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Editorial

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THIS issue brings to a close the second year of the life of our little paper. And, indeed, we have every reason to be proud of those two years. Those among us who saw the birth of the "Record" will remember with what misgivings, and with what doubts of its future success it was ushered forth into the small world of the school. They will also remember its praiseworthy progress during the first year of its existence, and how at the commencement of its second year it was enlarged from a magazine of 24 pages to one of 32. And now it has reached the end of this second year, and we pause to look back upon the path of its career. We have a perfect right to congratulate ourselves upon the progress of our journal. Whereas at first some difficulty was experienced in collecting sufficient matter to fill the paper, the editors of the last few editions have been able to sit back and make a selection; and in

some cases have been forced to hold contributions over till the next issue. This is an unquestionable proof that the paper is fulfilling some of the objects with which it was founded. It shows that boys are awakening to the fact that the paper is theirs, and that it is their duty to support it. And their support has been indeed encouraging, for we can safely say that productions of a very high order have appeared within the pages of the "Record."

One point, however, we would like to specially emphasise; and that is, that our paper cannot possibly last without the liberal support of our old boys. One of the primary objects of the journal was to bring more closely together the present and past boys of the S.H.S. But we are sorry to have to say that numbers of our old boys have been rather lax in their support of late. Let them take up the school motto: ("Extremos pudeat reducere"), and let them remember that it applies even to the payment of subscriptions to the school paper.

School Notes.

We heartily congratulate the following boys who were appointed Prefects, on August 31st:—A. Cockburn, L. V. Hall, D. W. McCredie, A. S. Shepherd and A. S. Waterhouse. We also congratulate E. J. Saxby upon being appointed Senior Prefect of the school.

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We regret to announce the resignation of W. R. Fincham from the position of Editor of this paper. He left the school after the June vacation, and his departure has been sorely felt in many branches of the school life. On behalf of the school we congratulate him on the able production of the last issue of the "Record," and wish him every success in the future.

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On a Friday afternoon, early in August, we were favoured with an entertainment in the main-room, given by a Mr. Greenleaf, a popular American elocutionist. He gave us selections from the "Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merchant of Venice," and "Rip Van Winkle." His rendering of them was both original and highly interesting, and he afforded a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon. A portion of the proceeds is available for the purchase of pictures to adorn the walls of our class rooms.

During the present quarter two new masters, Mr. Penman, B.A., and Mr. Luke, have joined the staff.

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At the recent sports meeting of the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools, the school managed to secure 9 points—2 more than last year. V. Paterson secured second place in the 220 Yards Championship under 15, and the junior team (consisting of V. Paterson, F. Paterson, O. Thomas, E. Funnell, V. Coombes and D. Cookson), came a good third in the Under 15 Team's Race. We were, however, most successful in the Mile Championship and Team's Race. In the first division of the race, C. Clemenger ran second, thus being runner-up for the Mile Championship of the Great Public Schools. The second division was won by J. Mathers, with A. Couchman second. The running of L. Hall in the 440 Yards Championship was also very favourably commented on.

We congratulate our representatives on their fine efforts, and on their success.

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The following has come to hand from an apparent opponent of the Camera Club. We publish it, not on account of its literary merit, but that it may serve as a warning to camera-fiends against total absorption in their hobby.

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THE CAMERA CLUB.

(To the air of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.")

The Cam'ra Club has just been formed,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
At them the other chaps have stormed,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
But they don't mind it in the least
But go with cam'ras to the East,
North, West, South, and—anywhere away.

They go with cam'ras, two by two,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
They haven't a look for me or you,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
They talk 'bout plates, developing,
And dark rooms too, like any thing,
They all are mad, mad as an M.L.A.

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The "Demosthenes," with the Coronation Cadets on board, is expected to arrive in Sydney about October 18th. We shall be very glad to welcome back our representatives, and we hope to see

them looking well after their trip. The broadened outlook upon life which these boys will have acquired should greatly benefit their friends as well as themselves, and boys are looking forward to the interesting accounts which the cadets will be able to give of their travels.

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"T.L." writes:—"I should suggest that a "Record Contribution Box" be established, where poets can drop their contributions without the world remarking on the poet's literary bumps. We are all bashful and sensitive."

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The following boys have succeeded in passing the Water and Sewerage Board Examination for Clerks:—H. Sharp, A. Stone, and C. Bignall, who obtained first, second, and third places respectively; also O. Gormly, A. Short and Gieran. Our congratulations and wishes for every success in their new positions.

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The rifle shots of the Coronation Contingent entered for several competitions at Bisley. In team's events they won the Fremantle Cup (Kershaw top score: 31, 26, 27—84), and the Cheylesmore Trophy (Kershaw 33, 32—65). The shooting in the latter contest was excellent considering the condition of the weather, and the size of the target. Kershaw also secured second place in the Barlow Prize, but his score of 84 was disallowed owing to his being a competitor in the "King's." He also won prizes in other competitions. The school is honoured by his performance.

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During the recent quarter the school has been extensively repaired, and painted on the outside. This has had the desired effect of rendering the building water-tight—or nearly so (we hope they will try again)—and has also given it quite a fresh appearance.

The Library.

The Librarian and Committee appreciate very much the action of the Department in having erected a very serviceable and handsome balustrade around the Library area in the School Hall. Besides being extremely useful it adds greatly to the beauty of the room. It provides quite a hallowed atmosphere for that portion of the building—especially when occupied by Mr. Schleicher and

his band in deep study of the divine Attic poets or the immortal pages of Thucydides. Since its erection, its worth has been appreciated by the boys who avail themselves of our library.

A further instalment of new books is about to be purchased, and the Librarian would be glad to have new volumes suggested for consideration. New boys are reminded that the subscription is only 1/- per quarter, and that the library already contains over 1200 volumes. In addition there is a magazine section, containing all the latest magazines and periodicals. Boys may become members of this section by paying the additional sum of 3d. per quarter—per quarter, mark you! not per diem—a sum which for many boys vanishes daily in the form of pies and chocolates at the Tuck Shop. Rescue one of these coins from destruction and invest it where it will buy more wholesome food.

Shall I Love.

Can I love when the clouds are thickening
 When the bird is still on the tree,
 When the breeze's voice is silent
 And sullen sleeps the sea;
 No sun above
 Can I love?

Dare I love when the woods are darkening
 In the gloom of Earth's despair?
 God's voice in wrath is rolling
 And heavy hangs the air
 Black Heav'n above
 Dare I love?

Shall I love while slaughter triumphs
 'Mid God's armies in the sky?
 Skies are heavy with His anger
 He Creator, creature I;
 Shall I love,
 Dark hate above?

Love I shall, though Earth be rocking
 In the throes of Judgment Day,
 Love alone is God's creation,
 Storms will pass away,
 Is God above?
 Then shall I love.

R. I. K.

Literary and Debating Society.

Though we do not disregard the advantages of military training, yet we are sorry to witness its effect on the institutions of the school. The Debating Society has felt this probably more than any other institution. Nevertheless, through the zeal of a few of the most prominent members some good meetings have been witnessed. It would be, perhaps, wise to point out to the members of the lower sixth and junior forms, that those who have previously run the Society will, after the vacation be too busy to think much of debating. It is then very desirable that a little more enthusiasm be displayed on their part.

At a meeting held on Thursday, June 27th, a very pleasant afternoon was spent listening to the humorous readings and recitations given by Mr. Trae, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Robertson.

At an "Impromptu Day," various subjects such as "Eggs," "The Australian Girl," "Fowls," "Is There a British Empire?" and "Was the Expense of Coronation Justifiable?" were discussed at length by Mr. Kidston, Mr. Moran, Mr. Atkins, Mr. True, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hamblin.

The subject: "Should Government House be converted into a Museum and Art Gallery?" proved to be a very interesting one. The Government, however, was destitute of supporters, and consequently was thrown out. The promised lecture by the Head Master has been postponed.

