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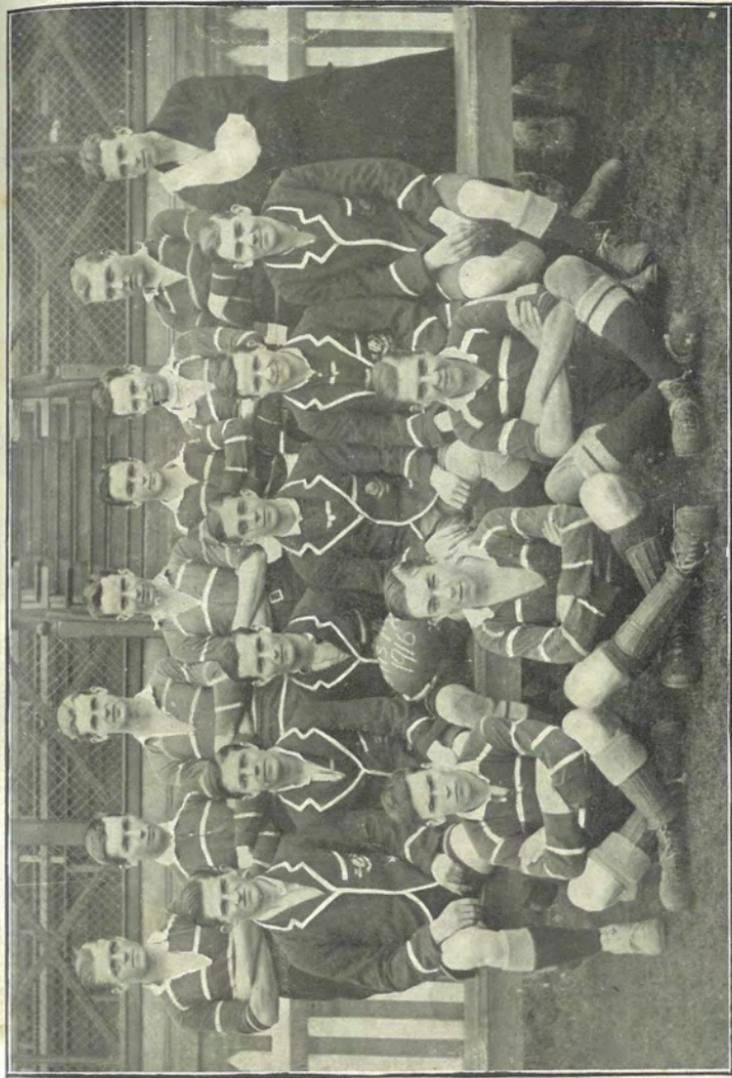
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Editorial

ALTHOUGH it is now six years since "The Record" was first published, we are doubtful if, even at the present moment, its true mission in the School is really appreciated by all. "The Record" was never intended to constitute a mere catalogue of the doings of the term, though that indeed is its not least important function; or to give a resume of results achieved in sport. The primary object of this paper was this, that it should indicate in its pages the prevailing literary atmosphere of the School. That such an atmosphere exists is inevitable in any community, but its reality is proved by the number of literary contributions to this issue; contributions which, though not in every case up to what we designate as our standard, show, nevertheless, surprising promise

for future issues. Indeed, though the support to this paper has lately suffered a relapse, yet the call made on the School on this occasion, and the eminently satisfactory way in which it was answered, give rise to the belief that "The Record" was never in a more flourishing condition than it now promises to be. As yet we have not been the recipient of over many articles from first year. Very few have roused themselves sufficiently to attempt to support the journal, the conduct of which will one day devolve upon them. No junior boy must imagine that his work is less welcome because it does not equal that of the elder section of the School. First year work will be judged by its own standard, and we doubt if it is not more welcome to the staff to see that they are receiving support from the first and second years than from the third and fourth, whose members should already be aware of their responsibilities towards "The Record." But, to ensure "The Record" receiving proper support, the tendency to leave contributions to the last minute must be overcome. This practice leads to the custom of "dashing off" poems in execrable caligraphy and sliding them into the box after the expiration of the widely advertised period for receiving contributions. And in respect of the nature of contributions, let us here repeat what we have constantly emphasised, namely, that the custom of junior boys tends to attempting more than they can very well express, or even conceive, and that too many articles reach us which, by being merely ill-chosen, have no interest for anyone beyond their writers.

But we must further assure our contributors that no criticism given in these pages should disappoint them, or give them cause to cease their efforts to appear in print. The object of such criticism is not to discourage any budding author, but, in a small way, to allow him to find his own level, and the channel into which he may best direct his energies. The opinion of a practically inexperienced staff cannot be said to be final, in any case.

In conclusion, we should like to again remind the members of the School to remember "The Record's" claims upon their energy early in the term; to make their work the result of a little care and thought, and be modest in their aspirations until they "find their feet." If these requests are carried out, we believe that "The Record" cannot fail to make itself a continued success, an honour to the School, and no unworthy successor to the issues of previous years.

The Flannel Flower.

There grew a tiny flannel flower,
 Deep in a wild ravine,
 Where a streamlet wandered merrily,
 And ferns grew wild and green,
 And Sunbeams found a golden way,
 Down through the leafy screen.

There grew a tiny flannel flower,
 And no one knew 'twas there,
 Save bush birds, flying down to rest
 Among the maiden hair,
 And the little bushland fairies
 That go dancing everywhere.

Ah, rare and dainty flannel flower,
 Oft many a commoner bloom
 Hath lent a dimmer beauty
 To array a banquet room,
 Or found a royal resting-place
 Upon a monarch's tomb.

WHARYJONG.

School Notes.

Owing to an unfortunate and inexcusable omission, the names of Messrs. Harvey, Hicks and Noakes were not included in the "Valete," which this paper extended to other members of the staff on their departure previous to last issue. It is not our place to extol, here, the qualities which we before failed to commemorate. Let us only offer to these gentlemen our humblest and most sincere apologies, with the hope that they in their generosity may have perceived what we in our carelessness failed to express.

On Friday, 13th May, a meeting of the members of the Union took place, for the purpose of electing members for the S.H.S.A.A.C. Sports Committee. The voting, which, we are informed, was close, resulted in the following boys finding places on the Committee:—Bradhurst, Claremont, Cooper, Cross, Forbes, Gray and Manton. Of these, A. W. W. Gray is hon. secretary, H. Cooper asst. hon. secretary, and L. Claremont hon. treasurer. R. A. Bradley has been nominated assistant treasurer, owing to his good work in that position last year.

Owing to the exertions of the Headmaster, a set of notice-boards has been erected in front of the Science Rooms. The advantages of these boards over those in the main passage are too obvious to be noted.

F. J. Sheed, a former editor of this magazine, has consented to write the "University Letter," which has not appeared for some issues.

Our congratulations to Lieutenants Henry, Howell and Cooper on their appointments and success at the N.C.O.s' examination.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate the prefects. A beneficent Department has doubtless noticed their tea-less state, and

has been induced by Mr. Hinder to bring relief in the shape of a loud brass urn, which will also supply the staff with the beverage "that cheers, but not inebriates."

The School has again been honoured by a visit from our venerable friend, Dr. Morris. On the last occasion, it will be remembered, he gave a fine and very interesting address to the Debating Society last year on "Adaptations from Nature." He has now found time to give members of the School an insight into Astronomy by an exhibition of his Orrery.

We hear that Soccer has been doing very well this season. As well as winning 1st and 2nd grade competitions, and coming second in 3rd grade, their first XI. has been chosen to play an exhibition match with Technical High School on Monday, 5th June.

Empire Day was not this year marked by the usual important function. Nevertheless, the proceedings were very interesting. According to the now universal custom, the singing of the National Anthem preceded all other items, and was followed by Kipling's "Recessional." We were then favoured by an address from Mr. Fletcher on "The British Empire," from a historical point of view. Mr. Fletcher demonstrated that, even in its inception and first growth, our Empire had offered striking contrasts to those of Rome and the East. He showed that the reason for our successful growth lay in a policy of conquest, incorporation and representation, and that our strength was founded on a middle class, which was first formed during the Norman Conquest. His concluding words were the signal for a burst of appreciative and enthusiastic applause.

After "Rule Britannia" was sung, Mr. Smairl gave us an interesting and encouraging address on "The Empire and its Supremacy." He spoke of its growth and its union, and especially pointed out the necessity for the latter, to ensure our present supremacy. He spoke of its future greatness, and again reminded us of the necessity for supporting the Empire in every possible way. Both Mr. Smairl and Mr. Fletcher found an appreciative audience, and are to be thanked for their kindness in pointing out for us many truths which we had not before appreciated, and many responsibilities which we must learn to bear, as units of the greatest Empire known to history.

Mr. Hinder then gave a few words on his conception of patriotism, as applied to school life, and then called for attention, the flag was saluted and the National Anthem again sung, when the proceedings closed.

There is hardly any necessity to remind the School that its assistance is needed with regard to the Belgian Fund, but it must be said that such assistance is not at present forthcoming to the required extent. A contribution of one penny per boy would aggregate to almost thirty shillings. Up to date, the sum of one pound has not yet been reached.

We are informed that 116 boys of this School formed part of a highly appreciative audience, which witnessed the performance of "Richard III." by Mr. Allan Wilkie and Company.

Though by comparison with the scores, the G.P.S. competition in Rugby has not been a pronounced success in our case, yet we have reason to be proud of the fine defensive and offensive battles put up by the School team, which, hampered by lack of combination in the backs, has been obliged to meet its most formidable opponents early in the season. The best thanks of the whole team are due to Mr. Leaver, who has shown consistent interest and activity on its behalf.

The plans submitted for the School tuck-shop took really surprising little time to materialise. The epicures of this institution may now satisfy their tastes from a substantial edifice of a modest green colour, whose only disadvantage lies in its position.

The language staff has received an addition during the term in the shape of Mr. V. A. Cohen, B.A., to whom this journal extends the welcome of the School.

On Saturday, August 19, quite a number of seniors deserted the muse to repair to a certain military camp, some having previously taken the precaution of disguising themselves as non-coms., with a mercenary motive.

The 31st annual sports are destined to take place on the 4th and 5th September, 1916. We are convinced that the competition will be considerably more open this year than last.

On the 14th June a number of 4th boys, together with some who left last year, attended the funeral of their late comrade, Pte. E. F. Howard, at Sutherland Cemetery. Those who knew him recognised the sterling worth under his reserved and unobtrusive character, and deeply regret his untimely end, and extend to his bereaved family their deepest sympathy.

Congratulations are due to the following Old Boys:—In fourth year medicine, F. E. True and J. McCutcheon received distinction; O. J. Ellis topped at the final for M.B., and A. S. Cockburn, and the final for fourth year medicine; T. Farranridge gained the general proficiency prize, and F. C. Herlihy the prize for surgery; P. Saxby also passed well.

During the day's play on Friday, 11th August, both Maitland teams proved surprisingly hard nuts. Our Soccer team were unable to defeat Maitland, but suffered to the extent of 3 goals to 1, attributing their non-success partly to the absence of R. O'Sullivan. The Rugby team from Maitland was barely defeated by the Rugby 1st XV., though the latter was weakened by sickness in quite a number of cases. Scores stood 11-6 in our favour when the whistle blew.

The following members of the School received appointments consequent on the last N.C.O.'s examination in the University Scouts:—Sergeant: E. L. Brake; Corporals. W. A. Mackey, A. W. W. Gray. Corporal Kenniff, an Old Boy, passed for sergeant.

“Gallipoli.”

A mem'ry bright and glorious as the sun—
 Gallipoli, the birthplace of our might,
 Where, in the calm of that clear April night,
 Bravely our heroes Victory's garland won.
 Was ever such a hell as when those guns
 Nobly they faced for what they knew was right,
 And bravely bore those terrifying sights,
 As was befitting those young British sons?
 God of our fathers, grant that not in vain
 That wondrous sacrificing love was shown
 When lives were freely given to uphold the right.
 But grant that they who nobly died may gain
 Thy promise bright, that Everlasting Crown,
 And dwell for ever in thy Realm's of Light.

W.B.J.

The Roll of Honour.

Killed in Action.

Sig. F. Aitken.	Corp. W. O. M'Roberts
Corp. R. A. Bastin Harvey	Private L. R. Phillips
Capt. N. E. Biden	Lance-Sgt. O. A. Rainbow
Lance-corporal C. Campbell	Private J. B. Ryan.
Private J. W. Cizzio	Capt. S. E. Townshend
Lieut. W. J. Dannefaerd	Private R. W. Webster
Private G. L. Fleming	Private F. Wells.
Lieut. J. Mackinnon.	Sergt. F. Wellisch

Missing.

Private F. Skevington Sergt. W. P. Ridley.

Wounded.

