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Editorial

OTHERWISE than causing the several members of our staff to work in rapt anticipation of approaching changes, the half-year now ending has wrought in our midst little of note. Nor is this long-drawn period of uncertain waiting closed at time of writing. Possibly, when we foregather after vacation, the curtain may rise upon

“New men, fresh faces, other minds.”

As an institution, we are still in the transitional stage—at the parting of the ways. We have a strong representation in the current year's Junior University Examination but, with the forthcoming Senior we bring to a close the long, eventful series of healthy, friendly, competitions, as far, that is, as intellectual attainments are concerned, with kindred establishments. We cannot pass to the new order of things save with reluctant steps and lingering memories, but change is implicit in man's nature and Hope bids us labour on, impressing our efforts with the stamp of loyalty and earnestness, and ever looking forward with calm assurance for the reward of recognition which shall crown our constant endeavour.

“’Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do better, Sempronius, we'll deserve it.

School Notes.

As a result of the recent anthropometric tests held at the school, we discover the following interesting facts. The smallest boy in the school is George Lang (I.B.), who is 4 ft. 5½ inches in height; the tallest are Cecil Mann (2A.), and William Bevan (2B), both 5 ft. 11½ inches. The lightest is Cyril Herbert, who weighs 57 lbs., the heaviest is Adrian Lawson (3A.), 158 lbs. The oldest is William Bevan, aged 18 yrs. 10 mos., whilst the youngest are George Dunnett (1B.), and Leonard Clarb (1C.), both 12 yrs. 2 mos.

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On Tuesday, 21st May, Mr. Fletcher gave a reading of Coleridge's "The Ancient Mariner," in the Physics Room of the Technical College. The reading was illustrated by lantern slides, reproducing Paton's beautiful and instructive drawings of the most interesting incidents of the poem. The lantern was ably supervised by Mr. Jones, who kindly offered his services for the occasion. The audience consisted of Seniors and Juniors, and was most appreciative and enthusiastic.

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The following names have been recently added to the Honour Boards in the "Big Hall":—

SENIOR.—1910, J. R. Nield; 1911 R. I. Kay. (Both John West and Graham Medals) and Matriculation.

JUNIOR.—1910, W. R. Fincham; 1911, G. J. M. Saxby.

CAPTAINS OF THE SCHOOL.—1910, J. R. Nield; 1911, O. J. Ellis.

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This year we are sending up 79 boys to sit for the Junior. We wish them all success and sincerely hope they will uphold the honour of the good old school.

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Twenty-one boys went up from the school to sit for the Public Service exam. We hope they have acquitted themselves well.

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We congratulate Mylechreest, Stafford, Wall, and Pullen, on passing the Commonwealth Public Service exam.

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No! Sad to say, it is not true. The arc lamps which appeared for a short time in No. 3 are not to be installed in the school.

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Question.—What is the sound which comes from the office at period ends, like a cross between a cowbell with the toothache and a kerosene tin?

Answer.—Our BELL.

In the famous battle of Phonetics in the Big Room, three Greek warriors manfully endeavoured to withstand a rabble of French and German mercenaries. But owing to the horrible facial contortions, the great vocal powers and overwhelming numbers of the enemy, the Dauntless Three were forced to retire, keeping a bold front to the foe.

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See how magnanimous are our Sixth! Rather than have the younger members of the school daily risk life and limb by passing between the school and the new additions to the "Tec."; they have condescended to allow them to pass in and out of the front door.

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The Editor wishes to apologise for the omission of the name of F. W. Buchhorn in the list of Prefects in our last issue.

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FOR SALE.—A School BELL; warranted well handled, punctual, and in a SOUND condition.

Empire Day.

ADDRESS BY DR. MORRIS.

Empire Day was celebrated at the High School with due regard to the importance of the occasion. The earlier part of the morning was occupied by the delivery of short addresses to the various sections of the school by selected masters. Later, the boys assembled in the main hall, where the Union Jack and the Australian ensign were displayed. Most of the boys were in uniform, and there were a number of Coronation Medals to be seen, worn by those lads who were fortunate enough to have been members of the 1911 Coronation Contingent.

The chair was taken by the Headmaster, who gave a brief opening address, in which he pointed out the responsibilities as well as the privileges of belonging to so great a nation as the British Nation. In concluding his address, he said: "Boys, be noble; at home, at school; do noble things; and though you may never have the honour of knighthood conferred upon you, still you will then (if you grow up as you start) be entitled to be called noble-men."

Dr. Morris, who, as on several previous occasions, had consented to give the boys an Empire Day address, was then introduced by the chairman, and on rising to speak received an ovation. He began by disclaiming any intention of indulging in "spread-eagleism," or "jingoism," saying that he merely wished to state a few facts and let them speak for themselves. He impressed upon his hearers that the Empire was a thing of

"growth"—growth in population; in area; in knowledge. Perhaps the earliest population of which any authentic record existed, consisted of a few thousand of ladies and gentlemen rather scantily clad in blue paint (laughter); now, the inhabitants of the British Empire made up a total of something like 400 millions. In area the Empire had grown from a small portion of a small group of islands to world-wide proportions, and its growth in knowledge covered the whole range from the ignorance and superstition of the dark ages to the wondrous intellectual achievements of the 20th century. And the cause of this growth? Britain had never lacked great leaders: great kings, like Alfred and William of Orange, great princes like the Black Prince and Henry V.; great generals like Wellington and Marlborough; great admirals like Nelson and Blake; great explorers like Livingstone and Flinders; great navigators like Drake and Cook; great statesmen like Pitt and Gladstone; great administrators like Hastings and Dalhousie; great judges like Eldon and Blackstone; great philosophers like Bacon and Newton; great scientists like Kelvin and Faraday; great teachers like Arnold and Badham; great poets like Milton and Shakespeare; great writers like Addison and Macaulay; great novelists like Scott and Dickens; great orators like Burke and Bright; great engineers like Stephenson and Davy; great inventors like Watt and Arkwright; great architects like Barry and Wren; great philanthropists like Wilberforce and Howard; great physicians like Simpson and Harvey; great preachers like Wesley and Whitfield; great churchmen like Butler and Newman. But leaders were not sufficient; and we had had a wondrous "rank and file" that had enabled the great leaders to fulfil their great thoughts. In the building up of this Empire mistakes had been made, but while we lamented, and acknowledged that it was far from perfect, we could still say that for courage, love of justice, fair-play, and liberty; sympathy with the oppressed; and for a high moral tone, the Empire stood in the very fore-front of the nations. (Applause).

"Now," said Dr. Morris, "you are sharers in this great fortune. What are you going to do in return for it? If you share the privilege, you will surely not refuse to share the responsibility?" Perhaps the best way to do this was to help Australia. The boys of Australia were helping by preparing themselves to fight if necessary. But there were other ways; the resources of the country needed to be developed. Strength was necessary—physical, intellectual, and moral. Only moral strength could keep the Empire secure, as the pitiful downfall of Athens and of Rome bore witness. Physical and mental culture were necessary. "Boys," said the speaker, "when you play, play with all your heart, and when you study, study equally with all your mind." He then urged the desirability of having a cultured mind; this was obtained by means of "truth," which should be the goal of all mental culture. He

pointed out the difference between the uncultured and cultured mind by means of the parable of the "Sweep and the Duchess." "Here," said he, "is a sweep, with sooty face, hands and clothes; there is a duchess in costly raiment, wearing diamonds. The one we view with disgust, the other is an object of admiration, and yet they are similarly adorned; both are decorated with carbon. The two substances—the amorphous soot, and the crystalline diamond, may be taken as typical respectively of the uncultured and the cultured mind. Soot is soft, easily displaced, weak; the particles of a diamond cling so closely together as to make it the hardest substance known. Thus is the uncultured mind weak when compared with the strength of the cultured. In point of symmetry, the one is ugly, the other beautiful. As regards clearness, the soot is opaque and dull, the diamond is translucent. The soot reflects no light, the diamond does reflect it, and thus the result of culture is that it gives a mind ready to reflect truly the truth that falls upon it."

In conclusion, Dr. Morris said that there were many roads through life. The road through the Empire of Learning would lead through the valleys of Mystery and Doubt, but it would also lead through scenes of beauty and grandeur to the heights of the Sublime, and leave you bowing before the Eternal, clothed in ineffable light. (Loud and continued applause.)

