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## Editorial

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THE introduction of Compulsory Training as part of the military system of Australia is a movement of great moment. So far the idea has met with undeniable success. We are proud to be able to say that this system which continues to give such fine promise of brilliant success, is an entirely new departure in treating of the national question of defence. It has now been in active operation for about six months, and it is pleasing to state that it has met with comparatively little serious opposition, especially from parents. For citizens are beginning to realise that the time has come when Australia must have a citizen army of her own. She is



now in a position to rank with the nations, and should accordingly make every preparation for taking and maintaining her place. For the present she must perforce rely on the Motherland for naval defence, but apparently soon it will not be to such an extent, for already Australia has completed the construction of some vessels of war, and has every intention of building more.

The rules and regulations of the Australian system of Compulsory Training are well known, and there is no need to dwell on them here. Suffice it to say, that, when the system is fully developed, all between the ages of fourteen and twenty-six will be liable to undergo the course.

There is no possible doubt as to the benefit these boys will derive from their training. In mentioning this point, those boys must be especially remembered, who, instead of undergoing a secondary education, pass straight on to their various business occupations. It is indeed, satisfactory to recollect that these boys, who lose the control of school influence at perhaps, the most formative period of their lives, are placed under the command of a military training which must perforce be for their benefit. A comprehensive knowledge of military matters, and increased physical stamina will assuredly be theirs. We, at the School, have seen examples of the expected result of the system in the boys who have lately returned from the Coronation.

The duties of the members of this coming army are by no means oppressive. The inevitable grumble was, of course, distinctly audible at first; but those in command have so managed that the drill hours are fairly convenient, and do not "interfere" much with ordinary pursuits.

What is the result of this system likely to be? Whether Australia will place herself in a position to vie with the nations of the world, and whether she will, in continuation of her present forward movement, in time provide herself with a complete navy, and all the modern requirements for national defence, the passing years alone may reveal. Our good wishes go with our country, and may this School ever do its utmost to contribute its share to the success of the military training system by ever faithfully doing the duty which lies immediately before it.

## School Notes.

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The Cadets who went to the Coronation from this school, were welcomed back some weeks ago, by Mr. Waterhouse, in a suitable speech. Captain Hedberg gave a short speech in reply, and then consented to the unanimous request for a display of drill. This was appreciated by all, the quickness and accuracy of the movements being a revelation to most of us. The Camera Club seized its opportunity, and several interesting snaps were secured. A reproduction of a photo. taken by Mr. Fletcher appears in this issue.

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We congratulate E. A. Southee on being selected to represent the N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association at the Australasian Championships shortly to be held in New Zealand. He is to compete in the "sprints" and "jumps."

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The school was this quarter again subjected to several noisome gaseous visitations from the Tech. Chemistry Room. It is, perhaps, inevitable that the work of this department should create these smells, but it is decidedly hard that they should be wafted across for the delectation of the pupils of a school who have no hand in their confection. We would be indeed glad if the authorities could dispose of it otherwise.

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The Sixth Class—all those who survived the Senior—have returned to school to do everything that does not want doing. Their chief leaning is towards Physics; and it is reported that one of them accidentally released some  $H_2S$ . The classes in the Physics building have no doubt whatever of the truth of the report.

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The school did very well in the recent examination for Probationary Students. We heartily congratulate A. M. Dunkley and A. Colville on securing two of the only three Fourth-year Scholarships awarded. The following in order of merit have passed the exam.:—A. E. Couchman, V. R. Outten, E. E. Rogers, L. Grater (who obtained the first four places respectively), G. Philpot, C. Campbell, A. V. Adey, H. Peake, A. G. Robertson, J. Arkins, G. A. Wilkinson.

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The results of the Senior are just to hand. As usual the School has maintained its high position amongst the passes. We heartily congratulate R. I. Kay on obtaining the John West and Grahame Medals and James Aitken Scholarship for General Proficiency, the Cooper Scholarship for Classics, also the English, Latin, and Greek Medals.



C. O. Hamblin and A. I. Cockburn obtained medals in Zoology, and O. J. Ellis won a medal in Geometry.

Seventeen out of eighteen High School candidates obtained Matriculation Honours. The A's were predominant in the School passes, the results showing 47 A's, 41 B's and 30 C's.

Details will be printed in next issue.

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The following blend of Johnson and Mathematics comes to hand anonymously from A.Y.Z. :—

It happened on this wise, and given the same concatenation of fortuituous circumstances, it would happen again on the same Y.Z. Ergo, it was not my fault, but my misfortune.

We—I need only remark that “we” are devoted to study, and paragons of virtue as to conduct: that will suffice to identify “us”—were deeply interested in ascertaining why it is that the medians of any triangle are concurrent. I—unhappy wight—was demonstrating at the board when some stray atom of  $\text{Ca CO}_3$ —blown by an ill-wind—tickled the sensitive membrane of my nose.

Aitch-ho + aitch-ho 2 + .....to  $n$  terms. Mr. Triangle whose sense of humor varies inversely as the square of the time the lesson has lasted, and whose large experience in the serious affairs of mathematical instruction should have led him to differentiate between the real and the imaginary—waited with dignified mien till the series was closed—fortunately, it was not a sum to infinity, and then remarked, with the air of a sample expert. “Yes! a very good imitation, but just a trifle overdone. Take an hour.” “But, sir,” I protested, I —” “Take two hours.” Tableau!! Curtain!!

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Congratulations to H. W. MacBride, who has passed the exam. for the Royal Garrison Artillery. He came first of the candidates in N.S.W., and third in all Australia.

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We congratulate B. S. Glass, A. C. Berman, and B. Garrett on passing the Intermediate Legal History Exam. B. S. Glass gained first place.

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Messrs. J. Bateman and M. Finlayson have been selected as officers in the coming Great Public Schools camp. The former is medical officer, the latter Assistant Adjutant.

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About the kalends of November the curiosity of the whole school was very much excited by the evident devotion of the Masters to a large rectangular box, which was carefully transported forth

and back—always under escort—from the Headmaster's room to the Science Room. There secret rites were performed, the class—like the “*virgines vestales*” who tended the sacred fire—keeping up the continuity of service.

In a few days, however, our curiosity was satisfied, not to say gratified, by the posted information that the yearly examinations were to be held immediately on a perfectly new and up-to-date plan. The rites had been performed with a stylographic pen, and we were to have the comfort and assistance of printed examination papers, which, with the time-table of subjects, gave an air of reality to the examinations. We should like to draw a veil over the subsequent proceedings. Paper followed paper with bewildering rapidity, the school lessons which filled the intervals between the tests, giving us no opportunity to recover from the successive shocks of the examination papers. The questions in Mathematics were evidently selected from University senior papers, the French—*sans doute*—taxed our imaginations unduly, while the papers in Classics—appropriately enough—by their length and the sting in the tail, suggested to some of us, at least, the prehistoric saurian with the unpronounceable name.

It was rumored that the examination was a kind of trial run for the Intermediate stakes in 1912, and the number of competitors who scratched would seem to show that the rumor was not without foundation.

Now, that we have somewhat recovered, and are able to review the situation dispassionately, we feel that the innovation has been a success, especially from the point of view of the benefits derived from the independent test and from the subsequent hints and demonstrations.

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We congratulate A. Bradfield on passing the examination for Articled Clerks, which was held a week or so ago.

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## The Coronation Cadets.

(By One of Them.)

The visit of the Coronation Cadets to the Old Land has become almost a matter of ancient history. The members of the Contingent have returned safely to their homes, and have again resumed, probably with reluctance, the “daily round the common task,” which they so eagerly quitted more than half a year ago. All that time a wonderful opportunity was afforded the members of the various NewSouth Wales Senior Cadet Battalions, when it was announced that Major Wynne, Officer Commanding, intended to take a contingent of selected members to view the Coronation, and desired to receive nominations. From North, South, and



West, nominations came rushing in. Each country district as well as the metropolis itself wished to be represented in the company. At last a Contingent was formed, thoroughly representative of the whole of the State. The High School was fortunate enough to have nine of its cadets chosen, and one of its masters was appointed an officer of the Battalion.

The advantages to be derived from a tour of this character are incalculable. Travel is, as every one will admit, one of the finest means of education, and to those youths who were of an observant nature, and could reason intelligibly upon what they saw, opportunities presented themselves for enlarging their mental outlook, and of adding to their stock of knowledge; opportunities such as would never be possible in their limited sphere of home-life. Then again, as military representatives of the Commonwealth, they were enabled to come into contact with some of the great men of our Empire, and to visit places not usually available to the ordinary tourist. The regular and thorough exercise which all the cadets had to undergo developed them physically, while the strict discipline which was maintained must have strengthened in them those qualities which go to the making of a manly man. The impressions gained on the tour will never be effaced, but will have great effect on the after lives of the cadets, and enable them to take their part in the world around them, equipped with an experience, not often possessed by those of their own age.