Private A. Adey (2nd occasion)	Lieut H. J. Salier
Capt. G. S. Cook (2nd occa.)	Private D. H. Souter
Sergt. L. Dinning	Private A. Stafford
Sergt. L. V. Hall	Lance-Corp. G. B. Tidex
Sergt. C. L. Henry.	Private K. C. Upton.
Signaller W. H. Hughes	Private C. Vyner
Private L. H. Hudson	Sergt. Bevan Ward
Sergt. Macinnes	Sergt. F. C. Wootton
Private B. Molineaux.	Private O. Wood
Private G. A. Miller	Lance-Corp. A. R. Wright
Private J. Park	

On Active Service.

- Private A. Adey
 Signaller F. Aitkin
 Private H. Alexander
 Private H. D. Allen
 Lieut. A. F. Anderson
 Private M. Aourousseau
 Lieut. J. Back
 Private A. Badgery
 Private Barnes
 Private R. A. Bastin Harvey
 Major R. H. Beardsmore
 Private J. Beatley
 Private W. Bennett
 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.
 Private R. Brand
 Signaller C. H. Brigden
 Lieut. C. A. Broadbent
 Lieut. J. R. Broadbent
 Dr. F. F. Brown
 Private A. J. Brown
 Capt. A. L. Buchanan (A.M.C.)
 Private V. Burton
 Private E. J. Burrows
 Private A. Busby
 Sapper Caldwell
 Private M. Cameron
 Private J. Campbell
 Private W. M. Carne.
 Sgt. H. B. Carroll, A.F.A.
 Private R. Carter
 Private B. H. Cartwright
 Capt. C. L. Chapman (A.M.C.)
 Private V. Chapman
 Private J. W. Cizzio
 Private S. E. Coleman
 Private R. Collier
 Private A. L. Cooke
 Capt. G. S. Cook
 Private R. C. Cooney
 Private A. Couchman
 Private W. R. Cramp
 Private W. R. Crabbe
 Lieut.-Col. G. Craig (A.M.C.).
 Private H. Craig
 Private F. W. Croft
 Lieut. W. J. Dannefaerd
 Lieut. W. B. Daniels
 Private L. L. Dinning
 Private H. Dixon
 Private A. V. Donnan
 Lieut. N. L. Dreyer.
 Private G. R. Duncan.
 Pte. H. G. Dunnett-Robertson
 Private T. M. Earnshaw
 Sapper C. Elliot
 Private E. H. Fitzgerald
 Private T. L. Fitzgerald
 Lieut. F. L. Flannery
 Dr. J. T. Flashman
 Private G. S. Fleming
 Private F. L. Florence
 Private W. Fraser
 Sgt. R. H. Fry
 Capt. T. M. Furber (A.M.C.)
 Private E. W. Funnel
 Private F. G. Gallagher
 Private Garland
 Private H. M. Garling
 Private J. Garner.
 Private J. Gaste
 Private J. Gibb
 Corp. A. Gilbert
 Private Oscar R. Goslin..
 Sergeant Graham
 Private A. Gray
 Lieut. C. L. Gray (Imperial Royal Engineers)
 Capt. K. Grieve (A.M.C.)
 Private A. C. Guerin
 Trooper L. J. Gurney
 Private M. Hain
 Private J. Hague
 Private L. V. Hall.
 Private T. Hamany
 Private Hamblin.
 Private G. Hammond

On Active Service (continued):—

- Capt. S. H. Hancox.
 Private T. Hannay.
 Private G. Hardy (A.S.C.)
 Private R. Harris (A.S.C.)
 Sapper E. R. Harvey
 Private W. S. Hawthorne
 (R.A.M.C.)
 Private V. Hedger
 Private A. G. Henderson
 Private C. L. C. Henry.
 Private E. Henry
 Private K. E. Henry
 Private A. E. Hodgson
 Sgt. E. G. Hooke.
 Private E. F. Howard
 Private L. 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 H. M. Jackson
 Private W. Jenkins.
 Private T. Jones
 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 R. N. Kershaw
 Private W. S. Kerschler
 Private J. Kiddle
 Private W. King
 Bomb. A. W. V. King
 Private S. Lear
 Col. J. G. Legge
 Lieut. F. W. Lennox
 Corp. G. Loveridge
 Capt. N. B. Loveridge
 Private G. Ludvigsen
 Sgt. Macinnes
 Eng.-Lieut. C. Mackey
 (H.M.A.S. "Australia")
 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. Mer-
 rington
 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 C. A. Newth
 Private T. B. Nicol
 Private J. R. Nield
 Private R. J. Noble.
 Private J. Oag
 Private H. W. Otter
 Captain E. C. Page
 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
 Sapper S. Phillips
 Private V. Pollard
 Private L. J. Price

On Active Service (continued):—

Lieut. K. Prior.	Cpl. G. B. Tidex
Private E. Pullen	Dr. A. C. R. Todd (H.M.A.S. "Sydney.")
Sgt. O. A. Rainbow	Capt. S. E. Townshend
Private M. N. Rabone	Private F. A. Tidwell
Sgt.-Major D. Rae	Lieut. Thompson
Private R. J. Rice	Private K. C. Upton
Sgt. W. P. Ridley	Private H. M. Vincent
Private S. C. Robertson	Private C. Vyner
Lieut. Robins	Private J. S. Virtue
Lieut. F. W. Robinson (A.M.C.).	Sgt. R. A. Vale (A.F.A.)
Sgt. M. Robinson	Private J. M. S. Wasson
Private E. Rogers.	Private G. Walker
Private C. Rogerson.	Private B. C. Wall (A.M.C.)
Lieut. Clunes Ross	Private J. Watterson
Private J. W. Russell	Private L. G. Waterhouse
Private J. B. Ryan	Private W. L. Waterhouse
Lieut. H. J. Salier	Lt.-Col. W. W. R. Watson
Private E. J. Saxby	Private Bevan Ward
Private K. Saxby	Private H. F. Webster
Private L. Sewell	Lieut. G. W. Webster
Lieut. E. Sealy Vidal	Lieut. D. Webster
Private Shaw	Private R. W. Webster
Private A. S. Shepherd	Private F. Wells
Dr. W. F. Simmonds	Lieut. T. Wells
Private F. Skevington	Private T. Le M. Wells
Private E. D. Slade	Sgt. F. Wellisch
Commander Smith	Bugler White
Private Smith	Signaller A. W. When
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Private E. Smith	Private B. Whitehouse.
Private C. G. Smith (A.M.C.).	Private C. B. Whitehouse.
Private L. G. Smith	Corp. R. R. Willard
Sgt.-Major W. J. Smith	Private W. G. Wiesener
Lieut. A. E. Southee	Corporal C. V. Wilmott
Private D. H. Souter	Private C. Wilmott
Private A. Stafford	Private O. Wood
Private A. Swan	Private W. H. Wood
Private J. Tancoe	Private F. C. Wootten
Lieut. H. B. Taylor.	L.-Corp. A. Wright
	Private W. Wurth

Total to date—259.

Lieutenant E. A. Southee has been promoted to Captain.

Private J. Lang has returned to duty.

Captain Buchanan has been promoted to Major.

Sergeant Bevan Ward has now returned to duty, after being wounded.

Corporal C. V. Wilmott, in a letter to a member of the teaching staff, writes that he has fully enjoyed the voyage from Australia to Egypt. In spite of its monotony, for the troopship made no calls, the unique nature of the new surroundings and the high spirits of the men lent an interest to everything, even the merest routine. Wilmott promises further matter of interest to the "Record" on his arrival in Egypt. He experienced an encounter with that discourteous but lovable tyrant, King Neptune, but otherwise found that tropical weather is not at present much milder than quite a few Sydney days. The date and place of writing of this letter were censored.

Members of the School are again urged to communicate names of Old Boys on service to the Editor.

SUNSET.

O'er distant valleys creep the evening shades,
 In regal beauty sinks the setting sun,
 His fiery darts no longer pierce the glades,
 For Phoebus has his daily journey run.

A flood of glorious pink pervades the sky,
 The saffron-tinted clouds are fled away,
 And in their place the heap'd-up masses lie,
 O'er which fair Evening flings her veil of grey,

The whispering breezes of the soft twilight,
 The falling curtain of translucent dew,
 The growing silence, heralds in the night.
 The stars on high their glorious blaze renew.

J.C.F., 4th Year.

Old Boys' Column

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PRESENTATION TO MR. WATERHOUSE.

On Wednesday, 6th April, a function was held in the Education Buildings, Loftus-street, which had for its objects, first, the presentation of some suitable article to Mr. Waterhouse; and secondly, the public announcement of the founding of the Waterhouse Prize Fund, by which the name of our old Headmaster was to be perpetuated amongst us. Many, both old and present, boys attended with their friends, and at the opening of the proceedings the hall was well filled. During the intervals between speeches the Glee Club and others rendered some highly appreciated items. A feature of the evening was the interest which each address roused. Those of Messrs. Eedy, Lewis, and Fairland were especially enjoyed, by present boys at least. The climax of the proceedings, however, was reached when Messrs. Fairland and Lewis handed to Mr. Waterhouse an inscribed gold watch, as a token of the esteem of the Old Boys, and informed him publicly of the foundation of the Waterhouse Prize Fund, and its objects. After the applause had ceased, Mr. Waterhouse rose to address the meeting. In a long speech, during which every word found an attentive audience, and recalled many former associations in the memories of his hearers, Mr. Waterhouse told us of other mementoes he had received, and of his pleasure thereat. But, he said, only upon one occasion before had his name been thus associated with anything lasting, in connection with palaeontological research. The experience, the honour of which he now had, was entirely new to him. Mr. Waterhouse concluded his speech amidst a hurricane of cheers and claps.

Mr. Hinder then rose, and in a few well-chosen and fitting words, answered for the School. An interesting address was also given by Mr. Böhrsmann. The proceedings opened and closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The prefects' prize, to which the Waterhouse Prize Fund is to be devoted, will be awarded each year to the prefect who, in the opinion of a special council of masters, is most worthy of the honour, according to the various qualifications, probably of conduct and relation to the School. Mr. Waterhouse himself was kind enough to draw up the conditions for the award of the prize.

On the Death of Lord Kitchener.

When, on a nation, prosp'rous, rich and free,
 Burst, like a thunderclap, the blast of Mars,
 Like lightning, flashed through every mind one name,
 As hearts beat quick, remembering former wars.

"Kitchener, thine is the glory, thine the name;
 Come, show a nation, mad for world-wide power,
 How England keeps through every age her fame
 To make the truth prevail, and tyrants cower."

And then he came, with confidence serene
 He held within his hands an Empire's life;
 The skies grew clearer when we saw him stand
 Indomitable, high above the strife.

Sirdar of Egypt, there the native saw,
 Embodied in one man, an Empire's sway;
 South Africa resounded with his fame,
 And Britain's glory shone with undimmed ray.

Then came his last great task—no sinecure,
 No easy mantle to be laid aside,
 For whim or caprice—there was needed strength
 To rout the foeman and stem back the tide.

Sudden and swift the shock—ah! Britain mourns
 Her bravest son—upon his wave-swept bed,
 The North Sea, ever rolling, sings his dirge,
 Thundering to rocky cliffs above his head.

Dying in harness—while the blood ran high;
 "Killed in thy service, Britain"—let us keep
 The memory of a brave man in our hearts,
 Until the ocean gives up those who sleep.

A.R.B., 3rd Year.

31st Annual School Sports Meeting.

On Tuesday, 5th September, the annual meeting of the S.H.S. A.A.C. took place at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The day was sufficiently fine, except for the fact that a moderately strong breeze blew straight down the 100 yards and hurdles tracks, and undoubtedly in both cases, and especially in the latter, prevented any attempts at record-breaking. Though the gathering was especially large and appreciative, the performance was considerably less interesting from the spectators' point of view than last year's.

Two remarkable features of the meeting were, firstly, the unprecedented occurrence of a tie for the School Cup (Claremont and Manton), and, further, the performance of R. F. Back, who broke all junior records, in addition to winning the senior high jump.

L. F. Claremont reached previous records in 100 yards Championship and 220 Championship, Senior.

W. K. Manton won the Mile, 880 yards and 440 yards Championships, Senior, in fine style.

R. F. Back reduced the junior 100 yards record from 11 4-5 to 11 3-5, the junior 220 from 26 1-5 to 25 1-5, reached the record height of 5ft. 0½in. in the junior high jump, and covered 18ft. 5in. in the broad jump, against the previous record of 17ft. 10½in.

Cup points were distributed as follows:—

SENIOR CUP.

	Points		Points
L. F. Claremont	22	J. Clemenger	4
W. K. Manton	22	R. F. Back	6
F. B. King	14	W. B. Jenkins	2
A. M. Forbes	8	W. Wilson	2
S. G. Webb	8	F. Kelly	2
F. Stayner	4		

JUNIOR CUP.