The ceremony of saluting the flag was then carried out, the whole assemblage singing the National Anthem. After cheers for the King had been given, the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Advance Australia Fair."

Cadet Parade, March 30th.

Whatever may be said of other cadet companies, it can be confidently asserted that the High School boys, forming the J and K companies of the 27th Battalion, are enthusiastic about their military drill, and there is no doubt that, under the direction of Captain Hedberg and Lieutenant Sullivan, they have attained a high standard of proficiency.

March 30th, a day for which the companies had long been working hard, arrived at last, and at 1 p.m., together with the rest of the battalion, those who were to uphold the honour of the school that day, met at the Area Office in Fort Street. After the customary preliminaries, the battalion marched through the city, accompanied by a drum and bugle band, some of whose members were High School boys, to the Customs House, where the cadets boarded special trams, which quickly took them to the Queen Street (Woollahra) gates of Centennial Park.

Having been formed up once more, the companies were marched down the slopes of the park to the review-ground, on which broad expanse, the school representatives were soon lost to sight amidst the mammoth crowd of 20,000 cadets. Even the rain could scarcely damp the cadets' martial ardour (it certainly could only damp, and not penetrate their thick uniforms); the majority of the boys were all right, but those parading in plain clothes were rather to be pitied as the rain descended very heavily.

When the royal salute was given, our boys gave three lusty cheers, and were decorous enough to refrain from making their hats into aeroplanes.

Subsequently, the Governor-General inspected the cadets and it is certain that he must have been struck by the steadiness, discipline and good order, which the High School lads displayed. The inspection being complete, the brigade was marched away to the right, where it was formed up in company column in readiness for that great item, the "march past." The cadets soon began to move forward and at last, the school companies neared the saluting-base; with a band on the left, the companies were enabled to keep perfect time. The order "eyes right" was now given, and our boys passed the Governor-General, each lad putting on his most martial bearing, and endeavouring to make his company conspicuous by its good order. Marked approbation and applause were evident as the High School companies marched along, significant of the superior discipline of the companies. The rain now descended in torrents, but the school kept in good order right up to the tram-line. The conduct of the boys throughout the day was exemplary, and the knowledge of their drill, together with the discipline and good order, which they showed, did credit both to their officers and instructors and to the good old school.

The Tuck Shop.

On account of their arduous studies our VI.A. friends have ceased to stand behind the counter of the Tuck Shop. III.A. now does the work, with W. S. Paterson as manager, H. Ohmsen in charge of the drinks, F. Matthews the sweets, and J. Park the pastry.

We are sorry to report that the "Tec." cooking school can no longer see its way to heat the pies; hence a reduction in the sale thereof. The cold weather has greatly reduced the sale of the drinks.

But a new line, Fairy Cakes, has been added. Also new lines of sweets are always on view. The net balance still continues to be large and the Footballers and Tennis players profit accordingly.

Old Boys' Column.

Congratulations to W. R. Browne, B.Sc., who recently won the Deas-Thompson Scholarship for Mineralogy at Sydney University; to C. H. Currey, B.A., winner of the Frazer Scholarship for History, with first-class Honours at graduation. Mr. Currey has been on the staff of Fort Street High School until his recent appointment as Lecturer in History at the Teachers' College.

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Marcus M. Hyndes occupies first place in a list of passes of candidates for license to survey; the examination was held by the Suveyors' Board, at the Department of Lands. Marcus was a Probationary Student here, but gave up the teaching profession in favour of an out-of-doors life.

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Drs. H. R. Hodgkinson and Jas. Dawson have been appointed resident medical officers for the current year at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

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A. V. Donnan, who won his Diploma at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College in 1910, is now acting experimentalist there, as well as being a member of the Old Boys' Union Committee.

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P. L. Daniel (1909) was present at the H.A.C. Old Boys' Union Dinner, on the 4th April.

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M. Finlayson, of St. Andrew's College was Assistant Adjutant at the last University Camp for the Great Public Schools held at Newport.

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A. C. Ross, B.Sc., recently on the staff of the Church of England Grammar School, and president of the School Camera Club has left for Queensland.

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Jas. Baxendale, of the Technical High School, has been promoted to Class 2A. as a Teacher; Walter B. Beard, Crystal Street, to 2B; and Robert Bellis, Marrickville, to 3B. Norman Long has been transferred from Craven Creek to Tam-ban.

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On his leaving the municipal service to take the position of Assistant Secretary of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, a presentation was made to Mr. Roy Allen, on behalf of the staff of the City Surveyor's Office, at the Sydney Town Hall. We congratulate Mr. Allen on his appointment.

The Chamber of Commerce prize awarded to the student who has the best record in the year's course in the Department of Economics and Commerce has been won by W. O. C. Day, who gained distinction.

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The Old Boys have, since the beginning of the year, met the School at Cricket and Football.

The former match was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground, in April, and resulted in a draw. Afternoon tea was provided by the Old Boys and much relished by the school.

The football match was played at Wentworth Park on May 15th. Towards the end of a close and fast game, the Old Boys outplayed the school and won by 39 to 17. For a full report of the above we refer Old Boys to the Sporting Column.

The following represented the Old Boys in the above:—

Cricket.—See Cricket Column.

Football.—C. A. Fairland (capt.), J. Garling, T. Kidston, L. May, C. G. Smith, S. Perry, E. Mackay, L. V. Hall, K. Deane, E. True, H. Craig, E. A. Southee, F. Lenthall, J. R. Nield, H. Sinclair.

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We are pleased to note that H. S. Utz has obtained his LL.B., occupying a high position in the pass list.

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E. W. Salier, who had occupied the position of Chief Clerk at the Bureau of Microbiology, has been appointed to a similar position in the Forestry Department.

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W. M. Carne, formerly Assistant Science Master at H. A. College, has been appointed Scientific Cadet in the Department of Agriculture and is attending lectures in the University Course in Agriculture.

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The latest list of graduates in Medicine contains names of some well-known Old Boys. We congratulate the following Doctors on their entrance to the Medical Profession:—J. Dawson, T. M. Furber, J. D. R. Herlihy, H. R. Hodgkinson, G. M. Hunt, W. E. Kay, A. S. Walker (1911).

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W. M. King, who is in the office of the Sydney Harbour Trust, is a sergeant at Artarmon, and has recently been for an exam. for 2nd Lieut.

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We are pleased to note that a larger percentage of "High School Freshers" than usual have joined the "Sports Union."

The return football match—Old Boys v. School—will take place at Wentworth Park on Wednesday, July 10th at 3 p.m. Old Boys desirous of playing are requested to inform the Secretaries at once, so that a representative team may be picked.

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In University Athletics H. B. Taylor and F. S. Cotton have performed creditably. Though neither has managed to secure a first, they have gained several seconds.

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J. Baldwin secured the Scholarship, open to scholars from the Hay District. This scholarship entitles the holder to take up a course at the University. Mr. Baldwin has chosen Engineering as his profession.

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J. R. Nield was successful in winning a scholarship tenable for 5 years in the Medical Course.

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We must offer our congratulations to Mr. S. J. Johnston, B.A., D.Sc., on his attainment to the degree of Doctor of Science. Dr. Johnston, who is Senior Demonstrator in Biology at the University, passed brilliantly, gaining First Class Honours and University Medal in Zoology.

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F. W. Robinson, M.A., Cooper graduate scholar of the University of Sydney, has recently attained the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, "Magna cum laude" in the University of Jena, Germany. Mr. Robinson, who graduated at Sydney in 1909 as B.A., with first-class honours in English and Classics, has for the past two years been pursuing his studies at Jena.

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Dr. G. A. Blumer has been appointed Government Medical Officer, etc., at Bowraville, N.S.W.

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A. Bulteau, B.A., who obtained one of the Orient Company's free passages, is now at the Tilly Institute, Berlin. He has had a very successful course in France and Germany, having given special attention to phonetics. On completion of his work in Berlin he returns to Paris to sit for his Diploma in French.

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The following Old Boys are taking up law:—P. W. G. Starling, W. C. Smith, B. Glass, A. C. Berman, Spark, Kennedy. P. W. G. Starling has recently sat for the 3rd section of the final exam

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Arthur Stone is in the office of the Water and Sewerage, and is a prominent member of the Bondi Surf and Life-Saving Club.

Prefects of the Sydney Boys' High School, 1912.

