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Editorial

Recent events have filled the minds of the thoughtful with unwelcome presentiments of the attitude of boys during the current year towards the greatest of necessities to school life. We mean that exalted feeling which makes both masters and boys sacrifice both time and means for the good or for the honour of the School. Nor is the cause of this decline merely carelessness, a lethargy from which they might be awakened by a determined effort on the part of an individual. The explanation lies much deeper. Freviously, first year boys were initiated into all the clubs and societies; prefects exerted themselves to arouse a spirit of respect and love for the School in their youthful breasts, while anyone depreciating the merits of the School or its institutions was accordingly despised by his fellows. Now, first year boys languish in neglect; they may even pass through second year without acquiring the necessary veneration of the School's honour; while in third year they only commence to realise that the School is not merely an educational establishment, but that it also represents a social organisation. Now

prefects consider it their chief duty to carry out a few petty rules, while they neglect the vital consideration, that they, more than the masters, are responsible for the spirit of the School. The prefect is the model upon which the whole of the School frames its social and sporting life; and therefore prefects should exert themselves to engage in the School's activities, and, by so doing, bring the junior boys to understand this phase of our life. Now, fellows even in the fourth year, condemn the School Union, which is the most representative force in the School, without other than selfish motives.

Such considerations as these have forced the Editor to devote this space to, we hope, the service of the School. Another matter deserves our notice. It is the fact that boys are sheltering under a veil of artificial spirit. Anyone who reproaches this type is instantly overwhelmed with a torrent of words referring to the magnificence and sublimity of the School's achievements, but, when asked to make a slight sacrifice for the good of the School, or for the purpose of showing our gratitude to some energetic master who has departed, they recoil at the thought, and hasten to squander their time and means in some lower world.

When a boy enters such a School as this, he should be prepared to strive for its ideals. Neglecting pecuniary assistance for the present, which, however necessary it may be to the completion of school works, only partly represents the spirit of a boy, we come to one of the vital points of school life. What we want is interest, and we can only judge this from the School's activities. Wednesday afternoon to half of our boys is interpreted as a time to be devoted to anything but the School sports. This consideration has forced the Union Committee to make sport compulsory, and although we deplore the necessity, we applaud their decision. The low membership of the Union, the proposal to divide the swimming club into two sections, the small attendance at cricket matches at Centennial Park, and, above all, the abnormal extension in connection with Mr. Gallagher's Testimonial, show the necessity for some extensive reform.

We have mentioned the idea of compulsory sport, but even if this does succeed, it will only commence the task of reform. Participation in sport is indeed one branch of school spirit, but it is not the most extensive one; the time is given to sport by the department, the real school spirit necessitates some sacrifice, not the acceptance of some indulgence. The basis of school spirit is therefore sacrifice, not only in monetary matters, but also in the devotion of time. Arguments are revealed by the delinquents which, to them, seem unassailable, but which depend upon the fact that they are not prepared to make sacrifices. Their thoughts are that their own necessities must first be served, while the School takes the remainder. Such cases must be vigorously opposed, and if their fall is not eminent, the School may look forward to a year of depression.

We do not wish to include all the School in this section of depression, but a large percentage are evidently involved. The struggle with this spirit of careless and selfish neglect must be quickly terminated, and those who are to complete its downfall must be the fourth year. Their spirit should still be untinged, and therefore we rely upon them to further the ideals and revive the spirit of the cld School. Hoping that this appeal may meet with success, and that it will arouse interest everywhere, we leave the matter to all to meditate upon the best method of revival.

School Notes.

We lament to state that we have lost our Sports Master, Mr. F. J. Gallagher, M.A. His loss will be keenly felt in all circles of School life. During his occupation of the position of Sports Master he exerted himself not only for the higher teams, but also for the beginners. The improvement of last year's 1st XV testifies to the former, while the introduction and continued success of the "Colour" teams in cricket exemplifies the latter. Mr. Gallagher has been transferred to North Sydney Intermediate High School, where he occupies the position of Master of Modern Languages. We wish him continued success.

Mr. A. D. Watson, B.Sc., has consented to take the position of Sports Master. During his illness, however, Mr. Leaver has been executing his duties for him.

The School welcomed four new masters: Mr. Cane, B.A., Mr. McAdam, B.A., B.Sc., Mr. A. K. Mearns, and Mr. E. J. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc.; while we parted with Mr. D. St. C. MacLardy, B.A., Mr. W. J. Monk, B.Sc., and Mr. H. K. Tiddy, B.Sc.

We were honoured by the presence of many eminent gentlemen at our Annual Speech Day. The speeches were enthusiastic, and this spirit was transmitted to the boys, who applauded all who had sacrificed their prizes to aid the Empire.

Our congratulations are due to R. N. Kershaw, the late Editor of this Magazine, who gained the Captaincy of the School; and to A. W. V. King, who received the Old Boys' Prize.

The Old Boys' Debate will be held under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society on May 13th. At the weekly meeting of that Society, held on March 11th, the following old boys were elected life members—R. Middleton, A. Paterson, A. Wheen, H. Wilson, and J. Woodhouse.

Of the 126 candidates we sent for the Intermediate 92 passed. In the Leaving Certificate 41 passed out of 44. Our congratulations to those who obtained exhibitions or who obtained an appointment in the Public Service.

Twelve boys entered the Training College from the School this year. We wish them success in their sphere of life.

Swimming enthusiasts no doubt lament the fact that there will be no carnival this year. Events are being contested, under Mr. Parker's supervision, at Bondi Baths on Wednesday afternoons, and to date many good races have been witnessed.

At the Annual Meeting of the School Union, the following boys were elected to the Committee-L. Claremont (sub-secretary), R. A. Bradley, E. J. Burrows, R. G. Hook, I. Muir, and W. Sherwood.

The teachers are suffering because of the increased enrolment of the School. Their room upstairs has been converted into a classroom for 4AC.

The Department has at last realised the necessity for lockers, and we thank the gentleman in charge for their speedy installation.

A new system of drill has been introduced into the School. This system, called the platoon system, promises to prove very effective.

Congratulations to Captain Parker, Lieuts. Peryman, Brake, Mulholland (Lieut. provisionally), and 2nd Lieut. Fuller on their promotions. At the All Schools' Swimming Carnival, held on the 20th March, we were represented by W. Sherwood, S. Willsher, S. Elwin, C. Stone, C. Bradhurst, and G. Alexander. We congratulate J. Willan, an Old Boy, on gaining the President's Cup for swimming over distances ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles.

At the recent University Camp four boys from the School, E. Brake, A. E. Cook, T. Henry, and W. Sherwood, and an Old Boy, L. Hall, succeeded in upholding the honour of the School in all circles. Shewood won the swimming events, while Hall reigned supreme in the running events.

A Mountain Stream.

In rocky beds and fertile loam The mountain stream doth make its home; From height above To vale below Its music rings like siren's lure, Wafted away by wind so pure; For every way, Night and day, It ripples o'er the pebbles bright; It passes flowers in bloom, Then, flying o'er the towering cliff, It plunges into gloom. Like Heaven's pearly drops of dew Its mist doth paint in many a hue— The verdure green,

The sombre gum; Then gathering to itself once more Its scattered waters as of yore, It sings again To charm the glen; To the depths of vales where peace prevails It hastens away from its source, Till finally, finding the joyous spot, It joins its brother's course.

The Ideal.

When Carlyle likens the good to the beautiful, expressing them as ways of looking at the eternal, he makes a statement which at once attracts and amazes. The difference, if such we may call a difference, lies in the fact that each represents a sphere of thought in enquiring into the mystery of life. The good relies upon the intellect, it is man's dominion; the beautiful on the soul, the gift of God. But do not these converge, is not the intellect at its height when it approaches the ideals of the soul? We might not think an address beautiful, though we might say it showed thought and a capacity to understand. But these considered in the universal sense are beautiful; if not in form, why, in thought, feeling, and many other aspects. To consider the relation in detail however, we must analyse this extensive field, and then rebuilding, see more clearly the different methods of the good and the beautiful.

We have said that the good is man's dominion; but this cannot be said of the beautiful. In the struggle for advancement, in the concentration of thought upon a separate ideal or idea, in the exertion of the faculties to produce some immediate result, any and every man possesses some power which leads him to success. Environment and education may serve to enlighten or degrade this inherent energy; but it is always there, ready to be cultivated, to be useful in the propagation of the knowledge of mankind. But such is not the case with the genius of the beautiful. This is beyond the power of man; you may teach a man to think correctly, but you cannot teach him to appreciate a thing towards which he has no This seems an unsurpassable barrier to the natural inclination. explanation of Carlyle's words; but here again we must have recourse to the universal. Considering it in this light, the barrier disappears, for if all men can look at the outer mystery through the intellect, the genius of beauty, catches by an entirely different method, occasional glimpses of the inner through the soul. The good rises to the clouds, but the beautiful soars higher.