Humours of the West.

Mr. S. C. Smith, B.A., was formerly on the staff of the Sydney High School, and is at present a master in the Perth Modern School. Writing to a former colleague here, he says:—"Have just returned from a week in the country in the course of which I passed through some 5000 acres under crop, belonging to our old friend, Hughes, and his immediate neighbours. This, of course, represents the merest fraction of wheat land in the belt and refers merely to the land served by one siding; five years ago there was not so much as a tree cut down or a furrow ploughed in the whole district. I had an idea that land was generally referred to either with regard to its colour or its texture, composition, etc, but in this back-to-front country it is classified by the timber it carries or carried. Thus, where an eastern farmer would speak of "light, loamy soil," "a black soil plain," etc., our cockies would say, "This is mallee, or gimlet, or salmon country," meaning thereby, that it once carried such timber as mallee, gimlet, salmon gum, etc. I must admit that I felt somewhat curious when I heard a man say "I've got a lovely bit of jam country over the hill." I am afraid that I thought I had misheard the adjective. I chewed the matter over and came to the conclusion that this must be the

country where jam is grown, probably all ready tinned for market. Some cautious leading questions revealed the fact that there grows on this land a shrub called jamwood, so called because the leaves when crushed smell somewhat like raspberry jam. This cleared the atmosphere a little and I was ready for it next time I heard a farmer speak thus, "Yer carnt beat a bit of jam fer fencin'." I learned when quite young that cannons were made by pouring treacle and sawdust round a hole, that the moon consists of green cheese, that condensed milk comes from Cowes, but you see it took me many years to learn that W.A. fences are made from jam; that salmon makes good building slabs, or that blackboy makes a glorious camp fire. My education was thus progressing quite favourably when I heard a man say, "Wotcher thinker that fer a moral crop." I had never taken into consideration the possibility of applying any ethical theories to crops and the morality of a wheat-field had never been dreamed of in my philosophy. However, I lay low and discovered that this field had once carried a timber known as "morrell."

My week has been one of strenuous toil—sucker cutting (although I protested a preference for tucker-sucking), running in horses, dam-sinking, fences, turkey-shooting, etc. By the way, I had a grim experience while turkey-shooting. I was sitting in a stubble field in ambush; I wore an old felt hat which apparently showed above the stubble top—thereby hangs a tale. After some time spent in this form of vigorous idleness, I beheld approaching in the near distance a stealthy figure. I rose to investigate and the stealthy figure aforesaid relaxed its cat-like tread, assumed the normal attitude of humanity and revealed the country yokel in all his glory. I cannot reproduce in all its entirety his greeting and conversation—for various reasons. He spoke a strange tongue; even my varied experience failed to interpret all his swear words. Thus he to me: "Why, I bin stalkin' yer for 'alf an'our. I thought yer wus a turkey. I jest seen the top of yer 'at and took yer fer a gobbler. If I'd only 'ad a rifle I'd a put a bullet inter yer. Why, I took a lean off that there black post with me gun, and got the drop on yer, ony I guessed I cud get a bit nearer. Anyhow, if I'd ony 'ad a rifle I'd a 'ad a pink at yer, swelpme." Cheerful sort of thing, wasn't it? If his rifle could speak no better than himself, I should have been fairly safe."

Results of the Junior Examination

JUNE 1911.

HONOUR LIST:—

- English*—(Prox. Acc.) James Peel Shelton.
Greek—(Medal) George Jacob Maxwell Saxby.
Algebra—(Medal) John Parker
 (Prox. Acc.) Dudley Gordon Molesworth.
Geometry—(Medal) Leo, Stanley Polden
Physics—(Medal) John Parker

PASSES.

CANDIDATE.	History of England.	Geography	English.	French	Latin	Greek	German	Arithmetic	Algebra	Geometry	Physics.	M. Matricu- lated.
Andrews, R. R. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	C	..
Banks-Smith, R. G. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	C	A	A	C	..
Bignall, C. R. A. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	C	A	C	..	..
Black, C. ....	..	..	B	C	C	..	..	A	A	A	..	M
Blumer, P. W. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	A	B	B	C	..
Bradfield, A. B.	C	..	C	C	..	..	..	C	C	C	..	..
Brown, R.	C	..	C	..	C	..	..	C	C	..	..	..
Buehhorn, F. W. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	A	A	..	..	..
Bush, G. C. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	A	B	A	B	..
Cizzio, J. W. ....	..	..	B	C	C	..	..	A	A	C	B	M
Clemenger, C.	B	..	A	C	..	..	..	B	B	C	..	..
Coleman, R. E. ....	..	..	C	B	C	..	..	C	B	B	B	M
Cooke, A. A. ....	..	B	C	..	..	..	..	B	A	B	C	..
Cooper, J. H.	B	..	B	C	C	..	..	B	..	C	..	..
Cramp, W. R.	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	A	A	A	A	..
Etherton, E. J.	A	B	A	C	..	..	..	B	B	B	..	..
Fitz-Roy, R. J. ....	..	..	B	..	C	..	..	B	A	..	C	..
Gietz, S. D.	C	..	C	..	..	..	..	A	A	B	C	..
Gormly, O.	C	C	B	..	..	..	..	A	A	A	..	..
Graham, D. E. ....	..	..	B	C	C	..	..	B	B	C	..	M
Gregory, R. C. ....	..	..	C	..	C	..	..	A	B	C	..	..
Hains, C. C. ....	..	..	A	C	..	..	..	B	C	B	C	M
Hall, A. M. ....	..	..	B	C	C	B	..	C	B	B	..	M
Hazlewood, L. W.	C	B	B	..	..	..	..	B	C	A	..	..
Heath, L. A. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	C	B	A	..	..
Hook, N. H.	C	..	B	..	..	..	..	B	A	C	..	..
Howie, C.	B	C	B	..	..	..	..	B	B	A	..	..
Hughes, W. F. ....	..	..	B	..	C	..	..	A	A	A	C	..
Hunter, L. E. S. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	A	B	A	..	..
Hutchinson, T. H. ....	..	C	C	..	..	..	..	C	B	B	B	..
Kable, C. H. ....	..	C	..	..	..	..	..	C	B	A	..	..
Kidd, J. F. ....	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	B	A	..	B	..
Kings, W. ....	..	..	C	C	C	..	..	B	B	C	..	M
Larbalestier, L. E. S. ....	..	..	B	C	C	..	..	B	B	B	B	M
Lawson, J. A.	C	..	A	C	C	..	..	C	C	C	..	..
MacLean, H. M. ....	..	..	B	..	C	C	..	A	B	A	C	M
Mathews, F. L. ....	..	..	B	C	..	..	..	C	B	B	C	..
Molesworth, D. G.	B	B	..	..	..	..	..	A	A	A	..	..
Mouldsdales, F. W.	A	..	A	..	..	B	..	B	A	A	..	..
Mutton, O. F. ....	..	..	B	..	C	..	..	B	B	A	..	..
Mylchreest, H. W. ....	..	..	B	C	C	..	..	A	A	A	B	M
Ohmsen, H. W. ....	..	..	C	..	C	..	..	A	A	..	..	..
Otter, H. W.	C	..	B	C	..	..	..	A	A	C	..	..
Park, J. G.	C	..	A	..	C	..	..	C	C	C	..	..
Parker, J. ....	..	..	C	C	C	..	..	A	A	B	A	M
Paterson, W. S. ....	..	..	A	..	C	..	..	A	A	A	A	..
Polden, L. S. ....	..	..	B	B	B	..	..	A	A	A	A	M
Price, L. J. ....	..	..	A	C	C	..	..	A	B	A	B	M
Rhodes, C. W. ....	..	..	C	C	..	..	..	C	B	C	..	..
Ridley, W. P.	C	C	C	..	..	..	..	A	B	B	..	..
Saxby, G. J. M. ....	..	..	A	B	A	A	..	A	A	A	..	M
Sharp, H. M.	C	..	B	..	C	..	..	B	B	C	..	..
Shelton, J. P. ....	..	..	A	B	A	B	..	B	A	B	..	M
Short, A. L. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	A	A	B	..	..
Small, L. H.	B	B	B	..	..	..	..	B	A	B	..	..
Smith, W. C.	C	..	C	C	C	..	..	C	C	B	..	M
Stafford, G. M. ....	..	..	C	..	C	..	..	B	C	C	..	..
Stone, A. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	C	B	C	B	..
Thomas, F. D. ....	..	B	B	..	..	..	..	A	A	B	B	..
Watt, W. C. G. ....	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	B	A	A	C	..
Wootten, F. C.	C	..	A	A	A	..	..	A	A	C	..	M

The Camera Club.