F. W. BUCHHORN. H. MYLCHREEST, A. LAWSON, C. W. HARPER, V. KENNIFF, N. R. PATERSON,



C. HENRY, G. J. M. SAXBY, F. WOOTTEN (Senior), W. S. PATERSON, F. C. HERLIHY,
W. H. JENKINS, H. F. WHEEN, J. COLVIN.

A. B. Bradfield has passed for 2nd Lieutenant in K $\frac{1}{2}$ Co., Gordon; also is on the committee of the Sports Club, Gordon Training Centre.

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V. W. Robins, who is in a public accountant's office, has passed for 2nd Lieutenant in J Company, Gordon, and is also Secretary and Treasurer for Gordon Training Centre Sports Club.

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The following are 2nd Lieutenants in the Compulsory Training Cadet Force:—F. Eager (Eastwood), C. Gray (Hornsby), F. Edwards (Beecroft), A. B. Bradfield (Gordon), V. W. Robins (Gordon), J. Oag, Hunter's Hill: Gus. Hunter, and Rolfe Brown.

Form Notes.

VI.A.—O the iniquity, the injustice of it!! To think that the lordly Sixth (to say nothing of their masters) should have to spend their days languishing in a room, darkened and rendered stuffy by an impudent upstart of a building, which has lately reared its insolent head outside our class-room window. Not only this! We have been afflicted day after day by an incessant clamour of bricks falling with reverberating roar upon a wooden scaffolding, which seems to have been constructed with a special view to its resonant properties. Becoming, with much difficulty, inured to this, a fresh onslaught was made on our harassed ears. This time it was the smash! bang! bang! smash! of a hundred hammers (so it sounded to us) driving nails into a wooden floor. What a splendid accompaniment to the graceful melodies of Horace, the doleful strains of Goldsmith, and the magic lines of Shakespeare. No wonder is it that, whilst another master may be comfortably addressing his class in this uproar ours (S)toyles hard to make himself heard.

How our hopes were raised when we saw a repairer come in with a long ladder to remove our antiquated gas brackets. How fondly we imagined that we would be recompensed for our loss of light from the outside, by a brilliant up-to-date gas-light inside (one that does not "waste its beauty" on the upper air). Ah! Those "vain and transitory" hopes! Whither are they fled? A few days after ye portlie knyghte of ye gasse brakkettes returned with his ladder bearing with him a revolving light of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ candle power which, after much manoeuvring, he fixed to the ceiling far above our heads.

It might also be recorded that ye aforementioned portlie knyghte, being in the room during a French lesson, had serious misgivings that the master was using unseemly language to him. Indeed he addressed the following question to a non-Frencher:—

“Hey, mate, is that chap there swearin’ at me.”

III.A.—In accord with our usual practice we have out-classed all other forms in the way of steady work, although it is a task of extreme difficulty. Some of our members are obtaining practical experience for their business careers on the Board of Management of the Tuck Shop, which we now wholly control, and which we are managing with the brilliant success which always characterises our efforts. Despite the brilliant scholastic achievements of the members of this honourable company we are still subjected to numerous inconveniences as regards the scene of our efforts.

Although fondly devoted to our books we do not despise the Epicurean delights of the football field, and we carry all before us in this department of school activity having one of our number, the jovial Ridley, captain of the first fifteen. We are also strongly represented in the Literary and Debating Society, where the will of III.A. reigns supreme, at least in the matter of votes. We wish to congratulate those of our members who have succeeded in upholding the school in the Public Service Examination.

Junior I.—By the time this edition of “The Record” appears before its hypercritical patrons, the Junior will be over, but none of those who at present grace the best (?) class in the school will ever forget the soul-sickening emotions with which the dread ordeal is being awaited. We had arranged to postpone all our fag till the week before, but alas! we find that our minds are so oppressed with the burden of work which should have been done months ago that we can remember nothing of what we are so enthusiastically cramming into our heads. “*Si quid est in nobis ingenii*” (as our chief tormentor hath it) it’s about “up to it” to come forth in all its beauty, but we are afraid the quotation wasn’t meant for us. Some of our hardest-working members are already working more than 8 hours a day, striving to smite brawny Euclid and fierce Ransome hip and thigh, by the delights of “Home, Sweet Home,” but it is emphatically “no go!” We are sorry if the editor finds no mention of our prowess in the world of sport, but the great event leaves room for nothing else though we can find time to express our sympathy with Phillips, our genial footballer. By the way, don’t be surprised if we bag a dozen medals (more or less!), for it is reported that Jaede is working.

Junior II.—This form can claim to be the most representative class in the school. In all branches of sport (that are worth taking up), our boys are represented and they are also prominent in scholastic affairs. We have cause to heartily congratulate Pullen, Wall and Shepherd, who were successful in the Commonwealth Public Service Exam., and will be shortly taking up positions. This class also sent 9 or 10 candidates for the State Public Service Exam., and we confidently hope

that they have acquitted themselves well. Of course there are about 25 of us, who are about to "prove our chance" at the Junior. We hope to pass creditably, despite the lamentations and tearful exhortations of our masters.

Although we "run over" so much bookwork and "run through" so much other work, we fail to adapt ourselves to the situation in Mathematics, much to the master's disgust. Our talents for arguing on French Grammar are incomparable and never fail to worry our French teacher. It is a pity, but we cannot realize that there is "poetical beauty" in poetry. However we know an extract or two from "The Lady of the Lake" and one from Keats; maybe the "early sobbing of the morn" will be reproduced at the fatal Junior. Our Latin is "horrible," but enough; if we "minded" our masters better, for they are often "waiting" on us, we might do better.

In sport we are unrivalled. Digby, Hedger, Russell, a junior prefect (we have two specimens of these interesting creatures), Bolton (the "Adaminaby Giant"), play in the 1st XV. at football. Wall, Pullen, Cookson, Willan ("Curly Locks") and "Sleepy" Phillips (not the "Sleeping Beauty") play when the humour suits them. Garner and Willard play tennis. Garner and Cook lately won from scratch the doubles handicap (60 up). The amiable Lieutenant Penn and Sergeant MacBride are our military men. "Sister Helen" still shines in "his old age." Woodhouse and Wheen, who are on the Glee Club Committee, are our warblers. Mason is secretary of the Camera Club. How diversified are our talents! Digby was found reading in "private fag" the touching tale "He loves me, he loves me not," and all, notably the master, admired his literary taste. The delectable Wheen, they say, borrows combs and mirrors and such like accessories and uses "private fag" for toilet purposes.

Junior III.—For the past three months not a sound has issued from No. 4 room. For the mighty Junior is ever drawing nearer. We have been sorely worried with other exams. and we have now become quite accustomed to hearing a sepulchral voice say, "Ten minutes more for this paper." Some of us have already braved the terrors of the Public Service, but their fate is, as yet, unknown. One of our number wishing to shine brilliantly, applied a match to a tin of brilliant-shine, with dire results to himself. It is a remarkable fact that the number of boys who attend school varies inversely as the number of days the Junior is distant. During Arithmetic and Algebra we have been treated to a display of revolver practice. Sad to say we have been cured of the habit of punning, for when one of us ventured a mild joke, he was instantly silenced with

"Ah, well! I don't see any humour in that."

The School Bell has become cracked, probably in sympathy with us. We are glad to announce that one of our classmates has been raised to the rank of Junior Prefect.

Before this appears in print we will all have faced the glorious symphony (otherwise music) of the Junior and we tender our best thanks to the teaching staff for their strenuous endeavours to fit us for the coming agony.

II.A.—The “distemperus examinus” is passing off again and we hope that our fair reputation as being the pattern class of the school remains unsullied. We are supporting the various institutions of the school even more perhaps, than ever before. The Debating Club is a good example though as discussions generally, fortunately or otherwise, take the appearance of class versus class we were sorry to lose the ministry. It was truly the censure of quality by quantity! Some of our members also support the Glee and Camera Clubs, departures that will never be regretted.

We all had our “phisogs” taken a few weeks ago, and although several perpetuated in this mortal sphere their “soul portraits,” the saying “beauty is skin deep” should comfort them.

Messrs. Kay and Nette have received letters from France but they were how (?) sad when they found that each was from “un” and not —!

The Sporting Department still claims from us the recognised cracks, who can always be depended on for “breaks.” We are sorry to have lost Brackpool, Devine and Jurd.

