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## Editorial

It is hardly without doubt that the year which has passed has not shown the school in its best light. A general relapse in ab directions seems to have taken place, and penetrated even the department of sport. In scholarship, the results of the Intermediate were barely satisfying, and hardly a credit to the school, especially compared with previous years. Of the Leaving Certificate, little better can be said, except of individual results. In sport, we placed no team in the Great Public Schools' Competition for Rugby Football, while our teams, though of good material, trained so little and to such ill-effect that in most cases we were defeated by a Fort Street team, of which, on a basis of better training, we would have clearly been the equal, if not the superior.

Association made better progress, but even that enterprising sport succumbed regularly to the teams from Technical High School. It is indicative of the spirit that permeated the teams, that often, teams, complete on paper, arrived at their destinations only to find
themselves one and more men short. The Literary and Debating Society frequently degenerated into a weekly farce, which in spite of the efforts of past and present presidents, shows no signs of improvement.

There is, and was, an explanation for this state of affairs; it lies within each boy himself. It is not sufficiently recognised that each individual boy is an important part of this school-
"What is the city, but the people?"
The same is true of a school.
Every institution in this school, including this paper, depends solely on its members. The success of the school is our success, its defeat is also ours.

Most of us pay a yearly subscription to the Union to enter sport. Do we ever realise how infinitely great are the benefits which that comparatively small sum confers? Is it not fitting that to make up that balance, a little self-sacrifice should come from each of us? Remember always that our course should be to both give and take, for in an institution such as this, in giving we receive more than we give. All that is necessary is but a modicum of what we call school spirit-"Esprit de Corps," if you like-that principle in which the common weal stands first, and self last.

We have promise this quarter of a prosperous year, both in sport and scholarship. The clubs have been reorganised and placed on a firm footing; a few have been dropped from the list as weakening the rest. But the beginning is not everything. From now on it should no longer be necessary to devote these pages to this cause. Henceforth let our every effort be characterised by a determination to do our utmost, not for ourselves, or our team, or our year, but for the school.

## School Notes.

It is once more the fortune of the school to bid farewell to two of its best friends. Mr. Wilson has departed to take up the responsible position of Lecturer in Modern Languages at the University of Perth, while Mr. Parker left during the holidays for Orange. The first XV. will feel, especially, the loss of Mr. Wilson, whose interest and self-sacrifice on their behalf bade fair to result in a creditable performance this season. Mr. Parker leaves behind him a flourishing and successful Rifle Club, and a welltrained Cadet Corps.

On the other hand, we are now able to bid welcome to several new masters, whose faces are already familiar to us. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the addition of Messrs. Dennehy and Deuquet to the Modern Languages staff; Mr. Cantello, to the English; and Messrs. Outten and Godfrey to the Mathematical staff; $\mathrm{Mr} \mid \mathrm{McNiven}$ to the Science Department.

Owing to the well-directed efforts of Messrs. Wilson and Dennehy, we were enabled to place a team in G.P.S. first grade, and, with the assistance of the former as coach, looked forward to a prosperous season. Mr. Wilson being lost to us, however, our only hope lies in another member of the staff stepping into the breach and continuing his good work.

In the recent P.S.A.A.A. Swimming Carnival, held at Drummoyne, we passed off very creditably with the assistance of Willsher, Grover, and Elwin. The first, especially, put up a fine performance in every event entered, while Grover surprised many of us.

Our own carnival, though shortened for various reasons, proved more successful than expected. The school championship for 100 yards fell, as was anticipated, to Willsher.

Speech Day, at the conclusion of last year, was a much less important event than usual, owing to the almost total absence of visitors, and the general quietness of the ceremony. The reason lies in the fact that the Head has seen fit to transport the date of Speech Day to March, to render the results of the Annual Public Examinations, and the Certificates awarded in connection therewith, available, in the latter case, for distribution, together with the prizes. One disadvantage which we respectfully wish to point out is that, in all probability, the Old Boys will not be able to turn up in force to a mid-year function, and thus the gathering will be robbed of its greatest attraction, that of a reunion of old friends. Further, Speech Day is usually the last occasion on which we see the 4th year boys of the preceding year, and was in the nature of a general farewell to them. But we, nevertheless, perceive that in this matter Mr. Hinder has as usual done his best in our interest, although he has not been fortunate enough to please the most critical.

The following Prefects have been selected for 1916:-Senior Prefect, A. W. W. Gray; Fourth Year Prefects, C. H. Boyd, R. A. Bradley, J. S. Cross, C. Downward, A. T. Edwardes, A. M. Forbes, W. A. Mackey, W. K. Manton, and J. Parkes; Third Year Prefects, H. Cooper and K. Tonking.

After a stormy general meeting, in which the long smouldering rivalry between the various branches of winter sport blazed out, the following members of the school found places on the Executive Committee of the Union:-J. S. Cross, A. W. W. Gray, H. Cooper, J. Parkes, K. Howell, and A. Forbes (Asst. Hon. Sec.). Mr. Fletcher (Hon. Sec.) was unable to place a full report before the school owing to the absence of Mr. Parker (Hon. Treas.), but mentioned the successes and reverses met with by the various affiliated clubs, concluding his report with hopes of a prosperous year, financially and otherwise, during 1916. One issue at this meeting, which too closely affected the interests of the rival factions to be touched on, was that referring to the inclusion of first year votes in the balloting. We think that, had first year been a little less controversial and somewhat more reasonable, and their advocate used his influence more in the direction of impartial justice than quibbling and one-sidedness, what was clear to us would have been obvious to them, namely that the opinions of boys of less than two months' standing were necessarily vague, as to the characters of others with whom their acquaintance was so short, and unfortunately subject to possible misrepresentation. When this present first year have passed into second year they will, we believe, see the justice of this after a little experience.

We omitted to state in last issue that the Old Boys' representative selected by the Council for this year was A. W. W. Gray, the Senior Prefect, who now occupies that responsible position.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Leaver's Life-saving Class passed, in every case, their prescribed examination, twenty bronze medallions being gained. They afforded an exhibition at the Carnival, which was greatly appreciated.

In connection with the Roll of Honour, the compiling of the list, etc., would be greatly facilitated if members of the School and others who are in touch with Old Boys on active service, would communicate any news of them to the staff.

Members of the School will rejoice to hear that a new tuckshop is to be built on a more pretentious scale, in the passage to the left of the main building. This will enable the committee to have greater control over their stock, more convenience, and the ability to purchase more widely.

## Thoughts on an Eventful Occasion.

Ten years ago!<br>How strange it seems to be<br>That Time has borne upon its wings<br>So faithful record of the things<br>I happened then to see.<br>How clearly now<br>My thoughts fly back again<br>To childhood days, and scenes, and friends, To those glad times the memory tends, More cherished now than then!<br>And ten years hence!<br>How strange it seems to be, That Time will also bear away The doings of this very day, To make Life's History.

## E. J. Wilson, Esq., M.A., B.A., B.Sc.

Though the period spent here by Mr. Wilson has only been fifteen months in extent, not a quarter of that time had elapsed before he sprang into a permanent place in our esteem, for reasons which seem too evident to name. For not only was he, to us, in all things, a gentleman in class, a patient and understanding instructor,, in the field a shining example of a true "sport," but he was besides a real comrade to us all, for whom our respect as a teacher was mingled with our trust as a never-failing adviser and supporter. His tireless enthusiasm for the work in hand, and his energy in carrying it out, inevitably engendered similar feelings in his classes, and was largely responsible for their success in Modern Languages.

But the qualities which we perceived in Mr. Wilson as a teacher and scholar were equalled, and in some opinion surpassed, by his brilliance as a footballer. In this role, as in others, he was able to communicate his boundless enthusiasm, as well as his technical knowledge, to those who enjoyed the privilege of his instruction, and we are convinced that, with the energetic coaching of Mr. Wilson, to prepare and sustain them, the 1st XV. would have played a very successful season in all respects. But a call from another field has deprived us of another valued comrade. Mr. Wilson's qualities, not unrecognised here, were in request in other departments of learning to a greater degree, and on Saturday, April 1st, he departed for the University of Perth, to take up the position of Lecturer in Modern Languages at that institution. But his departure, however, was not unmarked by a small function, which took place on the preceding afternoon, and during which we endeavoured, with partial success, to convey our regrets and wishes to him, even with the assistance of a substantial memento.

Since our respected Headmaster, for various reasons, made only a few remarks on the subject, the privilege of bidding Godspeed to Mr. Wilson fell to the Senior Prefect, A. W. W. Gray, assisted by Prefect J. S. Cross.

With a few fitting words from the former, which expressed, as adequately as was humanly possible, our feelings on this occasion, Mr. Wilson was presented with a handsome suit-case, which was to combine its natural function with that of a memento.

Mr. Wilson, in a characteristic speech, thanked the School, and deplored the fate which seemed to decree for him only a short stay wherever he went. He assured us that amongst all the exciting and varied experiences which he had undergone, this stay of his amongst us would take its place among the most prized and dearly remembered.

Mr. Hinder then referred to Mr. Wilson's connections with the Staff, his undoubted qualities, and the regrets and hopes to which his sudden departure gave rise, and thus, after bidding farewell to Fourth Year, Mr. Wilson left the School for the last time.

## '6 Gallipoli.',

> Tread softly! Here Australia's heroes lie In hallowed graves, undecked by carven stone; Mute mounds of mould! how drear ye stand alone, And show the world how brave Australians die.

> Oh, brave and true, ye heard the battle-cry, And answered straight in no uncertain tone; "Ah, ye must go, my sons"- their mothers lone Their cherished gave, with many a tear and sigh.
> "They do not die, who live in hearts they leave," And our brave men who made that wondrous fight, In the great Book of Life will ever live. May God, in mercy, soothe the hearts that grieve, And let them know that those who died for right Have gained a greater prize than earth can give. W. E. G.

Would that thou could'st give back our noble dead! Why must so great and sad a loss be ours?
When we had thought to deck their heads with flowers, Now must we in great sorrow bow our head.

They were the newborn flower of England's pride. Why must it be that they unhearing lie? Without delay, to England's martial cry They nobly answered, bravely fell and died.

May thy precipitous slopes provide the shade; The waves upon thy sandy shore, a knell; Thy barren rocks and crags, a memory dear; That their unequalled glory may not fade; And show in time to come how they did sell Their noble lives, which knew not any fear.

