious jokes, but was otherwise regarded as harmless. The only "porticoes" inclined to treat life light-heartedly collected together at one end and indulged in what they called "tenistork." One of their number, an innocent sort of fellow, was frequently patted on the back, and told that he was peculiarly suited to the position which he held in the natural scheme of classification, or, as one of them dramatically expressed it, "goodinyerclas."

The community as a whole apparently paid a great deal of attention to the agricultural arts. A fine, well-laid-out garden was a standing testimony to their enthusiasm in this direction. Another peculiar feature was the existence of bright silvered vessels which acted as receptacles for stray morsels of food. The appearance of these latter seemed to

show that they were only a new institution, for I could hardly conceive that this people possessed such industry as to keep them so highly polished.

The more active citizens were engaged in throwing a ball about. They were evidently playing some kind of game, but it seemed to me a very aimless sort of pastime, for when a man, after long struggling and jostling of his fellows, secured the ball, he immediately threw it to someone else and then chased after it again.

In one corner several people were colliding with one another vigorously, and seemed to consider it a great honour to succeed in pushing a neighbour from his seat. I confess that I am unable to say why the members of the two upper classes abstained from these exhilarating exercises.

These strange sights, however, quickly closed, for at the sounding of two bells the men of the portico retired, the others lined up, and, in obedience to the orders of those of the square headgear, marched within. A tiny janitor locked the gate, and I could see no more.

—R.I.P.

Our Coronation Contingent.

This year the School is to be honoured by being represented at the Coronation of King George V. We were very glad to learn some time ago that a strong squad from our Senior Cadet Corps was to be permitted to go to England to participate in the Coronation festivities. The task of selection was soon carried out, and the members so honoured are Col.-Sergt. Biden, Sergt. Saxby, Cadets Rae, Kershaw, Bevan, Sealy-Vidal, McLean, Webster, and Bugler MacKellar. We are confident that so worthy a band of representatives will uphold the honour of the School in every way while in England.

Still greater was our pleasure when, at the last moment, it was announced that the School had been still further honoured by the selection of Captain Hedberg as one of the officers of the Contingent. There is no need for us to tell the boys of the Sydney High School who had personal knowledge of the Captain's kindly nature and his capacity as a leader that no better selection could have been made by the military authorities.

On April 20th we assembled as a school to bid "Bon voyage" to our gallant Captain and the chosen Cadets. Mr. Waterhouse made a fitting speech, emphasising the importance of the occasion. Captain Hedberg briefly replied on behalf of himself and the squad, and the proceedings concluded with cheers.

As the Contingent marched from the barracks on the day of embarkation they created a very favourable impression on all spectators, and it was with a thrill of pride that we saw the S.H.S. representatives prominent in the ranks.

School Notes.

We are pleased to print with this issue photos of Messrs. Williams, Miles, and Weatherburn, the masters with whom we have recently parted with so much regret.

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At the conclusion of the Empire Day proceedings, Dr. Morris presented the Certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society. Mr. Sullivan received an ovation as he advanced to receive a certificate for capacity to instruct in life-saving, and the boys of his class were well applauded, especially F. E. True, who won the Silver Medallion.

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The absence of verse from this issue may inspire "some mute inglorious Milton" to blossom out for our next issue.

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The School sends about sixty boys for the Junior this year. We wish them all success.

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The memorial tablet to the late J. W. Merrick, B.A., has been erected at the School. It bears the inscription:—

In Memory of
Lieut. J. W. Merrick, B.A.,
A Former Master of
This School,
Who Died 1st Feby., 1910.

He served faithfully and well.

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We congratulate Mr. Schleicher on obtaining his M.A. degree in April last.

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Our united efforts have failed to suppress the Referenda Fiend, who still remains at large. The Gracchi brothers, who were formerly wont to expound on Single Tax, are unable to get in a word edgeways.

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Those wishing to communicate with members of the Coronation Contingent should address letters c/o Sir G. H. Reid London.

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During the term we received a most interesting address on the subject of Health from Dr. Roth. The Doctor gave us many useful hints and precautions, at the same time entertaining us with many bright touches of humour.

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We regret to have to announce the resignation of C. O. Hamblin from the position of Editor of this magazine. For a considerable period he has rendered untiring service in the

production of the "Record," and the School as a whole cannot overrate its indebtedness to him. We take this opportunity of thanking him most heartily on behalf of the boys for his past services.

One of our Junior Physicists, alarmed to find his practical and theoretical results identical, made a foot-note for the benefit of the examiner: "This is a coincidence, not a 'fake.'" As if any examiner would ever have doubted him!

This magazine has now about 120 annual subscribers, although only in its second year. We print this information solely for the purpose of correcting the aberrations of a contemporary.

Rumour hath it that the "philosopher's stone" has been discovered upon the private desk of one of our prominent masters. It will be interesting to note its influence upon philosophical, literary, and historical study generally.

We are pleased to note the appointment of Professor V. J. Miles, M.A., as Honorary Lecturer to the University Extension Lecture Board.

A facetious youth from the Lower School writes suggesting that the Tennis Club receive the name, the "Wunsaweeks."

At the recent exams.

Question.—Correct the following sentences:—

- (i) "I seen them flowers at the show."
- (ii) "Tell me how you done it."

Answer.—At the show I seen them flowers. First I put "At the show," then I put "I seen them flowers."

Some new and up-to-date blackboards have made a handsome addition to the School furniture.

Mr. A. W. J. Bulteau, B.A., has been nominated to an Exchange Scholarship in France. We recently assembled to bid him farewell. Mr. Waterhouse made a few appropriate remarks, and hearty cheers were given for the departing master. We wish him all success.

It will be noticed by visitors to the various class rooms that the boys are frequently on their knees under the desks. This is NOT a devotional exercise: they are merely clearing up rubbish.

Complaints have been made regarding the School fires. This is certainly unwarranted, for they are burning as best as can be expected.

We congratulate Mr. W. J. Mulholland on having won the Training College Travelling Scholarship. Mr. Mulholland leaves at about the middle of the month for England and the Continent. He carries with him our best wishes for an enjoyable trip.

"Ding" writes, urging the need for a School Song. Lack of space prevents us printing his letter "in extenso," but we hope to do so next time.

Heartiest congratulations to D. S. Glass, who (in addition to having gained first prize—£10—for essay open to all Senior Cadets in New South Wales a few months ago) has now won the first prize—£40—open to the whole Commonwealth.

Military Memoirs.

Of the days spent in the old Cadet Corps, many pleasant reminiscences will always remain. Perhaps the most pleasant of all are the remembrances of the days spent in camps—with their glorious charges, victories, and "soup." How well I remember the awe-inspiring silence (sic) which "arose" on the sound of "lights out," the (k)nightly fight for blankets, with boots flying about in the dark, feet flopping in one's eyes, etc., etc.! How soundly we slept on the approach of the guard, and how we used to hold our breath on hearing the tramp of the sentry!—till, tripping over our tent ropes, he turns out to be a stray cow, officer, or such-like quadruped.

I remember the first camp we went to, where one of the old hands was very obliging. Instead of using his boots as a pillow, he gave them to someone else and most kindly rested his sleepy brows on the tucker (our private supply which we wisely took with us). However, I regret to say that he must have been a very restless sleeper and have turned his head round the wrong way during the night, or been subject to somnolence, for in the morning the food had disappeared, the only thing remaining being the butter, in which his feet were calmly resting—whether by guile or that the fates were already tending that way.

