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Editorial

With the advent of 1918, the fact is now fully recognised that boys may, if they so wish, take five years over the present four-year High School course. With the possibility of taking this longer course now definitely established by the Department, many difficulties connected with the short course will disappear. Boys can henceforward obtain a wider grasp of subjects by devoting more time to outside reading, thus lessening the ill-effects of studying merely to pass examinations. The return to school this year of so many old fourth year boys clearly shows that such action on the part of the Department was necessary. While the great majority of those who have returned passed the actual Leaving Certificate Examination, they failed in their compulsory subjects. Now that a five-year course is possible, many of these failures will be obviated in the future, but even taking into account this additional year, last year's results point to a definite line of action on the part of

examinees, viz., to make absolutely certain of passing in their compulsory subjects, and then—remember, only then—to devote what extra time may be at their disposal to study in others.

In sport, too, a marked improvement must necessarily take place in the future. This fact has been already demonstrated by the advantages conferred on the School this year in this direction by the return of old fourth year boys. Many of these were responsible for our successes in sport last year, and will now guide their own particular clubs in the way which experience has taught them to be productive of best results. Previously boys have generally had to leave school before effecting those urgent reforms which they had found to be necessary in regard to club management. This year matters are different. With a more stringent guardianship of our clubs by the Union, and a most able Executive Committee, we can now hope for more tangible results in sport than ever before—if not in the history of our School, at least in the history of our Union.

Last year's results in sport were inspiring to athletes—let this year stimulate still further all future High School generations. Last year's success in the G.P.S. athletic meeting was limited to the junior division; let this year's be extended to the senior. But this decision must rest, in the main, with our athletes. To them is assigned the task—and no light task it is—of creating tradition in sport.

But for those amongst us who are not athletes, what can they do? They, too, must render their fair contribution to the establishment of school tradition, and the reinforcement of school spirit; and this can be done in many ways. Let them achieve in the realm of study what our athletes are achieving in the realm of sport. Let them give their unbounded support to the fostering amongst us of a spirit of interdependence, not independence; to the creation of a willingness to sacrifice individual interests to those of our School. For the fostering of school spirit is inseparably interwoven with the fostering of Empire spirit; the creation of unity in a school with the creation of unity in an Empire; and all is citizenship in embryo. And it is toward true citizenship that we would strive, that in the future we may find, to a large extent, our pleasures in our sacrifices, our lives as individuals in our life as a nation.

School Notes.

It is once again the misfortune of the School to have to bid farewell to several members of the teaching staff, viz.:—Messrs. Fletcher, Cantello and Page. The loss of Messrs. Fletcher and Cantello will be severely felt by all who have come in the slightest measure into contact with them. Mr. Fletcher in particular took such an active interest in our School, both in sport and study, and we feel his loss keenly. Mr. Page's transfer to another school will also be a severe blow to our Modern Language staff. We desire, however, to extend to each and all of them our best wishes for success in the future.

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On behalf of the School we welcome to our midst the following additional members of the teaching staff:—A. Castleman, Esq., M.A.; J. W. Greaves, Esq., B.A.; O. N. Kelly, Esq., M.A.; P. Murphy, Esq., B.A. Messrs. Castleman and Greaves, who have both taught here before, are already well known to us, and we appreciate the benefit which is being conferred on the School by their return. Messrs. Kelly and Murphy we know by repute, and even in this short time, already realise something of their value to the School.

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The prefects' list has now been announced, and we desire to congratulate the following boys on their selection for 1918:—F. E. Stayner (senior), F. S. Bradhurst, S. G. Webb, C. N. Hirst, F. Simpson, D. Vernon, R. F. Gollan, G. T. Morony, G. Morris, W. Brook, T. Harvey, A. Hennessy.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Shipp on gaining the most distinguished pass in the State at the recent Leaving Certificate Examination. Shipp gained first place in German, Latin and Greek, being the only candidate to obtain first class honours in German. He also gained honours in English, and "A's" in French, Maths. I. and Maths. II. We hope that his career at the University will be as brilliant as it has been here at school.

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Our sixth annual Swimming Carnival will be held at the Drummoine Baths on Monday next, March 11th, and we hope to have a most successful day. A full account of the Carnival and results will be found further over.

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Captain Cane has recently arranged for a course of instruction in physical culture, to be given to sixteen officers, N.C.Os. and cadets of our School Corps by a Staff Sgt.-Major from the barracks. On completion of this course, each member of the class will receive a certificate, which will be effective in both the cadets

and the militia. We all realise how fortunate we are to secure this training, and heartily thank Capt. Cane for obtaining this privilege for us.

We are glad to hear that the sum of £10 has been set aside by the Union with which to purchase a racing skiff. This fact of itself clearly shows that considerable interest is now being taken in this latest branch of our sport.

Mr. Waterhouse paid us a surprise visit the other day, coming to view the Honour Board and to see old faces again. It is pleasing to know that he has not lost one whit of that interest in the School and its welfare which all of us knew him to have whilst he was here in the capacity of Headmaster some short time ago.

A Camera Club has again commenced activities. We wish it all success, and hope that the School will benefit by its work.

Is the Old Boys' Union still alive? We do not seem to have heard from or of it for the last year or so. Let us hope that this does not imply a lack of interest on their part in the welfare of the School.

Much trouble re the collection of subscriptions to the Union would be obviated were everyone to contribute yearly instead of quarterly. Let us remedy the matter next quarter by paying up for the full year.

In addition to the School and Junior Cups for swimming, the Union is now granting a junior cadet medal for junior cadets only. This medal should serve as a powerful stimulus in the promoting of keen interest in swimming amongst the younger boys.

Captain Cane has decided to enter a team of cadets for the Imperial Shield, and a miniature range is being constructed in the Tech. grounds, where practice will be held every afternoon.

At a meeting of Union members in the Main Hall, the following boys were elected to the Executive Committee of the Union:—Bradhurst, Stayner, Willsher, Webb and Masters. With such an able committee, the best possible management of our sport is now assured.

We hear that Mr. Hudson is leaving us to take up a position at Dubbo High School. His place on the English staff will be taken by H. W. Moffitt, Esq., M.A. It is not usual that changes of staff are effected so early in the year, but evidently the fates have decreed contrary to custom this year. The School wishes the best of success to Mr. Hudson, and extends a warm welcome to Mr. Moffitt.

It is rumoured abroad that the John Waterhouse Prize Board sustained severe injury a few days ago by reason of a fall, and contact with something hard.

Good fortune favours the deserving! Now that E. L. Murphy has left, we were afraid that future cartoons in the "Record" would be a minus quantity. News is just to hand that the latest addition to our teaching staff, Mr. Moffitt, has drawn regularly for the "Bulletin" for some considerable time. Thus, while he remains amongst us, we may expect some excellent cartoons in the "Record," and doubtless many outside its pages, too.

Congratulations to K. J. Tonking for winning the John Waterhouse Prize for 1918, and to T. Henry for gaining the Old Boys' Prize.

At a recent meeting of the Union Committee a resolution was passed congratulating last year's library committee on their work in reorganising the library.

Sgt. L. V. Hall, an Old Boy of this School, has been awarded one of a number of scholarships, tenable at Oxford, which have been granted to members of the A.I.F. We wish him all success.

We are glad to see that old High School boys are attaining to high positions at the 'Varsity. The most recent are Dr. S. J. Johnston and J. McClean. The former has been appointed Professor of Zoology and President of the Union; the latter has been elected Director of the Union.

"Spring."

O Spring, thou fairest daughter of the year,
 Thou hast been many a greater poet's theme;
 Who giv'st fresh life to very plant and stream,
 And bird, and makest Nature still more dear
 To all of us. How sweet it is to hear
 The heralds of thy coming, and to dream
 Of thee—as to the Greeks thou once didst seem.
 A living thing, to love and to revere.

O season typical of joyousness,
 In thy gay mantle thou enfold'st the world
 That rigorous Winter held in long duress;
 And by thine arm our narrow bonds are hurled
 Far to one side; and once more we are free
 To share the joy that all around we see.

G.T.M.

Old Boys' Column

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The Roll of Honour.

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J. Linton (killed in action)	

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Total to date 445

There are still many old High School boys on active service whose names have not yet been obtained, and the Editor will be glad to receive any information regarding them.

From the Front.

Yet another of our Old Boys has to be added to the list of heroes—Midshipman E. S. Cunningham, R.A.N., of H.M.S. "Glorious," who paid the supreme sacrifice on active service in the North Sea on 31st January, 1918. He entered the School in February, 1912, with a scholarship at the age of 12, and intended going on to the Uni., but in 1913 joined the Royal Australian Naval College, gaining 5th place amongst her candidates from Australia. At the College he had a brilliant scholastic and practical training, and on leaving at the end of 1916 was ordered to join the Grand North Sea Fleet. His ship took part in the recent Heligoland battle, and he and his four Australian comrades were the first of our midshipmen to be in action. Midshipman Cunningham was a keen athlete, recently winning two cups for boxing, one being for the officers' lightweight championship of the Grand Fleet. The Navy League, N.S.W. Branch, recorded at its last meeting that:—

"This promising and gallant young officer passed out from the Jervis Bay College fourth in a batch of 23 cadets, and was one of the first Australian-trained midshipman to join the seagoing fleet. He left Australia in January, 1917, and for just a twelve-month was on active service with the Imperial Grand Fleet in Home waters. His loss is deeply deplored, for he had already earned for himself a fine reputation as a keen and diligent officer, and the Service now in course of being built can ill afford to see sacrificed one of its most promising students."

