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Editorial

WE are at the parting of the ways. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The present Senior and Junior classes will be the last that the old School will see. We scan the pages of the past and note its many triumphs, but we look towards the future with hopes of many more.

"What need is there for change?" we ask ourselves. We fit comfortably and usefully in the existing order of things. We have more than justified ourselves in the educational life of the community.

Year by year we have turned over to the business world, the Public Service, and the University, boys well prepared and eager for the duties and activities of their choice. Our alumni—the oldest are still young—fill honourable and honoured positions in the various professions and in medical and scientific research; some are world-famous.

What wonder, then, if regretfully we close a volume of our history?

Can we be expected to view with equanimity the passing of the Senior, the Junior, and Matric. Examinations? What school traditions of mighty conflicts with other Schools on the battle-grounds of these exams. are conjured up by their very names! What glorious victories! What scarcely-to-be-credited defeats—sometimes! Shall our champions measure blades no more with the champions of other schools? Shall this spur to effort be denied us?

The much-coveted distinction of bringing honour to the School has been a potent factor in the making of many students. We seldom—in our boyhood days—love study for study's sake, and the University examinations have undoubtedly provided the stimulus to many a boy to get the best, intellectually, out of himself.

And so we sigh regretfully.

But the buoyancy of lusty youth is ours; also an adventurous and progressive spirit, product of the freedom and opportunities of our sunny south land, which views the future hopefully. We must march with the times. So, be it Junior Exam. or Intermediate Certificate, be it Senior Exam. or Leaving Certificate, the Sydney Boys' High School can be depended upon to do its very best.

The old order changeth, yet we feel justified in prophesying that the new—which presents so many favourable features in its inception—will, when in full operation, produce even more brilliant triumphs and more widespread and lasting educational benefits to the State than the old.

The Passing of a Great Headmaster.

With the death of Mr. A. B. Weigall, M.A., late Head Master of the Sydney Grammar School, there has passed from our midst the "doyen" of Australasian Secondary School Teachers.

Much has been written by abler pens than the writer's with reference to Mr. Weigall's long connection with the educational activities of this State, his worth, and the great loss the community has sustained. The writer's object is to add a humble tribute, and through the columns of "The Record," the magazine of the Sydney High School, to offer on behalf of the School, to the late Head Master's family and to the Sydney Grammar School, our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

—EDITOR.

School Notes.

Thursday, 14th December, 1911, was our Annual Speech Day. The Main Hall was nicely decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion, and the room was comfortably filled with parents, friends, and pupils. On the platform with the Head Master were G. Beeby, Esq., M.L.A. (Minister for Lands), P. Board, Esq., M.A. (Director of Education), Rev. Mr. Kay (Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly), and Dr. F. A. Todd, of the Sydney University. The prizes were presented by Dr. Todd. H. T. Beasley's success in winning the handsome prize annually donated by the Old Boys' Union was most popular.

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Mr. Beeby evoked much hearty applause when he informed us that he had been instrumental the previous evening in piloting through the Estimates debate the preliminary vote of money for a new High School building. We hope we shall not all enter that institution merely as Old Boys.

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After six weeks' enjoyable vacation, we resumed work on the 29th January of this year. We found our building in the hands of the renovators—so much so that not a single room was available. Many of us were consigned to the bright and congenial atmosphere of the Turner Hall in the Technical College, where we feasted our eyes on Mrs. Rowan's brilliant reproductions of our glorious native flowers. Others, unfortunate, were condemned to the Black Hole of Calcutta, made doubly hideous by the persistent steam-hammers in the vicinity. A third detachment climbed higher, until they seated themselves like gods on Olympus.

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At the end of a fortnight our attendance for one afternoon was dispensed with, and on the following Monday morning our class-rooms were habitable once more, and looking spick and span in their new coats of paint and varnish.

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We wish to welcome as additions to the Staff of the School Mr. F. J. Gallagher, B.A., and Mr. R. McNiven, B.A.

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Early in February there was a steady influx of new boys; so there is no likelihood of a decrease in our enrolment. The majority of them form the new First Year Classes.

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In consequence of the pronounced youth of the newcomers, we were forced to enlist a squad of Junior Cadets, who next year will in all probability bear arms.

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Owing to the almost total depletion of the Sixth Form at Christmas, our literary staff has had to be recruited with boys who are new to office. Our late Business Manager, to further

complicate matters, has mysteriously disappeared with our W.P.B., our bad-debts book, our overdraft, and other necessary office furniture. Naturally, then, we go to press under serious difficulties, and crave your indulgence for our shortcomings.

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We are anxious to disabuse the minds of our subscribers on a certain point. The area opposite the school is NOT being resumed as an addition to our playground. Some boys never seem satisfied. The land in question, with its heaps of brick-bats and scrap-iron, represents the site of a formerly flourishing bedstead factory, gutted by fire on the 16th ult. The damage done was estimated at £30,000, and 300 men were thrown out of work as a result of the destruction. It was feared (?) by the pupils that the school would catch at the time and 300 boys be also thrown out of employment; but the Fates were kinder to us. There seems nothing in the shape of reliable evidence to support the theory that the conflagration was the work of a new boy.

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Mr. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., the newly-appointed Inspector of Secondary Schools in N.S.W., has paid us a couple of visits already.

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We hope that boys will use their best endeavours to canvass for new subscribers to "The Record," and we promise to criticise as leniently and favourably as possible all literary contributions for future issues.

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Here are a few examination "howlers" from a Melbourne source:—

- (a) "The south of the U.S.A. grows oranges, melons, and a great quantity of preserved fruits, especially tinned meats."
- (b) "The saddest thing King John did was to lose his crown in the laundry."
- (c) "Artificial perspiration is the way to make a person alive when they are only just dead."
- (d) "Latimer was a martyr who was tied to the stake. At the last he cried out, 'Cheer up, brother Ridley; you'll soon be dead.'"
- (e) "Elijah, the Fish-bite, dropped his mantle and Queen Elizabeth walked over it."
- (f) "Oliver Cromwell was called England's darling hero and he fought in the war of American Independence."

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Shorthand.—In connection with the Commercial Course, which was introduced into the School at the beginning of the year, the subject of Shorthand is now being taught. Nearly

60 boys in Forms I.C and I.D are thus (under the guidance of Mr. Steel) commencing the pursuit of the "winged art." The system in use is Pitman's Phonography, and, although barely five weeks have elapsed since the inception of the classes, very creditable results are already being shown by quite a number of the pupils; this, too, in spite of the fact that the non-arrival of the necessary text-books has considerably hampered the progress of the work. We would offer every encouragement to these budding stenographers, and we confidently expect the end of the year to see the Debating Societies each proud in the possession of a "Hansard" staff drawn from the pupils of the Shorthand Classes.

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The new boys are learning by steady repetition that the fundamental principle of chemistry is expressed in the following words:—"Take a test tube such as we have here, introduce a little chalk, pour in a little acid, and note the effervescence."

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We learn from our noted scientists that they have found by repeated experiment that the humidity of the capillary phenomena of the new boys exceeds saturation point twice a day, on the average.

(We do not know if the tap is responsible for this.—Ed.)

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"Harmonics!"—The votaries of Art in the School at present have their wants supplied by Mr. Luke's Art Classes, by the Camera Club, by the study of works of poetry in the English lessons, and in a few minor ways—not forgetting to mention the melodious sounds which occasionally emanate from the German class-room. However, it has occurred to us that, of the "Sphere-born, harmonious sisters," VOICE might be more specifically catered for. Surely there can be found among both masters and pupils sufficient enthusiasts to enable us to form a Glee Club, a Choral Union, a Philharmonic Society, or similar organisation, which would afford a means of expression for the vocal talent of the School. Communications and suggestions regarding the above matter will be gladly received by the Editor.

Australian Literature.

Though multitudes of books have been published by Australians, neither in prose nor verse has anything truly great been yet produced. Notwithstanding this, much work of great beauty has issued from the Australian press, and there is every reason to hope that some day Australia will be able to boast a literature of her own. The literature of most countries may be said, with the exception of the purely philosophical, to be founded on history and tradition. Australia has very little of either, being yet very young and a child of peace.

From what we now have, we can, with comparative ease, select a few volumes which are outstanding. These are Robbery Under Arms, by Rolfe Boldrewood; For the Term of His Natural Life, by Marcus Clarke; and the poems of Gordon, Kendall, Brunton Stevens, and Victor J. Daly. The best work of a whole army of other versifiers has been collected by Bertram Stevens, in two volumes entitled *An Anthology of Australian Verse*, and *A Golden Treasury of Australian Verse*. Of the authors of the first six volumes, only one was an Australian by birth, but the lives of the others were so intimately connected with Australia and its people, that we may justly call them ours. The two novels are too well known to need any comment, but the verse, being less widely read, deserves a few remarks in its praise.