So much has already been written on the various incidents of the tour, that anything like a detailed account would be out of place, so perhaps a few general impressions on the main features will suffice.

The journey through Natal to the battlefields of Ladysmith and Colenso brought us face to face, in the most practical way, with recent history. On every hand we encountered reminders of historical persons, and historical scenes, and a full account of our visit to Natal would fill a book of fairly large dimensions. One great fact forcibly impressed upon us was that General Buller, in advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, was confronted by difficulties which could not be adequately realized except by those who were "on the spot," and that considering these difficulties, which were enormous, there was little justification for the adverse criticisms on his slow advance. In Natal the name of General Buller stands second to none as that of the highest type of the capable British officer.

In travelling through the country, one could not but be struck by the great preponderance in numbers of the black population over the white. Speaking generally, the proportion is about fifteen to one in favour of the black races. All the more menial occupations, general labouring and so on are performed by them. The excellent manner in which they carry out the duties of waiters at the restaurants and hotels almost converted some of us to the ad-

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vocacy of black labour for Australia. The black population belong mainly to one or other of two races; the native Zulu, or the imported Hindu, and the peaceful state of the country depends in a great measure on the great antipathy existing between these two races. Should they combine and become one in interests and aims, and these interests be antagonistic to those of the white man, then the position of the latter would be a most unenviable one. But there is little likelihood of this. They hate each other too cordially ever to coalesce. The Zulu despises the Hindu for his insignificant physical proportions. "Look at me," he says. "I am a man, not a pigmy like you. I am, as was my father, and his father before him, the son of a lion, and have a lion's courage. Our race is brave, strong, healthy, and robust." To this the Hindu replies: "Physical fitness does not count for everything in life. While you may be all you say, yet you are lacking in those powers of mind, which are the chief factors in making a man or a nation great. We belong to the aristocracy of intellect. Our race has possessed a philosophy of the highest type, from the earliest times. Long before the present great powers of the earth came into existence, and when European nations were living in a state of barbarism, we were basking in the beams radiating from the sun of knowledge, and even at the present time we stand second to none in our knowledge of mental sciences. If we consider ourselves able to equal the white man in mental powers, how much are we greater than you, O Zulus, whose mental capacity is of a low order? Ours is the superiority of intellect."

The Zulus and Hindus occupy their own particular quarters in each town. Both races are looked down upon by the lordly white, and familiarity between white people and black is rarely seen, and is strongly discountenanced.

The native population, even the native police, are forbidden to carry firearms.

Many of the British residents of Natal believe that if another war takes place in their country, it will be against the Basutos, who live across the Drakenberg Mountains. They are a very sturdy race, and are among the best rough-riders in the world.

Our stay at Capetown was a most enjoyable one, and rendered such by the magnificent hospitality of the municipality. A most interesting time was spent in examining the relics of the early Dutch occupation, in which Capetown abounds. Many of these are to be viewed at Groote Schuur, the magnificent residence of the late Cecil Rhodes, and at present the official residence of General Botha. The personality of Cecil Rhodes seems to have stamped itself in a marked degree upon South Africa, even far from the scene of his great achievements. In the Botanical Gardens there is a statue erected to the memory of the great Empire



builder, standing on a pedestal bearing the inscription, "Our Hinterland lies there." The great work inaugurated by him still moves on. Although dead, he yet speaketh.

At Tenerife, we, for the first time in the history of most of us, came to a place flying a foreign flag, and naturally enough we were very curious to see the condition of things existing in a country lying outside our vast Empire. Many comparisons were made, both odious and odorous. The buildings of Santa Cruz, the capital, were of the kind familiar to us in pictures, as being the usual type of Spanish architecture. The streets were narrow and badly paved, and the inhabitants did not present an over-clean appearance. They seemed to be very keen in bargaining, and there was often a wordy battle-royal between the natives and passengers of our ship who desired to purchase from them, as mementos, articles exposed for sale. Apart from their keenness in bartering, the people did not seem to be overburdened with a spirit of energy, and their favourite attitude towards hard work seems to be summed up in their word *manana*. One of their chief means of amusement is attending the bull fights which are still held there.

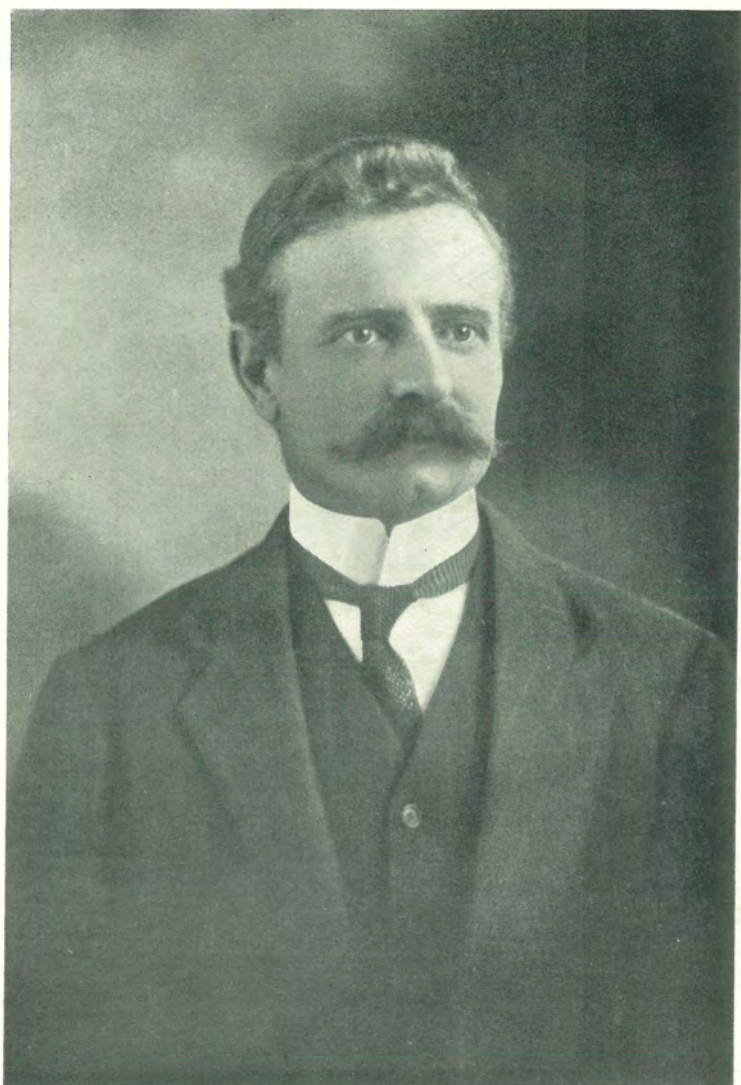
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## Departure of Mr. Atkins.

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We much regret that owing to his promotion to the position of Head Master of Parramatta South District School, Mr. W. L. Atkins, B.A., has had to sever his connection with the Sydney Boys' High School. Mr. Atkins has been a master here for over eleven years, and during that period he has identified himself closely with all our institutions and activities, notably the Debating Society, the Library, and "The Record." His work has been marked throughout by an efficiency, a sympathy, and an enthusiasm, which successive Sixth Forms for years past have had the good fortune to realise and appreciate. Whether it was some intricate passage in English Literature, some obscure period in Ancient History, some knotty mathematical problem or some involved Latin or French translation, Mr. Atkins was ever ready to give us of the fruits of his wide experience and sound scholarship. Whilst sincerely regretting his departure from our midst, we heartily congratulate him on his well-earned promotion, and trust that in his new sphere of duties Mr. Atkins' work will be crowned with the success due to him as an able and conscientious scholar and teacher.



W. L. ATKINS, Esq., B.A.



## "If I had a Thousand Roses."

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If I had a thousand Roses  
 Ruby and pale, faint-flushed,  
 I would bear them away to a garden grove  
 Where the sun peeps in thro' the leaves above,  
 And the branches murmur their endless love  
 In a song that never closes.

Alone with a thousand Roses  
 Fresh as a lover's kiss,  
 I would strew them around me everywhere  
 Till they filled the wood with a perfume rare  
 As the golden sheen of a mermaid's hair;  
 O! the magic scent of the Roses.

O! soft entrhralling Roses  
 Have ye the souls to love?  
 Do your petalled hidden hearts beat fast  
 When the waiting of the night is past  
 And the blushing dawn has come at last  
 To kiss his laughing Roses?