	Points		Points
R. F. Back	30	F. Bradhurst	6
A. Kidby	16	G. Williams	4
F. Harrison	8	S. Willsher	2

The following are the results:—

SENIOR CUP.—L. F. Claremont, W. K. Manton, 22 points.

Broad Jump (Senior).—1 Claremont, 2 King, 3 Wilson; 19ft.

8½in.

High Jump (Senior).—1 Back and Stayner, 3 Kelly, 5ft. 1¼in.
440 yards Championship.—1 Manton, 2 King, 3 Forbes.

56 2-5 secs.

440 yards Handicap.—1 McNamara, 2 Richards, 3 Hession.

880 yards Handicap (Senior).—1 Richards, 2 Cleary.

880 yards Championship (Senior).—1 Manton, 2 Webb, 3

Clemenger. 2 min. 16 4-5 secs.

100 yards Championship (Senior).—1 Claremont, 2 King, 3

Jakins. 11 1-5 secs.

220 yards Championship (Senior).—1, Claremont, 2 Manton,

3 King. 24 2-5 secs.

120 yards Club Handicap.—1, Masters, 2 Cleary, 3 Hession.

13 2-5 secs.

Mile Walk Handicap.—1, Kidby, 2 Blackmore, 3 O'Sullivan.

220 yards Handicap (Senior).—1, McNamara, 2 Murray, 3

Williams. 24 3-5 secs.

120 yards Hurdles Championship (Senior).—1 Forbes, 2

Claremont, 3 Hurd. 20 1-5 secs.

Mile Handicap (Senior).—1 Cross, A., 2 Marcer, 3 Rickards.

Mile Championship (Senior).—1 Manton, 2 Webb, 3 Clemenger.

5 mins. 16 1-5 secs.

JUNIOR CUP.—R. F. Back, 30 points; Kidby, 16 points.

Broad Jump (Junior).—1 Back, 2 Kidby, 3 Mansfield. 18ft.

5in.

High Jump (Junior).—1 Back, 2 Kidby, 3 Willsher. 5ft. 0½in.

High Jump (13 and under).—1 Henry, 2 Berryman. 4ft. 5in.

880 yards Handicap (Junior).—1 Small, 2 Cross, A., 3 Wark.

880 yards Championship (Junior).—Harrison.

220 yards Handicap (13 and under).—1 Henry, 2 Hyndman, 3 Fraser.

100 yards Championship (Junior).—1 Back, 2 Kidby, 3 Bradhurst. 11 3-5 secs.

100 yards Championship (13 and under).—1 Wicks, 2 Henry, 3 Clarke.

75 yards Handicap (13 and under).—1 Henry, 2 Bassetti, 3 Wicks.

220 yards Championship (Junior).—1 Back, 2 Kidby, 3 Harrison. 25 1-5 secs.

220 yards Handicap (Junior).—1 Small, 2 McNamara, 3 Wark.

90 yards Hurdles (Junior).—1 Back, 2 Williams, 3 Harrison. 13 secs.

Sack Race—1st Division : Kidby ; 2nd Division : Berglund.

Potato Race—1st, Lambert.

Novelty Race—1st, Small and Smith.

Obstacle Race—1st Division : Small ; 2nd Division : Harrison.

Junior Tug and Relay—2 A.G.

Senior Tug—4 B.

Senior Relay—3 A.G.

An Autumn Sunset.

As sinks the glory of the mid-day sun
 Into the spaceless West, there rises o'er
 The flaming, dying monarch of the day,
 A matchless halo, wonderful, sublime.
 It ushers in the peace and calm of eve,
 With its soft breezes gently blowing o'er
 The fever'd, restless, struggling world. Therewith
 Come thoughts that rise and soar above the dross,
 That naked seems to lie, when in the light
 Of day we stand.
 As though a master's hand—so rich the tint,
 So gorgeous all—but surely yet the hand
 Is not of earthly mould, that paints with such
 A lavish bounteousness?—was God-inspired
 To mingle so the royal golden red,
 And blue, to form such blissful harmony.
 The humble eye, while glorying in its hue,
 Would follow, wistful, seeking to discern
 The wond'rous tracery in vain. Up from
 My heart rise words of wonder, praise, and joy.
 Yet trembling on my lips, linger, and stay.
 So rich a theme, divine a sight, but pales
 And weakens in my feeble speech.
 And as I gaze, and, gazing, drink my fill
 Of Nature's sparkling, glorious pageantry,
 The colours fade, but lovely yet remain;
 Swift ebbs each vestige of the glorious view:
 And grayer now, and darker, show those clouds
 Which scarce have ceased to dazzle with their hues.
 O'er land and sea the evening breeze doth sigh,
 As though it, too, could feel with me, and mourn
 Departed glories of the sunset scene.

University Letter.

If there is one period of a University year which is barer of news than all others, it surely is when one tries to find material for such a letter as this; for when exams. are in the distant past or the distant future, and sport is a negligible quantity, it is something of a puzzle to find any news at all. But if you yourselves have ever experienced the cheerful sensation of having to get an English essay done in the geometry hour—and I think some of you have—then I conjure you, by all the inspirations which then were so coy, to have mercy on a fellow-sinner—a poor, erring mortal, inspecting with a cracked microscope all the stray bits of news which have come his way.

Possibly, of all these, the most important is the brilliant success of S. J. G. Davis, one of our Old Boys. No student has ever rivalled him as a Latin scholar. For three years in succession he won the Nicholson medal for Latin verse, and, in the only year in which he was eligible, he easily gained the Lloyd Memorial Prize for a Latin essay. Latin verse fairly flowed from his pen at a rate which would astonish those of you who spend "watchful days and sleepless nights" industriously looking for a rhyme which *will* not be found. Though ill-health prevented him from sitting for his final honours, the Senate, for the first time in the history of the University, granted him first class honours without exam. To crown all, he has now been awarded the Cooper Graduate Scholarship for Classics, and intends to leave shortly for Oxford.

No conscientious chronicler of the events of last term could omit Reunion, with which, in the absence of the time-honoured Commem., we had to rest content. Till the war is over, the world will know no more the cheerful procession, nor will the Town Hall shake to its revered foundations under the conflicts of Butcher and Greaser. But in spite of these disadvantages, Reunion, like the Garden Party which preceded it, was an immense success. At the latter function several hundred people—mostly young men and maidens—were gathered together. I have no skill to describe the dresses of the ladies—suffice it to say that quite a number looked almost happy.

Still, this was merely an introduction, a prelude, a prologue, to the swelling act of the imperial theme—a preliminary canter before the serious business of Reunion. There beer flowed with the steady roar, the unceasing bubble, the liquid gurgle of Niagara; lips smacked, fearsome things exploded on all sides, amid the crash of shattered tumblers; the air was fetid with the smoke from countless Capstans; professors forgot themselves; songs, which appear in no recognised song-book, were roared to tunes good, bad and unclassified; speeches were made—eloquent, no doubt, but quite inaudible. Everyone was happy. Need we remark that some were—call it inebriated? I think not. Of the aftermath—the grand tour of Sydney's leading hotels, with its smashing of tables, raiding of

pantries, borrowing of motor-cars, serenading of policemen—I cannot speak in this place, for is not the “Record” a respectable paper? Alas! I fear it is.

F.J.S.

An Autumn Evening.

Now Phoebus' glowing car has sunk to rest,
 Behind the gold-edged cloud far in the west.
 Now like a tiresome and a wearying guest,
 Daylight departs.

Now steals sweet Evening on—on—ever apace,
 And now we see no more the sun—God's face.
 For with a quiet and an easy grace
 Darkness glides on.

Oh, Night! We now are free from toil and care.
 We breathe the freshness of the evening air,
 And feel that o'er the earth—yea, everywhere,
 Thy mantle spreads.

O.H.B.

Form Notes.

I. A.C.—Up to the present, having carried all before us on the Soccer field, we continue on the even tenor of our way as premier first-year class. Our sole Rugger enthusiast is Crombie, but, needless to say, third grade would be incomplete without him. Baseball is keenly supported by several, and rifle shooting finds an enthusiastic follower in Lewis. Hawkins, who is a member of the Glee Club committee, lifts his voice in harmonious melody every practice.

Now that the “half-yearly” is over, we await, in many cases with fear and trepidation, the results of our fine (?) efforts.

We are still in the dark as to why our teachers do not think us the best class in the School; but perhaps it is because the detention class is rather frequently visited by our members. However, having now aired our feelings rather extensively, we will leave the reader with the parting reminder that I. A.C. is indeed the premier class of first-year.

I. A.G.—If you're looking for I. A.G.,
 You'll find us in the armoury.
 We are the premier first-year class;
 In work all others we surpass.
 On the sports field, too, we hold our sway;
 And vict'ries win, each Wednesday.
 So now, dear boys, you must agree,
 The first-year “nuts” are I. A.G.

"Thank heavens! it's over"—these remarks apply to the "half-yearly." (Please avoid superfluities.—Ed.) I. A.G. seemed to be suffering from an attack of "Brainski Fagitisovitch" (to the great dismay of several picture show proprietors). One bright and intelligent youth got an exemption from sport to fag.

We are well represented in sport, the football field enticing many of our members. Regarding "Grade Sport," we have three members in Rugby, three in Soccer, two in Baseball, and Reggie occupies second position in the second Rifle Team.

The period devoted to the pleasant (?) and interesting (?) study of English grammar was somewhat enlivened the other afternoon. The case of the "Electric Doll," who was charged with assaulting I. A.G.'s one and only mascot—la pauvre petite bébé—was tried before Judge ——— (censored). The verdict of the court was that the two pugnacious comrades (?) were to be separated, and now the Rev. E. A. D. sits in solitary state, and keeps his shocks to himself.

A certain person in authority seems to have no regard for the artistic tastes of I. A.G., and the "art gallery" (on the lockers) was accordingly demolished.

I. B.G.—This class is "up in yonder happy regions," both as regards location and attainment in classics and sport. These distinctions we have achieved without the use of cribs (which are illegal assistants in an exam.), or tipping the referee on a football field. Are we happy? Of course—between lessons and at recess.

That "quake" which the masters produced on their entrance has now entirely vanished, and we have settled down to hard work.

A continuous feud smoulders between I. B.G. and I. A.G. The former class always triumphs, but to humour I. A.G., we sometimes allow them to gain higher marks than ourselves. To show the high feeling of esteem (?) we have for them, the following was composed: "A fight occurred between I. B.G. and I. A.G., in which the former were victorious, capturing many prisoners. However, when it was found that these creatures were quite helpless, I. B.G. decided to sell them by auction. A day was fixed for the occasion. The first bid from a small attendance was a farthing, which greatly exceeded the expectations of the salesman, who at once knocked the lot down."

Not to wear a "borrowed glory,"
 Tell we thus our simple story,
 But with keen consistency
 Upward climbs our I B G.
 First in classics, first in sport
 Show ourselves the proper sort;
 Languages and history, too,
 In these excel our noble few.
 In short, on us you may rely
 To bring repute to Sydney High.

II. A.C.—“Now is the Summer of our School’s content
Made dismal Winter by these English homeworks.”

Ahem! We forget ourselves.

Since our noble name last graced the columns of this worthy paper, our notable “triangle” has progressed favourably, and have threatened vengeance on the “Hibernian pair.” Ah, well! Our half-year’s work is almost ended, a glorious exam. bringing it to a close. In the said exam. we all hope to do well. (Voice of Mr. Cantello: “Yes, in English!”) But time flies, as ——— said, and so does ink, as someone else said.

So far, we are leading in the class competition (Soccer), and “it’s a positive fact” that we will come out on top.

The Belgian Fund is in full swing in II. A.C., but “the results are uttably excruciating.”

Our numbers have decreased slightly, our grand total being twenty-two, including a few old “magpies” who are continually picking at the French loaf.

English, of course, is our pet subject, and when the fortnight’s work was put up, we knew we were in for two weeks of solid loaf (?) By the way, No. 8 is being turned into a curio shop by Mr. Cantello, who specialises in old ornaments.

II. A.G.—Although life is sometimes hard, the occupants of No. 5 are still alive and progressing favourably. As in former years, II. A.G. is undoubtedly the finest all-round sporting class. We are well represented in Soccer, Rugby, Tennis and Baseball, and indeed, on account of so many of our Soccerites having been chosen for the grades, our class team has suffered considerably. Nevertheless, we upheld our prestige by defeating I. A.G., II. B.G., and II. C.G. Other struggling communities are strongly advised to withdraw from the “comp.”

Judging by the sounds of merriment emanating from No. 4 during certain periods, one form at least seems to be enjoying itself. Owing to “Coll’s” inexactitude, he is unable to gain more than half marks in French, while the papers of the “Jonah swallower,” judging by the amount of red pencil on them, seem to have been used for practising the Morse code. The majority of the class went to see “Richard III.,” staged at the Adelphi, and were somewhat amused at the extra scenes that are omitted in the text.