Of the four, Kendall was the only Australian and, happily, he holds first place among them. When the others are forgotten, he will be looked back upon as a kind of Ennius of Australian poetry. His verse is not deeply philosophical, nor of great brilliance, but in single lines and stanzas, and in one case in a whole poem, he soars to greater heights than any of the others. He published three separate volumes, the first being *Poems and Songs*, published in 1862. The next was *Leaves from the Australian Forest*, 1870, and the last and best, *Songs from the Mountains*, 1880. A collected edition is published by Messrs. Geo. Robertson and Co. Propy., Ltd.

Kendall's poetry is the reflex of his own character and surroundings. Sometimes noble and full of force, as in *Narara Creek* and *To a Mountain*, sometimes exquisitely tender and regretful, as in *Araluen* and *Rose Lorraine*. The poet had, however, many weak moments, and these are reflected gloomily in many of his lesser poems. He is at times an unintentional plagiarist, for which he offers apology in his *Prefatory Sonnets*, the finest yet written in Australia. Kendall again wielded the difficult blank verse with admirable effect, but otherwise his metre is poor in variety. In fact his poems suffer all through from poverty of vocabulary and ideas.

Adam Lindsay Gordon came to Australia when a young man. He led an irregular, straggling life, and used to drink—a fact which ultimately led to suicide. He also published three volumes, viz., *Sea Spray* and *Smoke Drift*, which incorporate his best verse, *Bush Ballads* and *Galloping Rhymes*, and *Ashtaroth*, a dramatic lyric. The last was deservedly a failure. Gordon's verse shows more learning, but less fineness of sentiment than Kendall's, and considerable command over the technique of poetry. At times he shows a fine lyrical quality as in *The Rhyme of Joyous Garde* and *Podas Okus*. Generally, however, as in *The Roll of the Kettledrum*, and *How We Beat the Favourite*, he substitutes a certain amount of rush and swing for true poetry, and some of his verses descend to the level of jingle. However, nearly all of it goes

with a strong, rollicking lilt, that it is very popular. Gordon was a thinker, and has much philosophical reflection in his work, but it is mostly rather pessimistic. His most characteristically Australian piece is "The Sick Stockrider," which is one of the best he ever wrote. A complete edition of Gordon's works has been published by Messrs. Massina & Co., Melbourne.

Brunton Stevens, the next in order, was also an Englishman, but he came to Queensland as a young man, and spent the remainder of his life there. He was a far happier writer than either Kendall or Gordon, and produced much amusing, humorous verse. He is the only Australian writer who has produced a lengthy work of high character and sustained merit. He drew his inspirations greatly from Australian life, and his work occasionally scintillates with those flashes of true poetry spoken of in Kendall. His chief verse is published in the volume, *Convict Once and Other Poems*.

Victor J. Daly is an Irish-Australian. In poetic character his work is more polished and even than any of the other writers mentioned. His source of subject is, however, anywhere but in Australia, so his work has no local interest at all in most cases. Nevertheless it is all beautiful and entertaining, and Victor J. Daly is a man of whom we can be proud. Two volumes have been published by him. "At Dawn and Dusk" was the first, "Wine and Roses" the second.

There are many writers of elegant work at present living. They publish regularly in the monthly and weekly periodicals, and their journalistic verse is, on the whole, better than that published in the English magazines of the present day. Many of these writers have published little volumes of collected verse, which in some cases have run through several editions a fact which augurs well. The most prolific writer of these is Henry Lawson. Others are "Banjo" Patterson, Hugh McRea, E. J. Brady, Grant Hervey, Harold Pudney, Agnes Storrey, Mrs. Forrest, Dorothea Mackellar, etc.

Latter days have also been productive of humorous prose and verse, and much good work has been done in the short story line. Among such writers the foremost are Henry Lawson, Thos. E. Spencer, Edward Dyson, "Banjo" Patterson and Steele Rudd. Most of this kind of work is good, but there are two bad tendencies in later Australian work. One is to write in the "humorously absurd" style, the other is to pile on local color "with a shovel."

We congratulate the following boys on being raised to the dignity of Prefects:—F. Wootten (Senior Prefect), C. Henry, F. Herlihy, W. Jenkins, A. Lawson, H. Mylchreest, N. Paterson, S. Paterson, G. Saxby. Junior Prefects: C. Harper, V. Kenniff, A. Russell, H. Wheen, J. Colvin.

Senior Examination and Matric. Honors.

RESULTS, 1911.

		History Europe.	Ancient History.	English.	French.	German.	Latin.	Greek.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigonometry.	Conic Sections.	Mechanics.	Chemistry.	Physics I.	Zoology.	Drawing.	Drawing Color.
Cockburn, Archie S. (c)	10	..	B	A	C	B	B	C	B	B	C	B	B	C	A*			
Ellis, Oswald J. (c)	10	..	B	A	C	B	A	A*	A	A	B			A				
Farranridge, Thornleigh	8	..	C	A	C			B	C							B	A	B
Goodwin, Edmund W. (h)	8	..	C	B		B	A	B	B	C	B							
Hamblin, Charles O. (c)	10	..	C	A	C	C	A	A	A		B			B	A*			
Kay, Robert Innes (c)	10	..	A	A*	A	A*	A*	A	B	A	B			B				
John West Medal, Graham Prize Medal, Medals in English, Latin and Greek.																		
Lesslie, Ronald B.	5	..						A	A	A		C				A		
McCredie, Donald W. (c)	7	..		C	B	B	B	B	A	B								
McNamara, William (c)	8	..	B	A	A	B	B	A	B									
Noble, Robert J. (c)	8	..		A	C	B	A	A	B		A		B					
Shepherd, Alfred S. (h)	7	..		B		C	A	B	A		C		C					
Slade, Elliott Darcy (d)	9	..		B	A	B	A	B	A	B		B						
True, Frank Elliot T.	6	..		C	B	C	C		C							C		
Waterhouse, Arthur S. (c)	6	..		C	C	C		C	A	C								
Wellisch, Gilbert	..	..		C	C	C	B	A	A	A		A		A				

Total—A's, 47; B's, 42; C's, 30.

- *C. O. Hamblin and A. S. Cockburn, Zoology, Medals. O. J. Ellis, Medal, Geometry.
 R. I. Kay, General Proficiency Prize; 3 Medals—English, Latin, Greek.
 (c) Admits to Faculties of Law, Arts, Medicine, Science.
 (d) Admits to Faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine, Science, Engineering.
 (h) Admits to Faculties of Arts, Science, Engineering.

MATRICULATION HONORS AND PRIZES.

COOPER SCHOLARSHIP No. II for Classics, and JAMES AITKEN SCHOLARSHIP for General Proficiency: ROBERT INNES KAY.

Honors.

FRENCH.—Class ii—McNamara, Kay, Beasley. Class iii—Slade, McCredie.
 MATHEMATICS.—Class i—Ellis, Wellisch, Hamblin. Class ii—Slade, Noble, Lesslie, Shepherd, Goodwin, Kay. Class iii—McNamara, Cockburn, Welch, Mackey.
 ENGLISH.—Class i—Kay, Cockburn, Hamblin, Ellis. Class ii—McNamara, Noble. Class iii—Farranridge, Slade, True.
 LATIN.—Class i—Kay, Slade. Class ii—McNamara, Wellisch, Ellis. Class iii—Cockburn, Goodwin, McCredie, Noble, Hamblin.
 GREEK.—Class i—Kay. Class ii—Slade,
 GERMAN.—Class ii—Beasley. Class iii—McCredie.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION—Higher Standard.

BEASLEY French, German.
 MACKAY Mathematics, Latin, Mechanics.
 WELCH—Mathematics, French, Inorganic Chemistry.
 Passed in General English Paper for Engineering—Goodwin, Mackey, Shepherd, Slade, Wellisch.

University Examinations.

The results of University Examinations present themselves, and we are pleased to record the success of Old Boys. We noticed the following:—

- Arts I.—J. Boyle, E. J. Clinch, J. R. Nield.
 Arts II.—A. B. Colville, F. L. Flannery, H. D. Hall, R. R. Kidston, M. C. I. Levy, G. W. H. Perkins.
 Arts III. (B.A.).—C. H. Currey.
 Med. I.—J. G. M. Beale, E. V. Bradfield, P. L. Daniel, M. R. Finlayson, A. J. Howard, T. A. Kidston, C. G. McDonald, C. G. Smith, C. Uren.
 Med. IV.—J. E. Bateman, A. Benjamin, R. V. Graham, W. F. Simmons, J. E. Webb.
 Dentistry II.—W. B. Brown.
 Dentistry III.—R. P. Lane.
 Science I.—M. Aourousseau.
 Science II.—F. S. Cotton, A. M. Dunkley.
 Science III. (B.Sc.).—C. A. Bourne, E. A. Southee, H. B. Taylor.
 Agricultural Science I.—W. L. Waterhouse.
 Agricultural Science II.—E. A. Southee, H. Wenzholz.
 Engineering I.—A. E. Fry.
 Engineering II.—C. H. Blumer (Mining), J. Y. MacKinnon, W. E. Pike, F. A. Tidswell (Mechanical and Electrical).
 Engineering III.—A. L. Campbell, B.A. (Mech. and Elec.).
 Economics and Commerce III.—C. W. Clifford, W. O. C. Day, A. G. Henderson, C. B. Waites.

