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Editorial

THE last few months have seen radical changes in the staffs and general management of the High Schools of this State. The change exemplifies in a striking manner the fact that the modern tendency in all professions is to specialise. The division of the staffs into Masterships and assistant Masterships bears hardly on the man who is proficient in many subjects, but has not specialised.

One thing, however, that we should welcome as a school is that after a period of such frequent and sudden departures and equally sudden arrivals, the school staff seems to be firmly settled at last. We have lost, it is true, skilful masters and fine men, but we feel confident that we have gained masters just as skilful and masters as fine. Amongst the masters recently added to the staff are men with long records at Great Public Schools in other lands; men who fully appreciate the value of a school spirit and a school tradition.

What we want are fresh surroundings, where no clanging foundries and steam hammers break in on our meditations and where no unpleasant odours "taint the ambient air" and worry us to distraction. This protest has, perhaps, been too often urged to be dwelt on at length here with propriety, but they say that constant dropping wears away the stone, and maybe this little drop will have its effect.

Prior to and immediately consequent upon the inception of the "novae res" there were many doubts as to its success, so far as we are concerned at any rate. Some thought that the position of the school with regard to the other Great Public Schools, never too advanced, would recede still further. But the last month or two have shown differently. The school's institutions were never in a more flourishing condition, and our boys have more than held their own in Great Public School life.

School Notes.

We take this opportunity to offer our heart-felt sympathy for Mr. Hedberg in his sad bereavement.

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We must congratulate Mr. Simonds on winning the Barker Research Scholarship in Mathematics, and wish him all success in the course he is taking up. We hope to see his face among us again, and will not be very much surprised if he says to a certain member of the staff: "Say, stranger! I guess you'd better hustle some."

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The re-staffing of the school has made it necessary for us to bid farewell to several of our most popular masters. We take this opportunity to wish Mr. Harvey, Mr. Penman, Mr. Cantello all success in their various spheres of activity.

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Mr. Harvey's loss will be especially felt by the various cricket teams. Much of last year's success was due to his interest and energy.

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The Tennis Club has been particularly lively this year. The play all round has improved much on last year's showing.

Cook and Garner won a well-deserved success in the School-boys' Doubles at the tournament held by the City of Sydney Club. Cook reached the semi-final in the singles, but was defeated after putting up a great fight.

Indeed, all branches of sport are in a very flourishing condition just now. News has just come to hand that in the Hordern series of cadet matches, in connection with the R.N.A., the S.H.S. Rifle Club team headed the list of forty teams by a comfortable margin. This speaks well for the enthusiasm of the boys and the interest taken in them by their officers.

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We must here extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the staff who have come to us this half year.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Craddock have already shown a lively interest in the Tennis Club, and in all probability Mr. Ransom will coach the various cricket teams during the coming season.

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To hand; A prescription for sleep-walking from a budding medico: "Two tablespoonfuls of tacks scattered around the bed before retiring." A rapid cure is guaranteed. It is also desirable to close the door to muffle up the effects of the treatment.

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Kennif, Hooke, and Austin represented the school in a baseball team which went to Melbourne some little time back. They all upheld their reputation manfully, and were specially mentioned for their fine play, on several occasions.

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The two school companies of Senior Cadets have been transferred from area 27A to area 27B.

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Our 1st XI. has decided to enter the Great Public Schools' Cricket Competition this year. We wish them success, and hope that the promise they showed last year will be fulfilled.

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The first match this season against the Old Boys' XI. will take place on November 13th, at Wentworth Oval. Masters and boys are invited to be present. We are giving notice thus early in order that all will have time to make arrangements to keep that afternoon free.

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We extend our hearty wishes for success to those boys who have passed the Junior and Public Service and have left school to enter the arena of life.

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Like the other school institutions, the Camera Club is very much alive. We are glad to see that it is opening a Competition. for its members, and that its financial position allows it to offer such handsome prizes.

The Senior L. and D. Society held a very successful musical afternoon at their last meeting. The finances of the club are in a flourishing condition, and the mock banquet at the end of the year will be quite up to the mark.

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Question:—Are masters fond of laying the ghost on certain Friday afternoons?

Answer:—"Pas un morceau de il."

Form Notes.

VI A.—We have entered on the last lap, both of our preparation for the Senior and of our school life. For most of us, the past few years have two tales to tell. The one of exhilarating hours spent on the playing fields, the other of times of soul-wearying graft. But who would forego the one to avoid the other? Who would give up the keen and lasting pleasure of feeling the ball strike squarely in the middle of one's bat, and hearing it rattle on the palings, or of struggling over the line in the teeth of a sturdy opposition, merely to evade what it is our duty to perform.

Still, more and more is the truth of the saying forced upon us, that "much study is a weariness to the flesh."

Without lacking faith in ourselves, we feel that, to some degree, we fall short of the worthies who have gone before, but we plead extenuating circumstances, and crave mercy at the hands of our adverse critics, and would remind them of the fact that the glamour of the past is very apt to colour the achievements of the past.

How we look forward to the time when the Senior will be behind us, and life will be (for a time at any rate) one long, delicious holiday.

IIIB. since June, has been further depleted by the loss of six of our most brilliant and promising workers (???) namely:—Matthews, Mutton, Cooke, Fitzroy, Andrews, and Watt.

Hence, we are but nine. Still, though small in numbers, ours is a select and exclusive company, proud in the possession of four prefects—Lawson, Paterson, Price, and Ridley; of whom Paterson and Ridley are Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively of the Sports' Union. We feel that it is only right to here give vent to the, in our opinion, undeniable fact that were it not for the inexhaustible energy and never failing foresight of these two, we would not now be able to look back on one of the most successful sports' meetings the school has held.

Between us we still manage the Tuck-shop; but as there seems to be a number of youthful aspirants to positions on the committee, we are wondering whether we ought not to give the youngsters a chance. We would have you know, however, that such privileges to children of such tender age would, in the day when we were such, have been considered preposterous.

Being nine all told, and Paterson being unable to take part, the whole of the remainder of the class had to compete in the tug-o'-war, and all but two in the flag race.

In the tug-of-war we played the part of the cart to the other teams' horses. In the flag race, however, we simply romped home—a good second.

Whether some of us have shown ourselves wholly lacking in knowledge of spelling or not is open to conjecture, but one or two of our tyrants seem to see, or imagine they do, the necessity for daily dictation.

III A.—There is no doubt that we recover very quickly from our misfortunes. Two or three weeks ago, just after the publication of the Junior results, we did not dare look anyone in the face; but already three of us have recovered sufficiently to invest in sixth badges. However, as only one of these has, up till now, appeared at school thus adorned, we conclude that the badges are only to impose on frequenters of the station, who are not likely to know anything about the rights of the case.

Hooke and Kenniff went with a team of Sydney schoolboys to teach the Victorians how to play baseball, and by all accounts they succeeded.

We would like to wish success to those who have left us. Among them are Mr. Harvey, our French master; Ken. Saxby, the English medallist; Bob Whately, proxime in arithmetic; Harper, who gained six A's and one B in the Junior; and Stafford Gillam and Phillips, all of whom passed the Public Service;

As far as other school institutions are concerned, we may say that with Woodhouse at the Debating Society; Dent, Cookson and Woodhouse at the Tuck-shop; Geoffroy Cookson, Clemens and Elliott on the football field; and Hooke, Kenniff, and McLoskey as baseballers; we challenge any class to produce such evidence of public spirit.

Public Service.

That dread ordeal, the Junior, is now a thing of the past, and a few of our class are again beginning to settle down to fag (???).

We are well represented in the various branches of the school's athletics, having members in the 1st XV., the tennis and the baseball clubs. We have also reasonable hopes of seeing some of our representatives in the 1st XI.

Most of the members of our old "Humourist Club" have left us, but in its place we have a "middle-toned rookery." We never see a well contested game of "desk-billiards" now, for our experts have deserted to 3 A. A short time ago, a "bunny" sprang up in our midst, but though several members have shown considerable ingenuity in setting traps, he has not yet fallen in. Many of the more industrious (??) boys are not enamoured of the new lesson-register—especially those whose names appear in certain of its columns.