Business, military, sporting, and social lives, we all live to some extent. We need not speak of the first three, the latter merits our consideration. In social life include all a man's private actions, his treatment of those dependent upon him, and those who are his superiors; observe his attitude to monetary matters, and, above all, note his conception of God. A monotheist is a good man, a polytheist may be such. As long as a man has an idea of some divine power, which controls his and the destinies of his fellow-creatures, and he earnestly believes in it, we cannot say he is not a good man, whether he be Mahomedan, Brahmin, or Confucian. But if we examine his ideal we may find that his good is not concurrent with the beautiful. The heaven that the Koran promises may make the Arabs devote their lives to the service of Allah, but the Christian depreciates it when compared to the serene and exquisite paradise which Dante and Milton have portrayed for him. Thus the beautiful is synonymous with the good, when the good reaches its height, and from that eminence ascends with the beautiful.

A man who devotes his life to the service of mankind seldom passes away without leaving some heritage to the world. This heritage is the outcome of his labour, someone will say; but the thinker will add "and of his inspirations." Inspiration, that reviving sensation that redeems from the chasms of despair, that makes a dull effort sparkle with life and attraction, comes, we may say, from some divine power. But what is the power in this case? Can it be the innate genius that a man possesses all his life? This suggestion has its advantages. The fact that genius needs development before it receives inspiration would point to this explanation; but the question can be argued no farther.

Artists, architects, sculptors, poets, upon these men and others devolves the task of elucidating the divine mystery beyond the reach of mere intellect. Theirs is a vast and beautiful preserve, in which they come nearer to paradise. For is not paradise the emblem of the beautiful, the place where inspiration and imagination are the gifts of all men? But is there a higher ideal?

Ships of War.

In their might and pride they sailed, Sun-emblazoned and fog-veiled, Cheered on by the winds of heaven; Now they lie beslimed and riven, They that won and they that failed.

In their might and pride they steamed, Where the long lights washed and gleamed, Cruising for their country's glory; Now the world forgets their story As a nightmare it had dreamed.

Crimson shone their eager star; Now torn plate and shattered spar Crumble in the long release; Now the blind tide brings them peace, They that were fashioned so for war.

R.E.W.

Memories.

Memories—ah, how they come back to us as we sit alone when the day is drawing to a close. And how tinged with pathos they are! The thoughts of what might have happened, the recollections of opportunities let pass ungrasped, the memories of "precious friends hid in death's dateless night," all pass in silent procession and in mournful guise through our mind. And in this still hour we are overcome with a strange sense of sadness, of which even those things pleasant to recall seem to partake.

We become obsessed with the thought that we cannot live our life over again, that those events which are passed cannot take place anew. As we glance backward through the vista of the years, how often do we wish we had acted differently in years gone by? But Time, the ever-rolling, mocks us. Opportunities once lost can never be regained. Thus in addition to our sadness comes a feeling of selfreproach. And then a thought steals furtively into our mind: Can we ever hope to live an upright life, to look back in old age with unashamed eyes upon an honourable, useful life? Can we ever be endowed with determination and courage sufficient to ward off the temptations which, like eagles waiting for their prey, surround us on every hand? Are we not condemned to a weary fight, hoping for victory, yet never attaining it? The storm of life does indeed seem as if, sooner or later, it would overcome, poor mortal weaklings that we are!

At this point in our train of thought our eyes are attracted toward the west, where is presented a scene of unparalleled splendour. The sun, sanguine, is just sinking in a blue sky, dotted here and there with crimson gold. A few white clouds, looking like islands in a sea of blue, completes a scene impossible to describe. The silent grandeur of the sight keeps us silent in wondering amaze.

And then a great calm settles on our troubled mind, and where there was formerly despair and misgiving, there is now a quiet trust. Surely the Creator of such a beautiful sight as that which we have just witnessed would not leave us succourless in a world fraught with trial; and if He were to come to our rescue, then indeed may we be sure of victory.

Thus with the parting day a new hope is born within our souls, the hope of the strong man ready and eager for the fray; the hope of one who is happy in the possession of a faithful friend to whom he may turn in times of stress and trouble; and we turn once more to our work, refreshed and purified by our meditation, with a vow to struggle to the end, come what may. F.A.M.

Liberty

Heard by the nymphs at play, Far from all bloody fray, Our song is wafted o'er the sea, The song of purest liberty.

THE SONG OF LIBERTY.

When the Saxons went down in the sleet and the hail To the rage of the Huns, the scourge of their home, To the Channel they scattered to weather the gale: Of freedom they thought as they fled o'er the foam. O! where can I find that abode of bliss,

The fatherland of liberty?

A voice replies from out the skies:

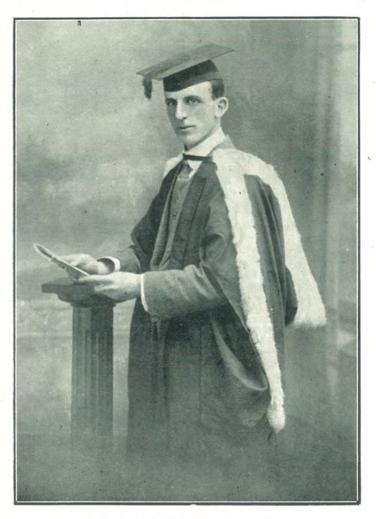
To England go, across the sea!

In the mountains of Wales proud Llewellyn did die; In the hills and the dales the brave Scots did resist; But the sea is the place where all Englishmen fig.

There to fight for their homes and the land of their list. O! where can I find that abode of bliss,

The fatherland of liberty?

A voice replies from out the skies: Go to the mountains, or to the sea!



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But the voice died away as we neared the sand— We were left to the thought of the clashing of arms, Of the thunder of cannon, the hurtling on land, Of the pictures of wounded, the ruin of farms.

O! where can I find that abode of bliss, The fatherland of liberty?

The factoriand of monty:

A voice replies from out the skies: The mountains no more: go to the sea!

F. J. Gallagher, Esq., M.A.

Alas, once again the "Departmental" wolf has been among the flock, and carried off one of our most respected and most popular masters, Mr. F. J. Gallagher, M.A. While we heartily congratulate Mr. Gallagher on his promotion to the position of Master of Modern Languages at North Sydney Intermediate Boys' High School, still we feel that our School has sustained a great loss by his removal. How our countenances changed when the rumour went round that Mr. Gallagher was leaving us. But when a promotion is offered, who would refuse it?

As a member of the staff, Mr. Gallagher was most popular amongst both masters and boys, and his class was always a model of order and industry. He was a "master" of his subject, and had the individual welfare of every boy at heart. His lessons were always full of interest, and he never forgot there are two sides to life—the serious and the enjoyable.

Mr. Gallagher was also a most enthusiastic and keen sportsman, and his name appeared among the Vice-Presidents of nearly every School activity. When the School Union was formed, and Mr. Gallagher was appointed Sports Master, it was felt throughout the School that the right man had obtained the position. He took some part in every activity in the School, but especially in cricket, footicall and tennis. He gave up much of his own time to looking after the various school teams, and we feel that his self-denial will be long remembered by the boys who came in contact with him.

Although his greatest work lay in sporting matters, Mr. Gallagher did not neglect the social side of the School, and was ever ready to help, whether it be in the Literary and Debating Society, the Glee Club, or any School entertainments. All who have been present at those functions know the way in which he used to entertain, especially by his humorous songs.

Although we must all part, we trust that this will not be a parting in its absolute sense, and that Mr. Gallagher will not forget the old Sydney High School, for we feel sure that the School will not forget him and all he has done for it. We trust that the future may bring prosperity to Mr. Gallagher, and that he may be very happy and successful in his new sphere of life.

Sydney Boys' High School Union.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Sydney High School Union took place in the Assembly Hall on Monday, 1st March, 1915. The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Statement were received and adopted, and the meeting went on to the election of the General Committee, when R. Bradley, E. J. Burrows, R. G. Hook, I. Muir, and W. Sherwood were elected, and L. Claremont was officially announced as Assistant Secretary. The Union is looking to the boys of the School to support it generously again this year, so as the usual Clubs may be kept in the bettered condition and meet with greater success than in previous years. Appended is the Treasurer's Statement for the year 1914:—

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We are trying to obtain a complete list of Old Boys who have volunteered for active service. Will any Old Boy who hears of a friend going to the front kindly communicate with either the Headmaster or Mr. Fairland? We publish the list as we have it to hand:—

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The University Camp.