To the uninitiated, an account of the day's routine may be of interest.

First Item: After sundry escapades, go to sleep, 2.30 a.m.

5 a.m.: "Infandum regina jubes renovare dolorem," telling how sundry scoundrels named "buglers" recall us from the fields of sleep. Not content with waking us, they must

parade through the lines, and if by chance one is not up when they arrive at one's tent, woe to him! The culprit is surrounded by these fiends: into his ear is fixed an ear-trumpet; to this is joined a gramophone horn, and into this are blown 50 trumpets and seven foghorns in chorus.

"Oh harmony, sweet heavenly harmony."

A peculiarity of this species is its utter disdain for sleep: it seems to be able wholly to dispense with this frivolity: altogether it is an extraordinary reptile, averaging two feet in height and always appearing in public with a string round its neck, to which is attached a bugle, which serves it in the office of a dummy, for it is always in its mouth. When attacked by exasperated victims, as sometimes happens, it gets red in the face, blows out its eyes, looks terrible and explodes, emitting a shrill cry whilst the victim retreats in dismay.

7.30 a.m.: Breakfast. Three courses only, in the morning—i.e., Jollop (called "soup" or better known as "slops"), Bread, and Tea (???).

We then devote the morning to songs and dance—mostly dance—to the sound of fife and drum.

At 11 o'clock light refreshments are served out, consisting of tea or cocoa (only one of these being allowed), lemonade, and ginger beer, with fruit and cakes.

The remainder of the time is passed in various manners till dinner-time. Dinner! The very word is like a bell—no, bugle—to toll me back from the present to the sumptuous banquets of the past. Dinner consists of five courses, i.e., (1) Bread, (2) "Soup," (3) Bread and "Soup," (4) Tea(!), (5) "Soup" and Bread.

The afternoon is passed in athletic exercises, walking, running, crawling, jumping, still accompanied by band and drum—chiefly drum—till at 4 o'clock, amid "cool grot and shady dell," afternoon tea is served up.

The evening is passed in sundry free fights, letting down somebody's tent, appropriating somebody's rations, interrupting somebody's concert, carrying off—by mistake—somebody's blanket, till we are finally raided by sundry somebodies. Then ensues another siege of Troy, in which we (the besieged) usually came off victorious, mainly owing to our own gallantry and the inventive genius of our members. It was discovered that the besiegers were particularly averse to receiving knocks on their shins with rifles, or getting hit on the toe with a hammer, which naturally would occur if they approached too close. Sometimes, however, when we saw we were likely to be overcome, we would make peace-offerings of "soup" and sandwiches. However, the incivility shown by certain persons is amazing, for just because we happened to run short of butter for our sandwiches and used soap instead, they refused to partake of the repast. One night we deputed

a couple of our members to be absent during activities and to raid the besiegers' tents. This they did with such success that we were ever after left in peace.

On the sound of "Lights out," Captain Hedberg comes round, tucks us in, turns out the light, and thus ends the day.

These officers are of a mild, gentle, and kindly disposition: they help to dress the tyros in the morning, clean their boots for them, wash them, and in all ways possible set them a good example. For instance, however much they may be given to smoking, they are never once seen with a cigarette in their mouths during the whole camp, and live entirely on "soup" and water.

Perhaps most astonishing of all are the tent pitchers. These people seem to be utterly devoid of reason, for after desperately struggling to pitch a tent, they wait a few minutes, and before you know where you are it is down again, and they are running away with it—an extraordinary species of animal indeed! Their manner of pitching a tent is most peculiar. Some half-dozen grab a dirty canvas bag, and punch and kick each other and it, as if their lives depended on it. One burly fellow grabs the pole and knocks down two or three of his mates with it, while trying to adjust the ends. At last the tent is raised, and the same individual as mentioned above casually walks inside and leans against the pole for a rest, and amuses himself by pulling faces and laughing at his mates; when they hit their fingers with the hammer. Finally the tent is complete and everybody lines up outside and looks at it; the only one, however, who has seemingly enjoyed himself being that worthy mentioned above.

The last—but not least important—arm of the service is the cook's. It has been asked, "How cometh it that they are so fat? Surely they have fed from the fleshpots of Egypt." Nay, not so; their diet consists of "soup" and fricasseed bugler which we have great pleasure in recommending to all who suffer from a bad appetite—especially the "soup."

—BIRTY BLOWFLY.

Form Notes.

VI.A.—Good in class? Rather! We were recently told that we are "fine fellows." Naturally, we believe it, the necessity for high collars being thereby somewhat obviated. Philosophical discussions still claim our honoured attention. Many efforts have been made by our anatomical students to dissect "public opinion," and in particular to link that phenomenon with referenda and similar institutions. H.T.B., after being "knocked off his perch" by one of "the enemy," has re-considered his position and resumed his valuable classical researches. We have to sympathise with J.C., who has so far

anticipated the horrors of November as to sit for the Public Service Exam. We wish him success. Other members of the class are progressing favourably, though some occasionally suffer from "ennui." It is particularly interesting to note our partiality to exam. papers. The School Stores are rapidly diminishing. Not satisfied with subjecting us to the somewhat rigorous gaze of departmental officials, our masters have decided that half-yearly examinations are necessary. Our mathematical motto is "DO as many as you can!" Rather good, eh? It offers little inspiration, however, to the unfortunates who want to DO one and can't. One of our number recently had an adventure in a modernised version of the "Black Hole of Calcutta." Fortunately, he survived without permanent injury, though it is asserted he had Moran enough. We cannot do better than conclude by warning the innocent and ingenuous public that they may be easily duped by a certain specious half-crown which we recently noted in the possession of a Sixther!

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VI.B.—This popular and progressive form has at last settled down to steady "fag." Although somewhat interfered with, by frequent changes of time-table and departmental inspections, we are doing our best to obtain all the medals in the coming Senior. Nevertheless, our proverbial wit and lightness of heart is by no means exhausted. Our classmate, R. Fincham, is now Editor of this Paper, and has just resigned his post as Superintendent of the Tuck Shop, this position being taken over by F. Herlihy. R. Clarke is an adept at "leger-de-main," and he performs some astonishing feats. We welcome back to the School Mackey—a valuable addition to the personnel of the class and to the 1st XV. Our Noble Sub-Editor, too, is rendering good services. More than one of our friends in the middle of the term was suffering the agonies of the Cadet Draughtsman Exam.—but we feel certain that they have all passed with credit.

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A large proportion of our number are on the "tennis racket" at the Haberfield courts on Wednesday, and we possess some of the Club's crack players. Indeed, the Committee of the Tennis Club—Waterhouse and McCredie—is a VI.B affair. The 1st XV. has taken its quota from our ranks, and we hear that Hall and Shepherd are well holding their own.

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The fascination of ice-skating holds Farranridge a victim, and tennis tournaments seem to have a peculiar attraction for McCutcheon. Thus, you see, we are all good sports, and take as much interest in outdoor life and school sentiment as in the classics.

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Probationers.—In our last issue we called the Second Year Probationary Students an "Honourable Order." They objected to the term "Honourable." We apologise, but ask,

"What are they?" It cannot be that they are an Honorary Order, for they receive a "salary"—of 4/5 per week, or thereabouts. Then they must be "dishonourable." They may be dishonourable in many things, but not in fag. FAG! why, it has got into their blood to such an extent that the password to the Museum (the Probationers' Room—No. 8) is "Wianamatta Sandstones." The examination is looming so large that they have no time for such frivolous things as school papers, Debating Societies, etc. However, to keep themselves in trim, physically, they go in for Lacrosse—we may say, almost "ad unum." They are so enthusiastic that ten of them have succeeded in getting into the 1st XII. We hope that they will be successful in their matches. Want of "matter" resultant from their excessive devotion to studious occupations, necessitates the brevity of these notes. More room for the aspiring journalists of the lower classes.