This Club has been formed to bring together those interested in photography in the school by means of meetings at which the various photographic processes will be explained, and difficulties cleared up. It is intended also to hold outings every other Wednesday to various suitable spots. Competitions will also be held regularly, the first being arranged for November. The subscription is only sixpence per term; nearly all of this will be used to provide prizes for the competitions. All boys who have cameras, and who have not yet done so ought to join the Club, and also those who are intending to take up photography; these last should find the Club specially useful to help them over their initial difficulties; and all members may come without hesitation at any time, for advice or help on photographic matters to any of the masters who are assisting the Club (Messrs. Luke, Fletcher, and Schleicher). There may be some boys in the school who feel interested in photography, but are not quite decided whether it is worth while to take it up or not. If there are any such I should like to say a few words to them, and point out what an interesting pastime it is.

Everyone must have felt at one time or another a wish to have a picture of some place that he is visiting, or of some event or object in which he is interested; but only a few have the ability to sketch rapidly anything that they wish to have a record of. But with the aid of a camera anyone can, in a few moments, get a picture which is certain to be more accurate than any drawing. Besides when one has taken the picture one is not limited to a single copy as with a drawing, but an unlimited number can be printed; one can make enlargements to frame and hang on the wall, and lantern slides to show to one's friends, this last being by far the best way of showing pictures, if a lantern is available. It is quite a mistake to suppose that there is anything alarmingly difficult about photography nowadays; it has been enormously simplified, and is continually being made more and more so. If his likes take that form, a boy may investigate the chemical and optical principles underlying photographic work, and very interesting this is to those who have scientific tastes. But on the other hand, if he does not want to be bothered with such things he may ignore them almost entirely, and still get good results. This does not mean that photography does not require a boy to use his brain at all; one of its most valuable features is that one has to be careful and systematic in working it, and to use common-sense; the careless, casual, slap-dash sort of person will never get good results, except now and then by a fluke. It is a splendid training in exactness and carefulness. Another great advantage is that it is a pastime which can be taken up and set aside at will. In this it differs from some others, such as gardening for instance, which need constant attendance and watchfulness, or all the work done is likely to be thrown

away. But with photography if the amateur finds that he is too busy for a time or if funds have run short, he can give it a rest until more favourable circumstances arise. Photographic apparatus does not require feeding or watering, and can be left any length of time without attention.

No doubt in the past the difficulty of providing a dark room for developing has frightened many away from photography; but nowadays this is not needed, if one uses films instead of plates; with these even developing can now be done in broad daylight, and a dark room is not necessary at any stage of the operations. A good camera is not necessarily expensive; cameras can be had at any price from five shillings upwards, and even the cheapest will take excellent photographs, and give any amount of pleasure and amusement.

Following are a few notes on the meetings of the Club held up to the present:—

Since its formation, the Club, although subjected to no slight opposition from a number of the boys, has, by means of lectures, outings, and the support of a few of the masters, succeeded in affording its members at least a little pleasure, and, we hope, in improving their knowledge of photography.

Compulsory training has interfered greatly with the work of the Club, but, nevertheless, a few lectures have been given, the first on August 10th by Mr. Schleicher, dealing with "Exposure."

Before the commencement of the lecture, our Head Master addressed a few words to the members, pointing out the beneficial and instructive points of photography.

He also mentioned the frequency of Camera Clubs in the schools which he visited while on his travels, and hoped that our Club would prosper.

He further promised to show the members some of his own attempts in one of the lectures.

The following Wednesday, at the suggestion of Mr. Cantello, the Club, under the direction of Mr. Fletcher, went to Maroubra, where, after a tramp along the sands towards Long Bay, wave studies were taken by the members.

On Thursday, 24th, a lecture on developing, reducing, and intensifying was given by Mr. Luke, Mr. Schleicher also touching on reducing.

Unfortunately, the weather prevented any further outings until sports day, when a few of the members did some very useful snapshotting.

So far the Club has received the support of the first and second year boys only, but in the near future we hope to find the higher forms taking an active interest in its actions.

Ode to a Tin Whistle Apprehended.

BEING THE LAY OF A SCHOOL BOY.

1.—THE STANZA PATHETIC:

Ah me! how sad it is, how dire and doleful,
That in this wise an artist, with a soul full
Of slow smooth melodies should treated be,
For playing softly one sweet "Scale in E."

2.—THE STANZA INDIGNANT.

The wicked, cruel tyrant, who has taken
His whistle from a lad alone, forsaken,
'Tis hard sufficiently to execrate him,
For charms of music cannot penetrate him.

3.—THE STROPHE NARRATIVE.

Upon a morn, a blithe and bonnie day,
Good Blondel he bethought him, for to play
Upon his pipe—as very well he may,
Then forth he fetcht his whistle, and its sheen
Was of his Master very quickly seen,
Yet spake he not; mayhap he little thought,
Of all the mischief soon to be outwrought,

So Blondel music made,

Then down the pipe he laid;

But after school he play'd

A tune so hearty,

That the tyrant swift descended,

The whistle apprehended,

For he was sore offended—

The shabby party!

He took the whistle bright away;

Poor Blondel then no more could play,

But sigh'd alack! and well-a-day!

And home he wander'd,

The whiles he ponder'd

With longing thoughts, upon his lovely flute,

That must (until the holidays) be mute.

4.—THE EPISTROPHE SATIRIC:

Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast,
 But it would seem that here was one at least,
 On whom the charms of melody were wasted,
 For sweets of harmony he ne'er had tasted;
 Whom music pleased not, and who took away,
 Returning not, till the appointed day,
 The whistle of a sad and sorrowing poet,
 The one who wrote this lay—so now
 You know it!

5.—THE SUPERCLIMAX FUNEREAL:

Toll! for the flute,
 The flute that is no more;
 For it was snatcht away
 A day or two before;

And the whistle it is gone,
 The "Scale in E" is o'er;
 The soft, enchanting melodies
 Will sound in school no more.

TOM BOWLING.

1910.

Form Notes.

(VIA.)

Talk about a titled aristocracy! There is no more select assembly than ours. This is proved by the constant requests that employers and Governments are making for our services. Oberg has deserted us. We were all really sorry to lose him—the class room has never seemed quite the same since he left. It needs the dignity which the presence of the school football and cricket captain was alone able to give it. J. Close after a successful combat with the Public Service Examiners has been appointed to the Registrar General's Office. Our enrolment now reaches nine, so that the class is perfectly square. H. M. seems to have ideas of acquiring honour and glory by entering the military profession; meanwhile he is leading a nomadic life, wandering from one class room to another in pursuit of useful knowledge. Our three representatives on the Sports Committee have done excellent work—True and Kay acting and working as secretaries. Other sixthers engaged vigorously in the work of collecting from the old boys with excellent

results. A.S.C. put up a record for individual effort. We are pleased to be able to state that every member of VIA personally participated at the sports meeting itself. Our tug-of-war and flag teams provided good displays (? ? ? ?) Modesty prevents us recording the result of our "tugging." The majority of us are still waiting for Mr. Moore to fire the pistol.