II.B.—In the great apiary of the S.H.S. there is no hive more active or more industrious than that resident in No. 6. As in all hives it is remarkable for its organization. It is divided into three sections, two of which are workers and the third which lies in the north-west side of the hive marks the home of the king bees. They are not near as fast as their namesakes.

But enough! We have just passed the ordeal of the half-yearly, and though we claim to have no drones among us, still we are all now resting on our oars preparing for a fresh start, save the Pros, who seem destined never to have rest.

Our athletic department is in very good fettle. Nixon becomes heavier and harder every day, promising to become an excellent man behind the leather. Fletcher and Molineaux, Rayner and Kershaw also show great promise. Harrison and Webster are enthusiasts with the racquet and are becoming adepts in the art.

Although the Glee Club has not attained the popularity we would like to see, still we number a goodly percentage of musicians among us. We also have the honour of such fine speakers as Wheen, Walton, Cunningham, and Corrigan.

Time flies fast and sadly the Pros. note the approach of a day when they must sever their connections with the school which must always hold a prominent place in their estimation, and with boys with whom they have become true comrades.

II.C.—We form a very musical circle, our French class sing (?) ditties to the delight of neighbouring classes (?). Hoping to increase our talent in this direction we have sent Monsieur Donelop to the Glee Club. We are great linguists. Two of us speaking Russian, a couple Double Dutch, another Yankee, others French, and the whole Latin and high-class English.

Two great burdens have been laid upon us. One being a fine specimen of a human animal from Yankee-land, the other being logs over which we are making wonderful strides. II.B. and II.A. did not have this burden laid on them, for they are naturally rather on the dull side, who, we are confident, will come up against a brick wall when the Intermediate comes, i.e., our Junior. We are a class of skilled chemists, manufacturing many odious gases. But being humourists also, we have invented a laughing gas, which is capable of giving one eternal happiness.

I.A.—This select form still keeps the even tenor of its way. There was one exciting "Command Night," when we all burst into verse, out of which Dick Cunningham emerged triumphant with his blushing honours thick upon him.

We are just through the half-yearly examination and are looking forward to the midwinter vacation.

Compulsory training still claims its "pound of flesh," but we are now varying the eternal drill with a shot or two at Random. As you were! Randwick.

We have several aspirants to military fame amongst us. Cook and MacBride are sergeants, and Perryman (our funny-man) is a Colour-sergeant.

The voices of the form are developing their talent in the successful and newly-formed Glee Club. However we do not neglect the school sports, some of our members having shared in the successes and failures of the Baseball, Football, Camera and Tennis Clubs, while others from our midst content themselves with the S.H.S library books.

We are glad to see that the other first-year classes have quitted the field of action in the playground and left I.A. alone in its glory.

I.B.—"Heavenly muse inspire us," is fervently muttered by some one in a still room. In a word, the half-year exams. are upon us. Of course the result will show (as of yore) that

we still maintain our honourable name of I. Better. We are well represented in all the School Clubs and institutions (except the Detention Room). While many of us dodge about the football field like a lively Whiting in the sea, and we sweep those who oppose us like dirt before the Broome. It is also widely known that a certain presumptuous class, by name I.A., was well beaten in a pitched battle fought at dinner time, some time ago. Instead of "beating our swords into plough shares" we have beaten our cricket bats into base-ball clubs.

I.C.—As we have not yet recovered from the shock of the half-yearly exams., we will appreciate the forthcoming vacation.

We have much pleasure in congratulating Cooney on his success at football.

We hope that when the holidays come "Maude will find a good Brand of Green Hay in the Wood near the White-house." Under Mr. Moore's guidance we hope to be a good lot of business men by the end of the year. We are now able to write a letter of credit and also a love-letter.

We are extremely sorry to observe that S———man has 1 hour detention (the first since Christmas).

It appears that I.A. had the audacity to challenge us to a scragging, and were then afraid of our huge representative S——d.

We have a fine budding young drummer in B———n.

We hope for further success at the ensuing target-practice.

I.D.—We are still taking a great interest in Mr. Mussman's phonetics. Small wonder is it then that several members of this select circle have been heard to complain of tooth-ache, etc. Judging from the innumerable and indescribable sounds proceeding from a certain far corner of the "Big Room" the co-efficient of elasticity of the labial appendages of the members of I.D. has increased considerably.

In sport too, we are well able to hold our own. Gilb shows very good form at football, whilst Warmall puts in some clever shots at tennis. Loud lamentations are heard from Norton, our Lacrosse expert, because no club has as yet been formed this half. Not content with this we furnish the Glee Club with an Organ which produces very fine music. Every 2nd Wednesday, we hold a class debate. Here our humourist favours us with witty (?) speeches which are occasionally rewarded with hearty laughter.

With the Coronation Cadets.

(By ONE OF THEM.)

On leaving Teneriffe we entered upon the final stage of our voyage to the Homeland. It was now about seven weeks since we had steamed out of Sydney Harbour, and, happy and full of incident though these weeks had been, nevertheless, we were full of excited anticipation at the thought of soon seeing the land of our forefathers. The Bay of Biscay did not live up to its evil reputation, but was on its best behaviour, and we passed through an almost perfectly calm sea.

Fourteen miles out from Plymouth, and while we were all eagerly scanning the horizon for the first signs of land, we passed the Eddystone Lighthouse—a magnificent structure, 130 feet high, and erected in 1882. As every schoolboy knows, the history of the Eddystone is a remarkable one. A line of rocks about 600 feet long, the highest of them just above the level of the ocean at low tide, and causing a never-ending whirl of ocean currents, is and has been from the earliest times a menace to navigation. On one of the rocks Henry Winstanley, in 1696, managed to raise a wooden lighthouse 100 feet high. So convinced was he of its perfect stability that he expressed the hope that he might be in the lighthouse when a storm was raging. His desire was gratified, for while effecting some repairs on the night of 26th November, 1703, he was caught in a dreadful gale, which swept building and builder alike out of existence.

Then, in 1706, Rudyerd began to erect a lighthouse, fashioned after the model of a frustrum of a cone. It consisted of five courses of stone surmounted by a strong superstructure of wood, the whole being 92 feet high. It was completed in 1709, and did good service for over 40 years. In 1755, however, it caught fire and was completely destroyed.

In 1757 was begun the erection of Smeaton's famous edifice—a circular tower of stone, after the model of a forest oak, and set into a 3-inch socket in the rock. On the cornice was the inscription, "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is in vain that build it." Finished in 1759, it resisted the buffetings of the sea for more than 120 years, until it was found that the part of the reef on which it was built was not so solid as the lighthouse itself, and thus the safety of the structure was imperilled. The erection of the present building was determined upon at the instance of the Duke of Edinburgh. Smeaton's lighthouse was taken down and re-erected on Plymouth Hoe, where it forms one of the many historical sights of that famous place.

The first sight of Old England considerably stirred the hearts and the patriotic feelings of the sons of Australia, to the vast majority of whom England had hitherto stood as a land famed in story and song, the land of their ancestors, the hub of the universe, but a land which they had never expected to see. However, their hopes in this direction were now being realised, and the realization brought with it no feeling of disappointment. Everything was up to the mark. The intense greenness of the meadows, about which we had heard such a great deal from some of our fellow-passengers, the hedges forming lines of division between the farms, the beautiful rural scenery—all were there, to be viewed from the deck of our steamer. Subsequent visits which were to be paid to some of the country towns and villages of England deepened the love that was already springing up for the beauty of English scenery—a beauty quite distinct from that of Australian landscapes.

Pressure of space forbids any detailed description of Plymouth, abounding though it does in historical associations, connected with Drake and the spacious times of Queen Elizabeth, the re-embarkation of the Pilgrim Fathers in the Mayflower, and other great and stirring times in the history of the nation.

Our stay at Plymouth was necessarily short. The great event which we had travelled so many thousands of miles expressly to see was close at hand, and it behoved us to get to our fixed place of abode as soon as possible, and there prepare by hard work to satisfactorily acquit ourselves in whatever we might have to do.

On our journey up the Channel we encountered the s.s. Olympic, the largest vessel in the world; and a fine sight she presented as she steamed by us on her maiden voyage to America. It appeared as if she were built to absolutely defy the power of wind and wave, as if no force in nature was strong enough to successfully combat her; and yet within a few short months her sister ship, the Titanic, quite as huge and quite as powerful, was to lie a broken wreck two miles below the surface of the Atlantic!