The University Camp, under the auspices of the Christian Students' Association, was held at Wariewood Beach (about a mile north of Narrabeen), and proved a gigantic success. We are sorry to say only four representatives of our School were present; but, we hope, we acquitted ourselves well. Altogether there were some 45 boys, representing the various Great Public Schools, besides several University men, including Mr. F. Phillips, Mr. G. Cranswick, and L. S. V. Hall, an old High School Boy.

The camp was purely for pleasure, and there was little or none of military discipline. The situation was an ideal one, being in a sheltered position, close to the surf, and quite private. The boys were divided into seven tents, under the charge of an officer, and soon became keen rivals, especially in melon skin fights. A canteen was provided, and suffered numerous raids and insults. The camp rag, "The Wariewood Whoop," a daily newspaper, was the cause of much hilarity. Contributions were invited, and the paper was read after dinner, when the cry for "Editor" was predominant.

Each tent did orderly duty for one day, but considering the feed of porridge and sausages to come, this was quite a pleasure. Tent No. 3, in which were two High School representatives, under Hall, gained first prize for the best orderlies. This prize was a watern:elon, which was stolen after lights out.

We must not forget to mention the uproarious scenes at meal times. (How can we?) An excellent military cook was engaged. When the bugle sounded all games were immediately abandoned and a motley crowd rushed to the marquee, where the meals were held. Among the cries for "Tea Orderlies!" "Corn-Dodger!" "Take your feet out of the hair oil!" etc., could be heard occasionally the voice of the adjutant trying to get a word in.

The daily routine was as follows:—Reveille at 6.45, morning prayers, etc., biscuit parade, surf, breakfast, tent inspection by the adjutant, sports, dinner, expeditions, etc., tea, music (?), supper, bed, sleep (if possible). The first day was occupied in fixing up tents, etc., and was rather quiet.

Friday, 22nd, was devoted to a cricket match between the Wobbeegongs and Whouppihoffoffs, with 15 a-side, and resulted in a win for the former. After tea we all sang, while our big representative banged on the fine piano that was hired for the occasion.

Saturday was visitors' day, and many of the fair sex graced the camp with their presence—while many members mysteriously disappeared.

Sunday was spent quietly, a service being held in the morning, and an expedition after dinner.

Monday was spent on the Narrabeen Lakes, where a most enjoyable time was spent. Many sunburnt lobsters crawled back to camp, and suffered accordingly.

Tuesday was gala day. A carnival was held on the beach, and, as usual, the High Schoolers scooped the pool. Point score races were held, and in the tent competition No. 3 came first with 39 points, while the next best was 20 points. Hall, the winner of the School Cup in 1910, secured the running prizes, while Sherwood won the swimming events. After dinner a fancy dress parade was held, and some droll figures presented themselves. The prize was awarded to "Piles," in the guise of the Kaiser. When tea was finished everyone was required to give some musical selection.

On Wednesday a paper-chase was held. Although the hares were the best two runners in the camp a High Schooler almost captured one, and was easily first in. The track lay through dense scrub and undergrowth, and purile swamp. Having been obliged to say goodbye to the piano in the morning, a mock trial was held after tea. There was no use in thinking of bed that night. A fire was built on the sand, and war dances, etc., were held. Sleepers were pulled out of their tents, rubbed in treacle, and rolled in the sand. The cook having prophesied rain, tents were not pulled down or tampered with.

Thursday was packing-up day, and many were the groans and wailings at having to get into stiff collars and boots.

After a lively trip in the motor-car, tram and boat, we finally dispersed, with many sad partings, but satisfied that we had had the happiest week of our life, and joyfully looking forward to a peaceful sleep at last.

A.E.C. & W.S.

The Christian Union.

The first meeting of the Christian Union branch in our School this year was held on the 26th February, in Room 5, when a very thoughtful and useful address was delivered by Mr. Philip, M.A, entitled "Our Ideals." The attendance was not so good as it might have been, but we have great difficulty in procuring an afternoon on which everyone can come, since there are so many other activities; but we were pleased with the little meeting we had, and as Mr. Philip, said: "We will not be disheartened by small numbers."

Two of the committee attended a meeting of delegates from the different High Schools to discuss how the work of the several unions was to be carried out during the year. It was decided that each Union was to invite its own speakers, and that mission studies, which have been successfully carried out in all parts of the world where the Students' Christian Union exists, were to be commenced wherever possible. Our Union was also represented at the intercessory service held at the University on Sunday, 28th February, when an interesting account of the wonderful and extensive work of the Christian Union was given. It has branches in almost all civilised nations—including all the nations now at war—and is also doing a marvellous work among the students of China. This is a world-wide movement, and one should feel proud to claim membership to such a beneficial association.

The Committee will do its best to obtain suitable and popular speakers, and we invite the senior boys especially to assist us by providing as large an attendance as possible to the meetings, which, it is intended, will be held fortnightly.

Our Western NS.W.

A trip into the country generally conjures pleasant reflections of Katoomba, or some intensely popular, yet equally absurd, tourist resort. Take, however, just a glimpse of the stern, real country, "Out West." The various occupations of the inhabitants are each a study of a lifetime to fully understand and make a success of. The future of New South Wales depends very largely upon that part of it which the average Sydney boy looks upon as an uninteresting and an almost desert country.

At the present time a great proportion of the West is devoted to wool-growing, which indeed constitutes the staple industry of the country. More and more of it is, however, being gradually utilised for wheat growing and intense cultivation. The terror of the farmer of these districts is drought. The provision of an adequate supply of water is essential to the well-being of all primary industries, particularly in such a country, liable to sudden droughts affecting extensive areas.

Various schemes have been devised to secure a reliable supply of water, which Nature has denied our western areas. In the north the artesian waters have been tapped and utilised. Irrigation schemes have also gained a firm footing. The most important undertaking of this kind is the Burrenjuck irrigation scheme. The object of this enterprise is to impound in an immense reservoir a sufficient quantity of water to irrigate that part of the Riverina extending from Narrandera towards Hay, and northwards to Guntar. This land is extremely fertile, though dry, and experts tell us that an acre now depasturing only ten sheep will, under irrigation, support a family in comfort. This area, of course, derives its water supply from the Murrumbidgee basin. Similar works in the Lachlan and Darling have been proposed, and the extreme benefits to be derived from such undertakings are easily apparent.

Although the construction of such a system is necessarily costly, the certain beneficial results is surely a sufficient guarantee for such expenditure. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the different resultant effects New South Wales would enjoy were its great fertile, yet waterless, western tracts, subject to intense cultivation, effectively irrigated from the catchment areas of their rivers. Not only must the production be tremendously increased, but we would gain the population so essential to every country for purposes both domestic and defensive.

A.W.W.G.

Speech Day.

Speech Day concluded an interesting and important year of our lives. It was then that we realised the height of our ideals, that what some of us may have done with scant consideration was indeed the consummation of practical and true patriotism. The anthems of the School, of Australia, of France, of the Empire, were rendered to the accompaniment of perhaps the best orchestra the School has ever produced. Mr. Peter Board, Director of Education, presided.

The Headmaster criticised the work required on the language side of the course; and I am sure we were all gratified at Mr. Board's reply. After the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports of the School Union, the medals inscribed with "Pro Patria" were presented to the lucky winners by Mrs. Board. Of these we must mention our Union Secretary, Mr. Fletcher, our late Sports Master, Mr. Gallagher, and Mrs. Board herself: all of whom evoked continuous applause.

Mr. G. A. Henderson, President of the Old Boys' Union, then appealed to the boys then leaving, on behalf of that body. We hope they will take his advice. The Old Boys' Prize was presented to A. W. V. King, who has a record in all spheres of School life.

The ceremony was concluded by singing the National Anthem, and, when leaving, we all felt that our Speech Day had achieved a purpose—the dawn, the awakening of patriotism in our dormant souls.