We appreciate the generosity of VIB in dividing the laurels (or rather the cake) with us. There is nothing like generosity to fallen foes (especially Prefects). Our mathematical scholars inform us that the weeks to the Senior will soon be counted on the fingers of one hand. While in no way doubting the veracity of these gentlemen we think such elaborate calculations unnecessary. Such a trifling examination as the Senior, offers little bar to the continuance of our progressive onward march. By the time the next issue appears the battle will be fought and

VI.B.—We have been enjoying considerable success this term in all branches of our school life.

First, and foremost, we congratulate L. V. Hall, D. W. McCredie and A. S. Waterhouse upon being appointed Prefects. We have at last some one to keep us in order.

At the Great Public Schools' Sports, Hall and Shepherd, were competitors, and the former was largely responsible for the record in the 440 Yards Championship.

At our own sports, we easily carried away more laurels than any other form.

We are proud to possess the hero of the School Cup—Lincoln V. Hall. Besides, we gained five first places and three seconds, and did we not win the tug-of-war! Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the latter was decided at lunch hour about a week later.

Most of the leading players in the tennis world belong to this sporting form, and we will form no small part of the swimming and cricket clubs.

During the past winter, Farranridge, Waterhouse, and McCredie have been enthusiasts at the Glaciarium, solving the mysteries of waltzing and the "perfect balance."

The summer months are holding out attractions for the cricketing members of our class, and already we are hearing references to the "pitch" and "wicket."

We have not neglected our scholastic side, for in the recent Public Service Exams., the following succeeded in satisfying the examiners: W. McNamara, C. Gray, S. Donnan, and L. Brown.

It remains to be seen how we will fare at the approaching Senior. We wish ourselves every success. Our ranks have been sadly depleted of late. W. R. Fincham, T. Moroney, C. L. Gray, L. Brown, and Donnan have left us—we doubt if it is for their own true happiness.

VI.C.—This form which consists of boys who have the dread of the 1912 Senior ahead of them, is at home to allcomers in No. 3. The members refuse, however, to be responsible for any ills caused by breathing the heavy-laden breezes which are sometimes wafted through this room.

The management of the tuck-shop is now in the hands of some of our boys. W. Jenkins, the treasurer, is assisted by a committee who in turn give up part of their school time to help in this worthy institution. Outsiders jealous of their happy position and good condition, relieve their feelings by remarking that they are in active training for Prefects.

Owing to several lectures by prominent members of the teaching staff on "The Obligation of Boys in Respect to Sport," we played our part in the Sports. Clemenger was the only one to win individual distinction, and we heartily congratulate him upon his success; but we can honestly say that the class as a whole supported the Club both in the matter of subscriptions as well as entries.

III.A.—Our progressive form is formed from the veterans of J. I. and J. II., who came successfully through the ordeal of the Junior, and who are not in as great a hurry to win Senior honours as are our VI.C. "friends." During the first portion of the term, "private fag" was the favourite class "lesson." Some enthusiasts spent as many as 26 out of the 32 lessons per week at it. French was another popular lesson. We ably assisted our master in trying to acquire the true Parisian pronunciation, but a change of programme led to a change in the numbers of the class, and now there are not more than a dozen of us left to struggle with the unkindly French of the authors we are condemned to read.

Ridley, Stone, Cooke and Heath are the chief of a large number of the form footballers. We know this well, because spiked boots, socks and other togs, are often met with in awkward and unexpected places.

Probationers:—During the last three months the watchword of this noble order has been "fag." After so much work we deem it advisable to hold the annual sports on 25th and 26th of September, 1911. We all hope to do well, but if luck desert us, we must keep our pecker up. The highest Peake will probably be obtained by a Hussie, although another of our mates is expected to Out—ten at least of the competitors.

As usual we more than held our own at the sports. If our representative had made a Greater effort in the mile walk, he might have won. Some of our mates intend to journey to the Hawkesbury after the sports, where they will hear the Camp-bell, and have a good time Wid-mer-maids, when they are far away from the Redshaw in the Luke-warm water. When they will come Back we Cant-tell Oh! We must not be too greedy because the editor might not think it noble of us.

We take this opportunity of expressing to our masters our heartiest thanks for their kindness to us during our term at the S.H.S.

II. A.—At the beginning of the term the inhabitants of No. 5, which is the headquarters of II. A., assumed a warlike appearance, which would have startled a casual visitor. Every boy wore a look of stern determination, for the report had got about that we were not to be allowed to go for the Junior. However, all was satisfactorily settled, and we prepared for a year of steady (?) fag.

In the early stages of the quarter we met a funny thing called infinity, which rather worried us. We questioned various teachers and, after some futile struggles, became convinced that the best thing to do with infinity was to put it into a geometry book and lose both pests.

Only one case of illness has occurred among our members, Tancoe having had ear and nose trouble.

No one has been sarcastic, or daring, enough to congratulate us on our showing in the sports; for, though we won the Flag Race with our second team, there was a lack of individual brilliance. Stafford, Geoffroy and Thomas obtained the first three places in the Obstacle Race; also these three boys obtained places in at least one heat, Geoffroy and Thomas being second in their heats of the Potato Race, while Stafford ran first in his heat of the 100 Yards Championship and won the 120 Yards Handicap under 16.

II. B.—We take the place of the "Junior II." of last half, and are composed of old II. A., II. B., and a few II. C. boys. We are all hard workers. Ours (No. 6) is a model class-room, and we are particularly noted for our absence from the detention-room. In spite of our modesty we naturally felt a little hurt because some of us were not called upon to be Prefects, but put the oversight down to our quiet and unassuming ways.

Our attendance at the Compulsory Parades is of necessity very regular and two of our members—Cookson and Penn—have been raised to the honourable office of Section Commander.

We take a great interest in the Junior Debating Society; in fact, some of us, for the time being, hold very responsible positions in connection with it.

Some of our members distinguished themselves at the recent School Sports. The first five places in the Mile Walk were gained by McBride, Paton, Garner, Wall and Pullen. McBride and Paton also came first and second respectively in the Sack Race. Hedger upheld our honour in the 220 Yards Handicap by coming third. Our team was very nearly successful in the Lower Section Tug-of-War.

We were very sorry to lose Ford, who a few weeks ago, was "called" to a position in the Public Service.

II.C.—As you will be able to see, II.C., still holds its reputation as being a very good class. We are still represented by Moore and Watson at baseball, while Scott, Dent, Trotter and Goodwin represent us at tennis, and declare that they are able to beat any team in the school. Our footballers are Clifton, Moriarty, Pestell, Clemens, Colvin and South. We are sure that M——l and C——n will make a name for themselves at cricket during the coming season.

The Sports Meeting proved that we are not altogether "fags," since we were well represented in several of the events. We must congratulate Vincent on winning the Consolation Race, and one of our representatives in the mile run proved to be a good "Trotter."

Although since the last issue many of our number have left us, our mental powers will soon be proved, as we are sure of a "Goodwin" in the Junior, while, Great Scott! one of us is sure to make a "Dent" in the Latin paper. In spite of the loss of one of their members, our "Humourists" H——n and C——t, with one or two new members, still retain their humorous spirit. We might mention that Parr has actually settled down to "fag" now, and we intend, if possible, to follow in his footsteps.

I.A.—Has kept up its reputation of being AI during the last quarter, and especially at the School Sports. There are several excellent athletes in the form, chief of whom are Phillips, vice-captain of the first fifteen, and Anderson, another prominent player.

At the Sports the most successful competitors from IA were V. Paterson, F. Paterson, Funnell, Singer, Phillips, Anderson. Our Flag Team secured second place in the Flag Race.

V. Paterson and F. Paterson represented the School in the Great Public School Sports, V. Paterson securing second place in the 220 Yards Championship under 15. We heartily congratulate him upon his success.