HONOURS:—

- English II.—High Distinction: H. D. Hall.
 English III. (Graduation Honours).—Class I.: C. H. Currey.
 Mathematics II.—High Distinction: A. B. Colville. Credit: W. E. Pike. Barker Scholarship and Norbert Quirk Prize: A. B. Colville.
 Mathematics III. (Graduation Honours).—Class II.: C. A. Bourne.
 History I.—High Distinction: J. R. Nield.
 History II.—High Distinction: H. D. Hall. Professor Wood's Prize: H. D. Hall.
 Physics I.—Distinction: J. G. M. Beale, J. R. Nield. Credit: M. Aourousseau, C. G. McDonald.
 Physics II.—High Distinction: A. B. Colville.
 Physics III. (Graduation Honours).—Class II.: C. A. Bourne).
 Chemistry I.—High Distinction: W. L. Waterhouse, M. Aourousseau. Credit: J. G. Beale, M. R. Finlayson, P. L. Daniel, A. J. Howard, C. Uren. Slade Prize for Practical Chemistry: M. Aourousseau.
 Chemistry II.—Distinction: F. S. Cotton. Credit: A. M. Dunkley.

- Chemistry III. (Graduation Honours).—Class II.: E. A. Southee, H. B. Taylor, aeq.
- Biology I.—Credit: C. G. McDonald, J. G. M. Beale, M. R. Finlayson, M. Aurousseau, W. L. Waterhouse.
- Geology I.—High Distinction: W. L. Waterhouse, M. Aurousseau. University Prize for Geology and Professor David's Prize for Microscope Slides: W. L. Waterhouse.
- Geology II.—High Distinction: A. M. Dunkley. Deas Thompson Scholarship: A. M. Dunkley.
- Principles of Agriculture I.—High Distinction: E. A. Southee, H. Wenholz.
- Entomology.—High Distinction: H. Wenholz Distinction: E. A. Southee.
- Agricultural Geology.—Distinction: H. Wenholz.
- Agricultural Botany.—Credit: H. Wenholz, E. A. Southee.
- Engineering Construction I. and II.—Distinction: W. E. Pike. Credit: J. Y. Mackinnon.
- French II.—Distinction: R. Kidston.
- Latin I.—High Distinction: J. R. Nield.
- Latin II.—Distinction: R. Kidston.
- Greek I.—High Distinction: J. R. Nield.
- Philosophy I.—High Distinction: G. W. Perkins. Distinction: J. Bogle. Lithgow Scholarship: G. W. H. Perkins.
- Economics and Commerce III.—Distinction: W. O. C. Day, A. G. Henderson. Credit: T. Waites.
- March Matriculation.—J. Baldwin, L. M. Drummond, R. A. Golding, C. T. Hains, L. V. Hall, L. E. S. Larbalestier, F. A. Lenthall, F. N. Lynch, J. H. R. McCutcheon, T. A. Meldrum, H. E. Moran, E. H. Swift.
- STRAY University Results:—
- Engineering II.—Engineering, Drawing and Design: High Distinction—W. E. Pike. Distinction—J. Y. McKinnon. Pass: F. A. Tidswell.

A Problem.

Let m represent the driver of a motor car working with velocity v ; if a sufficiently high value be assigned to v it will ultimately reach pc . In the majority of cases v then becomes zero. For small values of v , pc can be neglected; but if v increase without limit, it is generally necessary to square pc when v at once assumes a finite value.

By using the well-known theorem $pc + lsd = pc^2$ the problem may be solved, but the quadrature can also sometimes be effected by substituting $x^3 (=xxx)$ for lsd . This is to be preferred if lsd is small with regard to m . If lsd be made sufficiently large pc will vanish. Now if jp be substituted for pc (which may occur if the difference between m and pc be large) the solution of the problem becomes more difficult because no real value of lsd can be found which will effect the quadrature of jp , for by an elementary theorem $(jp)^2$ is an impossible quantity.

The quantity pc is frequently irrational, and may result in an altogether arbitrary value being assigned to v , differing largely from the real value. The equation then may be solved by the use of logs, applied carefully.

Note.—The value of v need not suffer diminution if a circle be described about pc ; but if we cannot get round pc , then the method of least squares should be adopted, especially when l is a rapidly vanishing quantity.

The Australian Coronation Contingent.

(By a Member of the Contingent.)

Late on the afternoon of May 20th, the day on which our boat, the t.s.s. "Themistocles," arrived at Durban, we commenced our trip up country to Ladysmith and Colenso, an event to which for the last week or so we had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation.

Up to 6 p.m. our time had been fully taken up in seeing the sights of Durban, this being greatly facilitated by the generosity of the Mayor in providing special trams to take us to the chief places of interest.

As the provisions, etc., for the trip had been given out in the morning—each cadet carrying a share in his two haversacks—the operation of boarding the train and getting away was carried out without any hitch whatever; so that we had tea, boarded the special train, and left the docks half an hour after getting back to the ship from our trip round the town.

It was dark when we left, and we were not long in wrapping ourselves up in our blankets and getting to sleep; for our busy day in Durban had been tiring after our easy life aboard ship.

We travelled all through the night, stopping only for a short time at Pietermaritzburg, and arrived at Ladysmith about 5 a.m. next morning.

It was bitterly cold, and when we had got out of the train we found a difficulty in getting our fingers to work on the operation of collecting the provisions and dealing out the amount required for breakfast.

When this had been done and all our accoutrements, except belts, had been stacked away, we took our breakfasts round to some stationary railway carriages outside the station, and there devoured them—"devoured" being the correct word, for the cold had put an edge on our appetites. While thus engaged the sun rose, and with his appearance we were soon warm, and eager to start on our investigations of Ladysmith.

As soon as breakfast was over we formed up in column of fours and started on our tour, attended by a crowd of gaping and wonder-stricken Kaffirs. Our guide first took us to the Town Hall, a neat little stone building surmounted by a clock tower. In front and on each side of the entrance were placed

two guns, named Castor and Pollux, which the British used to good advantage in the siege of Ladysmith. The chief feature of interest in the building was the shattered clock tower, which was struck during the siege by a Boer shell fired from Umbulwana, a long hill 6000 yards away, proving the accuracy of the Boers' marksmanship with their large guns at long ranges. Two sides of the tower were smashed out, but, as it forms a good memorial of the siege, it has not since been repaired, except for the reinstatement of the clock.

The next place to be visited was the Church of England, surrounded by monuments to those who fell in the siege, and whose walls inside are covered with the same records. Major Wingate's tunic serves as the altar-cloth.

We then left the town and began to climb up the surrounding hills, and after about half an hour's marching we reached the top of Convent Hill, and then that of the boulder-strewn kopje of Cove Redoubt. The latter eminence was the only one of those around Ladysmith held by the British; all the others—Umbulwana, Caesar's Camp, Waggon Hill, and Spion Kop—were Boer positions.

Placed as we were, with the scene of the siege laid out before our eyes, the guide's account was made doubly interesting. Away behind us in the distance towered the snow-clad heights of the Drachensberg Mountains. From here we marched via the local cadets' rifle range to a large cemetery, devoted entirely to the remains of the British who fell in the siege. This we entered and left at the "slow march."

We arrived back at the station by mid-day, and, having made a dinner of bread and bully beef, we boarded the train, en route for Colenso, reaching there after three or four hours' travelling, and crossing the Tugela River on the way.

The Colenso battlefield lies quite close to the railway station, and adjoins the line. The British Artillery had to advance across about 600 yards of perfectly level and coverless country in order to shell the Boer position on the heights—a task which was almost impossible, especially as the Boers had stationed a party of 100 picked sharpshooters in a donga or small valley at the foot of the hills to shoot down the British Artillerymen as soon as the guns had been placed in position. This is exactly what did happen, for as soon as the British guns had taken up their position the Boer snipers first shot down the horses attached to the guns and then commenced a wholesale massacre of the gunners, who were entirely at their mercy. Lieut. Roberts was shot while gallantly leading a charge which resulted in the recovery of two of the guns, gaining him the V.C. Two monuments are erected on the battlefield—one to the memory of the 66th British Artillery, and the other to Lieut. Roberts, V.C. At the base of the former we placed a tablet, which we had brought for the purpose, inscribed with the words: "To the memory of the brave men who died in the Battle of Colenso, 1899. A.C.C.C., 1911."

