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Editorial

About four years ago radical changes were made in the staffs and general management of the High Schools of this State. The change exemplified in a marvellous manner the general tendency in practically all professions to specialise. Lately the School staff has been very unsettled, and it has been reduced to a minimum. Knowing the disadvantages that this reduction of the teaching staff incurred, we ought to be able to realise and grasp at the great advantages which are held out to us by a very competent full staff. We have lost skilful masters, and fine men, it is true, but on the other hand we are confident that we have gained masters just as skilful, and masters who are fine types of men. The staff now has its full complement, and among the staff are those who have had a full Great Public School training in other lands. These men are fully able to appreciate the value of a school spirit and

school tradition. Four years ago, when Sydney Boys' High School was just commencing to be recognised as a Great Public School, it was thought that those radical changes would prove a serious obstacle in its road to success. But has it? Now we see S.H.S. in the front rank, honoured by all for its conquests both in scholasticism and in sport. The masters are fully capable of upholding the traditions of the School in the matter of school work, but it rests with the boys, under the supervision of the masters, "to extend our fame and uphold our name" in the field of sport. Boys who have just felt indolent about this matter do not, cannot, realise the great harm they are doing. Not only does the School lose the benefit of their personal exertions in this direction, but an example is set to other fellows, who also join the ranks of those who are either free from care about the welfare of the School, or who are aware of it but too careless and indolent to accept its responsibilities. If such fellows will only realise the harm they are wreaking, and devote themselves to the earnest practice of the coming winter games, they will not only give the School the benefit of their play, but they will also set an example to the rest of the School. Such a state of affairs as this will surely serve to push S.H.S. still further along the road to success, and strengthen the traditions of the School.

Mope.

O, how did Earth rejoice, when thou wert free
 To follow Trouble through the world, and show
 To man, that everlasting joy doth flow
 Through God's own Kingdom of Eternity.

O, Blessed Hope! the praise we give to thee
 Is insufficient. Thou, who doth bestow
 Thy rays of comfort, gliding shades of woe,
 Art God's *first* present to humanity.

Without thy precious virtue, man would be
 Devoid of God's best blessing, cheerfulness;
 Without thy fresh'ning influence, none could see
 Calm joy existent after wretchedness;
 Great God, in wisdom, ordered what was best,
 So Hope doth ever fill the human breast.

By A.D. (Fourth year).

School Notes.

The School unites in rejoicing at the re-establishment of Speech Day. It is to be hoped that this time-honoured custom will never again be allowed to fall into abeyance.

The eighth Swimming Carnival of Sydney Boys' High School was held on 8th March, 1916, at Drummoyne Baths. This function, owing mainly to the energetic efforts of Mr. Leaver, proved an immense success. An account of it and the results will be found on later pages.

We desire to congratulate the following boys on their success in gaining prefectships for this year:—Henry (senior), R. F. Back, N. G. Bell, H. Mansfield, H. MacGregor, F. E. Stayner, G. Stuckey, G. P. Shipp, S. G. Webb, R. F. Gollan, 3AG ; H. W. Jaede, 3BG; G. B. Morris, 3CG. We feel sure that the above boys will ably carry out their duties during their tenure of office, to the benefit of the School and general order.

A Life-saving Club was recently organised in the School, and the boys, under the able tuition of Mr. Leaver, attained a high degree of proficiency. They presented themselves on 23rd March for examination, and the results were extremely gratifying, and reflected creditably on our School.

It is with mingled emotions that we bid good-bye to the old fourth year. Gladness and pride well up in us when we think of their brilliant successes, but it is immediately eclipsed by a heart-felt regret at the realisation that it is good-bye. One thing is certain, they carry with them into the new sphere of their activities our hopes for the continuation of the successes that they undoubtedly gained here.

Four of the most popular of the old fourth year boys have enlisted, viz., Claremont, Gray, Benson, and Cross. They may rest assured that they carry with them into their new life the School's appreciation of their conduct, and its best wishes for good luck.

We are happy to be able to congratulate Willsher on carrying off the junior swimming championship of the State. Willsher has so distinguished himself in the swimming branch of athletics that, even if the above feat did not sufficiently advertise his sterling qualities as a swimmer, it would be foolish to attempt a recital of his many triumphs.

The staff had been strengthened by the addition of Dr. R. N. Morris, M.A., LL.B. He had finally, as it was thought, closed his teaching career, but felt impelled to offer his services at a time when the scarcity of teachers was a severe menace to education. This was his form of war service. We regret that his appointment was merely temporary. He was appreciated by one and all.

The mathematical staff has received an increase in the person of A. E. Foott, Esq., B.A. It is with pride that we announce that Mr. Foott secured the medal for mathematics during his University career.

We would also like to congratulate P. F. Cane, Esq., B.A., who recently gained distinction in second year Economics.

We extend a hearty welcome to C. P. Smith, Esq., B.A., who is now attached to the Classics staff. Mr. Smith has succeeded Mr. Watson as sports master, and his energies in this direction have permeated the whole School, and supply a great stimulus in sports activities. The thanks of the whole School are due to Mr. Watson for the extreme care and trouble he took in supervising the sporting life of S.H.S. during his tenure of office.

The whole School unites in welcoming J. E. Larum, Esq., and J. L. Tierney, Esq., B.A., who have been appointed to the English staff. Their sterling qualities require no mention on our part. The School already takes them for what they are—decided acquisitions both in educative circles and in the lighter side of great public school life.

J. Towns, Esq., has been appointed to the Science staff, and already the boys, with unerring instinct, have accepted him as (in their own frank colloquialism), “a jolly decent sort,” and respect his obvious capability of good scientific instruction.

All unite in welcoming R. C. G. Wright, Esq., to S.H.S. He also has been appointed to the Science staff, which ought to be, and obviously is, proud of its new acquisition. In the person of Mr. Wright the whole School has received a benefit, a benefit which it is not slow to realise and quick to acknowledge.

The Modern Language staff has received a valuable addition in R. A. Page, Esq., B.A. His good influence soon asserted itself, and the entire School community unite in appreciating his many sterling qualities.

One thing mars the otherwise happy chronicles of our school life—the departure of Mr. G. E. Johns, B.A., B.Sc., and of Mr. McNiven, B.A. Both these masters are now attached to the Suva Grammar School, Fiji, the first in the capacity of Headmaster, the second as an assistant master under his firm friend. We must congratulate them on their success, but we do so with a natural regret, for their departure has occasioned deep feeling throughout the School. We may rest assured, however, that they both will at once win the sympathy and confidence of their new pupils, and again emphasise the perfect understanding that should exist between master and pupil, as they succeeded in doing at the School.

It is with sorrow that we acknowledge the departure of another of our most esteemed masters, M. Deuquet. M. Deuquet has once again decided to tender his services for the protection of his

beloved Belgium, and now he has changed the class-room for the battlefield. Our esteem and admiration goes forth to M. Deuquet, and when far away he must remember that his name always conjures up pleasant reflections and admiration for him.

The teaching staff has suffered a lamentable depletion in the departure of J. W. Greaves, Esq., B.A. We all sincerely hope for his good fortune in the future, and are certain that his numerous good traits will be fully appreciated wherever his life may lead him.

S.H.S. might pardonably be excused should it feel inclined to pat itself on the back. It has distinguished itself remarkably in swimming sports, and it is with a natural glow of pleasure that we announce S.H.S. first in the High Schools' Relay and second in the G.P.S. Relay. It would be superfluous to add that we hope it will continue its success.

Who said the age of miracles was past? We of the fourth year have induced a set of hard-hearted masters to voluntarily acclaim the willing spirit that marked the advent of the new fourth year. Knowing the semi-proverbial reticence of masters where praise is concerned, fourth year may be excused if it holds its head a little higher and walks with a more dignified step. The School will understand!

Congratulations from one and all are due, and immediately forthcoming, to Mr. Outten, who has this year succeeded in gaining his B.A. degree.

“To _____”

Dear heart, dear girl that walkest with me here,

In this calm eventide of voiceless song;

Dear one, whose sweetly-whispered words of cheer

Do guide me on a path, both dark and long;

Dear friend, whose lovely lilt of laughter gay

Make my sad heart to wake, to dance and play,

Whose soft blue eyes eternal comfort give,

And with those lips create desire to live;

For thee I pray that thou may'st always be

Kept from the wrecks of life's tempestuous sea,

From rending sorrow that would cause thee pain,

From horrid thoughts that go, but come again;

For thee, these things I nightly ever pray,

For thee, dear love, who hast stolen my heart away.

—“D” (Fourth year).

A Tribute to Mr. C. E. Johns, B.A., Bsc.

Although our late Science master, Mr. Johns, had only been with us for eighteen months when he obtained the headmastership of the Fiji Grammar School, he secured, even in that short time, a firm place in the affections and esteem of all who came in contact with him in school or in sport.

As a teacher, Mr. Johns was painstaking in the extreme, and however discouraging the scholars might have been, was always enthusiastic and energetic, and maintained his reputation as a thorough gentleman. To see that his efforts were rightly crowned with no small success, we have only to examine the results of the recent examinations, where in his subjects we see some excellent passes.

But it was for the part he played in the social life of the School that he will be remembered by all. He was as one of ourselves, and we could converse with him in that friendly and intimate manner which always serves to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. His advice was always forthcoming, and always sound and good. During the summer months he was always ready to participate in any work in connection with the Swimming Club, and last season carefully attended to the rolls—a very responsible duty. The Soccer Club, however, will miss him most of all. In that field his loss is almost irreparable. When he came to us the Club was in its second year of existence, and when he left it was the strongest and best regulated club in the School—mostly due to his talent for organisation, and his ability to control the various grades and class teams. He possessed a knowledge of the sport rarely surpassed, and while coaching was able by his personality to communicate both his technical knowledge and boundless enthusiasm, so enabling all teams to “make good.”

He was in all things most scrupulously just and fair, and always spoke his mind frankly and without hesitation. For this reason he was *the* man for the School Union, and in its various meetings always stood for the welfare of the whole School.

We could not let him go without some outward show of our esteem, so both boys and masters begged him to accept a few remembrances of his short sojourn with us. When thanking us his reply was typical of his good nature and forethought, and he adjured us to work hard and play hard, and so make and keep traditions worthy of the Sydney High School. May every good wish and happy success attend him in his present position.

The Roll of Monour.

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L.-Cpl. C. Campbell	Sgt. W. P. Ridley (wounds)
Pte. J. W. Cizzio	L.-Sgt. O. A. Rainbow
Pte. B. H. Cartwright (drowned)	Pte. T. B. Ryan
Lieut. W. Dannefaerd	Capt. S. E. Townshend
Lieut.-Col. J. F. Flashman	Pte. R. W. Webster
Pte. G. L. Fleming	Pte. F. Wells
Pte. E. F. Howard (illness)	Sgt. F. Wellish
Pte. J. Lemon (wounds)	Pte. B. W. Whitehouse
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Cpl. W. D. McRoberts.	

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Sgt. C. E. Fuller	Pte. A. Stafford
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Sgt. C. L. C. Henry	Pte. K. C. Upton
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Pte. Barnes	Lieut. A. C. Bourne
Pte. R. A. Bastin Harvey	Pte. G. Bowsher
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Pte. J. W. Buckhorn	Sgt. C. E. Fuller
Pte. V. Burton	Pte. E. W. Funnell
Pte. E. J. Burrows	Capt. T. M. Furber (A.M.C.)
Pte. C. Bush	Pte. F. C. Gallagher
Pte. A. Busby	Pte. H. M. Garling
Spr. Caldwell	Gnr. J. Garner
Pte. M. Cameron	Pte. J. Gibb
Pte. J. Campbell	Cpl. A. Gilbert
Pte. F. Capper	Pte. O. R. Goslin
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Pte. J. W. Cizzio	Tpr. L. J. Gurney
Pte. W. Claxton	Pte. J. Hague
Capt. A. Cockburn	Pte. M. Hain
Pte. S. E. Coleman	Sgt. L. V. Hall
Pte. R. Collier	Pte. T. Hamany
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Capt. G. S. Cook	Pte. G. Hammond
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Lieut. F. W. Lennox	Pte. L. Pullen
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Pte. C. Vyner	Pte. R. G. Wheen
Pte. G. Walker	Bugler White
Pte. B. C. Wall (A.M.C.)	Pte. B. Whitehouse
Sgt. Bevan Ward	Pte. W. G. Wiesener
Pte. J. M. S. Wasson	Cpl. R. R. Willard
Pte. L. G. Waterhouse	Cpl. C. V. Wilmott
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Lieut. S. Waterhouse	Pte. W. H. Wood
Pte. R. Watterson	Sgt. F. C. Wootten
Pte. H. F. Webster	Sgt. F. C. Wooten
Lieut. D. Webster	L.-Cpl. A. R. Wright
Pte. R. W. Webster	Pte. W. Wurth
Pte. F. Wells	
Lieut. T. Wells	

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Letters From the Front.