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J.I.—Naturally a bashful form, we have been rendered even more so by the ravages of inspectors and various other roaming gentry who delight in asking questions of which we know nothing. Yet our inborn genius enables us to answer in a very reserved and dignified manner. There is a scheme on foot to start a subscription list for the purpose of purchasing apparatus to register hourly bulletins of the changes in timetables and masters. Since the return of the Public Service candidates (who have our heartiest sympathy—I mean good wishes), our circular—no, globular—no, circulating—library has re-commenced (I know it was something that went round). It has been thought that much of Laureata could be aptly applied to our form, e.g.—

"Full well they laughed with counterfeited glee

At all his jokes, for many a joke had he."

Fag has started in earnest, even in the dinner-hour, for whenever a master pops his head inside the door, everybody seems to be interrupted in the middle of his— But, to pass on, history still holds unprecedented sway, and "rubbish" and "rot" often appear across the manuscripts of the "dauntless seven."

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A room-scrubbing competition was responsible for making No. 3 assume an aristocratic air. It is hoped that most of us will survive the Junior, though, in view of our constant interruptions, we expect candidates of other institutions to carry off a few medals.

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J.II.—We have not altered since the last issue of the *Record*. Some of our members—"Paddy" Gormley, Howie and Small—have assailed the papers of the last Public Service Examination. We wish them every success. The Junior does not seem to come as slowly as we would desire; still, we hope

that we shall pass successfully through that dread ordeal, with our fellow-pupils of Junior I. Our form master (Mr. Moore) has lately been complaining of the rapid way in which his chalk is disappearing. We all agree that it is most mysterious.

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Football is now in full swing again. Our representatives in this game are Kidd, Geoffroy, Mackellar, and Smith. With its advent comes the fun with the "Tech." football once more. So far, however, we have only been once visited by it. At the same time Baseball comes on the scene, in which game Otter represents us. Several of our number have gone into "long-uns" since Easter. We all sincerely hope those gentlemen have provided themselves with safety razors.

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II.A.—As II.B prefers II.B II.B, all that we can say is, "Let them enjoy the privilege(?)." II.A's champions are not at all frightened by the "dark shadow of the Junior," which so appalls our friends in II.B. As far as we are concerned, ours is the only class in the School. Since Easter we have not seen anything of Thornton; we all sincerely hope that the ever-changing time-tables have not been too much for him. We cannot yet boast of any representatives in the 1st XV., but we hope to see Lang, Wall, and Pullen in the Seconds. So far, our only classmate to join the Lacrosse team is Harper, while Garner and Jaede prefer Tennis. Both Hooke and Kenniff indignantly deny the insinuation contained in our last issue that "hawling" enters the game of Baseball as played by THEM.

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II.B.—Wise B ————was altogether too punny in his last contribution, and we, the rest of the form, take this opportunity of censuring him; in fact, we think him better fitted for a baker than a journalist, as he would never run short of a "ginger nut." The new Syllabus has given us plenty of work, and now that the inspectors are here we are increasing our efforts. One inspector altogether dispelled our forebodings of a gloomy and stern gentleman, as he imparted some hints and questioned us in a manner which kept us in almost constant laughter. We have not yet been examined in English, but believe ourselves to have reached a high standard of proficiency. In fact, one recent composition called forth startling metaphors, striking similes, and high flights of poetic fancy (?). This budding author was asked to submit his essay to the Editor, but he seemed afraid of the criticism of the Sixth. We don't know why. What do they know?

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II.C.—As might be supposed, we have been making a name for ourselves this term. Many wonder why our attendance at drill has been so small lately, but as most of us are life-savers (?) that fact is soon explained. Life-saving is but

one of the many school activities to which we give our loyal and hearty support. The "Tuck Shop" probably receives our greatest attention, while a great number of us are aspirants for glory on the football field. Scott and Watson uphold our reputation at Baseball. We sincerely sympathise with the former in having injured his hand, and hope that the accident will in no way affect his studies. Dent and Trotter represent us at Tennis, and Hain and Clemens at Lacrosse. It might also be stated that we enter into our geometry with some considerable zest, South and Moriarty being Euclid's most likely rivals. Joke! Ha! ha! One of the members of our class collects ginger beer bottles during the dinner hour, and it is rumoured that he is slowly amassing a large fortune.

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We have only one "Parr" in the class, but the general opinion is that life would not be worth living if we had another. A great effort is being made to suppress a "gasbag" who has risen up in our midst, but so far it has been unsuccessful. We have also a "band of humorists" which provides our masters with plenty of scope for their oratory, in the persons of H—n, W—h, C—t, and, last, but not least, "Mac."; but as their jokes are strictly confined to themselves, they have not yet earned that honour and glory which they probably thought would come to them. Several of us are thinking of sitting for the Junior next year, and we hope to obtain good results, together with a few medals.

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I.A.—We are still maintaining our reputation for being A1. Of course, the fact of our being A1 gains for us the distinction of being the best of the first year classes. All our ambitions lie in the future, as, indeed, they should, but our reputation is still maintained by three representatives in the 1st XV. and by three in the Seconds. Three have also enlisted as "Lacrossites." Thus, we may be truly said to be splendid supporters of school institutions, although our specialty is detention. J. McKellar has left us to be our representative at the Coronation. One of our number has lately been participating in the honours of the Public Service Examination. He has the best of our good wishes. We have recently noted that the rigorous course of French Phonetics has a beneficial and sometimes "pleasing" effect upon the French scholars.

I.B.—We are called I.B. Why, we are a regular hive; in fact, that is what we are told, but it must not be imagined that this is the result of idle conversation, for we really work hard—sometimes.

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The I.B's or Independent Britons are now in their second term, and we are almost as well known as when we started. Longmuir is our sporting representative, being a footballer and life-saver (?). We have a fair representation of old standard fellows, such as Kershaw, Howie, and even a (Horatio)

Nelson. We have just passed through a rather strenuous time under the supervision of the inspectors, but we hope that we have done justice to the efforts of our teachers. This will make the coming vacation doubly welcome. We greatly appreciate the increased comfort afforded by the partitions in the main room, and we have now settled down to work. The manual and science rooms show traces of our industry—the latter chiefly in the depredations done in the flask and test tube line. In the next general lottery we hope that we will retain Mr. Sullivan as our Latin tutor.

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I.C.—Last, but not least! Although we are I.C, we are quite At C when we have to keep one of the teachers company on a Wednesday afternoon. Our boys all welcome the Phonetic French lesson, although quite a number of them (sad to relate) have sore lips because of it.

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Mann (whose “nom de terre”—or is it “pomme de plume”?—is Homme) likes MAN-ual Training the best. They say that the easel he made was very easily done. Mr. Steel often steals a glance at it. (We must apologise for these vicious puns.—Ed.) We regret to say that we have no classroom to ourselves, but we have enough jollo where we are. The boys appreciate football rather than cricket. We hope to have some reps. in the teams. There are quite a number of budding aspirants for the 2nd XV., and possibly for the 1st.