We were then dismissed, and wandered over the battle-field, looking for shells, etc., to serve as mementos. One old gun-carriage was discovered, and was soon surrounded by a crowd of cadets using all their energy in trying to knock pieces off it with the aid of large stones, the only implements to be had.

When it was dark, fires were lit and tea made, from which we filled our water-bottles to take with us on the train.

We left Colenso about 7.30 p.m., and travelled all through the night, arriving at Pietermaritzburg at 4 a.m. next morning. We spent the morning in going round the town in special trams, visiting Alexandria Park, where a repast of cake and tea awaited us. We drilled there for the benefit of some local military authorities, and then took the trams once more back to the station. Just before the tram left we purchased some loaves of bread, and with these and the remainder of our provisions we made our dinner.

On the way down to Durban we had a good opportunity to see some of the country we passed through—unlike the experience in our other travelling, which had been done mostly by night.

The country we passed through afforded very pretty scenery, being so rugged in places that nothing but a mixture of high hills and deep valleys could be seen for miles. Banana, orange, and wattle plantations were very numerous, the latter being grown for the bark and constituting an important industry.

We reached the ship about 5.30 p.m., and were all glad to get a good wash and a clean-up, for we had not had our clothes off since leaving the boat two days previously.

At 8.30 p.m. we drew out from the wharf, amidst cheers on both sides, accompanied by "Advance Australia," our war-cry, and Contingent songs.

—E.J.S.

Old Boys' Column.

Ewen MacKinnon, B.Sc., has been appointed Assistant Microbiologist at the Bureau of Microbiology, his special subject being Plant Pathology. Previously Mr. MacKinnon had held the position of Economic Botanist to the Department of Agriculture.

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We are pleased to note that the University Senate has conferred the title of Assistant Professor upon Dr. J. P. V. Madsen, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at the 'Varsity.

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All Old Boys will be pleased to hear that our President (Mr. P. Sidney Hunt) is well again after his serious illness.

The Old Boys' Prize was won last year by H. T. Beasley. In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Old Boys' Union, Dr. F. A. Todd (Senior Vice-President) made the presentation on Speech Day.

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There were a few Old Boys present at the School on Speech Day. We were pleased to see amongst them Malcolm Moore, a former winner of the Old Boys' Prize.

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W. R. Brown, B.A., who left the School in 1907, has, during the past year, held a position as Mathematical Master at All Saints' College, Bathurst.

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The "Olympic Eight," which has been selected to represent Australia at the Fifth Olympiad, to be held at Stockholm this year, contains E. R. Barker, an Old Boy. Mr. Barker is a good all-round sport, being a representative footballer. He was a regular player in the Old Boys' matches. During the past he has been a member of the Sydney Rowing Club.

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Our hard-working Treasurer (Mr. A. G. Henderson) has obtained the Diploma in Economics and Commerce, passing with Distinction. First place gained by W. O. C. Day, who also passed with distinction.

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The Belmore Scholarship for Agriculture I. was obtained by W. L. Waterhouse, a son of the headmaster. Besides obtaining various University Scholarships, W. L. W. has won a Farrer Scholarship, which requires him to devote a certain amount of time to plant breeding.

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Another son (Leo) of the headmaster, is now pursuing the 2nd year's course in Agriculture at the Bathurst Experiment Farm.

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A. H. Hattersley, of the Parramatta Rifle Club, has been selected to represent N.S.W. in rifle shooting at the Olympic Games.

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It is the intention of the Old Boys' Union to hold a Smoke Concert

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Cecil Short is studying for the Church, and is now in Moore Theological College.

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E. Mackie, who has for several years been working at practical engineering, is now proceeding for a degree in the Department of Engineering, at the University.

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W. H. Stacy, who left the School in 1908, is also following up engineering. He has been in his father's workshops for the past four years, and is thoroughly wrapped up in the work. As a result, he is doing extremely well.

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J. H. Maxwell Memes has had a somewhat varied career since leaving the School in about 1907. He first took up legal journalism. Relinquishing this, he spent some time in New Zealand and Tahiti. He is now in Sydney again, and is in the offices of Messrs. Norton Smith & Co.

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F. A. A. Smith, who left about 1905, has, for reasons of convenience, legally changed his name to Abbotsmith, incorporating the third christian name in the old surname. Since leaving school he has been in the Lands Department, but, having passed all his surveyor's exams., is now about to strike out for himself. His work has taken him into various parts of the State. Though Mr. Abbotsmith passed both Junior and Senior while at school, he has since passed successfully, in both examinations in special papers, such as Geology, Drawing and Surveying.

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O. A. Rainbow, who, it will be remembered, entered the Teachers' College, abandoned the idea of teaching some time ago. He is now studying hard for his examinations in Accountancy, and will sit for the Final at an exceptionally early age.

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P. White, of Port Vila, New Hebrides, who left the school about four years ago, has since made several voyages between Port Vila and Sydney. He is now in Sydney again.

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A. Moutrie, since leaving the school four years ago, has been in the North Coast Steam Navigation Co., He has just returned from a pleasant holiday trip to Fiji.

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Arthur Moore, since leaving the school, has been in the Lands Department. Last year he was stationed at Kempsey, but has since been moved to Moree. When in Kempsey, he was a prominent tennis player and an enthusiastic motor cyclist.

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Colin E. Begg, whom many will remember, though it is some time since he left the school, has met with success in business, and is now proprietor of the firm of Colin E. Begg & Co., Electrical Engineers, 8 Young Street, City.

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J. P. Shelton was the first winner of the Government Farrer Scholarship tenable at Hawkesbury Agricultural College for three years. We offer our congratulations.

Mr. H. F. Halloran has been elected a Vice-President of the N.S.W. Institute of Surveyors for 1912. Mr. R. T. McKay is also a member of the Council.

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E. A. Southee, the popular Old Boy, who was selected as one of the N.S.W. representatives at the Australasian Athletic Championships held at Wellington, N.Z., at Christmas-time, won the Running Broad Jump Championship, jumping 22 ft. 1½ inches. He also gained 4th in the High Jump Championship. Southee was the only N.S.W. man who won a championship event. Hearty congratulations.

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We were pleased to note the name of K. Grieve in connection with a smart piece of rescue work at Bondi on Boxing Day. Grieve was also a member of the Bondi B. team of four which gained 2nd place in the competitions for the Roth Life-Saving Shield.

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H. Christiansen, of Drummoyne, won the 220 yards Swimming Championship of the Western Suburbs, at the Abbotsford Club's Carnival, on Saturday, 10th February.

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C. Clemenger, on the same Saturday, won a South Sydney Harriers' Mile Handicap from scratch.

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Mr. H. R. Barnier, Solicitor (late of Sydney), has undertaken the management of a legal business at Maclean, Clarence River.

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Dr. F. W. Doak has been re-elected to the Honorary Medical Staff of the Royal North Shore Hospital.

Royal Military College.

The inauguration of Compulsory Military Training in the Commonwealth is of great personal moment to all Australians, and readers of the "Record" may, perhaps, be interested in an account of life at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. The purpose of this College is to supply trained officers who will, in the future, serve as instructors to the new Citizen Force.

Situated in the Federal Capital area, the College is set in a district affording admirable scope for military work. Rugged, wooded hills, alternate with open grassed valleys, and tactical military exercise can be carried out under varying conditions of land feature. The district possesses a bracing climate, fairly hot in summer and somewhat cold in winter.

At present the Staff of the College is housed in Duntroon Homestead, the barrack blocks for the Corps of Staff Cadets in residence, as well as class-rooms, science laboratories, mess room, etc., being temporary structures of wood and fibrous cement. Each Staff Cadet has a separate room which does duty as combined bedroom and study, and is plainly though comfortably furnished. At present there are eighty Staff Cadets in training, half of whom have completed the first year's course, the remainder being the current year's "Freshers."

The whole course at the College covers four years, at the end of which successful graduates will receive their commissions as lieutenants and be attached for a further year's training to permanent units in either England or India. Staff Cadets enter the College by a competitive annual examination, open to candidates between the ages of sixteen and nineteen years, and during their course are instructed, theoretically and practically in the main branches of the Service, viz., Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery.

The curriculum followed at the College may be divided into (1) Military Subjects; (2) Civil Subjects; (3) Drills and Exercises. Civil subjects, including mathematics, science, French and German, Drawing and English, occupy the greater portion of the first two years at the College. Though the instruction in Civil subjects is primarily intended to ensure to each Staff Cadet a sound general education, the practical application of these subjects, especially of mathematics and science, to military work and study is kept constantly in view. Four hours daily are devoted to this instruction, which is supplemented by two hours study each week-night; two hours during the day are occupied in various drills and exercises, performed out of doors. The result is an eight-hours' working-day, the period between four and six o'clock in the afternoons being free for recreation. Military subjects will occupy the main attention during the last two years of the course and in camps, the latter being held during January and February, at the end of the first and third years. These camps will serve to provide practical illustrations of the theoretical principles and ideas taught during preceding months, to accustom the Staff Cadets to camp routine and organisation, and to train them to endurance and hardihood under approximate service conditions. Drills and exercises are carried out during the whole course at the College, two hours daily being given to this branch of work, which comprises drill and practical tactics of all arms, musketry, signalling, riding and driving, physical training and kindred exercises. It will be seen that the subjects are sufficiently varied to relieve the work of any monotony while the advantages of combining indoor study and outdoor exercise are abundantly evident.