The Library

Since the beginning of the year the circulation of volumes from the School Library has been more extensive than that of the previous half-year. This, we have no doubt, is due to the influx of new pupils, many of whom are availing themselves of this opportunity to read the works placed at their disposal. We are able to amply supply all demands, as the books underwent a thorough renovation by the committee immediately before the holidays. We have over one thousand volumes, presenting a great variety of matter and a wide choice of authors, and we would like the School generally to benefit from this extensive supply. Although no new books have been purchased since the present committee have taken charge, we propose to obtain a number by the most up-to-date authors as soon as possible, and we will be pleased to receive suggestions from any subscribers regarding books which they think it would be advisable to include in the Library. Catalogues are available during the period in which books are issued, and boys are requested to let the librarians know the numbers and not only the names of the books which they require.

The Magazine Library has been closed by order of the School Union, and a proposal has been made that the contents of this branch be donated to the Red Cross Society.

In conclusion, we would advise members of the library to read carefully, and observe the rules, and we hope to have a record number of readers from all years this half-year.

Form Notes

IV B.G.—Grand old III B.G. is now transformed into IV B, and are ushered into the secred precincts of No. 1 classroom, so hallowed by tradition that we felt a thrill of pride when we were informed that it would be our abode during 1915. "III B.G. transformed in IV. B"—this statement warrants criticism. The form is small in numbers, but of exceedingly high scholarly attainments, composed as it is of the elect of the old Third Year, with a fair smattering of the past Fourth Year. Is there, therefore, any dispute as to our pre-eminence?

We welcome the system of division of the Fourth Year into Pass and Honours classes, although this entails the shattering of many friendships cemented by three years of mutual help. An atmosphere of seriousness seems to hang heavily over the new IV B, as they one and all appear to recognise the seriousness of the year's work, and realise that their whole future depends upon its results.

That fickle jade Ill-fortune seems to be still following us, for we no sooner leave (with sorrowing hearts?) No. 2, with its symphony of steel hammers and steel riveters in variations, than we enter No. 1, so sacred, hallowed, and rendered awesome by the lack of daylight. It is hard to know which is the best—noise, or absence to a marked degree of daylight. However, the "Department" has given us a welcome present in the form of electric lights. The switch connected with these greatly interests some idle individuals, who are ever trying to devise some invisible means by which they can turn on the lights and so make the class think that a ghost lurks behind the lockers. We are at last beginning to appreciate Latin, and Virgil's polished lines of the Aeneid are melting before our eyes as the snows upon the mountain peaks. Chemical equations, however, do not seem to agree with the class, A—c excepted; perhaps it is because they can't get chemical inspirations. Somewhere in the dim clouded future we see rising before us the words "Leaving Certificate." Each day they are becoming more distinct, each day they are meaning more to those who see them, and realise their importance, and ever they seem to be calling "Work, work, work, for thy trial will surely come!" We trust that IV B will heed their warning, so that when they appear in all their glory and majesty before us, we will be able to stand bravely up and answer, "I have worked and worked, and all I ask is justice."

IV A.G-

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,

Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

Omitted, all the voyage of their life

Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

We have now arrived at the critical point of our lives when we make or mar our future, and we realise that this year is the pivot on which the whole of our future life will turn. Accordingly we have settled down to work with a grim determination to add fresh laurels to the high name of the school.

Nevertheless, we are fully alive to the dignity which our position in the school allows us; many a small boy having met with a rebuff when attempting to slink through the front door. Despite the fact of our eagerness for study, sports have not been neglected, and four members of the Union Committee, Claremont (sub-secretary), Bradley, Burrows, and Muir, are domiciled with us in No. 4.

Of late we are studying to musical accompaniment. Many weird sounds are wafted down the passage during the silence of Maths. lessons. We are extremely grateful to our demonstrator, who with self-sacrificing zeal and anxious regard for our welfare, prowls round the Science Room, bringing speedy relief to those who are wrestling in the intricate paths of the science of Chemistry. The reading of the De Coverley Papers and the sad fate of our dear friend, Sir Roger, in his futile attempts to woo the perverse widow, has been responsible for many heart-breaking sighs from many stricken youths of our august assembly. Great success was obtained in the laboratory the other day, when the latent heat of fusion of ice was ascertained in record time.

Since the beginning of the year many changes have been made in our class. Many of our old friends have been parted from us, and many new faces can be seen in our midst. We sincerely hope this change has been for the best.

IV A.C.—Greetings! Oh ye other Fourth Year Classes. We —IV A.C.—of great honour and renown, greet you. Having shown such conspicuous merit in all our past studies (?), we are sure to be callous to the dreaded Leaving Certificate when it comes, bringing woe and destitution to other classes.

They have, however, our earnest wishes that, although not able to approach our own record, they will yet be far ahead of other schools. At this early date, however, there are sure signs of "fag" becoming serious, even amongst our most noted "knuts." Although we have just entered into our fourth year blessedness, we have early assumed the prerogatives of this elevated body, and lunch in the porch has become quite a dignified proceeding.

Besides being such a lot of ———, we have the honour of being the first commercial fourth year class to grace (not disgrace) the old school, and have such things as "office correspondence" and "accounting" doled out to us.

But where are we situated? No one knows, except ourselves and the few select teachers who honour us with their periodical visits. Our neighbours are often treated to fine martial musical selections, which we produce daily with the aid of a kettle-drum and a fine comb band. Sequel! As a recognition of our worth and weight, the teachers have been ousted from their coveted room, and IV A.C. installed with great pomp and ceremony.

We are sorry to have to state that we have lost one of our best teachers, but we are sure that the new arrival will amply conpensate us. We have pleasure in noting that one of our assembly has been chosen to represent the boys on the Union Committee, and we'll know why swimming will go ahead now. Much to our sorrow, the Rifle Club obtained no direct representatives, but we can rely on the energetic secretary to hustle it along. We have able representatives in both the firsts and seconds, and the Rifle Club draws crack shots from among our number. Tennis also is represented by some notable players of our select circle.

In the last issue one of our members rose to the occasion, with this result—a poem in the "Record"—the first from a commercial class, thus showing our versatility. Since this memorable occasion he has reigned as class poet, and we expect some more from him.

In the special Wednesday detention class our members are conspicuous by their absence. Lately there have been numerous requests for "five or six strong men," but, owing to our magnificent physique, there is the utmost difficulty in choosing. At present we are finding it impossible to hide our lights under many bushels. Then, as a great man once said (or is supposed to have said): "Farewell! A long farewell to all our greatness"—until the next issue.

III C.G.—The good ship "Fag" has borne us safely (?) through the perils of the Intermediate, and now we lie calmly (?) at anchor in the smiling port of Third Year. Truly a smiling port; one has only to open the door of No. 2 to see that, especially if a meeting of the III C.G. Dramatic Society is in progress. A villainouslooking Shylock crawls about the stage wringing his hands in "umble" servility, while Portia, disguised in a duster, speaks her part with a strongly masculine accent. Bassanio resolutely refuses to look as if he meant it when he offers to hand over his three thousand ducats.

We are still wondering whether it was mere chance which placed us in No. 2, or whether our close proximity to constituted authority is the result of an organised plot to restrain our high spirits.

But alas! the bell rings, and we must turn from the delights of high-lass comedy and the sorrows of our unfortunate position to the more serious business of an English lesson. Here we follow the adventures of David and Dora with rapt (?) attention, while a few of our oily-haired "k-nuts" may be seen taking notes for future reference. In Physics most of our members are being initiated into the mysteries of Archimedes and his bath, while others prefer the unholy joy of private fag in the library. But with one accord the whole class takes an intense (?) interest in the sister science, Chemistry. New elements and compounds are discovered daily. Languages again take up a good deal of our attention, and under the skillful tuition of Messrs. Craddock and Wilson, we are blossoming forth into second Ciceros and Emile Zolas. Indeed, we fear brain fag on the part of S---t and B---n and several others of our versatile circle. Some of our number cannot even tear themselves away from the love-making of Francoise and Dominique, and prefer to spend their Wednesday afternoon in such congenial company. But as a whole the class turns out well in every branch of sport, surfing (?) included; while compulsory training is attended with an eagerness hitherto only displayed in the regions of the tuck-shop.

• III B.G.—New III B.G., which now makes its bow to readers of the "Record," is made up of the pick of old II B.G. and II C.G., together with a spice of newcomers. Those whose task it is to guide our mighty intellects in the study of Latin and French have been in raptures over us. Of course that is hardly to be wondered at, seeing that the members of the class have been specially chosen for their proficiency in languages.

Figuratively speaking, III B.G. "went behind the door and did a chuckle" when it was announced that we were to move from No. 2 to No. 3. We heartily unite in congratulating III C.G. on their fortune in securing such a delightful room. During our short residence there some of us became quite eloquent on the subject of electric-rivetters and steam-hammers, and one even showed signs of bursting into poetry—or was it prose?