## Ceylon-Past and Present.

On the 16th March, Mr. Dennehy delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture on "Ceylon-Past and Present" to a crowded audience, at the meeting of the Literary and Debating Society. The substance of his lecture was as follows:-Ceylon lies on the highway between east and west, and is called the "Clapham junction of the East," since from it one can reach all parts of the Empire. It is important, strategically, as it is the base of the British Indian Ocean Fleet; commercially, because of its great production of tea and rubber; and thirdly, as a great tourist resort for Australians. Ceylon, before 500 B.C., was unknown, save to first the Chinese, and later the Moorish traders from Africa and the Indians. It is the sacred land of three religions: The Hindus reverence it as the place where Rama, one of their deified princes, fought to get back his bride, who had been cruelly carried away. The Mohammedans declare that when Adam and Eve were driven from Paradise Ceylon was given to console them; in fact, the mountain, Adam's Peak, is one of the sights of Ceylon, and towers $89,000 \mathrm{ft}$. above sea level. The Buddhists regard it as the centre of their faith, the land which Buddha loved and thrice visited, and his fame first made Ceylon famous.

Ceylon has a beautiful climate, and is very fertile, the tropical rains saving it from any possible chance of drought. From the level of the sea to Khandy nothing is grown but rubber trees, which, however, will only thrive up to 2500 ft . above sea level. Further inland, past Khandy, are the tea districts, in which one sees Euro-pean-built bungalows, very often with a conspicuous lack of chimneys, which are only seen above servants' quarters, in the kitchens. Tea grows from 3000 to 7000 ft . above sea level, and above this height the Government very wisely forbids interference with natural growth, as it has been found to influence the rainfall.

Ceylon was known to the Ancients as the "Isle of Precious Stones," and is placed on Ptolemy's map, being also mentioned in Arabian writings and "Paradise Lost." The island is situated centrally between the Red Sea and the Straits of Malacca, and is slightly under the size of Ireland-a little over 25,000 sq. miles. Its early history starts to be a little more than a myth at about 550 B.C., when the first Indian invasion took place; from thence to the Middle Ages its history is the tale of one continued struggle, the most important fact of the period being the introduction of Buddhism. Buddha came from Oud, of princely blood, and in his 29th year renounced all pleasures, comforts and honours, and gave his life up entirely to religious meditation. He sought for the cause and remedy of pain, sin, sorrow, etc., and discovered the cause to be dissatisfied desire, and the cure self-renunciation, leading to Nirvana. Buddhism is really a pantheism, which rejects the idea of Supreme Deity, but takes the world as working out its own system, hence their belief in transmigration of souls.

The Singalese as a nation believe in this theory of transmigration of souls, and will, therefore, neither kill the ubiquitous fly, which settles on their food, nor the poisonous snake which invades their dwelling. They are not educated to European standards, yet their civilisation is of a high grade, as is seen by their arts. Music they have none, with the exception of the tum-tum, or native drum, but they are skilled carvers of wood and beaters of brass. As a memento of the old civilisation, there are some marvellous old rock temples excavated.

Anurahdupoora, the old capital of Ceylon, has been hidden by the jungle for 2000 years, from which the Government has lately cleared a few patches round the more important of the ruined palaces and temples. The name means "Buried City," or it is sometimes called the "Ninety King City," and it is here that much of the fragments of Ceylon's unwritten history have been preserved, and lately gathered. At one time this single province (about one-fifth of the whole island) contained four million people (the present population of Ceylon), and whither they have gone nobody knows. They have left granite and marble pillars 15 and 20 feet high, and an artificial lake with a 12 -mile circumference. Dagotas, or rock temples, also remain; the largest has an 8 -acre base, and rises 250 feet, built of solid brick in concentric circles, the whole having a somewhat pyramidal shape. It is now covered with layers of red dust that have accumulated as the winds of the lonesome centuries blew over it. It is supposed this was built to entomb the sacred relics of Buddha, and guard them from the sacrilegious robber.

The next period of history is known as the Portuguese Period. In 1487 Diaz doubled the Cape. In 1497 Vasco da Gama reached India round the Cape, and landed at Calicut. By 1504 they had firmly established themselves. In 1515 the Portuguese Governor of Goa sent his son to Ceylon, and spread Portuguese influence there. The great Jesuit missionary, Francis Xavier, also helped to spread Portuguese influence, and despite trouble with the Khandyan kings, a large Portuguese population soon took root. Next, the Dutch took Colombo in 1656, and ruled in Ceylon till 1795.

Perhaps the most important thing the Portuguese left was their language, which, though the Dutch tried to suppress it, exists to the present day. This is probably because the Portuguese came first, and because it is less harsh in sound than the Dutch. Two important things were left by the Dutch; first, Roman-Dutch law (i.e., Roman law adapted to the Dutch), which is still in use, and second, the irrigation system from tanks and canals. A similar one exists also in the interior of Java.

The fourth and last period of Ceylon history dates from its capture, without a shot being fired, in the Napoleonic War in 1795, and secured by the Peace of Amiens, 1802. At first we experienced trouble with the King of Khandy, who, however, after a campaign, capitulated in 1815.

Ceylon is no longer Asiatic, but the telegraph, steam, arts, sciences, and all appurtenances of British civilisation are now in vogue, and as high civilising influences are having their effect on the natives. As a nation, the Singalese are thankful, and showed it by remaining loyal during the Indian Mutiny, and the present titanic struggle. A black contingent was raised for this war, but was unfortunately on the ill-fated French troopship which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. There were slight troubles, which were fanned into a more serious affair, just before Mr. Denehy left. Martial law was proclaimed, and all people had to be indoors between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. This, however, did not apply to Mr . Denehy, as he was in the civic guard. The result of this was that all the interned German prisoners, including the remnants of the "Emden" crew, are now in Holdsworthy Concentration Camp.

This, followed by a hearty vote of thanks from the Society, concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

## "Tennis"

> The tang of the taut-strung racket, The whizz of the flying ball, The smart return to the side line; The scorer's loud-voiced call.
> The low, long shot to the corner, Swift in unerring flight; The scrambled return to the backline, Told by the rise of the white.

> The whirling arm of each player, Smiting with might and main To volley, half-volley, and counter, As the ball comes back again.
> This is the game of Tennis-
> Played on the well-rolled court; The game for the energetic, For those who are fond of sport.
O. H. B.

## Maryesting in the Riverina.

It has occurred to me that, as most of the wealth of Australia comes from her primary products, possibly some of the readers of the "Record" might be interested in one branch of primary produc-tion-the growing of wheat.

For a good many years the crops-I speak specially of the Riverina-had not been very good, while the harvest before last was almost a "minus quantity" in many places. The harvest that has just been taken off, therefore, came just in time to save many from ruin, and it is fortunate for the country in general that the crop was the best for many years.

The actual work of harvesting naturally resolves itself into two parts. First of all, as most farmers grow some wheat for hay, there is the hay to be cut, stooked, and, when dry, to be carted and stacked. Then comes the harvest proper. The actual work of taking off the crop is very strenuous, and the hours long, but needless to say, the wages are good.

The harvester-driver has his team, generally of six horses, to look after, and his machine to oil and keep in order. The latter item is generally a large one, as the harvesters that are being made by the various manufacturers are put together very flimsily and quickly for the sake of cheapness and light weight. They are, therefore, often laid up for repairs of a more or less serious nature, necessitating great loss of time to the farmer.

When the harvester has taken off and cleaned the wheat, it has to be run out of the harvester box into bags, which have to be sewn and stacked. This work is done by the bag-sewer, who empties the box of the harvester while the driver is oiling the machine, and then sews the bags while the harvester is getting another load.

When the wheat has been taken off, the work of carting it to the nearest railway station is commenced. When the station is a good distance away, and the roads are bad-as they always are, though some are worse than others-this becomes a task of some magnitude. The usual charge is now a shilling per ton per mile, but many farmers cart their own wheat.

Owing to the ever-increasing cost of production through rises in wages, prices of goods and machinery, etc., there is not such a great margin of profit as is generally supposed, and when the uncertainty of the Australian climate is taken into consideration, it will be seen that a fortune cannot be easily made by farming. Still, to one who has lived in the country all his life, there is much of interest, and one feels that strange fascination which nature has for those who have lived for years within her influence.

F.V.H.

## E. M. W. Parker. Esq.

We have recorded elsewhere the recent departure of Mr. Wilson from our midst. There is, however, another loss, less recent, but in no degree less severe, which we have suffered, in the departure of Mr. Parker for another sphere before the Christmas vacation was concluded. The activities of this School in which Mr. Parker took an interest were not a few, but into each Mr. Parker threw tine whole energy which marked his disposition, and in each his work bore fruit in a long list of added honours to the School. The Department, however, in which his qualities of energy, efficiency, organisation and self-sacrifice appeared to best advantage, was the training of our two cadet companies, later amalgamated.

As a disciplinarian, he turned out a fine and efficient body of young soldiers, whose conduct on every public oceasion was a source of pride to the School, and an honour to himself. As an instructor and example, he taught the principles of the military art, of which he was, in his own department, a master, to his officers and noncoms., with the greatest effect and praiseworthy results. Under his fostering care, the Rifle Club attained the proud position of first amongst Great Public Schools, while he yet found time to officiate as honorary treasurer of the Union, and instructor of swimming.

In the class-room he was characterised by care, never-flagging interest, clearness and wide experience, which produced such fine results in all examinations, especially the Intermediate Certificate.

Mr. Parker has with him in his new responsibilities our best wishes for success in all respects, and our hopes that he did not find S.H.S. unworthy of remembrance.

## Annual Swimming Carnival.

The Annual Carnival of S.H.S. was held at Bondi Baths on Wednesday, 29th March. The function, though considerably more modest than those which the Swimming Committee have hitherto arranged, lost none of its interest on that account. Though the number of visitors was small, a record attendance of members of the School was present. Though the results of the principal events were not in doubt, yet some very good fights were put up.

Willsher easily proved his superiority over 100 yards, as did also Lawson over 220 yards. Both Back and Grover swam well, while Elwin, though not up to his usual form, performed creditably.

The following are the results:-
School Championship, 100 yds.-Willsher 1, Elwin 2. Time, 67 secs.