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## The Camera Club.

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During the quarter the Camera Club has held four meetings. On October 9th, Mr. Schleicher gave a talk on Glazing and Mounting. He first explained how prints may be glazed and the precautions that should be taken to prevent them from sticking to the glass on which they are placed. He then passed on to Mounting, demonstrating how prints can be mounted dry with the aid of a solution of shellac and a hot iron.

On October 26th, a meeting was held at which Mr. Luke explained the process of printing on gaslight paper. He showed how titles could be put on negatives with Indian Ink, so as to print white in the finished result. He then explained fully how to make up the developer and fixing bath and the manipulation of the paper. Development without a dark-room was demonstrated on November 9th by Mr. Schleicher, who first explained how roll films could be developed in daylight in a specially constructed light-proof tank, and then successfully developed a spool of film by means of a Brownie Developing Box.

On November 23rd, Mr. Fletcher was to have given a talk on Lantern Slide Making, but as he was absent at the Rural Camp School at Mudgee, a demonstration on Stereoscopic Photography was given instead, by Mr. Schleicher, who showed how stereoscopic photographs could be taken with an ordinary quarter-plate camera and exhibited a number that had been so produced.

The attendance of members at these meetings was not as good as it might have been. Perhaps some members think that they already know all about Photography and have nothing to learn. Or, perhaps, the subjects chosen are not those which they are interested in. If this is the case members should, in the future, not hesitate to let the Committee know any subject that they would like to have explained, in order that a meeting dealing with it may be arranged.

Only one outing was held, on Wednesday, November 1st, to the Domain, where photographs were taken of the Art Gallery and other public buildings. Other outings were arranged, but had to be abandoned, chiefly through bad weather.

A competition has been held, for which about 25 photographs were entered. The entries were submitted to the Editor of Harrington's Photographic Journal, who had very kindly undertaken to judge them. The following are the awards:—

Landscape and Seascape.—1st, H. E. Mason; 2nd, T. B. Nicol.

Portraiture.—1st, not awarded; 2nd, H. E. Mason.

Snapshots.—1st, T. B. Nicol; 2nd, G. Banksmith.

Miscellaneous.—1st, not awarded; 2nd, G. Banksmith.

The first prizes in the Portraiture and Miscellaneous Sections were not awarded, owing to the small number, and rather poor quality of most of the entries in these classes. Some photographs entered were very promising; others, however, showed that their producers still have a good deal to learn. These latter should determine to do better next time and to take advantage of the help that the Camera Club can afford them in improving their work.

There are still a number of boys in the school who possess cameras, but have not joined the Club. We hope that these will all come in next term. The larger the membership of the Club, the better work it will be able to do, and the more advantages it can afford to members.

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## Literary and Debating Society.

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We are sure many of our readers will be heartily sorry to hear that the influence of such a beneficial Society has been at its lowest ebb during the present quarter. This has been due, firstly, to the fact that the "Senior" boys have been busy with their arduous toils, and, secondly, to the lack of interest among the lower sixth forms.

The enthusiasm and the zeal of one or two senior boys who attempted to arouse the flagging interest among the boys proved futile. However, it must not be thought that no good work has been done at all.



Mr. Waterhouse had promised to finish his lecture on his travels, so when three members waited upon him and asked that it should be finished under the auspices of the L. and D. Society, he very kindly consented to do so. The lecture proved a very great success. The subject treated was the Roman Forum and for an hour or so our thoughts were transferred from the toils and cares of school life to the vast temples, columns, and statues of ancient Rome. As each picture was thrown on the screen, Mr. Waterhouse explained in detail its history and points of interest. The lecture was instructive and interesting and when, to our regret, Mr. Waterhouse ceased, a vote of thanks was heartily carried.

Preparations for our annual Mock Banquet are well in hand, and a very good spread is expected.

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## To Wombeyan—On the track.

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It was a bright summer morning when my chum and I left Mittagong. The roads were hot and dry, but we were fresh, and mile-posts glided swiftly by, scarcely noticed. For the first seven miles we followed the old Goadja shale line through broad grazing land, dotted here and there with clumps of trees. The road then plunged into the bush and wound steadily through avenues of tall trees and underwood while the rabbits leaped across the road at every turn. About 5 o'clock we halted by a homestead, pitched the fly and prepared our tea. This being our first day out, we suffered greatly from blisters, etc.

After an intermittent night, broken by the cries of curlews and the hooting of owls, we rose and started again on our way. After walking for three-quarters of an hour through a narrow avenue, skirted by giant trees, we arrived at the sandstone arch. This is a tunnel cut in solid stone through the centre of a ridge to preserve the excellent grade. Leaving this we passed through some switchback country, till, at the 22nd mile-post we began to descend. At the 27th post we saw in the distance, the Wollondilly, winding along the base of the spurs about four miles away. Here the road began to make a series of detours from hill to hill, gradually descending to the river. Reaching it by a short cut, we boiled the billy and camped under the stars.

Next morning we decided to ford the river. The Wollondilly is a rapid stream, flowing over round granite boulders, and is very slippery to ford; however, we managed with the aid of poles, and soon joined the road on the other bank. Then began the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles climb. Oh! how I remember it! Thank goodness, we left the major portion of our baggage at the river. After many pulls at the water bottle we reached the top.

We were now but three miles from Wombeyan. The road again descended and the three miles were soon covered. We were hospitably received by the guide, Mr. Chalker, who was expecting us. After tea we were taken to the Kooringa Cave. This cave is picturesque yet very small; we wondered, but were promised a better day to-morrow. On retiring we marvelled at the great size and hardness of the beds, which each have three mattresses. However, we slept like logs and woke refreshed in mind and body.

Next morning we were taken to the show piece, the celebrated Wollondilly Cave. Here massive pillars support the roof—a dome 90 feet from the track; and the "Sentinel," a large white stalagmite glistens and sparkles in the light. Turning a sharp corner the well-known formation, "Lot's Wife and the Cockatoo," came into view. After two hours' exploration we emerged from the bowels of the earth, well-satisfied with our excursion.

After dinner we visited the Junction Cave which contains several formations of great beauty. The Chocolate Fringe bears somewhat the resemblance of a fringe, and is of a deep chocolate colour. Opposite this is the "Grand Column," a perfect mass of sparkling whiteness, 60 feet in circumference. Also a "Shawl" containing streaks of dark cream and red is seen.

We did not have an inspection that night, but next morning we explored the "Basin" Cave. The special feature of this cave is the peculiar basin-like formations, one of which, "The Royal Bath," is about 4 feet 6 inches high and 4 feet in diameter. In the afternoon we went through the "Fig Tree Cave." This consists of a series of gigantic caverns, is by far the longest cave, but without much beauty. Next morning we rose early, well laden with provisions and started at a quick pace on the return journey.

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## The Library.

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Another year has almost passed, and we are glad to say that interest in the school library has not declined, but that, on the other hand, this institution is in a flourishing condition.

Throughout the year new books have been added—books of every kind. We guarantee to satisfy the taste of the most fastidious reader. The latest fiction, love stories, school yarns, adventures, discoveries, aeroplanes, science—we have them all in stock.

Three members of the Library Committee spent the afternoon of December 4th in purchasing new books; and we would remind the school that, amongst this number, there is a special publication the very latest Xmas book, "All About Airships." This book



deals with the science of flying in every detail and is written in a very popular style. This book is not full of dry technicalities. Its chief interest is in the great number of full page illustrations depicting the development in its various stages of the modern air-ship.

Here is a selection from the latest new books added:—The Common Law (Chambers); Double Four (Oppenheim); Sky Man (Webster); The White Trail (Macdonald); Comrades, Story of Australian Bush (Bowes); Palm Tree Island (Strang); Hero of Panama (Brereton); On Foreign Service (Jeans); Yo! Ho! For the Spanish Main (Walkey.)

In adding new books we put quality before quantity; yet we are pleased to state that we can now number 1275 volumes in our library.

We regret to say that we have lost the services of Mr. Atkins who was long connected with the administration of library affairs in general. As a master he acted as a censor of the library, and in addition, has always done his best to promote the interests of this institution among the scholars.

With the end of the term the following officers will sever their connection with the Library:—E. True and O. J. Ellis (Librarians); A. S. Cockburn, E. D. Slade, G. C. Wellisch, R. I. Kay and T. Farranridge.

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## Form Notes.

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VI. A.—Vain and transitory ambitions, whither are ye fled? There amidst yon grey and gloomy towers with their grinning gargoyles have we encountered fierce fiends, the sweetly cherished hopes of two years have been shattered and the crested pride of our chivalry has been o'erthrown in wild dismay. The supernatural forces have cast over us their magic spell and our weapons sharpened with long and painful exactitude have fallen powerless from our hands.