The monotony of school life has been temporarily relieved by the introduction into the class-rooms of lockers. What a rush there was to secure one in the middle row, and so avoid the necessity of kneeling down or standing on tip-toe to get at it! Now lockers may seem very tame affairs to the unitiated, but when one has seen a perspiring and exasperated youth, at the beginning of a lesson, endeavouring in vain to open somebody else's padlock with his key under a running fire of caustic comments from the waiting master, and spurred on by the knowledge that if he has no book he will be "grabbed," this idea is dispelled.

It has been suggested that someone should read a paper on "Padlockology" before the Debating Society. For the benefit of the ignorant, we may explain that this is the title of the science of studying character as shown by padlocks. Suppose that you stand before the lockers in No. 3. Regardez yous this massive piece of ironmongery (which, by the way, our Raffles could open in two twos with a nail) marked with the mystic word, "secure." A knowledge of "Padlockology," when brought to bear on this, would elicit the information that the owner was a straightforward, trustful sort of chap. Likewise, this letter-lock would reveal that it was the property of a suspicious person with a cynical view of human nature. Personally, we don't believe in letter-locks of that primitive type, especially as the proud owner forgot on one occasion to confuse the combination, and so paved the way for the aforesaid Raffles to succeed in accomplishing his dearest ambition. We must also caution our friend against assuming, on account of this solitary triumph, that he is gifted with the touch which the sixpenny novels, which you don't get at the Municipal Library, ascribe to the modern burglar. It was all luck that did it.

Mechanics has proved more interesting than might have been anticipated. What price the budding mathematican (he is likely to be nipped in the bud if he is not careful) who, in all sincerity, defined a rigid body as "a frozen corpse." A very ordinary question during a recent English lesson elicited the astounding and hitherto unknown fact that "Puck was queen of the fairies." We respectfully suggest that it is not "the thing" for a master to keep a diary. It is most embarrassing for a chap who is trying to bluff that he had no work to re-write, when he is informed, after the dread volume has been duly consulted, that he has at least one of the necessary qualifications of a novelist.

III A.G.—The most remarkable thing which we have noticed in our entrance into the third year is the number of times we have been told that we must dispel utterly the idea that it is a period of undisturbed loaf. Each master has repeated this warning at least once every lesson, until at last it seems that such a prospect is too good to be true. And also, if masters and boys pass away, there is at least one institution which has not failed to stick to the School, and make itself utterly intolerable—that is, detention. It is no respecter of persons, except in the case of the prefect, another obnoxious imposition. If we rise against it, our names are placed in that volume sacred to the names of those doomed to participate in its orgies of tyranny. It's "the respect that makes calamity" of a schoolboy's life; and if we quote Shakespeare here, why not go the whole animal, and say with him—

> "For who would bear the teacher's tyrant whims, The prefect's wrong, the language master's rod, The pangs from tuck-shop pies, the Board's delay, The insolence of non-coms. and the jokes That patient boys of English masters take, When he on these his just revenge might have With his bare fists? Who would homework bear,

To grunt and sweat under a load of fag, But that the dread of something after school, That hated room from whose closed jealous door We all return in wrath,—puzzles the will And makes us rather bear those wrongs we have Than lose our Wednesday's sport.

-(Pamphlet, Prince of Denmark.)

The general condition of our class is the same, as we, unlike other classes, did not suffer in transportation up to the third year. The same slump in energy is to be reported, while detention is still at a premium. We must not forget, however, the promotion of the "Ancient Mariner" to the quarter deck (in the shape of the tuckshop), which he paces at certain periods while energetic persons are at drill, pulling his tortured tie and adjusting his long-suffering hat with motions long familiar to his doting (?) class-mates.

H—y, known of old, visits Randwick every Wednesday for the purpose of capturing the elusive bull's-eye with the aid of his brother's rifle, while others of less warlike temperament attend those meetings of "thoughtful" boys held on Thursdays, at which, in the midst of the noise produced by the thoughtful boys "thinking" with great energy, the chairman's voice is occasionally heard, and of which our genial friend, B—t is chucker-out-in-chief.

In addition to our old class we have two extras from Tech., and one from Cleveland-street, who were duly initiated in the sacred rites of membership by the aid of that faithful ally, the tap ('ware prefects!)

In sport we have done nothing of note this last season, being still occupied in getting over the Intermediate, but next football season shall see us vindicate in third year our second year fame.

III A.C.—After a pleasant holiday we return once more to our strenuous studies, flushed with the glory of having passed the Intermediate examination, in which we acquitted ourselves creditably. Not only in this examination did we gain laurels, but also in the Public Service, in which several were successful. Through having passed these examinations our numbers are somewhat depleted, and among others, we bereave the loss of our two inimitable wits, Richards and Bassan, also of our late scholar, "Jim" Watt, these having entered into the commercial world. We wish them every success in their new phase of life.

In those branches of sport which we patronise, naturally excellent results are obtained. Many of our members take part in grade cricket, and at the Baths we are also well represented, many of us being champion swimmers. Tennis and the various other branches of sport are well supported. For the forthcoming season we have some promising footballers, notably Pollard and Rugless, while Dewar dominates in the Lacrosse field. Patriotism waxes strong, immaterial of which room we occupy, preference of occupation, however, being given to the M.T. room. Quite a number of us have the war fever, practising tact and strategy, with some success, too, 'tween periods.

Much to the disgust of our members, we have been ordered to occupy the Manual Training Room, in which room all other sounds are drowned by those from the iron foundry over the street.

We regret the loss of Mr. Gallagher, our late sports master, and also of various other masters removed recently.

In conclusion, we beg to congratulate the other forms who gained a well-earned (we hope) success at the Intermediate exam.

II B.G.—The Intermediate exam., with all its horrors, now looms before us. If we fag as much as our masters say, any individual ought to pass, but we must not look so far ahead, for a great amount of work has to be done. Of course, since we occupy No. 6 room we get plenty of time for study, especially between periods, and the chief study since the institution of lockers in the room is that of making a dash to see if any books have been taken from them since the period began. But at dinner-time we are impeded from learning our repetition by prefects (one in particular) driving us from the room. We are not only disturbed in our studies by prefects, but by "animal noises" protruding through the keyhole from No. 7. The occupants of seats near the door tell us that they are due to the new classes learning French sounds.

Our class poet has made a short rhyme describing the contents of our class. It runs as follows:—

II B.G. contains the cream

Of all the classes, it would seem,

Of "fags" a few,

Of "muck-ups," too,

And some who always sit and dream.

He has not, however, come upon one point. The noise of a cat in the singing-lesson and the sound of a dog in French, brings us to the conclusion that we have a menagerie among us. The appearance of one of our number with sore eyes makes us begin to think he has been fagging.

Sport is not altogether dead in II B.G. But if the Wednesday afternoon classes are instituted for non-sports, I dare say we shall have many more sports! Swimming seems to be the most important sport, but rifle shooting is growing in favour, perhaps to be in the fashion.

II A.G.—After many weary weeks of wandering we have at last settled our remains in the peace (?) of No. 7 room. Although there are certain individuals "who won't pass the Intermediate" unless they give their masters their "undivided attention," some, of course, will uphold the honour of the class. Owing to our winning nearly all the prizes last year, the Swimming Carnival has been cancelled, so that we have devoted all our energies to cricket as a result. Mackellar obtained 69 against North Sydney, and Henry Hereford and McCredie knocked up two between them.

William M——rs, the famous comedian, has discovered a method (?) of working out Practice by "compound proportion." There is a great future for William. The discovery of a kitten in the science room led to interesting experiments in velocity and acceleration. Velocity—kitten's sprinting powers; acceleration—boot. The kitten has not returned for further lessons. We are delightfully free from homework at present, only having eight subjects per night, and some even can recollect only having seven, but are rather doubtful.

Davies appears to use his vast amount of spare time in drawing what he considers to be Germans, and which he thrusts on the suffering class. This will soon be stopped—we trust the verdict will be "justifiable homicide."

II A.C.—This old and time-honoured (?) title now adorns a practically new class of students, except for the several "chips of the old block." As a whole, we are progressing favourably, except now and then for a few interruptions which sometimes develop into eruptions—and then full measures of the ever-at-hand enemy, detention. Owing to an excess of homework, we are generally in a depressed state of health, but despite this menace we will endeavour to make II A.C. the foremst second-year class, both in sport and study. In the Rifle, Cricket, and Swimming Clubs we are ably represented, some of our members occupying prominent positions.