Valedictory,

Early in the term we met to bid farewell to Mr. J. A. Williams, B.A., who was leaving us to take up his duties as Headmaster of the Technical High School. In the course of an appropriate address, Mr. Waterhouse expressed his appreciation of the work done by Mr. Williams, who, during ten years spent at the School, had on several occasions acted as Headmaster. His remarks elicited frequent applause, showing that all present shared in the appreciation of the departing master. The occasion was utilised to present Mr. Williams with a handsome marble clock, as a sign of esteem from masters and pupils. Mr. Williams, on rising to reply, was prevented from speaking for some considerable time by the enthusiastic applause. He eulogised Mr. Waterhouse, with whom, during a friendship lasting over the greater part of his life, he had always been on the happiest terms. He went on to speak of the flourishing state of the School during the past few years, and expressed deep regret at severing his connection with an institution of which he had grown so fond. At the close of the proceedings hearty cheers were given for Mr. Williams, who thereupon called for “Three more for Mr. Waterhouse.”

But a week later, we again assembled to say good-bye to Mr. V. J. Miles, now Professor of English at the Military College. Mr. Waterhouse pointed out the good work done by Mr. Miles as English Master and one of the chief movers in the foundation of the "Record" and the establishment of the L. and D. Society. Concluding, he presented the departing master with a handsome fishing rod and a pocket wallet, on behalf of the Staff and boys. Mr. Miles was greeted with prolonged applause. He thanked Mr. Waterhouse for his many kindnesses, and the School for their memento. He had always been, he said, an ardent fisherman, and looked forward to the landing of many a fine trout in the Murrumbidgee waters. The speaker then went on to give some kindly advice to the boys of the School. In a fine, vigorous appeal, he urged us to ever place before us the highest ideals and high ambitions. Finally, he urged us not to neglect the artistic side of our natures, to give part of every day to the reading of a fine poem or the contemplation of a beautiful picture. Such studies, he said, were a great source of peace and contentedness. Enthusiastic applause and cheers testified to the impression Mr. Miles' words had made.

An account of the presentation to Mr. Weatherburn, who left us last quarter, appeared in last issue.

Empire Day.

On Empire Day, 1910, we still had fresh in our minds the loss of our universally beloved sovereign, King Edward VII., and our celebrations were consequently of a restrained nature. This year, however, the rejoicing was unmarred, and the demonstrations were general and enthusiastic.

At the School, the ceremony was of a very pleasing and interesting kind. At midday we all assembled in the main room. Above the platform were displayed the Union Jack and the Flag of the Commonwealth. The Headmaster then addressed the assembled School, and in a few well-chosen sentences made a spirited appeal to our patriotism. He then introduced Dr. Morris, who treated us to a particularly neat and interesting address, winning at once the sympathy of all present. He pointed out the significance of Empire Day, as at once a commemoration of a great and good Queen and an occasion to recall the position we occupy as members of a mighty Empire. His question to us, Australians, as to what we were going to do to maintain the traditions of the noble race from which we are sprung, appealed directly to our hearts.

At the conclusion of the address the speaker was loudly applauded, and the Headmaster then called on all present to stand up and salute the Union Jack. Immediately upon this followed "God Save the King," sung with vigour and enthusiasm. Cheers were then given for "His Majesty the King," "The Day We Celebrate," and Dr. Morris.

Old Boys' Column.

Lent Term at the 'Varsity has ended, and "Freshers" will enter upon Trinity Term work, relieved of the anxiety of term exams, and without such feelings of loneliness which every "Fresher" must feel on entering the "place on the hill."

The medical profession nowadays seems to be the most enticing, and hence we find the majority of "High School Freshers" taking the Medical Course.

The other Faculties also claim a fair quota of Old Boys.

We noticed the following "Freshers":—

Arts and Law.—J. R. Nield.

Science.—M. Aourousseau.

Medicine.—J. G. M. Beale, E. V. Bradfield, P. L. Daniel,

M. R. Finlayson, A. J. Howard, C. G. McDonald,

R. Kidson, C. G. Smith, C. Uren.

Engineering.—H. R. Fry.

Agriculture.—E. G. Waterhouse.

J. G. M. Beale has left the Arts Course, in which he passed with high distinction, to take up the course in Medicine.

Mr. H. S. Utz is this year President of the Undergraduates' Association, in succession to Mr. A. L. Campbell. Both are old High School boys.

Students' Festival Day was carried out successfully by the University Undergraduates.

The work in connection with the above was very arduous, and much credit is due to Mr. H. S. Utz, B.A., President of the Undergraduates' Association, for the success of the venture.

Amongst those receiving their "Blues" at the function were W. E. Kay (Rowing), H. S. Utz (Tennis), and E. A. Southee (Athletics).

We offer our congratulations to Dr. T. Harvey Johnston, M.A., on his appointment to the position of Lecturer in Biology at the newly-established Queensland University. Dr. Harvey Johnston graduated M.A. in 1907, and obtained his D.Sc. degree this year at Sydney University. During the last couple of years Dr. Johnston has been attached to the Bureau of Microbiology as Assistant, and in this position he has done much useful work in Plant Pathology and Animal Parasitology.

The "S.M. Herald" recently published an article on Sydney University men who have distinguished themselves at home and abroad. We were glad to see our Old Boys figuring in the list. Dr. Elliot-Smith, after graduating at Sydney and studying in Europe, became Professor of Anatomy in the Medical School at Cairo, and now holds a similar position in the University of Manchester. He is recognised as one of the world's greatest authorities on the anatomy of the human brain. Professor H. S. Dettmann, who occupies the Chair of Classics at the Auckland University, is another Old Boy. Mr. Leo. A. Cotton (who, after graduating in Science, was elected to a Linean Macleay research fellowship) is the author of

many important geological papers. In the engineering world we find Mr. Horace Flashman, a brother of Dr. Flashman, occupying a prominent position in America.

Old Boys will be pleased to know that E. R. (Roy) Barker was a member of the successful N.S.W. "Eight" in the recent Interstate Eight-Oar Championship.

The Australian Students' Song Book has at last appeared, and in connection with its production much credit is due to Dr. F. A. Todd, the Chairman of the Song Book Committee. We quote the following extract from "Hermes":—

"Only those who have caught a glimpse behind the scenes could have any idea of the immense amount of work that the Song Book has entailed, and 'Hermes,' in congratulating Dr. Todd and the other members of the Board, fully recognises that our Australian Universities owe a considerable debt of gratitude to those who spent so much time and labour in bringing the project to a successful issue. Successful is indeed the only word that could be used."

The Old Boys are to meet the School in a Football Match on Wednesday, July 12th next. Old Boys desirous of playing in this match are requested to communicate with the Secretaries of the O.B. Union at once.

It is the intention of the Old Boys' Union to hold a smoke concert as soon as can be arranged. The success of these functions depends in a large measure upon the attendance of Old Boys. As the Union goes to a good deal of trouble, as well as expense, to arrange these functions, it behoves all Old Boys to make a point of being present.

We hope soon to arrange a Tennis Match between the School and a team of Old Boys.

The University Science Society has this year elected Mr. S. J. Johnston, B.A., B.Sc., as its President. Mr Johnston was Acting Professor of Biology last year, and his election is a very popular one. Last year's President was also a well-known Old Boy (Mr. O. U. Vonwiller, B.Sc., Lecturer and Senior Demonstrator in Physics).

E. R. Daniel and P. W. G. Starling have passed their final law examination in Section II.

In the list of successful candidates in the examinations recently held throughout the Commonwealth under the auspices of the Corporation of Public Accountants, we noticed the following:—

Final Examination (Legal Section).—J. L. Bush.