Thirteen times did our disheartened warriors face the foe and thirteen times after three weary hours of silent conflict did a deep and ghostly voice pronounce their doom.

There in the Great Hall with its memorials of the minds and men of the past, our courage dwindled into humility, and our humility into awe. While we strove vainly to collect a few scattered thoughts, the eyes wandered to the roof. In its gloomy grandeur the mysteries of infinity seemed to resolve themselves into shadowy nothings. Amid such surroundings mathematical conciseness was unvariably replaced by airy evasiveness. The presiding Muses "Geometrica" and "Arithmetica" smiled benignantly upon us, and

then their features slowly assumed pale and mocking grins. The unoffending clock ticked away the hours, the afternoon sun cast a pale light over the scene of mental courage through the stained glass and again the awe-inspiring voice pronounced our doom.

Such has been our experience. Little wonder then that we strive to forget our sorrowful defeat and assume a forced cheerfulness whenever we hear the contest mentioned. "But why do I idly retrace this ungrateful tale." "Hence viper thoughts that coil around my mind, Reality's dark dream."

Let us look joyfully at the coming vac., the delights of the bat, the rod, and the racquet, the mountain mists, the surging surf and conclude by wishing one and all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

VI.B.—Our success in the Senior is assured! The approaching results will certainly confirm our opinion. During the whole of this term we have been engaged in a final revision of our work. We spent an anxious fortnight at the Senior and have since returned to school to finish our education.

Cricket has claimed W. Macnamara, D. McCredie, and A. S. Waterhouse, for the first eleven, in spite of the pressure of school work.

We have experienced a profound loss in the removal of Mr. Atkins from the school. He had been of inestimable value in coaching us in our English, Latin, and Ancient History. Fortunately, he was with us sufficiently long to complete our Senior authors. We are grateful to all the masters who assisted us in other subjects.

Our form made a brave showing at the Old Boys' Dinner. D. McCredie, A. S. Shepherd, and A. S. Waterhouse, arrived very late at school the following day.

VI.C.—This is the most honourable order of the VIC's. (not the C. VI's.) This order embodies a most brilliant and enterprising Shakespearian dramatic society, whose language is most high flown and flowery. Indeed, the villain of the piece is often heard to exhort his satellites with a "Now then! don't get silly in your old age!"

Not content with this, these stage peculiarities are transferred to the French melodrama, during which, in spite of multitudinous "curtain lectures," a constant flow of bright and witty "remarks" emanates from the audience in the "Gods." Not only is this order celebrated in things tragic, comic and histrionic, but it has also shown its superiority in spring cleaning. During the last few weeks, however, exams. and numerous lectures have combined to damp its ardour. If these notes, therefore, be not pleasing to the public, the order will perforce have to draw for future selections on its "Pen-man."



III.A.—Our form has enjoyed a quarter of steady progress and close study, interrupted only when the laden breezes from the Tech. perfume the room with odours as delicate as they are welcome. In fact, some of our number, considering that their health should not be endangered, have gone up into the bush where they can camp out on the heaths and moors and breathe the pure air once again. There is also at our window a great traction-engine which, in its utter contempt for the delights of maths., etc., rumbles and blows and hisses, and fills our room with volumes of steam, hot enough to cook a salamander. We have been vigorously fighting the battle of life lately, for when a master, happening to hear such words as "prisoners' list," and "scrag him," puts his head in the door, he finds us all hard at work and indignant at his suspicion; for if he only considered the very studiousness of our natures, he would never suspect such a model form, whose success in all branches of school life has been the pattern, but yet the despair of our various rivals.

2.A.—We read in the "Record" some time back, that the "Philosopher's Stone" had been found in the school.

Well, we are beginning to think that the lodestone has been in our room, for this reason: Early in the term, 3A, a class which has the honour to be our neighbour, was in the unpleasant habit of throwing open the door, passing very uncomplimentary remarks on us, and then, drawn on by the aforesaid lodestone, endeavouring to enter the room. Not properly understanding the meaning of their action, we put them out, after a scuffle which led to a prefectorial visit. This, in its turn, led to our ejection. Though we have not done much at lessons we have gained great reputations as punsters, the principal funny men being McLosky, "Scipis" Elliot, and Carl Jaede.

As usual we have upheld our reputation as sportsmen, the best of our cricketers being Harper and "Winny" Hooke (both bowlers), with Stafford Preston and Gillam as batsmen.

II.B.—We are at present plodding along with the shadow of the mighty Junior—as it is to us—rising mystically in the distance. We comprise the envied 2nd year form and claim to have within our midst some "dark horses" who promise to shine out at the coming examination. We sometimes give way to frivolity and "mucking up," but ever have the warning cry of our Shepherd as a gentle reminder. We are trying to convert the "Bolton" one into a Cook—because by using Waugh's baking powder the ginger nut would be Worth a great deal more. We are well off for the Summer months as we have Snow ever sparkling in our midst. Apart from these extraordinary possessions we have some promising cricketers, being honoured by the presence of two firsts in the persons of Garner and MacBride, and in the Seconds by Wall, Cookson, Brissett, Bolton and Paton, with many others too numerous to mention. The compulsory training "interferes" a great deal with our studies also, for when on Saturday

mornning we feel inclined to do a little, we are reminded of the fact that we are needed for four or five hours' drill. But, in spite of all these advantages and disadvantages, we are again reminded that the six weeks' long-wished-for holidays, will soon be upon us again and then . . .

II.C.—We were told one day after the exams. that we were getting quite frivolous, but what can you expect when a master reads stories to you (in French) about trains which travel 100 miles a minute? ?

One of our number has become so frivolous that a passing master likened him to a "gay young frisker," while the master, wearied by our well-known band of humourists, called himself a "grave old plodder."

A habit of punning has grown up around us, and we are determined not to stand it any Moore. Although they may be acci—Dents sometimes, we threaten to Lynch the next fellow caught at the game.

Everybody (including the Master) takes a keen interest in the "Ballads," for when an inspiring ballad such as "John Gilpin" is read, you see the reader's eyes flash fire.

The members of the Tennis Club seem to have given up their game, for instead of going to Haberfield, they generally go in the opposite direction, to drown their sorrows in the briny, no doubt.

Magill is our most promising cricketer, and we hope to see him soon in the First XI.

Eight of us are attending the Life Saving Class to prepare for the coming Medallion Exam. Some of our military enthusiasts sat recently for the exams. and we are pleased to note that three of them, Colvin, Vincent, and Scott, secured positions.

There is a rumour that much "fag" will be done in the holidays. What do you think?

I.A.—The examinations are over at last, thank goodness! and we are very thankful to our respective masters for the interest they have taken in us.

We are all very glad to have Mackellar back again with us from the Coronation. The form was never the same without him. Several of us take part in cricket, some also enjoy a dip in the briny on Wednesday afternoons.

Our French choir is progressing favourably under the leadership of Mr. Widmer. We will soon be polished French scholars.

Many boys are leaving us at Christmas and we all wish them success.

I.B.—We are quite well, thank you, considering the fact that we have just passed through the terrible ordeal of the half-yearly exam. Indeed, we think we have borne up remarkably well under the severe strain, and hope to "Brake" the record by all going up



into second year. The Class wishes to congratulate Williams on his gaining the prize, awarded by Mr. Fletcher for best literature notebook.

So far there have not been any more promotions from I.C. to I.B., but this may easily be accounted for, by the fact that I.C. has not reached the high standard of work that is done by I.B.

We are not at all behind in sports, being represented by Braithwaite and Caldwell at cricket, and Harrisson and Webster at tennis. A good many go out to Bondi every Wednesday afternoon to swim.

We are also represented in the Junior L. and D. Society, the Camera Club, and the Life Saving Class.

In Compulsory Training, we have a number of would-be non-coms. On parade, a good many appear in uniform, taking up more space than usual, on account of the "trousers."

Law's favourite occupation in the playground now, is to pour his lime-juice and soda (?) into the boys' bags, and thus find out their true character.

I.B. and I.C. sometimes have skirmishes in the playground at dinner-time, and, of course, it is unnecessary to say who comes out on top.

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and hope they will enjoy the holidays, as we intend to do.

I.C.—A new disease has lately been prevalent round our corner of the world. Other centres have also been experiencing bad shocks of the same type. The disease has been named "examinations." It appears to be of three degrees, quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly.

The latter is the most critical stage. However, the attack has passed over, though the effects are yet to come. A sudden germ of energy has possessed us all, the whole class having taken up cricket.

Challenges have been flying around, I.B. regretting they could not play, as their team consisted of two, Messrs. C——ll and A——th.