The following are a few extracts from letters received by Miss McNeill from old S.H.S. boys at the front. Many of these letters are worthy of reprinting in full, but lack of space prevents such a course being taken.

In a letter dated October 20, 1917, Cecil Willmott writes that Syd. Fox is in the same Engineering Corps as himself, and that Will Anderson is a major in the Pioneers. Recently he met Perryman and Fred Wootten. The latter is now a corporal in the 55th Battalion. He had also seen Fisher Webster about two months before he wrote, and, more recently, Stan Robertson. Other old High School boys whom he had seen at one time or another were Arthur Wheen and Couchman, who is in the 14th Field Ambulance. In a later letter he says that he again met Wheen, and also White, Norton, Wootten, and Lionel Price, M.C. Willmott came safely through a stunt on the 7.11.'17, but Wheen and Eric Funnell both received slight wounds. The former insisted on working on until ordered by the doctor to go, and his mates all speak highly of him. Willmott, on going up to some pill-boxes next day for lunch, met Sergt. Ludwigson, and the following day met Johnny Tancol, a stretcher-bearer of the 12th F.A. The letter intimates that things are far from sweet over there, and that the troops are rather fed up with waiting.

Fairlie Paterson, writing on the 7.11.'17, says that he and his brother are well, and still going strong. At the time of writing he was in Blighty, and consequently had not met many old S.H.S. boys. With Perryman, he had come out of an Infantry School with his commission. At Oxford he had had some splendid runs on English cinder tracks, and at Brigade sports in France he and his brother had come respectively first and second in the 100 yards. He had met Eliot Trees, of the 46th, and Woodrop.

Writing on the 28.11.'17, Syd. Pattison mentions that with him are Paddy Gormley, of 1910-11 days, and Jack Oag. The first two had been in a school of training while in England.

Stan Robertson wrote on the 31.10.'17 that he had had hard luck lately, his best pal being killed and several other friends being sent westward as the result of a recent attack. He had seen Johnny Black, who is now a gas instructor, and Davies. He enclosed a group taken of those who were with him in a Physical and Bayonet School at Aldershot. When writing, he was Supervising Officer of Bayonet Fighting and Instructor of Physical Training in the Battalion.

Writing on the 20.11.'17, Johnny Cross said that he had had a slight wound in the leg with a piece off a shell, and had been sent to Blighty. The hospital he was in accommodated 5,000 patients, and previous to the war had been the county town hall.

Alf. King wrote from No. 8 Stationary Hospital, France, on November 17, 1917. He had been wounded, being the last of his original gun crew to be knocked out. He was enjoying the prospect of being in Blighty for Christmas. In September he had met Frank Jones and Johnny Reeves. In a more recent letter, King gives a full account of his convalescence in England.

In a letter written on January 8th, 1918, Frank Jones mentions that he met the two Patersons and King, and often sees Dick Brand. He had had a good Xmas, since parcels from Australia had come in time, and they were most acceptable.

Bill Sherwood is in Palestine, and mentioned in his last letter that he was off to Jerusalem. He was too busy to write at length.

Mac. Cameron was lying in Cairo Hospital with ten holes in him after his recent stunt, when he last wrote. Whilst recovering, dysentery attacked him, and he had a bad time of it. He remarked that he was only skin and bone, and hoped to return to Australia "some day."

MacCulloch is still well, and is grateful for all news of our Old Boys.

More letters from the front will be printed next issue.

Form Notes.

IV. A.—At last! After years of suppression have we reached the promised land. How invitingly the front door stood open when first we viewed it as members of the fourth year. We enter smiling; no more will the "insolence of office" show us the back door; nay, we are truly blessed among school fellows. Already we know the exact number of paces from the gate to the loggia and the shadowy passage beyond, striding in as if we were quite used to it—as indeed some of us are, since half the class consists of old-timers.

What a cheerful crowd of optimists we are! On the return of an old-timer he is positively besieged by the question, "Comin' back?" If the answer be in the affirmative, and if he can swim, run or jump, or play cricket or football, he is greeted enthusiastically. Pats on the back, "hard lucks," and "Never mind, you ought to be able to run, etc., this year," are fired from all sides.

Lessons are taken more or less as a necessary evil, an excuse to attend school and fill the dreary wait till the next sporting fixture comes off. Yet despite this feeling of lassitude we manage to arouse a certain amount of interest in the fate of Julius Caesar and of Peter Bradley's sentences. We translate Bradley's sentences to enable us better to grasp the feelings of mediaeval scholars when they studied Lombard's ditto; we are afraid they have not risen in our estimation.

The sameness of English and Latin is sometimes relieved by a sally of wit (?) from our respected masters. For instance, we learnt that a certain young Olympic galloper shed his cloak at the end of a race in order to win; tradition relates that, from that date, the runners dispensed with their cloaks, and smeared their bodies with oil (to keep out the cold).

We are rather burdened with that necessary evil "prefects," being honoured, and yet cursed, with the presence of eight of 'em, including the "'ead serang."

The first eleven draws its most dashing players from our midst—"Little Mac," "Vic and Rick," and last, but by no means least, "S—y George"; Brad. leads the mud punters.

We now consider it time to draw a line, so farewell till next issue.

IV. B.G.—1918 has arrived, and with it our last year together as boys of the Sydney High School. During the three, or in some cases four, years during which we have been attending the School, imbibing the knowledge which she has been ever ready to impart, our "Alma Mater" has become more than a mere academy of learning. The dear old place has become associated with pleasant memories, and it is incumbent on us, as fourth year students, to aid her to the best of our abilities. We have commenced the

year with enthusiasm and confidence, and although the standard set by previous fourth years is high, we do not despair of upholding the traditions of the past.

It is rumoured that some Scotch humour, also some silent Scotch invective, centres round the adventures of a ruler, a hammer, a nail, and some fingers, also an over-ripe egg and an orange.

We are at present breathlessly following the adventures of Turnus and "Pius Aeneas" in the sunny lands of Italy, but there are some who wish that such a delightful place had never existed, or that Aeneas had perished in the flames of Troy (inhuman monsters!).

Unfortunately we have few representative athletes in the class, there being but one of last year's 1st XV., one 1st XI. player, whilst Shand, who did well in swimming last year, we can confidently expect will reap further laurels this year.

The next instalment will find us, we hope, with many of our hopes realised, so we will now say "au revoir."

IV. C.G.—I am Sir Oracle,

And when I speak

Let no dog bark.—Class motto.

Once more, dear readers, we meet again. After a troubled passage through third year, we now enter the School as fourth year—through the front door. We are at present in a state of great turmoil, new recruits have been promoted from IV. A. and IV. B. Some were promoted rather forcibly, but that matters not. They are here to stay, although a few have sidled back.

Our modesty forbids us to state the genius displayed by the class in mathematics. We work with great zeal, and so far none of us have had cause to get the order of the foot.

Under the careful tuition of our English master, whose favourite way of reminding us of homework is, "Beware the Ides of March," we show great promise in English and History, and include amongst our numbers many budding authors. Shakespeare beware! We need not mention other teachers; they are all well known.

The School's military expert, the Antarctic explorer, and the omniscient inhabitant of Number 12. Oh! don't you envy us?

In sport we strive with might and main

To show them how to play the game,

And this, dear boys, is our refrain,

We're here, we're here, we're here again.

Among our worthy exponents of aquatic fame are S. A. Willsher and Alex., the evergreens. In Soccer S.A.W. once more, and Long John, while the Rugby team would be incomplete without St—y—r, Secundus, Arpy, Bilhelm, Rusty, and last, but not least, Sydney George. In cricket Rusty and Sydney George reign supreme, while St—y—r is king of the seconds. But who can touch our shining lights in athletics? But

"Enough, no more;

'Tis not so sweet now as it was before'"—to other classes.

Some of our members must pass Paddy's Markets, but if they don't we would like to know where the rotten fruit so prevalent in some lessons comes from?

III. A.G.—Having defeated the rest of the third year classes in the Inter. results, we confidently begin our third year, determined to uphold the reputation of past III. A.'s.

All the rosy dreams of refined loafing in third year are being rudely shattered by masters who seem to have no respect for anyone. The regretted (?) dearth of text books is proving very effectual in providing excuses for industrious (?) youths who would work (?) if they *only* had them.