We have been unusually studious of late, and are taking extra lessons on Wednesday, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. During several periods of the week's labours, we indulge in the pleasures of amateur theatricals—as a result, we have unearthed a "budding" actor in R. Penn (a peine).

To secure better attention, the installation of an intricate system of electric wires and needle-pointed pins, connected with each seat, and a keyboard on his desk, was seriously entertained by one of our masters.

We are proud in the possession of one of Australia's future poets, who, in class hours, acts as telegraphist.

Many of our fellow-scholars who sat for the Junior have left our ranks, and we wish them every success in their various spheres of activity.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Simonds on winning the Barker Scholarship, and wish him all success in the course he is about to take up.

II C.—Quite a number of changes have been made in connection with our class since the last issue of the "Record." We have welcomed the arrival of the new masters, and the name of the class has been changed from II A. to II C.

We are now on the eve of our examination, and, glad to say, we have several promising aspirants for the highest honours of the Intermediate.

There is no doubt about the fact that we are "sports." We are represented in nearly every school activity. At the recent school sports we also distinguished ourselves by winning the Senior tug-of-war.

In regard to individual honours, Mathers carried off the 880 yards championship.

The fact that we had three representatives in the G.P.S. Sports speaks well for our sporting spirit.

There are quite a number of promising cricketers in our class this year, and we hope to be well represented in the schools' team.

There is a rumour afloat that Cecil Mann is going to play cricket this season, so we advise our readers to look out for the next edition of the "Record."

We "Pros." will be leaving at the end of October to "take up a course of practical teaching as adhered to by the Department of Public Instruction."

This will make a big gap in the class, but those who are left will have to put up with it.

In conclusion, we must say that we have spent two of the happiest of years at the High School, and we thank the masters for the keen interest they have taken in us.

II B.—We have been getting along finely this term. Of all the fickle crowd we alone are constant; we alone have remained faithful to our name, not like other turn-coats whom we could mention, and who, between you and me and the bed post, are not worth mentioning. At the recent Sports we completely extinguished ourselves, a proceeding, I might tell you, which is quite characteristic of us.

Serenely confident in our powers, we heed not a jot the coming yearly examinations, which prove so formidable to the aforementioned turn-coats. No wonder is it they tremble in their boots, when their consciences are weighed down by the knowledge of such an awful act. We would pity them, but pity refuses to be coupled with their name. Heigh, ho! It's a dark world in the places where it is not bright.

II A.—To our great delight we are able to announce that we are at last acknowledged as the best second year class. We also flatter ourselves that we possess the champion athletes of the school. Our chief "victor" is V. Paterson, who carried off the School Cup, while F. Paterson fairly "ran away" with the Senior high jump. Our team also, in the flag race, quite left the others standing. Funnell won the potato race and came second in the mile walk, after a strenuous "run." Chilcott showed the power of his number nines for overcoming gravitation by causing the football to travel with a greater velocity than did his opponents, and apparently, he was the only one who was acquainted with that well-known theorem, re the angle of projection for a maximum range.

This year we have taken more interest in the races than previously, now that we know that $S = \frac{1}{2} ft.^2$

I B. (GENERAL).—Although we have changed our name since last issue, we still maintain our position as Senior First Year Class. The new system of home-work has quite done away with our sore eyes, but we find that we have more work to do on Wednesday night than on any other.

Our English has become much more interesting since Mr. Fletcher organised a Debating Society for the purpose of "correcting" Scott.

A number of our members took part in this year's sports meeting. Burrows came second in the high jump, Molineaux came first in throwing the cricket ball, McBride came second in the sack race, and Taylor won the 75 yards, under 15. So we captured our share of prizes, although our tug-of-war team was beaten. Our flag-team came simply nowhere.

We also uphold our position, and incidentally the clubs themselves, in the various school institutions. Cook and Garner have won the Schoolboys' Doubles in the City of Sydney Club's Tournament. Other enthusiasts in this pastime are Lauder, Winston, and Claremont. Austin represented us in the baseball team which went to Melbourne.

McBride, Fraser, and Burrows are our cracks at "footer."

I. B.—COMMERCIAL.

We have much pleasure in announcing to the world that we have been rechristened and now assume the name of I. B. Commercial.

(Envy us not, ye other yearlings!)

We are still running under full steam in the sports and our men have acquitted themselves in the field of action, nobly.

We have unearthed, a before hidden genius in oratory, in the affable person of Slingsby.

It is said that he closely resembles Gladstone when in his youth.

Our superiority in the detention-room is still apparent (painfully!)

Although we have an excellent bugler in Mr. Connell we do not believe in blowing our own trumpet.

I. A.—GENERAL.

Having got over the June holidays we settled down to our third term. Then came the preparations for the sports. On that great day we did not particularly distinguish ourselves, but that, I would have you know, was not our fault, but that of the Committee. We are pleased to note that the authorities, on account, no doubt, of our past brilliant work, have promoted us to I. A. General, which, of course, is head of the first year. The coming holidays are being eagerly looked forward to by our boys, who, intend to work hard for the approaching yearly exams. The new homework time-table has arrived just in time to save us from break-down. The class, as a whole, is taking a keen interest in football, and we have representatives in all the teams from the First XV. to the Fourth XV.

I. A.—COMMERCIAL.

"After all our strenuous work through the quarter, I think we are entitled to have a holiday," says a little red-haired boy. "Hear! hear!" says the rest of the class.

We welcome back our old German master, Mr. Mussman, and hope that shortly that, as far as accent goes, one will not be able to tell whether we are Australians or Germans. We hold a great reputation in "*les affaires du sport*." Gibb, the sprinter and jumper, won great renown for our form. Then, too, we have Lukins and Dudley, who came 2nd in the Siamese Race, and our musical friend, Organ, who was placed 3rd in the Sack Race. There is still a little Humour dodging around in the front, and no wonder boys get detention when there is a humorous fellow like S—th. "Oh, what a shame," cries G—d, at the rear of the class, when a boy is told to languish for the space of one hour in the Detention Room.

But wait a while, we have not finished yet; Cox and Upton, our "mosquito shooters," have each won a Marksman's badge. We all wish them luck in the coming competition.

The Pre-historic Age in New Zealand.

Tradition tells us that the natives of this country, the Maoris, a name meaning native or indigenous, are a Polynesian race, that emigrated from Hawaiki, one of the Sandwich Isles, about six hundred years ago. Various tribes or hapus of this race came over at different periods in large war-canoes, capable of holding a hundred persons, and landed for the most part in the North Island, whence they gradually spread southwards throughout the country. The strongest proof of the common origin of these tribes lies in the remarkable uniformity of their language, notions, and customs, being in every way identical with those of the South Sea Islanders. They had no written tongue, but a collection of numerous songs, legends, and traditions, which were carefully rehearsed and orally transmitted by the priests from generation to generation. On reaching these shores they drove the original inhabitants, the MORIORS, an indigenous Melanesian people, into the interior of the land, and took possession of the soil in the immediate vicinity of their landing; and the ultimate blending of the two races, the woolly-haired Melanesian and the pure Maori, is clearly seen in the varied type of their physical character. As the tribes were hostile to one another, war became their sole profession, and consequently they lived in constant dread of extermination, the only security for life or liberty being superior force. Although both mentally and physically fitted by nature to attain the highest degree of civilisation, yet the lack of any recognised government,

religion, or code of morals led them to indulge in the most savage practices of cannibalism, and, when discovered by Europeans, were still found to be living in a lawless and turbulent state of barbarism and inhuman depravity.