We are very leniently dealt with now as regards homework—the average number of subjects per night being about six.

Talking about art, we have many budding artists, as is evidenced by drawings such as “Challoping Cherros,” “Johnny Turk,” and “The Youth is Doing his Bit.” As last time, “au revoir.”

II. B.G.—Well, here we are again! Unconquered by the terrific totals obtained in the half-yearly, II. B.G. again bobs up its head in the pages of the “Record.” As usual, we are well represented in sport, having nine graders in Soccer, eight in Rugby, and

one each in Baseball and Rifle-shooting. Owing to the large number of grade players in Soccer, the class team, which last year, as I. B.G., headed the competition table, is now third last on the list.

As for other institutions, the majority of the class, sorrowful at thinking that other forms might enjoy a monopoly of detention, have become Socialists, and appear in the detention room every now and then, so as to equalise matters.

The tuck-shop (cakes relative density 9), being well patronised at recess, affords an explanation why we did not win all the prizes at swimming carnival.

But now, as paper is scarce, we will retire from the "Record" till next time—and start to fag.

II. C.G.—II. C.G. is always up-to-date, so first and foremost we have to announce concerning the ever-raging School war: "An active offensive has been made by the enemy within the last three weeks, all along the line. They have been repulsed, however, with more or less severe loss. Our casualty lists, edged in mourning, will shortly be made available (weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth). This is believed to be the last movement before winter. Meantime, preparations are actively (very actively, to our cost) going forward for the great December campaign, which is

"The cloud that lour'd upon our house,
In the deep bosom of the ocean (un-)buried."

We record the loss of G. Benson, who has left, with the good wishes of the whole class, to continue the study of music at the Conservatorium.

Also, Hardwicke, another of our number, is just out of hospital after an operation for appendicitis. It is hoped that he will soon be back among us as before.

Owing to the generosity of the Department, we have, each and every one of us, received a most easy and interesting text-book for Latin; so interesting, in fact, that they have quite superseded other literature, known to the uninitiated as "Deadwood Dicks," etc., etc., as material for perusal during the interval at the "pictures" at night.

Recently a large number of the class honoured the Adelphi Theatre with their presences, to see the "Tragedy of Richard III." You can't judge a book by its cover, nor a play by its title. As a comedy it was excellent, as a tragedy—least said soonest mended.

In the realm of sport the class is of diverse opinions, and is represented in most of the leading games. The class Soccer team has not performed any prodigies of valour, but things will be better with it in future.

So the quarter closes with us attempting not to allow Latin grammar and synonyms (?) to interfere with our meals and rest.

III. A.G.—The serenity of Room 3 has, during the last week or so, been strangely disturbed. You do not understand? Well, let us expand—no, we mean expound.

Now, certain of "our chaps" have exhibited a marked partiality for the noble game of chess. It is indeed thrilling to watch this exciting pastime, but still more so to evade the unfavourable eye of unwelcome intruders, in whose absence the serenity of the room has been rudely disturbed.

"We cannot all go to the front," they tell us, "but we can each do our little bit." Some of the fellows of III. A. are doing their bit with a vengeance. Why, they are developing into crack shots!—but not with the rifle!! Again, we have been disturbed by a hurricane, in the form of a few tests. That's not so bad; but to be told repeatedly that "Your ignorance is only exceeded by your impudence"—well, it's just past a joke. Oh, it's too bad!

The curiosity of the class has been lately aroused by the fervent enquiries of certain personages with regard to the sayings of certain paupers. As yet no definite information has been gained concerning these creatures, but we are offering a handsome reward (C—p—r's toilet soap, tooth-paste and razor from his locker) to anyone volunteering information.

In the realm of sport, this class is not behind previous forms. Being modest, we don't wish to dwell on our prowess, but may we merely suggest our greatness, and then depart? Half the first and second grade tennis players are III. A. fellows, and other sports have representatives from this class.

III. B.G.—This term the form seems to have determined to provide a standard of amusement for the whole School, as well as one in a scholastic direction. In both directions it has succeeded admirably—[We hope this is not irony.—Ed.]—and now the world of third-year looks to us to stimulate their working efforts, and to offer help where it is so sadly needed. There is no need to expatiate on our scholastic attainments. We have now reached that degree when we can rest on our laurels, and commiserate our struggling rivals. Still, let that pass. To summarise, we are cock form of the S.H.S. A "lapin," in full accordance with its natural instincts, succeeded in burrowing under the floor of Room 4, and creating great diversions. His exit was accomplished amid peals of laughter, much dust, and a direful glance from the surprised master. The "steely" glint in the master's eyes spoke volumes, and we can quite assure our readers that the "lapin's" natural proclivities for burrowing are quite overcome, and he contents himself now with sitting on the seat like an ordinary human being.

The errors of procrastination, and the hardships that follow the "law of ease," have been made manifest by the recent exams. Yet we have reason to believe that our masters are satisfied, though they mask their satisfaction by satirical remarks concerning the paucity of the brains we possess, and hopefully declare, with a cynical smile, that we will do better in the future. Such is the soul of a master.

Our superiority in sport is becoming more manifest as time passes on. The majority of the members of the form have found a position in some grade team of the sundry activities. There is great rivalry between the players of Rugger and Soccer, but the war has not yet assumed dimensions as great as the one now raging. We have the honour of having first grade Rugger representatives—an honour which no other third year form can boast. The win on May 17th of the Rifle Club was mainly due to the efforts of III. B. supporters. Tennis has its representatives, and we hope to give this club our valuable support much more strongly in coming terms.

IV. B.—We have recently emerged, covered with ink and glory, from our last half-yearly. Judging from results obtained, our prospects for the “Leaving” are nothing less than brilliant. All, after fagging strenuously for the past few months, are looking anxiously forward to see their lofty ideals realised. But we sincerely hope that the members of the form will not slacken their efforts between now and the end of the year. That some of our youthful members did not obtain honours in their “Coriolanus” and Bacon test we shall naturally attribute to the fact that they paid too much attention to “Lorna.” Owing to circumstances unknown, we were asked to wade through a second-year Varsity maths. paper. We adopted the offensive.

We are pleased to welcome our “Spider,” with his amended proverbs and painful puns, once again to our maths. classes. After sundry vicissitudes consequent on his ejection, he has once more taken his place in class. His injured innocence in no way appeals to us.

Pleasant company is always accepted, accordingly the occasional visits of “Sar'-majors” during the Latin period are tolerated.

Not wishing to make the matter public, we nevertheless are bound to mention that during one of the periods dealing with a collection of crimes and misfortune, a noisy report from headquarters revealed the fact that somebody was snoring.

We have to report that on Monday, 22nd May, a full representation of IV. B. assembled in Room 2, at 9.15 a.m. This phenomenal and unprecedented occurrence has excited much comment, and the doubtful explanation of leap year is the best yet invented. Normal conditions again exist, and the disturbance of the “ancient régime” is not likely to reappear.

As regards our interests in sporting circles, it suffices that we contribute to the first XV. the captain, vice-captain, secretary, and seven other leading performers, to say nothing of second grade stars such as Webb, Wilson, Walker, and Benson. To us the School has entrusted the handling of its athletic meeting, the entire committee, Gray (sec.), Bradley (asst. treas.), Claremont (treas.), Manton, Forbes and Cross, coming from our ranks.

School Life.



1. A VIEW OF THE MEDICAL EXHM
THREE FEET NOTHING.



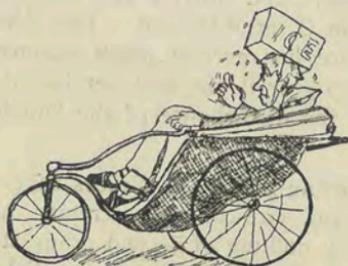
2. Members of the School recently saw
Richard III — And the Horse.



3. AFTER THE N.C.O. EXAM.
'A Little Child shall lead Them'



4. THE BRONZE MEDALLION WON BY SOME
OF OUR LIFE SAVING CLASS



5. AFTER THE HALF-YEARLY.
'A Little Learning is a dangerous
Thing.'



6. BUT SOME ARE WELL ENOUGH TO CONTINUE
THE GLORIOUS GAME OF FOOTBALL.

Cold Feet.

These words are expressive of several mental and physical feelings. Primarily, they might have reference to the condition experienced during a considerable fall in the temperature, and which can be easily remedied. Secondly, they express the feelings of boys during Latin classes, caused by undue mental exertion, resulting in a rush of blood to the head, and leaving the lower extremities depleted. Also, the words refer to that mental state which allows men to accept of the privileges of citizenship without being willing to help maintain them.

Many young men have taken the present opportunity of showing their metal, and their appreciation of the benefits they enjoyed in Australia, by enlisting and doing their bit for their country.

There are others who are vainly endeavouring to warm their feet behind their "conscientious convictions," who before the war were indifferent to religious emotions, but suddenly they have become very pious and religious, when the need of volunteers is so great.

They are quick to call upon the law to protect them from the robber, the murderer, or the incendiary, but when the Government requires them to defend their homes, their mothers, and their sisters from a robber, a murderer, and an incendiary, they excuse themselves from doing their duty by pretended "conscientious scruples." They assert that the Bible teaches, "Thou shalt not kill," and therefore they can take no part whatever in this great struggle, forgetting that from Genesis to Revelations, although it is not advocated, war is a recognised means of settling national controversies and for preserving civil rights. Even Israel, when the Lord was their temporal king, fought some of the most sanguinary battles recorded in history, and at the present day our advanced civilisation has not found any new method of solving international problems.

Each one should be ready to share with others the duty and privilege of safeguarding those with whom he enjoys protection. But the service demanded from the person should not by any means conflict with that which he conscientiously believes to be his religious duty.

Many of us are not of an eligible age to undertake active service, but let us all, whether young or old, do our bit to maintain the liberty which we so fully enjoy in this glorious country—a liberty that would be infringed upon were we under any other flag than the British.

“The Bell”

Hear the prefect with the bell!

Hated bell!

What a world of boredom its detested notes foretell!

How it clangs and bangs and rattles

In our disappointed ears,

As we cease post-prandial battles

To collect our goods and chattels

With commiserating jeers;

Wasting time, time, time,

In a sort of pantomime,

Till the irritating janglings that so arrogantly swell,

And betoken that some energetic chap has grabbed the bell,

Cease their inharmonious summons in a knell.

Hear the glad 3.30 bell!

What a bell!

What a world of freedom its expected notes foretell!

Hear its loud, victorious clanging

In our long expectant ears;

As the locker doors start banging,

E'er the masters cease haranguing,

To the sound of stifled cheers;

While the bell, bell, bell,

Brings its loud, compelling call,

And the tintinnabulation of the liberating bell

That betokens that the chap who wields the handle wields it well,

Is completely inundated,

In a word, annihilated,

By a long, triumphant yell.

“AUBERIC,” 4th Year.

Some Humorous Impressions of Football.

Football is the pursuit of blown leather by blown humanity.

The origin of football has been obscured by the passage of time. I, who have made a study of the subject, however, beg to state that it was started in Bagdad, although the date is obliterated. I translate the document:—“And thus it came to pass that the city council were equally divided, those from the north being of a mind to present to the Caliph a petition for the shortening of pen-nibs; but those of the south being vehemently opposed thereto, arguing that evil would befall. From this a great altercation arose; for, as those of the north bore the petition towards the palace, certain of the other party came upon them to stay them. And as they strove together, the report was carried through the city, so that the people came running together to see what was the matter. And when an officer of the Caliph pushed into the press, asking that they should cease the contest and grant him the right to referee in the matter, the populace were angered, and pursued him, so that he was forced to seek refuge in a neighbouring

dwelling, from whence he afterwards escaped by the roof, vowing that he would have certain of the offenders suspended, by which it may be taken that he intended to hale them to the gallows. At last certain of the northern party, who were most forward, being unable to force a way, passed back the petition to one who waited behind, and he started at speed, skirting the mob. And of a certainty he would have come to the palace but that a man of the other party fell in his path, and catching him by the legs, pitched him so hardly on his head that he no longer preserved an interest in these strange happenings. Yet did not this prevail, for another of the northern party, who had followed him up closely, raised the petition, and soon outdistanced those who pursued. Now, when the news was brought to the Caliph of the doings in the city, being wroth thereat, he placed guards at the entrance of the palace, so that he could not force his way over the line they guarded. While the guards and the man who bore the petition were speaking roughly to each other, it chanced that the Caliph himself came into the courtyard. Whereupon the young man dropped the petition to the ground, and with great force propelled it with his pedal extremity over the heads of the soldiers, so that it fell at the feet of the Caliph. Of what afterwards occurred I know not more. Yet may I say that the deed is not forgotten, for amongst the children of the city there has arisen a game which is called sometimes the north against the south, and sometimes Rugbai, after the name of him who did the deed."