Junior Championship, 75 yds.-Grover 1, Elwiṇ 2, Back 3. Time, 51 secs .

14 years' Championship, 50 yd̆s.-Hirst 1, Smith 2, Bell 3. Time, 36 4-5 secs.

13 years' Championship, 50 yds.-Shand 1, Alexander 2, Holdaway 3. Time, $34 \frac{1}{2}$ secs.

16 years' championship, 100 yds.-Dunlop 1, Bradhurst 2, Cooper 9. Time, 1 min .27 secs .

Diving Championship.-Willsher 1, Wicks 2, Elwin 3.
Junior Relay.-2AC. 1, 2CG 2. Time, 3min. $273-5$ secs.
Senior Relay.-4BG. 1, 4AG. 2, 3BG. 3. Time, 3min. 14 2-5 secs.

220 yards Handicap.-Lawson 1, Crooke 2, Dunlop 3. Time, 4 min. 18 2-5 secs.

440 yards Handicap.-Willsher 1, Lawson 2.
Beginners' Race, 33 yds.-Masters 1, Guthrie 2, Crawford 3. Time, 27 2-5 secs.

First-year Handicap, 50 yds.-Cathels 1, Leask 2, Duffy 3. Time, 45 1-5 secs.

Second-year Handicap, 75 yds.-Crawford 1, Borenoon 2, Stewart 3. Time, 1 min . 15 secs .

Third and Fourth-year Handicap.-Back 1, Forsyth 2, Bradhurst 3. Time, $514-5$ secs.

Diving for Plates.-McInerny 1, Byrne 2.

## Old Boys' Column

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An Old Boys' Concert will be held on Wednesday, 19th April, at the Assembly Hall, Education Building, Loftus Street, at 8 p.m. The Glee Club is to assist the function. Mr. Waterhouse will be the recipient of a presentation. Both boys and their parents and friends are strongly urged to attend at this function.

## The Roll of Monour.

## Killed in Action.

Sig. F. Aitken.
Corp. R. A. Bastin Harvey
Private J. W. Cizzio
Lieut. W. J. Dannefaerd
Private G. L. Fleming
Lieut. J. Mackinnon.
Corp. W. O. M'Roberts

Lance-Sgt. O. A. Rainbow
Private J. B. Ryan.
Capt. S. E. Townshend Private R. W. Webster Private F. Wells.
Sergt. F. Wellisch

## Missing.

Private F. Skevington
Sergi. W. P. Ridley.

## Wounded.

Private A. Adey (2nd occasion)
Capt. G. S. Cook (2nd occa.)
Signaller W. H. Hughes
Private L. H. Hudson
Sergt. Macinnes
Private B. Molineaux.
Private G. A. Miller
Private J. Park

Lieut H. J. Salier
Private D. H. Souter
Private A. Stafford
Lance-Corp. G. B. Tidex
Private K. C. Upton.
Private C. Vyner
Private O. Wood
Lance-Corp. A. R. Wright

On Active Service.

Private A. Adey
Signaller F. Aitkin
Private H. Alexander
Private H. D. Allen
Lieut. A. F. Anderson
Private M. Aurousseau
Lieut. J. Back
Private Barnes
Private R. A. Bastin Harvey
Major R. H. Beardsmore
Private J. Beatley
Lieut. J. Berry
Private J. Best
Capt. N. E. Biden
Lieut. A. I'A. Bloomfield
Private C. H. Blumer.
Lieut. A. C. Bourne (British
Army).

Private George Bowsher.
Lieut. C. A. Broadbent
Lieut. J. R. Broadbent
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Private R. Carter
Private B. H. Cartwright
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Private V. Chapman
Private J. W. Cizzio
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Capt. G. S. Cook
Private R. C. Cooney

On Active Service (continued):-

Private A. Couchman
Private W. R. Cramp
Private W. R. Crabbe
Lieut.-Col. G. Craig (A.M.C.).
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Private F. W. Croft
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Private T. L. Fitzgerald
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Private Garland
Private H. M. Garling
Private J. Garner.
Private J. Gaste
Private J. Gibb
Corp. A. Gilbert
Private Oscar R. Goslin..
Private A. Gray
Lieut. C. L. Gray (Imperial Royal Engineers)
Capt. K. Grieve (A.M.C.)
Trooper L. J. Gurney
Private J. Hague
Private L. V. Hall.
Private T. Hamany
Private Hamblin.
Private G. Hammond
Capt. S. H. Hancox.
Private T . Hannay.
Private G. Hardy (A.S.C.)
Private W. S. Hawthorne (R.A.M.C.)

Private V. Hedger

Private A. G. Henderson
Private C. L. C. Henry.
Private E. Henry
Sgt. E. G. Hooke.
Private E. F. Howard
Private J. Hordern
Sgt. C. Howie
Private L. H. Hudson
Signaller W. H. Hughes
Private T. H. Hutchinson (A.M.C.)

Lieut. A. G. Isaacs
Private W. Jenkins.
Private C. W. Johnson
Capt. W. E. Kay (A.M.C.)
Capt. Keating.
Sgt. R. Kell
Private Kelly
Private C. Kenningham
Signaller H. G. Kershaw
Private J. Kiddle
Private W. King
Private S. Lear
Col. J. G. Legge
Lieut. F. W. Lennox
Corp. G. Loveridge
Capt. N. B. Loveridge
Sgt. Macinnes
Lieut. J. Y. Mackinnon
Private Marney
Driver J. Matterson
Private G. Maude.
Private C. R. Maynard
Private M. McCulloch
Lieut. McKinnon
Private I. A. McLaughlin
Private H. L. McLosky
Private McManamy.
Private A. E. Meldrum
Col.-Chaplain Rev. E. N. Merrington
Private G. Miller
Lieut. Milne
Private H. Milne
Private E. Mitchell
Private B. Molineaux
Sgt. F. W. Moulesdale

Corp. I. M. Muir
Private H. Mortimer
Corp. W. O. M'Roberts
Private Gilbert Murray
Private C. L. Nelson
Private R. Nelson
Private T. B. Nicol
Private R. J. Noble.
Private J. Oag
Private H. W. Otter
Private J. Park (A.S.C.)
Private J. Parker
C.S.M. J. Parker.

Lieut. S. Paterson
Private V. Paterson
Private F. Paterson
Sgt. M. Peryman.
Dr. E. K. Parry
Private S. Perry
Private L. R. Phillips
Private L. J. Price
Lieut. K. Prior.
Sgt. O. A. Rainbow
Private M. N. Rabone
Sgt.-Major D. Rae
Private R. J. Rice
Sgt. W. P. Ridley
Private S. C. Robertson
Lieut. Robins
Lieut. F. W. Robinson
(A.M.C.) .

Sgt. M. Robinson
Private E. Rogers.
Private C. Rogerson.
Lieut. Clunes Ross
Private J. W. Russell
Private J. B. Ryan
Lieut. H. J. Salier
Private E. J. Saxby
Private K. Saxby
Private L. Sewell
Lieut. E. Sealy Vidal
Dr. W. F. Simmonds
Private F. Skevington

Private E. D. Slade
Private A. S. Shepherd
Private A. Stafford
Commander Smith
Private C. G. Smith (A.M.C.).
Private L. G. Smith
Sgt.-Major W. J. Smith
Lieut. A. E. Southee
Private D. H. Souter
Lieut. H. B. Taylor.
Cpl. G. B. Tidex
Dr. A. C. R. Todd (H.M.A.S. "Sydney.")
Capt. S. E. Townshend
Private F. A. Tidwell
Lieut. Thompson
Private K. C. Upton
Private H. M. Vincent
Private C. Vyner
Private J. S. Virtue
Sgt. R. A. Vale (A.F.A.)
Private J. M. S. Wasson
Private G. Walker
Private J. Watterson
Private L. G. Waterhouse
Private W. L. Waterhouse
Lt.-Col. W. W. R. Watson
Bugler White
Lieut. G. W. Webster
Lieut. D. Webster
Private R. W. Webster
Private O. Wood
Private Bevan Ward
L.--Corp. A. Wright

Corp. R. R. Willard
Private F. Wells
Private T. Le M. Wells
Sgt. F. Wellisch
Private W. G. Wiesener
Private B. Whitehouse.
Private C. B. Whitehouse.
Private C. Wilmott
Private F. C. Wootten

Trooper C. V. Wilmot left on 23rd March, on the S.S. "Armadale," for Egypt, with the 15 th Reinforcements, 3rd Field Company Engineers.

Sergeant S. Robertson arrived safely at Heliopolis on December 2nd, in good health, having passed a pleasant time on board ship during an exceptionally good trip.

Alf. King, McLoskey, "Dutchy" Alder, Jimmy Gibb, and Jimmy Garner found themselves together on the S.S. "Osterley," and their enjoyment of what otherwise promised to be an uneventful voyage was proportionately increased. The time was divided on board between concerts, sports, boxing, literary labours (on an ambitious rag known as the "Osterley Keystone"), and usual routine.

No further news has been received as to the fate of Sgt. W. P. Ridley, who so recently left us. As no soldier can be found who knows anything of his whereabouts, he probably fell, either unnoticed or together with his comrades. We still hope, however, that our one-time schoolmate is still alive, either as a prisoner or as a patient, and offer our deepest sympathy to his family in their suspense and sorrow.

All news of Old Boys who have enlisted will be thankfully received by Mr. Fairland, the Headmaster, or members of the editorial staff. The assistance of friends and pupils, especially as regards additions and corrections to the Roll, is earnestly requested.

## Glimpses of Western Queensland.

With the advance of civilisation, the pioneering days of New South Wales are fast passing into history, and that broad, free life of which Gordon sang, and of which our fathers so fondly tell, is rapidly becoming a memory.

In the Northern State, however, this old-time life still may be met-at least, in the western areas. The development of Queensland is evolving rather later than that of the Mother State, and upon different, although, perhaps, more favourable, principles. Instead of the small home, carved from the forest by the settler, the western part of Queensland is practically all in the hands of wealthy squatters-men who went there with good financial security, bought a few thousand acres for the homestead, and selected an area of forty or fifty square miles of surrounding country.

These immense stations were devoted formerly to the exclusive rearing of large stock, but gradually, and as surely as in the time of Sir Thomas Moore, the apparently helpless sheep is assuming entire control of the country.