Owing to the usurpation by fourth year of Room 3—the time-honoured residence of III. A.—we are now peacefully settled in No. 4. We felt hurt at first, but are now reconciled to the conditions, with the exception of one or two sprightly youths, whose sole ambition is to become first-rate sprinters in answering the 'phone.

During the Christmas vacation a visit was made by several of our fellows to the University Camp, with the result that on the re-opening of the School we were entertained with thrilling accounts of their doings there. For particulars apply to Gilder. Certain of our members also have been patronising the Manly and Bondi carnivals. Nuff sed.

The fearful energy displayed by one of our masters mystified us until recently, when we discovered that he is but upholding the motto of his old school—*laborare est orare*. This is too bad really.

Some of our members, in anticipation of the coming footer season, are at present imitating those methods which the ancient Huns adopted in acquiring hardiness. Several have been observed bringing their lunches to school in their waistcoat pockets, while one particularly zealous member now digests his mid-day repast reclining gracefully on the gas jet.

Our successes in sport continue, and we promise to do well in the Swimming Carnival, while many of us are impatiently awaiting the advent of the winter game.

Yours till next issue,

III. A.

III. B.G.—At last we are past the whirlpool of the Intermediate, and are once again in calm waters. We acquitted ourselves very creditably in that examination. The "promotion of no one to second year" speaks for itself. No change has been made in our class, our room, or our masters, except for the departure of Mr. Cantello, which is sincerely regretted by all; and the loss of Mr. Cane for Latin. We take this opportunity of welcoming back Mr. Greaves, who left us at the end of our first year.

We are well represented in all branches of sport, though the majority of our members wend their way to the Domain Baths. Two of our members have such an opinion of their mental capaci-

ties that they imagine they can absorb four years' French in two years, with three lessons a week! We wish them every success in their undertaking.

Wishing to economise in paper in these turbulent times, we must conclude. Auf wiedersehen!

III. C.G.—“Off again and running smoothly.” Such is the state of III. C.G. expressed in its simplest form (not surds this time).

Of course, there is no need to repeat III. C. is the most aristocratic, scholastic and sportsmanlike class in the School. “Why?” says the ignorant reader. “Well, because we have in our midst the mighty Sugerman and McKellar, who gained the premier passes in the Inter. Again, such sports as Cathels, Price, and our genial prefect, Harvey, M.T.S. and Rugby enthusiast, grace our august presence.”

We are now fairly settled down, although the 13th February brought a nasty shock to some of our poor friends. Some, however, were taken pity on by our respected headmaster, and now sit in trepidation, shrinking into nothingness at the slightest glance of the teacher. Others (a majority) are once more in the toils of second year, endeavouring to master the intricacies of general explanations, simultaneous equations, etc. Still others have left here for further adventures in a new sphere.

Of course, we who remain are now imbued with a new feeling of self-importance—we are seniors of the premier school of the State.

II. A.G.—The scene unfolds itself, and lo! behold,

The knight of II. A.G. in crowning majesty;

His cold steel, swiftly as in days of old,

Strikes down the dreaded brute “Geometry,”

Decapitates the evil “Latin” sprite,

And tastes the life blood of all “History.”

The dagger in his belt leaps to the fight,

Avenging “Algebra’s” audacity

In thrusting on the Knight its worthless ways.

“Arithmetic” is vanquished by his eyes,

For swiftest lightning darts from them and slays;

Then “French” attacks, depending on surprise,

Break down—his shield doth serve him well indeed.

The “English” Cyclops, in the battle tries

To pierce the True One’s heart, but can’t succeed,

And “Science,” conquered easily, falls and dies.

The scene fades slowly from your sight—and lo!

Intrepid II. A.G. has conquered all,

And since you others still fight with some foe,

Supremacy is ours—Supremacy!

“Remember you are in second year now, and that means work from the very start.” This message, as daily delivered to us by one and all of our respected pedagogues, chills the hearts of our

commoner rivals of II. A.G. and the II. B. Germ-huns, though it holds no terrors for us (ask anyone of our masters). We are not only the strongest second year class numerically, for in the intellectual universe we may be likened to a star of the first magnitude, and our sporting proclivities are ably demonstrated by "Flea Bain" in first grade baseball and second grade cricket, and one or two other graders, and so far our cricket team has vanquished the only two teams that they have played this year, III. B.G. and II. A.C. Our crowning achievement in the development of a sporting spirit was shown when we were told by the Union Committee that we were the FIRST class in the School this year to have NO NON-UNION members.

Our new surroundings are more congenial for the absorption of wisdom than were our former environments. No more do we wrestle with French phonetics, accompanied by a falsetto solo (ablative absolute) on the whistle of a passing traction engine; nor do we strain our vocal organs in articulating passages from Marmion with the dulcet bass notes of a ten-ton steam crane punctuating every line; whilst—blessing of blessings—there is no "dug-out" with conspirators, blackguards and rebels constantly passing in and out, to the distraction of our masters, and to our annoyance at thus interrupting our studies (?); and now in the quiet seclusion of No. 7 may be found—II. A.G.

It is a staid rule (amongst schoolboys, at any rate) that classes are at their best when one is absent from them, but they have their attraction when "Splinter" and "Charlie Chaplin" are present. We now agree that even freaks have their uses, and "Queenie Louie," to whom "The Sunshine of Your Smile" appeals very strongly, is endeavouring to either "catch a toothache in his ear" or encircle his neck with an ivory (?) necklace!

Now having aired our sentiments in this respectable paper, we will bid you, in the words of the songster:—

"Adieu, adieu, adieu, kind friends, adieu,
I can no longer stay with you;
So I'll hang my harp on a weeping willow tree,
And may the world go well with thee."

II. B.G.—The yearly has passed since we last corresponded with this magazine, and owing to results our class is not as big as it was last year. But for all that we still hold our own as we did last year in all kinds of sport. We have a supreme second year cricket team, which has always met with success owing to the good captainship of Rawle. Our Rugby and Soccer teams for the ensuing season also give a promising prospect for the sporting activities of the class.

We wish, through this magazine, to welcome the froggies into II. B. for the ensuing year.

Our class songster met with a nasty accident the other day, when one of the masters asked the boy who was singing to put up his hand. There was no response, so the master continued, saying, "H'm! I see the boy has the same opinion as I. Hand up the one who was trying to sing." The honest boy immediately put up his hand.

Some of the masters are shooting "A's" at some of the boys, but the general opinion is that they will lose them by the end of the year.

It is not often an old woman changes into a queen, but it occurred in Richard the Second, when "granny" took the title of queen.

II. R.G.—Once more we grace the pages of "The Record." II. R.G. is taking three years for the Intermediate examination, and so intend to bring honour to the School by securing a much higher percentage of passes than any of the schools that have no Remove classes.

Although we are working hard to achieve these honours, we find time for sports. In our class we have two boys who have the bronze medallion, and one who has qualified for the silver medallion. We defeated I. A.G. at our last cricket match, and we intend to keep up this reputation against all other classes.

In the course of our wanderings from room to room there would be no danger of starvation if by chance we were lost, for we have Salmon, Pike, Pepper and two Ginger-nuts. P——e, the most studious youth in II. R. (?), when asked by Mr. L—r—m what he was doing, said, "I am illuminating x from this equation, sir."

We are well represented in the boxing circle by Williams, the champion paperweight boxer of the School, and Meaker, a feather-weight boxer.

I. A.—The writing of a report for a form so young as the first year is not an easy matter, but we feel that, although a class may be in its infancy, it, like the infant, perceives and recognises before it begins to act of its own accord. This is the position of our form. Already, however, we have been attempting to imitate the example set for us so well by those classes which have risen to maturity, with the aid of experience. Already a considerable number of our class has joined the cricket and swimming clubs, and we may add, in passing, that the captain of the former has asked that all those belonging to our form be persuaded to become members of this club, if they are not so already.

We would here take the opportunity of thanking those masters who have in any way assisted us in our upward path of scholastic progress, and we trust that we may be worthy of those efforts they have exerted to achieve success.

We would desire, at this juncture, to express our appreciation of the efforts of all those who have gained bursaries at the last Qualifying Certificate Examination, and to remind them that they have ascended the first rung of the ladder that reaches to success. We trust that they all reach its summit.

We would say to those who are anticipating that success is as far distant as the depth of the ocean is to Mt. Everest. "Nil desperandum"; Rome was not built in a day.

We trust that the form will "grow in beauty side by side" of the others, and that ideas and practices may be reciprocated with mutual advantages.

I. A.C.—Having passed the trials and privations of the Q.C. Examination, we have now taken up our abode at No. 9. Our class is large, being a combination of I. B.G. (famous Latin scholars) and I. A.C. (successful business men).