In the general struggle for existence the chief causes of strife naturally arose from real or alleged wrongs to property and person; for, holding the superstitious belief, as they did, that courage and ferocity would be imparted to them by eating the bodies of the slain, thereby transferring the qualities of the victim to the devourer, they took the keenest pleasure in inflicting cruelty and bloodshed. The most undeserved suffering failed to arouse the slightest touch of sympathy in their hearts or to check their ruffianly thirst for blood; and human flesh was devoured with peculiar enthusiasm, to the accompaniment of singing and dancing, a practice confined not only to the flesh of their enemies, but even to that of their dearest friends and relations. Murder, in the ordinary sense of the word, was unknown to them; for the mere killing of a man was honourable in itself, and had to be associated with some motive of treachery before any concerted action for revenge would be taken. No tribe was safe from the depredations of its neighbour, since the original tenure of land meant simply the power of occupation, and consequently lawful acquisition of territory by conquest was duly recognised. As soon, therefore, as one tribe felt itself powerful enough to overthrow its neighbour, a *casus belli* could be easily found. The following were the chief causes of war:—

(a) Tribal Jealousies. These were aroused when one tribe had accumulated a vast extent of land, had cultivated an unusually fine crop of sweet potatoes (*kumaras*), or had increased in numbers and gained a great reputation or prestige (*mana*) in war.

(b) Land Disputes. These took place concerning any trespass, plunder, or the delineation of boundaries, involving thus an infringement of the sacred law of Tapu.

(c) Intermarriage. It frequently happened that women eloped with men of other tribes, an act for which ample revenge would be taken for their loss by the abandoned tribe. It is a well-known fact that more land was lost by intermarriage than by conquest.

(d) Treacherous Murder, or *Kohuru*. When this act was committed upon the member of another tribe, inter-tribal war would ensue, because a whole tribe was held responsible for the actions of each of its members. Thus it was often resorted to by an individual in order to get a personal injury indirectly redressed, as it brought down the vengeance of a more powerful tribe upon his own, which would then be compelled to take up his quarrel in self-defence.

(e) The Curse, or Kanga. Any disparaging personal remark about a chief (rangatira) or a priest (tohunga), belonging to another tribe, whether intentional or otherwise, might entail the destruction of the whole of the speaker's tribe, and as such was specially dangerous. It was not merely sufficient to avenge the insult of a curse, but atonement had also to be made for the injury done.

Before going on a war expedition (taua) a tribe first held a conference (korero), and the priests divined of its success or failure, by consulting the oracle, for the whole Maori race were extremely superstitious, and were guided by omens in all their actions. Then the naked warriors, led by their chiefs and fighting men (toas), with hair cropped close by the priests, would sally forth from their camp (pa), armed with their greenstone axes (mere pounamu), tomahawks, and spears, executing in their irregular march the native war dance (pero pero), and loudly invoking the aid of their war god, Tu, with demoniacal yells and frenzied grimaces. Those who were left behind, viz, the old men, women, and slaves, were obliged to undergo a strict fast until the return of the war party. It was only during war that absolute power was vested in the chief, and, if slain in the contest, his body was afterwards identified and claimed by his victorious assailant by means of a lock of hair, torn from the head of his fallen foe and then eaten. If, however, the chief fell on the victorious side, his body was burnt, but his head was preserved in affectionate remembrance. Victory was not considered complete until the opposing chiefs were killed. On the return of the warriors with their plunder, captives, and heads of victims, they were welcomed by a chorus of wailing, known as the Tangi, which was followed by a great feast. The Tangi was performed on all public occasions of mourning or rejoicing, and comprised a war dance, accompanied by the most discordant whining lamentations, during which the performers lacerated their bodies with sharp shells and flint, until the blood flowed profusely. It was customary to preserve the tattooed heads of the slain as trophies of war, but in later times a shameless traffic in heads was organised by traders, who disposed of them to various museums, until this reprehensible practice was finally suppressed by proclamation. The prisoners taken in war became the slaves of their captors, and were employed for all kinds of degrading purposes, being always expected to fight in the quarrels of their masters. They held their lives at the mercy of their lord, obeying his orders under penalty of death, and were used for sacrifices on various occasions, such as the burial of a chief. They could only recover their liberty on certain conditions, viz., by purchase, an oath of allegiance, an annual contribution of food, or by the gift of a greenstone axe.

"To be continued in our next."

“ The Song of the Soul.”

“And this is the song that the stars unfold,
And they may read, who can,
The song of a wind and a barren wold,
And the song of the soul of Man.”

I count not the spirit of Poesy a waft
From the wind of Time,
Nor the tangled froth of a foaming sea,
But the song of a soul sublime.
Beyond the bourne of the common herd,
By the very light of Love
That shines in his eyes, and the spoken
Word that tells of the things above.
But the sea and the sky and the earth,
Have part in the plan that Nature gave;
And there is the hush of a broken heart
In the beat of a breaking wave.
For the soul of Man is in all things, at
Least to the eyes of Man,
The monarch and lord of a thousand Springs
Since ever the age began.

“And this is the story the stars have told,
And they may read, who can,
That the song of a wind and a barren wold
Is the song of the soul of Man.”

It is not the sob of a single heart, swept
By the mist and rain,
Striving to tread in the ways apart, to
A self-sought goal . . . in vain . . .
But a thing divine that all men share
No matter their creed or class
With the earth, and the sea, and the upper
Air, and the unseen Wings that pass;
When the sea-gulls scream and the night-
Birds cry, afresh with the lonely tide,
And phantoms start from the stars on
High, and rush from the mountain-side
. . . Where starlight quivers, upon the sea,
And the storm-prest billows roll,
There is a cry of victory, and the surge of
A fighting soul.

“And this is the song that the stars unfold,
And they may read, who can,
The song of a wind and a barren wold,
And the song of the soul of Man.”

—R. R. KIDSTON.

The Library.

This quarter has been rather a quiet one. Two or three new books by Rex Beach have been added to the list. Our membership still keeps fairly large, but owing to stress of work the committee have not been able to devote as much time as they would have liked to this institution.

Many radical changes are pending, both in cataloguing and stacking the books. In the near future we hope to see the books completely overhauled and renumbered, whilst the old and useless ones will be destroyed and got rid off in some other fashion. We also hope to have the books stacked in such a way that catalogues will be unnecessary, as each member will be able to examine the books at will on the shelves.

We welcome into our midst D. Cookson and G. Dent, who have been honoured with places on the committee.

Tennis Club.

Never in its history can our Tennis Club boast of greater prosperity than it is enjoying in the present half year, financially as well as otherwise it has been a great success. Last quarter thirty-six members joined the club, and many others had to be refused admittance. Naturally the majority of our former members are about to leave and assist the school in the direction of cricket and swimming, but nevertheless our numbers have been recruited by many enthusiastic new players, who have been eager to enter the club at the first opportunity.

At the half-yearly meeting held on September 19th, it was decided to retain the two lower courts for the summer months, and to establish a ground fee of 3d per Wednesday for the benefit of occasional players. J. Woodhouse was unanimously elected to the position of secretary and treasurer.

The standard of the play has considerably increased, from the top notchers down to the beginners. Cooke and Garner were successful in winning the Schools' Tournament held recently by the City of Sydney Club. The "mediums" have improved out of sight (especially in wind-breaks), and yet among the new chums there are a few players of good promise. Happily, Messrs. Thomas and Craddock have joined in with Messrs. Fletcher and Hedberg. Mr. Thomas is captain of our tennis-cricket team, and with his weird left hand breaks terrorises the trembling batsmen before the battered whitewash bucket, whilst on the field he is as lively as a spring kid. There is also a rumour—though on somewhat shaky authority—that Mr. Craddock, fired by the spirit of sports time, was caught red-handed, finishing a 440.

In the first match against the Masters, we were defeated but in the second the masters were rescued from the grave by an onslaught of the elements.

Following are the results of the matches played last quarter.

S.H.S. v. Iona Club, played at Ashfield on Saturday, 31st August. The game was a very even one throughout.

Cooke and Garner v. Dixon and Berman	2-6	6-2	6-1
Buckhorn and Claremont v. Berman and Hampton	6-2	2-6	9-7

Cooke and Garner v. Berman and Hampton . . .	6-2	6-2
Claremont and Buckhorn v. Dixon and Perman ..	6-4	6-2
S.H.S.—7 sets, 51 games.		
Iona—3 sets, 38 games.		

S.H.S. v. The Masters. Played at Haberfield. The match had to be abandoned on account of rain, but it was continued a fortnight later.