Dear ———,

I must apologise for not having written to you before, and it was only receipt of your letter the other day that stirred me up. I was very pleased indeed to hear from you.

Since I last wrote I have seen great things, and taken some part in the fighting in France. Probably you know a great deal by now of the movements of the Australians in France—Pozières and other affairs on the Somme—but I shall just give you a slight idea of the doings of our own division.

We left Egypt in June, and arrived at Marseilles towards the end of the month. Unfortunately, we hadn't even a few hours' stay there, but entrained straight from the boat. After three days' continuous train journey through a marvellously rich country, we were detrained at a small village called Thiennes, near Hazebrouck, almost on the Belgian border, and went into billets for the very last part of our training. I cannot say I was favourably impressed with the larger French towns, which seemed to be overcrowded, and not of the cleanest character. The villages, however, seemed to be very picturesquely situated in the midst of intensely cultivated fields. Of course, we were passing up the Rhone valley in the best part of the year. As one comes nearer Belgium, too, the population seems to be of a much poorer class, though I suppose allowances must be made for the effect of the war. Thiennes, by the way, showed us some of the results of Prussian vandalism in destroyed homes, though nothing to what we were to see.

After about ten days we left Thiennes for the firing line, all more or less anxious as to the success of our "début" as the real thing. As we drew nearer that place of —shall I say possibilities?—

the countryside was lit up by flares and star shells, and apparently on three sides of us guns were making one continuous rumble. As it happened, there was "something doing," and we received with a sense of awe various orders as to our procedure, should the road be shelled. For the Germans always seem to be well informed as to the movements of troops, and seldom fail to give a reception to parties about to take over a part of the line. However, we were fortunate, and took over our part without any display by the enemy. I cannot say what my feelings were on this, our first night in the line, nor what dreadful possibilities our anxious minds conjured up, as we very reluctantly peered across that narrow space called "No Man's Land." I do know, however, that some minds, tuned up to a high pitch of imagination by the suspense of awaiting dawn, saw Germans in every tree and shadow, and kept me awake by their constant firing at the same. However, such things soon became commonplace, and we settled down quite unconcerned to the routine of trench life, now and then disturbed by the Hun "Hymn of Hate" in the nature of a bombardment, which always kept us busy building up our trenches, and occasionally caused a few casualties. After a time, however, things became more lively, bombardments more frequent, and then the excitement of patrol duty and trench raids.

Then the climax was reached on the night of July 19th, when we "hopped over" and invaded Fritz's trenches, eventually taking his first and second line. Many High School boys fell on that night. Towards morning the Germans counter-attacked in such large numbers that we were forced to retire to our own first line, suffering terrible casualties while doing so. The place was crowded with Germans, and the artillery and machine gun fire murderous. The casualties in our division alone were between six and seven thousand—that is, more than fifty per cent. After that we had nothing more than lively artillery duels and frequent trench raids, during which we suffered some casualties, and inflicted much heavier on the enemy.

It was on September 5th, during such a bombardment, that I had a narrow escape from being blown to pieces, and was severely wounded in the leg. I forgot to state that I had only been back a week from an officers' school at St. Omer when this happened. I was a fortnight in hospital in France, and was three times operated on to have a piece of shell removed, but each time unsuccessfully. Then I was sent across to Leicester, and a fourth operation was successful. Until I came down here to the convalescent camp at Weymouth, I lay in bed at Leicester, so that I had no chance of seeing my surroundings. Now I am able to move about, though I cannot walk far, and expect to be sent on furlough any day. I do not think, however, that my leg will ever become quite right again, as one side of the thigh is almost quite dead. At present the medical officer has marked me for six months' home service in England, but there is still a possibility that I shall be sent home.

to Australia. I must say I do not fancy stopping in England for the winter, though I suppose there is no alternative. The cold is troubling us all a good deal, and to-day especially is most miserable, rain and snow both falling. Still it must be a thousand times worse in France.

Now, trusting you and the other masters and students are well, and wishing to be remembered to all,

I am, yours sincerely,

Lieutenant Marcel Aourousseau, a S.H.S. Old Boy, was decorated with the Military Cross by his Majesty King George V. at Buckingham Palace. The official report says:—"He took command when his commander was killed, and inspired all ranks by his fine example. During a night attack he led his company forward with great dash till he was severely wounded." Lieut. Aourousseau was educated at Sydney Boys' High School, and from there passed into the Sydney University, graduated, and was appointed Lecturer in Geology at the Perth University.

Lieut. W. E. Pike, B.E., a former S.H.S. pupil, recently died from wounds sustained in action at the front. Lieut. Pike was one of the three Sydney University graduates nominated in 1915 for commissions in the Royal Engineers. He was educated at Sydney Boys' High School, and from there passed into the Sydney University, after gaining a Peter Nicol Russel scholarship in engineering. He graduated in 1914 with first-class honours and University Medal in mechanical and electrical engineering. In 1915 he gained a scientific research scholarship, and in 1916 he was awarded the Walter and Eliza Hall engineering travelling fellowship. It would be unnecessary to remark that S.H.S. is proud of her former pupil.

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

Extracts from Letters written to Miss Mac from Our Boys on Active Service at the Front.

These are little tit-bits dating from December, 1916, and January-February, 1917:—

To begin, Eric Saxby, A.M.C. says their work has been heavy and the same routine—move up to trenches by degrees, take over and hold them off for a time, then off for a spell for a week, then off to the trenches again. They have had severe weather and plenty of mud. He says the army is the place to meet old High School boys, and Coronation men mostly. He does not say how he gained his D.C.M. Too modest, eh?

By the same mail came one from Ken, his youngest brother. Both have had the good luck to keep together for fifteen months. Ken says he has met scores of Tec. Engineers chaps he had been associated with before enlisting. Eric and he were going on leave to "Blighty" (England), and would spend Christmas and New Year there, and they intended having a good time, as they had seen

no civilisation for so long a time. They were both in good health. Both enclosed best wishes to any old boys who may remember them.

By January's mail came a letter from the Desert. M. B. MacCulloch wrote to me. Mac Cameron had received such a boska letter, full of news of pals, that Mac Cameron sent it along to him to enjoy, and he then wrote asking for letters also. It is two years since big Mac left, and he has seen a few things in that time. They have a very fair time—no houses to live in or baths, or any luxuries like the chaps in France. It is a real funny letter, but space won't permit. Of course, they have visits from "Taubes" dropping bombs, which, luckily for them, do no damage so far. He is well, and has the good fortune to have his brother in the A Troop, 6th Reg., 2nd A.L.H.

Arthur Brand (Dick) sent me a nice Christmas card, writing on the 7/11/16. He had met Ray Kershaw in the House of Commons. They both happened to be week-ending from camp to London.

Mac. Cameron says it is a year since he left school. A day with the old pals would be worth its weight in gold. He has gone through some hardships; attending to the horses night and day is heavy and constant work, sometimes an all-night job if any are sick. Mac. got a letter from Cootsie (A. E. Coote), saying he was in the machine gun section. Cootsie mentioned poor Ben Whitehouse being killed in action. He was Mac's special cobbler at school, and only 16 when he enlisted. It is things like that that make you long to go to France, and calls himself cold-footed for being in the L.H. when you hear of your pal's death. His letter was too long to tell you more. I must go on to the next dear boy.

Cecil Willmott sent Field P.C., dated 9/1/17. Quite well. He must be in action. Victor Paterson, M.M., sent me French P.C., dated 20/1/17. He and Fairlie were just about to enter a School of Instruction, and were having a day out. Since then Vic has been made lieutenant. Fairlie wrote before, saying due for furlough in England. Both well, and sometimes very sad, seeing mates fall at their side.

Ian Muir wrote 1/1/17 (New Year's Day) in France, and hard to realise it was, so they were camped in a miserable little French village. He had furlough two weeks in London before, and had the luck to meet his brother, Willie, who is engineer on a "mine-sweeper" on the high seas. They both had the time of their lives. He sends wishes to you all, and often thinks of S.H.S. days, and wishes to see us again.

Claud Fuller, writing 17/1/17, just finished up having a good time in Nottingham; they swanked around London. At Leicester he had the luck to meet a wealthy Australian lady, and she entertained them loyally. He is by now on the staff of a training battalion on Salisbury Plain. His wounded leg and thigh are much easier.

Stan Robertson wrote long, interesting letter, 12/12/16. He is well, and had just come out of action. Oh! the mud. He says he is not flash, although he has two stars up, and he is in perfect health. The only worries are the loss of pals, and his brother, Eric, being a prisoner of war. Young Elwin's, of S.H.S., brother is in Stan's platoon as sergeant. He says he would like letters; address, 53rd Battalion. He met in his battalion an old S.H.S. boy in the person of Bevan, who went to the Coronation with S.H.S. boys. He, too, like Stan, would enjoy a chat with any of the boys of his years.

Bill Sherwood left in "Morea" for Mesopotamia in January. More to follow of others in next issue.

"Arm, Arm, ye Brave!"

Arm, Arm, ye brave! For ne'er shall sons of France
 Be ruled by men, 'neath whose despotic sway
 All honour, freedom, justice must give way
 To lowering tyranny. Take ye war's chance,
 And, in avenging armies, swift advance,
 To guard thy country's interests. The day
 Has come, when sacrifice is needed—nay,
 When very lives be given in Life's romance.
 No time for question—Ah! it would be joy
 To die, if for your country's sake. To die
 Believing that your hard-fought cause was just,
 And knowing in your hearts ye helped destroy
 A world-desiring foe. No need to sigh,
 For you, though victims of earth's battle-lust. A.S.W.

S.H.S. Swimming Carnival Results.

Back and Breast Stroke Final, 100yds.—1 McCarthy, 2 Speedy, 3 Bell. Time, 2.22.

Second Year Handicap, Final, 50yds.—1 Swanton, 2 Eyles and Bassetti. Time, 45 1-5.

High Schools' Relay, 200yds.—1, S.H.S. (Back, Shand, Bradhurst, Willsher), 2 Fort St. H.S. (Shead, Steel, S. Crackenthorp, Willoughby), 3 North Sydney H.S. (Kirkland, Felton, Irvine, Armitage). Time, 2.1 7-10.

13 Years Championship, 50yds.—1 Richards, 2 Bassetti, 3 Wonders. Time, 39 7-10.

14 Years Championship, 50yds.—1 Shand, 2 Alexander, 3 Davies. Time, 32 1-5.

School Championship, 100yds.—1 Willsher, 2 Back, 3 Lyons. Time, 68 2-5.

First year Handicap, Final, 50yds.—1 Gelling, 2 Stevenson, 3 McIntyre. Time, 41secs.

Junior Relay Handicap, 200yds.—1 2CG (Wilmott, Little, Swanton, Lambert), 2 2AG (Kemmell, Rickards, Small, Cathels), 3 2AG Second Team (Gilder, Condon, Eyles, Ward). Time, 2.54 1-5.

Third and Fourth Year Handicap, Semi-final, 75 yds.—First Heat: 1 O'Donnell, 2 Bradhurst, 3 Tressider. Time, 60 3-5. Second Heat: 1 Hanson, 2 Lyons, 3 Roberts. Time, 72 2-5.

Diving for Plates.—1 Byrne, 1st 13, 2nd 11; 2 Roberts, 1st 13, 2nd 10; 3 Boag, 1st 11.

Junior Championship, 50yds.—1 Willsher, 2 Shand, 3 Lyons. Time, 28 3-5.

Beginners' Race, Semi-Final, 25yds.—First Heat: 1 Heppell, 2 Green, 3 Witherford. Time, 18 3-5. Second Heat: 1 Chantler, 2 Crogan, 3 Sinclair. Time, 18 4-5.

Senior Relay Handicap, 200yds.—1 4A A Team (Back, Lyons, Cooper, Bradhurst), 2 3CG B Team (Sorenson, Thomas, Norris, Faris), 3 3AG Team (Willsher, Shand, Tressider, Crawford). Time, 2.37 1-10.

Diving Championship.—1 Willsher, 2 Thomas, 3 Oag.

Third and Fourth Years Handicap Final, 75yds.—1 Hanson, 2 O'Donnell, 3 Lyons. Time, 60 1-10.

Beginners' Race, Final, 25yds.—1 Heppell, 2 Sinclair, 3 Chantler. Time, 19 3-5.

220yds. Handicap, Final.—1 Cathels, 2 Willsher, 3 Bradhurst and Tressider. Time, 4.8 1-5.