We still have in our midst the two champion smilers, Dowling and Slingsby, our artist Kilminster and our sculptor Gregory Zeninove. We have gained the reputation of being AI at sport; why should we not uphold the reputation at the first year of the examination?

I.B.—Just at present most of the fellows are feeling very sore and very little inclined for physical exertion. Still the Sports Meeting seems to have freshened us up mentally. We are sorry to say that on the whole the form was not as well represented as we could wish it to have been; but the efforts of those who did enter cannot be too highly commended. "Larrey" Foley made a valiant attempt to carry off the high jump, but older boys were more successful. In the long jump we were more fortunate, Nixon succeeding in getting second place. In the tug we were unfortunate, having to pull with one man "missing"; about whom we think... We are glad to see that we have a very determined trier in Rayner. We wish him better luck next time. We would like to have seen our Probationers better represented in the events.

We have now settled down to work again, and are hard pressed "fagging-up" an English note book, an institution introduced by one of our masters.

We hope that there will be no more windows to be paid for in the coming term by the "ring-breakers."

I.C.—Alas, and alack-a-day, but a great misfortune has come upon us. The one and only Mann, noted for his wit (not wits) has had the influenza. However, we have borne up, and a few have been seen to make a weak attempt at a smile, heartless creatures.

But even without "Baby's" able assistance we have gained a reputation as funny dogs. Sometimes this leads us into trouble, and frequently, into the detention-room.

Mathers had hard luck at the Sports, and we sympathise with him. In the Flag Race, he did very well, and it was certainly not his fault that we only got fourth place. Congratulations to 2C on their excellent showing in the tug, as they gave us the hardest pull of all.

We are making good progress in class-work, in spite of many disturbances. A bad attack of French Phonetics is gradually coming on, just when we had thought that they had been dead and buried.

Amongst other things we would like to ask: "Why do I.B. scowl when broken windows are mentioned?"

Junior Literary and Debating Society.

For some time past the want of a Debating Society of their own has been greatly felt by the Juniors. Most of the newcomers were shy of entering the only formerly existing Society, feeling, perhaps, that they would not be made welcome, and knowing that the standard of debate would be too high for them. Seeing this unsatisfactory state of affairs, Mr. Fletcher conceived the project which resulted in the formation of the S.H.S. Junior L. & D. Society.

The first meeting of the Society was held on 8th August, and, amid much enthusiasm, the following officers were elected:—

President: Mr. Waterhouse, M.A.

Vice Presidents: Messrs. Fletcher, Cantello, Penman.

Secretary: F. Sheed.

Treasurer: V. Kenniff.

Committee: F. Sheed, V. Kenniff, G. Elliott, C. Harper, J. Woodhouse.

Editor of M.S. Journal: C. Harper.

Premier: J. Woodhouse.

Opposition Leader: F. Sheed.

Our second meeting was held on 24th August, and we had a debate on "Whether Civilised or Savage Life is Preferable." The Government consisting of Messrs. Woodhouse, Harper and Elliott, supported Civilised Life; while the Opposition, Messrs. Sheed, Garner and Kenniff, supported Savage Life. On this occasion we were honoured by the presence of two members of the Sixth. The show of hands resulted in a win for the Government by 13 votes to 6.

On the 5th of September there were a number of Impromptu Speeches given, with Mr. Cantello in the chair. Most of the boys soon warmed to their subjects, and did considerably better than they expected.

Obituary.

A few months ago, a sad event occurred which cast a gloom over our otherwise bright and radiant school life. On Wednesday, June 7th, Monsieur Perier passed away quietly at his residence, "Epacris," Darlinghurst Road. He died in harness, as it were, for he was with us, in his usual place, and performing his usual duties, on the Tuesday. Monsieur Perier used to instruct the two lower French classes. He employed the "conversational" system, and made his lessons extremely interesting as well as instructive. The boys will not soon forget his remarkable ability to execute "lightning sketches" with which he used to illustrate his lessons.

Up to the time of his death Monsieur had been teaching at the School for over six years. He took a lively interest in his pupils, and it was his custom to present the leading boys in his forms with prizes at Christmas time.

His loss was keenly felt by boys and masters; and his memory will never fade from the minds of those of us who have, at some time or other, come under his control.

The Old Desks.

I wish to enter a plea for the old discarded desks, now mouldering in the cheerless recesses of some dark lumber room, or making a warm bed, in the shape of splinters, for the coals of some street tinker. Surely we will not desert our old friends thus. My heart aches, I could cry with rage, when I enter a room and gaze upon the insolent usurpers who succeed them, with their new varnish and their smug glitter, as if they smirked in satisfaction with their newness. I loved those old desks, as redolent of suggestion and retrospection as a Meerschau is of tobacco and old memories, or old maids of lavender and kindliness, reverent in their battered age and mutilated ugliness; with their jagged edges and broken backs, suggestive of many a school-boy knife, that counted the weary minutes by splinters, and, perhaps, doubled them later in detention. They stood nobly in their ranks when first I came here, like veterans on parade, proud of their scars and sword cuts; as though they boasted: "See, I bear the name of ——— (now a famous doctor) who made his first incision in my hard side"; or another

"It was here that ——— wrote his first brief, spoiling Government nibs on my rough parchment." They all seemed endowed with a certain dignity by virtue of the tears shed over them, the sighs, the hopes, the despairs, which they had witnessed. And they never grew callous; as sympathetic and kindly to the last as in the full flush of their manhood.

There was an inestimable legacy in the lawless confusion of names and initials which graced—not disgraced—their honoured years; a mine of thought, potential in recollection and pleasant musing; as important in their own way as Egyptian papyri, or Greek inscriptions; a kind of necessary supplement to those ungainly looking honour boards, which would deprive a posterity poor enough in vigorous youth of all but the minutest percentage of the young souls who met God under this roof.

They were an index, also, to many who would revisit the scene of their youthful combat with life; monuments with a marvellous power of reconstruction, which, in a few seconds, could take you back to the days when you carved on them your first motto of Life; could fill all the empty seats with faces that earth could never put there; revivify heaps of dust and ashes with a magic touch of association. And was there not something worthy in these despised desks, that could enable you, in imagination so strong as to be almost reality, to live again with old school-mates—from whom you are now separated, perhaps, by a span greater than the earth's compass—and to fight again the untold horrors of mathematics? Are you not grateful to that spot where first you met Literature—that hospitable guest for whom the whole world is but a small company?

Those old desks were not mere accessories of scholarship. They were our confidants, nay our second parents. *Their* broad shoulders held up our despairing arms when work seemed an impassable mountain. *Their* gentle bosom received our sobs when we flung ourselves on them in impetuous youthful despair. They wept with us, they romped with us, they rejoiced with us. Surely, we may be indignant at their ill treatment. I hate the stolid indifference of their substitutes; the leg-cramping tightness of them, as if it were an economic sin to be prodigal of room. I hate their angular elbows and knee-joints, which stick out awkwardly as if to warn intruders off. (What a contrast to those dear old weather-beaten desks). I hate the blank emptiness of them, their absence of a past. But most, I hate them for their cool usurpation of a throne too sacred for them, and their cool ejection of a noble company, to whom they are as flat soda to Keat's claret,

"Cooled for a long age in the deep-delved earth."

R. I. K.

The Tuck Shop.

The Tuck Shop is still in its flourishing condition and is now entirely managed by the gentlemen of 6C. The very old saying, "Vive pour manger, ne mange pas pour vivre" has been accepted as the Tuck Shop motto, and it is hoped that the boys of the S.H.S. will live up to it. During the last six months ending August, 1911, the profits have amounted to £29, and the various sports clubs of the school have benefited greatly by the welcome additions to their funds. Boys of the school should patronize the Tuck Shop since it helps them morally and physically to meet the heterogeneous demands of the officials of the S.H.S., as well as providing the funds to purchase their sports materials. Mr. Frederic C. Herlihy, who was reported in our last issue, as being the manager of the famous establishment, resigned about six weeks ago; his position being taken over by Mr. Charles Gray. The latter gentleman departed from this School a few weeks ago, and consequently resigned his managership. We are pleased to state that these two gentlemen have capably managed the institution during their term of office. The Tuck Shop is now managed by Mr. W. H. Jenkins, whilst Mr. N. R. Paterson is obliging enough to convey the "pies" (?) to the Tech. every day.