Our class nearly goes Gray with the worries of mathematics. French is one of our dearly-loved subjects, especially when some of our members are given the honour of entertaining the remainder with their melodious voices and polished French accents. At any rate, we carry on our studies in a more orderly manner than our neighbours, who can never see the harassing effect of their accents on their studious neighbours. We are already making our presence felt by defeating the somewhat large and important Remove at class cricket; we have reasonable hopes of keeping up this supremacy. In the forthcoming football season we have hopes of defeating the rival competitors, and thus establish our supremacy among first year. There is only one case of insanity pervading the atmosphere of our select classroom, and the offending person re(Joyce's) to hear himself cackle. Amongst our ranks may be found a fiery-headed youngster, commonly known as "Fire Brigade"; also Dicky Rick, general funny merchant and joke purveyor. It is said that generations improve as time goes on, so of course we are a decided improvement on the I. A.C. of previous years; moreover, we mean to set an example so great that the I. A.C. of next year will be unable to compete with it. Au revoir. I. A.C.

Colours.

Full colours have been granted to the following boys for the year 1917:—

Athletics.—S. G. Webb, J. Vote.

Cricket.—B. Andrews, H. Lachmund, W. Bain, F. McCredie, V. Hyde, S. Webb.

Rugby.—R. Back, T. Harrison, H. Mansfield, F. Stayner, S. Webb, J. Crombie, T. Henry, W. Masters, H. Stuckey, R. Ford, H. Lachmund, E. Pye, J. Vote.

Special Full Colours.—F. Lions, S. Willsher, F. Bradhurst.

Half colours were granted to the following boys:—

Soccer.—E. Murphy, H. Cooper, L. Murray, F. Bradhurst, S. Willsher, L. Foley, E. Baxter, E. Rouston, T. McNamara, H. Cardwell.

Baseball.—W. Bain, R. Rickards, J. Bassetti, B. Andrews, G. Smith, W. Byrne, V. Hyde.

Swimming.—S. Willsher, A. Shand, F. Lions, F. Bradhurst, R. Back.

Tennis.—V. R. Clifton, A. S. Watt.

To Mist seen on the Blue Mountains.

Clouds of mist, beware, beware,
 Now your secret is discovered;
 Filmy rain, have care, have care,
 Now your wonders are uncovered.
 Whence ye come, and whither go,
 Now is known to mortal ken;
 Why ye softly earthward flow,
 Now at length is known to men.
 From your palace in the sky,
 Swift obeying queenly orders,
 Slip ye out with many a sigh,
 Drifting slowly o'er the borders
 Of that land from mortals hidden
 Lest their restless eyes should see
 Sights for aught save elves, forbidden,
 Kept for fairies jealously.
 Thence ye gently cover mountains,
 Filling valleys as ye go;
 Trees and paths and glistening fountains,
 All must disappear, for lo!
 Swift the elfin queen must travel
 Through her realms of air to-night,
 And, lest mortals should unravel
 All her secrets; lest the light
 Gentle Phoebe sheds around her
 Should betray her wond'rous train,—
 For the fierce gnomes once found her
 Ere she gained control o'er rain—
 Must ye darken earth's harsh borders,
 Lest her soft-trained eye should view;
 In obedience to her orders,
 Every ugly thing pursue.
 Clouds of mist, beware, beware,
 Now your secret is discovered;
 Filmy rain, have care, have care,
 Now your wonders are uncovered.

G.R.C.

Leaving Certificates Results.

The numbers following the names 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, (12) botany, (13) geology, (14) geography, (15) art, (16) music, (17) English and geography for engineering matriculation, (18) business principles, (19) economics, (20) physiology, (21) zoology, (22) Greek.

SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Alfred, Harold Lawrence, 1B 2B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10B 11L 17 pass.
 Andrews, Frank Benjamin, 1B 5B 6B 8B.
 Back, Robert Fergus, 1B 3B 5B 6A 7B 10B.
 Bain, Walter Stuart, 1B 6B 8B 11B 14B.
 Baxter, Ernest Joel, 1B 5B 6B 7B 10B 11B.
 Blackmore, Lancelot George, 1B 5A 6B 7B 8H 17 pass.
 Boag, James Fraser, 2B 5B 6B 7B 10L.
 Caldwell, Raymond William, 1B 2A 3H 5B 6A 7B 8A.
 Clapham, George William, 1B 6B 10B 14B 18B.
 Clifford, Russell Henry, 1H 3B 5B 6A 7B 8H 10B 17 pass.
 Clifton, Vivian Roy, 1B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10B.
 Condie, Roy Alexander, 1B 2L 4B 8H.
 Craig, Cecil Robert, 1L 8B 10B 11B.
 Fraser, William Augustus Carr, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 10A 11B.
 Harper, Horace Edward, 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B.
 Henry, Trevor Hadden, 1B 5A 6B 7B 17 pass.
 Hewitt, George Henry, 1B 3B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Hiatt, Matthew Stanley C., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 10H 11B.
 Hicking, Clive Richard Hinson, 1B 5B 6A 8B 18B 19B.
 Hicks, William Hector, 1L 8B 14L 18B 19A.
 Highfield, William Alfred, 1B 5B 6A 8B 19A.
 Hurd, William Lewis, 1H 3B 5A 6A (x) 7A 11H 14A 17 pass.
 Ladds, Thomas Rivers, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 8A 10B.
 Laurie, William Rae, 1H 2B 5A 6A 8A 10B 11L 17 pass.
 Mansfield, Humphrey, 1B 2A 3A 5B 8B.
 McCredie, Frank Campbell, 1B 2B 4L 5A 6B 7B.
 McGregor, Hector Edwin, 1H 2B 3B 5B 6B 8H.
 Moore, Aubrey Edgar, 1A 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 8H 17 pass.
 Mortley, Harry Harold Redvers, 1B 5B 6B 7B 10A 11B 17 pass.
 Murphy, Eric Lascelles, 1H 2A 4A 5B 7B 10B 11B.
 O'Donnell Thomas, 1B 5B 6B 7B 8B 17 pass.
 Roberts, Arthur Scobie, 1B 5B 14B 19B.
 Roberts, William Henry, 1B 4B 5B 7B 8B 11B.
 Shipp, George Pelham, 1H 2H 3A 4H 5A 6A 22H.
 Stayner, Fred Eastwood, 1B 2L 3B 8B 11L.
 Stuckey, Harold, 1B 5B 6B 10B 11B 17 pass.
 Tarrant, Erl Gordon, 4B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Tonking, Kenneth John, 1H 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 8H.
 Vote, James Alexander, 1H 3A 5B 11L.
 Webb, Sydney George, 1B 6B 8A 9L.
 Wills, Alec Prideaux, 2B 5B 7B 10B 11L.
 Wilson, William John, 1B 2B 7B 11B.
 Wise, Allen Glendenning, 1A 2A 5A 6B 7B 10B 11B.
 Bursaries were granted to G. P. Shipp, W. L. Hurd, A. E. Moore.
 Exhibitions were gained by the following boys:—
 In Arts:—H. E. Harper, G. P. Shipp. In Law:—K. J. Tonking.
 In Architecture:—W. R. Laurie.
 In Medicine:—W. A. Fraser, M. S. Hiatt, F. C. McCredie, E. L. Murphy, A. G. Wise.
 In Engineering:—H. L. Alfred, R. H. Clifford, W. L. Hurd, A. E. Moore.

Intermediate Examination.

The subjects of examination are arranged in 28 sections, and the numbers in the list of successful candidates refer to the following sections:—(1) English, (2) history, (3) geography, (4) mathematics I., (5) mathematics II., (6) Latin, (7) French, (8) German, (9) physics, (10) chemistry (11) physics and chemistry, (12) botany, (13) geology, (14) business principles, (15) woodwork, (16) metalwork, (17) industrial drawing, (18) mechanical drawing, (19) art, (20) music, (21) needlework, (22) Greek, (23) shorthand.

SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Allen, Leslie Alan, 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Barnett, Keith Stanley, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 11B 23B.
 Bartlett, George Oswald, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Bassetti, John Angelo, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 11B.
 Beed, Jack Saunders, 1B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Berryman, Wesley Harrison, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11A.
 Black, John William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Brook, Wilfred Harry, 1B 4B 5A 6A 7B 9A 11A 22B.
 Bryant, Edric Jack, 1B 2B 4B 5A 11B.
 Burkinshaw, Neville Edgar, 1A 2B 4B 5B 7B 11A.
 Cathels, Robert Campbell, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Chantler, William Stanley, 1B 2B 4B 5A 23B.
 Clark, Clarence Broomfield, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Cockburn, Burnett Francis, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Condon, Frederick William, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Coughlan, William George, 1B 2A 4A 5B 6A 8A 11B.
 Cousins, Gordon James, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7A 11A.
 Davis, Thomas Edward, 1B 2B 5B 9B 11B.
 Eyles, Leslie Byron, 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B.
 Ferguson, Arthur William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Fincham, Robert Creswell, 1B 2B 4B 7B 11B.
 Fisher, William Frank, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Flannery, Maurice Wills, 1B 2B 5B 7B.
 Gilder, Derrick Child, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11A.
 Hail, George, 1A 2A 3B 4A 5B 11A 14B 23B.
 Hale, Herbert Dayrell, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Harvey, Archibald Thomas, 1A 2B 3B 7B 14B 23B.
 Hennessey, Archibald F., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Henry, Reuben Herbert, 1B 2B 4B 5B 9B 11B.
 Hughes, Thomas William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Jones, Charles Richard, 1B 4A 5B 6B.
 Knight, Arthur James, 1A 2B 6A 8B 11B.
 Lambert, Sydney Octavius, 1B 2A 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Laws, Keith William, 1B 4B 5B 6B 9B 11A.
 Laws, Reginald Garrard, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Leask, Edwin Albert, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 8A 11B.
 Lewis, George Owens, 1B 2B 3B 4B 11A 23B.
 Little, Eric, 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 MacKellar, Charlie C., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 MacKellar, John Alex, 1A 2A 3B 4A 5B 7A 11B 14A.
 Milgrove, Wm. Hardaker, 1B 4B 5B 6A 9A.
 Moon, Arthur Alexander, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Mulholland, Edward Henry, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Murray, John Coll, 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.
 Orchard, Rupert Henslow, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Parkes, Edgar, 1B 4B 5A 7B 11B.
 Parks, William Thomas, 1B 4B 5B 6B 22B.
 Parry, Jack, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 8B 11B.
 Pearce, Leslie Thomas, 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11A 22A.