The keynote of work at the College is efficiency and thoroughness combined with a ready obedience, a high standard of honorable conduct and soldierly bearing, and a firm devotion to duty. Whatever task or duty the future officer may demand of his men, he will have himself performed; the discipline he will exact in time to come, he is now undergoing. The Staff Cadets are formed into a corps, whose non-commissioned officers are selected from their own ranks; a prompt obedience to the orders of these N.C.O.'s is expected from those in the ranks, and is cheerfully rendered by them. It is a true remark that the stricter—not necessarily harsher—the discipline in a corps, the happier are those composing it. The result is that a fine sentiment of "Esprit de Corps" exists among the whole number of Staff Cadets, and the relations of the latter with the military and civilian staff are of the most cordial and respectful character.

"Reveille" sounds at 6.15 a.m. each day, and an hour elapses before breakfast parade. At 8 o'clock the day's work begins, and before this hour each Staff Cadet is required to tidy his room and set everything in inspection order. Lunch is served at 1 p.m., and dinner at 6.30 p.m. "Lights out" sounds at 10.15 p.m., and an uninterrupted stretch of eight hours is ensured for sleep. Saturday afternoons are free for sport, and in summer cricket matches are arranged against teams in the district; in winter, football and hockey hold sway.

In hot weather, the Molongolo River, which flows several hundred yards from the site of the College, attracts many devotees of swimming. The College has a good Eleven and Fifteen, and it is hoped that one or two football matches will be played during the coming winter, against Sydney School teams. On Saturday and Sunday, leave is freely given Staff Cadets to visit friends in the neighbourhood, and many avail themselves of this privilege, while now and again parties cycle to the Cotter River and spend the week-end trout-fishing. Professor Miles, a former master of the High School, is fond of this sport and his skill with the rod is frequently rewarded with good "catches."

The writers trust that this short sketch may prove of interest to members of the Old School, and in this hope subscribe themselves "B.R.J." and "B.E.N."

Form Notes.

VI. A FORM NOTES.

We have now taken up our duties, as well as our privileges, as the senior Form of the School. To the inexperienced mind, no doubt, these duties must seem slight, but not so to us on whom they fall. They are not only heavy, but numerous.

We try to bear up against repeated charges of degeneracy, and do our best to acquit ourselves with credit in the various School activities. Fred. Wootten, as Manager of the Tuck Shop, caters for the public and runs J Company with an iron hand, while "Bill" Jenkins has charge of the Library as Librarian, G. Saxby edits "The Record," with Henry as a Sub-editor, while we fill many responsible positions in the L. and D. Society; and C. Black and G. Saxby are respectively Secretary and Treasurer of the Tennis Club.

But, sad to relate, despite these many proofs of budding genius, we have deduced, from that well-known theorem $S (AX + BY)$, that there is not even a probable mathematician in the lot. How sad!

But when the rain Paterson the window and the Coleman dumps his Saxby the door and the boys come trooping down the Hall, we feel that school is not such a bad place, after all, and try with fresh vigour to make headway against the Black and heavy clouds of work hanging over us.

III. A FORM NOTES.

As this Form consists of boys whose integrity and sobriety—although put to the most severe tests—have never been found wanting, we were rather downcast when, on our return, we learnt it would be temporarily impossible for us to continue that steady progress which had marked our career since the Junior. We were given a room in the "Tec." in place of our old No. 4, with the promise of a speedy return to our scrupulously clean, but far from odour-proof, apartments.

In class we have been subjected most inhumanly to the agonies of Algebra; Trigonometry, and Geometry—the two former being chiefly a "Treatise on Zeros" and the latter "Criticisms of Euclid."

Of late the majority of our number, under the false impression that they have already obtained a superabundant knowledge of the mysteries of Science, have retired gracefully and in perfect order from the Physics and Chemistry Classes. However, there still remain a few unassuming youths who vainly endeavour to interpret the scientific symbols hurled at them from all quarters.

In cricket we lack representation numerically, but no one has dared to insinuate that there are any better men, in their respective teams, than Otter, Graham, and Ohmsen. This paucity of representative men in the sporting world, it is hoped, will be more than remedied in a few weeks, when Andrews, Banks-Smith, and Lawson, together with Cooke, Hughes, Kelly, and Ridley, intend taking up football seriously.

We wish every success to those of our comrades who intend going for the forthcoming Public Service Examinations, and we feel sure that they will uphold the honour of III.A and the School.

As his sudden departure rendered farewells impossible, we take this opportunity of bidding such to "Dick" Bush, one whose never-failing wit always met with its merited applause from his classmates, but, somehow, did not seem to be over-appreciated by the masters.

CLASS JI.

Our Class, as a whole, has started to fag. Some may not believe it, but nevertheless the fact is undeniable. Since this is the case, we very naturally resent the time-honoured statement that we are the worst Class who ever sat for the Junior. Our strongest point is Literature, in which our tastes range from the "Magnet" down to Coleridge; and if anyone doubts our ability to argue, he should study Mr. Fletcher's face just after an English lesson.

In spite of all our work, we have had very little sickness, the only defaulter being Hooke, our baseballer, while we are unrivalled in cricket. With the help of Geoffroy, Phillips, and others, we expect to astonish the world when the football season starts.

Elliott has been seen with a photo in his bag. It may be his sister, but we feel bound to remind him with all the weight of authority (not experience) that "women were deceivers ever." Jaede might also take the foregoing advice with advantage.

In conclusion, we beg to offer our unbiassed opinion that K Company is far better than J.

JUNIOR II. FORM NOTES.

Continued efforts to settle down to steady (?) fagging have been the predominant feature of the term in connection with this august assembly. Judging from what our pessimistic masters tell us, we haven't the remotest chance of gaining a "C" in any subject at the Junior; still, we rejoice in the fact that Juniors I. and III. will have a hard struggle to win a "Z" even. Junior I. seems to have been suddenly struck with the solemnity of the approaching ordeal, and are already shivering and groaning in anticipation. Our progress may be judged from the fact that, though still Potter-ing about with Mathematics, we learn Moore French every day. Our Public Service boys are still unsettled (very).

We are proud to possess the crack bowler, Garner, as well as such prominent cricketers as Wall, Pullen, Brissett, Bolton, MacBride, Willard, Paton, and Digby. We are also well represented in other branches of sport. Our Form promises to have many members in the football field this year, despite the Junior—a mere trifle. We might say that we absolutely “ran over” Junior I. in a cricket match at the close of last half. The celebrated Woodhouse is Premier of the Senior Debating Society.

“O hone a rie’,” as we used to say at the Mareschal College, Aberdeen, our Tiny Town midget, the joyous “Archie,” has departed. The Snow-topped volcano in our midst recently burst forth into action, and is still “going strong.” We are “at home” (very much so) at No. 3, and welcome all visitors, sometimes with c——ks. Included in our wits are M——n and B——s.

JUNIOR III. FORM NOTES.

“Buck up, Junior III.!” is the familiar password of this intellectual body of youths, whose quarters are situated in No. 4. This room is noted for its silence (???) during lessons (except English), when, if some unfortunate happens to fall into an error, he is solemnly but most immediately reproved with the solitary word, “Bunkum!”

Although the Junior looms largely before us—[???—Ed.]—Junior III. is in no way appalled, having decided to leave all fag for the last week. Some of the boys have formed a Health Society for taking after-dinner walks, while a few are engrossed in a new game invented by our noted mathematicians (S——t and M——l), called “Desk Billiards.” We have a miniature comedian in Eagleton, while Goodwin has helped to while away weary hours by his facial contortions at a looking glass. Surf-bathing has become a craze with some of our number, although it is doubtful whether they go to Coogee for the benefit of the sea-water only.

We hope to be well represented in sports during the coming winter, and have several aspirants for football and tennis fame.

On the whole, Junior III. consists of a good lot of fellows, as “Dad” and “Mum” keep an eye on us, while the “Doctor” attends to all our little ills.

II.A FORM NOTES.

II.A (once C). But, in spite of these miserable jokes (?), we have passed from I.C to II.A. Three of our chaps left us at Christmas—Houghton, Swanton, and Tompkins—whom we were very sorry to lose. “With all their faults, we love them still.” This class has at last taken the Junior Debating Society seriously. Some still continue to patronise the Life-

Saving Club, and Mathers still upholds the Form cricket—also the First Eleven. In Smith, Alder, and Martin we have three budding cricketers—also jokers. Please note the initials of these three. “S-A-M” spells “Sam.” Now, don’t tell anyone, but that is a secret society they have formed. But now I’ve “let the cat out.”