Cooke and Garner v. Messrs. Hedberg and Fletcher	6-5	2-6
Cooke and Garner v. Messrs. Thomas and Craddock	3-6	4-6
Buckhorn and Claremont v. Messrs. Hedberg and Fletcher	2-6	0-6
Buckhorn and Claremont v. Messrs. Thomas and Craddock	5-6	3-6
The Masters—7 sets, 47 games.		
S.H.S., 1 set, 25 games.		

The return match was played on September 18th, and we would certainly have turned the tables if the play had not been much hindered by the rain.

Cooke and Garner v. Messrs. Fletcher and Thomas	6-4	3-6
Cooke and Garner v. Messrs. Gallagher and Potter	6-3	6-3
Buckhorn and Claremont v. Messrs. Fletcher and Thomas	2-6	2-6
Buckhorn and Claremont v. Messrs. Gallagher and Potter	6-5	4-6
The Masters—4 sets, 39 games.		
S.H.S., 4 sets 35 games.		

At the Schools Tournament held recently at the Cricket Ground, Cooke and Garner, and Buckhorn and Claremont competed in the doubles, the former pair winning. Cooke, Garner and Buckhorn competed in the singles. The results were as follows:—

Doubles:

Cooke and Garner defeated Wood and Morrison ...	6-1	6-1
Cooke and Garner defeated Tyndall and Argent ..	6-4	6-4
Cooke and Garner defeated Hendry and Cohen	Forfeit	

Final:

Cooke and Garner defeated La Touche and Harper (S.G.S.)	6-3	6-5
Buckhorn and Claremont defeated by Seamons and Tyler	6-4	5-6 7-9

Singles:

Cooke defeated Buckhorn	6-2	6-3
Cooke defeated Harper	6-0	6-2
Cooke lost to Inglis	5-6	3-6
Garner lost to M'Donald	5-6	3-6

Baseball Club.

The most successful baseball season that we have experienced at the school has just closed. Although labouring under many disadvantages, we were loyally supported by the members of the school, and were thus able to enter two teams in the High School Competition. The first IX. ended the season second in the "A" grade competition. The B team, however, was not so fortunate, as their best players were called upon to fill vacancies in the first IX., and they were thus left with a disorganised team.

Another pleasing feature of the season was the selection of three S.H.S. representatives—Austin, Hooke, and Kenniff—to represent N.S.W. Schools in Melbourne, during the Interstate carnival. These boys upheld the reputation of the school during the tour, and were repeatedly mentioned in the papers for their excellent play.

A marked improvement was noticeable in both teams at the end of the season. Indeed, in the last match against Cleveland-street the "A" team played excellent baseball, their team work and base running being particularly fine. Throughout the season much of the heavy work fell on the pitcher, Sharpe, who at all times played well, and was ably supported by the other members of the team, particularly the infield, Barr, Hooke, Austin and Kenniff.

The "B" team had the material for a fine combination, but they lacked practice and experience. Cizzio and Hain were the pitchers for the team, but great difficulty was experienced in finding a catcher. Frazer, Smith and M'Loskey were perhaps the most consistent players of the remainder.

Next season we have every hope of winning both competitions, as we now have sufficient good players to form the foundation of at least one strong team, and it is hoped that these, together with new players, will be able to hold their own against all schools.

Sydney High School Old Boys' Union.

(Reconstituted 1892.)

Office-bearers, 1912-13.

Patrons:—J. Waterhouse, M.A., A. B. Piddington, B.A., L. Stephenson, B.A., J. F. Elphinstone, B.A., V. J. Miles, M.A., T. B. Trebeck, M.A., A. J. Studdy, B.A., J. F. M'Manamey, B.A., C. R. Smith, M.A., J. A. Williams, B.A.

President: G. C. Saxby, B.A.

Vice-presidents: P. S. Hunt, L.S., F. A. Todd, B.A., Ph.D.

Hon. Treasurer: H. Palmer.

Hon. Secretaries: C. A. Fairland, E. A. Southee, B.Sc.

Members of Council:—A. Benjamin, A. Bohrsman, A. D. Carson, K. E. Deane, C. M. Drew, G. Ellis, A. G. Henderson, J. R. Nield, O. D. Oberg, C. K. Parkinson.

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

Subscription:—Two shillings and sixpence per annum, payable to the Join Hon. Secretaries, 59 Pitt-street, Sydney. Tel., Central 2738.

The Old Boys' Union has completed another year of its existence and enters on a new year with great promise of its being a record one. The annual meeting was held in the Girls' High School on 25th September. There was a good attendance of Old Boys, the majority of whom, however, was composed of more recent Old Boys. The annual report and balance-sheet was read, and office-bearers for 1912-13 elected.

The report showed a very successful year, while the balance-sheet showed the Union to be financially healthy.

A list of office-bearers is appended.

From the report: "Your Council views with regret that the Department of Public Instruction has not yet proceeded with the erection of the new school premises, notwithstanding the fact that it has the ground at its disposal for this purpose." The NEW SCHOOL question bids fair to rival, in the minds of Old Boys, another much-talked-of undertaking—the North Shore Bridge. We can only wait, and wait—ad inf!!

At last the Union has broken away from its unwritten law—that no member should hold the presidential office more than once. We are sure this progressive move will meet with hearty approbation from all members.

About our new President, one of the first Old Boys—having left the school in 1881—there is no need to comment. Suffice to say, that no more popular President has ever occupied the chair.

In losing Mr. C. M. Drew, as one of our secretaries, we sustain an immense loss, but the return to harness of C. A. Fairland will fill the vacancy successfully.

A special vote of thanks was carried to Mr. Drew for his zeal and untiring energy in all Union matters. All Old Boys join in this vote. We feel sure that Mr. Drew, as member of the Council, will not be failing in his duties to the O.B. Union.

We also regret the resignation of our Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Henderson, whose experience was a great asset to the Union. Mr. Henderson has been associated with the office of either Secretary or Treasurer "from time immemorial." However, like Mr. Drew, he still has the opportunity as a member of the Council to give his support to the Union.

It has been decided to arrange a tennis match against the school, also a debate. Old Boys desirous of taking part in these are requested to communicate with the secretaries at once.

The new members of the Council are K. E. Deane and O. D. Oberg, both of whom are very enthusiastic Old Boys.

The Old Boys will meet the School in a cricket match at Wentworth Park on Wednesday, November 13th. All Old Boys are requested to attend, as this is one of the few occasions when Old Boys have the opportunity of meeting old masters and present scholars. Old Boys who wish to play in this match are requested to communicate with the Secretaries at once.

The Old Boys' races at the school sports are not patronised as they should be. A fair number ran in the shorter sprint, which resulted in a dead heat between C. Clemenger (6yds.), and E. A. Southee (scr.). O. Gormley won the 440 yards handicap off 40yds., C. Clemenger (16yds.) occupying second place.

Once more complaint has been made concerning the handicapping of these events, which is indeed far from satisfactory. At the annual meeting of the Old Boys' Union, it was decided to recommend to the school athletic club that the handicapping be done by an Old Boy, or committee appointed by the Old Boys' Union. We venture to think this proposal would be a satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulty.

Dr. J. B. F. M'Kenzie is now attached to the Warwick Hospital, Queensland.

S. M'Kay is junior electrical engineer at Hay, with another Old Boy, E. R. Davies, as his senior.

K. E. Deane had the honour of representing Combined City and Suburban Rugby Football Union this year, while his old fellow-half at school, E. A. Southee, represented Combined Metropolitan, the latter also gaining his football blue for the 'Varsity.

It is very promising to see such a keen interest taken in the Union by Old Boys who have left the school during the last six or eight years, but where are those Old Boys who left the school before this? The dinner will find them out.

The annual foundation day dinner and smoke concert will take place at Hart's Burlington Cafe on Thursday, October 31st, at 7.15 p.m. Old Boys! keep this date vacant! A record muster is expected.

In the list of results of the various Michaelmas exams. at the 'Varsity, we noticed the names of the following Old Boys:—

Medicine (Third Degree Examination).—Distinction: A. C. Thomas. Pass: R. N. Burton, K. Byrne. Fourth Year Examination:—Distinction: L. May, C. K. Parkinson. Credit: A. L. Buchanan, C. L. Chapman, S. J. Blumer. Pass: K. H. Grieve, N. D. Royle, A. C. R. Todd.