440yds. Handicap.—1 Tressider, 2 Lyons, 3 Blackmore. Time, 9.24.

A Comparison.

Mary had a little Lamb,
Its fleece was white as snoww,
And everywhere that Mary went
The Lamb was sure to go.

This verse is written in the simplest language possible. The following is an attempt to reproduce the manner and style in which some of our great English writers might have written the story. The writers selected are Chaucer, Spenser, Bacon, Pope, Grey, and Dickens:—

Geoffrey Chaucer.

A mayde cleped Marie was ther, simple and coy,
And in a litel Lomb was al hir joy.
No Lomb hadde ay so whyte a flees as he,
Ne lived in swich parfit felicitee.
In wele or wo by Marie wolde he bide,
And nowher was y-sene but at hir side.

Edmund Spenser.

Beside a streame slow winding through a dell
There dwelt a gentle mayden, Marye hight;
And with her liv'd a Lambe she loved full well.
This little Lambe in softest fleece was dight,
Then which no new-blown snowdrift was more whyte.
To Marye he more faithful was and trew
Then ever was to ladie duteous knight.
And everywhere faire Marye he did sew,
From dawn til daylite fayded to Night's duskie hew.

Francis Bacon.

There be that delight in dumb followers. You shall note that men that have a hatred or aversion for society yet do often take unto themselves some animal, as a dog, on which they pour all the love denied to their brethren. In handling this matter the story of Mary and her lamb is worthy the observing. The lamb that was possessed of a marvellous white fleece, conceived such love for the damsel as he would not leave her, nor would not suffer her to go anywhere except he be by her side. Thus it cometh to pass that you shall have an animal five times more faithful than any human follower or servant.

Alexander Pope.

Through sylvan glades fair Daphne wends her way,
And softly sings an artless rural lay.
A lamb hard by her frisks in sheer delight,
Whose fleece is of the purest, snowy white;—
A gift to Daphne from an amorous swain,
Whose passion for the nymph was yet in vain.
In flower-deck'd meads and bowers of vernal green
The lamb is ever with fair Daphne seen.

Thomas Gray.

How blythe the maid trips down the lane!—
Her lamb close by her side;
How heedless she of grief or pain
Or ill that may betide!
Misfortune black, wanfac'd Despair,
And care have yet to claim their prey.
Her white-fleec'd playmate frisks through life,
And recking naught of Butcher's knife,
He frolics while 'tis May.

Charles Dickens.

Mary lived in Arcadian simplicity and possessed exclusive rights to the ownership of a certain lamb. Two things about this lamb were deserving of notice. One was the excessive whiteness of his fleece; and the other was the curious propensity to stick closer than a brother to Mary wherever she went. In fact, some go so far as to aver that, as Mary and her satellite were never seen apart while alive, so in death they were not divided. On a night when the wind moans and sighs round the house and howls in the chimney, and the rain beats against the rattling windows, the benighted traveller may still see the shadowy form of a maiden wandering with her faithful follower over the country-side. Such is the tale; but it is within bounds of reason to suppose that the relaters of it have drawn upon a highly developed imaginative faculty.

"BOORSE."

Speech Day.

Little of the customary good spirit and enthusiasm seemed to be detracted from the annual Speech Day celebration by the terrible events and stupendous international questions which are being decided in other parts of the world; for quite a large number of visitors, masters and boys assembled once again to celebrate the annual Speech Day in the Turner Hall, which was suitably draped for the occasion. The function, although marred by the unavoidable absence of Mr. Waterhouse, whom we hoped to have with us, proved a brilliant success.

The chair was taken by the Headmaster, Mr. Hinder, and others prominent amongst the visitors were Mr. Board, Director of Education; Mr. Dawson, the Chief Inspector; Mr. Elliott, Inspector of Secondary Schools; and several members of the Old Boys' Union.

Proceedings were commenced by the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a short address from the chairman, in the course of which he explained the circumstances under which Mr. Waterhouse was unable to attend, and a letter of regret from that gentleman was read; mention also being made of Lieut. Waterhouse, who recently gained the Military Cross. Mr. Hinder, in his address, expressed the opinion that an amendment should be made in the secondary school course, he preferring a five years' course to that generally crammed into four years.

The Hon. Sec. of the Union read the annual school report, which showed very creditable progress and success, and reflected great credit upon the boys, who were so excellently upholding the School's honour in all branches of its activities, and its excellent record of the past.

Mr. Board, in his address, apologised on behalf of Mr. Griffith, Minister for Education, for the latter's absence, and explained how the overcrowding of the High School work, as mentioned by the chairman, was not due to himself, but to certain limitations imposed by those in control of affairs. Moreover, he congratulated the School upon its attainments from a scholastic point of view, and in concluding he wished the School every future success.

Several violin solos were rendered by C. Cleary, and the School song was sung lustily by the pupils under the baton of Mr. Steel.

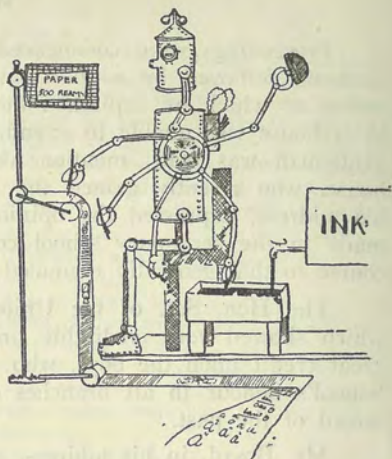
In the course of an extremely interesting address, Mr. Dawson gave much encouragement to the pupils, and expressed an opinion that several portions of the course should be dropped, especially where pupils were being taught subjects for which they would have little use in after life. He congratulated the School upon its noble response to the Empire's call to arms, adding that his son had responded to his country's call, and lastly he wished the boys happy prospects in the years to come.

Mr. Lewis gave us pleasant reminiscences of the past, and of his early education as a pupil of the Sydney Boys' High School, impressing upon us our duty both to the School and otherwise, and emphasising the opportunities which shone brightly on our future path. Then, on behalf of the Old Boys' Union, he presented the first John Waterhouse Prize, in the form of a fine parcel of books, to A. M. Forbes; and the Old Boys' Prize, a handsome leather portmanteau, was awarded to L. F. Claremont.

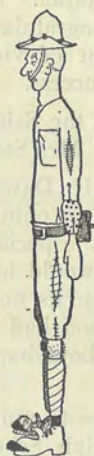
Lastly came the most important part to many boys—the distribution of the prizes. Besides the prizes usually given for sport, prizes were also given for scholastic work, the presentations being made by Mr. Elliott. The morning's proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, and the giving of three hearty cheers for the visitors, masters, and the School. All boys present departed in good spirits to spend a well-earned vacation.



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Form Notes.

IV. BG.—Once more, dear readers, we meet again, but this time as fourth year “students” (as one of our masters is very fond of calling us). We enjoy the privilege of going in and out the front door, and regard with admiration the successful efforts of our “front door” prefects, who prevent the lower years from doing likewise.

So far everything has moved smoothly, and only one serious mistake (in our opinion) has occurred in the organisation of the School—only one prefect has been appointed in this gifted class. It seems a pity that the Class IV. BG, into whom the School general has instilled such a love of the classics, in whose literary abilities our highly-esteemed master of English has such great confidence, and whose French and German would be delightful even to the ears of such men as Victor Hugo and Goethe, should be represented by one man only, however able he may be.

We should like to remind a certain member of the staff that, he being willing, we would prefer to play at traction engines for a while, instead of express trains, our reserve force having almost expired, and our logical minds being wearied by the strain caused by his break-neck speed.

What price the budding youth who compared parvus in this manner: Parvus, parvior, pessimus? Mr. Craddock will have to be careful, or our friend will usurp his position.

It is with regret we hear of the last mentioned person's idea of monthly exams., and although Solomon hath said, “It is the glory of a man to pass by an offence,” we hope that the papers will take him as long to mark as they take us to prepare.

Four “men” of the old IV. BG have enlisted, Alec Gray, Johnnie Cross, Les Claremont, and Sid Benson. While we are sorry to lose them, we feel sure that they will “uphold our name and extend our fame” on the field of honour, while we do likewise on the field of sport and scholasticism.

IV. A.—Three years! And now we are all great men, and swank through the front door as well as any of our predecessors. And see our “out-size” in prefects ducking his head under the lintel of the door, as with lofty indifference he orders the children round “t’other way.” Is it possible that he ever, as a trembling first year mite, wore short trousers and No. 5 boots?

A selection of old III. A. and III. B. now assembles in the twilight of No. 1 Room, where they investigate the mysteries of beehives, and learn the gentle art of “slanging” from Mr. Cicero. But the real trial of our existence occurs in pass Maths., when we emerge from the yellow radiance of the feeble electrics and are immediately required to inspect a gaudy rainbow in search of the

elusive limiting case. We understand, however, that Honours Maths. are positively dangerous, as Mr. George found the electric light escaping recently, though the kindergarten class attributed the symptoms to the activities of a peanut-roaster in the Tech.

Shortly after the Swimming Carnival, a temporary member of the class endeavoured to draw attention to his particular share in that event by pinning to the board a portrait of himself in scanty attire and, presumably, a bath-tub, but the class censor refused to pass it, and it was removed. In the above mentioned function we carried off the Senior Relay, and achieved second place in the School Championship. We contribute the captain and two prominent players to the First XI., and count among our disciplinarians our respected head prefect and military expert, not to mention seven other prefects, who are prefects in more than name—and badge. Speaking of prefects, Ladds will have an easier time managing the School generally now he has someone to help him. We also possess about half the second grade cricketers; but why is one of the most prominent addressed as “Bwob”?

For certain periods we disintegrate into our separate denominations, French or German. The French students peruse the writings of a madman, Guy de Maupassant. This fellow has been raving for the last twenty pages about a Horla, a fellow that stays in his house and drinks his milk and water (without taking the stopper out of the bottle). Of course, this is genius which is rather close to “la folie—too close for our realistic minds. In any case, we still pursue the doings of the Horla.

The German class is in a similar position. We have spent about two months in trying to discover some plot in “Minnie,” and to unravel the mysteries of that most unintelligible tangle, the direct method.

By the time you hear from us again we hope to have penetrated to the lair of the limiting case and the Heath-Robinson parallelogram, and established our position as the backbone of the School.

III. AG.—At last we have become seniors, though the front entrance is still denied to us. We thought to enjoy the third year rest this term after fagging (?) all last year, but certain of our masters have informed us that the third year is not a “haven of rest.” But history home-work is the bane of our existence, and we have been compelled to delve deeply into the pleasant (?) mysteries of “Campbell’s Higher English” and the fearful jokes of “Twelfth Night.”

Daylight saving seemed to effect the Intermediate examiners, as our results were out a month late, but although some only obtained 4 B’s, Moroney must be congratulated for gaining 7 A’s, and Gollan likewise for his 5 A’s and 2 B’s.

We have now cast aside Cicero, and are studying (?) Livy, which is accompanied with jests heard in Rome before the famous author of that exceedingly delicious (?) book. We are now "some knuts" at French, and have many references to "le diable" during the lesson and "le dieu" at the finish.

We are now studying Scotch, combined with the mysteries of third year Trig. and Mechanics.

We are well represented in sport and other school activities. We have three representatives in First XI. cricket, and others in second grade. We have as one of our number the best swimmer in the School in S. A. Willsher, who recently won the Junior Championship of the State, besides winning the School Championship at our own carnival. The library, tuck shop, and swimming committee come from our noble sect. Thus we have at least the record for third year.

We shall now bid "adieu," as it is necessary to prepare for no less than four written tests! How beautiful (!)!

III. BG.—Now we have at last attained to the dignity of third year, which is believed to be the haven of rest, so ardently longed for during the troubled times now happily past in second year. Those masters who had us in our second year, and who don't take us this year, tell us that we are quite safe for this year, that we can take it easy. Accordingly, we go into class with a sensation of self-satisfaction, and the feeling that we are doing our duty as third year students, even if we *did* forget to do Shakespeare last night, and the history with their interminable sections and subsections, for the usual test, and omitted to do the maths. owing to press of other work. But lo! We are met with scorn and sarcasm. "Perhaps we suppose that, having managed in some extraordinary way to scrape a miserable pass through the 'I.C.', we think we are educated?" "Perchance we think third year a 'loaf and a soft snap,' and that we may do as we like?" Such are questions, propounded by what master it is quite superfluous to state, in such a tone of voice that we instinctively realise that anyone who even dares to suggest that such a thought has entered his brain for the smallest fraction of time will get such an exhaustive and uncomplimentary description of his mental and physical capabilities as to make him think seriously of giving up all hope of completing a course of scholasticism, so immeasurably above his puny capabilities, and taking up the vending of newspapers or some equally intellectual pursuit. Latin, of course, continues to reduce us to ecstasy, though the sounds which occasionally come from the back seats somewhat break the studious calm in which we pursue with shining eyes and bated breath the thrilling adventures of Hannibal in sunny Spain.