Since the institution of lockers many of our worthy members have suffered injustices such as, "Your success will be a failure," and "Lock up your books and leave them there—that's the way to fail in the Intermediate." Early in the year the "Frenchies" anticipated a rest to their mental organs, with regard to their language. However, the time-table did not overlook this, and now they have to graft —more or less.

At times a babble of voices (soprano, alto, basso, and otherwise) breaks forth into the still and peaceful (?) atmosphere of Room 8, Judging by this circumstance, II A.C. will doubtless place many auctioneers in the commercial world.

II A.C. ought to think itself highly honoured, for, recently, a certain master informed us we possessed a number of "angels" whom he liked very well. None of us could reiterate or fathom this celestial allusion, but we all professed, by countenances of intelligence, to understand the meaning.

We close our notes with best regards to other classes, and the final memorandum—the Intermediate is coming; so are the Christmas holidays, although "it's a long way to go." I C.G.—We hail the coming School year under a new name (though, alas! with the same numerical prefix), and hope, under our present banner, to retrieve, as far as possible, our lost honour. Though a few members of the class are new boys, the majority of us were present last year, and are the sheep of 1914 first-year classes.

The present I A.C. for the first few weeks was incorporated under our name, but, to our unspeakable joy, they have now left us, amidst a perfect hail of joyous partings. But our spirits have been suddenly damped; the hand of fate is heavy upon us; even our hitherto irrepressible Gussy has been silenced. For no less than twenty-one periods out of thirty-two we have been placed in number nine. And Bedlam's nothing to it. It's a perfect pandemonium. The Charge of the Light Brigade is absolutely overwhelmed by it. It might be truly said that—

> "Classes to right of it, Classes to left of it, Classes in front of it, Roared out French vowels: Straight to ourts they went, Through glass partition sent; We, with astonishment, Squirmed 'neath the rowels."

G—n—s, our friend alias "The Toff," has been practising singing and has succeeded to such an extent as to gain an award of two hours' detention.

N-p-r (accent on the last syllable) is still growing, and we advise the authorities to raise the ceilings a foot or two in anticipation of his further growth. In sport we have obtained the lead, owing to our possessing Gussy, whose abilities in tennis are quite remarkable.

I B.G.—Freshers! Yet we have settled down and are ready to keep up the honour of the school, though there are still a few relics of babyhood hanging round in the shape of rag-dolls, etc. We have a good sporting form; at least one member plays in the 3rds, and half the form goes to Bondi Baths to swim, not to paddle.

So far we have escaped detention, but we suffer from the Math's. duster complaint.

I A.G.—"This is a very fine and interesting school;" such was our first impression of the "High School."

Time has since proved that we had every justification in making this remark, for everything around seems very pleasant.

At first everything seemed so strange; so many new faces in the playground; the teachers all wearing the cap and gown, both of which helped to keep us in great suspense for the future However, we all now realise that the various masters are anxious to help us in our studies, and we, on the other hand, are equally eager to do well at school, thus helping to make ourselves worthy of being students of the Sydney Boys' High School.

The first few days felt very strange among such a lot of boys who were new to us, but when it came to swimming, on Wednesday afternoon, we began to associate with many new companions.

The Sports Union is another phase of the school, of which we already feel proud. The method in which the various sports are made to co-operate with one another is much better than the system used in the Public Schools. Again, the "Tuck Shop" is a great novelty to us, and as the goods sold are so reasonable and palatable, it promises to be extensively patronised by new boys in the future.

In conclusion, we must say that we are exceedingly proud to be students of the Sydney Boys' High School, and are determined to keep the banner of the school's fame flying higher than ever.

I A.C.—Alas! the curtain has been lifted; and at last our joyous time has reached its end, and we must now take up our lessons seriously.

The coming year seems to have a hopeful outlook for the sporting part of our class, for we are ably represented in shooting, and our cracks have shown good form at Randwick. Cricket, at Centennial Park, also receives good material from our happy band. Swimming attracts the greatest number of our "sports," and some have prospects of an excellent future.

It was said by one of our masters that we are going to be the best 1st year class, which, of course, we carried unanimously.

It seems that some of us have been scared by the tremendous weapons used in the "Siege of Corinth," such as "Blunderbusses," "Carbines," "Hissing bombs," etc.

McN—a, our class comedian, has been very quiet lately owing to too much watermelon. As we said, we have taken up work seriously (ahem!), and we must now bid farewell to all and start to fag.

Correspondence

(To the Editor.)

Numerous pupils and well-wishers of the S.H.S. have enquired if anything could be done in regard to the formation of a gymnasium at the school. If this matter were brought under the notice of the readers of "Record" perhaps something practical might be done in the matter.

-A FOURTH YEAR SPORT.

Leaving Certificate. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, 1914.

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 (2) Latin;
 (3) French;
 (4) German;
 (5) Mathematics I;
 (6) Mathematics II;
 (7) Mechanics;
 (8) History;
 (9) Physics;
 (10) Chemistry;
 (11) Art;
 (12) English and Geography for Engineering Purposes.

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Brake, C. E.			B				A	B	B	B	A			
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Byrne, J			B		~	•	B			A	B			
Cohen, S							A	B	В	B	~			
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Meldrum, E. A.			в				H	H	B	в	H		1.0	P
Middleton, R. C.			H	в	A		в	в	1.00	A		A.		
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Parr, L. J. A.			H				в	в		A	B			
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Regan, L. A. R.			A	в	В		B	B	A		12.4	в		
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Sams, E. V			в				Α	B	в		A	в		P
Waldock, J. A.			H	A	A		A	B	44	H		в		
Webster, H. A. F.			H	B			B	B		H	A			
Willmott, C. V.	1.1		в				B	B	B	A	B			P
Wheen, A. W.			H	B			A	B		A	B			
Wilson, H. C.			A		B		A	B	B	A	A			
Woodhouse, J. C.			A	B	B					B				
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* B in Music; + B in Ancient History; ‡ B in Geology.

University Bursaries :-- McLaughlin, A. J. G. ; Wilson, H. C.

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Faculty of Medicine :- Burrell, A. E. W. ; Henry, R. E. ; McLaughlin, A. J. G.

Faculty of Science: --Cookson, H. G. D.; Dive, W. R., Goodwin, C. B; Middleton, R. C.; Nette, W. H.

Department of Engineering :---R. T. Braithwaite

Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1914

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The Literary and Debating Society.

This most important institution of the School has once more re-opened her doors to the Third and Fourth years. As yet there have been but three ordinary meetings, and the superabundant energies of the members have been free from that boisterousness and "levitas" which too freely displayed itself last half. The first two meetings have been a success, both in the numbers who attended and in the keen interest and enthusiasm which they displayed. Up to the present, however, the "newer" members, i.e., third year, have had no opportunity of revealing any latent oratorical powers which they may possess. At the annual meeting, at which Messrs. Smairl and Fletcher were present, the former taking the "chair," the officers of the Society were chosen. There was a splendid attendance, and great interest was shewn in the election. The results were as follows: Mr. Hook, Vice-President; Mr. Peryman, Speaker; Mr. Shiress, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Gray, Assistant Hon. Secretary; Mr. Forbes, Editor of the Manuscript Journal; Mr. Winston, Sub-Editor; and Mr. Beaumont, Sergeant-at-Arms. The committee, in addition to those who are ex officio committeemen, were Messrs. Muir, Bradley, Lawson, and Cunninghame. The first meeting was an open debate. The temporary premier, Mr. Lawson, moved the meeting with his brilliant rhetoric, and the Opposition leader, Mr. Peryman, with his stirring eloquence, on the subject: "Has Russia fulfilled the expectations of the Allies"? The Premier, on the one hand, defended the Russians. stating that they were bearing the brunt of all the attacks, having to resist Germans, Austrians and Turks, and that since Germany was prepared for this war, the Russians could not be expected to be ready for the Germans everywhere at once. Russia's was a wise policy. nevertheless, in allowing the Germans to invade her territory, where there were not railways everywhere, nor conveniences of any kind to which the machine-army was accustomed. Mr. Peryman, on the other hand, declared that Russia was the largest belligerent power in the field, and her army was organised under a new system, having gained experience from the Russo-Japanese war. Again, the Russians were in their element in the snow and cold, yet they retreated while the Allies had the task of pushing the Germans out of France. Other speakers were Messrs. Muir, Winston, Ross and Bradley, who evidenced considerable knowledge of the art of "public oratory."