Dentistry (4th Year):—Pathology: R. P. Lane (Credit).

Engineering (3rd Year):—C. A. Bourne, J. T. MacKinnon, W. E. Pike.

Agriculture (2nd Year):—Principle of Agriculture (High Distinction): W. L. Waterhouse. Economic Entomology (High Distinction): W. L. Waterhouse.

Plant Pathology (High Distinction): E. A. Southee, H. Wenholtz.

We are pleased to congratulate the school on its magnificent performance in the recent Senior Cadet Rifle Shooting Competitions. The School is now taking a prominent part in all Great Public School Athletics.

Annual Sports Meeting.

Our Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was held, on the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Tuesday, 1th September. We were favoured by an unusually fine day, which coming as it did between two boisterous dusty days, was all the more remarkable.

The interest in the School Cup was kept up right to the last race, and in the end it was won by the narrow margin of $\frac{1}{2}$ -a-point. The fortunate winner was V. Paterson.

In the C.G.P.S. Sports Meeting this year, we were well represented in the Junior Section, gaining in all ten points towards the Shield. But for some unforeseen contingencies we would have gained two or three more. In the Senior Section we only gained two points, but as there were several colleges who failed to gain any, there is no reason for us to be at all downhearted.

Senior Tug-of-War:—2c Team won with 6a Team. runners-up.

Siamese Race:—Vincent and Colvin, 1.

100 Yards Championship, under 15:—J. Gibb, 1; R. Kershaw, 2.

Potato Race:—E. Funnell, 1; O. Thomas, 2.

100 Yards Championship of School:—V. Paterson, 1; J. Burrows, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Mile Walk:—V. Garner, 1; E. Funnell, 2.

75 Yards Handicap, under 14:—J. Taylor, 1; H. Alexander, 2.

440 Yards Club Handicap:—D. Rae, 1; W. Ridley, 2. Time, 55secs.

Sack Race:—McBride, 1; L. V. McBride, 2.

Junior Tug-of-War:—1B Commercial Team.

880 Yards Championship:—J. Mathers 1. D. Rae, 2.

120 Yards Handicap, under 16:—V. Paterson and E. Burrows (dead heat), 1.

220 Yards Club Handicap:—W. Ridley, 1; R. Penn, 2.

Obstacle Race:—King, 1; Vincent, 2.

100 Yards Old Boys' Handicap:—E. A. Southee and C. Clemenger (dead heat).

Flag Race:—2A Team.

220 Yards Handicap, under 15:—J. Gibb, 1; L. Claremont, 2.

100 Yards Club Handicap:—R. Penn, 1; V. Paterson 2.

440 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—O. Gormley, 1; C. Clemenger, 2.

Mile Handicap:—S. Coleman, 1; L. Trotter, 2.

Consolation Race:—H. M'Lean, 1.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—B. Molineaux, 1; L. McBride, 2. Distance—87 yards 2ft. 6ins.

Senior High Jump:—F. Paterson, 1; V. Paterson and E. Burrows, 2. Height—4ft. 11ins.

Junior High Jump:—J. Gibb, 1; R. Kershaw, 2.

Kicking the Football:—R. Chilcott, 1; G. Saxby, 2.

880 Yards Club Handicap:—H. Rayner, 1; R. Penn, 2. Time—2 min. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Long Jump:—V. Paterson, 1; H. Howie, 2.

School Cup:—V. Paterson, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts. ; D. Rae, 10 pts. ; J. Mathers, 7 pts. ; E. Burrows, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts.

By a One-Time Anxious Starter.

(With Apologies to Mr. Moore.)

Down heads, toes touch the line,
Strain ears, to hear the crack,
To catch that sound we simply pine,
He cannot fail to give the sign,
That sets us on the track.

No go! We straighten up,
Then sinews brace once more,
Once more reset us for the race,
Once more with set determined face,
Await the "cannon's roar."

Will—will it go at last?
We anxiously inquire,
Is that the signal to "get set"?
Will Mr. Moore then really let
Us go?—the pistol fire?

No! No! our hopes are vain,
The cartridge was a squib.
So on our marks we get again,
To hear the crack our ears we strain,
We're off at last, Hip-hip!

You're right! it did go off;
We really have begun;
We race along with heads held high,
Upon the tape is fixed each eye—
Our blessings on that gun!

—G.S.

School Activities.

Not the least important feature in the life of a school consists in the various activities that are carried on outside school hours. In boarding schools there is more time and scope for such activities than in day schools. In the former institutions the whole time of the boy has to be accounted for, from the "first bell" at 7 a.m. until "lights out" at 9.30 or 10 p.m. For nearly 15 hours each day there is some occupation for the mind or body. In most English schools the "house system" is in vogue, by which the boys are divided up into a number of separate communities with their own "house masters," tutors, studies, dormitories, dining-halls, etc. Only during school hours do the members of the various houses come into contact with one another. The greater part of the day they form to all intents and purposes a small school or rather club of their own. The advantages of this system in fostering intimate social relations between the boys themselves, and also between the boys and masters in each house, are obvious.

In smaller schools the system of separate "houses" is impracticable, and the whole institution is conducted on the lines of a single "house." In both cases, however, the time-table embraces the whole of the day, and it may prove interesting to readers of the "Record" to have a short description of the daily life of an English school boy. In the school I am going to describe, all the boys, some 250 in number, are boarders, and on that account the daily routine is somewhat different from that of the great majority of schools, in which there are day scholars as well as boarders. The school is divided into five houses, but as the institution is in one large building, it is conducted largely on the single-house system. Each house occupies one large dormitory, divided into a "Junior" and "Senior" part, each in charge of a prefect, while a "house-master" who occupies rooms on the same floor has the general oversight of the "House."

The first bell goes at 6.15 a.m., and is intended principally to awaken the boys, and put them in mind of dressing. As a rule no one stirs until the prefect in charge, some 15 minutes later, threatens certain pains and penalties unless every boy is out of bed and commencing to dress. At 6.45 a.m., a second warning bell is rung, by which time every boy is supposed to be dressed and ready to go downstairs to the general assembly rooms, known respectively as the Junior and Senior Schoolrooms. At 6.55 a.m. every boy is supposed to be in place in one or other of these rooms, the doors are closed and late-comers are punished by the infliction of one or more bad marks. At 7 a.m. the master on duty goes first into the Senior, then into the Junior School-room, reads a collect, repeats the Lord's Prayer, and then dismisses the boys to their several class-rooms.

Ordinary school follows until 7.50 when an adjournment is made for breakfast. This is held in a large hall in another wing of the building, and unless supplemented by the boys themselves, is of none too sumptuous a character. The masters occupy a separate table on a raised dais at one end of the hall. After breakfast follow prayers, conducted by the chaplain, and then the boys are free until 9.15 a.m., when morning school begins. This lasts, with a 15 minutes' break, until 1 p.m. Then follows dinner at 1.15 p.m. in the hall, the masters and prefects officiating at the head of each table (some 24 in number).

The afternoon recess lasts from dinner-time until 4 p.m., when afternoon school commences and continues until 6 p.m. Tea follows immediately and evening prayers, after which the boys are again at liberty until 7.30 p.m. Then comes evening preparation from 7.30 to 9 p.m, followed by supper and bed. From this point the prefects are again in charge. Lights are turned out at 9.30 after which all talking is strongly discountenanced. Most of the boys sleep soundly until they are awakened again by the unwelcome notes of the early morning bell.

The day I have described is a "full" day (too full some of us used to think). On three afternoons in the week, however, there is a half-holiday—viz., on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On these days every boy is expected to take part in some form of athletic exercise. In the summer term from May to July, cricket, tennis, swimming, and rowing are indulged in. In the autumn term from September to December, Rugby football is played; while in the spring term, from February to April, Association football and hockey are in vogue. In most of these games, matches are played with neighbouring schools and clubs, and some spirited contests also take place between the Houses. The utmost keenness is manifested in the House matches in order to win the coveted trophies of the Football Shield and the Cricket Cap. The Houses also compete for a Challenge Cup, awarded on points at the Annual Sports. It not infrequently happens that one House wins all these trophies in one year, in which case some of the members, especially the Junior ones, go about the premises in a very lordly and superior manner. The interest taken in the House matches may partly be explained by the fact that the winning House celebrates its victory by what Cicero would term "*tempestivum convivium*."