For a good idea of the condition of this (to us) comparatively unknown country, take a trip across it, say, from Cloncurry to the "Gulf." The journey occupies about three weeks, and must be negotiated on horseback. Your party, then, consists of three or four friends, well mounted and armed, both for game and for protection, a couple of black boys-"horsetailers" as they are called-and your impedimenta upon pack-horses. If one of the party knows the route it is a decided advantage. The main thing to know is, of course, where to find water. This difficulty has been greatly facilitated by the construction of Government dams along the route, and now the longest "dry stage" is not more than a hundred and fifty or two hundred miles.

If you have the good fortune to keep the route, you will probably also have the pleasure of meeting mobs of five or six thousand head of cattle at intervals along the journey. Should it fall to your lot to witness a night "stampede" of such a herd, it will be an experience, the vividness of which will never wane. Camped for the night, sometimes the slightest alarm will start the more timid animals upon a headlong rush, and the others madly follow. Should they rush towards the camp, anyone not in the saddle is certainly trampled to death. Immediately the alarm, "Stampede!" is given, the whole camp is on horseback, and galloping with their stock'whips after the leading animal. The party is then in front of the main body of cattle, and battling to turn the course of the leader, galloping at full speed all the while. A false slip on the horse's part, and both horse and rider are instantly under an infuriated sea of galloping hoofs. When the leader is turned the victory is won. The cattle continue galloping round and round in a confused mass, "ringing," as it is termed, and all that is visible through the dust are the wildly tossing horns, which at times clash together like pistol shots. After five or six hours they are quiet again, but for days they are not safe, and there is no sleep in the camp, everybody being on the qui vive for the slightest sign of danger.

In this land of "vast distances" fences do not yet mark the boundaries of stations. Consequently the stock on different stations often get hopelessly mixed, in spite of shepherds and boundaryriders. To overcome this difficulty, what are termed "bang-tailed" musters are held. All the stock is rounded up, and the neighbouring squatters notified to be at the muster to claim their property. The squatter holding the muster then claps his brand on to everything he can, and thereafter it is his property-even if it were not so previously.

Nearing the "Gulf country," a good watch must be kept on the natives. About every hundred miles a different tribe is encountered, but they are all treacherous, and more or less hostile. Sometimes a party of blacks will approach quite close, walking through long grass, unarmed, and apparently friendly. When they approach
near enough, they snatch their spears, which they have dragged through the grass with their toes, and attempt to take you at a disadvantage. To have a rifle handy is the only chance.

Neither is it safe now to venture in swimming without making investigations. Alligators up to twenty feet long, which would snap a man in two at one bite, or kill a horse with a single blow of the powerful tail, infest the rivers. Their backs are protected with an armour of scales, which no bullet can pierce. They are, therefore, unpleasant customers.

There is plenty of game in this country. Kangaroos and wallabies are extremely plentiful. Wild pigs, brumbies, and clean-skins are frequently to be met with, while flock-pigeons and plain-turkeys are there in thousands and thousands. An occasional buffalo, strayed, perhaps, from the Northern Territory, where they are very numerous, adds something in the way of "big game." The chasing of buffalo is one of the most exciting and dangerous of sports. Armed with revolvers, and having a thoroughly trained horse, the only way is to ride right on to the buffalo-too close for it to turn and fight. Galloping close against the animal's side, a shot generally ends the chase, but if the shot is not successful, there is nothing to do but to trust the horse to extricate both itself and the rider from a most unenviable position. The skin of a buffalo, or the horns and hoofs, form a valuable addition to your bag of trophies.

Upon arrival at Bourketown, on the Gulf of Carpentaria-if, indeed, you are so fortunate as ever to get there-you will no more regret the experiences undergone than you will regret the unexpected meeting of a coasting vessel to bring you back to civilisation.
A.W.W.G.

## "Eyening."

> O, wondrous Eve! when now Apollo's car The last effulgence of its rays has cast, And Peace we missed throughout the day, at last Is with us all: now when the Evening Star Flings back to us the Sun's rays from afar, And warns us of the Night approaching fast, Yet beauty adds unto a scene so vast.
> How calm and sweet and soothing all things are. Thou blend'st Day and Night in thousand hues, And bid'st the world to leave its weary way And seek the soft caresses of the Muse, 'Mid sweet reflections of a well-spent day. So with the Day; so with us when we blend Here and Hereafter, as we near our end.

## Mumorous Impressions of the Term.



1. The Quarter commenced with a slight controversy.


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5 And of course $3^{3 a} Y_{\text {ear }}$ fag till all hours:


2 Fourth Year have resumed the Study of Chemistry.

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## Form Notes.

I. A.G.-Amid the crash of steam hammers, the noise of motorlorries and of steam engines, I. A.G. begins its High School career. ¡Within the murky precincts of the Manual Training Room (sic!) we follow the pleasant (?) routine of the day.

Our form is rather large in numbers, composed of the elite of the new boys, and a select few of old first year. Is there, then, any dispute as to our superiority?

Everybody in I. A.G. now takes a larger size in hats, as we were informed the other day that we were the best first year class (carried very unanimously). Naturally, our great "friends," I. B.G., were rather incensed, and Dame Rumour has circulated reports of outpost skirmishes between certain of ourselves and their followers. If these continue, we are afraid there will be early closing-not of hotels, but of I. B.G., for repairs.
I. A.G. has, however, settled down to work, and means to be the premier first year class.
II. A.C.-Having been successful in our manoeuvres at the yearly exam., we now advance with solemn tread, brought on by plenty of "fag" and "homework," to the dreaded brink shadowing the "Inter."

Our numbers have slightly decreased, but we cannot mourn our loss, for we bear heavy burdens known as "homework."

Since last quarter we have all been newly christened by our hon. maths. master, and now we introduce ourselves as "McTavish," "Wee MacGregor," "MacDonald," etc., etc.

In sport we shine out as the leading figures in society, and our feats are the talk of the school, especially in class cricket.

Let us now turn to our greatness in class work. Although some of us have been scared by the villain, Richard III., and the obnoxious odours issuing from the rcgion of the science room, we have still enough strength to withhold our honour in French tests. The results are marvellous (?), but "really and truly, it is too bad."
P.S.-Our poems and singers have died out, but Phil Ately has faken their place.
II. C.G.-The Intermediate bomb is in course of preparation, being timed to go off at the end of the year, leaving our mangled remains to be bundled into third year, or to have the dose repeated in twelve months' time. Each master declares, in tones which leave no doubt, that his is the hardest subject in the syllabus, and thot we must all fill in our spare time on it if we wish to pass the "Inter." Thus, to put it mildly, the outlook is somewhat blue; but no doubt our great and more or less latent genius will rise to the occasion, and we will emerge from the racking ordeal triumphant.

Owing chiefly to the great perseverance of a certain boy in the front seat, we have at last received from Mr. Hinder our form places, which we had almost lost hope of getting. To almost universal surprise, Edwards wrested the laurels from Moroney, who has held them so long.

We hear that one of our number, G. Benson, has won a three years' scholarship at the Conservatorium of Music, out of two given by the State. The class' whole-hearted congratulations go to the budding Paderewski.

Certain rash persons have been raising a pæan of joy at the demise of a certain "blue diary." None of its kin have yet come on the scene, but there have been several unpleasant hints dropped, which cast a temporary gloom over certain members of the class As regards the interested parties' names, "we will mention no names," as the owner of the hated book often loves to say.
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new," as witness our English, particularly the stereotyped essays we get to trite weekly, and no doubt in the near future bi-weekly.

As behoves our position in second year, we are well represented in the forthcoming carnival, and hope to be well in the finish. Owing to a meeting called by authority of some person who evidently does not wish his name to be associated with it, there will be considerable friction between Rugby and Soccer this year.

A stranger looking into our room during the Latin period, and meeting the pleasant circle of faces, would be immediately reminded of Mr. Squeer's school in "Nicholas Nickleby," or if he has denied himself the pleasure of Dickens, might perchance be transported to the frivolous days of his youth, when he took part in the delicious game of "kiss-in-the-ring."
II. A.G.- Just a few hasty words to the rest of the School to show them we haven't pegged out yet, although work is the order of the day. Up to the present our troubled minds have been worried with problems in loci, or locusts, or some such thing. Some of us are thirsting for Euclid's blood. But are we downhearted? No!!

We are easily first of second year in Latin and French, although somehow the other classes won't recognise it. We can't understand their obstinate attitude.

In sport, we have two members in grade cricket, and about 95 per cent. of the class go swimming. The class is in a terrible turmoil about football, and Foley is always squashing Rugbyites. It seems to be his chief recreation.

We wish to express our regret at the departure of Mr. Wilson who by his conscientious interest in our work brought us to a high standard in French. We wish him every success in his new position.

At the end of 1915 we lost three members-one to enlist, one to study dentistry, and one to go to the Tech. In their places we received four new boys, one of whom is a "corker."

Well, au revoir!
IV. A.-If ever anything should happen to be irksome, if anything should chance to demand more effort than you care to devote to it, if rules or laws should coerce you, or irritable masters perturb
you, then, friends, seek the refuge we have sought. Dub each one of them a farce-shut your eyes, ears, mouth, everything, to them. Smile languidly at them and say, "Go it, old farce!" In time, if numbers of you associate, as scholars are wont to do, you will find, if you collect each item that has been referred to as farcical, that indeed wonders have not ceased. Friends, you will find that the whole world is composed of farces. Strange! but hear us expound.

To begin with, Maths, is a farce. Now we are not so foolish as to ignore the failings of this strange world's inhabitants, and we will allow that there may be a difference of opinion on this point. But Earth's people never agree, whereby is constituted another farce, for whoever heard of allowing such inamicable, not to say ferocious, beasts to roam at will over a land, ready to pounce on one another, and gnaw each other's throats. To mix a herd of bears and lions together were not more foolish. But to maths. Some work-some don't. Homework attracts some-some are different. The master works; some watch-others talk-some snore. The bell rings; some awake-some remain in blissful peace. And so on for weeks at a stretch. Not the master's fault, for the offending few (or many) merely think it time for the operation of our principle.

Others think it a more suitable time for practising the theory in the Latin period. For them, the playing of "puss-in-corner," with desks for corners, or of a new idea of "draughts," with seats for squares and humans for men, for them it is tiresome. Wherefore they seek a position from which they can be moved no lower, nor are they willing to be moved higher; but, as usual, there was considerable friction over the right possession of the coveted position, and several becoming unduly excited, said the whole thing was a farce, and dropped out into the unenlightened world, which, as all know, is IV. B.