The match against 2C, which (of course) we won would have been a success if Mr. S——tt, who resides in No. 7, had only secured us a decent ground. The idea of only getting Erskineville Oval for a class match. The S.C.G. is the least we could decently accept. Mathers is now recognised as the school's best bat, that is, in our part of the school. The band of wits under the able (?) leadership of M——nn, have suffered a defeat, several masters getting quite vicious at the would-be punsters. We are getting quite to like school, as Messrs. M——n and Sh——n can prove, by their frequency in the detention room. Of course, we all like compulsory training, and the saying "not in these trousers" has become quite popular.

## Junior Literary and Debating Society.

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This quarter we have had quite a variety of topics, and a result may be seen in the increased fluency of most of our members. The attendances have been very small owing to the fact that cricket practice interfered with our meetings; but at the one meeting held since the day has been changed to Monday, there was a marked increase.

On the 19th of September we had an Impromptu Debate on the "Desirability of a White Australia," Messrs. Wood and More being temporary leaders. The Government supporting ("White Australia") won by two votes. The subject on October 10th was a debate on "Whether the Pen is Mightier than the Sword." The Government, consisting of Messrs. Woodhouse, Wheen and Jaede, who supported the pen, were beaten by Messrs. Sheed, Whately, and Houghton. We had our first literary meeting on the 24th October, the topic being: "The Life and Works of Tennyson." The speakers were Messrs. Elgar, Sheed, Wood, Whately, Kenniff and Harper.

Our next debate was on "Trades Unions," in which the Government, advocating Unions, was beaten by two votes after a very interesting debate.

On the 20th November we again had an impromptu day, the subjects being "Compulsory Training," "Tattersall's Sweeps," "Capital Punishment" and "Home Rule." All of these led to lengthy debates.

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### "Body and Soul."

God built a stately palace, richly wrought  
 In some mysterious stone, which shed the light  
 Gleaming and flashing in a wild delight,  
 As though with lightning jewel eyes it sought  
 To scan the world in one fierce glance; a maze  
 Of lofty halls and pillared porticoes  
 So noble, so immense, Earth dreamt it rose  
 An image of that temple past the haze  
 Of Heav'n's cloud-misty white obscurity.  
 Within there dwelt a silent lifeless chill,  
 As though the glorious chambers all were tombs,  
 Till God sent down a human soul, to be  
 The life of this resplendent frame, to thrill  
 A pulse of life through all its empty rooms.



## Our University Letter.

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Dear Sir,—It seems a difficult task to write something that shall at the same time be truly representative of us old boys at the 'Varsity, and of interest or of help to those potential old boys, who now, during the French lesson, show praiseworthy diligence in swotting Greek History or The Referee. Yet, surely, it ought not to be so. For, when two old boys meet, it needs only the mention of the old school to set loose a flood of reminiscences; and curiously enough, the older the old boy and the more remote his memories of the old building, in its crowded setting of grimy foundaries, so the truer is his pride in the achievements of its alumni, and the more genuine his pleasure in meeting those who may yet live to take the place worthily, of Boys of the old Brigade.

For a fellow-old boy there is a different smile and a different hand-shake. There are some who will deny this, but we have watched and we know. There is a sense of proprietary interest and it is to those of our fellows here that we look to do what we would like to have done, and to be what we would like to have been.

Nor do we feel envious of their success, but rather is there with us a sense of gratified pride, for is not the old school our school, are not we largely moulded by its influence, and is not its influence now what it had been and what it was, and what we made it. We were told then, and we realise now, what responsibility we held in trust to future years, when we gaily shuffled the pack, and dealt out the cards of fate, for ourselves and others.

You at school, as well as we—are dealing out the cards, and if we judge by report of others, and by observation for ourselves, at the school, and in sporting many games played outside, the cards you are dealing for yourselves and the future are clean and wholesome, and will help you and us some day to win the trick. This is the larger side of school life, and the side that we value more and more as its lasting power in our lives comes to be ever more strongly felt. There are those of us up here who would dismiss the question with the bald statement that we cannot carry on school life into the University, who think to shuffle with platitude their own responsibility. To these I would say: Let them reflect and see whether here their responsibility does end. An illustration of their position might be found in that of the youth, who, in discussing with all the accumulated wisdom and cynicism of twenty summers the question of matrimonial bliss, dismissed his difficulties with the thought that after all, it was impossible for two people to live their whole lives in each other. But his expression provoked from an aged friend, with all the hesitancy and non-dogmatism induced by the passage of sixty winters, but at the same time with the conviction of experience, the thought that, granted all that, might they not yet find in each other a foundation for life and a refuge from life. And just so we can, and so we do,

find in our school life, a foundation for our life outside. And upon us as old boys devolves the duty and privilege of helping you at the foundation, in the hope, sometime of a nobler superstructure.

For though our years are all summers as yet, we begin to feel the suggestion of the breath of the winters, and in the closer inter-dependence of the old and the new, in the just inter-relation of the winter and the summer, we see the hope of a new and perfect year. We are seized of the responsibility, yours is the privilege of granting the occasion, and neither of us will fail either in the giving or in the receiving.

Yours, etc.,

B.L.A.

## Sydney High School Old Boys' Union.

(Reconstituted 1892.)

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The Union has amongst its members representatives of all years. Social functions are held throughout the year, the Annual Dinner being held in October, the month in which the School was founded. Two cricket and two football matches against the school are played each season. A prize is presented annually to the school by the Union. The Coates Memorial Library was presented to the school by, and is maintained by the Old Boys. In addition, the Union interests itself in all matters concerning the welfare of the school.

Subscription:—Two Shillings and Sixpence per annum, payable to the Joint Hon. Secretaries, 2 Hunter-street, Sydney. Tel. Central 1733.



## Old Boys' Column.

[We wish to apologise to Old Boys generally for the omission of their column from the last issue. Circumstances over which neither the general nor the Old Boys' Editor had any control, prevented timely communication being made to the latter. Consequently the Old Boys' Column could not be included.]

Since last issue the Old Boys' Union held its two most important functions, the Annual Meeting, and Foundation Day Dinner, both of which were very successful.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Girls' High School, the senior Vice-President, Mr. Fairland, occupying the chair in the unavoidable absence of the retiring President, Dr. F. A. Todd. For an annual meeting, the attendance was probably a record, but although very representative, was still unsatisfactory. The business of the evening was the reading of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The report summarised the good work done by the Council during the year. The number of financial members constituted a record.

The balance-sheet showed the Union to be in a healthy state financially. The election of Mr. P. S. Hunt as President, has the hearty approval of every Old Boy. Judging by his untiring efforts and zeal, while a member of the Council, we predict a successful year for the O.B. Union under the regime of our new President.

A list of office-bearers of the Union is appended.

Foundation Day was celebrated by the Annual Dinner and Smoke Concert, which was this year held at the Burlington Cafe on October 27th. There was a record attendance of Old Boys, including representatives of all years. Several of the Masters as well as a fair number of the Senior teachers were also present. The toast-list was short, speeches were limited to 10 minutes, and a good musical programme was provided. The President, in a happy speech, proposed the toasts of "The King," and "The School." The latter was responded to by Mr. Waterhouse, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause, which shows how popular our "Head" is amongst Old Boys. Mr. Atkins, in proposing "The Old Boys' Union," spoke feelingly of the school, with which he was about to sever connection, and referred to the great interest taken in the school by the Union. Major Wynne suitably responded on behalf of the Union, telling in a characteristic manner of episodes during the trip of the Coronation Contingent. Great praise was accorded Captain Hedberg and the representatives of the school and upon vigorous acclamation, Captain Herberg thanked the company for his reception.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items, the ever-popular Sid Shipway and the Meistersingers' Trio entertaining the company. Mr. Sullivan also contributed a recitation.

We submit for the perusal of Old Boys a list of those present at the Dinner with the year in which each left the school. The school was opened in October 1883:—

1884—P. S. Hunt; 1885—W. S. Lewis; 1886—A. M. Eedy; 1887—G. C. Saxby, C. M. Drew, Major Wynne; 1888—G. F. Diamond, C. H. Cooke; 1890—W. H. Cotter, W. M. Lawler; 1891—J. E. Bayliss, S. J. Johnston; 1892—P. J. Money, C. B. Nicoll; 1893—C. A. Fairland, R. C. Forsyth; 1894—Les W. Seaborn, W. M. Wilkinson; 1895—A. Bullock, R. B. Atwill, G. Ellis; 1896—J. G. Taggart, W. G. Wiesener, A. Waddell; 1898—Ou Vonwiller; 1901—P. C. Blacket; 1902—A. Benjamin; 1903—E. Poole, H. S. Pilmer; 1904—H. R. Barnier, J. E. Webb; 1905—G. H. Sinden, W. E. Pike, R. M. Ellis, A. L. Campbell; 1906—A. C. Ross, L. Brown; 1907—F. Follett, R. H. Fry, E. A. Southee, R. V. Graham; 1908—A. B. Callaghan, C. L. Chapman, C. K. Parkinson, A. C. R. Todd, L. N. Poole, T. A. Kidston, M. Aourousseau, R. R. Robinson; 1909—R. R. Kidston, K. Byrne; 1910: F. N. Lynch, H. K. Prior; 1911: L. F. Watt, O. Oberg, N. E. Biden, J. R. Nield.