Sports Meeting.

The twenty-sixth annual Sports Meeting of the S.H.S. Amateur Athletic Club was held at the Cricket Ground, on Friday, September 8th. Favourable weather prevailed during the afternoon, and the ground presented a bright and pleasing spectacle, occupied as it was, by fresh, vigorous, well-trained boys, and by a gratifying number of visitors. Nearly all the events were keenly contested; in most races the finish was remarkably close and exciting and the Sports Committee had every reason to congratulate itself on its successful handicapping.

The School Cup, presented by the Girls' High School, was won by L. V. Hall, who secured 24 points. C. Clemenger was runner-up with 13½ points, and C. Campbell came a good third, with 10 points.

The Sports Committee consisted of G. C. Saxby, B.A., D. J. Sullivan, B.A., W. A. Moore, B.A., R. F. Harvey, B.A., R. I. Kay and F. E. True, Hon. Secretaries; A. S. Waterhouse, Hon. Treasurer H. T. Beasley, C. Clemenger, C. Phillips, W. Ridley.

The Committee is to be congratulated for its success in making this meeting the best ever held by the School.

The results of the various events were as follows:—

220 Yards Club Handicap.—L. V. Hall, scr., 1; A. Couchman, 10yds., 2; V. Hedger, 12yds., 3. Time 24 4-5secs.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—A. Anderson, 1; A. Cooke, 2; C. Kable, 3. Distance 83yds. 1ft. 11in.

Long Jump.—C. Campbell, 1; J. Nixon, 2; L. Hall, 3. Distance 18ft. 5in.

Kicking the Football.—C. Phillips, 1; C. Clemenger, 2. Distance, 58yds. 4ft.

880 Yards Club Handicap.—E. Funnell, 80yds., 1; A. Stone, 35yds., 2; O. Gormly, 55yds., 3. Time, 2mins. 13 3-5secs.

100 Yards School Championship.—L. V. Hall, 1; C. Campbell, 2; A. Couchman, 3. Time, 11 2-5secs.

Tug-of-War (Higher Section).—6B team beat 6C team.

Tug-of-War (Lower Section).—1C team beat 2C team.

Siamese Race, 100 Yards.—R. Clarke and A. Shepherd, scr., 1; W. McNamara and E. W. Goodwin, 4yds., 2. Time, 13 4-5secs.

100 Yards Championship, under 15.—V. Paterson, 1; F. Paterson, 2; O. Thomas, 3. Time, 11 4-5secs.

Potato Race.—C. Gray and A. S. Waterhouse, dead heat, 1; O. Gormly, 3.

High Jump.—C. Campbell, 1; A. Cooke, 2; C. Clemenger, 3. Height 4ft. 9½in.

120 Yards Handicap, under 16.—A. Stafford, 1yd. behind, scr., 1; V. Paterson, scr., 2; G. Vincent, 6yds. 3. Time, 14 secs.

Mile Walk.—L. McBride, 50yds., 1; R. Paton, 75yds., 2; V. Garner, 50yds., 3. Time, 8mins. 29secs.

75 Yards Handicap, under 15.—V. Paterson, scr., 1; F. Paterson, scr., 2; H. Rayner, 3. Time, 9 1-5 secs.

440 Yards Handicap.—L. V. Hall scr., 1; A. Stone, 18yds., and A. Adey, 30yds., tied for second place. Time, 55secs.

Sack Race, 50 Yards.—L. McBride, scr., 1; R. Paton, 3yds., 2.

880 Yards Championship.—C. Clemenger, 1; L. V. Hall, 2; J. Mathers, 3. Time, 2mins. 10 3-5 secs.

120 Yards Handicap.—A. Couchman, 7yds., 1; A. Shepherd, 3yds., 2. R. C. Clarke, 4yds., 3. Time, 13 1-5secs.

Obstacle Race.—A. Stafford, 7yds., 1; A. Geoffroy, scr., 2; O. Thomas, 10yds., 3.

100 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—O. D. A. Oberg, 8yds., 1; E. A. Southee, scr., 2. Time, 10 4-5secs.

Flag Race.—2A team (A. Slade, G. Barr, W. Jackson, E. Hooke, S. Preston, C. Nicol), 1; 1A team, 2; 3A team, 3.

440 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—H. B. Taylor, scr., 1; G. A. Whiffen, 10yds., 2; F. Lynch, 30yds., 3. Time, 54 3-5secs.

220 Yards Handicap, under 15.—V. Paterson, scr., 1; F. Paterson, scr., 2; E. Funnell, 4 yds., 3. Time, 27 2-5sec.

Mile Handicap.—C. Clemenger, scr., 1; A. Stone, 70yds., 2; J. Mathers, 5yds., 3. Time, 4mins. 56 1-5secs.

Consolation Race, 100 Yards.—G. Vincent, 1; C. Kable, 2.

Verse.

(IN IMITATION OF SPENSER.)

"The flowing folds of thickly-timbered hills,
Lie everywhere mapped out before my sight;
I hear the leaping falls and running rills,
The song of birds upon each leafy height;
The curling clouds are touched with crimson light,
Like ships of flaming fire upon the sea,
That float away into the falling night;
As deep'ning shadows slope across the lea,
The peaceful magic of the bush creeps over me."

T. F.

The N.S.W. Cadet Contingent.

Writing from Crystal Palace, on 20th July, Sergeant Biden says: "Last Saturday, Sergeant Campbell and I visited Westminster Abbey; we viewed the Cloisters and Chapter House, the latter a circular structure which was used as the meeting house for Early Church Convocations, and, from the 12th to the 16th century, as the House of Commons. Inside the Abbey the seats erected for the Coronation service had not been removed, and we were unable to view the Chapel, Poets' Corner, etc. After

a brief round we left and proceeded to the Houses of Parliament, passing through the King's Robing Room, the richly-decorated House of Lords and the comparatively plainer chamber of the House of Commons. We then passed through St. Stephen's Hall to the large Westminster Hall, memorable as the scene of Charles I's. trial, also the temporary resting place of King Edward VII's. body, when lying in State awaiting burial. Below the Hall is a crypt containing a beautiful chapel.

We next visited the National Gallery, where, in the couple of hours remaining at our disposal, we had a somewhat cursory glance at the pictures. It contains paintings by practically every great artist, examples of the Tuscan and Venetian Masters, the Dutch and English Schools.

On Monday three of us—sergeants—paid a visit to the Tower of London. The walls of this historic edifice, in turn a royal palace, a fortress and a prison, are 15ft. thick. This will give some idea of its strength against mediaeval attacks. Passing inside we had a look at Traitor's Gate, then ascended Wakefield Tower and viewed the Crown jewels. We next ascended the Central Keep, or White Tower, by a stairway under which the supposed remains of the two young Princes were found. This portion of the Tower is the oldest, and contains two large rooms called the Armouries, in which various weapons and armour of ancient construction are displayed. Among the items of interest are the cloak on which General Wolfe expired, the executing axe, and the block whose last victim was Lord Lovat, beheaded in 1747 for his share in the '45, also the uniform of the Duke of Wellington, worn by him as Governor of the Tower. Emerging from the Tower we crossed the green where the executions of Anne Boleyn, Essex, and others took place, and then into the Beauchamp Tower, in which many important prisoners have been immured.

The next place visited was the Chapel of St. Peter's, Vincula; this contains the earliest example of an organ in England, and in it are buried most of the prisoners who died on Tower Hill or in the Tower itself.