Perhaps the most interesting afternoon yet spent was that on which the Manuscript Journal was read. The contributions to the Journal were mostly humorous, but nevertheless they were not lacking in those qualities which rendered them distinctly literary. Mr. Forbes' editorial showed that though many contributions were sent in, the attempts at humour in some of them were rather feeble, and the styles of the articles were not up to the standard of the Literary and Debating Society. It is to be hoped that more articles will be written for this Journal in the future, as it helps to develop one's literary style. Two afternoons, also, have been set aside for the reading and discussion of the works of two poets, with the hope of increasing one's powers of appreciation and criticism, and giving one a taste for that branch of literature—poetry. At these meetings a large attendance of Fourth Year especially is expected.

At the last meeting, which was devoted to impromptu speeches, the Premier and Opposition leader for all ensuing Ministerial debates were elected, the former being Mr. Lawson and the latter Mr. Cunninghame. This meeting was not quite so successful as could have been wished, the members showing a lack of ability of choosing debatable subjects. After a few had spoken the meeting adjourned.

In conclusion, we extend a hearty invitation to all Third and Fourth Year Boys who have as yet not made an appearance.

Cricket Club

Since our last issue cricket has been booming at the School, and although we have met with practically no success in the G.P.S. Competition, winning only one match against S.I. College, in the High Schools' Competition we have lost but one match, and should be leading when the final arrives. This has been rather disappointing, as we hoped, after the experience gained in the previous half. that we would be able to put up better games this half and thus finish well up in the Competition ladder. Although all (?) members of the team were assiduous in their attendance at practice, yet our form did not seem to benefit thereby. However, this ill-success may be largely attributed to our opponents, who were nearly all boarding schools, and hence possessing better facilities for practice.

A pleasing feature of our cricket has been the marked improvement in fielding, which has nearly always kept our opponents' score from breaking "records." This, too, has encouraged bowlers who have little to complain of dropped catches, etc. Burrows and Claremont have bowled consistently throughout the season, and Henry, Braithwaite and Byrne have at times proved difficult and obtained good figures, whilst Taylor and Benson have generally bowled well when given a trial.

In the batting line, Braithwaite, Byrne, Claremont and Lachmund have performed well, although Cummings, Benson, and Burrows have frequently knocked up good scores, the latter doing particularly well towards the latter half of the season. (Perhaps that is because he went to practice *once*).

Always, if the supposed (?) heads failed to make good, the tail would wag vigorously and save the situation, whilst on one occasion we had 1 down for 85 and were all out for 120.

We hope to again enter the G.P.S. Competition next year, and to be able to provide a Saturday ground of our own. As it is, we cannot feel too grateful to the other Schools for their courtesy in allowing us to play on their own grounds.

The 2nd and 3rd elevens have improved greatly, and have unearthed some fair bats and bowlers, with the result that they have won all their matches.

Some interesting scratch matches have been played at Centennial Park, and should provide good material for the grade teams next year.

G.P.S. COMPETITION.

The first match in this Competition was played against S.T.C. at Hunter's Hill, and was lost by an innings and 3 runs.

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S.H.S.-First Innings.

S.T.C.—First Innings.		S.H.S.—First minings.	
Thompson, b Burrows	25	Braithwaite, c and b	
Remon, ct. Lachmund, b	0.0	Thompson	
Robison	22	Frazer, b Reid	4
Gillham, st. Burrows, b		Cummings, b Gissane	1
Robison	20	Claremont, c and b Reid	6
Gissane, c and b Robison	26	Lachmund, st. Gillham	26
Reid, b Claremont	0	Henry, b Thompson	3
Cusick b Burrows	6	Robison, c and b Remon	6
McCarthy, b Robison	5	Ford, not out	7
McKillop, c and b Robison	6	Burrows, c and b Cusick	2
Hoare, b Robison	11	Scott, b Cusick	2
Boland, b Robison	2	Rees, absent	0
Caples, not out	2	Sundries	1
Sundries	13		
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Total 138

Total 88

S.H.S.-Second Innings.

Braithwaite, b Boland .. 21 Frazer, b McKillop 1 Cummings, b Hoare 5 Claremont, c and b Caples 6 Lachmund, b Caples 1 Henry, c and b Caples ... 1 Robison, st. Cusick 9 0 Ford, not out Burrows, c and b Reid . . 6 Scott, b Reid 0 0 Rees, absent 4 Sundries

Total 47

Bowling for S.H.S.—Braithwaite, 0 for 13; Claremont, 1 for 33; Burrows, 2 for 38; Robison, 7 for 41.

S.H.S. v. S.G.S.

Played on latter's ground, 9th September; won by S.G.S. by 69 runs.

S.G.S.—First Innings.		S.H.S.—First Innings.	
S.G.S.—First minings.	1	o.m.o.—First minings.	
Trumper, c Taylor, b	1925-1-1	Braithwaite, b Yates	38
Claremont	45	Lachmund, c Trumper, b	100
Fletcher, c and b Frazer	76	Yates	4
Donovan, c Claremont, b	1922	Claremont, b O. Cohen	8
Burrows	39	Cummings, b O. Cohen	1
Cohen, O. E. M. P., c Ben-	the first	Frazer, c Buckle, b K.	
son, b Claremont	22	Cohen	40
Grieve, b Frazer	0	Moore, b Yates	1
Rofe, run out	1	Byrne, not out	45
Yates, l.b.w. Burrows	2	Benson, b Donovan	7
Cohen, K. L. P., b Clare-		Taylor, st. Buckle, b O.	0.00
mont	26	Cohen	7
Buckle, not out	5	Scott, c K. Cohen, b O.	
Mawson, c Braithwaite, b	10	Cohen	0
Burrows	9	Burrows, run out	6
Harnett, b Burrows	0	Sundries	9
Sundries			
Total	231	Total	166
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Bowling for S.H.S.—Burrows, 4 for 43; Benson, 0 for 45; Taylor, 0 for 16; Claremont, 3 for 68; Frazer, 2 for 22; Braithwaite, 0 for 6.

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

Played at North Sydney, 14th December, 1914, and won by North Sydney Grammar by 7 wickets and 19 runs.

Byrne and Claremont batted well for S.H.S., scoring 83 not out and 79 respectively.

S.C.E.G.SFirst Innings.	S.H.SFirst Innings.
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Total, 3 wickets for 304	Total 285

Bowling for S.H.S.—Frazer, 0 for 32; Benson, 0 for 54; Burrows, 1 for 78; Claremont, 0 for 94; Taylor, 0 for 10; Byrne, 2 for 30.

S.H.S. v. ST. IGNATIUS' C.

Played at Riverview; won by S.H.S. by 92 runs on 1st innings. Lachmund played well for 61 not out.

St. Ignatius.—First Innings.	S.H.S.—First Innings.
Evans, c Sherwood, b	Braithwaite, l.b.w. Proust 1
Claremont 10	Claremont, l.b.w. Proust., 9
Cunningham, b Burrows 4	Rees, b Ryan 2
Proust, b Frazer 2	Frazer, b Cunningham 4
Gissane, h.o.w. Benson 16	Benson, b Ryan 21
Sullivan, c Sherwood, b	Lachmund, not out 61
Burrows 20	Cummings, b Gissane 11
Sedgewick, 1.b.w. Burrows 5	Henry, st. Gissane, b Sul-
Payten, b Frazer 4	livan 19
Ryan, c Braithwaite, b	Burrows, c Sullivan, b
Burrows 2	Proust 0
Monie, b Frazer 7	Sherwood, st. Gissane, b
Alvarez, b Frazer 0	Proust 0
Paterson, not out 1	Cunningham, b Cunning-
	ham 20
	Sundries 15
Total 71	Total 163

Bowling for S.H.S.—Frazer, 5 for 13; Henry, 0 for 19; Braithwaite, 1 for 19; Burrows, 6 for 27; Sherwood, 0 for 5; Claremont, 2 for 29.

S.H.S. v. T.K.S.

Played at Parramatta, 26.2.'15; won by T.K.S. by 230 on 1st innings.