From Bagdad the game spread rapidly. It might have caught on in Germany, but the police mistook it for a riot. Now that the French Government have made up their minds it is not a political demonstration, it is doing better in that country.

The referee is the Kaiser of the football field. His rule is a despotism, tempered by the fear of assassination.

It is always well for a Rugby forward to have red hair, as it gives the reporters a fair chance of identifying him.

I have known men picked for an international team on this alone.

If a forward goes into the scrum and works hard, he is known as one of the old-fashioned sort, and barrackers say it is a pity he does not shine in the open. But should he determine not to hide his light under a bushel, and to shine by hanging about on the wing of the pack, the critics call him a shirker.

It is well for a popular wing three-quarter to cultivate a slight limp, or to lie down occasionally. It agitates his supporters, and awakens keen sympathy in the hearts of the fair sex. It is not advisable for a Rugby captain to take all the kicks at goal. In photographs of the team he should be taken with a new ball and a stern, set mouth. If his expression suggests the prize-fighter, he may become generally popular.

As a general hint to would-be tacklers, it may be taken as a rule that, after missing your man, throw yourself at full length on the ground. Some may regard this as an ebullition of feeling, but yet, again, it attracts attention.

H.E.L.

Rugby.

Sep 1916

To the time of writing, four G.P.S. competition matches have been played, and although we lost all, we have by no means disgraced ourselves. One fact on which we pin our hopes is that we have now done with the toughest matches, and should meet with a series of victories. On occasions, the individuality of our players has been superior to that of our opponents, but lack of combination and (a still more potent factor) the lack of weight have lost us the match.

At once our best and most disappointing performance was against St. Joseph's, in a return match, when we were defeated by 14-11.

The facility for practice has been enhanced, as far as the 1st XV. is concerned, by fortnightly matches with Training College.

The most consistent player in the team is Claremont, who never seems to have an off day. He has, however, a lot to learn in the position of captain. The improvement of Manton, Hession and King, in their respective positions, is very gratifying, and promises well for the future.

The thanks of the team are due to Mr. Leaver for the interest he has taken in it, and for the regular manner in which he attends the practices.

The annual Old Boys' match took place at Wentworth Park, and resulted in a meritorious victory for the Old Boys by 19-12. It is a rather remarkable fact that no master from S.H.S. was present.

The untimely demise of the 2nd XV. is deplorable, as players too heavy for the 3rd XV., and not up to 1st XV. standard, will be deprived of a game.

1st XV.

19th April, v. Sydney Training College, at Wentworth Park, lost, 28-5.

This was our first match, and against a much heavier team. Nevertheless, we put up a good display. Up to mid-way through the second half the issue hung in the balance; then, owing to lack of condition, we went to pieces, and were defeated.

For the School, Wilson scored a good try. He secured from near half-way, and after beating his man, raced over with a couple of opponents hanging on to him. Claremont converted.

Claremont and Lachmund were the pick of the backs. It was a real treat to see how the latter stopped the rushes of such opponents as Franks and Foley, two Old Boys who did most of the scoring for the College.

Of a hard worked lot of forwards, Lawson was perhaps the best, although all performed creditably.

May 10th, v. Newington College, at Stanmore, lost, 27-3.

These scores are by no means an indication of the game, which was very even, despite the fact that we were much lighter than our opponents. As a matter of fact, our forwards outclassed those of Newington, particularly in the open. The opposing forwards heeled fairly regularly, however, and by superior combination their backs frequently scored.

Our three-quarters were weak, with the exception of Wilson, who played well. In the last ten minutes we over-ran our opponents, and by our eagerness to score marred our chances, and were only able to notch 3 points.

From a scramble near quarter-way, Manton secured and passed to Wilson, who streaked for the line, where he was tackled. The ball fell from his hands, but Cross, who was following on, scored with a good dive.

The best player on the field was Lachmund, whose defence was marvellous. His line kicking was very accurate.

In the forwards, Manton, Cross, Henry and Lawson played best, although the latter was inclined to hang on too much. We were considerably handicapped by the absence of our skipper, Claremont, who was unable to play.

May 24th, v. St. Ignatius', at Riverview, lost, 27-6.

This match was a case of combination v. individualism, and the former naturally triumphed. Our backs were a much improved lot, their deadly tackling being especially noteworthy.

The St. Ignatius' backs threw the ball about more than we did, and this won them the game. Although stopped time and again, the continued passing eventually had its reward.

Claremont lost the toss, and we faced a fairly stiff breeze. Half-time came with St. Ignatius' 11-0. Their points were scored from a penalty goal and two tries, one converted.

Almost immediately on resuming, Cross secured in a line-out, and smartly returned to Wilson, who scored in the corner. A little later Claremont kicked a penalty goal from a difficult angle. Another shot of his was carried back by the wind, and struck the upright.

A peculiarity of the game was that, although our opponents scored more in the second half than in the first, we had them defending for the greater portion of the second session.

Lachmund, Wilson and Claremont were the pick of the backs. The latter's line kicking was excellent.

Of a good set of forwards, Jakins, Henry and Cross were the pick.

May 31st, v. S.G.S., at Wentworth Park, lost, 24-3.

For the first twenty minutes things were very even, and our prospects looked bright. Our backs combined in some fine passing rushes, and it seemed as if they had at last "found themselves." However, the pace and combination of the Grammar three-quarters finally wore us down. Our defence was very good, Wilson in particular shining out in this department.

As usual, our forwards were individually superior to our opponents, who, however, were as good as ours in combination, but as they were supported by a better rearguard, we went under. At the interval Grammar had a lead of 16-0.

In the second half, Cross secured from a rebound, and passed to Wilson, who streaked for the line, where he knocked on. From the ensuing scrum, Hession picked up, and diving through a host of opponents, scored a brilliant try.

Of the backs, besides Wilson, who was in a class of his own, Manton and Claremont were the best.

Of an excellent set of forwards, Henry, Hession and Stuckey were the pick. Lachmund's tackling was not as good as it might have been.

June 7th, v. St. Joseph's College, at Hunter's Hill, lost, 13-3.

In this match we laboured under a number of difficulties, the most notable being the absence of one of our breakaways, which put us under the necessity of playing a 2, 3, 2 scrum. Our forwards were ignorant of this formation, and our combination suffered as a consequence. The game was, on the whole, slow, enlivened at times by feats of individual prowess. Half-time found us in arrears to the tune of 3-0.

The second half was more resultful. During a St. Joseph's passing rush, King secured, kicked down the field, and following on fast scored a good try.

Lachmund, at half, played a poor game, and consequently Claremont did not receive his usual share of the ball.

Forbes, Wilson, and King were the pick of the backs, while Cross and Stuckey shone out in the forwards.

July 12th, v. Old Boys, lost, 19-12.

The annual Old Boys' match was played at Wentworth Park, and resulted in a well-deserved victory for the Old Boys. Rain fell during the match, and consequently our backs never had a chance. Play was confined to the forwards, and in this department we were outclassed by a weightier pack.

The scoring was opened up by our forwards taking the ball to the O.B.'s line, where Wilson picked up and scored an easy try. Claremont failed to convert from a difficult angle.

Foley and Franks scored in quick succession, making the score 6-3 against us. From a scrum near the line, the ball went from Manton to Claremont, who dived over with a great try. A little later Foley beat the field, but was grassed on the line by Lachmund. Half-time came with the scores 6 all.

Although we notched 6 points (tries by Claremont and Manton) in the second half, the O.B.'s had much the better of the game, and scored 13 points.

A feature of the game was Lachmund's wonderful defence. Time after time he saved by his coolness and science. Next to Lachmund came Claremont, who played by far his best game this season, and that is saying a great deal. None of the other backs were up to their standard, and Wilson was "quite off," inclined to be lazy. Hession was the pick of the forwards.

August 2nd, v. King's School, at Wentworth Park, lost, 15-3.

The field was saturated after three days' incessant rain, which made it almost impossible to stand up. S.H.S. were without the services of Cross, Lawson and Ford, which was a catastrophe, as play was entirely confined to the forwards.

Play was uninteresting, and all the scoring came from forward rushes. King's School forwards gave a fine exhibition of dribbling and ruck work, in which department they are undoubtedly the best team we have met.

Hession wriggled about ten yards to score the School's only try. Manton was the best of the backs.

Aug. 11th, v. East Maitland, at Wentworth Park, won, 11-6.

Notwithstanding the wet ground, our backs combined in some fine passing bouts, one of which resulted in a score for Wilson, which Claremont converted. Tries were also scored by Ford and Manton.

Lachmund had the misfortune to injure his knee early in the game, as a result of which he had to leave the field. Claremont, King and Forbes, in the backs, and Hession, in the forwards, did Trojan work.

August 16th, v. Scots' College, at Wentworth Park, won, 30-3.

In this game our backs again displayed their superiority over their opponents, and undoubtedly played their best game of the season. At half-time S.H.S. led by 8-3; tries by King and Claremont, one of which the latter converted, to a penalty goal.

In the second half our three-quarters combined like a machine, and amassed 22 points. Points scored were:—Tries, King (3), Claremont (2), Wilson (2), Clemenger (1). Forbes converted 2, and Claremont 1.

All the backs played splendidly, with Clemenger, King and Claremont especially brilliant. Of the forwards, Annetts and Ford shone out in the open.

Points scored in competition matches:—Tries: King 4, Wilson 3, Hession 2, Clemenger 2, Claremont 2, Limmerman 1. Goals—Penalties: Claremont 1. Conversions: Claremont 3, Forbes 2.

2nd XV.

May 3rd.—V. Fort Street, won, 19-6.
 May 10th.—V. North Sydney, lost, 7-3.
 May 17th.—V. Hurlstone, won, 26-0.
 May 24th.—V. Parramatta, lost, 38-0.
 (Withdrawn from competition.)

3rd XV.

May 3rd.—V. Fort Street, won, 15-3.
 May 17th.—V. Cleveland Street, lost, 8-23.
 May 20th.—V. S.G.S., won, 23-0.
 May 24th.—V. Fort Street, lost, 3-15.
 July 19th.—V. Cleveland Street, won, 17-3.
 July 26th.—V. Petersham, lost, 6-8.
 Aug. 2nd.—V. Fort Street, drawn, 6-6.

4th XV.

May 3rd.—V. Fort Street, lost, 3-6.
 May 10th.—V. North Sydney, won, 17-3.
 May 17th.—V. Hurlstone, lost, 5-21.
 May 24th.—V. Parramatta, won, 11-6.
 July 12th.—V. Fort Street, drawn, 6-6.

Association Football.

Although compulsory parades interfered with our training at the beginning of the season, the team, benefiting by extra practice, has performed very creditably. Since the parades have been held on Thursday, the team has not lost a match, and seems likely to win the competition. Six matches have been played, 3 being won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn.

Taken as a whole, the play has been good, each line supporting the others well. Harrison, at left-back, would develop into a good player if he would pay more attention to the ball and less to the opposing player. Kidby, at right-back, is a steady, willing, careful player, who has saved the team on many occasions. Willsher, at left-half, has proved a surprise to everybody. It was mainly due to his excellent play that the combination of Tec.'s two forwards was broken up.

Cooper, at centre-half, is undoubtedly the strongest player in the team. His headwork is perfect, and his footwork sure, although his punting and "pot shots" are not as true as they might be.

O'Sullivan has improved, and is now playing at right-half. He plays a good game, but is somewhat erratic.

Milne does well in goal, but is not as sure as he could be.

Hicks, a late-comer at left-wing, is one of the best forwards in the competition. Howell, the skipper of the team, as inside-left, is evidently a "go-as-you-please" player. When necessary, he plays a good game.

McLean, centre-forward, is a moderated form of loafer. He occasionally exerts himself, and then plays excellent football.

Bilbe, at inside-right, is not as good as he might be. He never passes regularly enough, and never attacks the opposing goalie when he has the ball.

Bradhurst, at right-wing, played some excellent games, but also some bad ones. He, too, must learn to keep his place in the field, and that occasionally he may be advised.

MATCHES.

S.H.S. v. H.A.M.S. "Tingira," drawn, 1-1.

As this match was the first of the season, the team naturally lacked combination. The play, however, was interesting, and we more than held our own. The team lacked stamina, and in the second half our opponents equalised. Cooper was the pick of the defence, although Holt played a good game.

May 10.—S.H.S. v. Fort Street, lost, 1-2.

In this match S.H.S. played with hard luck, and our success was marred by a decision of the umpire. The first half was noted for clean, open and fast play, and was scoreless.

In the second half Fort Street forwards broke away, and ignoring the umpire's whistle for a foul, scored. The goal was granted. Cooper was then brought up to inside-left, with the result that Fort Street was hard pressed. McLean, with a long shot, scored. Soon after the game finished with S.H.S. attacking strongly.