Intermediate Examination (Legal Section).—E. N.

Austin, N. W. Richardson.

Preliminary Examination.—C. R. Deane.

At the University Championships and Sports, held recently, H. B. Taylor distinguished himself by running second in the 440 Championship in good time and also gaining second place in the 220 Yards Handicap off 11 yards. In the same sports F. S. Cotton gained third place in the High Jump Han-

dicap (with 10 inches), and second place in the $\frac{3}{4}$ -Mile Handicap off 100 yds. E. A. Southee was first in the Long Jump Championship, second in the High Jump Championship, and third in the 440 Championship.

In our list of University results in last issue of the "Record," no mention was made of the Economics and Commerce Examination results. We are pleased to state that Old Boys secured top places in both second and third years. In second year T. Waites gained High Distinction and first place, while F. J. Docker carried off first place in the third year list. Mr. Docker gained High Distinction, winning the Chamber of Commerce Prize for the student adjudged to have done the best work in the three years' course. He also won Mr. Irvine's prize. We also noticed that our O.B. Union's Treasurer (Mr. A. G. Henderson) succeeded in satisfying the examiners in the second year examinations.

Our University Letter.

The Undergraduate body, as a whole, has during the last few weeks been stirred to excitement, and perhaps not a little resentment, by the course of events connected with the Commemoration of Benefactors.

As many of you are aware, this year, contrary to the custom of previous years, no University Procession was allowed to pass through the streets on Hospital Saturday. A large section of the public, in whose minds the two events, by the course of long-established custom, had become inseparably connected (3000 people collected at the University alone) were disappointed at not seeing the familiar pageant. But their disappointment was as nothing compared to that of the Undergraduates themselves, who on this one day of the year were afforded an opportunity of commenting publicly on current events, of displaying ingenuity in the presentation of farce, comedy, or satire, of advertising their institution, and of signalling the passage of another academic year. How dear the institution was to the heart of the Undergrad, can only be gauged by those who have themselves wooed the academic Muse within the grey walls of their own Alma Mater. And this privilege is to be denied us—the stern hand of authority is to restrain in paths of becoming soberness the feet of "erring" youth, because, forsooth, we have published and sung songs which treated in personal manner of

"Our many lecturers, professors,
Bulldogs, and the like oppressors,"

as our 'Varsity Anthem hath it.

And yet these songs are of a type whose publication and singing have been sanctioned by many years of usage. Those of later years have certainly not been less restrained and gentlemanly than those which before were taken, by the more sympathetic, as good jests; by the less sympathetic, as nothing

worse than mere effervescence of spirits arising from "that clever, unbalanced mind of the Undergraduate." Certainly, indeed, they were not of a character calculated so to ruffle the feelings of our lawful heads as to lead them into a somewhat foolish controversy in the press, or to induce them to breathe forth threats of vengeance, which, at the test, they found themselves unwilling to put into execution. They were even unable to secure the suppression of the songs, which finally became the sole "casus belli."

This is a vindication, addressed to those whom it will soon personally concern, of an institution which we regard as constituting a very essential and valuable factor in University training.

In the actual struggle, we have both Government and Opposition on our side; we are prepared to use all our efforts to retain our privilege, and so far the colours remain with us. And they will remain.

—B. L. A.

Literary and Debating Society.

(Contributed.)

[The Editor declines to accept full responsibility for this account, which appears to emanate from a strong opponent of the Duumvirate.]

This Society seems to be in imminent danger of sinking into oblivion unless some interest is aroused among the lower classes. At present all its supporters are either members of the Sixth Forms or Probationary Students. It is true that those who do attend are enthusiastic, but we are anxious to see the interest more wide-spread. All should remember that this is, perhaps, more worthy of support than any other of the School institutions, affording, as it does, both amusement and benefit.

The first meeting since last issue consisted of a mock election. Mr. Hamblin posed as a Socialist, emulating in his speech a Domain orator. The words, "Equality, Liberty, and Fraternity" (to which a facetious member added "Death"), figured largely in his address. The Socialistic member was ably backed up by Mr. Ellis. Dragged in from a tennis set, Mr. Moran advocated the claims of Labour, but his remarks met with such disrespect that the candidate retired in disgust to his tennis. The Liberal candidate (Mr. Fincham) rose, eye-glass in eye, amidst a fusilade of witty (?) interjections, but was unable to obtain the sympathy of his audience, in spite of the heroic oratory of his supporter, Mr. Kay. Amid loud voices Mr. Hamblin was declared elected.

It is said that some irregularities in the conduct of this contest are to receive the attention of the authorities, and it is possible that Mr. Hamblin may be called upon to defend his seat in a new election.

On May 4th, Mr. Hamblin (Premier) supported the cause of Co-operation in preference to Private Trading. For a week previous a vigorous campaign was carried on by means of pamphlets appealing to the sympathies of members. The "Duumvirate," Messrs. Kay and Oberg (in co-operation) determined to oust the Government, and, after a lengthy and somewhat excited meeting, succeeded, their victory being mainly due to a Clodian mob of hired partisans.

Alas! the joy of the triumphant Duumvirate, now the Government, was short-lived, for when at the next meeting they moved that "Limited Monarchy is preferable to Republicanism," they met their downfall, Mr. Hamblin being once more called on to form a Ministry. We were glad to have with us at this meeting Inspectors Grieve and Dennis, who, in spite of their arduous duties, were thus able to manifest a kindly interest in our School institutions.

May 25th was set aside for the reading of the Manuscript Journal, but the contributions were so few that it was impossible to hold a meeting. Once more we would urge on members the importance of personally assisting in this most interesting branch of the Society.

Messrs. V. J. Miles, Grieve, and Dennis have this quarter been elected life members of the Society.

An account of the Old Boys' Debate is given elsewhere.

Old Boys' Debate.

The Debate was held on the 6th April, 1911, and was well attended.

Mr. Atkins occupied the chair, and after a few introductory remarks announced the subject: the School moved—"That Trade Unionism is essential to industrial rest." Mr. Sullivan again consented to act as adjudicator.

Mr. Kay opened the Debate for the School, and dealt with the subject from a theoretical point of view. He gave a good speech, knitting his arguments well together, but he was inclined to speak rather too rapidly. However, his manner was excellent, his deportment good, and his gestures very appropriate.

Mr. Kidston spoke first for the Old Boys, but did not seem to have prepared his subject very carefully. However, as usual, he was very interesting, and his speech was full of humorous touches which held our attention. He has the knack of seeming at his ease under all circumstances, and this, combined with his witty sallies, made his speech very popular.

Mr. Oberg spoke next for the School, and from the beginning showed a decided liking for statistics, by means of which he strove to prove his case. He was still quoting figures, and was about to "come to another point" for the eighth time when the bell cut short his dissertation. His speech was thoughtful and well arranged, but, like Mr. Kay, he was inclined to speak rather too rapidly.

Mr. Byrne, for the Old Boys, immediately began by some irrelevant references to insanity, and we could see by his aggressive attitude towards his opponents that he was slightly excited. Several times he turned towards Mr. Oberg and commanded, in tones of thunder, "Is THIS industrial rest?" He ended by remarking that where there was unrest there was no rest, which he apparently thought would prove his point. However, his speech was a source of enjoyment to friend and foe alike.