The trip up the Thames to the Royal Albert Docks was one marked by endless variety. Such a heterogeneous mass of shipping very few of us had ever seen. Hundreds of fishing boats, with their dark brown sails, were taking advantage of the turn of the tide to make up the river with their finny cargoes. Great liners belonging to well-known shipping firms were being piloted either up or down stream. Dutch, German, and French packet boats were much in evidence. Newcastle colliers were there, looking as if an application of holystone and fresh paint might smarten them up somewhat; ubiquitous tugs were making their presence felt, as well as motor boats galore. There were numerous steam ferry boats plying up and down, and everywhere were to be met the barges which are so characteristic of the river. All these craft seemed as if they must involve themselves in inextricable confusion, and yet, in spite of the apparent confusion, order reigned somehow or other; progress was made without any interference with the rights and privileges of others.

On leaving the docks, which would themselves form a subject for considerable description, a journey by train brought us to the Liverpool-street railway station, one of the great railway termini of London. On alighting we found ourselves right in the centre of the largest city in the world, the heart, so to speak, of the British Empire. We had formed ideas of the size of London, but the reality greatly exceeded our previous conceptions. Even when we came to 'know our London' somewhat, its immensity used to dominate us. Perhaps a few figures may serve to show the marvellous growth of the city and its present enormous extent. In the year 1066, William the Conqueror's time, the population was about 40,000; in 1700, about 700,000; in 1801, by census, 958,863. In 1901 the population was 4,536,541, and for Greater London 6,581,872. In 1907 the population for Greater London—that is, the area included in the Metropolitan and City of London Police Districts—was estimated at 7,100,000! It comprises an area of nearly 700 square miles, and contains over 800,000 inhabited houses. If figures talk, then surely the figures already quoted should give us some faint idea of the size of the world's metropolis. In London, in addition to many other stations, there are at least ten large railway termini, as Euston, St. Pancras, Victoria, Liverpool Street., and so on. There are more than 50 large reputable theatres. Then it is a cosmopolitan city. When the census for London proper was taken in 1901 it was found that there were 135,377 people from foreign countries living in the city, amongst whom were included 27,500 Germans, 11,260 French, 38,100 Russians, 15,450 Russian Poles, and 10,890 Italians.

To anyone who has the inclination and the time and the opportunity to indulge his bent, London simply teems with historical associations. Should he care to visit historical places like the Tower, to see ancient armour and relics of persons and ages, ancient documents, ancient streets, ancient institutions, the city provides him with an inexhaustible wealth of material.

(To be Continued.)

Original Poetry.

THE MEETING OF LITTLE JOHN WITH ROBIN HOOD.

Now, when King John came to the throne
 His friends he tried to sway;
 But soon the proud Lord Huntington
 Could not abide his way.
 In anger John removed him from
 His old ancestral home;
 To forest he was forced to go,
 And there for life to roam.

So there and then he made a vow
 To have revenge on John,
 By robbing lord and priest and peer,
 Who through his woods had gone.
 When passing through his haunts one day,
 A gushing stream he found;
 And crossing o'er the rustic bridge
 He heard a footstep sound.

And, looking up, he saw a man
 About to cross, as he;
 "Stand back!" he cried; "I'm Robin Hood,
 I must delayed not be."
 "No, no," the lusty tanner cried,
 "To me you must give way,
 Or I will crack your stupid head
 And make it ache all day."

With haughty mein, the knight advanced,
 His sturdy stave in hand;
 The tanner met his bold attack
 With quite as bold a stand.
 With might and main they fought all day,
 Exchanging blow for blow;
 So equal was the contest fought,
 Their strength it seemed to go.

The tanner then his temper lost,
 And made an hefty lunge;
 He missed his aim as Robin slipped,
 And both fell with a plunge.
 The water cooled their ardour strong;
 While wading to the land,
 Said Robin Hood, "I see your worth,"
 And grasped him by the hand.

"Come, join my band and help me fight
 For all oppressed and poor."
 "Thanks, thanks, my worthy friend," said he,
 "I'll serve you well, I'm sure."
 So Little John as Lieutenant,
 Joined him in ventures bold;
 And there they lived in woods so free,
 As in the days of old.

—E. S. CUNNINGHAM.

SPENSERIAN STANZAS.

I.

I'd stand at dawn upon a mountain top,
 And view with wondering eye the vast expanse
 Of valley as it lay, the sudden drop
 Of the sheer cliff, piercing like lance,
 With jutting pinnacles, the mists which dance
 With slow and billowy movement round its base;
 And whose ever-changing aspects but enhance
 The wonders of the scene. Across the face
 Of the cliff, their intricate designs dark fissures trace.

G.J.M.S.

II.

I woke, and round me in the wood, beheld
 The towering trunks of gaunt and blackened trees.
 About their feet were fallen giants, some felled
 By man's keen blade. A lonely fear did seize
 Me, in that lonely place, and though my knees
 Were trembling like an aspen leaf, I said
 I had no fear. I rose; my blood did freeze.
 What prodigy did I behold in dread?
 I turned, and headlong down the winding track I fled.

—A.M.H.

O SIREN DEATH!

Slender wavelets, falling, in the bay;
 Tender voices, calling, "Come away!"
 Golden fancies, thronging, seem to bring
 Olden tales of longing—ah, the Spring!
 Slender shadows, strewing far the deep,
 Tender voices wooing thee to sleep:
 Dearest, is the going hard for thee?
 Fearest thou, unknowing what may be?
 Tender tear-drops, dewing fair the cheek:
 Slender lips are wooing: Loved, speak!

Driven billows, curling far to sea,
 Riven leaves unfurling on the tree. . . .
 Slender wavelets, falling, in the bay;
 Tender voices, calling, "Come away!"

—R. R. KIDSTON.

ON RETURNING HOME AT NIGHT.

When, wearied with a long monotonous day,
 I wend my way disconsolate to the train,
 With slumberous ease my vigour to regain,
 I strive. Alas! the locomotive's sway—
 Call on drowsy Morpheus as I may—
 Prohibits thoughtless rest; yet I would fain
 Contend with wakefulness, though 't be in vain.
 My destination reached at last, away
 Across an undulating plain I speed.
 The bracing keenness of an Autumn eve
 Revives my spirit and I do not heed
 The phantoms of the night; indeed, I cleave
 The thickening darkness with a wild delight;
 There's nought to fear, while stars above give light.

—A.M.H.

Senior Literary and Debating Society.

The meetings this year have at least been well attended. As a truthful reporter, however, we will not venture to deny that a spirit of frivolity and "levitas" is tending to pervade the Society. Some very successful meetings have been held; notably the Mock Trial and the Musical Afternoon.

We held the former in the Big Room, and invited the whole school. More than 100 boys were present and witnessed the trial of Mr. Dyd E. Killim," on the charge of murder.

At our Musical Afternoon some first-class (?) vocal and instrumental items were rendered by the Orpheus Quartette, consisting of 5 members. Other excellent contributions were given by the Acroceraunian Musical Society and other members of the Society. Unfortunately we have been deprived of some of our best speakers by the close proximity of the Junior Exam. Although we did not hold an "Old Boys' Debate" last quarter, nevertheless it was only after long discussion that the committee decided very reluctantly to postpone it till the next half-year; as we considered our defences not in a fit state to meet the batteries of the Old Boys.

In conclusion, we wish all our members who are undertaking to convince the University authorities of their worth, best success and a good holiday after their strenuous exertions.

The Library.

The Library is still as popular as it was when our last issue came into the hands of the readers; and the new boys who arrived at the beginning of the year, have, by now, realised how beneficial the Library is to them. Many of the 1st year boys are now members and the Librarians hope to see many more of the "shining lights" of these classes on the roll of membership. The Librarians have just purchased 20 new books; comprising novels, and tales of adventure. Humorous American stories also figure among them. "Forty Minutes Late," "The Purloined Prince," "Mr. Muldoon," "Captain Kettle, K.C.B.," "The Tragedy of the Korosko" (Conan Dolye), "Little Anna" (Crockett), and "The Arncliffe Mystery," are some of the titles of these new books. The boys of the school are urged to join the Library immediately, and read these excellently written works.

The Magazine Library has not been as well patronized this year as in previous years, but we hope to see more boys studying magazines during the dinner hour in future.

Since our last issue a slight change has been made in the Library Staff. Owing to D. Graham leaving the school, his position on the staff has been filled by F. Buchhorn.