Price, Leslie Noel, 1B 4B 5B 11B 14B.
 Pullen, Michael Albert, 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 11B.
 Rae, Spencer Hamilton, 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B.
 Rathborne, Joseph Edward, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B.
 Rawle, Kenneth Charles, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Richards, Alick Herbert, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Ritchie, William Roy, 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Sinclair, Albert Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Skevington, Herbert, 1B 2B 4B 6B 11B.
 Slade, John, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 8B 11A.
 Small, James, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7A 11A.
 Smith, Harry Seymour, 1B 4B 6B 7B 11B 22B.
 Sugerman, Bernard, 1B 2A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Swanton, Hubert Thomas, 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Taylor, Alfred William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Thompson, Eric Martin, 1B 2B 3B 4B 11B 14B.
 Thompson, Robert Brennan, 1B 4B 5B 6B 22B.
 Turner, Ivan Stewart, 1A 2B 4A 5A 7B 11B.
 Uren, Sydney John, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Vaughan, George Henry, 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.
 Ward, Arthur Reginald, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 White, Kingsley Alderton, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 9B 11B.
 White, William John, 1B 2B 3B 5B 11B.
 Wicks, Cecil William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Witheford, Charles Exley, 1B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Wright, John Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.

Absence.

High leap the rocks on the coastline dim,
 And deep they plunge in the tide;
 Wide swing the waves of the ocean grim,
 And swiftly the seagulls glide.
 Warm dips the glassy beach to the sun,
 And up bounds the might of the wave:
 The waters still crash, and the waves still run,
 But the boys are far away!
 Far away from the dear old home;
 The waters still crash, and the waves still run,
 But the boys are far away.

Up slope the hills of the ranges wild,
 And gold show the Christmas bells;
 Calm sleep the lakes as a dreaming child,
 And green are the grassy dells.
 The hill-road creeps o'er the sunny ridge,
 And softly the streamlets play.
 The creek still roves through the quaint low bridge,
 But the boys are far away.
 Far away from the dear old home;
 The creek still roves through the quaint low bridge,
 But the boys are far away.

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Speech Day.

Speech Day proceedings took place in the Main Hall on Thursday, 13th December, 1917, at 2.15 p.m. The accommodation for the School with an enrolment of nearly 400 boys is rather limited, and the Turner Hall is no longer available for large gatherings as in time past. Consequently no effort was made to ensure the presence of a large number of parents and friends. Yet there was a fair number present, and the platform accommodation was fully taken up. The Headmaster presided, and next to him sat Mr. McLelland, the Deputy Chief Inspector, who presented the form prizes and the sports trophies. The Headmaster's address contained a resumé of the educational life of the School for the year, and a statement of the results of the public examinations announced early in the year. In addition he offered some observations on the subject of prize-giving, quoting largely from a brilliant address by one of the foremost English educationalists, Dr. A. C. Benson, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

After the presentation of the prizes, etc., Mr. McLelland, who seemed to greatly enjoy the company of so many boys just ready to disperse for vacation, delivered a thoughtful, instructive, and sympathetic speech.

Opportunity was taken to say "farewell" and make a presentation to Mr. C. B. Fletcher, M.A., who was leaving the service to take up the position of Inspector of Secondary Schools in Tasmania. Eulogistic speeches concerning Mr. Fletcher's services to the School, especially as founder of the Union, were made, and to these Mr. Fletcher replied in most appropriate terms.

Mr. McLelland then unveiled an Honor Board, on which are written the names of nearly four hundred Old Boys who have enlisted. This, with speeches from the President and Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, and a full statement by Mr. Leaver of the aims and doings of the School Union during the year, brought the proceedings to a close.

Form Prizes.

Fourth Year (awarded on results of Leaving Certificate Examination).—Classics, Shipp, Geo.; Modern Languages, Shipp, Geo.; Mathematics, Moore, A.; English, Shipp, Geo.; History, Tonking, K.; Science, Hiatt, M.

Second Year (awarded on results of Intermediate Examinations).—English, Harvey, A.; History, McKellar, J. A.; Latin, Sugerman, B.; French, Berryman, W. H.; German, Coughlan, W. G.; Science, Sugerman, B.; Mathematics, Turner, I.

Third Year (awarded on result of School Examination, and presented on 14th December, 1917).—English, Gollan, R.; History, Hodsdon; Classics, Morony, G.; Modern Languages, Foley, F.; Science, Mooney, G.

First Year.—English, McIntyre, B., Burt, S. J.; History, McIntyre, B., Burt S. J.; Latin, Rawle, G.; Greek, Stening, Geo.; Mathematics, McIntyre, B., and Liebermann, H.; Science, Grantham, A. K.; French, Burt, S. J.; German, Liebermann, H.

“Sed Miles Sed Pro Patria.”

O Motherland! to whom my soul hath turned
 In this last moment, comrade of my years,
 And so familiar friend, accept these tears
 Of joy, the offerings of a heart which burned
 To serve thee. Thou, in whom my noblest pride
 Did rest, O grant that I may kiss thy hand,
 Ere I depart into that farther land
 Where I may dwell still closer to thy side.

Adieu! my mother, father, brother, all,
 A little space we part, to reunite
 In unabated love. And if this strife,
 Which bade me pause and hear thine anguished call,
 Hath helped to save thy trembling soul from night,
 How freely, joyously, I give my life.

R—N.

Last Year's Sport

The results achieved in sport for the year 1917 have been very satisfactory. The synopsis below will show that the year 1917 has been the most successful of recent years. Representation in the G.P.S. and H.S. combined events has not been lacking. In G.P.S. football there were two representatives, whilst in cricket two also were chosen. In C.H.S. Soccer there were six, in cricket six, whilst in tennis three championships and a membership to the N.S.W.L.T.A. fell to our lot.

Athletics has, indeed, earned pride of place in the School. After a very keen struggle with Maitland High School, our seniors succeeded in winning the Senior Cup, which has now been won for the fourth year in succession. The juniors carried the day for the second year in succession. Much more creditable, however, was the splendid effort of the juniors—and for the first time in the history of the School—in earning the title of joint junior champions with Newington College in the G.P.S. meeting. The Baseball Club has at last reaped the benefit of its steady efforts, extending over a period of several years, by winning the Proud Shield.

Swimming has been an activity in which the School has distinguished itself. The juniors won the Junior Shield, whilst the seniors ran a close second to N.S.H.S. Of special note is the relay team, which had three wins and one second to its credit, and the large number of life-savers who successfully passed the test for the silver and bronze medallions.

The following is a summary of other activities:—

Cricket.—C.H.S.: 1916-1917, 1st XI. undefeated premiers; 1917-1918, 1st XI. leading; 1916-1917, 2nd XI. premiers; 1916-1917, 3rd XI. runners-up; 1917-1918, 3rd XI. to play final with C.S.H.S.

Soccer.—1st XI. undefeated premiers; 2nd XI. runners-up, but defeated the premiers in a special match; 3rd XI. runners-up.

Tennis.—1st team runners-up; 2nd team premiers.

Boxing.—A tournament was successfully held.

Rowing.—A Rowing Club was formed towards the end of the year, and certain boys have been selected to train for the G.P.S. regatta of 1919.

Class Teams.—Competitions in Rugby, Soccer and cricket were completed.

Cricket

During the past year our 1st XI. have had a very successful season. In the G.P.S. competition, though not amongst the foremost teams, we have made some very good scores against a few of those schools which are leading in the comp. In the C.H.S. we are winning, having so far defeated every team we have met.