At present at the school:—D. W. McCredie, A. S. Waterhouse, A. S. Shepherd, A. S. Cockburn, E. J. Saxby.

Masters:—D. J. Sullivan, E. F. Simonds, R. F. Harvey, J. A. Hedberg, W. L. Atkins, G. C. Saxby, J. Waterhouse.

There were also present:—G. V. Turner, A. G. Henderson, Arthur Pratt, N. J. MacKenzie.

Some important University exams. were held in September last, the lists of results containing the names of many Old Boys. We noticed the following:—

Medicine (Intermediate Examination).—R. N. Burton, K. Byrne, A. C. Thomas. Third Degree Examination: L. May (High Distinction and Equal for John Harris Scholarship). Credit: A. L. Buchanan, E. K. Parry, S. B. Clipsham, C. K. Parkinson, C. L. Chapman. Pass: S. J. Blumer, K. H. Grieve, N. D. Royle, A. C. R. Todd. Fourth Year Examination: R. V. Graham (Distinction), A. Benjamin, J. E. Bateman, B.Sc. (Credit), W. F. Simmons, J. E. Webb, B.A.

Dentistry (Second Year).—W. B. Brown (High Distinction) Third Year: R. P. Lane. Fourth Year: F. E. Christiansen (credit).

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Mr. H. G. Edwards, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed by the Executive Council as Associate to Mr. Justice Rich. Mr. Edwards had a very distinguished University career, graduating with honours.

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The following Old Boys have passed their final law examinations:—Section 2: L. N. Poole, E. N. Rowley; Section 4: H. R. Barnier, N. L. Dreyer, E. E. Jennings.



Mr. S. G. Lusby, M.A., who recently returned from Cambridge University, has been appointed Lecturer in Physics at Queensland University.

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At the Final Accountancy Examinations recently held under the auspices of the A.C.P.A., the list of successful candidates includes:—N. W. Richardson, E. N. Austin.

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We regret to hear that our President, Mr. P. Sidney Hunt, is in Dr. Hinder's private hospital, where he has undergone an operation for appendicitis. We are sure that all wish him a speedy recovery.

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In connection with the newly-constituted Sydney University Union, a ballot to elect 12 members for the Board of Directors was held at the University. Of the twelve elected, four, Dr. F. A. Todd, H. S. Utz, B.A., A. L. Campbell, B.A., and E. A. Southee are Old Boys.

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At the recent Inter-Club Athletic Championship meeting, H. V. Bissett, a prominent member of the South Sydney Harriers, gained second place in the 440yds. Championship. Mr. Bissett has run successfully in several open handicaps recently.

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At the Annual Meeting of the O.B. Union, the names of Professor J. Miles, M.A., and J. A. Williams, B.A., were added to the list of Patrons of the Union.

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The two new members of the Council of the O.B. Union are J. R. Neild and C. K. Parkinson, both of whom are enthusiastic and energetic Old Boys.

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We have to congratulate Messrs. O. D. Oberg and J. Bogle, on their promotion to the Glebe District First Grade Cricket Team. Both these Old Boys have left the school within the last 12 months and are looked upon as two very promising colts.

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We have received complaints from time to time from Old Boys who protest that the Old Boys' Column often consists of nothing more than a string of examination results. They require something more personal and consequently more interesting. Accordingly it has been decided to open another section of the Old Boys' Column, in which will be printed any information concerning Old Boys which may come to hand from various sources. Old Boys are consequently requested to forward to us information concerning themselves, their whereabouts, their occupations, and perchance, their marriages. By so doing, the objections and complaints already received will be satisfied, and Old Boys also will be brought into closer contact with each other.

## The Rural Camp School.

THE RURAL CAMP AT MUDGE. 21ST-29TH NOVEMBER, 1911.

Seven and six make thirteen which, some say, gives bad luck. But the case of the Rural Camp School at Mudgee clearly is an exception for here seven and six brought twelve boys the best eight days of enjoyment they ever had.

The success of the camp was mainly due to the great hospitality displayed by the farmers of the district, and Mr. Roberts' splendid organization.

The good management was noticeable from the start when we were formed up on the station ready to embark on Tuesday night, the 21st of November.

During the journey up we compensated for the darkness without by merriment within. A couple of chaps got tired of the noise and wandered out the window in search of peace, while some of the performers found their throats rather hoarse next day.

On our arrival at Mudgee, we were marched to the encampment at the Show Ground, and had breakfast—may we soon forget it, especially the "porridge." We spent the remainder of the day in recovering from that breakfast and during the night of our journey up we did not get much sleep.

The next day, Thursday, the 23rd, we went by train to Munna and were naturally rather amused by the way the cattle wandered on to the line, watched the engine pull up, and strolled off again. We visited Mr. Lowe's place, "Tinja." He showed us the crops and the agricultural implements used. We also saw an eagle-hawk which had been in his possession for fourteen years. Kilminster afterwards cleverly sketched it tearing to pieces a rabbit which we gave it. We had a swim in the river. Mr. Lowe lent us a horse, and we all had a ride. But the way in which the horse managed to show everybody that we couldn't ride, was very aggravating.

Mr. Fletcher had dinner with Mr. Lowe, and after we had had our lunch we played some games and had a swim. We thanked Mr. Lowe for his kindness and the afternoon-tea he gave us and we then walked seven miles back to camp. We had a hot dinner (stew and potatoes) and soon rolled into bed, or rather on to bed, for Mother Earth is rather hard at Mudgee.

The next morning found us four miles out at Weinsburg at "Eurunderee," owned by a Mr. Wurth. He showed us his vineyard of 12,000 vines, each of which yields 5/- profit a year, and explained how wine and vinegar are made from the grapes.

We each had a taste of wine, and most of us quietly tipped it out; but a few like McEwen would have liked more, I'm sure. Mr. Wurth pointed out to us the birthplace of Henry Lawson, the Australian poet. After lunch we played "kick-the-tin," and on our return we had a swim in the dirty public waterhole in the Cudgegong just outside the town.





S.H.S. Representatives at the Coronation.

The programme after tea was always bed and a punching from Captain Anderson if you didn't go to sleep quickly and stop snoring. So let us pass on.

Saturday, 25th November, was a great day in Mudgee. At 11 a.m. we marched to honour the Governor who was visiting Mudgee while returning from the Coronation of our King via Adelaide, Broken Hill, Wellington, etc. In the afternoon we either watched the Friendly Societies' Sports and amused ourselves at the side-shows, or—now keep a secret—entertained the local lasses, who were, as someone remarked, not at all backward in coming forward. In the evening we found our way to the cinematograph show in the Town Hall, saw amongst other pictures, "Enoch Arden," and before mid-night, crept back into camp and into bed.

On the next day, Sunday, 26th, we marched to church in the morning, and entertained visitors in the afternoon.

We walked, on Monday, four miles to Major Abernethy's. But the Major was away surveying, and Mrs. Abernethy showed us round the place. After dinner we had a swim in the mud in the dam, and were afterwards regaled with some afternoon-tea which Mrs. Abernethy kindly provided.

It was raining on Tuesday, the 28th, but nevertheless we went by coach 8 miles out to Mr. E. Cox's. We had a pleasant day, and some of us unfortunates on top of the coach got thoroughly soaked coming home, but that only increased the pleasure of the day.

In the evening, despite the wet, we gave a concert in the Town Hall in aid of the Mudgee Hospital. The programme was good and well-rendered but, unfortunately, not appreciated by some of the audience.

On Wednesday morning we walked two miles to the railway bridge over the Cudgegong River. Here Mr. Fletcher found, as Mr. Waterhouse had forewarned, "Latet anguis in herba." He immediately broke a rotten stick over the snake's back, but it wriggled under the bridge only to be pinned to the ground by a boulder, dropped on its back by the noble Captain. At this place we obtained some corals from the limestone outcrop. Banks-Smith was in his glory, others were nursing their fingers, and Park was nearly asleep, nursing his injured foot.