The Glee Club.

Music! the very mention of the word which has such magic possibilities, should make all hearts beat high in expectation. Every boy has an innate love of harmony only waiting to be roused by the soothing beauties of Strauss or Beethoven.

It is with the object of awakening this love of harmony and to refine and ennoble the perception of beauty in music that a Glee Club has been successfully inaugurated.

At a first meeting of those interested, the proposed objects and limitations were discussed. A temporary committee of boys and teachers was selected to draw up rules for the government of the Club.

The election of officers and the reading and modification of the rules framed by the committee in the interim, occupied the attention of the second meeting.

Friday was selected as the practice day.

Officers:—President: Mr. Waterhouse; Vice-Presidents: The Masters; Conductor: Mr. Steele; Hon. Treas. and Sec.: Mr. Luke; Assistant: J. V. Williams; Librarian: J. Woodhouse. Committee:—C. W. Mann, W. Jenkins, R. Whately, J. Taylor.

Already good progress has been made and two-part songs are beginning to assume something like the shape their composer intended.

On Empire Day the musical arrangements were left in the hands of the Club, whose members, grouped immediately in front of the platform, were able to lead the singing.

Sydney High School Junior Literary and Debating Society.

During the past quarter we have had some very good meetings, though the attendance of First-year boys has not been very large. We feel that the First-year boys ought to come to the meetings to enjoy the benefits which are only too apparent. The meetings have been fairly attended, the average number present being 35.

"A Day with Australian Poets," proved very interesting, as also did the Manuscript Journal—which might have been better subscribed to. Those present at the debate "Is the Pen Mightier than the Sword," enjoyed a very keen debate, though at the voting which followed, the ministry was ejected.

We hope that the above appeal to First-year boys will not pass unheeded, and also appeal to the Second-year boys to back up the Society.

We would like to thank Mr. Fletcher for his welcome support in the past.

II.C. Trip to La Perouse.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the call to arms on behalf of the Cadets, having the afternoon at our disposal, several boys of II.C., accompanied by the teacher, set out for an expedition in connection with Amy Hack's "Bush Calendar." The field of our observations was La Perouse, and we are glad that we arranged to go to that place. We journeyed in the tram as far as the Long Bay Section, where we alighted, wishing to see some of the country surrounding Long Bay. On the way to the Bay we passed the Public School, which is now making great headway, having about 90 pupils. After having a look at the Bay, we went inland through some dense foliage. We went down into a gully and scrambled up a neighbouring hill, where we came to a long, dusty road. We kept on this road for about a mile, picking flowers, and noticing various trees and bushes. Near this road I found a large bulrush, or, as it is generally called, "kangaroo tail"—indeed, the name suits the plant well. The one I found was a good specimen, being about 5 feet long, and the taste was similar to that of sugar cane. Soon after passing several Chinese gardens, we climbed over a fence into a paddock and had a rest, examining the specimens of flowers we had collected. Amongst them were:—Tea-tree or *Acacia Linearis*, *Banksia*, *Callistemon* or Bottlebrush, several small Port Jackson Wattle plants, and some Bluebells. We were soon on the move again, and, after passing over a paddock full of rabbit holes, came to the Long Bay Cemetery. We passed through the Cemetery, and noticed some very old graves, some being dated 1801. On the other side of the Cemetery we went through a piece of scrub which contained nothing but black bushes, charred logs, and tree-stumps; then through a gully which was very marshy and boggy, several of the company, including myself, being bogged up to the ankles. Nevertheless, "everything comes to those who wait," and we were very soon in a very pretty spot, where "sunlit bracken spreads beneath the gums," and came in sight of Yarra Bay. We walked right round the beach, and soon came to La Perouse. After enjoying a rest for 20 minutes or so, during which we were photographed by one of the Camera Club, and translating some difficult French which was on a monument there, we returned home, after a very pleasant outing. Some of the flowers I gathered were Tea-tree or *Acacia Linearis*, Port Jackson Wattle or *Acacia Discolor*, *Banksia*, *Callistemon*, Native *Fuchsia* or *Correa Speciosa*, and some Snake Flower or *Scaevola Hispida*.

—F. MUNRO.

Mountain Beauties.

Nowhere is Nature more impressive or more enchanting than in mountainous country. In the grandeur and solitude of mountain scenery the human spirit experiences some of its grandest conceptions of the universe. None can look down into a great valley, with its stern granite, without being awe-inspired by the immensity of space and the infinity of time. The giant cliffs stand now very much the same as they stood thousands of years ago. Wonderful indeed is the profusion of the trees which cluster around the feet of these walls of solid stone; but the walls themselves stand out proudly above all, defying the action of wind and water. Yet this great valley has been carved out by the water which it defies. Away down in the depths of the valley, 'neath a dense mass of green foliage, a clear stream ripples with the everlasting persistence which alone is responsible for such mighty changes. One tries

to grasp this fact. All conception of time is lost in the contemplation of the aeons necessary for the great work, and we marvel and are silent. Thus does the solitude of the mountains enwrap one.

Morning after morning the sun rises to shine upon a sea of pearly mist, which, animated by the warmth of his rays, moves upwards in great masses and curls slowly around the mountain summits. The approach of evening is invariably heralded by a glorious profusion of colour in the west. What a wonderful part water is playing, then, in the beautification of the earth! It has hollowed out the valley with its mighty power. It is manifesting itself in sparkling fern, draped cascades, and clear streams. It is giving life to thousands upon thousands of trees, and finally it is wrapping the mountain tops in glorious silver forms of mist and cloud which catch from the sun's rays so many glorious hues.

Truly in all this is Nature great; and whether we gaze in silent awe at the valley, or strive, in admiration, to catch the delicate lights, shades, and colours of a beautiful cloud, we cannot but perceive that Nature is calling the spirit to a grander conception of God's scheme, and whispering something to us of a wider horizon of beauty. —X.N.S.

Valete.

The following boys left at Christmas to pursue their studies at the University:—Medical Course: A. Cockburn (Prefect), O. Ellis (Prefect, Captain of the School, 1911), F. E. True (Prefect, 1st XV. 1909-11), G. Wellisch (Prefect), D. W. McCredie (Prefect), R. Lesslie, C. Hains. Engineering Course: D. Slade (Prefect), J. Baldwin, W. Goodwin, A. Shepherd, E. Mackey (1st XV.). Arts Course: L. V. Hall (Prefect, Winner of School Cup 1911), H. Moran, L. Larbalestier, W. McNamara (1st XI.). Law: R. I. Kay (Prefect, Editor of "Record"), A. Bradfield, F. Lenthall. Science: C. O. Hamblin (Prefect, Editor of "Record"). Agriculture: R. Noble.

The following boys left during the past year:—E. J. Saxby (Senior Prefect, 1st XV., 1910), H. T. Beasley (Prefect, Winner of Popular Prize, 1st XI.), A. Gilbert, S. Tomkins, L. Cook, M. Lynch, S. Benson, A. Swan, C. Nicol, N. Morehouse, W. Jackson, A. Frost, C. Phillips, A. Anderson, J. Ferguson, B. White, B. Campbell, R. Kilminster, C. Cooper, J. Shelton, L. Simms, E. Sealy-Vidal, R. Brown, C. Ricketts, J. Parker, L. Polden.

The following have entered the Public Service:—S. Donnan, C. Gray, T. Brooke (1st XI.), W. Cramp, H. Carroll, L. Hunter, B. Ford, A. Guerin, H. Guerin, H. Sharp, A. Short, O. Gormley, C. Bignall, A. Stone, C. Clemenger (1st XI., 1910-11), S. Gietz, L. Heath.

Football.

We are again in the middle of another football season. As yet we have not performed very remarkably, although some very good matches have been played. We have played 6 matches and 3 have been won.

The personnel of the team has not been very greatly altered since last season. At a meeting of the Football Club, W. Ridley was elected secretary, whilst J. Mathers, A. Cooke, and W. Ridley were elected as the selection committee.

Having failed to enter the G.P.S. Competition, we have been enrolled in the High School Competition. The school should do well. The second and third grade teams have entered the 2nd and 3rd Grade in the same Competition as the 1st XV.

The second team have performed remarkably well so far, being undefeated.

The third team will do better when they properly organise their team.

The footballers this season are being backed up by a number of the teachers. We are very pleased that they have begun to take an interest in football.