Several members have left us during the season. Amongst these is W. Bain, a brilliant batsman, whose scores have been consistently high. Bain also obtained a place in the G.P.S. representative team. In Harper we have lost a steady and reliable batsman, who, though not so brilliant as Bain, has often knocked up many high scores for S.H.S. Andrews' loss is felt both as batsman and bowler. He gained a merited place in the G.P.S. second grade representative team. Webb as a bowler has performed very well, especially in C.H.S., but seems to fail in G.P.S.

F. McCredie.—A reliable bat, a good change bowler, and consistent fieldman.

M. Pullen.—A remarkable bat for his size, who has proved his worth many times.

V. Hyde.—A steady and reliable bat. He has some good scores to his credit, and has gained the average for the season.

G. Smith.—A good wicket-keep and a fair bat.

K. McCredie.—A good fast bowler. He is developing into a dashing bat.

R. Rickard.—Change slow bowler and a fair left-hand bat. He is proving effective in G.P.S. with the ball.

G. Harrison.—A good, aggressive bat, whose fielding is particularly brilliant.

G. Stayner.—A good field.

MATCHES.

S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.

S.H.S., 9 for 170 and 5 for 154, defeated F.S.H.S. by 107 on first innings. For S.H.S. the highest scores were:—Andrews 47 and 54, Pullen 23, F. McCredie 30, K. McCredie 26 not out. Bowling for S.H.S.:—Webb 5 for 39, Andrews 3 for 11.

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

King's batted first on a damp wicket, and scored 126. Andrews bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 38 runs. Harrison and Stayner both took good catches. After dinner S.H.S. went in. F. McCredie was the only man to make a score, 26. S.H.S. were all out for 70.

S.H.S.		T.K.S.	
Bain, c Friend II., b Betting-		Edkin, c Stayner, b Andrews	20
ton I.	11	Sheehan, c and b Andrews	4
Harper, c Bettington II., b		Bettington II., c Webb, b An-	
Forsayth	4	drews	3
Andrews, b Sheehan	6	Forsayth, c Harrison, b Rick-	
McCredie, c Friend II., b		ard	9
Sheehan	26	Friend I., b F. McCredie . . .	9
Smith, b Sheehan	0	Bettington I., run out	22
Pullen, b Bettington II. . .	3	Hall, c and b Webb	9
Hyde, lbw, b Bettington II. .	4	Walters, b Andrews	9
Rickard, c Sheehan, b Bettin-		Manning, b Andrews	11
ton II.	0	Friend II., not out	12
Webb, c and b Sheehan . . .	0	Biddulph, st. Bain, b Webb . .	6
Harrison, c Bettington I., b		Sundries	12
Bettington II.	8		
Stayner, not out	0		
Sundries	9		
Total	70	Total	126

Bowling.—Andrews, 5 for 38; Webb, 2 for 45; Rickard, 1 for 14, McCredie, 1 for 17.

S.H.S. v. 'VARSITY WED. XI.

S.H.S., three for 184, defeated the 'Varsity Wed. XI., 175. For the School, Hyde scored 71 not out, and Andrews 37. Webb secured 7 wickets for 78 runs. For 'Varsity, Donovan 48 not out, and Clemenger 47.

S.H.S. v. OLD BOYS (at Wentworth Oval).

S.H.S.		OLD BOYS.	
Hyde, lbw, b Williams . . .	16	Cunningham, b Webb	18
Smith, h.o.w., b Fraser . . .	22	O'Connor, c Hudson, b Webb .	10
Watson, c and b Fraser . . .	9	Fraser, b Webb	0
Pullen, lbw, b Williams . . .	2	Byrne, lbw, b Webb	0
F. McCredie, lbw, b Williams	16	McLaughlin, lbw, b Webb . . .	0
Cohen, lbw, b Williams . . .	2	Porter, c Watson, b McCredie	7
Harrison, not out	25	Parr, b McCredie	4
Hudson, b Fraser	7	Lynch, b McCredie	1
Rickard, stumped, b Byrne . .	5	Cookson, c Hudson, b Rickard	8
Griffith, c and b Byrne . . .	2	Nette, not out	0
Webb, c and b Porter	9	Williams (did not bat)	0
Sundries	28	Sundries	7
Total	143	Total	55

Bowling.—Webb, 5 for 24; McCredie, 3 for 2; Rickard, 1 for 0.

S.H.S. v. T.S.C.

Scots' batted first and scored 104, Martin 53. Rickard bowled well for S.H.S. We won by 4 wickets and 23 runs.

S.H.S.—First Innings.		T.S.C.—First Innings.	
Smith, b Martin	0	Bruce II., c and b Webb .. .	1
Hyde, lbw, b Martin .. .	2	Martin, run out .. .	53
F. McCredie, run out .. .	4	Gordon, b Webb .. .	0
Bain, b Andrews .. .	28	Campbell, c Hyde, b Rickard	32
Andrews, b Andrews .. .	18	Henderson, b Rickard .. .	0
Pullen, b Campbell .. .	11	Hughes, b Andrews .. .	3
Harrison, b Campbell .. .	5	Bruce I., run out .. .	4
K. McCredie, b Campbell ..	0	Andrews, not out .. .	3
Webb, c Bruce, b Andrews ..	6	Main, st. Bain, b Rickard ..	0
Rickard, not out .. .	1	McDonald, b Rickard .. .	0
Griffiths, b Andrews .. .	0	Harrison, b McCredie I. ..	0
Sundries .. .	24	Sundries .. .	8
Total .. .	99	Total .. .	104

Bowling.—Andrews, 1 for 19; Webb, 2 for 31; Rickard, 4 for 35; K. McCredie, 1 for 1.

Second Innings.		Second Innings.	
F. McCredie, run out .. .	17	Bruce II., b Andrews .. .	0
Bain, b Martin .. .	0	Martin, run out .. .	23
Andrews, c Donnel, b Henderson .. .	20	Gordon, b Andrews .. .	1
Pullen, b Henderson .. .	2	Campbell, b Andrews .. .	0
Harrison, not out .. .	34	Henderson, b Andrews .. .	5
Webb, b Martin .. .	0	Hughes, b Harrison .. .	0
Rickard, b Martin .. .	14	Bruce I., b Andrews .. .	2
Sundries .. .	12	Andrews, b Harrison .. .	0
Total .. .	6 for 99	Main, c Andrews, b Rickard	8
		McDonald, not out .. .	19
		Harrison, b Andrews .. .	3
		Sundries .. .	10
		Total .. .	71

Bowling.—Andrews, 6 for 20; Harrison, 2 for 6; Rickard, 1 for 13.

S.H.S. v. MASTERS.

Played at Wentworth Oval on 12th December, 1917. The Masters batted first and compiled 147, 12 men batting. For the Masters, Leaver 33, Cohen 23, and Hudson 23, were the best scorers. S.H.S. then batted, scoring 5 for 190, Harrison 102, F. McCredie 43. In bowling for S.H.S., K. McCredie was the best performer with 2 wickets for 7. S.H.S. won by 5 wickets and 43 runs.

S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.

S.H.S. batted first, making 213, Pullen 55, Hyde 51, and McCredie 28, being the best scorers. Fort Street, when stumps were drawn, were 5 for 101. The match is unfinished. In bowling for S.H.S., Webb and McCredie II. were the best performers.

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

Played at Rushcutters Bay on 23rd February, 1918. S.G.S. won by 233 runs on the first innings. S.G.S. batted first, making 273, and then we compiled only 40. The scores were:—

S.H.S.		S.G.S.	
Smith, b Kendall	2	Hesslein, c Harrison, b McCredie I. .. .	30
Hyde, h.o.w., b Kendall .. .	1	Costello, c Harrison, b Webb .. .	87
McCredie I., stumped Wing ..	1	Aitkin, c and b McCredie I. .. .	0
Bain, c Hesslein, b Kendall ..	4	Munro, c and b McCredie I. ..	16
Pullen, c Munro, b Wing .. .	2	Walker, b Webb	22
Harrison, not out	11	Langdon, not out	77
Webb, c Hesslein, b Kendall ..	0	Wing, c Webb, b McCredie II. ..	8
Rickard, b Kendall	0	Pratten, c Smith, b Webb .. .	6
McCredie II., b Wing	6	Osborne, c Stayner, b Webb ..	1
Back, b Wing	2	Kendall, c and b McCredie II. ..	8
Stayner, c Osborne, b Wing ..	3	Woolcott, c and b Rickard ..	11
Sundries	8	Sundries	7
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Total	40	Total	273

Bowling for S.H.S.—McCredie II., 2 for 35; McCredie I., 3 for 55; Webb, 4 for 108; Rickard, 1 for 41.

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

Tech. went in first and compiled 38, Willoughby making 9. For S.H.S. Webb took 9 wickets for 23, and McCredie II. 1 for 10. S.H.S. then batted, making 114 on a rather slow innings, the best performers being Rickard 31, McCredie I. 27, and Hyde 17. Tech. went in again, and were all out for 46, of which Dunn made 32. S.H.S. won by an innings and 30 runs. Webb took 9 wickets for 20 runs (including four wickets running), and McCredie I. 1 for 24.