So much for "learning." Allow us to turn our attention to sport. Nevertheless, we will pass lightly over the question of the hour-Soccer or Rugby-yet, indeed, the partisans of the one are forever referring to the rival game as a farce, whilst others declare that all this heated talk, which cannot possibly benefit either, for Rugby may dominate in the fourth year, but Soccer claims practically the rest of the school, and these divisions are hardly likely to change; as we have said, some would call the whole controversy a farce.

Now we will make our excuse for not winning the Senior Relay. As you know, we had been carrying off all the races we wished during the afternoon, so, fearing lest the whole thing might resolve itself into a farce, we instructed our men to be merciful to the other teams. Thus we merely took the troubile to lead practically all the way, just allowing IV. B. to touch before us, so making a pretty and exciting finish.

Fearing lest the reader might by this time be tired of hearing how we manage to exist in such sordid surroundings by giving ourselves up to insensibility, we will desist.

Perhaps, now that animal spirits are abated, that the germ of revolt which, born in the minds of a few, manifests itself so contagious, now that this disease no longer is smarting under irritation, we will take an opportunity of bidding farewell to Mr. Wilson. We will not detract from his merits by trying to express them, but we will echo the sentiments of a speaker of some weeks backsentiments then lost, just as precious stones thrown into the floodwaters of a river.
IV. B.-Great place! How undeniably true the statement of Bacon: "The rising unto place is laborious, and by pains men come to greater pains." But better in Wordsworth,
"There is a pleasure in poetic pains, Which only poets know."
So have we risen, and, imbued, to some extent, the spirit of our Alma Mater, we find enjoyment in our truly laborious works.

Nor are we less truly great in the School's coliseum. The IV. B. team won the relay race in the Swimming Carnival, besides gaining other distinctions. Several of our members hold the Royal Life-saving Club's bronze medallion.

We are largely represented in the 1 st and 2 nd XI., and might be said to contribute almost the whole of the 1st XV., while the Soccer team lives in the front seat of our room. Four of our members are on the Sports Union (the total representative of fourth year). But enough! We are known.

We deplore the loss of our master of Modern Languages, Mr. Wilson, who has received an appointment at the University of Perth, the more especially as he was the trainer of our 1st XV. "Semper feliciter, fortunate vivere velimus."
III. B.G.-We will spare readers the painful task of perusing any "long-winded" account of the glorious manner in which we (the elite of the present third year) have achieved such unique success in the late ordeal of the "Inter."

Unlike former third year forms, we are prohibited the usual third year "rest," and to this end the masters seem to have co operated unanimously in grinding us under the iron heel of "work," the physical definition of which does not coincide with that to which our several masters evidently adhere.

However, the kind "fates," seeing the misery of their chosen ones, have shown their compassion for us, and have sent a little ray of sunshine into our lives, in the person of W-e. He is a sprightly little youth, gazing with child-like innocence from the refuge of two very bright, gold-rimmed windows. He rejoices in the endowment of the most exuberant spirits, but horrible to relate, is addicted to that unpardonable habit of blushing, which a third year fellow is supposed to have left in the dim shades of first year.

The sense of humour in our class is very pronounced, and the peals of whole-hearted laughter issuing from No. 4 at all times do not belie the statement that "there is something very funny" enacting between the four walls of the aforesaid No. 4. But, alas! sporting (?) wool-classers appear to hate merriment (or blackguardism) in which they cannot participate.

Latin progresses favourably. We are full of ingenuity when it comes to determining a "short way," in spite of the fact that a certain poet (evidently a lover) says, "The longest way is the best," but since "Lovers and madmen have such seething minds," we cannot take into account the burblings of these deluded persons who worship "things base and vile, holding no quantity."

Let us furnish an example of our intelligence: "Neigh, dumb kurs" is a Latin proverb spelt phonetically (vide Campbell on spelling of O.E.), and when translated into the vernacular means "a short life but a gay wan."

A certain influential person enjoined us not to let school-work interfere with our sport, so we are fretting for the opening of the king of games-football.

Not having a monopoly of the "Record," we will desist, and now permit some humbler spirit to body forth "airy nothings" for our diversion.
III. A.G.-Looking back across the past two years, we begin dimly to realise that there is much before us. We cannot live for ever in the present; just ahead loom Life's responsibilities. To the fellow leaving school at the end of next year this feeling is very real. To the "Uni." student to be there is another responsibility, that of friends and acquaintances amongst kinds and classes.

The recent elections to the Union Committee resulted in the installation to office of one III. A. boy-Cooper. We offer him our sincerest congratulations.
III. A. is well represented in the various offices in the School. The names are too many to mention, yet one deserves special note. Frank Bradhurst has been appointed manager of the tuck shop. To him we offer congratulations also. Again, Cooper was appointed as third year prefect for III. A. The Head's choice was certainly a good one.

We entered third year possessed of the idea that the year was to be a "loaf." We are rapidly being disillusioned, however. The chief agent in this change of mind is our revered English master. But there are others. Entreaties of "Will you kindly stop talking?" and "Please leave the room," together with "stiff nights," have all combined to hasten our disillusionment, and that complete, we leave you, a sadder and a wiser class. Before us the prospect of innumerable exams., behind us the memory of former greatness continually urging us on, and with us our abovementioned goads.

## Leaving Certificate Examination Results,

## December, 1915.

The numbers refer to subjects according to the following table:-(1) English, (2) Latin, (3) French, (4) German (5) Mathematics I., (6) Mathematics II., (7) Mechanics, (8) Modern History, (9) Ancient History (10) Physics, (11) Chemistry, (14) Geography, (16) Greek, (17) Business Principles, (18) Economics, (19) Shorthand, (24) Engineering Pass Paper (Geography and English).

* Honours in Maths.

Honours, 14; A Passes, 61; B Passes, 79. Total Passes (individual), 42.

Bursaries: Morrison (M), Regan (L), Sams (E), Maine (A).
Exhibitions.-Med.: Cunningham, Lawson, Brake, Porter, Byrne, Winston. Science: Broome, Taylor, Lauder. Law: Anderson. Arts: Bernie, Shiress. Engineering: Woodhouse, Harrison.

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## Intermediate Certificate Examination Results.

DECEMBER, 1915.

The numbers refer to subjects according to the following table:-
(1) English, (2) History, (3) Geography, (4) Maths. I., (5) Maths. II., (6) Latin, (7) French, (8) German, (9) Physics, (10) Chemistry, (11) Physics, (14) Business Principles, (22) Shorthand, (20) Music.

Total number of passes, 61.


## Sydney Migh School Union.

(Inaugurated 1913.)

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This Union shall be called the "Sydney High School Union."
2. The affiliated clubs in the Union are:-
i. Sports-Football (Rugby and Association Rules), Cricket, Tennis, Baseball, Swimming and Rifle Clubs.
ii. Other Activities-Debating Societies, Glee Club, "Record," Library, Camera.
iii. And such others as may be sanctioned by the General Committee.
3. Membership of the Union is open to all boys at present attending the School, together with the Staff of the School.
4. The Annual Subscription of each member is $10 /-$, payable in advance, or quarterly instalments of $2 / 6$ per term, payable in advance.
5. Any member of the Union is eligible for membership in one or more of the affiliated clubs, without paying any further subscriptions.
6. The management of the Union is vested in a Committee, consisting of a President (ex-officio, Headmaster of the School), two Vice-Presidents, who must be members of the Staff; two joint Hon. Treasurers, who must be members of the Staff; an Hon. Secretary, who is a member of the Staff; an Assistant Hon. Secretary, chosen from the boy members of the Union; and seven members, five of whom are selected from boy members of the Union.
7. The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held before or during the month of March each year, at which meeting the Report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, duly audited, shall be laid before the members. Quorum to be one-fifth (1-5th) of the total number of members of the Union.
8. Annual Election of Committee will take place at the Annual Meeting; the method of election to be as follows:-
i. All Committee-men who are members of the Staff, together with the Asst. Hon. Secretary, are to be chosen in a meeting of the teachers of the School.
ii. The five representatives of the boys are to be elected by ballot, by the members of the Union, from the nominees who may be nominated by each affiliated club. No club is allowed to select more than three nominees.
9. The Committee shall meet at least once a month, and as far as available on the first Monday or Tuesday of each month, and an attendance of eight (8) shall constitute a quorum.
10. The Committee shall have power to make such by-laws for the management and conduct of the Union as they from time to time shall think fit.
11. The Committee shall have power to call a Special General Meeting at any time, and shall also call one on receiving a written requisition from no fewer than twenty (20) members. The object of such general meeting must be announced seven (7) days
prior to the meeting, and only that matter may be discussed at the meeting. At all meetings the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of the Union.
12. Each affiliated club is to forward a written report to the Secretary of the Union on the Friday preceding the day on which the Committee is to meet.

Such written report is to state:-
(i) General progress of the club during the month.
(ii) Special developments during the month.
(iii) Monthly financial statement.
(iv) Inventory, and state of repair of the material of the club.
(v) Any other relevant matters.
13. A club forfeits its affiliation on two successive failures to produce such report, unless, being out of season, it has received permission from the Union Committee to act otherwise.
14. Established clubs out of season need not apply for reaffiliation.
15. The General Committee Meeting has, among other powers, the right to receive and discuss the written Monthly Reports, and consequently allot the funds of the Union, as it deems advisable.
16. The General Committee is also the final court of appeal in connection with any controversial matters that may arise in any of the affiliated clubs.
17. The Committee has the power to nominate committees from their members for any special purpose, and such committees must, through their convener, present a report at the next General Committee Meeting.
18. This Constitution may be altered only at a General Meeting of the Union, and all motions for alteration of any of the clauses, or addition of clauses, must be in the hands of the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the General Meeting is held.
19. All matters in affliated clubs involving the expenditure or acquirement of funds, shall be brought before the notice of the General Committee.