In the afternoon two teams from the camp beat two teams from the Mudgee District School, but we had to write up our notes till four o'clock.

We left that evening and the people—girls, too—collected on the station to see us off. They saw the train glide away with "Good-bye Mudgee Town," ringing in their ears.

The return journey was quick and quiet, and when the boys of our High School separated they had unanimously come to the conclusion that Rural Camp Schools are excellent, that this one in particular was "Excelsior," and that Mr. Fletcher was a "jolly old sport."

H. M. M.



## The Tuck Shop.

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Since our last issue the Tuck Shop has been Abel to do without its old pastrycook and the management has discovered that John's son is not as Green as he looks. Although during the School Exams. it was necessary to shut the Tuck Shop a little Herlihy, yet the sales were in no way affected. During last quarter we have been able to hand over a little more money to Mr. Moore, the Sports Treasurer, and various kinds of cricket material have been purchased. The management was asked if it would sell Mutton, but as Hall the committee Wootten agree on this point, the sale of this commodity has not yet commenced. Many new Salesmen are now to be seen "behind the counter" who are busy preparing themselves for the taking over of the management after the Xmas holidays, when the present committee will resign. The management is now in the hands of the following boys from VI.C. and III.A.:—W. H. Jenkins, F. C. Herlihy, N. R. Paterson (Managing Committee), also J. Shelton, F. Wootten, C. Henry, L. Mathews, H. W. Ohmsen, O. Mutton, M. Hall, A. Bradfield.

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## Cricket.

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Our success has been varied throughout the season, and we had hoped to do better. As usually happens, our best players left us last season. However, some of the others have shown very good form and some are sorry now that we did not enter the G.P.S. Competition.

Mathers, McCredie, and Clemenger are the best bats of the team. McCredie has secured the highest score so far. Mathers, perhaps, bats more freely than any member of the team when well under way, and has contributed some useful scores. Clemenger is equally good with bat and ball. Results show him to be leading in the batting, and to hold second place in the bowling averages. The brunt of the attack lies with him and Garner, MacNamara, Mathers, Rae, Saxby and a few others also prove themselves formidable at times. Garner is probably our best bowler. It is his first season with the First XI.; he bowls "bozies" and on a good wicket is very dangerous. Beasley, our "stonewaller" is notorious amongst the schools by this time.

Unfortunately, the Senior Examination and the inclement weather have both interfered with the cricket, but we hope to do better next half. However, McCredie, MacNamara and Waterhouse, after having tackled the Senior, will leave the School at Christmas, and the team will be weakened accordingly.

The results so far are as follows:—Matches played, 7; Won, 1; Lost, 3; Drawn, 3. There is room for improvement, in every direction, and yet no need for discouragement.

Following are the results of the matches played up to date:—

### S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. S.C.E.G.S. 1ST XI.

Played at North Sydney, 11th October. S.C.E.G.S. won the toss and elected to bat. We dismissed them rather cheaply for 52, chiefly through the excellent bowling of Garner. Clemenger also bowled well. High School replied with the small total of 81. Clemenger and Mathers batted well, whilst Beasley was the only other to stand up against the bowling—scoring 12 runs in an hour and a quarter. Won by S.C.E.G.S. by 70 runs.

#### S.C.E.G.S. 1st Innings.

Hedges, b Garner	...	...	5
Hall, l. b. w. Garner	...	...	8
Gregory, c Mathers, b Clemenger	...	...	5
Busby, b Garner	...	...	0
Playfair, c Beasley, b Clemenger	...	...	26
Tiley, b Garner	...	...	5
Trenerry, b Clemenger	...	...	14
Gillies, b Saxby	...	...	6
A'Beckett, b Clemenger	...	...	1
Braddon, b Wall	...	...	62
Seaton, not out	...	...	7
Sundries	...	...	13

Total ... .. 152

#### S.H.S. 1st Innings.

McCredie, c Gillies, b Hall	...	...	6
Waterhouse, run out	...	...	7
Mathers, c Tiley, b Gillies	...	...	20
Clemenger, b Tiley	...	...	22
Beasley, h. o. w.	...	...	12
Saxby, c. Gillies, b Tiley	...	...	0
Kable, b Hall	...	...	1
Stafford, b Hall	...	...	2
McBride, b Gillies	...	...	7
Wall, b Gillies	...	...	0
Garner, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	4

Total ... .. 81

Bowling for S.H.S.:—Clemenger, 4 for 52; Garner, 4 for 24; Mathers, 0 for 27; Saxby, 1 for 22; Kable, 0 for 11; Wall, 1 for 2.

### S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. THE OLD BOYS.

Played at Wenworth Oval, October 18th. The Old Boys opened with P. W. Docker and O. Öberg, who batted solidly, putting up a partnership of 105. G. Turner and A. C. R. Todd also batted well. Clemenger and Garner again bowled well. The Old Boys scored 211 and the School replied with 8 for 116. McCredie, Clemenger, and Waterhouse batted well for the school, the latter scoring the first and only six of the season. J. R. Nield—an Old Boy—also contributed a useful score. Result, a draw.

#### Old Boys.

P. W. Docker, c and b Harvey	...	...	48
C. Öberg, retired	...	...	68
G. Turner, retired	...	...	36
R. Ellis, c Garner, b Kable	...	...	0
O. Nickless, c McCredie, b Clemenger	...	...	1
M. Attwill, b Garner	...	...	5
R. Clinch, b Garner	...	...	1
W. Boorman, b Clemenger	...	...	2
C. Fairland, b Clemenger	...	...	2
R. Robinson, b Garner	...	...	0
A. C. R. Todd, not out	...	...	19
E. Kidston, not out	...	...	9
Sundries	...	...	20

Total ... .. 211

#### S.H.S.

McCredie, retired	...	...	23
Clemenger, retired	...	...	25
Mathers, b Turner	...	...	0
Waterhouse, retired	...	...	17
Macnamara, c and b Öberg	...	...	10
Beasley, l b w	...	...	3
Nield, not out	...	...	20
McBride, c off Boorman	...	...	11
Saxby, bowled	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	7

Total 8 for 116

Bowling for S.H.S.—Clemenger, 3 for 39; Garner, 3 for 48, Macnamara, 0 for 30; Mathers, 0 for 35; Harvey, 1 for 23; Kable, 1 for 5; Saxby, 0 for 7.



## S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. S.G.S. 2ND XI.

Played at Wenworth Park, October 25th. Grammar School won the toss and decided to bat. Garner once again got to work with his googlies, securing four of the six wickets. Mathers batted splendidly for 26, and McBride also showed fine promise in his 24. The result was a draw.

S.G.S.	
Kerr, b Garner ...	4
Wallach, c Saxby, b Garner ...	12
Scott, c Saxby, b Garner ...	1
Hendry, c Clemenger, b Saxby ...	45
Buckle, b Garner ...	4
Cohen, not out ...	54
Newcombe, b Clemenger ...	24
Sundries ...	11

Total 6 for 155

S.H.S.	
Clemenger, c Scott... ..	2
McCredie, b Robertson ...	18
Mathers, b Alcock ...	26
Waterhouse, c Brennan ...	12
McBride, c Stevenson ...	24
Macnamara, not out ...	0
Beasley, not out ...	0
Sundries ...	10

Total 5 for 92

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

Played at Riverview on October 28th. College won the toss and elected to bat. We dismissed them for 89, chiefly owing to keen fielding and fine bowling by Mackey and Clemenger. Mackey who has only played in this one match during the whole season took 4 wickets for 26. The School responded with 196. Of these McCredie batted splendidly for 61 and was, unfortunately, run out. Gillam played splendid cricket for 36. Waterhouse also batted well. On their second venture, College scored 129 for the loss of 4 wickets. The result was a win for S.H.S. on the first innings by 107 runs.

St. I. C. 1st Innings.	
Craven, run out ...	1
Kain, c Gillam, b Clemenger ...	2
McDonnell, c Garner, b Mackey ...	38
Crowley, b Clemenger ...	18
Barry, b Mackey ...	1
Monie, b Clemenger ...	0
Deery, b Clemenger ...	2
Bryant, b Mackey ...	17
Dinan, thrown out by McCredie ...	4
Grosvenor, not out ...	1
Harnett, b Mackey ...	0
Sundries ...	5

Total ... 89

2nd Innings.	
thrown out by McCredie ...	5
c Clemenger, b Macnamara ...	20
c McNamara, b McCredie ...	46
c Mackey, b Garner ...	4
not out ...	6
not out ...	37
Sundries ...	11

Total 4 for 129

S.H.S.	
Clemenger, b McDonnell ...	19
McCredie, run out ...	61
Waterhouse, b Crowley ...	23
Gillam, c Dinan, b Deery ...	36
Macnamara, c Craven, b Deery ...	3
Beasley, b Deery ...	7
Saxby, b McDonnell ...	3
Paterson, c McDonnell, b Deery ...	2
Mackey, run out ...	1
Garner, not out ...	9
Moran, c and b McDonnell ...	11
Sundries ...	21

Total ... 196

## S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. CALLAN PARK.

Played at Callan Park on 15th November. We did very well considering the strong team Callan Park put against us. Then a number of our players were at the Senior Exam., and so our team was weakened. Mathers deserves our congratulations for knocking up a splendid 41 against the bowling of Folkard and Minnett. Rae also batted well for 22. Callan Park scored 201, thus winning by 90 runs.