As for sport, the greater part of the class patronise swimming. Two or three ambitious youths hie them to Abbotsford weekly, there to be initiated into the arts of life-saving under Mr. Leaver. Cricket comes a bad second, and tennis has one lonely representative.

III. CG.—The "General" Section of this class is composed wholly of boys from other schools (Intermediate and country High Schools), though the "Commercial" Section is formed chiefly from old II. AC. boys. Notwithstanding the mixture, however, we seem to be settling down, and give good promise of being "top-notch" class of third year.

Although it is reported that one member of the Debating Society the other day affirmed that scholasticism was one of the things that we didn't come to school for, nevertheless, even in this unimportant branch of our education we give promise of excelling, at any rate to judge from the words of praise (?) lavished upon us by each and every teacher.

In the recent School Carnival our "B" relay team succeeded in coming in a good second, while T—— also obtained a second place in the Diving Championship. We do not, however, seem to have any promising cricketers.

Most of us will be glad when the winter sports start again. The majority of the class seem to be Rugby enthusiasts, although there are several followers of the rival winter pastime. Rugbyites from whom are expected great things in the coming season are J. E., A. S., and C. B., all of whom in the past have played with good teams, and with much promise. In the athletics, too, we hope to have several representatives, and of carrying off some points in both junior and senior events. M—— in the junior, and S—— in the senior, seem to be the most likely in this department.

Until our Headmaster came to the rescue, we were daily regaled just before the luncheon adjournment with sweet serenades, which were wafted in from the Tech. grounds, and quite took our thoughts away from the delights of French and Latin, and carried our thoughts to far Venice, with its pale moonlight on dim waters, gondolas, and ladies' windows. And so farewell. We leave you.

II. BG.—"O for a muse of fire that would ascend

The brightest heaven of invention!"

thus enabling the merits of II. BG. to be adequately expressed. We have emerged, or rather struggled, through the yearly examination, covered with credit to our name. In the sporting circles we are well represented, but the majority of our number wend their way to the Domain Baths. We have cast aside our pugnacious disposition, and settled down into the propriety of second year.

Our worthy masters entertain great hopes of our success in the "inevitable Inter.," but we ourselves are not so confident. Numerous "Sprechen sie nichts" have left their mark upon our character in class. A ray of light has been sent into our dreary

existence in the form of a "home-work timetable," which we obtained chiefly by the humanity of Mr. Cantello. Whether they thought our brains inexhaustible or our work a pleasure it is impossible to conjecture.

Our room is not all that could be desired. Surrounded with German and French vowels, we struggle for existence in our "glass case." We do not exert our full strength, for we do not wish to shame the other second year classes by our great superiority.

A great rivalry had arisen between the tuck shop and a fruiterer, who after much perseverance has firmly established himself.

Not wishing to monopolise the "Record," we beg you to piece out our imperfections with your thoughts, and having left upon the reader a most inadequate impression of our abilities, we reluctantly leave the stage.

II. A.C.—This edition of the "Record" finds us in the toils of second year, but we are fully convinced that the Intermediate examination looming in the distance will find II. AC. the premier second year class. The history exam. showed that we have many budding historians among our number. Ah! but take the results of the Shorthand tests. This study portrayed much individual effort by the class, and the late class results showed a marked improvement on our first year's results.

Although the class are all keen on their studies (especially Henry V.), the coming vacation is eagerly looked forward to by our studious scholars. We are going to follow the example of Walpole by "Throwing off our cares, as we will throw off our clothes for a refreshing dip in the baths or surf."

Sport is keenly participated in by all the class except the illusive "Weather Vane." II. AC.'s cricket team has been undefeated to date, and hope to successfully carry off the class cricket competition. Baseball and shooting are represented by the minority of the class, having in each case some graders.

Soccer is still very popular with the fellows, and II. AC. has every possibility of winning the coming competition. Summing up these facts, it will be clearly seen that II. AC. will not only hold its own, but will gain renown in the annals of the School and of sport.

II. AG.—Here we are again you see,
The one and only II. AG.
In work and sport we do excel,
As masters one and all will tell.
So we are true when we do say,
That II. AG. must win the day.

After the usual peregrinations attendant upon the beginning of the year, we are now permanently (we hope) settled in No. 7, a happy, joyous throng (?) (between periods and at recess). Natur-

ally we have unanimously (?) decided to work and uphold the honour of our predecessors, and to make II. AG. the champion second year class in S.H.S.

Owing to the efforts of "Freddus Parvus" and "Les Porteranus" in co-operating with I. AC. and I. BC. in petitioning the Head, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Mock Banquet. The fare was excellent and plentiful, thanks to the good taste of the L. and D. Society, and the behaviour of first year left nothing to be desired.

Charles Chaplin, the versatile youth, would be greatly flattered (or flattened?) if he knew how much the conglomeration of incipient down upon his upper lip was admired, and in some cases imitated, in our scholastic establishment; and now hands may be seen furtively caressing their upper lip in search of an inspiration or ——? Which, no doubt, as the immortal Shakespeare says,

"Grew like the summer grass, fastest by night,
Unseen, yet crescive in its faculty."

The summer is now drawing to a close, and we are looking forward to that glorious winter game, football. From a membership of thirty-eight we boast no less than twenty-two Rugbyites, but, luckily for the other classes, we possess only grade Soccer players, and are not able to put an efficient class team on the field. In the past cricket and swimming seasons we acquitted ourselves very well. Our class team carried all before them until the hot weather approached, and most of the players abandoned cricket in favour of swimming. At the recent carnival we gained no less than two firsts, three seconds, and two thirds, besides gaining many places in the heats.

Several of our "knuts" are interested in tennis, and appear to be quite lively on the strength of it. The unrivalled record of our class is spoilt by two drones, and a certain person in authority being:

"The quick-eyed judge, (he) with thunderous voice,
Delivers o'er to punishment severe (detention),
These lazy, yawning drones."

In conclusion, we hope that all the other second year classes will spend the holidays as we intend to do—fagging (?), with a wet towel round our heads in the surf.

II. CG.—We're in second year again,
First in Room 6, then in 10.
"Wanderers" we are called, but then,
We can't help it.
Wand'ring over all the School,
Sitting on a Science stool,
And where the breezes all blow cool,
Up in number nine.

Although we are a comparatively small class, we are able to more than hold our own in sport and scholastic attainments. And as all our masters prognosticate, we are without a doubt going to obtain fine results in the "Inter." (?).

A few days ago a terrible catastrophe occurred in class, a certain member coming in contact with a splinter about four feet by three inches by one inch, the victim being severely battered about. The outcome of this was a "general" court-martial of the rebels, the verdict being about ten minutes' detention. (How terrible!)

Tests!!! No end of them! We have so many that we have learnt to detest those tests, which a certain master imposes upon us, "Tous les jours." We have once more the dreaded diary (a black one this time) trailing in our footsteps.

Since we have no more space to discuss our School work, we are forced to say something concerning our sporting abilities. We are very well represented in all branches of sport, considering our small numbers. In the Swimming Carnival we successfully carried off the Second Year Handicap and the Junior Relay. In cricket we are upholding the motto of the School, taking great pains not to be last. We have three members well representing us in the tennis world. Now that the weather is much cooler, football is a topic which is greatly discussed. Much opposition is shown between the Rugbyites and Soccerites, but Rugby being the more important, most members of the class intend playing this game, while some are undecided, and therefore these members are neutral in all discussions.

Well, we know that it is very disappointing to all, but we find it necessary to close, and until next issue we say "au revoir."

I. AC.—The great sportsmanship of I. AC. is clearly defined by the very fact that we were the first first year class to have every boy a unionist. In cricket, although we are not leading in the class competition, we do not by any means come last. "Extremos Pudeat Rediisse." On Wednesday last we, combined with II. BG., defeated I. AG. (the supposed crack class team), without any apparent effort on our part. B——t, the bowler for I. AC., secured the hat trick, and made a very comfortable score. Although we have had detention a couple of afternoons, we are not downhearted, for we feel sure that no one in this distinguished form would do such a trick and not own up to it. Most of the class are budding geologists, especially R—k—d—s. If you happen to notice a couple of youthful prospectors digging up the playground do not be surprised, as they are only looking for Stone-age fossils. We are the only privileged first year class to take up the interesting subject of Geology, but do not be jealous, we will teach you. T—k—n gives us very disagreeable recollections, sometimes speaking about digging up skeletons of blackfellows at Cronulla. Sp—ce, Bm—fld and J—ns are advised to bring travelling trunks to school with them, as it will save time when shifting about the class (a different place

for every lesson). Sp—ce is to be recognised by anyone coming into the class by his jaws, which have been deformed by constant chewing. We hear strange guttural sounds issuing from the adjoining room, but we need not be afraid, because it is only the German class mastering the "Hymn of Hate." We give the class who pilfer our inkwells a warning that we are on the warpath. If you wish to obtain more interesting points concerning *the* premier class, read the next issue of the "Record," where we shall be well represented.

I. AG.—A perfect class! Well might we utter those three words, for our class of no little repute, viz., the famous I. AG, contains the superior boys of first year. We boast, with justification, our individual honours in swimming, and our prominent cricket team eclipses those of I. BG. and I. AC. in point of excellence. Those two teams are almost lost to oblivion when compared to ours. And, therefore, we bubble with indignation that Mr. S—h should arrange matches for us against such puerile teams.

Mr. —y's prophecy, namely, that the present first year would be composed of babies with dummies, has been all but realised, for our two miserable rivals have no spirit of virility in them, and, being economists, they utilise their fingers as dummies.

We of I. AG. are becoming sick of our school life, for there are no classes good enough for us to compete against in either sports or classics. Our scholastic attainments make our rivals weep tears of shame—note the drizzling rains round about the 16th March.

But lest we break the hearts of I. BG. and I. AC., let us discourse on some other topics. We have sweet (?) and harmonious (?) sounds ringing in our ears every minute of the day—the crashes of the steam hammer over the way.

Of late several accidents have occurred amongst our noble ranks. For instance, D—g—n has contracted mumps, partially through his efforts to gain proficiency in the pronunciation of Mr. P—e's phonetics.

Our "barbarian" musician, C—p—d, has rather annoyed a certain teacher by his free musical performances with pins.

Our prize babies (the only two in the class, named "Bubs" F—s—r and "Queenie" E—n—d) have somewhat amused us with their infantile actions. "Bubs" takes a great delight in blowing feathers about. "Queenie" holds the championship for sniggling.

We have been introduced to the mysteries of Latin, and a nice subject it seemed till—. If the Romans existed to-day, "Murder them!" would be our cry.

We are beginning to realise that those callous individuals known as masters will soon be adopting an offensive against us by way of exams. But we fear not the issue, for by our ardent preparations we can safely say that the enemy will be repelled.

We have been launched upon a new era of life by becoming S.H.S. boys, and we mean to make the best of it and the advantages that opportunities have placed before us.

In conclusion, we should like all to understand that upon the boys of I. AG. the fame, the honours and the traditions of S.H.S. will rest in the future, when we become part of the select fourth year, understand our position better, and, above all, when we grow to honour our School much better, the School that will make men of us.

I. BG.—It is with confidence that we start our first year at the Sydney High School. We hope at the end of the year to be the top first year class in classics and in sport. Thanks to our Latin master, Mr. Smith, we have already passed the mysteries of the Declensions, after a stormy voyage through the Third Declension. To Mr. Dennehy we are indebted for anecdotes and stories, which do not always occur in the German text-books. Every Tuesday and Thursday we have some stories of Polyphemus throwing tops of mountains into the sea and causing waves to rise big enough to cover islands. Of course, we have to swallow all this, as it is given to us by the Education Department.

In the event of a siege by any other class, we would be well supplied, having in our class two Salmons, a Mutton, a Pepper, Cole, and a Taylor. We still have one more variety, namely, a Rip Van Winkle. He usually strolls in about half an hour late, looking as if he had just got out of bed. In the class, too, he is usually slumbering peacefully and silently (?) His dreams must consist of the lesson in hand, for, if awakened by a question, he usually gives the right answer.

In sport the majority of our fellows are playing Rugby next season, a few, if any at all, playing Soccer. In swimming we have a one-mile swimmer and a chap who reckons he can do 50yds. in 33secs. In the recent carnival Heppell carried off the Beginners' Race, and Davies secured third place in the 14 years Championship, so we are not too bad off in that branch of sport. We hope to do better still in athletics. So till the next issue we say, "Auf Wiedersehen."