The cadets attended Brooklands on Thursday, and saw motor-racing at 90 miles an hour and 6 aeroplanes in flight, as well as many others in sheds.

On Monday (July 24th) 12 of us, accompanied by Major Wynne, Captain Parsonage, and young Mr. Kelly, a representative of the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," journeyed to Windsor, a cricket match having been arranged for us against the United Service College. During the morning we had a row on the river in a couple of boats, and then went to the College, about a mile distant, where we had dinner with the opposing team. We found the wicket quite different from what we are used to in Australia; the grass

is not mown at all close and no top-dressing is put on the pitch, such as an equivalent of Bulli soil. The ground is merely watered and rolled; so we were playing under entirely unaccustomed conditions. This particular wicket was rather "bumpy," although our opponents seemed to think it a fine one. Play started at 2.15 p.m., the College batting first. When 8 wickets had fallen for 80 runs, our side was somewhat elated; but the remaining two batsmen carried the score to 190. I secured 3 of the wickets. We responded with 110 runs, of which I managed to get a dozen. Though not unexpectedly defeated by a team which had been constantly playing during the cricket season, we should have liked to win. We however, spent a very pleasant day.

It is thought we hold the distinction of being the first team of Australian youths to play against an English College.

We remained that night in Windsor, had a dip in the river next morning before breakfast, and shortly after nine o'clock set out for Eton. There we joined the rest of the contingent, who had journeyed up from Sydenham and had reached the College before us. Here we were welcomed by the Headmaster, then divided into parties, and taken round under the guidance of the Masters and old Etonians. The College is a fine old structure, built upon the quadrangular principle, and the Chapel, capable of seating 700 persons, is particularly well ornamented within.

The Eton boys themselves look "characters"; the younger ones wear the Eton jacket, while the Upper School boys wear long-tailed, cut-away coats, and every one shades his head with a silk "bell-topper." After about 1½ hours ramble through the various portions of the school, we concluded this most interesting visit.

On Wednesday (July 26), in the afternoon a party of a dozen, including myself, went through the East End to the West India Docks and looked over the "Aurora," which is to carry Dr. Mawson's party on his Antarctic expedition. It was time to set out at midnight on the following day, yet the dogs, instruments, and other materials, had not been taken aboard, and we were able to see little beyond the vessel itself.

I received two passes for the House of Commons, and on Thursday, July 27th, Moore and I went together, arriving at about 4 p.m. We were too late to hear Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour on the Moroccan question, but heard the concluding remarks of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. The debate continued until 7.30 p.m., and as it concerned foreign affairs, we had an opportunity of hearing, through the interesting speech of Sir Edward Grey, the British Government's attitude towards Persia, Macedonia, Egypt, etc.

Cricket.

The cricket of the coming season promises to be of an interesting and enjoyable character. No matches have been played yet as we could not get Wentworth Oval before the vacation; but a full programme has been drawn up, to be commenced after Michaelmas.

At the preliminary meeting, H. T. Beasley was elected Secretary and W. MacNamara, D. McCredie, and C. Clemenger, selectors.

The question as to whether we should enter the G.P.S. competition again this year was the subject of a rather heated debate. Beasley gave a vigorous and valiant speech in favour of the motion; but in spite of this it was lost on the vote being taken. The chief difficulty lay in the matter of grounds. As Wentworth Oval is not available on Saturday, we had last year to rely on the courtesy of the other schools, and play our return matches on their grounds. Though we fully appreciate their kindness, we cannot expect to impose upon them every year. However, we hope in the near future to be established at Moore Park in the new school-buildings proposed to be erected there, where ample provision for playing fields will be made, and where we shall be able to receive our competitors on equal terms.

We have lost several of our best players of last year—Nield (Captain), Oberg, Biden, Bardsley, and Brooke. Of those with us again this season there are Clemenger, McCredie, MacNamara, Beasley, Mathers and Waterhouse.

Besides these there are some promising players in the seconds who, we hope, will do well in the Firsts this season.

Football.

A very successful season has ended. We are proud of the fact that we went through the season without suffering a single defeat. Perhaps the weakness of our opponent teams is partly responsible for this, but all things considered, we have had some hard tussles, and in our three last matches victory was only won by a single point.

We had the pleasure of meeting a team from the East Maitland High School, and better still, we vanquished them.

The compulsory training of cadets prevented us from playing a couple of matches—our boys being loyal citizens, preferred to obey the call of duty (by compulsion) rather than that of sport.

In addition to this set back two matches were postponed in consequence of the bad weather, but we partly compensated for this by playing three matches in a week.

Our first fifteen have not been as strong as they might have been. Two were absent in England, and Oberg left towards the latter part of the season, while we were deprived of the services of McKellar for many matches.

We are indebted to Mr. Booth for his interest and careful training of the team.

The match with Fort-street was particularly spirited, and a good deal of rough play took place. However, we won rather easily by 26 points to 11.

Our match against the Old Boys' was greatly enjoyed. It gave the present day boys an opportunity of making the acquaintance of boys who have previously upheld the honour of the school in football and in many other ways. At times it required rather more than an ordinary individual—something more after the fashion of an aeroplane—to arrive within tackling distance of their fleet three-quarters.

The following is a more detailed account of matches. S.H.S. v. Fort-street First XV.: This match was played at Wentworth and crushed the hopes of our opponents who had long been confident in their ability to defeat us. Fort-street secured the first score, but shortly after McKellar scored from a passing rush and Oberg converted. At half time scores were 6 points to 5. On resuming the school showed greater activity and scored rapidly, finally winning by 26 points to 11. The following scored tries:—Oberg (2), Outten, Phillips and McKellar 1 each. Oberg also kicked 5 goals.

S.H.S. v. Old Boys.—Mr. Fairland, the loyal old boy, captained the visitors. Unfortunately, one or two old boys were prevented at the last moment from attending and their places were filled by members of the 2nd XV. Two good tries were scored by the school as the result of cross-kicking. Kidston scored a brilliant try for the Old Boys, and his manner of scoring, gave infinite delight to the spectators. Southee was particularly fast on the wing and scored, as did Shackleton also in the forwards. The final scores were 36 to 21. Tries were scored by the majority of the team and C. Phillips and True shared the goal kicking. In the evening the Old Boys held their annual smoke concert, at which we hope they enjoyed themselves. We are quite satisfied to be too young to smoke yet awhile.

S.H.S. v. Cleveland-street, 1st XV.—This proved a very keen match and almost resulted in defeat, being saved by the sure tackling of Mackey in the forwards, and one or two of the threequarters. Cleveland-street showed excellent combination, and played a very

fine game, but the showing of the school team was not very good. Phillips (2) and Outten (1) scored tries, and True kicked 2 goals and Phillips (1). The scores were 16 points to 15.

S.H.S. v. East Maitland High School.—This match was played at Wentworth Oval, Saturday morning, August 5th. The visitors scored first, but the play was rather slow on both sides. The threequarters did not play very well, the forwards sustaining the brunt of the work and playing very well together. Outten, scored a brilliant try, running almost the length of the field. The scores were 13 points to 12 in favour of the School.

S.H.S. v. Barker College.—The return match was played Wednesday, August 9th. A keen game was anticipated, and the contest did not prove so one-sided as the former match. For the School Mathers, as full-back, played very well, and his tackling was everything to be desired. Phillips (2) Outten, and Kay scored tries for the School. In this match Ridley, playing centre forward, in consequence of a collision with another player, sustained a slight concussion of the brain.

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone College.—This was the last match played at Wentworth Oval. It was a very spirited game, and our forwards were mainly responsible for gaining the victory. The school failed to take advantage of many opportunities which offered. H. Kay, Bolton, and Phillips each scored a try, but no goals were kicked. The scores were 9 to 8. Mr. Booth acted as umpire.