S.H.S.			
Patterson, b Folkard...	...	...	0
Mathers, c Folkard, b Minnett	...	...	41
Mr. Hedberg, b Folkard	...	...	12
Clemenger, b McDonnell	...	...	0
Rae, b Minnett	...	...	22
Bolton	...	...	4
Otter	...	...	0
Saxby, G.	...	...	4
Saxby, E.	...	...	12
Ohmsen	...	...	8
Kay	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	8
Total			111

Bowling.—Mr. Hedberg, 7 for 65.

Scores for Callan Park not available.

## S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Played at Hunter's Hill on November 29th. High School won the toss and decided to go in. We made the miserable total of 56, of which Mathers scored 17 in splendid style, being dismissed by a splendid catch. Gillam batted nicely for 15, but was unfortunately run out. We expected to be beaten very badly but by keen fielding and good bowling we dismissed our opponents for 84. At one time we even looked like winning, having 7 wickets down for 28. Rae, Beasley and Garner took good catches. The result was a win for St. Joseph's by 28 runs on the first innings.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.				2nd Innings			
Mathers, c Taft	...	...	17	not out	...	...	3
McCredie, l.b.w. Taft	...	...	0	c off Cody	...	...	16
Waterhouse, b Taft	...	...	1	retired	...	...	37
Clemenger, b Magill	...	...	0				
McBride, h.o.w. Magill	...	...	5				
Beasley, b Taft	...	...	0				
Rae, b Taft	...	...	8				
Gillam, run out	...	...	15				
Macnamara, b Taft	...	...	5				
Garner, b Magill	...	...	0	not out	...	...	5
Otter, not out	...	...	0	b Taft	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	5	Sundries	...	...	4
Total			56				3 wickets for 66



## St. Joseph's College.

Thorpe, b Clemenger ..	...	...	0
O'Shea, b Garner ..	...	...	5
Nicholson, run out ..	...	...	4
Devereux, b Garner ..	...	...	2
Cody, c Beasley, b Garner ..	...	...	0
Logan, c Rae, b Clemenger ..	...	...	8
Fennelly, c and b Garner ..	...	...	4
Taft, c and b Mathers ..	...	...	33
Knight, c Rae, b Garner ..	...	...	10
Kenny, h.o.w. Mathers ..	...	...	4
Magill, not out ..	...	...	3
Sundries ..	...	...	3

Total ... .. 84

Bowling for S.H.S.—Clemenger, 2 for 29; Garner, 5 for 9; Rae, 0 for 9; Macnamara, 0 for 7; Mathers, 2 for 9.

## S.H.S. 1ST XI. v. SYDNEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Played at Wentworth Park on December 6th. The School won the toss and elected to bat. Mathers and Clemenger put on a fine first innings partnership of 76. Beasley after getting hit by the fast bowler about six times, seemingly got annoyed, and smote lustily in revenge, hitting up a nice 31 undefeated. Macnamara also batted well (getting 21, retired). Our fielding in this match was poor. The result was a draw.

S.H.S.				S.T.C.			
Mathers, c off Bogle ..	...	...	40	Bogle, c Beasley, b Garner ..	...	...	40
Clemenger, b Bogle ..	...	...	51	Rogers, l.b.w. Clemenger ..	...	...	4
McCredie, run out ..	...	...	2	McAlister, b Garner ..	...	...	3
Waterhouse, b Bogle ..	...	...	7	Wallace, b Garner ..	...	...	0
McBride, b Rogers ..	...	...	15	Gordon, c Rae, b Macnamara ..	...	...	41
Rae, b Wallace ..	...	...	17	Robertson, c Macnamara, b Garner ..	...	...	28
Beasley, retired ..	...	...	31	Walsh, b Clemenger ..	...	...	15
Garner, b Kilpatrick ..	...	...	15	Baillie, not out ..	...	...	2
Macnamara, retired ..	...	...	21				
Otter, not out ..	...	...	11	Miller, c Macnamara ..	...	...	15
Saxby, l.b.w. ..	...	...	0	Sundries ..	...	...	34
Sundries ..	...	...	12				
Total ...	...	...	222	Total, 8 for 182			

Bowling for S.H.S.—Clemenger, 2 for 30; Garner, 4 for 49; Rae, 0 for 15; Mathers, 0 for 35; Macnamara, 2 for 15.

The results of Second XI. matches were, unfortunately, not in hand in time to send to press. They will be published in next issue.

## THIRD XI. MATCHES.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. St. Joseph's College, at Hunter's Hill. Won by St. Joseph's College. Scores not available.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Christian Bros. Won by Christian Bros. by 30 runs. S.H.S., 40; Christian Bros., 70.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Knox College. Won by S.H.S. by 32 runs. S.H.S., 120; Knox College, 28. Mathers secured 4 wickets for 9 runs.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. 4th XI., won by 3rd XI. by 116 runs. Batting: Lynch, 48 retired; Ohmsen, 50. Bowling: Willard, 4 for 2.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. S.G.S. Won by S.G.S. by 74 runs.

S.H.S. 3rd XI. v. Barker College. Won on first innings by Barker College by 58 runs. S.H.S. 1st innings, 32; 2nd innings, 4 wickets for 127—Mathews 57 not out. Barker College, 90.

The following are the leading First XI. batting averages for the season. These might have been a good deal higher if the boys had batted consistently throughout. All, however, have met with very varied success in the different matches:—

Name.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Aggregate	Average.
Clemenger ... ..	8	2	51	156	26
Mathers ... ..	6	0	41	144	24
McCredie ... ..	7	2	61	113	22·6
Garner ... ..	4	2	15	29	14·5
Waterhouse ... ..	7	1	23	83	13·8
Beasley ... ..	5	1	31	53	13·2

The following are the leading bowling averages for the season:—

Name.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Garner ... ..	160	16	10
Clemenger... ..	188	15	12·6

## Tennis Club.

“The old order changeth yielding place to new,” and so the appearance of the Club has been somewhat, not to say, largely, altered since our last issue. At that time we had the use of three good courts, we had many good players in our teams and brilliant prospects were before us. But the Senior and cricket have wrought a lamentable change. Surf and fog have claimed many members as their own. As interest in the Club was waning, and our membership declining, a meeting of the Club was convened in No. 1 room. At this meeting the Secretary, A. S. Waterhouse, and the Treasurer, D. W. McCredie, handed in their resignations. J. Shelton was appointed as the new Secretary, and G. Saxby as the new Treasurer. Mainly through the influence of Messrs. Hedberg, Fletcher, and Moran, it was decided to retain only two courts with the option of the third if increased membership demanded. The following members who form the “elite” of our Club will be leaving at Xmas:—H. Moran, S. Waterhouse, D. McCredie, W. McNamara and H. Beasley.



But we have among our younger members players of promise who now have the opportunity to show their worth. And we sincerely hope that they will. For tennis has recently become one of the most flourishing sports at the school, and it would, indeed, be a pity to let it drop.

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## Swimming

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Sad to say, the Club has received a decided set-back. In past seasons we made arrangements with the lessee of Bondi Baths by which members could visit the baths twice weekly. This arrangement proved very satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Strange to say, on making application for the same terms this season the Waverley Council refused our request. We were informed that we could visit the baths "as ordinary school children accompanied by a teacher" at the rate of 1d. When it is remembered that under the old arrangement members could visit the baths twice a week at any time, and, further, that the majority of the members of the Club do not patronize Bondi Baths as a point of convenience, but rather as members of the Club, it will be seen how the arrangements of the Council tend not to make swimming more popular, but rather to decrease the support that has hitherto been given this sport by the school.

At present also, it is only possible for Masters to visit the baths on Wednesday afternoons.

Notwithstanding this, a number of boys patronize the baths, and we are pleased that some of our Masters find time to engage in swimming also.

The Life Saving Club under instruction from the popular Sports Master, Mr. Sullivan, has still a large number of members.

After undergoing further water drill, the present squad will be examined for bronze medallions.

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