S.H.S. v. S.J.C.

S.H.S. opened badly, most of our batsmen falling before Storeman, but J. Hyde and K. McCredie made a splendid stand, the former carrying his bat, and the latter being bowled for 32. The innings closed for 120. St. Joseph's made 180, wickets falling to Webb.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Inning.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest Score	Average
Bain, W. S.	11	1	360	109*	36.
Andrews, B. F.	9	1	196	54*	24.5
Hyde, V.	16	4	283	71*	23.5
Harper, H. E.	8	1	157	63	22.4
Harrison, J.	15	4	199	34*	18.1
Smith, G. A.	17	2	198	57*	13.2
Pullen, M.	11	—	145	55	13.1
McCredie, K.	11	1	127	33	12.7
McCredie, F.	14	—	162	30	11.5
Rickard, R.	16	3	141	31	10.9
Webb, S.	15	2	79	22*	6.1
Stayner, F. E.	8	1	21	11	3.0

* Against a score denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

(1st XI.)

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Andrews	84	7	249	27	9.2
McCredie II.	61	11	136	11	12.3
Webb	130	2	658	52	12.5
Rickard	91	2	399	22	18.1
McCredie I.	53	3	195	8	24.3

PARTNERSHIPS.

Partners.	Scores.	Opponents.
Bain-Smith	149	S.J.C.
Bain-Smith	143	T.H.S.
Harper-Hyde	69	University Wed. XI.
Harper-Pullen	61	S.G.S.
Harper-Bain	61	T.H.S.
Bain-Hyde	60	University Wed. XI.
Pullen-Hyde	54	F.S.H.S.
Harper-Andrews.. . . .	51	S.G.S.
McCredie-Hyde	52	S.J.C.

2nd XI.

The present season has been a rather unsatisfactory one for the team. On only one or two occasions was a team at all representative mustered, through the appropriations of the 1st XI. and various other reasons. On these occasions we accredited ourselves well, playing an even game with King's II., and defeating the hitherto unbeaten Hurlstone I. in the H.S. Competition.

The batting of the team is rather weak, no one having topped 100 runs for the season. Simpson has perhaps been the most consistent with an average of 12, and has been supported by Jacobs, Beveridge and Stayner II., while Bain II. is a steady and improving bat.

The deficiency in the batting department is balanced by the good bowling, Griffiths lately being in great form. In the three matches he has taken part in he has obtained 20 wickets for 68, including the hat-trick. He is ably supported by Simpson, Jacobs, Beveridge and Morris.

The fielding has been fairly good, with Morris the most prominent, while Stayner II. has performed creditably behind the sticks.

MATCHES.

S.H.S. 50 (Beveridge 15) lost to Hurlstone I., 6 for 109. For S.H.S. Stayner I. 3-34, Beveridge 3-39.

S.H.S. 104 and 48 (Simpson 32, Harris 19, Morris 16, Alexander 14 and 17 not out) lost to North Sydney 114 and 70, by 32 runs. For S.H.S., Corish 7-37 and 3-27, Morris 1-24 and 2-2.

S.H.S. 12 and 57 (McCredie 13) lost to Parramatta 98. For S.H.S., McCredie 4-28. In this match only 3 "regulars" played.

S.H.S. 58 and 6-38 (Stayner 26, Jacobs 15 and 10) lost to North Sydney 83, by 25 runs on the first innings. For S.H.S., Simpson 4-24, Morris 3-6.

S.H.S. v. T.K.S.—The best match of the season. King's, batting first, were disposed of for 51, mainly by the bowling of Griffiths (5-14), assisted by smart fielding. We replied with 52 (Dwyer 11, Simpson 10) after an exciting innings. King's declared their second innings closed with 6-85, leaving us 84 to win. We were 9-48 at 6 o'clock, but there was no official time, and our last man was bowled, making our total 50, and leaving King's the winners.

S.H.S. 61 (Beveridge 18) and 59 (Williams 29 not out) defeated Hurlstone 49 and 51. For S.H.S., Griffiths 7-17 and 6-17 (hat trick), Beveridge 4-9.

THIRD GRADE, 1917-18.

Third grade has had a rather successful season. On account of bad weather in the first half of the season, many matches were postponed, but in those which we did play we acquitted ourselves well. To date we have only lost one match, and on Wednesday, 13th, we play Cleveland Street for the final of the competition.

S.H.S. Swimming Carnival.

S.H.S.'s Swimming Carnival was held at Drummoyne Baths on Monday, 11th March. The weather was at first cloudy, but later became clear and fine. The championships were closely contested. Russel succeeded in winning the junior cadet medal.

The points in the Junior Cup are now:—Shand 5, C. McIntyre 4, Alexander 3, Snaddon 3, Russel 2, Tresidder 1. Senior Cup:—Willsher 10, Lions 6, Thomas 5, Towner 2, Oag 1.

The junior 220 and 440, and the senior 440 and 880 championships will be decided later. Results:—

Beginners' Race, 33yds.—1 Eisenberg, 2 Phillip, 3 Green.

Junior Cadet Championship, 50yds.—1 Russel, 2 McIntyre, 3 Stenning.

Third and Fourth Year Handicap, 75yds.—1 Hanson, 2 Tresidder, 2 McIntyre. Time, 56 4-5.

Inter-High Schools' Relay.—1 North Sydney High, 2 Sydney High, 3 Cleveland Street High. Won by a touch. Time, 2min. 0 3-5 secs.

First and Second Year Handicap, 50yds.—1 O'Neill, 2 Stenning, 3 Stevenson. Time 38 4-5 secs.

Back and Breast Stroke Handicap, 100yds.—1 Beveridge, 2 Sorenson, 3 Tressider. Time, 2mins. 7 1-5 secs.

School Championship, 50yds.—1 Willsher, 2 Thomas, 3 Towner. Time, 28 1-5 secs.

220yds. Handicap.—1 Bradhurst, 2 Hirst, 3 Guthrie. Time, 3mins. 49 2-5 secs.

Junior Championship, 50yds.—1 Shand, 2 Alexander, 3 McIntyre. Time, 30 4-5 secs.

Diving for Plates.—1 Cramp, 2 Gilder, 3 Parson.

School Championship, 100yds.—1 Willsher, 2 Thomas, 3 Town-er. Time, 66 1-5 secs.

14 Years Championship, 50yds.—1 Bassetti, 2 Parfeet, 3 Austin. Time, 37 4-5 secs.

Junior Cadet Championship, 100yds.—1, Russel, 2 Stenning, 3 McIntyre. Time, 1min. 30 2-5 secs.

Junior Championship, 100yds.—1, McIntyre, 2 Shand, 3 Alexander. Time, 1min. 12 2-5 secs.

School Championship, 220yds.—1 Lions, 2 Willsher, 3 Thomas. Time, 2mins. 50 4-5 secs.

Chasing the Bellman.—Eyles.

Senior Diving Championship.—1 Lions, 2 Willsher, 3 Oag.

Junior Relay Handicap.—1 2A.G., 2 2A.C., 3 1B.G.

Senior Relay Handicap.—1 4B.G., 2 3A.G., 3 4C.G.

Junior Diving Championship.—1 Snaddon, 2 Russel, 3 Tres-sider.

Swimming.

This season has seen the Swimming Club reach a very high standard. In the C.H.S. Carnival we were successful in securing the Junior Cup by a large margin. Shand performed admirably in securing the 50, 100, 220 and 440 championships, breaking the existing records in the three latter events. Alexander swam well for second place in the 50yds., and Davies for third in the 220yds. and diving. Tresidder annexed third place in the back-stroke.

In the senior division we were unfortunate in only obtaining second place. The most consistent performer was Willsher, who gained 9 points by filling second place in the 50, 100 and 220, and third in the 440, 880 and diving championship. Lions, who was the surprise of the day, secured the 440 and 880 blue ribbons by defeating Kirkland, of North Sydney, in excellent style, breaking both records. He also swam third in the 220, getting in all 7 points. Back and Thomas came third in the 50 and back-stroke championships respectively.

Recently we were successful in winning the inter-high schools' relay at North Sydney High School's Carnival by a comfortable margin, but were defeated at our own Carnival by a touch, after an excellent race. This was due to an unexpected change in the team at the last moment. The Carnival was again very successful financially, and excellent swimming was witnessed.

A. G. Shand is worthy of special mention for swimming third in the junior championship of the State. Congratulations! The Club will compete in several carnivals in the near future, of which more will be said later.

Rugby.

The following season promises to be a successful one. We have 160 intending players, out of whom in the High School competitions Mr. Cohen proposes to select four grades. The weights are as follows:—

1st Grade—9st 10lbs; average, no limit.

2nd Grade—8st 7lbs average, limit 10st.

3rd Grade—7st 10lbs average, limit 9st.

4th Grade—6st 7lbs average, limit 7st 10lbs.