May 17.—S.H.S. v. T.H.S., drawn, 1-1.

For this match the team was completely rearranged, the two backs playing centre and right half, while the two second grade backs were promoted. The result does not indicate the true play, as nearly the whole time we were in Tec.'s territory. The opening stages of the game were noted for poor passing. However, from a free kick, Parkes gained possession, and scored. The play of the second half was dominated by S.H.S. forwards and halves. Being forced to play the last few minutes with ten men, Tec. managed to equalise.

S.H.S. v. T.H.S., lost, 0-1.

This was an exhibition match, being played at the Sports Ground on King's Birthday. The game was fast and even, and for the first twenty minutes the ball only reached each goal a few times. Just prior to the end of the first half, Tec. obtained a corner kick. Through an oversight of Cooper's, the Tec. centre-forward was allowed to score an unconscious goal. All the second half

S.H.S. attacked strongly, but were unable to score, and the game ended with Tec. winners, 1-0. The result was due to the bad play of the forwards, who did not use the opportunities given them.

S.H.S. v. Fort Street, won, 2-0.

The match was played at Easton Park, and proved a win for S.H.S. by two goals to nil.

The first half was scoreless. The opposing forwards were not able to pierce our solid defence, while our forwards rained in shots on the Fort Street custodian. Soon after recommencing, we were around the opposing goal, with the result that Howell scored with a hard shot. The opposing backs were always hard pressed. From a scramble near the goal Bilbe shot, and gave the goalie no chance.

S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won, 1-0.

The whole of S.H.S. team played well. One of the best of the N.S.W. Football Association's umpires had charge of the game, and as a result the play was clean and fast. Neither side had any advantage in the first half, the play being up and down. From the beginning of the second half S.H.S. attacked strongly. Howell received a good pass from Cooper, beat the opposing backs, and scored. T.H.S. then attacked, and owing to loose play on the part of Harrison, nearly scored on two occasions. The ball was sent back to the Tec. half, but our forwards were unable to score again.

S.H.S. v. T.H.S., lost, 0-1.

This match was played at the Sports Ground, and as we lost Tec. have now won the first grade competition. The result would probably have been different had S.H.S. been able to put a full team in the field. Influenza prevented the right-half and inside-left from playing.

The game was not fast, and S.H.S. seemed to hold the advantage, but the forwards could not score. For the first fifteen minutes we were attacking strongly against the wind. Hicks and Bradhurst repeatedly centred the ball, but the inside forwards were unable to shoot.

At the beginning of the second half S.H.S. again attacked strongly, but the forwards again failed to score.

Tec. then attacked, but Cooper played brilliantly, and managed to hold them. Tec. then scored. From then till the end play was exciting, S.H.S. making many futile attempts to draw even. As a whole the play of our team was disappointing, Cooper and McGregor being exceptions.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Tec. in winning the competition four years in succession.

S.H.S. v. Maitland-Newcastle, lost, 1-3.

The game, played in the rain and on a muddy ground, gave little opportunity for good play. The ball was slippery, and mis-kicking frequent.

The first half was fairly even, but our forwards failed to make the best of their opportunities, and we were two goals to the bad when the spell came.

After the interval we attacked, and Hicks scored. Shortly before the whistle the visitors again scored, leaving them victors by 3-1.

Our forward play was lifeless, and the shooting of the wings stiff. The best game in the halves was played by McGregor. Cooper was afraid of the mud. Kidby's play in the backs was good.

2nd XI.

- V. Fort Street, won, 1-0.
- V. North Sydney, lost, 0-1.
- V. T.H.S., won, 6-0.
- V. Parramatta, lost, 0-4.
- V. Cleveland Street, won, 1-0.
- V. Fort Street, lost, 1-3.
- V. North Sydney, lost, 0-2.
- V. T.H.S., won, 1-0.

3rd XI.

- V. Fort Street, drawn 1-1, drawn 1-1.
- V. T.H.S. (1), won 3-1, lost 1-2.
- V. N.S.H.S., won 2-0, won 3-1.
- V. P.H.S., won 1-0, won 1-0.
- V. C.S.H.S., won, 3-0.
- V. T.H.S. (2), drawn, 1-1.

CLASS COMPETITION.

2 AC	16
1 AC (1)	15
2 CG	11
2 AG	9
2 BG	8
1 BG	8
1 AG	4
1 AG (2)	1

Rugby.

Oh, some talk of cricket, and some of lacrosse,
Some long for the charm of baseball,

But where can be found

Such a musical sound,

As the old Rugby cry, "On the ball!"?

"On the ball! On the ball! On the ball!

Through scrummage, three-quarters, and all;

Sticking together, we'll keep on the leather,

And shout as we go, 'On the ball!'"

By M. Y. HALIDOM.

Rifle Club.

The Rifle Club has seen set a high standard by the "A" team last year, and those in the Club this year have to do their best to make the Club as good, if not better, than before. We have every opportunity for a similar success, and every hope for a better.

Our lads commenced practice before any other school, and each Wednesday has a greater number of shots; consequently, in the competition matches already shot off we have topped the list. This is a good beginning, but continued success can only be obtained by the regular attendance of the teams at the range, and by careful and accurate shooting.

The Club has held 12 shoots, each consisting of two practices each of 7 shots with 2 sighters. The best totals were put up by E. L. Brake, 33, 34—67, 32, 33, 33—98; and H. T. Kench, 34, 32—66; 30, 33, 33—96. In the individual practices G. Forsyth secured the only possible of the season, 35. E. L. Brake on three occasions missed a seven-shot possible by one, and H. Kench also put up 34 once. The following obtained 33:—E. L. Brake, four times; C. Hirst and H. Kench, twice; and once by J. Forsyth, G. Lewis, H. Mansfield, A. Roberts, and P. Talbot. The score of 32 and 31 was recorded nineteen and 15 times, respectively.

The average attendance has been 32, comprising many juniors. The usual target fee was threepence. The committee wishes to let the readers know that other schools have to pay at least sixpence per head per afternoon. This shows one of the many advantages of our Sports Union.

With regard to the High Schools' rifle shooting competition, nine teams have been entered from six schools. The following are the results of the three matches that have been held. The first and second matches were shot from 200yds. at the third-class bull's-eye and second-class figure targets, respectively; and the third match from 300yds. at the third-class bull's-eye:—

1. Sydney High, "A" Team	271	289	217	777
2. Fort Street High, "A" Team	235	286	184	705
3. North Sydney High, "A" Team	243	280	180	703
4. Sydney High, "B" Team	206	267	171	644
5. North Sydney High, "B" Team	171	209	139	519
6. Technical Tigh..	190	—	96	286
7. Cleveland Street High	172	—	107	279
8. Fort Street High, "B" Team	167	—	—	167
9. Hurlstone Agricultural High	140	—	—	140

It will be noticed that in each match our "A" team has secured first place, and the "B" team fourth place, beating all other "B" teams, as well as many of the "A" teams. It is the duty of the members of the Rifle Club to maintain and increase the lead obtained.

A hearty welcome is always tendered to new members at the range, who wish to be initiated into the mystery of the elusive "bull."

Tennis Club

During the last quarter rain has interfered with the tennis fixtures. However, first grade avenged their former defeat by Fort Street "A," winning their match 8-0. A record of the matches this season is as follows:—

A GRADE.

- S.H.S. v. P.H.S., won; Parramatta forfeited.
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street "A," lost by 1 game.
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street "B," won 5-0 (rain intervened).
- S.H.S. v. P.H.S., won 7-1.
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street "A," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street "B," won; Fort Street forfeited.
- S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 8-0.

B GRADE.

- S.H.S. v. T.H.S. "C," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. P.H.S. "C," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S. "B," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. H.H.S. "C," won 7-1.
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street "B," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. H.H.S. "A," won 8-0.
- S.H.S. v. H.H.S. "B," won 7-1.
- S.H.S. v. T.H.S. "B," won 7-1.

Second grade has not lost a match; first grade only one. Both teams are leading in their competitions, and should win. Only three more matches are to be played, these having been postponed on account of the rain. There has been a fair attendance at Haberfield and the School, and the Club is making steady progress.

Baseball.

The first grade are progressing prodigiously, and will probably "pull off" the premiership. The battery, B. Andrews (P.) and W. Bain (C.), combine excellently, the former being responsible for many "smiters." The initial sack is well defended by G. Williams, who is also noteworthy as a clever batter. The illustrious Charlie at the keystone is considered by opposing ball-fiends as one who lets nothing pass. The other players, including our brilliant outfielder, W. Byrne, support well, and are anxiously looking forward to the final flutter and fruits of victory.

The second nine, though not high in standard, are hard triers, and have lowered the colours of higher opponents. The pick of this nine is undoubtedly found among Hyde, Croke and Bassette, the latter, when fully emerged from his cradle, will be one of the best.

FIRST GRADE.

- S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 10-5.
 S.H.S. v. Fort Street, lost 7-3.
 S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 12-6.
 S.H.S. v. Fort Street, lost 8-5.
 S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 17-10.
 S.H.S. v. Fort Street, won 6-3.
 S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 7-6.

SECOND GRADE.

- S.H.S. v. Fort Street, won 12-7.
 S.H.S. v. T.H.S., won 11-5.
 S.H.S. v. Pet. "A," lost 22-2.
 S.H.S. v. Pet. "B," lost 18-6.
 S.H.S. v. Cleveland Street "A," won 19-5.
 S.H.S. v. Pet. "A," lost 21-1.
 S.H.S. v. Cleveland Street "B," won 13-8.
 S.H.S. v. Cleveland Street "A," lost 22-16.

The Christian Union.

In spite of the war and other depressing influences, our Union still flourishes as the green bay-tree, yea, even as the Cedars of Lebanon. We have had three good addresses since last issue of "The Record," from Rev. O. W. Abram, Th.L., Mr. P. Wise-would, travelling secretary of the A.S.C.M., and Sgt. H. Hunt, a returned soldier. The attendances at these meetings was good, though the committee would be pleased to see a larger gathering of third and fourth year boys.

Sgt. Hunt's address, extending over an hour, was a most vivid, interesting and instructive account of his experience on Gallipoli, from the end of August until the evacuation in December, and he illustrated his speech with diagrams and sketches in such a manner that we felt we had actually seen the famous landmarks ourselves. In the opinion of everyone present (there were about fifty), the lecture was a splendid success, and those who did not go missed a treat. Sgt. Hunt was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and invited to come again.

In view of the number of boys who think our meetings are only for the purpose of "wowsering," to use an apt, if somewhat vulgar, expression, the above should be taken to heart. Boys should take notice of the fact that ordinary meetings are held every alternate Tuesday afternoon, at 3.30.

Our Bible Study Circles, under the able leadership of Messrs. Woodhouse and Cranswick, carry on good work every Wednesday morning, and interested boys are cordially invited to attend, especially in view of the fact that we take up no collection.

R. A. BRADLEY, Hon. Pres.

On the Editor's Table.

The following article has been supplied on the play of the first XV. early in the season:—

THE 1st XV.

An onlooker at the S.H.S. v. Newington match made the remark, "The S.H.S. play a hard, uphill game; they aren't beaten till the whistle blows, but they have never learned how to win a match." He was right. In two matches that have been played the scores, 33-3 in favour of Newington, and 27-6 in favour of St. Ignatius', represent just the lack of that vital factor, football brains. Each match was a splendid tussle between teams of good individual players—matches in which just anything might have happened, given the right inspiration at the right moment, as witness the excellent piece of work resulting in Wilson's try against St. Ignatius'. Here quickness to see an opening, to invent a scheme, swifter co-operation and great speed, were the requisites, and "to think quickly and at the run." On this rare instance all the necessary factors were present, and Cross and Wilson between them were responsible for a pretty piece of work. Too often, however, it is the speed factor which is present, the others prominent by their absence. The advent of "General" Booth, however, should make all the difference in this direction.

Now for a few remarks on the games. The forwards are a hard working, hefty lot, with plenty of wind, pace and determination. So far, so good. But why, in ruck work, do they persist in trying to kick the ball into the hands of the opponents? The object is to get the ball, to prevent the other side from getting it. Why do they work for them? You may not pick it out—you must heel it out to your own backs; they will know what to do with it. Again, of what use is it if Henry, or Cross, or Lawson, or Stuckey, breaks through with the ball at toe (as they frequently did), if there is no one to work it along with them. One man can't beat a team. The result was the same in every single instance—the effort was wasted. This was due to the work of their man behind the scrum (St. Ignatius'). He worked perfectly. The forwards heeled every time, and he shot the ball out to the backs, opening up the game for his splendid line of three-quarters time and again.