The School is happy to be able to congratulate the following boys, who gained exhibitions in the several faculties:—

Faculty of Medicine.—Henry Allan Annetts, Leslie Francis Claremont, John Skying Cross, Charles Downward, Alfred Theophilus Edwards, Gordon Forsyth, William Augustus Carr Frase, William Ellis George, Kenneth James Howell, William Barton Jakes, Wallace Arthur Arundel Mackey, William Kildare Manton, Horace Herbert O'Connor, Joseph Alexander Parkes, Clive Ninness Paton, George Sydney Thompson, Carl John Zimmerman.

Faculty of Science.—Godfrey James Byrnes, John Clifford Firth, Alexander Wheatley W. Gray, Horace Edward Lachmund, William Martin.

Department of Engineering.—Aubrey Maxwell Forbes, James Arthur Holt.

Summary.—Faculty of Medicine 17, Faculty of Science 5, Department of Engineering 2.

Alfred Theophilus Edwards was successful in gaining a bursary. The School congratulates him, and hopes for his brilliant success in the future.

Balance Sheet S.M.S. Union, 1916-1917.

CLUB	BALANCES.			BALANCES.			BALANCES.		
	DR.			CR.			DR.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subs. ...	0	6	0	162	18	0			
Sundries ...	28	5	7	17	4	0	11	1	7
Swimming ...	17	1	3	12	1	0	5	0	3
Piano ...	11	10	0				11	10	0
Tuck Shop ...	16	7	9	50	13	8			
Old Boys' Subs.				2	10	0			
Tennis ...	12	9	0	0	6	0	12	3	0
"Record" ...	48	10	6				48	10	6
Glee Club ...	1	5	10				1	5	10
Library ...	4	14	5	0	5	1	4	9	4
Cricket ...	34	0	8				34	0	8
Football ...	24	10	1	0	6	6	24	3	7
Rifle Club ...	4	15	0	0	4	1	4	10	11
Literary and Debat.	2	10	9	1	5	9	1	5	0
Baseball ...	6	8	9				6	8	9
Athletic Carnival ...	25	5	3	32	0	8			
Prizes ...	32	12	5				32	12	5
	270	13	3	279	14	9	197	1	10
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							206	3	4

ASSETS.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF MATERIAL.

	£	s.	d.
Piano ...	40	0	0
Cricket Material ...	15	6	6
Baseball Mat ...	1	10	0
Rugby Material ...	5	15	0
Tennis Club ...	0	9	0
Rifle Club ...	2	6	0
Soccer Club ...	3	10	6
Glee Club (Sheet Music) ...	1	0	0

Total £69 17 0

Intermediate Results, 1916.

The numbers following the names indicate the subjects in which the candidate passed, in accordance with following statement :—

¹ English, ² History, ³ Geography, ⁴ Mathematics I, ⁵ Mathematics II, ⁶ Latin, ⁷ French, ⁸ German, ⁹ Physics and Chemistry, ¹⁰ Business Principles, ¹¹ Shorthand, ¹² Chemistry, ¹³ Physics.

Alexander, G. P. ...	1B	3B	4B	7A	9A	10B	
Austin, A. W. T. ...	2B	3B	4A	7B	9B	10B	11B
Berglund, C. P. ...	1B	2B	3B	9B	10B		
Blackmore, A. N. ...	2B	4B	6B	7B	9B		
Brinsley, Ch. H. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	6B	7B	9B
Brooke, H. L. ...	2B	4B	7B	9B			
Browne, Victor C. ...	1B	2B	5B	9B			
Burgess, F. H. ...	2B	4B	6B	9B			
Butterell, A. W. ...	1B	2B	4B	6B	9B		
Caldwell, R. J. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	6B	9B	
Chowne, F. J. ...	4B	5B	7B	9B			
Cleary, C. R. ...	1B	2B	3B	4B	9B	10B	
Colebrook, Wm. A. E. ...	1B	4B	5B	6A	7A	9A	
Crawford, W. J. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	7B	9B	
Darnell, F. W. ...	1B	4B	5B	7B			
Darroch, J. F. ...	1B	4B	6B	7B	9A		
Earl, L. H. ...	4B	5A	8B	9B			
Edwards, R. V. ...	1B	2B	4A	5A	6A	7A	9B
Evans, H. D. ...	1B	2B	4B	5A	6B		
Faris, L. A. ...	1B	2B	3B	7B	9B	10B	
Foley, Leo. E. J. ...	1B	2B	4B	5A	6B	7A	9A
Fraser, A. J. ...	1B	4B	6A	7A	9B		
Giles, J. J. ...	1B	5B	6B	9B	B pass in Greek		
Gollan, R. F. ...	1A	2B	4A	5A	6A	7A	9B
Green, H. J. ...	1A	2B	3B	4A	5B	7B	9B 10B
Guthrie, D. I. ...	2B	6B	7B	9B			
Hardwicke, G. A. ...	2B	4B	6B	7B	9B		
Harrison, T. H. J. ...	1B	4B	5B	6B	7B	9B	
Heap, R. A. ...	2B	3B	9B	10B			
Herbert, L. G. ...	1B	2B	3B	9B	10B		
Hodson, A. J. ...	2B	5B	6B	7B			
Howell, F. J. ...	1B	2B	4B	5A	7B	9B	
Hyde, V. W. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	6B	7B	9B
Jaede, H. W. ...	1B	2B	4B	5A	6B	9A	
Jarratt, A. J. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	7B	9A	
Jones, K. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	6B	7B	9B
Kidby, A. E. ...	1B	2B	3B	4B	9B	10B	
King, L. E. ...	2B	4B	5A	6B	9B		
McNamara, T. W. ...	1B	2B	4B	6B	7B	9B	
Madew, A. S. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	7B	9B	
Marcet, S. G. ...	1B	2B	4B	5B	9A		
Masters, W. E. ...	1B	2B	4B	5A	8A	9B	
McCredie, K. McA. ...	1A	2B	4B	5B	6A	7B	9B
McInerney, D. P. ...	2B	4B	5B	9B			

McLean, H. N.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁹ B						
Metcalf, G. H.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B	⁹ B					
Morony, G. T.	...	...	¹ A	⁴ A	⁵ A	⁶ A	⁷ A	⁹ A	A pass in Grk.			
Moss, S. J.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁶ B	⁷ A	⁹ B			
Murray, L. J.	...	...	¹ A	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Nolan, B. H.	...	...	² B	⁴ A	⁵ A	⁴ B	⁸ B	⁹ B				
O'Donnell, T.	...	...	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	¹² A						
Olsen, A. E.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Payten, J. N.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ A	⁵ A	⁹ B					
Pearce, W. J.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B	⁷ B					
Pyke, Henry C.	...	...	¹ B	⁴ A	⁵ A	⁶ B	⁷ A	⁹ A				
Ratcliffe, J. A.	...	...	¹ B	² B	³ B	⁴ B	⁵ B	¹⁰ B	¹¹ B			
Ratcliff, L. C.	...	...	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁶ B	B pass in Greek						
Rickard, Ray V.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ A	⁵ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ A			
Richard, P. M.	...	...	¹ B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ A				
Rowston, E. D.	...	...	¹ B	² B	³ B	⁹ B	¹⁰ B	¹¹ B				
Sharpe, W. A. W.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	⁹ A					
Smith, A. R.	...	...	¹ B	² B	³ B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁷ B	⁹ B	¹⁰ B		
Smith, A. H. L.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁷ B	⁹ B					
Smith, G. A.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ A	⁵ A	⁶ A	⁷ B	⁹ B			
Snellgrove, H. C.	...	...	³ B	⁴ B	⁷ B	⁹ B	¹¹ B					
Sorenson, A.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁹ B	¹⁰ B	¹¹ B			
Stanger, W. H.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Stewart, A. G.	...	...	⁴ B	⁵ A	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B					
Stitt, Eric John	...	...	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Stonham, R. M.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Suters, E. B.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Talbot, P. W.	...	...	¹ B	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B						
Tarleton, K.	...	...	¹ B	² B	³ B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁹ B	¹¹ B			
Turtle, C. H.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁷ B	⁹ B					
Wales, C. S. C.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁹ B					
Walker, M. G.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	⁹ B					
Whiteman, J. S.	...	...	¹ B	² B	³ B	⁴ B	⁹ B					
Wicks, R. H.	...	...	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	¹² A	¹³ B					
Willsher, S. A.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁶ B						
Wilson, W. J.	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁷ B	⁹ B				
Yule, Allan	...	...	¹ B	² B	⁴ B	⁵ A	⁶ B	⁷ B	⁹ B			
Wark, Colin C.	...	...	² B	⁴ B	⁵ B	⁷ B	⁹ B					

Leaving Certificate Exam. Results, 1916

The numbers following the name indicate the subjects in which each candidate passed in accordance with the following statement :

¹ English, ² Latin, ³ French, ⁴ German, ⁵ Mathematics I, ⁶ Mathematics II, ⁷ Mechanics, ⁸ Modern History, ⁹ Ancient History, ¹⁰ Physics, ¹¹ Chemistry, ¹⁴ Geography, ¹⁷ English and Geography for Engineering, ¹⁸ Business Principles, ¹⁹ Economics, ²⁷ Greek, ²⁸ Shorthand.

Annetts, Henry A. ...	... ¹ H ² A ³ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ L ¹¹ B
Beaumont, A. W. H. ...	... ¹ A ⁵ B ⁷ B ⁸ A ¹⁰ H ¹¹ A
Benson, Sidney Aselyn ...	... ¹ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Bilbe, Stewart Robert ...	... ¹ B ² A ³ H ⁵ A ⁶ A ⁹ B ¹⁰ L
Boyd, Charles H. ...	... ¹ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ H ¹¹ H ¹⁷ Pass
Bradley, Robert A. ...	... ¹ A ⁵ B ⁷ B ⁸ H ¹⁴ B
Brake, Eric Lyle ...	... ¹ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B
Byrnes, G. J. ...	... ¹ H ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁸ H ¹¹ B ¹⁴ B ¹⁹ A ¹⁷ Pass
Claremont, L. F. ...	... ¹ B ² L ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Clemenger, John ...	... ¹ B ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ A ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Clifton, Vivian Roy ...	... ¹ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ L
Colvin, Roy S. ...	... ¹ B ³ B ⁵ A ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ A ¹¹ A
Cross, John Skyring ...	... ¹ B ² B ⁴ B ⁵ B ¹⁰ L ¹¹ B
Downward, Charles ...	... ¹ H ² B ³ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B
Dunlop, Bruce Thomas ...	... ¹ B ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁸ B
Edwards, Alfred T....	... ¹ H ² H ³ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ H ⁹ B
Firth, John C. ...	... ¹ B ² B ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁹ L ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Forbes, A. M. ...	... ¹ H ² B ⁴ A ⁵ A ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ H ¹¹ L ¹⁷ pass
Forsyth, Gordon ...	... ¹ A ² A ³ H ⁵ A ⁶ A ⁷ B ¹⁰ H ¹¹ H
Forsyth, John W. R. ...	... ¹ B ² L ⁵ B ⁶ A ⁷ B ¹⁷ pass
Fraser, William A. C. ...	... ¹ B ² L ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ¹⁰ A ¹¹ B
George, W. E. ...	... ¹ H ² B ³ B ⁵ B ⁹ A ¹⁰ B
Glen, A. M. ...	... ¹ B ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁷ B ⁸ B ¹¹ B ¹⁷ pass
Gray, A. W. W. ...	... ¹ A ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁸ A ⁹ L
Henry, Trevor H. ...	... ¹ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁸ B
Hession, Reginald C. ...	... ¹ B ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ B
Holt, James A. ...	... ¹ B ² B ³ B ⁵ A ⁶ A(x) ⁷ B ¹⁰ H ¹¹ B ⁷ pass
Howell, K. J. ...	... ¹ B ² L ⁴ B ⁵ A ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B
Hunt, Hector R. ...	... ¹ H ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ A ¹¹ B
Hurd, William L. ...	... ¹ H ⁵ A ⁶ A(x) ⁷ A ⁸ B ¹¹ B ¹⁷ pass
Jakins, W. B. ...	... ¹ H ² B ³ A ⁵ B ⁹ B ¹¹ B
Kelly, F. H. ...	... ¹ H ² B ³ B ⁵ B ⁹ L
King, F. B. ...	... ¹ B ⁴ A ⁶ B ⁸ A ¹⁸ B
Lachmund, Horace E. ...	... ¹ H ³ A ⁶ B ⁸ B
Mackey, W. A. ...	... ¹ H ² L ³ A ⁵ A ⁶ A ⁸ B ¹⁰ R
Macready, Harry C. ...	... ¹ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B ¹⁷ pass
Manton, W. K. ...	... ¹ B ² B ³ A ⁵ A ⁶ A ⁷ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Martin, W. ...	... ¹ H ⁴ B ⁶ B ⁸ B ¹¹ B
Milne, Geoffrey L. ...	... ¹ L ⁵ B ⁸ L ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B ¹⁷ pass
Moore, Aubrey E. ...	... ¹ B ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ⁸ B ¹¹ B ¹⁷ pass
O'Connor, Horace H. ...	... ¹ L ² B ³ L ⁵ A ⁶ A ⁷ B ¹¹ B
Osborne, George D. ...	... ¹ B ⁴ L ⁵ A ⁶ B ⁸ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B
Parkes, J. A. ...	... ¹ A ² B ³ H ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁸ H ¹¹ B
Paton, Clive Ninness ...	... ¹ A ² B ⁴ H ⁵ A ⁶ B ⁸ A ¹¹ B
Ross, John M. ...	... ¹ H ⁵ B ⁷ B ⁸ A
Thompson, G. S. ...	... ¹ H ² L ³ A ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ A ¹⁰ H ¹¹ A
Walker, W. A. ...	... ¹ L ⁴ B ⁵ B ⁸ A ¹⁴ L ¹⁹ A ²⁶ B
Williams, Henry Bruce ...	... ¹ B ² L ³ B ⁵ B ⁶ B
Wilson, Douglas E. L. ...	... ¹ B ³ L ⁵ B ⁶ B ⁷ B ¹¹ A
Zimmermann, C. J. ...	... ¹ A ² B ⁴ A ⁵ B ⁶ B ¹⁰ B ¹¹ B

The Immortal Dead.