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T.K.SFirst Innings.	1	S.H.SFirst Innings.	
Riley (II.), b Claremont	52	Braithwaite, h.o.w. Riley	
Roberts, b Burrows	97	(II.)	14
Rock, retired	119	Frazer, b Riley (I.)	10
Farquhar, c and b Benson	34	Claremont, c Riley (II.),	
Riley (I.), run out	40	b Farquhar	19
McPhie, run out	6	Lachmund, b Riley (II.)	27
Hewitt, b Braithwaite	0	Cooper, c Graham, b Riley	
Kinross, b Claremont	19	(II.)	0
Graham, c Braithwaite, b	12.11	Benson, b Bettington (II.)	0
Claremont	1	Cummings, l.b.w. Riley	
Bettington (II.), b Clare-		(I.)	0
mont	0	Rees, c Riley (I.), b Riley	
Friend, not out	2	(II.)	4
Sundries	8	Burrows, c Rock, b Riley	
		(II.)	28
		Henry, c and b Riley (I.)	5
		Cunningham, not out	4
<u>11</u>		Sundries	10
Total	378	Total	143

Bowling for S.H.S.—Frazer, 0 for 46; Burrows, 1 for 65; Benson, 1 for 26; Henry, 0 for 46; Cooper, 0 for 39; Claremont, 4 for 99; Cummings, 0 for 18; Braithwaite, 1 for 25.

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S.H.S. v. S.H.S. "OLD BOYS."

Played at Wentworth Park on 16th December; won by S.H.S. by 175 on 1st innings.

S.H.S.—First Innings. Mr. Watson, c Mathers, b	"Old Boys."—First Innings. Oberg, c and b Mr. Harvey 0
Clemenger 16	Mathers, c and b Mr. Wát-
Braithwaite, retired 52	son 10
Byrne, retired 50	McCredie, b Byrne 6
Mr. Harvey, retired 64	Clemenger, c Braithwaite,
Claremont, st. McCredie 46	b Mr. Harvey 5
Mr. Monk, b Mathers 0	Golding, c Mr. Monk, b Mr.
Lachmund, b Mathers 0	Watson 0
Cummings, not out 5	Baxtur, b Taylor 1
Benson, b McCredie 4	
Taylor, not out 13	Hooke, b Mr. Watson 3
Frazer, A. W. C., b Mathers 0	Perry, c Taylor, b Mr.
Sundries 6	Harvey 2
	Fairland, b Mr. Harvey 2
4	Russell, c Benson, b Mr.
	Watson 2
	Sundries 10
Total 255	Total

"Old Boys" Bowling.—Clemenger, 1 for 59; Mackay, 0 for 58; Mathers, 3 for 58; Hooke, 0 for 24; McCredie, 2 for 44; Oberg, 0 for 7.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Mr. Harvey, 4 for 20; Byrne, 1 for 14; Mr. Watson, 4 for 25; Taylor, 1 for 10.

S.H.S. v. CLEVELAND STREET.

Played at Wentworth Park on the 11th and 18th November, 1914, and won by Cleveland Street by 5 wickets.

Cleveland St.-1st Innings 168; 2nd Innings 5 wickets for 54.

S.H.S.—1st Innings 107 (Claremont 65); 2nd Innings 103 (Benson 33).

S.H.S. v. PARRAMATTA.

Played at Parramatta on 2nd December, 1914, and won by Parramatta on 1st innings by 86 runs.

Parramatta, 211; S.H.S., 125 (Claremont 40, Cummings 20).

S.H.S. v. TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Wentworth Park on 3rd and 10th February, 1915, and won by S.H.S. by an innings and 121 runs.

Technical College .- 1st Innings 122; 2nd Innings 91.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Benson, 4 for 40; Claremont, 2 for 8; Byrne, 2 for 9.

S.H.S.—1st Innings 333 (Claremont 127, Braithwaite 42, Sherwood 33, Benson 31*).

S.H.S. v. FORT STREET.

Played at Waverley on February 17th and 24th, and lost by 94 runs.

S.H.S.—1st Innings 33 (Benson 12); 2nd Innings 123 (Claremont 55, Braithwaite 36).

Fort St .- 1st Innings 136; 2nd Innings 114.

Bowling for S.H.S.-Burrows, 4 for 29; Claremont, 3 for 32.

S.H.S. v. HURLSTONE.

Played at Pratten Park on March 3rd and 10th. Burrows was star performer of the match, scoring 58, whilst Mr. Done superintended operations for Hurlstone.

S.H.S.—1st Innings 130 (Burrows 36, Cummings 25); 2nd Innings 225 (Burrows 58, Cooper 32).

Hurlstone .- 1st Innings 79; 2nd Innings 53.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Claremont, 3 for 9; Henry, 3 for 5 and 2 for 7; Burrows, 2 for 19 and 4 for 18.

SECOND XI.

The Seconds successfully brought the 1914 season to a close by defeating Petersham at Burwood, thus winning the High Schools' Competition.

The matches played since Christmas have reflected credit on the team, which is now working well together.

February 3rd and 10th: Defeated Tech., at Waverley, by 30 runs. S.H.S., 1st innings 98 (Rees 26), 2nd innings 125 (Williams 27). Tech., 1st innings 89, 2nd innings 104. Bowling for S.H.S.: Williams 5—26, Kearney 6—42.

February 17th and 24th: Defeated Fort Street, at Wentworth Park, by 3 wickets and 10 runs. S.H.S., 1st innings 120, 2nd innings 7 for 190. Fort Street, 1st innings 185, 2nd innings 115. For S.H.S., Williams 42 and 26, Rees 33 and 43, Connell 14 not out.

March 3rd: Defeated Hurlstone, at Imperial Oval, by an innings and 80 runs.. S.H.S., 121 (Connell 37, Annetts 31, Webb 16), Hurlstone 26 and 15. Bowling for S.H.S.: Kearney 7—9, Connell 3—11, Williams 5—6, Annetts 5—4. Our prospects of running through the season as winners look very bright. Players would do well to avail themselves more of the practice nets than at present.

THIRD XI.

We are pleased to state that the Thirds have won all their competition matches so far this season.

3rd and 10th February: T.H.S. defeated by 62 runs.

17th February: Fort Street defeated by an innings and 66 runs.

3rd March: North Sydney defeated by an innings and 83 runs.

Swimming Club

This Club has, since the resumption of School, been going ahead by leaps and bounds. The first few attendances at Bondi Baths were about 40 or 50, but now over 100 boys take part in this excellent summer sport. Races are being held every Wednesday, and some keen racing has been seen. Several of the younger members of the Club have been swimming excellently of late, and this augurs well for the All Schools' Carnival on the 20th March. We there hope to secure one or two age championships, and the relay.

At the last University camp both the surf race and swimming championships were won by W. Sherwood. S. Willsher is to be congratulated on his success outside school swimming circles, and we wish him success in the future. We have lost L. P. Moore, who has gone to Duntroon, and we wish him success at his new position. The school champ. has now been won three times by W. Sherwood, and S. Willsher has proved the best junior for two years.

The Life Saving Class, under Mr. Leaver and Mr. Parker, is showing a marked and distinct improvement. They will soon sit for their examination, and should all do well. In conclusion, the Club can thank Mr. Parker and Mr. Leaver and the committee for their energetic work in making this popular sport such a success.

The following are the results of the races to date:---

17th February, 1915. (1) 3rd and 4th Year Handicap.—Symes, 1; Simpson, 2; Baker, 3. (2) 1st and 2nd Year Handicap.—Forsyth, 1; Clarke, 2; Oag, 3.

3rd March, 1915. 100 Yards Open Handicap.—S. McDougal, 1; W. Sherwood, 2. Time, 1 min. 29 secs. 10th March, 1915. Championship of School.—W. Sherwood, 1; S. Willsher, 2; N. Crow, 3. Time, 1 min. 14 secs. Won easily by 5 yards, with 1 yard between 2nd and 3rd.

Junior Championship of School.—S. Willsher, 1; S. Elwyn, 2; C. Stone, 3. Won by 2 yards, and yard between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 32 2-5 secs.

Bifle Club

The Rifle Club has commenced operations, and has held a number of successful shoots. Although it is very pleasing to note the number of senior boys who take an interest in the Club, yet the committee would like a larger percentage of the junior boys to be present. It is to junior boys that we look for teams to uphold the reputation of the school at future matches.

We regret to lose such good shots from our midst as E. B. Ellison and A. Alexander.

Radical changes have been effected in the organisation of out school cadets since the advent of the Platoon System. Capt. Parker has been busy bringing about a complete re-organisation.

Under the new system the company consists of 240 men, 16 section commanders, 4 platoon sergeants, and a company sergeant-major. The company is divided into 4 platoons, containing 60 men each, under the command of a lieutenant. Each platoon is divided into four sections, under a section commander. The whole company is in the command of a major, with a captain second in command. This new system will necessitate the union of both our companies into one working unit.

We extend a hearty welcome to Capt. Cane, who will help to instruct us in military science.

We are pleased to see that at last we are able to have a parade with every man in uniform. This state of affairs will greatly enhance the appearance of the company.

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