(To be Continued).

—H.C.

Football.

Although we have been fairly successful this season, on the whole, it has been rather an unsatisfactory one. We were late in entering the High Schools' Competition, and not even to make up the deficit necessitated by this was it possible to get a full team down for practice. Had this been done we would assuredly not have been defeated by Fort Street twice and Hurlstone once.

The fact that we played a draw with Hurlstone—the Premiers—clearly shows that we had the material, if properly trained, to win the Competition. But we lacked that combination which is the most essential factor in the success of a light team playing in a competition of teams easily its superior in weight.

Both matches against Fort Street were very well contested in the second half. It was not till then that our team realised the proposition it was up against, when it was practically impossible to redeem the situation.

S.H.S. v. Petersham 1st ; Played at Wentworth, July 3rd.

During this match our team played very medium sort of football, narrowly averting defeat by one of the lightest teams in the Competition. The final scores were, 11—8, in our favour.

S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S. 1st. Played at Wentworth, July 10th.

Ridley lost the toss, and his side had to put up with a very strong head wind. Despite this fact we were determined to hold Fort Street in check. However, they seemed to have tremendous luck and managed to place 17 points to their credit by half-time. On resuming we still hoped to pick up, and set about doing so, rather spectacularly scoring eight points in the first five minutes. The wind now almost dropped, and this, together with the hard battle we had had against the wind in the first half, proved too big a handicap, and Fort Street again crossed the line. The final scores were 23—8 in their favour. During the match Ridley sustained a slight dislocation of the shoulder which prevented his playing in the following match.

July 17th ; S.H.S. met Cleveland Street at Wentworth Oval. Our team, either on account of the new captain, Mathers, or the determination not to be again defeated, carried all before them although half of our men consisted of seconds.

Burrows played very creditably as centre-forward, and Garner playing instead of Ridley, also did some fine work. Three of the 2nds' backs, Whiting, King and Howie also showed themselves more than a match for their opponents, although inferior to them in weight. The final scores were 40—3 in our favour.

July 31st. S.H.S v. Hurlstone; played at the Sports Ground. Having had two or three days' training our fellows hoped to put up a good game, and they did so. Although Hurlstone could have given us on the average about one stone in weight, yet we kept them going hard. Whiting and Garner played with the team again and showed themselves worthy of their promotion. The forwards played the game of the season. Their rushes, supplemented by the magnificent passing of the backs, very nearly gained us victory. As it was, we played a draw of 6 all. The second match v. Fort Street was simply a repetition of the first. We let them get too far ahead in the first half—half-time the scores being 16—3. After a bit of a talking to in the dressing-room, we turned out again to do or die ; but, unfortunately, it was the latter. Although the whole team did its best individually, there was no real combination shown except now and again McKellar would set a passing rush going and it was from one of these that we scored the only points in the second half. The final scores—16—8.

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone, August 14th; played at University Oval. In this match, as in the former one against Hurlstone, we were outclassed in weight, but by no means in play. The sloppy nature of the Oval made this fact more advantageous to our opponents than when we played them in dry weather on the Sports Ground. Although we were determined to win if at all possible, we were doomed to disappointment. The final scores were—9—0.

The fact that we had six representatives picked for the Combined High Schools' team is another point showing that we have the proper kind of material for first-class football. Those chosen were Mathers, Rae, McKellar, Nixon, Burrows, and Ridley. The three former acquitted themselves admirably, while Ridley, the only forward who played of the three picked—the other two being absent on account of sickness—showed himself worthy of the position.

2nd XV.

During this season we have been singularly successful. We went right through the season with only one defeat. In the High Schools' Competition we were leading by two points, but by some rule which cropped up at the last moment, to win the competition outright we had to play the runners-up. This we refused to do, on the grounds that the rule should have been stated at the beginning of the season, and as no one knew of the likelihood of the match our team had practically been disbanded.

In the middle of the season we had the misfortune to lose some very promising backs, in Wall and McEwen.

The most conspicuous three-quarter was King. Brisset, as full-back, played fine football. The forwards, with one or two exceptions, played good, hard games.

S.H.S. defeated Petersham (twice).
 S.H.S. „ Fort Street (twice).
 S.H.S. „ Technical High School.
 S.H.S. „ Hurlstone.
 S.H.S. „ Cleveland Street.
 Cleveland Street forfeited one match.
 S.H.S. lost to Fort Street once.

Determination.

It's wonderful what a little determination will do. I realised it only recently ; it saves money, gives one a feeling of independence, overcomes would-be dupers, and—but I'm putting the moral at the wrong end of my story.

One of the unreasonable conventions of modern civilisation demands that the male members of a community shall, at certain periods, undergo a certain tonsorial operation, to the end that they may be distinguished from the poets and artists of the race to which the said members belong. It was in order to conform to this convention for the two hundred and thirty-ninth time that I found myself in a barber's shop last Saturday. Perhaps you will wonder how it is that I know the exact number ; being as methodical as Phileas Fogg, I go through the operation monthly. The first occasion was the outcome of a fit of temper. Someone happened to remark that my long hair made me look girlish. In a fit of rage—and I was only four years old, too—I got three-

pence and had a close crop, being determined that no one should have the opportunity of accusing me again of looking girlish.

From that day I have made a monthly custom of it, and last Saturday was one of the anniversary days, so I felt it incumbent upon me to conform to the old custom—or, as I look upon it now convention; the main differences being: (a) It costs me 6d. now; (b): I have to provide the money myself; (c): It's monotonous—the novelty wore off when I was between 6 and 7.

Well, I went into the usual saloon, being a regular stickler for scenes of my childhood, but the barber was new to the shop, the other had gone without asking my permission—and I helped at 6d. a month, which works out at 6s. a year, to make his fortune. The new barber took me out of winding, I set my chin, and placed myself in his chair as a Napoleon would enter a throne,—that is, in a majestic way. He combed my hair, put the scissors through some of it, and started to talk. "Nice day!" "Yes." "Good deal of dandruff in your hair." "Yes." "Shall I take it out?" "No." "Shampoo only 1s; makes your scalp feel splendid." "Yes; but I have a cold, and don't want my hair wet." "Why, wetting the hair is the best known cure for a cold." I didn't believe that, but as I couldn't quote any facts to show him his mistake I said: "Well, anyway, I'm not going to chance it." There was a deep silence, broken only by the click of the scissors. He broke it.

"Did anyone ever tell you that your hair bleeds when it's cut?" "No." "Well, it's a fact, and a singe would stop that bleeding by closing the hair tubes." I was nearly yielding, but again I got determined. "Let them bleed; I'll stand it." Just as he was finishing he came again to the attack. "Now, sir, that dandruff is dangerous; it must be removed; let me give you a bottle of our famous 'Spray of the Ocean.'" I had been looking at a bottle before me—2s. was the most noticeable thing on the label, and I didn't like the look of it, so again I said "No" with a more decisive ring in my tone than before.

He gave me up. I went to the counter and put a florin down; the man at the counter made one final attempt for the firm's enrichment.

"Your hair looks very dry, sir; why not take a small shilling bottle of brilliantshine for the hair?"

I didn't answer. I waited for my one-and-sixpence with the air of a conqueror waiting for the word of his adversary.

I was a proud man as I walked up George-street. Had I been weak-willed, I should have been relieved of five-and-sixpence.

Being determined, it cost me only sixpence—leaving a nett profit of five shillings. I felt determined to increase my determination; and in that determination I walked up George-street,

looking neither to the right hand nor to the left, lest I might recognise a mate's voice saying seductively:

"Cumonavadrink."

For human determination has its limits!

May, 1909.

J. W. M.

Senior Literary and Debating Society.

On the whole, the half year has been successful, at any rate, financially, for the membership is quite up to previous standards. In the debates, however, a strong spirit of "levitas" is still much in evidence, and also a deplorable lack of adequate preparation.