Our own half generally tried to get in a little run of his own, forgetting that he is so close to the scrum that he has barely time to get possession of the ball before they are down on him. The man behind the scrum is not a three-quarter. His business is to get that ball out to his own line. When it is found that a particular man is getting the ball away to his three-quarters, surely it is worth while to let two men devote special attention to him (the breakaways, say), in order to smother his pass, rattle him, make him lose confidence.

The three-quarters tackled splendidly, as indeed did everybody. On the few occasions on which the ball was passed out from the scrum the job was spoiled by some very bad taking of passes; at other times the opposing threes were down on them before they could do anything, spoiling the passing, which, by the way, need not

always be by hand; a short punt is the game when all the opposing threes are at you, making you run straight across the field. It is generally useful to get your pass in before being brought down, and it is also well to make certain there is someone to pass to—not necessarily the next man—before you get rid of the ball. Wilson was easily best of the three-quarters, and he had bad luck not to score on several occasions. Lachmund, as full-back, was safe, generally taking on the full, though when he did not, so much time was lost that things looked dangerous, and this more than once. He makes good use of the line, though occasionally would like to see himself doing a good three-quarter run. It never came off, and very seldom does. Far more ground can be won by a good line kick than by any other means—except if there's no one in front of you. The majority of three-quarter rushes merely wander across the ground, all for the lack of a short punt. The hardest dribble by forwards only gains a few yards at a time. A good line kick may win 50 yards. The use made by St. Ignatius' of the high punt should satisfy our forwards as to its value when kicking off.

In conclusion, we have a splendid team—condition good, passing can be much improved, and regular practice at Wentworth Park and at home must be indulged in.

The genius of two members of third year has borne fruit in the following, which is a singularly readable and intelligible description of the construction of two electrical meters. The sketches may be examined on application to the Editor.

TWO SIMPLE ELECTRICAL METERS.

It has occurred to us that no doubt many readers of "The Record" are interested in electrical experiments, and among the apparatus most coveted by amateur electricians are volt and ampere meters. Unfortunately they are expensive to buy, and rather intricate to make, as a rule. In this article we have attempted to describe, as clearly and simply as possible, a very cheap and serviceable type of these meters.

Each of the meters can be made to fit into an old alarm clock case, or a large rectangular wooden case with a glass front can be constructed. The latter method is perhaps simpler and more efficient, though not so attractive in appearance. Perhaps for the sake of the less skilled it will be better to deal with the latter in detail.

An armature of soft, thin sheet iron (old jam tin, for instance) is cut out to the shape shown at Fig 1. The portion B, which is merely for balance, being so constructed that it greatly reduces the power necessary to draw the armature A into the curved hollow solenoid S, Fig. 3. It is bent upwards, so as to clear S when working. A shaft pointed at each end, and running between centres, like the balance wheel of a clock, passes through O, Fig. 1, and also carries the pointer, or hand, which is shown in Fig. 2. These may be soldered on, but it should not be done until the meter has been assembled, and everything found in its right place. The centres in which the shaft runs are made from sections of a

stout nail, in the end of which a shallow hole has been drilled. The upper one, which is carried in the wooden cross-bar A, Fig. 3, had better be threaded, so that it can be adjusted. The dial D, Fig. 3, is made of cardboard, and can be glued to blocks of wood on the base. It is rectangular in shape, so that it will not cover the works.

The solenoid S, Fig. 3, will be one layer of No. 14 gauge (S.W.G.) double cotton, covered (D.C.C.) copper wire, with ends taken down through the baseboard to the connections on the switch-board, for the ampere meter. For the volt meter (to 10 volts), 20zs. 36 gauge D.C.C. copper wire will be required. This will have to be wound on a cardboard bobbin, otherwise the meters are the same. Use brass screws to build up the case, as they are non-magnetic. Most of the constructional details are left to the genius of the reader, but no great difficulty should be found, as we have made several. We may here state that, as far as we know, this type is original in the details of design. Of course the meters will have to be calibrated by some other instrument which is known to be fairly accurate. Such can often be borrowed from a friend. It may be found that when the calibration of the meters is commenced the instruments are too sensitive, and will not read to a high figure. In this case, the balance weights B, Fig. 1, of the armature will have to be reduced. On the other hand, weight may have to be added to B if the meters are not sensitive enough.

A first year boy has culled the following humorous poem from the daily papers.

It was a summer evening,
 Old Bathmann's beer was done,
 And he, before the sandy shore,
 Was sitting in the sun,
 Instructing—for a hundredth time—
 His grandson, Fritz von Hoggenheim.

“’Twas where the German Ocean rears
 Its crests of snowy foam,
 We met and beat the British fleet,
 And then retreated home.
 We bolted like the deuce,” said he,
 After that famous victory.”

“When things were looking very blue,
 A shoreward course we shaped;
 We lost about a score of ships,
 But all the rest escaped,
 And, in unconquerable pride,
 Made for a port in which to hide.”

“A world of human pity filled
 Our noble admiral's mind,
 And so he broke the action off,
 And left the foe behind.
 We always act like that,” said he,
 “After a famous victory.”

“In our communiquees we made
 No indiscreet remark,
 For we had cautiously resolved
 To keep our losses dark—
 A course invariably applied
 By people on the winning side.”

"And after that the beaten foe
 Blockaded all our ports,
 And run us short of meat and bread,
 And goods of various sorts.
 Such things as this must always be
 After a famous victory."

"But why did we allow them to?"

The artless Fritz inquired.

"Because they had so strong a fleet,

They did as they desired,
 Such cruel things must always be
 While brutal Britain rules the sea."

"But, grandpapa," said little Fritz.

"If we had really won,

Why did not Prussia rule the sea,

As Britain once had done?"

"Oh, shut your silly mouth!" said he.

"It was a famous victory."

Selected by E.A.B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The following letter has been received from Mr. Wilson:—

University of Western Australia,
 Perth, 29th April, 1916.

Dear Forbes,—

I write to you, as Editor of "The Record," to thank you and those associated with you for so kindly remembering me in your April number, which is just to hand. I have read it all with great interest, and congratulate you on a "meaty" and attractive number.

I have been here now nearly three weeks, and begin lecturing on 1st May. I cannot yet speak of the German standard, but if it is anything like the French, our old friend, Henry, would find himself quite a shining light, while Shipp would promptly sit for first-class honours! There has not been, I think, very much attention paid to modern languages in this State, to judge by what work I've so far seen.

I miss very much the bustle and agitation of school life. I am sure I shall one day forget myself and cry, "Hinaus," "shoot him out!"

I trust you are all making steady progress. There are half a dozen among the German class who are very shaky, and who will need to get right down to it. But I am now not allowed to preach to you. I hope to hear that you are doing well in the footy. It was my greatest regret to leave you just now. There is no Rugger here, unfortunately. I have taken up rifle-shooting strongly.

With all best wishes to you all in fourth year. Please pass this round—not in class!

Yours most sincerely,

EDWIN J. WILSON.

Editor, "Record."

Dear Sir,—

I was very pleased when you notified the School that a special portion of "The Record" would be set aside for "letters to the Editor." Several editions have misrepresented the true facts concerning this club. Let me refer to one of these erratic statements of last issue. The sentence read: "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 or more men short." This report may be true of Rugby teams. It cannot be said, however, that the Soccer Club ever played a match without eleven men. The Soccer Club is this season supporting twelve teams, and the committee has now received an application from a first year class to enter another team in the class competition. Their request has been granted, and thus, in a few weeks' time, over 160 boys will be actually playing Soccer on Wednesday afternoons.

Soon after School re-opened this year, several boys, who are now the leading exponents of Rugby, attempted to "exterminate" Soccer. Such an action was not only foolish, but ridiculous. It was practically impossible to cut out of the list of School activities a club with a membership of half the School. If Soccer is of no use to the School, it should not have been allowed to enter the School four years ago. However, boys with unbiassed opinions were then on the Sports Union, and they considered that Soccer was beneficial to the School. Among the boys on the Union that year were Ridley, Paterson and Keniff, and no present pupil, no matter how strongly they speak in favour of Rugby, can say that *they* were unable to judge what games would be injurious to the School. In the second year of Soccer's existence at the School, the Rugby Union only provided competitions for first and second years. Consequently the boys who are now leaders of Rugby found themselves in a position to strengthen the Rugby Club, and not allow the small clubs to strengthen. However, the opportunity was overlooked, and the Soccer Club allowed to increase its membership. Thus the Rugby Club to-day is responsible for the position it is in, and not the Soccer Club.

This controversy that is taking place between the two clubs can only tend to increase the quality of the play in both clubs. Take, for instance, the Soccer third grade club. Its members are mostly second year boys, who took a large part in the petty strife. They were determined not to allow anybody to say that Soccer was diminishing in power and quality, and trained assiduously. The result is that they are now leading in the competition.

If, however, the trouble is allowed to cause hatred between the two clubs, it will ruin the prospects of both Rugby and Soccer. That the Soccer committee does not want such a thing to happen is shown by their action during the last three months. It has given the Rugby Club every assistance possible, and has decided to cancel the class competition, and postpone grade matches where

possible when G.P.S. matches are played on Wentworth Park. Therefore, if the Rugby committee will only alter their haughty manners and "condescend" to communicate with the Soccer committee, both sports will increase in numbers and quality, but if they follow the course they have been following, no good will result, and the Rugby Club will be worse off than ever.

K. J. H.

Dear Editor,—

In view of present circumstances, I think it would be judicious to cancel the School sports for 1916. The reasons are many, chief among them being the proximity of the military camp, which will terminate a day or two before the sports, and the apparent lowness of the Union funds. The above facts are, I think, adequate for the course of action suggested.

I am, yours, etc.,

A SPORT.

Sydney, 27th July, 1916.

The Editor, "S.H.S. Record."

Sir,—

"When we have match'd our rackets to these balls,
We will in France by God's grace play a set;
Shall strike his father's crown into the hazard."

A game with history dating back to the time of good King Hal (probably before), and which to-day is amongst the foremost of the world's sports, must command the respect even of an Editor. Therefore, I hope to strengthen my letter by the foregoing quotation.

My object is to bring under notice a grievance which the beginners' section of our tennis club has, namely, the want of a proper court. At present we are like the play of "Hamlet" without the ghost. If this humble contribution prove the means of rousing enthusiasm in the powers that be on our behalf, then I will feel that I am an active member of the section, and have not bought my fountain pen in vain. The tastes of other sections of our Union are well catered for, but the beginners' section of the tennis club is sadly neglected.

Yours faithfully,

D.C.G., First Year.

"Waroonga," Waterview Street,
Kogarah, 8/6/16.

Dear Sir,—

I am enclosing an extract from a letter written on March 22nd to my father by my brother, Sgt. Stanley C. Robertson, who left your School last July to enlist. It might interest the boys, especially the older boys who remember him, if it were published in "The Record"—if you have room for so long an article:—

"Yesterday afternoon a mate and myself visited the Khedivieh School (Zagazig). The pupils are all Egyptians, and I will tell you what happened. As soon as we entered the place we were at

once shown to the headmaster's office, and there were received with more gusto than any inspector in Sydney. The head could not express the honour we had conferred on him by our visit. Tea was immediately served to us, although it was only 2 p.m., and we, or rather I—my friend being very quiet—had about half an hour's conversation, in the course of which I told him that I was a student, and told him a little of our educational system in Australia, which, by the way, is very similar to the one in vogue here, except in the primary branch. He then asked us would we like to visit some of the classes, which we did. The first was fourth year, which is about our fifth class in the primary school. He introduced me to the master in charge as "a very learned and educated gentleman from Sydney." What do you think of that, eh? Oh, I forgot something—as we entered the room everybody rose at the command of the master, and all came up to the salute, which I gravely returned, though I was bursting to laugh. They all remained at the salute till I loftily cried, 'Sit down, boys, and go on with your work,' and asked the master to proceed with the lesson, which was in English grammar. And I'm hanged if those kiddies (well, they are anything from 10 to 20 years old) could not parse and analyse as well as ever I could. They also speak English very well. While the lesson was in progress I walked round the room, examining books, etc., and was surprised at their neatness, especially the maths. books. Maths. seem to be their long suite. Then the head asked me, with all sorts of apologies for troubling me, to tell the class something of Australia. I consented, and drew a map on the board (which by good luck turned out very good), and explained to them how Captain Cook found it, and how it was colonised, and was just going on to tell them about the products, when who should be ushered in but four English officers! Well, naturally, I stopped, not because I thought they knew more of Australia than I did, but because their flash uniforms, etc., had for the moment distracted the attention of the kids, who beforehand had sat like logs, listening to me with eyes, ears and mouths wide open. Well, there ended the first lesson (mine, I mean). It had lasted quite fifteen minutes, and in my opinion was very sketchy.