The Probationary Students are becoming nervous at the prospects of the Exam. in September.

We were very sorry to lose from our staff Mr. Widmer, who took up a position at Cobar.

II.B FORM NOTES.

Our dear old I.B is now to be II.B. Summer, with its sweltering heat, is slowly, reluctantly leaving us, giving place to Winter and her attendant sports. In the football field we hope to put four promising men—Nixon, Fletcher, Molineaux, and Somerville. What with dry jokes and bad puns, the Class is at its last gasp; the whole of our lecturers seem to have made a league to inflict them upon us. It is satisfactory to see that our boys are now taking the Junior Debating Society in good earnest. They will not regret it. In this direction II.B expects that every man will do his duty.

At last the long-wished-for break in our work is near at hand, though it means hard work afterwards, it is looked for with much pleasure.

II.C FORM NOTES.

Last half-yearly examinations have proved, we are sorry to say, the downfall of some old friends, and for this reason two or three familiar faces are missing from our midst. Some, however, are not struggling over the mysteries of a first year’s course again, but have gone into the world to join in the battle of life. We wish them all good luck.

This brings us to a sad point. Several cricket enthusiasts and football experts have left, and so our sporting ranks are considerably weaker than previously. Let us hope, in the coming football season, that, in the hands of such brilliants as McKellar, Braithwaite, and Chilcott, our reputation will soon be retrieved.

However, we must not forget our studies, for the Intermediate Exam. is waiting for us at the end of the year.

Of course, this means “fag,” and, as hitherto none of the members of this Form have indulged in that pleasant recreation, it may prove a great mental strain.

Enquiring people may want to know how it is that Slingsby’s cheerful six-inch smile is missing from No. 7. We may as well tell you here that, on account of his marked scholastic abilities, he has been transferred (his grin included) to II.A.

I.A FORM NOTES.

Although we are mostly Freshmen, our Class is, as ever, worthy of its place (A1) among the first-yearites. We are only initiates, and have yet to win our spurs, but we have begun well, being already represented in the Camera, Swimming, Cricket, and Baseball Clubs.

Our physical well-being is well catered for. In addition to the well-stocked S.H.S. Tuck Shop and the more solid menu of our neighbouring College, a paternal Government has thoughtfully bestowed on I.A a special "Cook" and "Baker."

Our mental fare has included daily doses of French Phonetics, which, however, are a good antidote to the ghostly "Chimes" and mysterious "Arrows" Mr. Stoyles dispenses.

Our moral standard can be judged by our total absence from the Detention Room.

"Nuff sed."

I.B FORM NOTES.

We are new arrivals at this, our School, but still we hope to hold our own in sport and study. Coming events will show that we are not altogether Rugless against the tender mercies of the older boys. We have just had our first acquaintance of our masters, and Lang May we enjoy the privileges of half-hour and cancelled detentions. In time we hope to show that we are not altogether damped and submerged by our numerous acquaintances with the school-taps. Among us we have several representatives of older boys' families. Why these have not graced the School before is because several families have "left the best till last." We have a representative in the School's Cricket Circle in A. T. Fraser. He is quite a worthy representative of the Class.

I.C FORM NOTES.

It appears that this select and progressive Class will maintain its present position as the best First-Year Class throughout the year.

We are new boys, and have a good representation at all the sports, including Claxton, the footballer, and Cooney, the cricketer. Froggy P——r represents us at the Camera Club outings, while some of us go swimming.

We possess the best bugler of the best Company (K) in the School.

One boy has already been de-moted to I.B, but nobody has been pro-moted to our select circle.

We are having our dose of French Phonetics, and hope by the time the next issue is published that our mouths will have regained their proper shape.

A New Boy's Impressions.

(I.D.)

We new boys, until lately, have been more like fish out of water than High School Scholarship boys.

One morning we trooped in sheepishly, and were ushered into the august presence of the Head Master. From the office we were conducted up a broad staircase lighted by

"Storied windows richly dight,
Casting a dim, religious light,"

into our spacious class-room, where, within five minutes, we had settled down to work that is to torture us for four long years.

We found some of our lessons extremely interesting—Shorthand and Science, for instance. Yet, with all our interest in the work, Wednesday "half" comes as a welcome respite.

We are not, however, as studious as Pliny, and we find time for the delights of a cork-fight or the forbidden pleasures of "Fan-Tan."

The Library.

We are very pleased to state that the Library has again started another year which is likely to be one of the most prosperous it has had. The ranks of membership have been swelled considerably with the new boys, and new recruits are joining every day. We have noticed with great satisfaction that a number of new books have just been added, comprising fiction, adventure, school stories, and that class of literature in which a schoolboy revels. The latest works of Herbert Strang, Ralph Simmonds, Capt. Frank Shaw, and other prominent writers figure in this latest addition, which brings the number of volumes in the Library up to nearly 1300.

The Magazine Branch of the Library has also become very popular with the new boys, and boasts now of one of the largest memberships it has ever had. Its members indulge daily in the perusal of "Punch," the "B.O.P.," and "Chums," in addition to the "Windsor," "Pearson's," "Harper's," and similar English and American periodicals. In fact, we are surprised that every boy in the School is not a member of this institution.

With the coming of the New Year, it has been necessary to form a new Committee, and now the following gentlemen are to be seen within the sacred enclosure:—Librarian—W. H. Jenkins; Assistant Librarian—G. Saxby; Committee—N. R. Paterson, C. Henry, F. Wootten, G. Graham, and P. Blumer; Magazine Librarian—F. C. Herlihy.

The Camera Club.

The Camera Club held its first meeting of the year on February 26th, for the purpose of electing officers and Committee for the coming year. There were about 20 present, including several new members. The following were elected:—Secretary—H. E. Mason; Treasurer—Mr. Schleicher; Committee—Messrs. Fletcher, Luke, H. Wheen, and G. Nicol. Mr. Potter was elected Vice-President. It was decided that the subscription should be 6d. per term, as before, or 1s. 6d. for the year, if paid in advance.

On Monday, March 11th, Mr. Fletcher gave a demonstration on "The Camera," 15 members being present. He explained the working and use of the camera, and exhibited several different types lent by members for the purpose.

An excursion to Bronte was to have been held on Wednesday, March 20th, but the weather was, unfortunately, wet (as seems generally to be the case on the days fixed for our excursions), and the trip had consequently to be abandoned.

The programme of meetings and excursions for the half-year ending in June has been drawn up by the Committee and printed. Members may get copies by applying to the Secretary. The Committee has tried to select as interesting and useful subjects as possible for the meetings, and members should make a point of attending every one of them. The excursions also ought not to be neglected; they should be particularly instructive to the beginners, who will be shown the proper way to manipulate the camera, and how to find the right exposure to give—matters in which one is liable to make many mistakes, and spoil a number of plates, if one has to find out the right way for oneself.

The Tuck Shop.

This important institution has flourished greatly during the past quarter. The new boys have patronised us generously, and our orders have been consequently increased. We have been compelled to change our pastrycooks, but this has not affected our sales, and we are still able to supply our numerous customers. The profits amount to something over £1 per week for the quarter.

The work naturally requires the expenditure of considerable time and thought, and sometimes our "public" spirits are sorely tried; but the adoption of several timely suggestions has minimised the loss of school time. J. Park has now charge of the pastry supply, O. Mutton the drinks, and W. S. Paterson are in F. Wootten's care.

Mr. Moore finds it necessary to make numerous calls upon our cash, for sports purposes, and we appeal to the members of the School—new boys especially—to help us to meet these calls.

The Literary and Debating Societies.

We have been compelled to make a start off scratch this year, for we are all only tyros yet in the art of oratory.

We felt last year extremely diffident in entering the lists against such accomplished speakers as the Society then possessed.

The few former members who have not yet joined the ranks of the Old Boys were considerably reinforced by a strong contingent from the Junior Classes at the opening of the new term. These need not feel awed by the magnificence of the lordly Sixth, for most of them have enjoyed as many flights on the wings of rhetoric as the Seniors. It behoves every member of the Senior Forms to join this Society, for we must not let the high standard that has been attained in previous years, both in literary and oratorical production, lapse through want of more effort on our part.

The first meeting of the rejuvenated Society was held on the 15th February, and the following officers for the half-year were duly elected:—President—J. Waterhouse, Esq., M.A.; Vice-Presidents—The Masters and G. Saxby; Secretary—C. Henry; Sub-Secretary—C. Harper; Treasurer—W. H. Jenkins; Committee—J. Woodhouse, N. Paterson, and L. V. Hall; Joint Editors of the MS. Journal—M. Hall and F. Sheed; Speaker—S. Paterson; Sergeant-at-Arms—F. Wootten.