## BY-LAWS.

1. Grants of money given to affiliated clubs, if not drawn upon before the next ordinary monthly meeting, lapse. (22/4/'13).
2. Ground fees are not to be paid by the Sydney High School Union. (6/5/'13).
3. No unauthorised expenditure can be indebted to the S.H. S.U. by any of the affiliated clubs. (15/7/'13).
4. Secretaries of clubs are instructed to see that all boys playing games and partaking in activities of the Union, have tickets of membership before so doing. (12/8/'13).
5. Headmaster may admit boys, under special circumstances, into full membership of the S.H.S.U. ( $12 / 8 /$ '13).
6. Parents are not to be circularised on any particular fund by any affiliated club. (24/10/'13).
7. Any member of committee absenting himself from two consecutive monthly meetings of the General Committee, unless a satisfactory excuse be furnished by him in writing to the Chairman, prior to the meeting, shall be deemed to have vacated his position. (4/11/'13).
8. Metal badges of membership be procured and sold to annual members of the Union at a charge of 6 d . ( $8 / 12 /{ }^{\prime} 13$ ).
9. The sports master is to keep a book by which a check may be kept on the weekly issue of material. (10/3/'14).
10. The Finance Committee (consisting of the President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary) deal with urgent matters occurring in the intervals between the ordinary monthly meetings, and their action is to be sanctioned by the General Committee at its next meeting. ( $10 / 3 /{ }^{\prime} 14$ ).
11. The General Committee has the power of filling any vacancy that occurs in its ranks from time to time. (5/5/'14).
12. Nomination of masters to the Committees of Athletic Sports Club and Swimming Carnival is left to the President of the Union. (14/7/'14).
13. The Committee of the Athletic Sports Club is to consist of seven masters and seven boys, at least two of the latter are to be third year scholars, and the President of the Union. (14/7/'14).
14. The Junior Cup at the Athletic Meeting is to be presented by the School Union. ( $4 / 8 / 114$ ).
15. The Annual Prize for the Girls' High School is to be provided from free-will contributions of the boys, and not from the funds of the Union. (4/8/'14).
16. The School branch of the Christian Union is now affliated in the S.H.S.U. ( $12 / 4 /$ ' 15 ).
17. No ground fees are to be charged the visiting teams at Wentworth Park. (8/8/'16).
18. Re Blazers:-
(a) All boys in the School may wear blazers.
(b) Cricket, Rugby Football, and Rifle Shooting, are the only three sports in which full colours may be obtained.
(c) All other sports affiliated in the School Union can obtain only half-colours.
(d) Colours are Scroll and Badge; half-colours, Scroll only.
(e) Colours and Half-colours will be granted to boys who have played at least two-thirds (2-3rds) of the total number of games in any sport in the first grade team for one season.
(f) Notwithstanding anything in rule (e), the sports master at his discretion and subject to the approval of the General Committee, may award Colours or Half-colours. (8/9/'15).
19. Swimming Club may carry on operation at both Bondi and Abbotsford Baths, provided suitable supervision can be obtained. (4/11/'15).
20. In Club Reports, items under "Petty Cash" must be definitely specified. (29/2/'16).
21. Football-Only First Grade teams are to be granted shinpads, knee-pads, and ear-guards. (29/2/'16).
22. Proceedings of Committee Meetings are to be published, for information of members of the S.H.S.U. (4/4/'16).

## Cricket

As was expected, the 1 st XI. was considerably strengthened after the vacation. The batting, though at times disappointing, was on the whole fairly creditable.
J. Clemenger, a recruit from Goulburn, proved an acquisition to the team. After scoring 109 not out for the 2nd XI., he performed very creditably for the 1st XI., and finished by heading the averages with 33.6. His chief scores were 69 not out, 55, 46, and 60.
L. Claremont batted as solidly as ever, finishing second with 25.6. He has not yet forgotten how to hit "sixers."
J. Byrne's form was very disappointing to those who saw him at his best a few seasons back. His 63 against Fort Street was a good effort.

Lachmund's batting was much inferior to his last season's performances.

Cooper, Williams and Benson, who started the season well, tailed off towards the finish.

O'Connor, perhaps one of the most promising bats in the team, never seemed to strike form, except in practice matches.

Bain is a promising left-hander, but does not put enough force behind his strokes.

The chief weakness of the team was in the bowling department. Although we have a number of good change bowlers, we possess no star performer. Only three bowlers captured more than 5 wickets in an innings:-

Cummings-5 for 24 v. Fort Street.
Webb-5 for 114 v . King's School.
Wilson-7 for 48 v . Newington College.
Wilson, who heads the bowling, is a fast left-hander, with a natural swerve, and when on the spot is dangerous.

Since the vacation, Webb has developed a "googly." He bowls. a very fair ball occasionally, but owing to the number of "loose ones," is rather expensive.

Bain, another fast left-hancer, proved destructive towards the close of the season, and will no doubt improve if he can only last.

Byrne bowled much better than his average of 50 would indicate.

A pleasing feature of the out cricket was the improved fielding, Bain and Clemenger being especially prominent in this direction.

Owing to our victory over Fort Street in the last match, we finished first in the High Schools' competition.

During the season a number of combined matches were arranged, which proved very satisfactory. On one occasion we finished only 6 runs behind S.G.S. The need of a coach at practice is keenly felt, and if this matter were rectified, much better results could be obtained.

The chief partnerships of the season were:-
Cooper and Benson . . . . . . . . . . . 92
Lachmund and Benson . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 75
Clemenger and Lachmund . . . . . . . .. 70
O'Connor and Taylor . . .. . . .. .. . . .. 67
Clemenger and Byrne . . .. . . .. ..... .. 62
Byrne and Bain .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 61
Clemenger and Byrne . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 61
Clemenger and Claremont . . . . . . . . . .. 57
Lachmund and Williams . . . . . . . . . . . 53
Lachmund and Clemenger . . . . .. .. .. 50
Clemenger and Webb . . . . . . . .. .. 50

BATTING AVERAGES.

|  | No. of Inns. | Not Outs | Highest Score | Total | Ayerage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J. Clemenger | 11 | 1 | $69^{*}$ | 336 | 33.6 |
| L. Claremont | 10 | 0 | 88 | 256 | 25.6 |
| J. Byrne | 13 | 0 | 63 | 225 | 17.3 |
| H. E. Lachmund | 24 | 3 | 46* | 315 | 15.0 |
| G. W. Benson | 21 | 2 | 70 | 284 | 14.94 |
| W. Bain | 4 | 1 | 29* | 43 | 14.57 |
| G. Williams | 12 | 2 | 43 | 120 | 12.0 |
| H. Cooper | 15 | 0 | 84 | 162 | 10.8 |
| H. O'Connor | 16 | 0 | 27 | 141 | 8.81 |
| S. G. Webb | 11 | 5 | 20 | 40 | 6.66 |
| D. Wilson | , | 0 | 22 | 33 | 5.6 |
| R. Colvin | 6 | , | 21 | 27 | 4.5 |
| A. Cunningham | 7 |  | 18 | 31 | 4.42 |
| A. M. Forbes |  | 0 | 6 | 15 | 3.75 |
| B. Andrews | 9 | 0 | 14 | 33 | 3.66 |
| F. MeCredie | 5 | 2 | 5* | 10 | 3.33 |

BOWLING AVERAGES.

|  | Overs | Mdns. | Runs | Wkts. | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D. Wilson | 20 | 3 | 72 | 7 | 10.28 |
| W. Bain | 16 | 1 | 67 | 5 | 13.4 |
| F. McCredie | 16 | 0 | 96 | 6 | 16.0 |
| G. W. Benson | 62 | 1 | 336 | 17 | 19.7 |
| H. E. Lachmund | 21.2 | 1 | 144 | 7 | 20.6 |
| G. W. Williams | 39 | 0 | 240 | 11 | 21.8 |
| S. G. Webb | 59.4 | 1 | 360 | 15 | 24.0 |
| J. Clemenger | 36 | 5 | 158 | 5 | 31.6 |
| J. Byrne . . | 82 | - 9 | 350 | 7 | 50.0 |

## 1st XI. MATCHES.

## S.H.S. 1st XI. v. T.K.S. 1st XI.

Played at Parramatta on Feb. 26, and won by T.K.S. by 245 runs on first innings. T.K.S. compiled a solid 334, of which Rock scored 79. Webb and Byrne bowled splendidly. In our first attompt we only managed to reach 89 . Our second essay was more successful, losing 7 for 130 , of which Clemenger scored a good 55 .
T.K.S.-1st Innings.

Best, h.o.w., b Webb . . 0
Rock, c and b McCredie 79
R. Bettington, c Clemenenger, b McCredie .. 68
McPhie, c Byrne, b Lachmund . . . . . . . . . 51
Friend, c Clemenger, b Byrne . . . . . . . . . 18
B. Bettington, not out 69

Edkins, b Webb . . . . 1
Walters, lbw, b Webb . . 0
Davies, c Forth, b Webb 3
Mack, b Byrne .. . . . 10
Moore, c Cooper, b Webb 15
Sundries . . . . . . . 20
Total . . . . . . . . . 334

Bowling.

| Clemenger | 0 | for | 21 | Claremont | 0 | for |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Webb | 5 |  | 114 | McCredie | 2 |  |  |
| Byrne | 2 |  | 77 | Lachmund | 1 |  |  |

S.H.S.-1st Innings.

Clemenger, b Davis .. 9
Cooper, e Moore, b Bettington . . . . . . .
Byrne, c B. Bettington, b .Davis .. .. .. .. 7
Claremont, b Best . . . . 31
Benson, c McPhie, b B. Bettington .. .. .. 20
Lachmund, st Rock, b
R. Bettington ...... 0
Forbes, b Best . . . . . . 1
Cunningham, e Rock, b
B. Bettington....
McCredie, not out . . . . 5
Webb, b B. Bettington 3
Firth, b B. Bettington 0
Sundries . . . . .. .. 13
S.H.S.-2nd Innings.

Claremont, b Mack .. .. 23
McCredie, e Rock, b B. Bettington .. .. . . 0
Clemenger, b Moore .. 55
Byrne, b B. Bettington 1
Lachmund, run out .. 14
Cooper, b McPhie .. .. 1
Benson, not out .. .. 20
Webb, run out . . .. . . 4
Sundries . . .. .. .. 12

Total . . . . . . . . 89

Claremont . . .. 0 for 43
Lachmund . . .. 1 ,, 27

## S.H.S: 1st XI. v. S.C.E.G.S. 1st XI.

## Played at North Sydney on March 4.

Batting first, we were dismissed for the small total of 87. S.C.E.G.S. responded with a slow 246 . Webb and Clemenger were the pick of the bowlers. In our second innings we had lost 7 for 119 when stumps were drawn.
S.H.S.-1st Innings.