Immortal heroes, ye have won
 Luxuriant crowns of laurels,
 Since ye beneath yon northern sun
 Have fought your country's quarrels.
 Ye lie within Death's darken'd dome,
 Ye fell on Duty bound,
 On battlefields far from our home;
 Can nobler graves be found?

Ah no! The Austral manhood,
 The ones we loved so dear,
 Who went and fought the foeman
 Without a touch of fear—
 Their names shall live forever
 In thankful, loving hearts,
 As the men who fought for freedom,
 As the men who played their parts.

"A.R.B."

On the Editor's Table.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY'S STEEL WORKS (NEWCASTLE).

Through the kindness of the manager, I was allowed some little time ago to visit the above works. They are situated about one and a half miles from the mouth of the Hunter River, on land which was originally a swamp. The works are on the bank of the river, thus enabling the crude ore to be landed direct from the boats, and the steel to be easily forwarded to the various places where it is to be used.

All the heavy construction work is built upon hardwood piles, each of which is able to support a weight equal to fifty tons. These piles are practically the only part of the works that is constructed of wood, the sheds being built of galvanised iron, bricks and steel.

The area which the Company holds is about 375 acres, with a water frontage of over two-thirds of a mile. The present works do not, however, occupy the whole of this land, and the Company is expanding the different branches of the industry as quickly as possible. Three thousand men were employed there at the end of 1916. During 1917 a million pounds (£1,000,000) will be expended in extending the works, and at the end of 1917 the Company expect to be employing four and a half thousand men. When the works are completed over six thousand men will be employed.

Among the many sights, the four most interesting views were the unloading of the unprepared ore, the loading of the coal as it leaves the works in the ore steamers, the blast furnaces, and the various furnaces where the finished steel was prepared.

The ore is discharged by means of an "ore-bridge," which is in reality a "grab" on a travelling hoist. The ore-bridges, of which there are two, are each about 250 feet long and 65 feet

high, and run on a pair of rails 120 feet apart. At one end there is a movable arm about 85 feet long. It is by means of this arm that the grab operates. The arm projects over the hold of the vessel, and the "grab" is thus allowed to descend into the hold of the steamer. This "grab" lifts 5 tons, and by means of an electric hoist can deposit the ore either in the furnace ore-bins or on the ore stacks.

In order to be assured of return freights for the ore-steamers, coal loading appliances have been built. The coal-bin, which has a capacity of 6000 tons, is 450 feet long and 35 feet high. As the coal arrives from the mines situated in the surrounding district, it is tipped on to a "belt conveyer" and conveyed to the top of the coal-bin. When the coal is to be loaded into a steamer it falls through an opening in the bottom of the bin on to another "belt conveyer," whence it is carried to the top of a shoot and then into the hold of the vessel. By this method coal may be loaded at the rate of 700 tons per hour. Another advantage of this system is that the emptying of the trucks and the loading of the vessel are two different operations, and thus the ship is not delayed by the non-arrival of the coal trains.

The "blast furnace" is cylindrical in shape, and 20 feet in diameter at its widest part. A mixture of iron ore, coke and limestone is fed at regular intervals, while superheated air is blown through openings near the bottom of the furnace. Unlike many furnaces, the one at Newcastle has not a number of tap-holes through which the molten metal escapes from the furnace. At the side of the furnace, and about two inches from the ground, there is an opening about a foot in diameter. In order to close this aperture clay is fired into it from an "ancient miniature cannon." When the iron is to be drained off workmen dig the clay away. In this operation pig iron and slag are liberated. The slag, which was previously considered a valueless product, has now been found to be excellent material for constructing roads. The exhaust gases from the blast furnace contain a considerable amount of a combustible gas. This exhaust gas, which is drawn off from the top of the furnace whilst the iron ore is being smelted, is conveyed to the bottom of a hot-air stove. There are four of these stoves, each being 90 feet high, and containing 320,000 fire bricks. As the gas passes up through this stove it burns, and the heat so generated heats up the brickwork. When the bricks have reached the required temperature the supply of combustible gas is cut off, and the cold air blast admitted. This air is itself heated by contact, and ultimately reaches the blast furnace at a temperature of about 1150 degrees F. The pig iron obtained from the furnace is then carried to other furnaces, and is mixed with different amounts of magnesite, the amount of magnesite varying according to the quality of steel that is required. In order to approach within ten feet of the furnaces, one has to put on a pair of coloured glasses, the heat being too strong for one's eyes.

UNIVERSITY LETTER

The Uni. is just beginning to revert to the normal—or as near normal as such a place ever gets—having survived, without any serious damage, that awful first day when the Freshman suddenly springs into activity all over the place, when the whole Uni. seems to be composed of Freshmen looking fresh, and second year men trying not to look fresh—when the office is besieged by a madly-fighting crowd, with every man waving lecture tickets and pound notes, and digging his neighbour's ribs, and smashing costly windows, and bringing a somewhat comic expression of pain into the usually inexpressive face of the clerk; all which conduct is a fitting prelude to the sterner work of the Uni. in its more unpleasant aspects.

Already the Freshman has come to realise that, just as a guinea is the consecrated coin of the doctor, and 6s. 8d. of the solicitor, and threepence of the picture show proprietor, so half-a-crown is the sign and symbol of all that is highest and holiest in 'Varsity life. For one such coin he is admitted to the rarer, spiritual atmosphere of the Christian Union; for another he may make his moan in the Glee Club; for another he is admitted to full and unrestricted enjoyment of the somewhat undefined benefits of the Undergrads' Association. The one splendid exception to the half-crown principle is the Union—which costs (and is worth) a sovereign. We have heard many newcomers complaining of the cardboard badges which have replaced the former very ornamental metal ones, but the complaint boils down to a very natural regret that there is no sign which, hanging from one's watchchain, may inform all the world that here in the flesh is a Uni. stood; and which, converted into a hatpin, may later be presented to someone. However, some slight consolation is to be found in a rumour that a bar—of the variety which shuts at six—is to be established in the refreshment room, with the object of providing a place for edification and some small recreation, wherein professor and student may meet on an equal footing—standing room only!

But the whole idea is too, too fascinating, and we must leave it to gaze for a moment on exam. results—which, as usual, contain much that is pleasing to the High School. M. H. Belz put up what looks like a record for second year Engineering, and, along with various other honours, carried off the Barker Scholarship for Maths. II., and the Deas-Thompson Scholarship for Physics; A. J. A. Waldock tied for the Coulsen Scholarship for English II., and obtained first place in History II. with Distinction, while A. S. Sams won Professor MacCallum's prize for English I.; these are just a small selection, but High School names are scattered all over the list.

Apart from this, there is still one subject of interest, and, to the women students, considerable importance—the opening of Manning House, which is to be the Women's Union. You may have

heard that there was a very keen conflict on the question of the women's right to the name "Union," but the Senate decided in their favour; and, having gained their point, the girls decided that they didn't want the name anyhow, and (as they sang at one Commem.)—"We'd rather call our building just the House." Unfortunately for them some humorist suggested "hen-house," and so it is likely to remain. The opening itself was a sufficiently gorgeous affair, but unfortunately the writer was prevented from attending by lack of time, and (perhaps!) excess of bashfulness. However, he is in a position to state that there are quite a number of shady nooks and corners, not to speak of sewing machines (and talking machines), mirrors, mannequins, and vanity-bags.

—F.J.S.

The following Old Boys have gained honours and distinction at the recent University Examination:—

- F. J. Sheed: Wentworth Medal—English; Jas. Coutts Schol.—English; 1st Class Honours—Latin III.; 1st Class Honours—French III; 1st Class Honours—English III.
- M. H. Belz: Barker Scholarship—Mathematics; High Distinction—Mathematics; High Distinction—Engineering; High Distinction—Physics II; Matthew Quirk Schol.—Mathematics I.
- R. C. Middleton: High Distinction—Economics II.
- G. J. Bohmann: Credit—Latin I.
- A. Sams: Professor MacCallum's Prize—English I; Credit—Philosophy I; High Distinction—English I.
- A. W. Birnie: Distinction—English I.
- A. J. A. Walock: High Distinction—English II.; Thomas Coulson Prize—English III; Distinction, First Division—History II (second year).
- L. A. R. Regan: Credit—French I; Credit—Philosophy I.
- R. A. Shiress: Distinction—German I.
- E. V. Sams: Distinction—Mathematics I; Credit—Engineering (1st year);
- A. W. Harrison: Credit—Mathematics I.
- E. G. Rayner: Credit—Mathematics I.
- D. W. Magill: Credit—Mathematics II; Distinction—Physics II; Credit—Engineering (second year).
- R. K. Woodhouse: Credit—Engineering (1st year).
- T. R. Braithwaite: Credit—Engineering (2nd year).
- J. M. Main: 1st Class Honours—Civil Engineering.

The degree of M.A. was gained by Mr. C. E. Fletcher two years ago, and will be conferred on him at the coming Commemoration.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor, "The Record.")

Dear Sir,—It was with indignation and amazement that I read the mis-directed epistle of "Woodpecker" in your last issue—indignation at the contumely heaped on the devoted head of the Soccer Club, and amazement at the scribe's apparent lack of knowledge regarding his subject. Allow me in some degree to enlighten him. The individuals who introduced this "noble" game into the curriculum of school sports have much of which to be justly proud.

To begin, perhaps the most interesting phase of Soccer is in its indoor application. With chairs, tables, etc., well pushed back, I have witnessed many an amusing and instructive pre-prandial quarter of an hour passed within the precincts of the drawing room.

Again, the Soccer Club is the sole activity of the S.H.S. that can boast fixtures with Invalids' Homes and Girls' Schools.

I refute the remarks of the aforesaid "Woodpecker," and cast his aspersions in his teeth when I deny that the G.P.Ss. written to by the Soccer Club refused us fixtures. The senior chaps, although not playing Soccer themselves, very courteously invited us to a match with their Kindergarten Department—a kind offer of which we were unable to avail ourselves.

As to "Woodpecker's" innuendo regarding "mud," surely personal cleanliness is preferable to the merely brutal enjoyment experienced by propelling an inflated pig-skin with one's pedal extremity.

Yours still indignantly,

A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF THE SCHOOL'S WELFARE.

(Editor of "The Record.")

Sir,—The motion of dissent to the President's ruling in the Senate early in March recalls to mind an incident which occurred at one of the Union meetings last year. In one meeting I gave notice that at the following meeting I would move,—“That all sports affiliated with this Union be entitled to full colours, the number from each club to receive them to be decided by a committee consisting of Messrs. Fletcher, Johns and Leaver.”

When the minutes were read the following meeting, this motion was not included. On asking the reason for the omission, I was told that “it would be all right.” When the motion was carried at the end of the meeting it was ruled out of order.

I moved a motion of dissent from the chairman's ruling, but was informed by the Secretary that it could not be carried, as the voting was not unanimous. Now, Mr. Editor, in view of the fact that the motion was carried in the Senate by 16 votes to 15, can you tell me how it affects my motion?