The Society has, so far, been enthusiastically supported, and we have been able to issue to the members a Syllabus for the half-year ending June.

Great interest has also been shown in the Ministerial Debates, and, not satisfied with the programme of either the Ministry or the Opposition, a strong Corner Party has been formed. This should prove a great incentive to rivalry, and consequently improve the quality of the speeches.

The MS. Journal has also been well supported, and we are not forgetting that the aim of the Society is literary as well as oratorical. Some of the contributors should aspire to engrave their names on the scroll of literary fame, through the pages of "The Record."

JUNIOR SOCIETY.

This Society has been reformed this year by Mr. Fletcher, and we hope that all First and Second Year boys will become members. Our first meeting, which was the annual business meeting of the Society, was held on March 4th. In spite of it being only the first meeting, there was a good attendance, about 40 boys being present. The following officers were elected, amid much enthusiasm:—President—J. Waterhouse, Esq., M.A.; Vice-Presidents—Messrs. Fletcher, Penman, Stoyles, and Cantello; Secretary—C. W. Mann; Treasurer—C. Lake; Committee—C. W. Mann, C. Lake, F. Wells, L. Moore, and J. Williams; Premier—J. Mathers; Leader of Opposition—J. Williams.

Our second meeting proved very interesting, the subject for the day being "Impromptu Speeches." "Should they be abolished?" was heatedly discussed, whilst "Should Teachers have Nicknames?" proved the subject of much hilarity. Mr. Moore delivered a heated argument on "Ought Mr. Willis be Czar of Russia?" "The Possibilities of a Chinese or Japanese Invasion" proved a very interesting topic, while Mr. Corrigan appeared to relish the question, "Should Boys wear Long Hair?"

It seems to us that this Society will prove very popular among the lower Classes, and ought to have a very successful year.

Tennis Club.

After the lapse of a couple of months, during which the Club has been allowed to become a mere name, it has been rejuvenated, and the Haberfield Club has agreed to our proposal to rent three of their courts on the old terms. The quarter opens on April 1st. The half-yearly meeting, held a month ago, was well attended, and showed promise of a successful future in front of the Club. C. Black was elected Secretary, and G. Saxby retained his office of Treasurer. C. Black, Buchanan, and G. Saxby were elected as the Selection Committee. A Ground Committee of six was appointed to look after the balls, nets, racquets, etc. It was also agreed to rent a locker from the Haberfield Club, to keep material in, if the rent was not too high. We hope to enter more into competition with other Schools this year, although we have a considerably weakened team, having lost such worthies as Moran, Waterhouse, and McCredie. However, several of the members show considerable promise—notably F. Buckhorn, C. Black, V. Garner, and J. Moore.

Cricket.

Our past cricket season has been a very successful one indeed. Since our last issue we have met with marked success, easily defeating the winners of the G.P.S. Competition, viz., Newington College, by 3 wickets and 77 runs. There has been more combination shown this year than last, and the boys have been much more consistent.

Next season promises to be a very successful one for the School, as there are a great number of promising "colts." Our display in every match has been very satisfactory, and some hard battles have been fought; but still, for all that, there is a lack of enthusiasm amongst the players generally. The attendance at the matches was quite unsatisfactory, practically no interest being taken at all in the cricket; and yet we have need to be proud of ourselves for the able manner in which we have "downed" some of the leading G.P.S. teams. We have made the team feared by our opponents.

During the season we lost some of our best players—viz., McCredie, Clemenger, McNamara, and Waterhouse—and we hope to see them shortly figuring in "Grade" cricket.

In the batting line Mathers, Gillam, Beasley, and Stafford have figured well, whilst the bowling honours rest with Garner, who has captured 35 wickets at an average wicket of 10 runs. Rae, Mathers, and Saxby have also bowled well at times.

Our fielding, on the whole, has been good. We have unearthed a very good wicket-keeper in Magill, who performs very creditably behind the "sticks."

We have had a most successful season. In most of the matches played we have not been fully represented.

Second Eleven.

The 2nd XI. has had a fairly successful season. The chief feature is the entering into the High Schools' Competition.

Though the team has not come out on top, yet some hard battles have been fought. At present six matches have been played—two won, three lost, and one drawn. Frequent changes in the team had to be met with, owing to players being promoted into the 1st XI. The season has produced a few good players who, perhaps, may do well in a few years' time. Following are the details of matches:—

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone College.—Drawn. Hurlstone: First innings, 130 (Coleman 5-62). S.H.S.: First innings, 3-93 (Gillam 26, Preston n.o. 27, Pullen n.o. 15).

S.H.S. v. Petersham.—Lost by 94 runs on first innings. S.H.S.: First innings, 56 (Gillam 12); second innings, 7-152 (McBride 29, Pullen n.o. 59, Preston 12, Garner n.o. 18). Petersham: First innings, 150 (Garner 7-42); second innings, 72 (Kable 5-17, Coleman 3-6).

S.H.S. v. Fort Street.—Lost by 10 wickets. S.H.S.: First innings, 168 (Stafford n.o. 104, Wall 22; second innings, 70 (Gillam 11, Brissett 15). Fort Street: First innings, 233 (Coleman 4-69); second innings, 0-21.

S.H.S. v. Technical High School.—Won by forfeit. Technical High School: First innings, 61 (Garner 5-18, Stafford 3-6). S.H.S.: First innings, 2-117 (Gillam 44, Stafford 13, Wall n.o. 37, Preston n.o. 21).

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone College.—Lost by 48 runs. S.H.S.: First innings, 138 (Matthews 17, Brissett 36, Fitzroy 25, Graham n.o. 25); second innings, 91 (Matthews 32, Ohmson 24, Bolton 17). Hurlstone: First innings, 158 (Willard 5-33, Coleman 3-34); second innings, 119 (Coleman 5-24, Harper 3-19).

S.H.S. v. Petersham.—Won by 2 runs. Petersham: First innings, 121 (Garner 9-59); second innings, 100 (Garner 5-40, Willard 4-36). S.H.S.: First innings, 152 (Wall 62, Garner 13, Otter 27, Graham 23); second innings, 71 (Wall 15, Otter 10, Pullen 11).

S.H.S. v. CHEMISTS.

Played at Wentworth Park on 31st January, 1912. They won the toss and batted on a good wicket. The Chemists' batting was very solid, E. Pye making 35 and McNamara 44. Chemists closed their innings with 7 wickets for 173. The School only had an hour to bat, and went at the bowling vigorously. Mathers top scored with 33, whilst Stafford 18, Beasley 17 not out, Rae 17, and Gillam 16 batted very well. The match resulted in a draw.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.		Chemists 1st Innings.	
J. H. Mathers, b Stevens	... 33	A. Jones, h.o.w. Mathers	... 18
W. Gillam, b Jones	... 16	F. Gray, c Mathers	... 9
Wall, c Stevens	... 3	E. Pye, c Kable	... 35
Stafford, c Gray	... 18	McNamara, b Mathers	... 44
H. Beasley, not out	... 17	Stevens, b Garner	... 14
D. Rae, c Gray	... 17	A. Sadler, c Saxby	... 10
J. Garner, b Jones	... 0	T. Small, not out	... 11
Kable, b Jones	... 0	A. Loney, c Garner	... 11
G. Saxby, not out	... 0	Townley, not out	... 9
Sundries	... 20	Sundries	... 16

Seven wickets for 124

Seven wickets for 173

Stevens took 2 wickets, Jones 2, and Gray 1 wicket. Mathers took 3 wickets for 51; Garner, 2 for 60; Kable, 1 for 5; Saxby, 1 for 41.

S.H.S. v. S.C.E.G.S.

Played on Wentworth Park 21st February, and resulted in a draw, though the game was in our favour. S.C.E.G.S. lost 6 wickets for 190, whilst we lost four wickets for 131. Gillam batted very ably, making 80 runs in fine style. His score included 10 fours and 1 six. Beasley also batted soundly, compiling 25 not out.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.		S.C.E.G.S. 1st Innings.	
J. Mathers, b Gregory	... 0	Gregory, c Wall, b Garner	... 21
W. Gillam, c Taylor	... 80	Playfair, b Garner	... 31
Wall, b Gregory	... 1	Baston, lbw Mathers	... 30
H. Beasley, not out	... 25	Gillies, c Rae, b Mathers	... 14
D. Rae, c Taylor	... 10	Tiley, b Garner	... 27
Sundries	... 15	Beckett, not out	... 23
		Walker, b Rae	... 15
		Ewing, not out	... 1
		Sundries	... 28

Four wickets for 131

Six wickets for 190

Gregory took 2 wickets, Taylor 2. Mathers took 2 wickets for 49; Garner, 3 for 57; Rae, 1 for 24; Preston, 0 for 25; Gillam, 0 for 10.