Clemenger, b Charlton I. 25
Claremont, c Mayers, b
Holcombe . . . . . . . . 0
Byrne, c Forbes, b Cobb I. 38
O'Connor, c Charlton II., b Charlton I. . . . . . . 2
Lachmund, c Cobb II., b Cobb I. . . . . . . . 5
Benson, b Charlton I .. 0
Cooper, c Charlton II., b Charlton I. . . . . . 9
McCredie, c Forbes, b Cobb I. .. . . .. .. 2
Cunningham, b Charlton I. 0
Andrews, not out .. .. 4
Webb, lbw, b Charlton
I. . . . . . . . . . . . . 0

Sundries . . . . . . . 2
Total . . . . . . . . . 87

## S.C.E.G.S. First Innings.

Mayers, run out ..... 30
Holcombe, b Clemenger ..... 21
Forbes, b Benson ..... 51
Heron, c Cooper, b
McCredie ..... 32
Pountney, h.o.w., b Webb ..... 39
Charlton I., run out ..... 31
Wade, st. O'Connor, b ..... Webb .. . . . . . 5
Charlton II., b Webb ..... 10
Cobb II., c Webb, b Byrne ..... 8
Cobb I., not out ..... 0
Balcombe, l.b.w., b Webb ..... 0
Sundries ..... 19

Bowling.-Byrne 1 for 22,Webb 4 for 71, Clemenger 1 for 42 , Claremont 0 for 9 , McCredie 1 for 25, Andrews 0 for 19, Lachmund 0 for 17 , Benson 1 for 25 .
S.H.S.

## Second Innings.

| Clemenger, c Mayers, b Cobb II. | 15 | Benson, not out . . . . . . Byrne, c Heron, b Charl- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Claremont, 1.b.w., b Heron | 1 | ton I. |
| Andrews, l.b.w., b Charlton I. | 3 | Cunningham, st. Balcombe, <br> b Cobb I. |
| Lachmund, c Forbes, b Cobb I. | 20 | Sundries |
| O'Connor, st. Balcombe, b Cobb I. | 23 | 7 for |

## COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS v. COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Played at S.C.G. on March 8, and resulted in a draw. Batting first, we declared at 9 for 311. Claremont and Clemenger batted splendidly for 88 and 60 respectively. The former hit 12 fours and 2 sixes. Primary Schools had lost 2 for 164 when stumps were drawn. Squires batted magnificently for 105 not out.

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS. First Innings.
Claremont, b Mair .. . . \&s
Byrne, c Norris, b Stevens 6
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Newman, } & \text { c } & \text { Squires, } & \text { b } & \\ \text { Mair } & \text {. } & \text {. . . . . . . } & 43\end{array}$
Clemenger, c Squires, b Arlidge . . .. .. .. 60
Lachmund, c Arlidge, b Rutledge . . . . . . . . 26
Firth, e Squires, b Mair . 27
Benson, b Batter .. . . 7
Searle, not out . . . . . . 34
Stafford, run out . . . 7
Goodman, b Mair .. $\quad \therefore \quad 0$
Webb, not out . . .. .. 4
Sundries . . . . . . . . 9
9 for .. .. .. .. 311
Innings declared closed.
2 for
164
Bowling.-Webb 1 for 46, Byrne 1 for 30.
S.H.S. 1st XI. v. FORT STREET 1st XI.

Played at Wentworth Park on March 15, and resulted in a win for S.H.S. by 56 runs. The bowling of Bain, Clemenger and Williams proved too good for Fort Street, who were dismissed for 124. S.H.S. scored 180, Byrne, Claremont and Bain being the chief contributors. The former scored 10 fours and a fine six.
Fort Street lost 3 for 56 in their second attempt.
FORT ST. First Innings.
Munroe, c Williams, b Bain . . . . . . $\because \quad . .4$
Newman, b Webb .. .. 6
Firth, b Bain . . . . . . . . 14
Searle, b Clemenger . . . . 45
Goodman, c McCredie, b Bain . . . . . . . . . 4
Brown, b Williams . . .. 27
Copeland, b Clemenger . . 0
Kallmeyer, e Byrne, b
Williams . . . . . . . . 0
Stafford, b Williams . . . . 5
Burnett, not out . . . . . . 16
Mallam, b Clemenger .. 3
Sundries . . .. .. . . 5
Total . . . . .. .. 124
Bowling for S.H.S.-Bain 3 for 21, Webb 1 for 45 , Byrne
0 for 21, Clemenger 2 for 9, Williams 3 for 25. FORT ST.
Second Innings.
Munroe, c Clemenger, b $\quad$ Searle, not out . . .. . . 0
Williams . . . . . . . 14
Newman, $c$ and $b$ Wil-
liams . . . . . . . . . . 27
Firth, b Bain . . . . . . . 8 for . . . . . . . 56
Bowling.-Clemenger 0 for 18, Williams 2 for 23 , Bain 1 for 8 .

## S.H.S. 1st XI. v. N.C. 1st XI.

Played at Stanmore on March 18, and resulted in a win for Newington by an innings and 67 runs. Newington batted first, and compiled 266. Wilson bowled magnificently, capturing 7 for 48. Our first innings was a failure, the team only reaching 58. Our second attempt was more successful, totalling 141. Clemenger and Lachmund top-scored with 46 and 46 not out respectively.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { N.C. } \\
& \text { First Innings. }
\end{aligned}
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Brown, h.o.w., b Wilson 58
Crowther, b Wilson .. .. 65
Cripps, b Wilson .. .. 1
Dark, c Clemenger, b
Wilson .. . . . .. 18
Gregg, c Andrews, b Wilson .. .. .. .. .. 8

| McDonald, e o'Connor, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Benson | . | $\ldots$ |  |

Lawes I., c Claremont, b
Wilson .. .. .. .. 28
Palmer, b Wilson .. .. 3
Lawes II., not out . . . . . . 2
Englert, c Williams, b Benson .. .. .. .. 3
Austin, b Benson .. .. 5
Sundries . . . . . .. 20
Total . . . . . . 256

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First Iruings.
$\begin{array}{cccc}\text { O'Connor, e Gregg, b } \\ \text { Palmer } & \text {. . . . . . } & 5\end{array}$
Claremont, l.b.w., b Pal-
mer . . . . . . . . 4
Clemenger, c Brown, b
Lawes I. . . . . . .
24
Williams, e Brown, b
Palmer . . . . . . .
Byrne, c Cripps, b Gregg 13
Lachmund, e Cripps, b
Benson, b Lawes II. . . . . 0
Andrews, b Gregg . . . . 2
Wilson, b Lawes II. . . . . 2
Cunningham, b Lawes II. 2
Webb, not out . . . . . 0 Sundries . . . . . . . . 1

Total .. .. . . . 58
Bowling.-Clemenger 0 for 31 , Webb 0 for 25, Byrie 0 for 45 , Williams 0 for 38 , Wilson 7 for 48. Andrews 0 for 24 , Benson 3 for 32 .
S.H.S.

Second Innings.
Webb, l.b.w., b Brown . . 20 Williams, c Cripps, b
Benson, b Brown . . . . . 1 Gregg . . . . . . . . . 4
Clemenger, c Englert, b Andrews, b Crowther .. 14
$\begin{array}{cccccccc}\text { Lawes I. . . ............ } 46 & \text { Cunningham, } & \text { l.b.w., } & \text { b } & \\ \text { Brown } & \text {.. } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 0\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{rllll}\text { Claremont, } & \text { c Cripps, b } & \\ \text { Lawes } & \text {. } & \text {. } & \text {. } & \text {. }\end{array}$
Byrne, c Cripps, b Palmer 3
O'Connor, run out . . . . 0
Lachmund, not out . . . . 46

Wilson, e Dark, b Brown 2 Sundries . . . . . . . 15

Total . . . . . . 141
I.O.O.F. 140 (Tyter 40, Elliott 27, Roe 27, Henry 16 not out), defeated S.H.S. 80 and 7 for 64 (Mr. Watson 26, O'Connor 23, Lachmund 36).
S.H.S. 1st XI. v. Fort Street 1st XI., at Waverley Oval, on Feb. 9. Fort Street 214 (Achurch 81 not out), defeated S.H.S. 192 (Clemenger 69 not out, Byrne 34, O’Connor 22, Cunningham 18, Lachmund 16, Cooper 15). Bowling for S.H.S.: McCredie 3 for 37, Clemenger 2 for 37, Lachmund 1 for 19, Bain 1 for 38, Byrne 0 for 24 , Colvin 0 for 22.
S.G.S. 143 (Carr 40) defeated Combined High Schools 137 (Lachmund 37 not out, Clemenger 24, Byrne 13). Bowling for Combined High: Byrne 2 for 24, Cooper 1 for 10, Searle 4 for 31.
N.C. 181 (Brown 40, Crowther 44) defeated Combined High Schools 75 (Claremont 40, Byrne 14). Bowling for Combined High: Byrne 1 for 52, Claremont 0 for 20, Webb 3 for 44.

## S.H.S. 2nd XI.

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone-match abandoned through rain.
S.H.S. 237 (Clemenger 109 not out, Bain 43, Saunders 25, Andrews 23).
S.H.S., 138 (Wilson 64, Benson 21, Rickards 12, Ford 11, Forbes 10), defeated Parramatta, 35 and 68, by an innings and 35. Bowling for S.H.S., Benson, 7 for 49; Wilson, 9 for 28, Forbes, 1 for 2; Rickards, 1 for 6.
S.H.S. 1st XI., 181 (Andrews 64, Bain 27, Williams 22, K. McCredie 18, Ladds 11), defeated S.H.S. 2nd XI., 73 (King 23, Hyde 13), and 4 for 66 (Shipp 20, Ford 23). Bowling for 2nd XI., Wilson, 3 for 69; Walker, 1 for 18; Rickards, 3 for 29; King, 1 for 9. For 1st XI., Bain, 5 for 22; Webb, 2 for 30; Williams, 1 for 12; Andrews, 1 for 1; Lachmund, 1 for 0; F. McCredie, 2 for 18 ; K. McCredie, 2 for 13.