But the reason for this letter is not to complain about the question of “full blues.” After the Easter vacation boys will be deciding what winter sport they will play. At a meeting of 1st and 2nd year boys, I believe that the Secretary, in giving an UNBIASSED account of the sports, said something about it being very nice to possess a full blue, at the same time adding that the Rugby Club was the only winter sport which permanently had a “full blue.”

In view of this fact, Mr. Editor, I thought it would be better for every 1st and 2nd year boy to be acquainted with the facts of the question re “full blues.”

The same feeling exists in the school to-day as last year, and, if a boy thinks he can do more good for his school by playing Baseball or Tennis, then take an active interest in the Club and the boy representatives on the Union will see that the question of the “blues” is decided before the end of the year.

Thus, although the fact remains that Rugby and Rifle Shooting (for the duration of the war) are the only winter sports which obtain “full blues,” still the junior boys are able to see the feeling of the school of the question, and before long the remainder of the sports will have “full blue.”

K.J.H.

In reply to your letter, I have to state that a sub-committee was formed to deal with the matter you complain of. The duty of this committee was to communicate with other Great Public Schools and to consider the question. This has been done, and the decision will be formally disclosed at the next meeting of the S.H.S. Union. I trust that the above information will be satisfactory.—(Ed.)

(To the Editor of "The Record.")

Sir,—At the present time there is what I consider a gross injustice being done to the boys taking the commercial course in this school. This year in

(1) The list of prefects,

(2) The Tuck-Shop Committee,

(3) The Library Committee,

names of Commercial boys are entirely excluded. Is this fair to the boys who should, by their training, be the most capable to fill any position involving commercial knowledge? Is it any encouragement to the boys to take a course of Commercial studies?

Why is it that, for the last three years, no Commercial boys have been appointed to the privileged position of prefect? Why is it that a boy of less than one term's standing in the school should be appointed prefect in preference to boys who are beginning their third, and, in some cases, fourth year at the school? Hoping that this matter will receive earnest consideration, and thanking you in anticipation,

I remain, your, etc.,

"A FRIEND TO THE SCHOOL."

You are quite right to use the "Record" for urging your opinion, and, so far as I can see, the best thing for you to do would be to select a deputation and wait upon the Headmaster. He has the power to remedy your complaint re the prefects, but in the remaining two matters, the officers are selected by the boys according to their popularity. That, then, is above remedy, and I am afraid that the class must suffer its loss.—(Ed.)

Sonnet.

(Composed on Echo Point, Katoomba, Blue Mountains.)

Oft had I gazed upon this broad expanse
In days gone by, and often had I thought
That God to his weak children near was brought
By such great sights; and from this eminence
Oft have I wondered why some worship Chance,
When Certainty so surely here is taught,
And God is all, and we poor mortals naught,
Except that One had paid our recompense.
But now, oh Vales, in body sick and mind,
I come to you, that ye may breathe again
All these for me—and more, ye mighty Slopes
With faces harsh and rude, but Spirits kind;
Give me the Power to triumph over Pain,
And the Love of God to strengthen my weak Hopes.

O.H.B.

Life Saving.

An examination took place on 23rd March at Abbotsford Baths for the bronze and silver medallions of the Royal Life-saving Society. The class consisted of thirty-four boys, trained by Mr. J. Leaver, B.A., two of whom won the silver medallion, and thirty-two the bronze medallion and proficiency certificate, there being no failures. This is a record for the School. Results were:—

Silver Medallion.—S. A. Willsher, F. S. Bradhurst.

Bronze Medallion and Proficiency Certificate.—A. S. Roberts, T. H. Henry, H. Cooper, W. Byrne, J. Williams, J. Fyfe, F. McCarthy, C. Williams, F. Small, R. Cathels, A. R. Beveridge, F. Lions, G. Morris, G. Thomas, G. Pyke, D. Gilder, H. Snellgrove, A. Sorenson, M. Speedy, L. G. Blackmore, J. Murray, S. Marcer, C. Tressider, R. Thompson, W. Wilson, J. F. Boag, O. Manny, S. Rugg, R. E. Stevenson, N. R. Markham, L. Eyles, C. Ward.

Sidelights on Cricket.

- I. In the School we have such a boy as this
(I'd fain not mention his name),
For he tells us how HE admir'bly plays
The fine old cricket game.
- II. When he gets clean-bowled, he makes excuse
Of a peg beneath the mat,
And when he finds this yarn grows stale,
" 'Twas the fault of the rotten bat."
- III. In an hour or two the story grows
To a fifteen swerve in the air,
When the ball struck earth, it broke twelves times,
And shot with the speed of a hare.
- IV. But the "1st" selectors have no sense,
For they leave me out of the team.
Why! I'm the best bat in the school,
And I bowl as though worked by steam.
- V. "It isn't fair for a first grade-man
To play in a third grade match;
For you'd never have got that batsman out
If it had not been for MY catch!
- VI. "I rank as a player, second to none,
I'm the only cock of the walk!"—
At which we gasp, then shout aloud,
"We know you're cock of the talk!"

By Pfui.

Cricket

Since the Christmas vacation eight matches have been played by the 1st XI., six being won and two lost. Our supremacy in the High School competition is practically assured, while we have considerably improved our status in the G.P.S. Although, as a batting team, we have seldom failed, we nevertheless possess a large and practically useless "tail."

The most consistent bat since the vacation has been Lachmund, with scores of 59, 71 not out, 21, 1, 27, 41, 7, 41, 40, 25.

Bain has also proved useful with totals of 21, 22, 3, 22, 15 not out, 2, 13 not out, 52, 30, and 4.

Clemenger has a number of large scores to his credit, notably 87 and 88 against King's and Old Boys respectively, but he has seldom succeeded when he was most needed.

Williams and Andrews have proved disappointing with the bat, as also has Pullen. The latter, however, with more confidence and experience, next season, should perform better.

V. Hyde, although with no large scores to his credit, has been of great service in critical positions.

Webb has performed prodigiously with the ball, at the time of writing having secured 100 wickets for 862 runs. We believe this to be a High Schools' record!

Williams has also performed well, his 37 wickets being taken at a cost of 11.6 runs a piece.

Other bowlers to do well are Andrews, Cooper, and F. McCredie, the latter leading the averages with 9 for 72. The out-cricket has improved considerably, but a few of the players need improvement. Lachmund leads in the number of catches, with 10, Clemenger, Webb and F. McCredie being next with 6 each.

Bain, since he has been behind the wickets, has proved a decided asset to the team, and has considerably helped our slow bowlers.

The Second and Third XI.'s are each performing creditably in their own divisions, and hope to win comfortably.

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

Played at Wentworth Park on February 21st, and won by S.H.S. by 6 wickets and 55 runs. T.K.S. batted first, and compiled 161, Webb securing 5 for 49, Andrews 3-28. S.H.S. followed and passed the required total with the loss of 1 wicket. Clemenger and Lachmund batted well for 87 and 71 not out, respectively.

T.K.S.—First Innings.

Friend, b Webb	1
Bettington II., c F. McCredie, b Cooper	18
Edkins, b Andrews	0
Hall, b Webb	3
Sheehan, c Hyde, b Cooper ..	56
Bettington I., b Webb	9
Best, c Harrison, b Webb ..	7
Walters, not out	45
Moore, b Andrews	9
Cottee, l.b.w., b Andrews ..	4
Little, b Webb	3
Sundries	6
Total	161

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Lachmund, retired	71
Bain, c Best, b Bettington II.	22
Clemenger, b Little	87
Andrews, run out	1
Harrison, not out	13
Hyde, not out	8
Sundries	14
Four for	216

S.H.S. Bowling.—Andrews 3-28, Webb 5-49, Cooper 2-38, Clemenger 0-24, Harrison 0-16.

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

Played at North Sydney, and resulted in a win for S.C.E.G.S. by 52 runs. S.H.S. batted first, and scored 147. F. McCredie proved the mainstay, with a well-earned 48. S.C.E.G.S. followed, and at one period had lost 7 for 106, but Freeman, by good batting, pulled the match out of the fire. In our second venture we had lost 2 for 88 when a thunderstorm intervened.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Williams, b Holcombe	26
Lachmund, run out	1
Andrews, l.b.w., b Holcombe	9
Bain, run out	22
F. McCredie, b Holcombe ..	48
Pullen, b Holcombe	0
Hyde, c Manchee, b Holcombe	3
Cooper, b Sawyer	11
Harrison, b Butler	10
K. McCredie, not out	2
Webb, c Balcombe, b Butler..	3
Sundries	12
Total	147

Bowling for S.H.S.—Bain 0-12,
Webb 2-60, Williams 5-84, Cooper
1-17, Andrews 0-6, McCredie 2-10.

S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Cox, c and b Williams	29
Holcombe, b Webb	33
Dombrain, b Williams	12
Taylor, c Hyde, b Williams..	3
Freeman, c Cooper, b McCredie	86
Moses, c Bain, b Williams ..	0
Raleigh, c and b Webb	0
Balcombe, b Williams	0
Sawyer, b Cooper	2
Manchee, not out	17
Butler, c Lachmund, b Mc Credie	3
Sundries	14
Total	199

S.H.S.—Second Innings.

Andrews, run out	17
Lachmund, c Cox, b Holcombe	27
Williams, not out	21
Bain, not out	15
Sundries	8
Two for	88

S.H.S. v. S.I.C.

Played at Riverview on March 10, and won by S.H.S. by 6 wickets. Easily the most exciting match of the season. S.I.C. batted first, and compiled 89, Webb securing 5 for 43. S.H.S. followed, and had lost 3 for 19, when Clemenger came in. He and Lachmund brought the total to 56, when the former was bowled. The wickets began to fall rapidly until, when Lachmund was caught for a well-made 41, 8 wickets were down for 85. Harrison and K. McCredie, however, managed to weather the storm.

S.I.C.—First Innings.

Landes, b Webb	0
Porter, l.b.w., b Clemenger .	14
Sullivan, b Webb	5
Dalglish, b Clemenger	2
Gissane, c Harrison, b Webb	41
Meagher, b Webb	5
MacRae, b Webb	5
Dempsey, l.b.w., b Williams ..	4
Cruise, not out	1
Best, b Williams	0
Oxenham, b Williams	1
Sundries	3
Total	89

Bowling for S.H.S.—Clemenger
2-15, Webb 5-43, Williams 3-20.
S.I.C.—Second Innings 54
Andrews 2-8, Webb 7-28, Cle-
menger 1-10.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Lachmund, c Meagher, b Sul- livan	41
Williams, c and b Sullivan ..	2
Andrews, b Sullivan	2
Bain, c Meagher, b Cruise ..	2
Clemenger, b Sullivan	22
F. McCredie, b Sullivan	4
Pullen, b Sullivan	4
Hyde, b Sullivan	0
Harrison, not out	9
K. McCredie, b Cruise	2
Webb, b Sullivan	1
Sundries	7
Total	96

S.H.S.—Second Innings, 4-53,
(Clemenger 24, Bain 13.)

S.H.S. v. N.C.

Played at Stanmore on March 17, 1917, and won by N.C. by 216 runs. Newington batted first, and compiled 333, thanks mainly to a good partnership of 223, by Brown and Newman. S.H.S. replied with 117, of which Lachmund obtained 40, and Bain 30.

N.C.—First Innings.

Brown, c Webb, b Cooper ..	137
Cripps, b Webb	5
Newman, l.b.w., b F. McCredie	83
Pike, c Bain, b F. McCredie	23
Lawes, b F. McCredie	16
Darke, st. Bain, b F. McCredie	6
Walker, c Lachmund, b F. McCredie	1
Gray, b F. McCredie	14
Newton, not out	10
Ward, c Webb, b Clemenger	12
Bennett, b F. McCredie	1
Sundries	25

Total 333

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Lachmund, c Walker, b Lawes	40
Bain, c Newton, b Brown ..	30
Clemenger, c Ward, b Newman	15
Andrews, b Cripps	3
Williams, b Lawes	1
F. McCredie, c and b Lawes	1
Cooper, c Brown, b Lawes ..	0
Pullen, c Brown, b Lawes ..	1
Hyde, b Newman	8
Webb, not out	13
K. McCredie, b Newman ..	0
Sundries	5

Total 117

Bowling for S.H.S.—Webb 1-82,
Williams 0-97, Andrews 0-17,
Cooper 1-37, Clemenger 1-14, F.
McCredie 7-62.

S.H.S. v. OLD BOYS.