Mr. Hamblin, on behalf of the School, was highly commended by the adjudicator for his fine speech, which was easily the best of the day. His arguments were dispassionate and forceful, and his manner convincing and deliberate. He was the exact antithesis of Mr. Byrne, and his clear-headed arguments never failed to reach their mark whenever he directed them at the wild arguments advanced by his opponents. Once he adopted Mr. Byrne's menacing tactics, to the utter discomfort of that gentleman and the delight of the School supporters.

Mr. McDonald concluded for the Old Boys, and made an able speech, delivered in his usual convincing and energetic manner. He attempted to dispose of some of the School arguments, but in this he was only partially successful. His eloquent efforts, however, were unavailing, and amidst acclamation the adjudicator declared the School winners by 242 points to 228. Mr. Sullivan remarked on the excellence of the Debate, which he considered as good as any he had had the pleasure of hearing.

His opinion was endorsed by Mr. Saxby and Mr. Atkins, and we may conclude that it was not only a victory for the School, but a victory we may reasonably be proud of.

Au Revoir.

The following have left at Christmas and Easter:—J. R. Nield (Junr., 1908; Senior, 1910; 1st XI., 1st XV., Lieut., Sen. Pref., 1911); N. E. Biden (1st XI., 1st XV., Junr., 1908; Senr., 1910; Prefect, Col.-Sergt.); J. R. Broadbent (1st XV., Prefect, 1910; Sports Ed., 1909-10; Junr., 1910); C. G. McDonald (Editor, 1909-10; Sen. Pref., 1910; Junr., 1908; Senr., 1910); F. A. Lenthall (School Cup, 1910; 1st XV.); Senior, 1910; H. D. Allen, T. W. Dwyer, M. R. Finlayson, T. A. Meldrum, H. Mortimer, C. G. Smith (Prefect), B. S. Glass, (Prefect) A. J. Howard (Prefect), H. W. MacBride (Prefect), C. Uren (Prefect), T. le M. Wells and L. F. Watt (Prefects). J. Bogle (1st XI), H. M. Garling (1st. XV), R. Bardsley (1st. XI), F. Della Ca (1st. XV), A. Tonking (1st. XV), B. Garret (1st. XV), G. Loveridge (Athletics), A. Fry 1st. XV), V. R. Kline (1st. XI), W. A. Readford (1st. XV), F. Edwards (1st. XI), E. V. Bradfield, N. F. Mauldon, N. Allen, E. Thornton, A. Mitchell, T. Robey, S. Taylor, J. Street, H. Treweeke, A. Earnshaw, J. R. Spencer, R. M. Griffiths, B. Marsh, E. Bishop, J. Astle, R. Baines, C. Best, J. Deans, L. Dinning, G. Dowling, N. Drummond, S. Folkard, L. Garside, R. Golding, L. Gilbert, C. Hamey, G. Heuston, J. Hudson, C. McClellan,

J. McClean, H. Milne, F. Muller, R. Murray, F. Skevington, E. Walsh, M. Wasson, E. A. Whiley, B. Wilson, G. Eager, C. Mahoney, W. L. King, A. W. Gray, J. A. Corbett, L. Main, G. Richards, C. Richardson, A. L. H. Scott, W. W. Vick, S. Kennedy, A. Pauling, G. S. A. Brennan, E. Channon, H. Alanson, D. Ayers, J. Lemon, R. Rossiter, L. Dearberg, S. Forster, A. Clifford, S. G. Ormsby, H. Stevenson, R. Kelly, N. Macey, S. Haig, H. S. E. Jones, R. Kaiser.

Lacrosse.

Another winter game has this year found its quota of supporters at the School. It is that of Lacrosse. Some time ago a preliminary meeting was called, and the idea was at once received with enthusiasm. Seemingly, this fast, clean game is here to stay. The Lacrosse Association supplied us with all necessary material free of cost, and to them we must express our thanks. We have entered the Schools' Competition, and are sanguine of success. Just at present, we are considerably handicapped by the lack of suitable practice grounds. However, arrangements are being made, and we hope soon to overcome this difficulty. In conclusion, we would thank Mr. Singleton, who has kindly consented to coach us at considerable inconvenience to himself.

Tennis Club.

The optimistic hopes of last issue have been fully confirmed by recent happenings, and the Club is now on the high road to prosperity. With the timely assistance of Messrs. Mulholland and Fletcher, we have been able to procure three good courts at Haberfield for Wednesday afternoons, the cost entailed being met by the profits of the Tuck Shop. So that all we require of Tennis enthusiasts is that they attend the courts on Wednesday, and the Tuck Shop every other day. The very reasonable subscription (2s. per quarter, with an entrance fee to the Club of 1s.) should tend to swell the present membership, and so popularise the game.

As predicted, we have performed valiantly in the field, playing two matches—viz., a team of four against the Old Boys, whom we bested after an exciting finish by four games, and a team of six against the Training College, who proved victors, after an interesting struggle by the small margin of six games.

We sampled the new courts on Wednesday, 10th May, and found them in all respects admirable. Besides many new members, several of whom are by no means tyros, most of the older members were present. Among them were Moran, a doughty two-handed player, who, so rumour goes, is very good in his class; Oberg, who still retains a great deal of weight and a fair amount of form; McCredie, and Waterhouse, a self-reputed invincible double; Clemenger, who performs some frightful smashes (generally into the net), and who,

according to himself, is never in form; Beasley, who amuses himself (and others) by seeing how high he can hit the ball without losing it in the clouds; McNamara, who may, in the remote future, strike his much-talked-of form; and several others.

On the whole, however, we have a fairly strong lot, and from present indications we see nothing but a career of glory and prosperity in store for the Club.

Baseball Club.

The new season does not find the Baseball Club in quite so happy a state as the last. A number of our prominent players have left, while others, advancing in years, are debarred from playing in the Competition. The new boys have not rallied so well as was expected of them; in fact, the interest generally is not what it should be. Quite a number seem to imagine that they can play in matches without attending practice. Such boys must either change their views or find themselves dropped from the team. Baseball is a particularly good game for those who play cricket in the summer, and we appeal to all luke-warmers to bestir themselves, and see if the team cannot eclipse our performance of last season.

Still, we have some dozen faithful enthusiasts who attend regularly the bi-weekly practices at University Square. In spite of their efforts, however, we have not been very successful in preliminary matches. At the Association's Field Day on May 6th, we played a short game against Petersham, the result being a win for our opponents by 6 to 4. Bignall, Hooke, and Clarke showed best form. Our matches were as follow:—

V. Hurlstone College.—School, 11; Hurlstone, 13. Lost.

V. Technical High School.—Technical School, 11; School, 7. Lost.

Still, with renewed enthusiasm, we hope, for the remainder of the season, to be more successful.

Cadet Notices.

Much to the disappointment of various military enthusiasts, the old Cadet Corps has been disbanded. However, we are looking forward to some fine work under the new Compulsory Training, and certain of our members have applied for commissions in the new Army.

During the week preceding the disbandment, a rifle meeting was held, the following being the successful competitors:—

At 200 yards.—Cadet Molesworth, 1; Cadet Kershaw, 2; Color-Sergt. Beasley, 3; Corp. Rhodes, 4; Cadet Hains, 5; Lance-Corp. Slade, 6; Sergt. Saxby, 7.

At 500 yards.—Cadet Molesworth, 1; Cadet Kershaw, 2; Corp. Rhodes, 3; Cadet Andrews, 4; Cadet Hains, 5; Cadet Colvin, 6; Sergt. Sealy-Vidal, 7.

Cricket.