Mr. Sullivan looks after the 1st XV.; Mr. Cantello, the 2nds; Mr. Gallagher, the 3rds; Mr. Potter, the 4ths; and Mr. Simmons, the 5ths.

All the competition matches for the school are to be played in Wentworth Park. We hope the school will take advantage of this and turn up to the matches.

The 1st XV. are playing better than they did at the beginning of the season. We have a very fine set of forwards although one or two are still rather awkward (?). I refer to the second row. Ridley and Kay always play very well. Bolton also shines out in the rushes. Nixon should train more and get some of the surplus fat off his body. Cooke should buck up more; he gets rather tired sometimes although he is always there when wanted. The remainder of the forwards, Clifton, Lang, and Sommerville also play well at times.

Of the back division, Digby at five-eighths always plays a good sound game. He is a very good player although rather inclined to "cling on" too much. McKellar also has played some good hard games. Hedger plays a good defensive game and kicks well for the line. L. Phillips had hard luck in having his collarbone smashed in the Fort-street match. We hope that he will soon be round again, able to play with us. Rae plays on the wing, and is a good player. He should avail himself more of Wentworth Park. Stafford also should attend practice. He plays well but very often gets reckless. Mathers is full back, and can always be relied on (?) (to turn up for the matches).

The 2nd XV. have a number of very good players. Cooney on the three-quarter line is a very fine, reliable player. King also plays well on the wing. Chilcott, at full-back is very sound, and a good kick. Wall, Howie, Kelly and McEwen complete the backs. The second's backs are a very fine set of players and do their coach justice. They have been almost responsible for all their wins. The forwards are being doctored up, and there are a few promising colts amongst them. Cookson plays a good hard game. Clemens is also a good forward.

The following are the results of the matches in detail:—

On Wednesday, 17th April, the 1st and 2nd XV.'s journeyed to Hunter's Hill, where they met St. Joseph's College 1st and 2nd XV.'s respectively. We lost both matches. The 1st XV. was defeated by 12—3. It was a very hard game, and, on the whole, the team played very well for their first match of the season. Rae scored a good try for the School.

2nd XV. v. St. Joseph's College 2nd XV.—This match resulted in a win for the latter by 16—0.

S.H.S. 1st XV. v. Technical College Wool Classers.—Played at Wentworth Park, 1st May, and resulted in a win for the "Woolleys" by 15—8. The School played very creditably indeed, but our opponents were too heavy for us.

Ridley lost the toss, and kicked off against the wind. The School took the ball down to their opponents' 25, where, in a scrummage, Digby picked up and passed to Mathers, who crossed over. The try was unconverted. Scores: 3—0.

The "Woolleys" now bucked up, and soon had us defending, the whole of our team showing very fine defence. Shortly before half-time our opponents kicked a goal from a mark on the 25 line. Scores: 3 all.

The "Tech." shortly afterwards crossed over our line, after a very fine passing rush.

Upon resuming, the game became fast, the Wool Classers pressing the School very much. They again crossed our line, making the scores 9—3 in favour of the Wool Classers.

The ball was no sooner set in motion than they again crossed over. 12—3.

The School now livened up, and a bit of bright play resulted. We got to their 25, and after some scrummaging Digby picked up, passed to Kay, who scored a good try, which Mathers converted. Scores: 12—8.

Play now became exciting, many fine passing rushes occurring, but all to no avail. The "Woolleys" again crossed our line, making the total 15—8. The whistle then blew.

Mr. Penman refereed the match. There was some very good individual play. For the forwards Ridley, Kay, and Bolton played very well; the backs played their part very creditably, although they want to handle the ball a bit better.

The early match was between S.H.S. 2nd XV. and Knox College, and resulted in a win for the School by 23—0.

This was a very good game—for the School. The backs were mostly responsible for the fine win, Cooney, King, Wall, and Pullen playing very well.

The scorers for the School were Kelly, Wells, Wall, Clemens, Muir (one each); Howie scored two tries, and Wall converted one.

The Old Boys' Match was played at Wentworth Park on 14th May, and resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 39—17. The first half was a very fast game, and the School led at half-time. The surplus weight of the Old Boys "told" in the second half, with the result that they completely overwhelmed us. Kay was the first to score for the School. It was a good try, having followed on from a free kick. Shortly afterwards we were again pressing our opponents, and Mathers added another three points by scoring for the School. Scores: 6—0.

The Old Boys then woke up, and some very fine play ensued. In a scrummage near our line Deane, an Old Boy, picked up, and pushed his way over. Scores: 6—3.

The game now became fast, our backs handling the ball very well. McKellar scored for the School, after a very fine passing rush. Mathers failed at converting.

The Old Boys still pressed hard, but our defence was sound. However, Southee received a good pass from Deane, and sprinted over the line. He converted the try. Scores: 9—8 in favour of the School.

The next score was a goal from a free kick by Mathers. Scores: 12—8. The whistle then blew for half-time.

In the second half the Old Boys proved too strong for us, and try after try was registered. When the score was 17—8 the School livened up, and soon had the Old Boys defending. After some sparkling play by the forwards, in which Ridley, Day, and Clifton figured, the ball was passed to Mathers, who scored a good try for the School. McKellar converted. Scores: 17—13 in favour of the Old Boys.

After this the game was not very interesting from the School's point of view, as the Old Boys added try after try. The final scores were 34—17.

For the Old Boys tries were scored by Mackay, Fairland, May, Kidston (one each), Perry, and Southee (three each); Southee converted three tries and kicked a penalty goal.

For the School Mathers scored two tries, kicked one penalty goal, and McKellar and Kay scored one try each.

The team, on the whole, played very well. Mr. Sullivan was referee.

On 16th May the 1st XV. met and defeated Cleveland-street School by 8—0. The match was played on Wentworth Park. It was a very good match, although the scores do not quite justify our win. We were decidedly the better players, and had Cleveland Street defending continually. The match was only played on the practice ground, or we would most assuredly have beaten them by more.

Tries for the School were scored by Cooke and Digby, one of which Mathers converted. They were two very good tries.

On 22nd May the 1st XV. defeated Fort-street School by 6—0, at Wentworth Park. This was a hardly contested game, and was very spirited, as usual.

The School did not play as well as usual. The backs were not up to the mark. The forwards, on the other hand, played exceedingly well, Nixon, Ridley, Kay, Bolton, and Clifton playing well. For the School tries were scored by Digby and Nixon. Nixon's try was a very good one, which was converted by Russell. Digby played well again.

Fort Street played a better game than we did, but we had the better players. They played with more combination.

On Wednesday, 29th May, the 1st XV. played their first competition match against Cleveland-street School, at Wentworth Park, winning by 15—0.

Cleveland Street won the toss, and Ridley kicked off for the School. The game became very spirited. Several good attacks were made by the School, but all to no avail—the umpire getting in the way and stopping the progress of the ball (?). Towards the end of the first half Digby scored a very fine try. School, 3—0.

In the second half the School took more notice of the "Umpire's threepenny rule book." Free kick after free kick was given to Cleveland Street. But "the Crows" ran all over their opponents in this half, it being a very fine practice game for them. We eventually won by 15—0. Tries were scored by Digby (three), Rae, and Hedger (one each).

In this match Digby, at scrum-half, played an excellent game. Nixon, Ridley, and Kay played well for the forwards.

On Wednesday, 29th May, the 2nd XV. defeated Cleveland Street by 22—0.

The Seconds have not been defeated yet. They are a very fine set of players, and simply "ran over Clevo."

Cooney played very well again. He is the making of a good footballer. The passing of the backs was very good, Kelly, Wall, Pullen, and King figuring at times. Moore and Wells played excellently in the forwards.

Tries were scored by Cooney and Howie (one each), King, and Wall (two each); Chilcott and Wall converted one try each.

In the first competition match played by the Seconds they defeated Petersham by 12—3.

On Wednesday, 29th May, the Thirds defeated Cleveland Street by 64—0. This is their second competition match.

The previous Wednesday the Thirds were defeated by Fort Street 2nds by 50—0. Fort Street were far too heavy for our players.

Baseball Club.

The baseball season has again come round, much to the delight of all enthusiasts of the game. The Club is in a much better position this year than last, owing to the fact that many new players have been enlisted. We would, however, like to see more of the new boys—especially the cricketers—taking up this interesting sport.