> S.H.S. 3rd XI.

This team has been very successful this season, winning nearly all its fixtures. It has produced some promising players, the most notable being, K. McCredie, V. Hyde, and M. Pullen, who should obtain places in the 1st XI. next season.
S.H.S. defeated N.S.H.S. Pullen 55, Harrison 33; Ladds did the hat trick for S.H.S.
S.H.S. defeated Hurlstone Park, by an innings and 160 runs. Rickards 53 retired, Hyde 52 retired, K. McCredie 23, Andrews 25.

## Rugby Football.

After an absence of about 8 years, S.H.S. has again entered the G.P.S. Competition. The school has a fairly strong team, and prospects are bright. There is one circumstance, however, which mars the outlook, namely, the loss of our energetic coach, Mr. Wilson. We are sure his guiding influence, both at practices and matches would have been as great an asset this season as heretofore.

It is to be hoped that another teacher will take up Rugby as enthusiastically and as energetically as did Mr. Wilson. The following is the G.P.S. draw:-
May 24 -S.H.S. v. S.I.C., at Riverview.
May 31-S.H.S. v. S.G.S., at Wentworth Park.
June 7-S.H.S. v. S.J.C., at Hunter's Hill.
June 14-All Schools' Match.
July 19-S.H.S. v. S.G.S., at Rushcutters Bay (non-competition).
Aug. 2-S.H.S. v. T.K.S., at Wentworth Park.
Aug. 9-S.H.S. v. N.C., at Stanmore.
Aug. 16-S.H.S. v. T.S.C., at Wentworth Park.
Aug. 23-S.H.S. v. S.C.E.G.S., at North Sydney.

We have also entered 4 teams in the High Schools' Competition, which we hope to carry off in at least the 1st Grade.

All those who wish to play Rugby during the forthcoming season, and who have not yet done so, are requested to hand in their names to the Hon. Sec., J. S. Cross, IV. B.

## Swimming Club.

This season has been a very successful one in this branch of sport,
At the North Shore Grammar School Carnival our relay team (R. T. Elwin, S. Willsher, S. A. Benson, G. Forsyth) obtained third place, defeating Newington and King's. The results of the P.S.A.A. Carnival were no less satisfactory. S. Willsher won the 14 years championship, and came a good second in the All Schools' 100 yard championship. Elwin swam into third place in the 15 years' championship, and our relay team (Elwin, Willsher, Grover and Forsythe) were easily victorions in the Senior Relay Race.

The Life-Saving team, under Mr. Leaver, displayed their accomplishments before the cinema photographer the other day, and a couple of hundred feet of film was-what shall we say-wasted or expended upon them. Mr. Leaver is to be congratulated on his efforts to make the club a success. The results of our successful Carnival are given elsewhere.

## Tennis Club

Haberfield courts have, as usual, been procured for the use of the more experienced players, while the school court is being utilised, by the beginners. Second Grade won their competition last year, but as we intend to win both 1 st and 2 nd this year, members should practice hard.

Already there are about 20 members, and another 20 have signified their intention of playing, so that there will be ample material for the grade teams. Before going to Haberfield, a player must be selected from the school court by one of the tennis masters.

Any boy playing at Haberfield may be challenged by one playing at the school. The winner of the match goes to Haberfield. In this manner we hope to add more interest to the games. Any matter concerning the club should be referred to the com mittee.

## The Christian Union.

Owing to the occurrence of a number of unforeseen happenings the Christian Union has not yet been able to hold its 1916 inaugural meeting, but it will take place during the first week in April. The constitution of the Union has been slightly enlarged, and now admits to its membership all members of the School Union over the age of fourteen years, and it is hoped that the boys of the junior part of the school will take full advantage of the privilege.

Since the Bible Study Circles of last year proved so successful and interesting, they will be recommenced this year on a new text book, and under the guidance of University men who gladly give up their time to assist the school in this matter. To suit the convenience of all, and to prevent as far as possible, clashing with other clubs, the meetings will be held at 12.45 p.m. every alternate Monday, and the Bible Study Circles at the same time every Thursday.

This year a good programme of speakers has been arranged, including several special speakers, to whose addresses the whole school will be invited. In conclusion, might we appeal for as good support as we have had in previous years, or indeed even better, especially from the senior half of the school?

## The Literary and Debating Society.

The beginning of the year was rather unfavourable for us, inasmuch as the military authorities decided to impose extra parades on the school company, and these could only be arranged for Thursday afternoon. Consequently the Society had to forego many of its meetings, and this accounts for the fact that up to 28th March only three meetings have been held.

The general half-yearly meeting was held in the customary room on Thursday, February 24th, Mr. J. H. Smairl, M.A., being in the chair. At this meeting the officers for the ensuing six months were elected, the names of whom appear in another part of the "Record."

Our first ordinary meeting occurred on Thursday, March 9th, a good attendance being present. The subject of the afternoon was "Impromptu debates," and many subjects of local interest were submitted, mixed with the usual number of laboured antiquities. During the course of the meeting several new members from the third year made very creditable maiden speeches. The serenity of the afternoon, however, did not last long, for after two subjects were exhausted, the fatal topic of "Should Soccer be abolished?" was brought up. The arguments waxed loud and long, and the feelings of the Society were deeply stirred; one small figure heroically struggled to pen up the mighty torrent of opinion with arguments and statistics weakened by age.

As a society we have been singularly lucky in having each year some member of the staff who has experienced and lectured us on some topic of the movement. The latest of these was Mr. Denihy who, on March 16th, lectured us on "Ceylon Past and Present," an account of which appears in this journal.

So far we have had good support from the seniors, and hope that third year will put their enthusiasm into the Society so that when 4th year will become devotees of the god "Fag," they will be able to uphold and carry out the traditions of the Senior Literary and Debating Society.

## The Library

The last quarter has been a very successful one for the Library. The influx of new boys has swelled the number of books passing through our hands daily, to over fifty. The library staff has been worked to the utmost during the brief fifteen minutes at their disposal.

We are glad to notice that a slightly improved taste in literature is asserting itself, but we would like to recommend to those who still are faithful to the more lurid type of book, to vary their programme slightly in favour of standard authors, historical novels, etc., of which we have a good collection.

Some new books have been added to the stock, among them, books by R. L. Stevenson, Rex Beach, E. M. Dell, Sewell Ford, Baroness Orczy, T. Barnes Reed, and the latest of G. Stratton Porter.

Owing to the vacancy created in the staff by G. Law leaving the school, B. Dunlop has been raised to the post of dignity behind the barrier.

## The Editor's Box.

"Gallipoli."-W.E.G.-Your sonnet accepted as worthy of insertion. The phrasing is at times a little forced, but on the whole the proper form is retained, together with a certain amount of true feeling.
"Glimpse of West Queensland."-A.W.W.G.-Quite an interesting account of a little known region. We print your article.
"Theta."-Your conclusions are, we think, just and impartial, but your subject is at present too controversial for insertion. As it is, however, the first feelings of animosity are being replaced by reason. There is right on both sides.
"One of Many."-As you infer, you are not the only person who has deplored the state of this society. We have referred to it elsewhere. Hope for better things. Your letter is not included for reasons of space.
"Harvesting."-Your article could have been made slightly more interesting, but has, nevertheless, been included.
A.W.W.G.-Both poems are included, although "Evening" is somewhat inferior in wording and sense to the other, which is very creditable indeed.
O.H.B.-Your poem is very fine indeed for a third year student. We are glad to see the spirit of the game translated by your lines so effectively.
H.E.L.-You are apparently under the delusion that the editorial staff of this paper are not acquainted with the contents of previous editions. In order to convince you that such is the case, we request you to peruse page 20 of the 2nd edition in Volume IV., where you will doubtless find much of interest. In any case, matter which is not original is not accepted in the "Record" for publication, unless stated to be so. Your action deserves the severest criticism as an inexcusable breach of literary honour.
W.J.W.-Your contribution lacks humour, and thus fails in its object. You should recognise that humour cannot be made out of nothing, nor can a dialogue without humour be interesting.
W.A.L., 3B.-On the whole, your poem is creditable for a thirc year boy, but the metre is slightly faulty in parts, while the imagery, though fair, is not well expressed. For instance, a description of the moon as "a huge silver sphere" is not very accurate, is still less poetical, and takes the character of a "conceit."
J.C.F.-Your sonnet, "Gallipoli," is accepted for publication, in spite of a few minor faults, such as "did sell," which is rather clumsy. We congratulate you upon such a fine effort.
"Side Lights."-O.H.B.-Obviously, your "farce" is too personal to be accepted, and unfortunately depends for its undoubted humour upon its personal nature. Your references to the "Big Man," etc., are too pointed to coincide with respect.
"Sunset."-A.Z.-You have made a creditable effort, but have failed to reach "Record" standard. Try again; improve your language and metre, dispense with redundance in words, and your poems will soon find a place in the "Record."
P.A.T.-Your lament may possess interest for those who have experienced the same emotions as you portray (we hope they are, and always will be, few), but can strike no responsive chord in our present hopeful students. Therefore, we are obliged to reject it on these grounds.
F.C.Mc.M.-Your description has all the necessary qualities, except the very necessary one of interest. A little more arrangement and colour, a more vivid style, and an infusion of more personal and real feeling into the subject, would accomplish the desired degree of interest.
A.S.W.-Your article partakes altogether too much of the detailed and trivial nature of a guide book. It entirely lacks interest to a reader not intending to profit thereby.
A.R.B.-Except for a repetition of similar adjectives, and a tendency to carelessness in metre, your poem is sufficiently vivid in description, but neglect of form, etc., precludes its acceptance.
I.S.-Your sonnet not included through considerations of space, although its merit warrants acceptance under ordinary circumstances.
E.L.M.-Your cartoons have been accepted for publication, and you are to be congratulated on attaining such a high standard in this direction. We were pleased to notice also that the subjects treated were quite within the bounds of propriety. Your poem, however, though praiseworthy, is spoilt by a few harsh expressions, too technical to be poetical. Otherwise your work merits publication. We hope to see your work in next issue.

## Editorial Notices

The Editor desires to acknowledge the following exchanges"St. Joseph's College Magazine," "H.A.C. Journal," "The Burr," "The Newingtonian," "The Yellow Dragon," "Royal Blue." Any possible omissions are apologised for.

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