Our past cricket season was not quite as successful as might have been expected, since we only managed to win one competition match, and we did not meet with very pronounced success in our outside matches. However, we did our best, and we recognise that the other teams were too good for us. We heartily congratulate Sydney Grammar School on winning the competition, and we feel sure that they merited their success.

Many members of the team have now left the School, and we only hope that next year we shall have a sufficiently strong team to enter the Great Public Schools' Competition. We expect to see some of our past players do well in big cricket, and they can be sure that the School will watch their doings with interest. It would encourage players much more if members of the School would turn up and evince a greater interest in the doings of the School players. It is the support of his schoolfellows, if anything, that urges a player to do his best.

Oberg secured the batting average with 24 completed innings for 899 runs, giving an average of 37.46. Clemenger obtained the bowling average, taking 43 wickets for 811 runs; average, 18.87. In conclusion, let us express the hope that next year the School will meet with better success, and will eventually win a high place in the G.P.S. Competition.

Following are the scores in two matches played after last issue of the paper:—

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

Played at Parramatta, 25th March. Winning the toss, we sent our opponents in. After fielding for the best part of the day, we eventually dismissed them all for 313. Bardsley bowled well, taking 4 for 37. The School then batted, but made no showing at all, being dismissed for 43. McNamara batted well for 25 not out. In the second venture, we lost five wickets for 43. Won by King's by 270 runs.

T.K.S. 1st Innings.			S.H.S. 1st Innings.		
Walford, b Biden	...	55	Oberg, h o w, b Farquhar	...	4
Farquhar, c Beasley, b Brooke	...	64	Bardsley, b Farquhar	...	1
Best, c Oberg, b McNamara	...	16	McLean, l b w Farquhar	...	0
Coles, c Oberg, b Biden	...	7	Nield, c Lee, b Farquhar	...	2
Ross I., run out	...	85	Biden, c Douglas, b Walford	...	0
Capel, l b w, b Bardsley	...	10	Mathers, b Farquhar	...	5
Champion, b Bardsley	...	0	Beasley, c Thompson, b Walford	...	1
Ross II., c Waterhouse, b Bardsley	...	22	McNamara, not out	...	25
Thompson, c Waterhouse, b Bardsley	...	8	Brooke, c Coles, b Walford	...	0
Douglas, l b w Mathers	...	17	Bignall, b Walford	...	3
Lee, not out	...	2	Waterhouse, c Champion, b Walford	...	2
Sundries	...	27	Sundries	...	0
Total	...	313	Total	...	43

Bowling for School.—Nield, 0 for 34; Biden, 2 for 58; Mathers, 1 for 74; Brooke, 1 for 52; McNamara, 1 for 30; Bardsley, 4 for 37.

Sydney High School, 2nd Innings.			
Oberg, b Walford	...	...	2
Nield, b Walford	...	...	7
McNamara, c and b Walford	...	...	4
Bardsley, c and b Walford	...	...	9
McLean, c and b Walford	...	...	10

Biden, not out	...	...	8
Mathers, not out	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	2

Five wickets for 43

S.H.S. 1st XI. v. ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

Played at Riverview, 29th March. They won the toss, and sent us in. However, we were all dismissed soon after lunch for 111, to which Bignall contributed 29 and McLean 24. Then, by means of keen fielding and good bowling, we dismissed our opponents for 87. On the second venture, we had a "hit" and lost six wickets for 173. Oberg (71), Waterhouse (33, retired), and Bardsley (29) batted well. Won by School by 24 runs.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.

Oberg, b McDonnell	...	...	2
Bardsley, c Barry, b McDonnell	...	...	13
Biden, c and b McDermott	...	...	2
McLean, c sub b McDermott	...	...	24
McNamara, c Barry, b McDonnell	...	...	1
Beasley, c Moore, b McDermott	...	...	7
Mathers, b McDermott	...	...	5
Waterhouse, b McDonnell	...	...	5
Brooke, b McDonnell	...	...	1
Bignall, c Cowley, b McDermott	...	...	29
Rae, not out	...	...	9
Sundries	...	...	13

Total 111

St. Ignatius, 1st Innings.

P. Moore, b Biden	...	...	2
S. McDonnell, b Mathers	...	...	1
R. Barry, b Mathers	...	...	29
C. Moore, c Mathers, b Biden	...	...	17
J. Hackell, c McLean, b Bardsley	...	...	9
F. McDermott, b Brooke	...	...	6
W. McDonnell, h o w, b Biden	...	...	2

S.H.S. 2nd Innings.

st Barry, b McDermott	...	...	71
c sub b McDermott	...	...	29
c Clifford, b McDermott	...	...	23
st Barry, b Moore	...	...	0

retired 29

c Moore, b McDermott	...	...	7
not out	...	...	5
Sundries	...	...	9

Six wickets for 173

Macken, b Brooke	...	...	2
Clifford, b Brooke	...	...	2
Craven, c Waterhouse, b Brooke	...	...	6
Cowley, not out	...	...	4
Sundries	...	...	7

Total 87

Bowling for S.H.S.—Mathers, 2 for 32; Biden, 3 for 22; Bardsley, 1 for 9; Brooke, 4 for 18.

Football.

We are again in the midst of another season. Unfortunately, we have been somewhat retarded, as our playing field (Wentworth Oval) was not available till May 3rd).

Three of our most prominent players (E. Saxby, N. Biden, and W. McLean) we have sent to England to represent Australia, while the majority of last season's team has since left the School; so that this year our team is practically new.

The following boys represent our "Firsts":—Forwards—Cooke, Ridley, Bolton, Stone, J. Shepherd, Clifton, Phillips, Mackey; Halves—True (Vice-Capt.), Outten; Three-Quarters—Thompson, MacKellar, Oberg (Capt.), A. Shepherd; Full-Back—Mahers.

S.H.S. 2nd XV. is as follows:—Forwards—Hall, Kay, Longmuir, Lang, Heath, Elliott, Anderson, Saxby; Halves—MacBride, Pullen; Three-Quarters—Howie, Geoffroy, L. Phillips, Kidd; Full-Back—Chilcott.

This year we have obtained the valuable services of Mr. E. E. Booth, ex-All-Black and amateur footballer. He has made a scientific study of the game, and is well versed in the finer points of football. Combined with a pleasant personality, his instruction is greatly appreciated by the boys, and subsequent matches will prove that his coaching has not been in vain.

At a meeting of football enthusiasts, the following were elected for the season:—Mr. Moore (Treasurer); O. Oberg, E. True, and H. Thompson (Selectors); O. Oberg and E. True (Secretaries).

For many considerations, we withdraw from the Great Public Schools' Competition for the present season. We, unfortunately, lack enough of the necessary material from which to draw our forces, and, unlike other Great Public Schools, we feel the serious handicap of not having a playing ground within the confines of the School.

Last season proved particularly strenuous—the playing of five or six matches with only three days' rest between is sufficient to test even the stamina of hard-trained professionals.

We still experience the old, old trouble—boys do not attend practice regularly. No doubt it is often necessary to catch a train; yet an effort should be made—particularly by those who are anxious to maintain their position in the 1st XV.—to attend at Wentworth Oval as often as possible.

After the "Junior" we hope to gain several more footballers who are at present devoting themselves to the more serious part of school life. A distinctive element present in the School may be summed up in the maxim, "Work before play."

We note with pleasure that many boys who are either unable by parental dictates or otherwise to join in the game, recognise their duty to the School in attending the matches as spectators. We would be very pleased if the School was well represented at all matches and good encouragement given to the players.