"One of the funniest events of the day came next. One of the officers, who had monopolised all the talk, and was discussing education, of which he knew a jolly sight less than I, turned to me and said, 'Who drew that map?' Said I, 'I did.' 'By the way,' said he, 'where's Melbourne?' Well, if he didn't hear the laugh that rumbled down to my boots it was because I would not let it come out of my mouth! I pointed it out, and just stopped myself from asking him where was London. After that he was as funny as a play, discussing with great gravity things of which he knew absolutely nothing, whilst I was pulling his leg something terribly. He was more ignorant of Australia than the Egyptians. They did not stay long, however, and then the head, who did not seem to have much time for the officers, showed us all round the School. In each room we were saluted, and their best work exhibited to us.

At 4 o'clock all the school was drawn up in the playground, and on our approach they all saluted, and then stood at attention for our inspection. I laugh when I think of me inspecting a school. Having looked at them, I said that he had better let them go home now. Once again the general salute, and then the whole lot filed past us, and each saluted in turn, from kids of 5 to men of 25. This over, we were ushered into the head's office again, and had some excellent coffee and a talk. He thanked me profusely for, as he termed it, my learned and highly interesting address on the historical geography of Australia. Certain questions which I was able to answer, and certain explanations which I made, particularly in reference to the relations existing between Australia and Great Britain, which they understood were similar to those existing between themselves and Turkey, made a profound impression on him, whilst I, outwardly grave, was inwardly bubbling with laughter.

"On our departure, which caused him no end of regret, we accepted an invitation to visit him last night. This we did, and had more talk, more coffee, and more cigarettes. He asked me if he could see my father's photo, which I showed him; and if my father is not the most intellectual and learned financier on earth, well, that chap's talking through a hole in his hat, for that is what he said he was. I also showed him my sister's photo, and told him she was at the University. He merely shrugged his shoulders and said that women should not be educated. We left him at about 8.30 p.m., as we found we had to go on duty when he started his gramophone. Arabic music is a rotten, tuneless, timeless wail, but through a gramophone it's just awful, and after two records we excused ourselves and left, much to the sorrow of our host, whose thanks for our visit were profuse. We walked down the street about 20 yards in silence, and then suddenly burst out laughing at the day we had had. It was the most interesting and amusing trip I have had yet, although everything here at Zapazy seems to hit my funny-bone. I suppose it is because the weather is beautiful, and I am perfectly well. I think I will apply for a school inspector's job on my return."

Stanley is now with his twin brother in D Company, 53rd Battalion, he being a sergeant. They were in Egypt and very well when they last wrote, though they had a few days previously taken part in that disastrous 40-mile route march across the desert.

Yours sincerely,

FANNY C. ROBERTSON.

May 18th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

I noticed that in one place in the last copy of "The Record" the spelling "honor" was adopted for the word "honour." We have transgressed perhaps least of all present day periodicals in this respect, but lest we do so again, let me send up a plea for the *correct* spelling of the word. The reasons why we should retain our own spelling are, to my mind, threefold. Firstly, we

pronounce the word for the spelling "honour" (er), and not for that of "honor" (or). Secondly, and this more appealing in these days at least, we get our ideas of honour to a large extent from the French (and they spell the word "honneur"), and not from the Americans, to whom the spelling "honor" belongs. And lastly, "honour" is British, and, after all, Mr. Editor, such an appeal, if it does not go to our common sense, ought at least to reach our sense of patriotism.

Yours sincerely,

O. HOWARD BEALE, 2nd Year.

Sydney High School,
23rd May, 1916.

The Editor, "S.H.S. Record."

Sir,

With regard to the remarks you made in the Editorial of the last number of the "Record," I should like to say a few words. At the time there was a slight controversy between Soccer and Rugby, but no action of the Soccer Club merited such an article. Your statement that canvassing was done by the Soccer players was a deliberate attempt at misleading the first yearers, as nothing approaching canvassing was resorted to by Soccer, since it was known that Soccer had the majority of players, and also decidedly the majority of sportsmen. Doubtless the editorial staff of "The Record" is composed mainly of Rugby players, but since the paper interests the whole School, their prejudice to Soccer ought to be dropped when writing articles, and they should give an unbiassed opinion of School affairs. Soccer is in every way as important a sport as Rugby, and is every year becoming more popular, but I am satisfied that the Soccer players will always be sportsmen, and never try, as Rugby did, to suppress every other sport.

Yours faithfully,

(Ex) SEC. SOCCER CLUB.

The Editor, "The Record,"

Dear Sir,—

May I ask, through you, why S.H.S. were totally unrepresented in the Combined 'Public Schools' matches, while teams of a much lower standard had each a number of players selected?

Yours expectantly,

H. E. L.

May 10th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

Though I looked long and carefully through the last copy of "The Record," I was quite unable to find the name mentioned in its pages of one who has done much worthy of note and appreciation. Other people, when leaving the School, have had their names and deeds mentioned with appreciation; but in this case there was none. I refer, of course, to Mr. Harvey. On Mr.

Harvey's removal at Christmas the School sustained a great loss. Despite his long acquaintanceship with the School and its various activities, however, no record of his deeds, no appreciation of them, and no regret at his departure, was expressed through the pages of our paper. Surely this is not a fair thing! Surely we have *some* sense of gratitude and goodwill.

Yours sincerely,

O.H.B.

P.S.—I hope, Mr. Editor, that the fault does not lie at your door. In that case, my letter will, I am afraid, find an undignified position in the W.P.B.

O.H.B.

The Editor's Box.

O.H.B.—We might suggest a few improvements in connection with the form of your contributions. We would first of all denounce all attempts to imitate Greek handwriting—there is only one Greek scholar on this committee. Secondly, some attempt at a final copy might be made to spare the committee trouble in decoding your cartography, which sometimes becomes futurist; and thirdly, don't allow your inspiration to outrun your pen, otherwise the committee must do the handicapping. In most respects the matter is, as a rule, up to "Record" standard, although the latter is becoming a doubtful quantity. Your "Christmas" has just sufficient interest, but not a great deal too much, to warrant publication, but considerations of space precludes its acceptance. We would advise you not to be so profuse in your slanders of the Editor when writing letters. "The pen is mightier than the sword," you know, and the Editor is not a jealous brute, as you suspect, but a humble beast of burden, who is obliged to accept a great many things that are thrust upon him.

W.A.M.—We would advise you to try again most assuredly, but at the same time to aim lower than the moon. You have not learned many "celestial secrets," yet if you are still asking where the light of the moon comes from. The idea also of "mantling" the earth with a "silver ray" is rather incongruous. As we said before, try again, but keep off the moon. It's a dangerous subject.

F.V.H.—You have a very fair style, and can express yourself well, but we believe that you have chosen the wrong subject, and have, in addition, overshot your natural mark just a little. When you write again, use language a little simpler and more easily understood, not only by others, but by yourself. We hope to see more of your work.

J.G.H.—We tried to impress upon a contributor last issue that a contribution such as yours is not acceptable for publication in these pages, whatever its merits may be. We are ourselves not averse to personalities, but it has become a custom of this paper not to indulge in them, and this usage must be respected. From your work we should say that your ability, if directed in a more orthodox channel, would bear creditable fruit, and reach publication. But remember that, even in form notes, where most license is allowed, personal references are discouraged.

A.S.W.—You have chosen in this poem a wrong form, which not only interferes with free expression, but by its abruptness conveys an impression different to that which you wished, according to the matter, to convey. As a result, one can hardly make sense out of the second part of the first stanza. The second stanza is better, but not much, so greatly does the form spoil the matter. In your next poem give yourself greater liberty for expression.

C.P.B.—We think that you have made a mistake in your conception of the primary object of the "Record," which is a literary one. As many contributions as possible must depend upon the literary ability they show, rather than on the interest or the fact which they contain, except in a few cases, when the importance of a subject demands its acceptance. We do not think that your account would be read with interest by many of our readers, and we believe that, on second thoughts, you will admit this. If you wish to see your work in print, try some other direction in prose (or poetry), and endeavour to infuse more attractiveness into your contributions.

F.C.M.—Your contribution is being held over till next issue.

L.R.R. (2 AC).—Your letter is not included, as we cannot find space for it.

F.E.S.—Though you express yourself very well, you do not convince us that cattle-branding is such an interesting operation after all. We think you have made the usual mistake of picking the wrong subject. Your style shows promise. Try again.

C.F.J. (1 BG).—We have never doubted that 1 BG has always had plenty of coal to keep "her" going, though we are not so assured that the coal has been expended in sustaining the fire of literary inspiration. Therefore, we implore you to have mercy on the unfortunate class which you depict under your thumb, and to confine yourself to "facta," not "verba," or even "picta."

S.G.W. (4B).—You have perpetrated a very stirring battle piece. We say battle piece because "fighting" occurs twice in each of three stanzas, and "battling" in the 4th, while a gradually pathetic note is struck by "booming" in the 2nd stanza, "sounding" in the 3rd, and "weeping" in the 3rd, though it certainly requires a stretch of the imagination to picture an eagle "weeping." But, nevertheless, if you had not indulged in such extensive repetition and toned things down generally, you would certainly have earned publication. Next issue, seek a gentler muse.

F.C.B. (3B).—Though we have been fairly inundated with odes on this subject, whose only destination could be the W.P.B., yet we must say that yours is deserving of a better fate. You have at least succeeded in retaining the metre of your poem throughout, except in two verses. But you have not quite attained on this occasion to the indefinable level known as "Record" standard, though if you improve only a little you will certainly see your work in print.

R.K.O.—We are doubtful that K. of K. stood alone on the deck of the sinking ship, but we are at least certain that he was not clad in "kakhi," whatever that may be, nor was the type of wave by which he was enveloped known to us as "rusing." Next time you write a poem to the "Record," write it out twice, read it through, and sleep on it.

R.H.C. (3B).—Though you have certainly produced a more legible piece than any of your fellow mourners, yet you have proved even more contemptuous of metre than they. Next time make your lines shorter, keep a keen eye on metre, and aim low.

R.A.B.—Sonnet not included on considerations of space, but pleased to accept your "Autumn Sunset."

"WHARYJONG."—Pleased to accept your "Flannel Flower," but can give nothing but advice with regard to the others. Send "Wist Thou Not?" to a ladies' magazine, but not to the "Record"; it's too—er—slimy. "The King of the Forty Thieves" and "Moon Dreams" are quite acceptable, but arrived too late. As for "Ronald," in form it is excellent; we have seldom seen a better imitation of ballad metre. But the remark we applied to your second poem is applicable in some degree to this. On the next occasion, take a more robust and simple subject, which, in our humble opinion, would be more in keeping with ballad metre.

- "BUNGER."—Though your contribution is in any case unacceptable, we are bound to inform those whom it may concern that the reason thereof has no connection with the threat delivered to ourselves by the Captain to whom you refer, the same person having previously rifled the editorial portfolio, and been caught "in flagrante delicto." The article is entirely too slanderous.
- "WOODPECKER."—Pay more attention to your metre, and your next poem will certainly be published.
- X.Y.Z.—Your anecdotes have all the virtues except novelty, which we would point out is a very desirable, if not indispensable, possession. We fear that ordinary persons would indicate their extreme capillosity, but that ordinary persons would indicate their extreme capillosity by expressions too vulgar to be printed. Be original.
- R.G.—You certainly have the faculty of juggling with "long-tailed words in -osity and -ation," for quite long periods at a stretch, but we doubt whether you succeed in rousing anything akin to the title of your dissertation. Our advice to you is to keep off the high notes, and write on *one* side of the paper.
- H.E.M. (3B).—You have dissected unerringly the character of the Third Year boy, but the conclusion you arrive at in your article is so nihilistic to all the precepts which have been hammered into Third Year by masters from time immemorial, and also, alas! so commonly accepted by the students themselves, that we cannot print it for fear of encouraging the pernicious apathy of boys of your year.
- G.B.—Try again, but put some pepper in it; not sufficiently interesting.
- CURLY (2B).—We must say to you what we have frequent occasion to say to junior boys, but which implies no fault. You have aimed too high. Allegory, such as you have attempted, is rather above any Second Year boy, and we could point out fatal inconsistencies. When you next write, try nearer home, something which is well within your grasp.
- H.M. (3B) and F.V.H. (3A).—Your article is included in the "Editor's Table," but the sketches retained for inspection, as it was impossible to have a block made in the short time.
- G.T.C.—Before we print your recipe we would like to see a specimen of this peculiarly lively species of perambulating cheese.
- J.C.F.—Holding your ballad over till next issue, as it is too long to include in this. We publish your "Sunset."
- O.H.B.—"Autumn Evening" accepted.
- M. Y. HALIDOM, A.R.B., AUBERIC, W.B.J.—Poems accepted with thanks.
- H.E.L., G.H.—Articles published.

Editorial Notices

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The next issue will appear in December, 1916. Contributors are strongly requested not to leave their contributions till later in the quarter, but to get them into editorial hands as soon as possible.

Letters to the Editor on any subject will be always welcomed where space allows of publication.

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