The following comprised our First Fifteen:—Full-back, J. Mathers; threequarters, L. Phillips, A. Shepherd, C. Phillips, K. McKellar; halves, V. Outten, E. True (Captain); forwards, N. Bolton, W. Ridley, A. Cooke, C. Clifton, H. Kay, E. Mackey, A. Stone, L. Hall.

The Second Fifteen has met with varying success. The following are results of matches played:—

V. Fort Street 2nd XV.—High School won by 14 points to 11. Kay, Kidd, Hedger and Hall each scored a try, and Chilcott kicked a goal.

V. Technical High School.—Won by School by 15 points to 3.

V. Knox College.—An easy victory by 2nd XV. Scores were 38 to nil.

The following have taken an active part in the 2nd XV.:—Chilcott, Wall, Hedger, Geoffroy, Stafford, Kidd, Pullen, McBride, Longmuir, Heath, G. Saxby, Elliott, A. Anderson (Captain), Pestell.

The Thirds have met with a fair amount of success:—

V. Sydney Preparatory School.—This was an easy victory for High School, scores being 20 to nil. Hedger scored 12 points, and Pullen and Elgar each gained a try.

V. St. Ignatius' College.—This match was played at River-view, the latter team winning easily by 53 points. The difference in the weights of the two teams was responsible for the unevenness of the game.

V. Knox College.—An exciting match was played at North Sydney, Knox College winning by 3 points to nil. The game was keen throughout, but the Thirds felt the loss of a couple of players, who were absent in consequence of Compulsory Training. This was also responsible for three matches being cancelled, viz., St. Joseph's College and Fort-street (2).

Herewith we bid football adieu and greet cricket with pleasure.

Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club is now at the height of prosperity. It has a membership of forty, and, until the interference of compulsory training, the courts were very well patronised indeed. During the term we pitted our strength against the Training College, and twice against the Masters. We suffered defeat at the hands of the College team of six, after a keen contest. They won by six games. We were, however, successful each time against the Masters, the first time winning by four games, and the second by eight. Those who upheld the honour of the school in these matches were Moran, Waterhouse, McCredie, and McNamara. Garner also played in one match. Great improvement has been shown since the inception of the new movement, as the new conditions are far more conducive to good tennis.

Several of the "novices" are fast attaining power and even accuracy. The form generally shown seems to predict a bright future, if cricket does not interfere too much.

Altogether, the Club has every reason to congratulate itself upon the success of the quarter, and we hope that the high standard of play will be maintained, though we might suggest moderation to some of the exponents of "high" class volleying.

Baseball Club.

This season has not been so successful as last, as we have only won three matches.

We defeated Hurlstone College by 8 runs to 4; Burwood, 7—5 and Technical High School, 9—8. The latter match being very evenly contested. It was rather an unexpected victory over Hurlstone as they had previously beaten us by 10—6.

We possess some very good individual players and if the team had better encouragement in the matter of coaching, we are certain that we should have won more matches.

Kenniff and Hooke were chosen to play with two selected teams previous to the Inter-state match during the Carnival.

Some time later Kenniff and Bignall gained places in the Combined Schools' Team against the West Australian boys. Each fully justified the selection, and played remarkably well, Bignall gaining much favourable comment in the position of catcher. These boys were also chosen to play St. George, the winners of the A. Division.

The absence of N. Brooke in the team has been keenly felt as he was an excellent pitcher. Sharpe and Moore played well considering this is their first season.

The following is the team:—Bignall, catcher; Brooke, pitcher; Barr, Hooke (capt.), Kenniff (basemen); Otter, Moore, Sharpe, Fox, outfield.

Lacrosse.

The present year has witnessed the formation of the first Lacrosse Club in the school. The season just ended has been very successful, though at the commencement matches were lost. However, as the members of the team became better acquainted with the game, victories came our way. The record of the season is:—Matches played, 11; won, 7; lost, 4. The detailed account of the matches are as follows:—

S.H.S. v. Petersham (lost)	1—6
S.H.S. v. Manly (lost)	1—4
S.H.S. v. Cleveland-st. (lost)	1—8
S.H.S. v Ratandra (won)	14—0
S.H.S. v. Fort-st. (won)	19—0
S.H.S. v. Technical College (won)	7—0
S.H.S. v. Petersham (won)	8—2
S.H.S. received forfeit from Cleveland-st.	
S.H.S. received forfeit from Ratandra	
S.H.S. v. Manly (lost)	4—6
S.H.S. v. Fort-street (won)	6—2

The team finished second in the competition, Petersham being the only team to finish ahead, and this team was defeated easily by 8—2.

All the members of the team played well, and the form shown by many was very creditable. Although many of the team will be leaving shortly the prospects of a successful season next year are very bright.

The following represent the Lacrosse Club:—C. Campbell (Capt.), J. Arkins, L. Grater, C. Harper, A. G. Robertson, E. Rogers, H. Peake, G. Wilkinson, V. Outten, J. Porter, N. Hooke, A. Couchman, A. Adey, A. Houghton.

J. Arkins had the misfortune to have a collar-bone broken but we are pleased to note he is fully recovered from the effects of what was really a bad accident.

Swimming

There is every indication of a very successful season being realized by the High School Swimming Club.

This is a branch of sport that has always received fair patronage in the school and it is most probable that the support accorded the Club will this year eclipse all previous records.

As a healthy outdoor pastime, nothing more beneficial could be desired. Apart from being a sport, it develops the moral and physical capabilities of youth, and the advantages to be derived from this healthy exercise are not to be idly thought of.

As an art it will always stand a boy in good stead, and it is a duty in the interests of mankind to acquire the art of swimming, when young. In later life it will be too late.

The members have unanimously declared in favour of Bondi Baths, and we trust that the same arrangements can be made as in previous seasons. Members of the Swimming Club can look forward with greater delight to visiting these Baths on account of the recent alterations made, and the extra facilities added.

It is intended to hold races for members each week, and there is every prospect of a grand carnival taking place later in the season.

The Life-Saving Club has, during the past winter, been drilling assiduously, and has received daily instruction in the methods of Life-Saving and Resuscitation, from Mr. Sullivan to whom very great praise is due for his constant attention to this Club.

We will have this season a squad of about forty boys competing for the Bronze Medallion.

It is very gratifying to find that this Club is in such a flourishing state for its progress is somewhat hindered through lack of drilling area; the consequence being that only a limited number of boys can be admitted as members at one term.

Answers to Correspondents.

- "Casabianca."—Prose so thin that it slipped down a crack in the Office floor and vanished altogether.
 "Euphrosyne."—Too sad.
 "K"—Desks. Accepted with thanks.
 "Rudolf"—May print in a future issue just to show what a nasty horrid wretch you are. Don't do it again!
 "T.F.R."—Verse accepted
 "A.M.H."—Poem fully appreciated and very nearly accepted. A trifle long for publication in a paper of the *Record's* dimensions. Try again.
 "Bloggs"—Just listen to this!

"Just by the side of the creek
 I, the brave gold digger found;
 He had a red wound in his cheek,
 And in his pocket was £75."

You should found a Romantic School of your own.

- "I.K.R."—Poems accepted. Many thanks.
 "Tom Bowling"—Verses accepted and published with much pleasure.
 "Mac."—Verse too weak. You should lean it up against the language we used when we read it,
 "Athenian"—It's not "Horace," it's "Horrible"
 "Beelzebub."—Go on!
 "Amans"—Rather emotional, You write—
 "Her filmy hair flows free with wavy motion
 And in her eyes I see a boundless ocean;
 This image fair with liquid lips of dew
 I cannot hold. Ye Gods! What can I do?
 Better lie straight down and die. (Poor fellow—Ed.)
 "Anxious"—Will the English Team win the Rubber? Rather difficult to say, don't you think? Perhaps you might wait and see!
 "Percy"—There is a certain animal at large now, which has recently broken its chain. It may be the one you refer to. It hails from V.I.B. It has a very nasty bark—something like a cockroach—but will not bite. The neck muscles are abnormally developed.

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