Played at Wentworth Park on March 21, and won by S.H.S. by 108 runs. S.H.S. batted first, and scored 9 for 173. Clemenger batted well for 88, including 13 fours and 1 six. Old Boys were dismissed for 65, and 6 for 34. Webb secured 12 for 58.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Lachmund, l.b.w., b Bogle ..	25
Williams, b Saxby	8
Bain, b Clemenger	4
Clemenger, c Lynch, b Saxby	88
Andrews, c and b Bogle	7
McCredie, h.o.w., b Clemenger	10
Hyde, not out	18
Pullen, c Cunningham, b Clemenger	7
Corish, c Fairland, b Clemenger	2
Harrison, b Clemenger	0
Sundries	4

Nine for 173
Innings declared closed.

OLD BOYS.—First Innings.

Bogle, b Webb	7
Saxby, st. Bain, b Webb ..	0
Cunningham, c McCredie, b Webb	18
Byrne, b Williams	3
Clemenger, b Webb	5
McLaughlin, b Webb	0
Braithwaite, st. Bain, b Webb	5
Nette, not out	12
Lynch, b Webb	1
Hession, c Harrison, b Williams	1
Fairland, b Webb	5
Sundries	8

Total 65

OLD BOYS.—Second Inn., 6 for 34.

Bowling for S.H.S.—Webb 12 for
58, Williams 2-17, Corish 1-10.

S.H.S., 8 for 271 (Clemenger 2, Lachmund 36, Williams 51, Bain 57, Claremont 17, Andrews not out 64, King 5, Hyde 8, Wilson 0). v. Parramatta, match abandoned through rain.

S.H.S., 6-135; innings closed (Williams 4, Lachmund 59, Bain 21, Andrews 1, Pullen 0, Harrison 0, McCredie 16 not out) defeated Hurlstone, 51 and 72, by an innings and 11 runs. Bowling for S.H.S.:—Williams 9-31, Webb 9-46, Bain 1-25.

S.H.S., 8-214, innings closed (Lachmund 21, Bain 3, Andrews 38, McCredie, F. 31, Hyde 18, Pullen 31, Harrison 40, Webb 15, McCredie, K. 9 not out) defeated Petersham, 80 and 83, by an innings and 51 runs. Bowling for S.H.S.:—Webb 7-57, Andrews 4-55, K. McCredie 4-33, Rickards 2-8.

2nd XI.

February 14.—S.H.S. 8-174 (Clapham 41, Back 30, K. McCredie 37, Stuckey 34, Ladds 24) defeated Fort St., 133.

March 7.—S.H.S. 7-91 (Smith 49 not out, Ford 10 not out, Clapham 11). Fort St. 123. Match unfinished. Rickards 4-55, Bell 2-10, Stuckey 3-8.

LEADING BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	N.O.'s.	H.S.	Runs.	Av.
Smith	5	2	61 n.o.	117	39
K. McCredie	3	0	37	64	21.3
Harrison	2	0	40	40	20
Ladds	3	0	33	58	19.3
Ford	3	1	27	37	18.5
Stuckey	4	0	34	56	14

3rd. GRADE.

The results of this team, since Christmas, have been most deplorable, mainly owing to lack of confidence in the first innings. Bad luck has also helped to bring us low. Griffiths and Ladds have done well in bowling, and Clapham and Beveridge in the batting. We received a valuable recruit in Pye.

v. North Newtown.—S.H.S., 57 (Clapham 27 not out, Caldwell 11) and 2-31 declared (Clapham 15) defeated N.N.H.S., 26 and 48, by 14 runs. Griffiths 6-16, Ladds 8-22, Small 2-3, Simpson 2-15.

v. T.H.S.—S.H.S. 86 (Beveridge 46, MacKellar 12), and 3 for 56, declared (Wise 24 not out, Beveridge 20) lost by 5 runs on first innings to T.H.S., 91 and 4-45. Bowling:—Griffiths 4-16, Beveridge 2-25, Pye 3-34.

v. Hurlstone.—S.H.S. 109 (Pye 25, Corish 16, Watt 15 not out, Simpson 14) defeated H.A.H.S., 28, and 6 for 12. Bowling:—Pye 10-18, Griffiths 5-16.

v. North Sydney.—S.H.S. 63 (Beveridge 19, Tarrant 16) lost to North Sydney, 134. Bowling:—Beveridge 3-27, Pye 3-37, Griffiths 2-30.

v. St. Ignatius.—S.H.S. 53 (Ladds 10, Beveridge 9) lost to S.I.C., 81, by 28 runs. Bowling:—Ladds 7 wickets, Beveridge 2 wickets.

v. Cleveland St.—S.H.S. 57 (Clapham 22, Wise 18 not out) lost to C.S.H.S., 136. Bowling:—Beveridge 2-15, Simpson 2-8, Pye 2-31, Griffiths 2-20.

To Footballers of S.H.S.

Maroons and Blues,
Have you heard the news?
See, our rivals are here to-day.
When we are all lined out on the Wentworth Park
We will show them the way to play:
A score we'll make,
For the Old School's sake,
And the love of the team so true.
When the victory's won by a dashing run
By the lads in Maroon and Blue.

W.J.W.

Rugby.

The 1st XV. has again entered the G.P.S. Competition, while the 2nd XV. has been entered in 3rd Grade G.P.S. We also intend to enter a couple of teams in the High Schools' Competition. A scheme is being formulated whereby all first, second and third year recruits will be provided with a game each week. It is hoped that by thus encouraging the younger players, an additional stimulus will be given to the grand old game. A new departure has been made this season by the introduction of boxing, as a means of getting into good condition.

A rumour is abroad to the effect that the 1st XV. is arranging a trip to Newcastle and East Maitland, to eventuate in the latter end of April. It is to be hoped that the idea will receive whole-hearted support from the School.

The prospects of the School this year are bright, and with good team work, combination and *condition*, good results should accrue.

Good play by the backs will have to compensate for their lack of weight. The following is the draw for the G.P.S. this season:—

May 12—v. S.C.E.G.S. at Wentworth Park.

19—v. N.C. at Wentworth Park.

26—v. T.K.S. at Parramatta.

June 2—v. S.I.C. at Wentworth Park.

6—v. All Schools' Match.

Aug. 4—v. S.J.C. at Wentworth Park.

11—v. T.S.C. at Bellevue Hill.

18—v. S.G.S. at Rushcutters' Bay.

All further particulars from the Hon. Sec., S. G. Webb.

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Rifle Club.

No actual sport, in this branch of the School activities, has taken place yet, but all the preliminary business has been satisfactorily completed. The office-bearers may be found in the "School Directory." Prospects of a remarkably good year are very evident, and the sport will be actively taken up the first Wednesday after the Easter vacation.

Library

This institution is now under the management of a new set of office-bearers, and it promises to enjoy even better success than in past years. It has always proved most useful, both in providing help in scholastic affairs and again in extending reading for diversion. The promptness with which it meets all demands deserves commendation. It is to be hoped that all will take full advantage of the excellencies it extends.

Literary and Debating Society

A very successful quarter has just been closed. The preliminary work of elections over, the institution settled down to actual business, and successfully held six meetings. Mr. Lachmund and Mr. H. Cooper were elected premier and leader of the opposition respectively. Appended is a syllabus of the meetings of the above Society:—March 20, Mock Election; 27, Manuscript Journal. April 3, Ministerial Debate; 17, Impromptu Debate; 24, Ministerial Debate. May 1, Musical Afternoon; 8, Manuscript Journal; 15, Open Debate; 22, Lecture; 29, Ministerial Debate. June 5, Mock Trial. W. Byrne, Hon. Secretary.

In conclusion, a very hearty invitation is issued to all third and fourth year fellows, and we look especially to the coming third year to facilitate the action of this institution, by lending it its most valuable support.

Tuck Shop.

The School Tuck Shop is enjoying great popularity. It is well supported by all years, and continues to flourish. Most of the newly-elected officials are ably fulfilling the duties required of them, though some fourth year fellows, under the pretence of pressure of work, do not make a regular appearance. The manager

desires to thank all those who extended help during the absence of the committee. The boys will no doubt be glad to hear that, after the Easter vacation, fruit will be sold. All boys are requested to display a preference for the School Tuck Shop, which is managed by the boys themselves, and which caters exclusively for the boys' tastes, and "feed their animal" of a School institution.

Swimming.

The season so far has been a very successful one, an average of about 130 boys attending the various baths on Wednesday afternoon. Another Life Saving Class has been formed, and is now making good progress under the able instruction of Mr. Leaver. At Drummoyne Baths, on 8th March, the Annual Carnival was held, and, although the visitors were conspicuous by their absence, good swimming was witnessed.

As was anticipated, the Inter-High-Schools' Relay was annexed by S.H.S., with Fort St. second, four yards away. In the G.P.S. Relay Championship, the same team finished second, after a magnificent race. Better results could be obtained were the individual members to practise on their own account. Hopes of success are entertained of satisfactory results at the All Schools' and Fort St. Carnivals at the end of the month. All competitors are hereby exhorted to attain the acme of form, and thus bring to a close the most successful season the club has so far had.

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club has just commenced a season which, we hope, will prove as worthy of the Sydney High School as the preceding years have been. Most of the senior team of last year are playing the "good old game" this year, and the committee can confidently expect the S.H.S. representatives to bring home the laurels. Two courts have been secured at Haberfield for the exclusive use of the High School, and each Wednesday witnesses a crowd of enthusiastic boys trying for inclusion in the grade teams.

Tennis is becoming very popular in the School, especially with the senior boys. With the end of the cricket season many boys will become tennis players.

With the great increase in the number of players, it may be found necessary for all beginners to play on the court in the School-yard.

The committee are pleased to welcome Clifton back to the School, and hope that he will help the School tennis club as he did last year. The grade competition will commence in May.

—H. HICKS.

The Editor's Box.

"Observer in 1AG."—Although the metre in your "poem" is tolerable, there is no thought whatsoever. Your case is a further example of young boys aiming too high and trying to write poetry before you understand the intricacies of the art. We wish you well, however, and would rather encourage than burst into a lengthy discourse on the flagrant errors. Try again.

"R.G.L."—Your poem creditable, but not quite up to the "Record" standard. Please send in a contribution for next "Record."

"R.H.O."—Your poem contains several discrepancies, which render it unfit for publication. It does, however, show considerable promise, and we would be interested to hear from you again.

"B.M.M."—Your poem is a peculiarity. The first few stanzas are very good, but then you made the mistake of forcing yourself, and, instead of writing the creditable work of the early stanzas, you write such lamentable piffle as

And once or twice I've heard the fox
With his querulous boo-oo.

Pay more attention to your metre and the exigencies that poetry demands, and soon, we hope, to publish one of your efforts.

"Alphomega."—You do not understand the art of poetry, and most of your work can be easily constructed into mere prose as it stands. You make the mistake of writing in something that is far above you. Direct your energies into the channel of prose, and I think that you will see your work in print in the near future.

"K.S.B."—Your poem creditable, and you have mastered the metrical difficulties. Your poem is held over for consideration until next issue.

"Woodpecker."—The poem you have submitted, "Westward," is not up to your usual standard. At times the sense is very obscure, and in one place the combined efforts of editorial staff were unable to decipher it.

"O.H.B."—Your work is always a pleasure to read, and does much to elevate the standard of our paper. We earnestly solicit your help in contributions in succeeding issues. Your prose effort was not published, not on account of its literary defects, but on account of its subject matter.

"G.R.C."—Your gift for versification is commendable, but you seem to have made the flagrant error of not suiting your thought to your form. We would like you to submit us further contributions.

"Form Notes IIAC."—Your form notes were a positive disgrace, and had I not sought the opportunity of advising you of your errors your form would have assuredly been unrepresented in this issue. Please remember that this paper finds its way, not only into the High Schools of this State, but into America, Western Australia, and Queensland and Victoria. If you remember this fact, I feel sure that you will do your best to uphold the literary standard of our paper, and not write the puerile stuff you submitted for publication.

"Form Notes 2BG."—The above remarks apply equally in your case. The fault does not arise from inability to write the notes, but from an indolence and slothfulness that must and shall be stopped.

"R.F."—Your subject is too puerile. It is too weak. What it requires is a vigorous stimulus which could infuse some interest in the thing. As it stands, publication is impossible.

"Oliver."—Your contribution far too personal. Your undoubted ability is misdirected, and if turned into another channel would prove a credit to the paper.

"C.V.A."—Your contribution held over till next issue.

"D."—Your contribution accepted with pleasure.

"G.F.L."—The scarcity of space precludes the publication of your letter, but we would advise you to seek redress from the Headmaster.

"E.L.M."—Your contribution has again proved the success that it always has. Your support is most valuable to the paper.

"Denning."—Your contribution held over till next issue. Your sonnet has been accepted with thanks.

"R.B."—Poem accepted with pleasure.

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