The half-yearly meeting was held on July 8th, and the following officers elected:—Vice-president, Mr. A. Hall; secretary, Mr. C. Henry; sub-secretary, Mr. J. Woodhouse; treasurer, Mr. J. Cizzio; joint editors of MSS., Messrs. Sheed and Saxby; committee: Messrs. Black, Herlity, M. Paterson; speaker, Mr. Blumer; auditors, Messrs. Swan and Kenniff.

The Old Boys' debate had again to be abandoned owing to the date fixed falling in the Uni. vacation. We hope, however, to arrange another date later in the half-year.

The most successful function of the term was the musical afternoon, at which most of the masters contributed items, Mr. Ransom, B.A., and other masters being enthusiastically encored. Dr. Morris also gave us a very interesting lecture on "The Formation of Opinion." We are sorry that the Rev. H. Hall was prevented through ill-health from delivering us his promised lecture on the "Art of Public Speaking."

We wish all our members who are facing the musical afternoons at the Senior the best of success in their examination.

Junior Literary and Debating Society.

We have held several good meetings this quarter, which have in most cases been well attended. A few have been interfered with by "compulsory military training."

On June 10th we held a very successful mock election, which was well contested by the various candidates, Liberal, Labor, and Independent. Mr. Mathers (Liberal) gained the seat. Humorous readings did not prove as successful as was anticipated, but that was on account of a football practice which coincided with our meeting. On September 16th we held a very good ministerial debate on "Are Strikes Beneficial to Strikers?" The opposition, who contended that they are not, won the day by ten votes to five. We feel sure that the second year boys, if they knew the benefits they could derive from the society, would attend in greater numbers and more regularly.

Results of Junior Public Examination, JUNE 1912.

Honours List :—

English History—H. Wood (Med.)
English—K. K. Saxby (Med.)
F. J. Sheed (Med.)
C. C. Corbett (Prox.)

Algebra—T. B. Nicol (Prox.)
Arithmetic—R. Whately (Prox.)

Total No. of A's—120.

Total No. of B's—178.

Total No. of C's—143.

Individual Passes :—

	English History	Geography	English	French	German	Latin	Greek	Arithmetic	Algebra	Geometry	Chemistry	Physics	Geology
Archbold, Gerald	B	..	..	..	..	C	C	C	C	..	..
Barr, Gordon	..	A	..	A	C	..	B	B	A	B	..	..	..
Beavis, Walter R.	B	C	..	C	..	A	B	C	B	..	..
Belz, Maurice R.	A	B	..	B	..	B	B	A	A	..	..
Brissett, Roydon	..	A	..	B	C	..	..	C	C	C	..	..	..
Clemens, William N.	B	B	C	B	..	A	C	C	..	..	..
Coleman, Samuel E.	..	B	B	A	C	..	..	B	B	B	..	..	..
Colvin, James R.	B	..	..	C	..	..	C	B	..	..	..
Cookson, Henry G. D.	B	..	..	C	..	C	B	B	C	..	..
Coombes, Victor W.	B	..	..	..	..	A	B	B	..	B	B
Corbett, Clarence C.	..	B	..	*A	C	..	C	C	B	C	..	..	..
Cupit, Edwin A.	B	..	..	C	..	A	B	C	C	..	..
Dearberg, John L.	C	..	..	..	..	C	B	B	C	..	..
Dent, George R.	..	B	..	A	..	..	C	C	C	C	C	..	..
Digby, Henry R.	B	C	..	..	..	C	B	C	..	..	..
Eagleton, Cyril P.	B	C	..	C	..	C	C	..	C	..	..
Elgar, Fredk. A.	A	B	A	C	..	C	..	..	..	..	..
Elliott, Francis L. G.	..	A	..	A	C	..	B	C	B	B	..	..	..
Felton, Arthur	A	C	..	C	B	A	B	A	..	..
Garner, Verner J.	..	B	..	B	..	..	..	A	B	A	B	..	..
Geoffroy, Alfred J.	..	B	..	A	C	..	C	A	A	B	..	..	..
Goodwin Cecil B.	A	..	..	..	B	B	C	C	..	..
Hain, Arthur M.	..	C	C	C	..	..	..	B	B	C	B	..	..
Harper, Clayton, W.	..	A	..	A	B	..	A	A	A	A	..	..	..
Harvey, Everard R.	..	A	..	B	B	..	A	B	A	B	..	..	..
Hedger Henry V.	..	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	C	C	C	..	..
Henry, Dudley	A	B	..	C	A	A	B	..	A	..
Henry, Reginald C.	C	..	..	..	C	C	..	C	..	..
Hodgson, Arthur E.	..	A	A	A	..	..	..	A	B	B	C	..	..
Hooke, Edwin J.	A	..	..	C	A	B	A	..	A	..
Jaede, Carl H.	A	..	B	C	A	A	A	B	..	..
Kenniff, Victor	A	B	..	B	A	A	B	..	B	..
Kershaw, Harold G.	..	B	C	A	C	..	..	B	C	B	..	..	..
Knight, Walter C.	B	C	..	B	A	B	B	C	..	..
Lang, John J. J.	B	..	..	C	B	C	B	..	C	..
Magill, David	B	..	..	C	B	B	B	..	..	..
Mason, Henry E.	B	..	..	..	B	B	C	B	..	..
Middleton, Stanley, L.	B	B	..	B	C	B	B	C	..	..
Moore, Joseph S.	B	..	..	..	C	C	C	..	..	..
Moriarty, John S.	C	..	..	..	C	C	C	B	..	..
MacBride, Louis	..	C	..	B	..	..	..	B	B	C	C	..	..
McEwen, Bruce	C	C	..	..	C	..	C	B	..	..
McLoskey, Henry	A	A	..	A	A	B	B	A	..	..

* Prox. Acc.

†Medal.

Individual Passes (Continued) —

	English History	Geography	English	French	German	Latin	Greek	Arithmetic	Algebra	Geometry	Chemistry	Physics	Geology
Nicol, Thomas B. ..	..	..	B	C	..	C	..	B	*A	A	..	A	..
Parker, William ..	C	..	C	..	..	..	..	B	C	B	C	..	..
Parr, Leslie J. A. ..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	A	C	C	C	..	..
Paton, Robert E. ..	C	C	C	..	..	..	..	B	B	A	..	..	..
Penn, Roy L. ..	..	..	A	C	..	C	..	C	B	C	C	..	..
Pestell, Joseph V. ..	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	C	..	..
Phillips, Edward H. ..	B	..	A	..	..	..	..	A	B	B	..	..	..
Preston, Stanley R. B. ..	..	..	C	C	C	..	..	A	C	B	A	..	..
Rae, Douglas F. ..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	B	B	C	..	..	..
Saxby, Kenneth K. ..	..	..	†A	B	..	B	..	B	A	A	B	..	..
Scott, Cecil W. ..	..	..	A	C	..	C	..	C	A	A	B	..	..
Sharpe, Stewart ..	..	..	A	C	..	B	..	A	A	B	..	B	..
Sheed, Francis, J. ..	A	..	†A	A	..	B	..	A	A	A	..	..	..
Shepherd, James ..	C	B	B	..	..	..	..	B	C	A	..	..	..
Slade, Arthur C. ..	B	..	A	C	..	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	..
Small, Keith C. ..	B	..	B	C	..	C	..	B	B	B	..	..	..
South, Harold C. L. ..	..	..	C	..	..	..	..	B	C	C	C	..	..
Tancoe, John ..	..	..	A	B	..	B	..	B	A	C	A	..	..
Thomas, Owen J. ..	B	..	A	C	..	..	..	A	B	B	C	..	..
Trotter, Langdon, E. ..	..	..	B	..	..	C	..	..	C	C	..	..	..
Tully, Archie S. ..	A	..	A	B	..	..	..	A	A	A	A	..	..
Vincent, George W. ..	B	..	A	..	..	..	..	A	B	B	C	..	..
Waddell, Frank N. ..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..	C	C	B	A	..	..
Wall, Bertie, C. ..	A	B	A	..	..	..	..	A	C	B	C	..	..
Watson, Stanley G. ..	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	A	B	A	B	..	..
Waugh, Trevor L. ..	..	..	B	C	..	..	..	A	A	C	B	..	..
Whately, Robert K. ..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	*A	B	B	C	B	..
Wheen, Harold F. ..	..	..	A	..	..	C	C	B	B	C	C	..	..
Willan, Thomas L. ..	..	..	A	C	..	..	..	B	B	A	B	..	..
Willard, Rupert R. F. ..	B	..	A	C	..	C	..	B	B	B	..	..	..
Wilson, Henry C. ..	..	..	A	..	..	C	..	A	B	B	C	..	..
Wood, Alfred H. ..	†A	..	A	C	..	C	..	A	B	C	..	..	..
Woodhouse, John C. ..	†R	..	A	C	..	C	..	B	C	..	..	..	..
Wurth, Wallace ..	A	A	B	..	..	..	..	B	A	B	..	..	..