A High School Competition has been inaugurated, and we have entered two teams—one in the “A” and one in the “B” Grade. With a little more enthusiasm on the part of some players, and increased facilities for practice, we should be able to produce two excellent teams.

Unfortunately, several of our best players have signified their intention of leaving the School after the Junior Exam.; therefore we appeal to others to fill the breaches by supporting a game whose popularity has increased, at the S.H.S., with each year.

First IX.—Our first match of the season was against Petersham, but, owing to the absence of our best players, we were rather badly defeated by 20—7.

However, we had our full team in the next game, when we defeated Technical High School by 28—1. Moore's fine pitching and Harper's batting were the features of the afternoon.

Disaster befell us in our first competition match, Petersham outclassing us by their superior knowledge of the game. Scores: 8—4. The whole team played well. Moore again pitched excellently, whilst Hooke (custodian of the 2nd sack) played his usual faultless game.

Second IX.—The first match was against Technical High School, and although several of our players had never even seen a game of baseball, all acquitted themselves creditably. The victory (18—13) was mainly due to the good battery work of Austin and Cizzio.

Petersham "B" defeated us in the first competition match by 14—7. All played excellently until the last innings, when practically the whole side lost their heads and gave the game away. Barr (1st base), Martin (2nd base), and Shaw (short stop) were brilliant in the infield, whilst Small and McLoskey "pulled down flies" in the outfield.

The Camera Club.

There is not a very great deal to relate in connection with the Camera Club since the last issue of "The Record." Many of our members are preparing for the coming Junior, and have consequently been so busy developing their knowledge of Latin, French, and other similar matters, as not to leave much time for developing plates. The chief event of the past quarter has been the acquirement by the Club of a dark room on the school premises, the need of which has been felt ever since the Club was formed, as without it any demonstration of development, gaslight printing, and similar processes, has been impossible, and consequently lectures on these subjects have been robbed of a good deal of their interest.

We have to thank Mr. Waterhouse for so readily agreeing to our using the room off the Manual Training room as a dark-room, and to Mr. Steel for fitting up a shelf in it for our use. The room will be provided with an incandescent burner for gaslight printing and also with the necessary dishes, measures, printing frames, dark-room lamp, developer and fixing solution. Members of the Club will be able to use it at any time on applying to the secretary or one of the committee for the key of the cupboard in which the materials are stored. At the time of writing the room is not quite ready for use, but it should be so by the time this appears in print.

Two meetings have been held during the quarter. On April 22nd, a Question Box meeting took place, at which Mr. Luke replied to various questions put to him on photographic subjects. On May 6th, G. Banks-Smith demonstrated on Intensification of Negatives. There was a good attendance of about 20 members, and the demonstrator successfully intensified several plates, and also showed a method of toning bromide prints. On May 20th, a talk on Common Faults in Negatives was to have been given, but most of the members of the Club were detained at an examination until about 3.50, and the meeting consequently had to be abandoned.

It is hoped that in future with a dark-room of our own, it will be possible to arrange for more useful and practical meetings than in the past, for it is always much more instructive to see a thing actually done than merely to hear it described. Members who would like to see an actual demonstration of development or any other operation should, therefore, let the committee know, in order that it may arrange for them in drawing up the new programme next quarter.

Cricket.

The cricket season has now closed with a very good record for the school. It has been a very successful season, some very fine wins having been effected by the 1st XI.

Next year we should have a very good eleven, despite the fact that some of the players will be leaving school. In the 1st. XI., Mathers heads the batting average with 35.4; Gillam is next with 30.1. Garner was easily the most successful bowler, capturing 44 wickets at a cost of 450 runs, having an average of 10.2.

The Old Boys' Match was played on S.C.G., on the 29th March, in the rain. The game resulted in a draw, slightly in favour of the school.

The following are the scores:—

OLD BOYS.				S.H.S.			
Thatcher, c Wall, b Garner	...	...	3	Mathers, st b Southee	...	...	37
Nield, b Rae	...	...	4	Gillam, c Thatcher...	...	...	46
Dr. F. A. Todd, b Rae	...	...	0	Preston, not out	...	...	3
Clinch, b Garner	...	...	5	Saxby, not out	...	...	1
McCredie, st Garner	...	...	8				
Southee, b Mathers	...	...	40	Total, 2 wickets for	...	...	86
Attwell, b Garner	...	...	34				
A. C. Todd, lbw Rae	...	...	12				
Fairland, b Garner	...	...	2				
Neckless, c Gillam, b Harvey	...	...	22				
Slade, not out	...	...	2				
Sundries	...	...	21				
Total	...	...	153				

After temporarily standing out of Great Public Schools Cricket, the school will again take part in these competitions during the coming season. The matches will take place on Saturdays, and begin on the 2nd November, when our team meets the C.E.G.S. It is regrettable that we have no home ground for these matches, as Wentworth Park is not available for Saturday matches. The other schools, however, have very kindly placed their grounds at our disposal, and return matches will therefore be played on the same ground.

Tennis Club.

This branch of sport promises, from the present outlook, to become one of the strongest and most popular in the school. The membership has considerably increased from four—those noble warriors who kept the flag flying about Christmas time—to thirty-six. Many intending members have been prevented from joining owing to the fact that we could not comfortably

have a larger membership than 36. Amongst the host of immigrants who entered the school at the beginning of the year, were a few young players of excellent promise.

We can indeed congratulate ourselves upon the marked progress of the Club during the past quarter, owing chiefly to the keen interest taken in it by the members. After a few days' practice the Championship of the Club was played off, which resulted in Cooke winning, and Buchhorn being the runner up.

The following are the scores in the semi-finals and final:—

	Buchhorn defeated Garner	40-36
	Saxby defeated Henry	40-36
	Buchhorn defeated Saxby	40-34
	Cooke defeated Moore	40-19
Final	Cooke defeated Buchhorn	50-39

A doubles handicap tournament is now in progress. The handicapping turned out in most cases very favourably. The four pairs—Cooke and Garner, Buchhorn and Black, Saxby and Webster, and Henry and Cizzio, are at present playing off the semi-finals. The latter two have already been defeated and the winners will either be Cooke and Garner, or Buchhorn and Black.

We have commenced to play inter-club matches, but as yet have only played one, against Cleveland Street, whom we easily defeated by 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 10 games. Our strongest team was put into the field, namely, Buchhorn, Cooke, Garner, and Claremont.

Result of match:—

Cooke and Garner v. Steele and Austin	6-0	6-1
Cooke and Garner v. Robertson and Wynard	6-0	6-1
Buchhorn and Claremont v. Steele and Austin	6-1	6-4
Buchhorn and Claremont v. Robertson and Wynard	6-1	6-2

S.H.S.: 8 sets 48 games. Cleveland St.: 0 sets 10 games.

With some improvement, we hope in future to be able to hold our own against any of the Great Public Schools' teams.

Answers to Correspondents.

"F.C.H."—Sorry we cannot publish your contribution entitled "How PQliR if A CD man B an X YZ."

"SKULL AND CROSSBONES."—Your hopes are vain. In consequence of the number of murderous epistles we have recently received, we contemplate adding a "Fighting Editor" to the RECORD staff.

"RASPBERRY"—We cannot print your "ghost yarn." It is too personal as well as too weird. Remember the old French saying: "Eh Bien! Non pas en ces pantalons."

"J.W.C."—Sorry we do not know a cure for lateness. Perhaps if you apply the Exponential Theorem to your case and recite De Moivre's Theorem 120 times a minute, then you might succeed in finding the remedy; also try getting up a couple of hours earlier.

"COMPULSORY CADET."—Your verse may be patriotic, but the following will not do:—

He fell on his foes,
And lopped off their toes;
He killed them in rows,
With the loss of his nose,
Which was as red as a rose.
And so great were his blows,
As everybody knows,
That by gallons their blood flows.

[Ed.—And then he woke up]

"N.R.P."—We would be delighted to publish your verse if some kind reader will scan it for us. We show it below, and if it is "scanable" we shall print it in our next issue:—

"On the 5th of November, not in Lent,
Englishmen did foully conspire
To blow the Houses of Parliament
With gun——pow——dirt."

"SHAKESPEARE II."—We have called in our medical expert to consider your contribution, and he has diagnosed it to possess acute sinovitis of the verbs and meningitis in the region of the adverbs: Our doctor would like to know the size of your collar and hat, considering your wonderful feat in writing such an article.

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