On Wednesday, May 10th, a scratch match was played at Wentworth Oval between two teams of combined "Firsts" and "Seconds." A keen and spirited game ensued, but it very soon became manifest that the majority were in poor "condition." However, the boys managed to endure a long tussle, which resulted in a win for B Team by one point, scores being 17 points to 16 points.

What may be called the opening match of the season was played at Wentworth on May 17th against a team representing the Wool-Classers of the Technical College. Our opponents averaged fully two stone heavier than ourselves, yet, by the

superior combination of the three-quarters and the sturdy opposition made by the forwards, we managed to stave off defeat.

Mr. Widmer, a former representative of Balmain 1st XV, and a master at the School, acted as referee.

Technical College kicked off, and very soon the School was on the defensive. The defence was solid, but a particularly brilliant piece of play found our "backs" out of position, and the opposing three-quarters made a dash for the line and scored. The try was converted, and five points were "notched" after five minutes' play. The School now attacked vigorously, and the College were being hard pressed. From a scrum in the open field a fine passing rush was started, and the ball was successfully carried out to the wing three-quarter, Thompson, who, running well, scored between the posts. Oberg easily converted, and scores were now equal. From this point the School made repeated efforts to cross the line, but were held back. Oberg made a couple of attempts at goal from penalty kicks, but no scores were added. Half-time rang with scores unaltered, and the School was confident of a victory. On resuming play, every effort was made by the School to cross the line, and excitement was intense. However, our efforts were fruitless, and full-time sounded with scores five points all.

The following Wednesday, through a misunderstanding, the 1st XV. played no match.

On Wednesday, May 31st, the "Firsts" journeyed to Hornsby, and played a friendly game with Barker College.

On the opening of the game the School attacked, and, after the three-quarters made unsuccessful attempts to cross the line, Phillips in the forwards scored. The try was converted by Oberg. Play was now open, and True, securing the ball, passed to Outten, thence to MacKellar, and out to Shepherd on the wing, who ran well and scored in the corner. The attempt at goal failed. The School continued to attack, and the three-quarters were playing splendidly. MacKellar scored the next try, and at half-time we were leading 11 points to nil. The next half the forwards kept play well in hand, and although Barker College made attempts to score, they were frustrated by the solid tackling of the backs. Outten scored the next try, after a fine run. The forwards again took the ball, and, making a fine dribbling rush, Bolton scored. A good kick from a difficult angle failed. The School now found itself defending, but Oberg, making a good opening, passed to True, who, cutting in, passed again to Oberg and thence to Clifton on the wing, who, running well, scored. A goal was kicked, and play closed with High School victors by 22 points to nil. We suffered the loss of our "crack" wing three-quarter, Thompson, but Clifton successfully filled the vacancy, and Gray played well in the forwards. The game showed improved combination of the backs, and forwards, with no exception, played with all heart in the game.

The 2nd XV. played its first match on Wentworth Oval on Wednesday, 17th ult., against the Technical High School. Anticipations of a fast and spirited game were fully realised. Within a few minutes the School had scored, after some good passing among the backs; Phillips, by good individual play, had the honour of scoring the first try. The School three-quarters played very well, and possess a very strong combination of Phillips, Geoffroy, Kidd, and Howie. The final scores were 6 points to 3 points in favour of High School, Anderson scoring the second try.

On Wednesday, 24th May, 2nd XV. played Christian Brothers at Waverley, where the team suffered a defeat. The School team was outclassed by heavier opponents, yet made a stubborn defence. In this match the forwards were not as fast as on the previous Wednesday, and left rather too much for the backs. Not a few members of the team bore the marks of a keen struggle. Chilcott played very well as full-back, and is an exceptionally fine kick. The result was a fairly easy win for Christian Brothers by 30 points to nil. However, we hope to reverse the scores in the return match.

S.H.S. 2nd XV. met Barker College 2nd XV. on Wednesday, 31st ult., at Wentworth Oval. The teams were for the most part equal in weight, with the advantage, perhaps, on Barker College side. Play opened and became fast, and in a little time the home team scored the first try. High School soon showed they were the better side, and scoring was fast. The three-quarters were playing particularly well, and passing rushes continually terminated in crossing the line. The forwards pressed hard, and from good dribbling rushes increased the lead. The final scores ended in School winning the match by 35 points to nil. The following scored tries:—Howie (3), Elliott (2), Kay (1), Hall (1), Kidd (1), Geoffroy (2), Anderson (1). The goal kicking was very weak, only one try being converted, and many easy chances were lost.

The 3rds and 4ths have played a few matches between teams from the School.

The 3rd XV. played Knox College on Wentworth Oval on Wednesday, May 24th. The game was fast, but the visiting team proved too heavy for the 3rds. The first half ended with scores: 11 points to nil against the High School. On resuming play, the three-quarters started a good passing rush, and Elgar, on the wing, after a good run, scored a try. The kick at goal failed. Knox College scored two more tries and kicked one penalty goal in the next few minutes. Brisset, for High School, kicked a penalty goal, and final scores were 20 points to 6 points in favour of Knox College. Among the three-quarters the most prominent were Hedger, Wall, and Elgar; while Ridley, Bowring, Cookson, and Howie played well in forwards. McEwen and McLosky are well suited to the respective positions of scrum-half and five-eighth.

Answers to Correspondents.

- "D.S." (6 A).—With a little more confusion they might rank as first-class "non-sense verses." We print your class as a warning.
- "H.M."—Regret to say "treatise" on Referenda arrived too late for publication.
- "DIOGENES."—(1) Yes. (2) Yes. The giramel is a cross between a giraffe and a camel. Professor Miles has already landed five with his fishing-rod.
- "666."—That's the number of the beast in Revelations. We're sick, sick, sick of you!
- "K."—Too much an accumulation of distances, dates and times. Try again. A history, or treatise on mathematics more in your line. Dates are at present about 4d. a pound.
- "X.Y.Z."—Reminds us of a roast thunderstorm mixed with the noise of cats' feet and the root of a bear, sent when the editors of *The Record* have been struck dead by lightning on a Wednesday afternoon. You are about as unintelligible as this.
- "R.I.P."—"Through a Pocket Lens." Thanks
- "MATHEMATICAL."—The shortest way is to multiply the place where the garden isn't by a boy who doesn't support the tuck shop and bury the result in a keg of tar in the sixth's lavatory till a green moon shines on the sixth Friday of the month.
- "ADONAIS."—Never print more than 16 kisses. Too agitating on the youthful mind. N.B.—Matrimonial notices will *not* be printed in this paper.
- "REJECTED."—Just so!
- "J.L.—
- "Now on the scaffold the culprit stands; he is condemned to die.
There's few that will be glad, while many will heave a sigh."
- Is this an anthem or a war-cry?
- "B.—?"—Cannot decipher. By your scrawl you should be a professor at least. Or is it a new wallpaper pattern?
- "BIRTY BLOWFLY."—Military Memoirs accepted.
- "W.J."—Just one objection to your school jokes—they lack humour. Jokes should always be more or less humorous. Try a sermon.
- "ALPHEUS."—Good, but would take seven years to print. N.B.—Novels, epics, encyclopedias, dramas, dictionaries not printed in this paper.
- "MODESTY."—As requested, we put "The Lonely Laundry Lady" in the obscurest place possible—*i.e.*, the w.p.b."
- "THE TRUMPET."—About as exciting as a Fiji banana.
- "THE LYKE."—Too true!
- "A MEMBER OF 2B" asks—"What is the difference between tu be and the new skirts?" Ed.: "I don't know!"

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