*Prox. Acc.

‡Medal.

Cricket.

The yearly cricket meeting was held about two months ago. After a considerable discussion, it was decided that the First XI. should enter the G.P.S. Cricket Competition. The marked success which attended the efforts of the team last season was thought a sufficient warrant for this step.

There will be six or seven years' XI. still at the school, as well as several promising members of the old Second XI. Our bowling strength, the chief feature of our attack, will be practically unimpaired.

We are deeply indebted to the other great public schools for the very sportsmanlike way they have agreed to allow us to play all competition matches on their grounds owing to the fact that we cannot procure a wicket on Saturdays.

The Second XI., Third XI., and Fourth XI. will enter the High Schools' Competition.

G. Saxby was elected Secretary, and Stan. Preston Sub-secretary. V. J. Garner, D. Rae, and W. Ridley were elected as the Selection Committee.

The Glee Club.

The Glee Club has suffered somewhat during the past quarter owing to the competition of other "attractions," which are also frequently set down for Friday afternoon. Among these may be mentioned compulsory training and—"detention!" However, with the assistance of a few enthusiasts, the conductor has been enabled to keep the practices going, though under existing conditions very little real progress can be made. The lack of a piano is also a serious drawback, and we hope that negotiations regarding the purchase or hire of an instrument may soon be brought to a successful issue. The choir is just at present trying its powers upon a part-song of a somewhat higher standard of difficulty than those heretofore attempted, viz.: "When Allan-a-Dale Went a-Hunting" (de Pearsall). This is a very popular number with those members who have been able to attend practices, and we believe that if a few of those who have not been so regular of late could manage to make its acquaintance, their places in the chorus would not be often vacant in the future.

Appreciation of Music.

Lads of high school age do not, as a rule, display an interest in the subject of high-class music. Perhaps the chief reason for this is lack of opportunity for hearing such music well rendered. As an experiment, therefore, Mr. Steel made up a party of sixteen High School boys, and accompanied them to the July concert of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The experiment was quite a success, the varied programme being followed throughout with interest. The straightforwardness of Goldmark's "Rustic Wedding" symphony appealed most strongly to the majority of the boys, the "Serenade" movement of which they almost unanimously declared to be the most enjoyable item of the afternoon. The

fanciful "Danse Macabre" of Saint-Saëns also proved attractive, owing, no doubt, to its realistic orchestration, the xylophone being introduced to represent the rattling bones of the skeletons dancing to the fiddling of Death. The symphonic poems, "Francesca da Rimini" (Tchaikovsky), and "Les Preludes" (Liszt), were rather beyond the comprehension of such uninitiated hearers as Mr. Steel's proteges, which is nothing to their discredit, but rather an argument in favour of the plea for more opportunities of hearing such music. It is to be hoped that during next year's season several visits will be made to these highly enjoyable concerts.

The Camera Club.

The club has this term lost several of its members, who left after passing the Junior. Among these were H. E. Mason, who had acted as Secretary since the formation of the club, and H. When, a member of the committee. We were also sorry to receive the resignation of Mr. Luke, who regretted that he found his time too much taken up in other directions to be able to continue his interest in the club. The vacancies thus created were filled by appointing G. Banks Smith secretary, and E. Brake and C. B. Goodwin members of the committee.

There was some little delay in drawing up the programme for the half year, and consequently only two meetings have been held up to the present.

On August 12 a discussion on home-made apparatus took place, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Schleicher explaining how to save expense by making one's own dishes, drying racks, and other necessary apparatus.

Mr. Hedberg was to have given a talk to the members on August 26 on Photography as an Aid to Travel; but as he was suffering from a severe cold the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, when Mr. Schleicher exhibited a specimen of the newly-introduced vest pocket model, and showed a result obtained on the "hydra" plate, a remarkable new plate which it is impossible to over-expose.

The Sports Committee have again granted members of the Camera Club the same privilege as last year of going on the ground at the forthcoming sports meeting to photograph the events. If the weather is good some interesting pictures should be obtained.

The dark room is now ready for use by members. Any member who wishes to use it should obtain the key of the cupboard in which the materials are kept from Mr. Fletcher or Mr. Schleicher.

The Committee has decided that entries for the annual competition shall close on November 18. Further particulars as to the competition will be announced in a short time.

The Cadets.

Our two school companies are about to be transferred from 27A to 27B Area.

Our new area officer will be Lieutenant Samson, and our instructor Staff Sergeant Major Elkin.

The reorganisation of the companies was much appreciated by both the older lads and also the junior "rookies," whom it relieves of much hard work.

We are glad to welcome to our midst Mr. Parker, who has a Lieutenant's commission. Lieutenant Parker will be a decided addition to the S.H.S. Corps. Already he has joined enthusiastically in the efforts and aspirations of the Rifle Club.

There seems to have been much unnecessary delay in gazetting Acting Lieutenants Wootten, Paterson and Penn.

Several boys who are really of age to join the Militia have been allowed to keep on drilling with the school corps of Senior Cadets.

S.H.S. Rifle Club.

The old Rifle Club has been revived this year in connection with the school cadet corps. The half-yearly meeting was held on July 21, and the following officers were appointed: President, Captain Hedberg; secretary, Lieutenant S. Paterson; treasurer and captain, H. Kershaw. At a subsequent meeting, Lieutenant Paterson, Sergeant C. Henry, and Corporal Kershaw were chosen as a selection committee.

The Club has had liberal support from the Tuck Shop, and the practices held every Wednesday have been well attended. In spite of some bad weather, too, a steady improvement in the scoring has been shown,—the percentages for each shot in order of date being: 56, 64, 64, 65, 67, 70, 73, 75, 78. On the 11th September a triangular match was shot off with teams from Cleveland-street and the Petersham schools. The conditions were: 10 shots, 2 sighters, at 200 yards. The scores were: Sergeant Somerville 46, Corporal H. Kershaw 45, Cadet Rhoades 42. Sergeant C. Henry 42, Cadet R. Kershaw 42, Cadet Ellison 42, Cadet Upton 41, Sergeant S. Philips 39, Cadet Caldwell 38, Lance-Corporal Thomas 38,—the total being 415. Cleveland-street scored 357, and Petersham 303, the school thus winning by 58 points from the former and 112 from the latter.

On the 28th September a team from the High School competed in both the Hordern cadet matches, and succeeded in winning both.

In the first match at the fixed target, the school won a silver challenge bugle, and the individual members of the team each won a silver medal and a £2 money prize. The scores were:—

Lance-Corporal Thomas 46, Cadet Upton 43, Cadet Rhoades 42, Sergeant Henry 42, Sergeant Somerville 42, Cadet Cauldwell 42, Corporal Kershaw 41, Cadet Ellison 41, Sergeant Phillips 40, Cadet Waddell 37,—total 416. M. Company, 41st Battalion (Bathurst) obtained second place with 410, and K Company, 36th Battalion (Newington College) third with 402.

In the second match at the disappearing head and shoulders target, we again scored first place with 222 points, while Church of England Grammar School, with 210, and Cleveland-street School with 179, filled the second and third places respectively. The prizes in this match consisted of a silver medal and a £2 money prize to each member of the team.

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