S.H.S. v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

Played at Newington College 14th February, 1912. Newington won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket, but the School bowling proved too good for them, and they were all out for 111 in just over an hour's play. For the School, Mathers and Gillam put on 53 runs for the first wicket partnership, of which Mathers compiled 50, hitting six 6's and three 4's. Wall batted well for 57 runs. Gillam 23 and Pullen 19 also batted well. The School lost 7 wickets for 183 runs, thus win-

ning by 3 wickets and 71 runs. Garner again bowled well, capturing 5 wickets for 53 runs. It is interesting to note that Newington College won the G.P.S. Competition for 1911-12.

Newington College 1st XI.				S.H.S. 1st XI.			
Dawson, run out	...	...	0	Mathers, c Whyte	...	...	50
Whyte, c Kable b Garner	...	...	1	Gillam, b Whyte	...	...	23
Robertson, h.o.w. Garner	...	...	15	Stafford, b Thompson	...	...	8
Brown, b Garner	...	...	11	Pullen, c Whyte	...	...	19
Roseby, b Garner	...	...	4	Wall, c Whyte	...	...	57
H. Taylor, run out	...	...	1	Rae, c Whyte	...	...	8
G. Taylor, b Rae	...	...	8	Otter, b Dawson	...	...	1
Dawson, b Rae	...	...	9	Saxby, not out	...	...	8
Prescott, c Stafford, b Mathers	...	...	26	Garner, not out	...	...	1
Thompson, not out	...	...	16	Sundries	...	...	17
Crozier, c and b Garner	...	...	14				
Sundries	...	...	6				

Total ... 111 Seven wickets for 183

Whyte took 5 wickets. Thompson and Dawson 1 each. Garner took 5 wickets for 33; Mathers 1 for 28; Kable, 0 for 12; Rae, 2 for 23; Saxby, 0 for 8.

S.H.S. v. ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

Played at Riverview 24th February. We won by 119 runs on the first innings. St. Ignatius won the toss and sent us in on a very wet wicket; but we collared the bowling right at the start. Mathers made 74 runs, and with Gillam, 35, put up a useful partnership of 67. Garner quite monopolised St. Ignatius with his "crooked breaks," capturing 7 for 19. St. Ignatius made 67 in their first innings, and followed on, losing 4 wickets for 44.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.							
J. Mathers, c Crowley	...	...	74	Hooke, c Clifford	...	...	7
W. Gillam, c and b Clifford	...	...	35	H. Otter, b Crowley	...	...	13
H. Beasley, c Crowley	...	...	15	N. Bolton, not out	...	...	2
Preston, c Clifford	...	...	9	H. Kay, h.o.w. Crowley	...	...	0
D. Rae, b Bryant	...	...	2	Sundries	...	...	8
J. Garner, run out	...	...	7				
G. Saxby, c and b Clifford	...	...	14				

Crowley took 4 wickets, 4 wickets, Bryant 1 wicket.

St. Ignatius' College 1st Innings.				St. Ignatius' College 2nd Innings.			
J. Barry, h.o.w. Garner	...	...	10	not out	...	...	19
J. Hackett, c Preston, b Garner	...	...	8	h.o.w. Garner	...	...	12
H. Daly, c Otter, b Garner	...	...	1				
B. Monie, c Mathers, b Rae	...	...	0	not out	...	...	0
H. Craven, b Rae	...	...	14	thrown out	...	...	2
J. Bryant, b Garner	...	...	0	b Garner	...	...	0
G. Hughes, c Mathers, b Garner	...	...	0				
E. Crowley, c Beasley, b Rae	...	...	1	c Mathers	...	...	0
C. Clifford, not out	...	...	8				
C. Bryant, st Garner	...	...	9				
R. Vavasoni, b Garner	...	...	0				
Sundries	...	...	16	Sundries	...	...	11
			67				

Four wickets for 44

Garner took 7 wickets for 19 runs. Mathers took 1 for 19; Garner, 2 for 14.

S.H.S. v. S.G.S. 2ND XI.

Played at Rushcutter's Bay, and resulted in a draw. The School failed against the bowling of the Grammar School, though Preston hit up 34 lively. S.G.S. lost five wickets for 142.

S.H.S. 1st Innings.				S.G.S. 2nd XI. 1st Innings.			
W. Gillam, c Stevenson	...	...	0	Cohen, b Garner	...	...	53
Preston, c Perry	...	...	34	Barrack, b Garner	...	...	36
H. Beasley, c Jeffries	...	...	1	Hendry, c Beasley, b Garner	...	...	34
Pullen, st Perry	...	...	1	Raine, b Rae	...	...	0
Stafford, c Stevenson	...	...	14	Schofield, not out	...	...	8
Rae, not out...	...	...	7	Jeffries, c Otter, b Garner	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	1	Sundries	...	...	11
Five wickets for 67				Five wickets for 144			
Garner took 4 wickets, Rae 1, Preston 0.							

S.H.S. v. S.T. COLLEGE.

Played on Wentworth Park March 13th, 1912, and won by S.H.S. by 2 runs on the first innings. S.T.C. won the toss and batted first. They compiled 147 by good cricket. Taylor 58 top scored. The School replied with 149, of which Saxby made 37 in a forceful manner. Stafford made 35 by good all-round cricket. For the bowling for the School Mathers took 4 wickets for 30, and Saxby 3 for 28.

S.T.C. 1st Innings.				S.H.S. 1st Innings.			
Bogle, lbw Saxby	...	...	1	McBride, b Taylor	...	...	1
Taylor, st Magill, b Saxby	...	...	58	Stafford, b Walsh	...	...	35
Golding, c Stafford, b Harvey	...	...	19	Gillam, c McKenzie, b Taylor	...	...	17
Gallagher, b Saxby	...	...	0	Beasley, c Taylor, b Hudson	...	...	1
Hudson, b Mathers	...	...	33	Saxby, b Bogle	...	...	37
Buckett, c Rae, b Stafford	...	...	12	Mathers, c Taylor	...	...	18
Walsh, c Gillam, b Mathers	...	...	0	McHarvey, b Bogle	...	...	7
McKenzie, b Mathers	...	...	6	Preston, b Bogle	...	...	2
Wilkinson, c Rae, b Gillam	...	...	3	Brisset, b Bogle	...	...	10
Adey, c Beasley, b Mathers	...	...	1	Rae, not out...	...	...	8
Rogers, not out	...	...	1				
Sundries	...	...	12				
147				Nine wickets for 149			

Taylor took 3 wickets, Bogle 4, Hudson and Walsh 1 each. Rae, 0 for 24; Saxby, 3 for 28; Gillam, 1 for 14; Mathers, 4 for 30; Brisset, 0 for 7; Mr. Harvey, 1 for 14; Stafford, 1 for 18.

S.H.S. v. CALLAN PARK.

Played at Callan Park 27th March, 1912, and resulted in a draw in favour of S.H.S. Callan Park made 218, of which 76 were compiled by W. Duff. S.H.S. responded with 6 wickets for 202. Mathers made 91, hitting 17 fours; Gillam 33, Beasley 35 not out, and Saxby 28 were the chief scorers.

Callan Park.				S.H.S. 1st Innings.			
Daley, c Saxby	...	...	34	Mathers, c and b Daley	...	...	91
Duff, c Mathers	...	...	76	Gillam, c Holmes	...	...	33
Hogg, c Mathers	...	...	0	Preston, b Daley	...	...	0
McGarvey, h.o.w. Saxby	...	...	27	Wall, b Daley	...	...	0
Cosgrove, b Saxby	...	...	5	Beasley, not out	...	...	35
Nowland, st Garner	...	...	49	Saxby, b Hogg	...	...	28
McCrae, b Mathers	...	...	2	Garner, b Hogg	...	...	5
Holmes, b Garner	...	...	7	Sundries	...	...	10
Jones, c Garner	...	...	3				
Martin, c Garner	...	...	0				
McMahon, not out	...	...	1				
Sundries	...	...	15				
Total	...	...	219	Six wickets for 202			

The following is a list of the batting averages for S.H.S. 1st XI for season 1911-12:—

NAME.	NO. OF INNINGS.	NOT OUT.	HIGHEST SCORE.	AGGREGATE.	AVERAGE.
J. Mathers	12	0	74	350	29.16
W. Gillam	8	0	80	222	27.75
H. Beasley	12	5	31*	120	17.14
Stafford	5	0	35	77	15.4
Wall	4	0	57	61	15.25
Saxby	7	2	37	66	13.12
Rae	9	1	22	99	12.37
Garner	7	4	15	37	12.33
Pullen	2	0	19	20	10
McBride	6	0	24	53	8.83

* Not out.

Average for the team, 16.135.

Bowling Averages.

NAME.	NO. OF WICKETS.	AGGREGATE RUNS.	AVERAGE.
Garner	35	350	10
Rae	7	132	18.8
Mathers	13	249	19.1
Saxby	5	124	24.8

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