Any boy who stands for selection for a grade must attend regular practice, otherwise forfeiting his chance of selection. It is probable that the High School Competitions will begin about the end of April, while G.P.S. Rugby begins on 11th May, when our firsts play St. Joseph's.

There are to be two class competitions, on the basis of last year, with an "A" and "B" grade, to be selected from the senior and junior classes respectively. Prizes are to be awarded to the winning teams. The members of the Committee are Ford, Masters, Stayner I. and Stayner II., while Mr. Cohen and Mr. Leaver were elected vice-presidents. A competent coach is to be engaged for the firsts, but players must bear in mind that constant practice is essential if success is to be gained.

Rowing Club

A Rowing Club has been inaugurated in the School since the beginning of the term, and already a fair number of the third and fourth year are interested. From the fourth year a strong four may be gathered, while for next year some of the third year chaps show rather hefty muscular development.

There is some prospect of a High Schools' regatta if the other High Schools buck up and get on the water, and this would give us a chance to do something. Unfortunately, we did not get going early enough for the coming G.P.S. regatta, but next year we will probably be numbered amongst the entrants.

The North Sydney Rowing Club have very considerably given us the run of their shed for any week afternoon, and we are very grateful for their generosity. Boys will go over for practice on Mondays and Wednesdays until further notice.

Mr. Towns is in charge, and it was mainly owing to his interest that the Club was formed. A good deal of his time is occupied in teaching the boys the art of rowing, and we are extremely lucky to have such a man at the head of affairs.

Tennis Club

The outlook of the School this year as regards sport is much more favourable than last. Tennis, among other sports, is being enthusiastically supported, and a large membership is already in sight. This year it has been decided to hire two courts at Double Bay, instead of Haberfield, for both practice and interclub play. All tennis players will realise the advantages of this decision on the part of the Union, and should show their appreciation by instilling their utmost enthusiasm into casual players, that they may be thereby stimulated to greater effort. It is proposed to enter both first and second grade fours in the Combined High Schools' Competition, and we have reason to hope that we shall be as successful this year as in previous years. Watt, who captained the first four last year, and who acquitted himself so creditably at the recent Double Bay tournament, will again be captain of the firsts. A record year is looked forward to by both committee and members.

Baseball.

Now we are again approaching the baseball season steps are being taken to organise the teams on such a basis as will produce the same meritorious results as last season. Last season the 1st IX. was very successful in winning the competition, and thereby gaining the Proud Shield, an honour which the School received for the first time. The 1st IX. were very consistent throughout the season, but the brunt of the battle rested upon Bain and Andrews, who showed great form during the season. Smith, at short stop, and Rickards, on first base, also performed well.

The 2nd IX. were not so successful, however, but showed many promising players, the most prominent of whom were Bain II., as catcher, and Griffiths, as pitcher. Barnett, as a striker, showed great promise.

We are still going to run two teams, but lack of interest in the game at the School is making it hard to get enough players. However, the 1st IX. will have a very fair team, and have prospects of keeping the Shield for another year, but the loss of Bain and Andrews will be greatly felt. The 2nd IX. will still retain a fair team, and hope to have better success than last year. Our most promising players for the season are Smith, Rickard, Hyde and Morris, and with the support of the School we hope to have still greater successes this year than we did last year.

Camera Club.

This Club is the youngest in the School, having been formed during the month of February. Four years ago the Camera Club was a live institution, but since Mr. Schliecher left the School this Club has been neglected.

One of its objects, like that of various other clubs, is to promote a social and congenial spirit among boys of all years. Unlike most sports, the junior boys can become just as proficient as fourth year scholars. Should boys have any leisure hours, photography should prove a useful way of passing the time. Excursions to take place on Wednesday afternoons have been arranged, and those not taking part in other competitive sport should avail themselves of this opportunity of enjoying the open air and learning something of nature. Again, to give boys a chance of showing the merit of their photos, competitions have been arranged, and are now in full swing. The competitions for March are—

(1) The Honour Board.

(2) High Schools Boys at Sport.

and so that we can learn something of one another's work, a room

In the second case three photos must be submitted. For the convenience of those boys who know nothing of dark room work, is to be fitted with red windows, and should be greatly appreciated. Should the photos reach the standard they will be submitted for publication in the "Record." Arrangements are being made for lectures to be given, and for visits to the dark rooms of some of the city houses. Several of the masters are taking a keen interest in the work, and we hope that the same spirit will be manifested by the boys.

Literary and Debating Society

The first term of the year has not been particularly favourable for us. So far only two meetings have been held, but we hope to be in full swing next quarter.

At the annual meeting for the election of officers, Mr. Smairl, M.A., presided. He expressed great interest in the work of the Club, and sincerely hoped that every boy would be able to say at the end of the year that he had derived some real benefit from the Society.

So far we have had the co-operation of the majority of fourth year seniors, but third year faces are conspicuous by their absence. We hope to see a greater representation of third year at our future meetings.

In the person of Mr. Dennehy the Society has lost an interesting lecturer, but we trust that some of the new masters will take advantage of the opportunity to show their respective abilities by taking a real live interest in the Club.

Christian Union.

With a full membership, the Christian Union is now getting into full swing, and has already had two interesting addresses by Rev. Hilier. Though everything will not be running smoothly until the Uni. vacation ends, and we have our usual man each week, still it is pleasing to note that a large and sympathetic interest for the Union is growing, not only amongst members, but amongst the School as a whole. A new system of work is being entered upon this year, and we have every hope for its success. The election of officers for 1918 is as follows:—Vice-President, G. B. Morris; corresponding secretary, A. S. Watt; recording secretary, C. Elliott; Committee, Stonham, Masters, Thomas, Tressider. Prospects for the ensuing year are bright, and the Committee is most sanguine concerning the results.

Library

The past term has been a very successful one for this institution, and it is hoped that it will receive the support it has done in past years. The number of boys availing themselves of the fine collection of literature which is at their disposal is very considerable, 30 to 40 books passing through our hands during the dinner hour, and the Committee have hard work to keep pace with the increasing demand. We would like to encourage first year boys to make more frequent use of the Library, and we feel sure they will realise the advantages which the institution affords, both in providing help in study and in affording recreation. There are now about 920 volumes available, and it is intended to add some new volumes shortly, so that a greater variety of reading matter will be provided.

Tuck Shop.

The year 1918 marks a new era in the management of the Tuck Shop. For some time past the idea of running the Tuck Shop on strictly business lines, and having the third year commercial class as the committee, has occupied a very prominent place in the minds of some of the staff. At last, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Steel, Mr. Leaver and Mr. Moore, this idea has been brought into play, and the year has been started well; which looks as if the funds of the Union will be greatly augmented from this quarter in the coming year. The officers' names will be found in the directory.

“The Storm.”

Thundering billows crash on the shore
 In the teeth of a driving rain;
 Rocks are hidden beneath the surge—
 We seem to live again.

Lightning flashes athwart the sky
 As the serpent's forked tongue;
 Thunder mutters, afar, anigh;
 The song of the storm is sung:

The song of the storm, which in ages past
 Has called to the brave, to the free;
 The song of the storm, which leads men on
 To follow their destiny.

Here in the grip of the tempest's rage,
 We know the splendour of life,
 And laugh to the wind as it whistles around,
 And joy in the elements' strife.

R.F.G.

Balance Sheet S.M.S. Union, 1917-1918.

Club	Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank, Dec. 1916				9	1	6
Swimming	26	18	0	19	7	9
Piano Fund	10	8	0			
“Record”	42	15	6	2	1	9
Tennis	8	6	0			
Library	3	0	6			
Rifle Club	2	10	0	0	16	4½
Lit. and Debating Society	1	7	4½			
Baseball	6	14	5			
Form Prize Fund	4	17	4			
Athletics	74	10	4	45	6	1½
Rugby	20	8	4			
Soccer	9	16	0			
Boxing	2	18	0	1	5	11
Cricket	37	18	11			
Tuck Shop	30	5	9	73	17	2
General Fund	58	10	4	25	14	4
Subscriptions				187	5	3
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	£341	4	9	£364	16	2
Credit Balance				£23	11	5

To the Editor.

To the Editor, "The Record,"

Dear Sir,—In your last issue was printed a letter from "4th year," asking if Fourth Year Boys leaving the school could not obtain a badge or medal which, in the future, would serve as a means of recognition between Old Boys. Evidently this correspondent has been disappointed, as, personally, I have not heard of anything being done concerning the question. It is not likely that the school proper would do anything in the matter, but by means of your pages, the Old Boys might be persuaded to design a badge of membership of the S.H.S.O.B.U., if there be not one already, after the manner of our Union Badge. An ardent follower of the school's welfare would certainly join the O.B.U., and would then receive his Badge. Hoping the question will be given some thought before the end of the year, I am, yours truly, HENRY G. PIKE. 4B.

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—In the detail of Mr. Fletcher's career at the school given in the last issue of the "Record," there was omitted the mention of one service, which, in the opinion of many, is the greatest he rendered to the school.

Can your scribe have forgotten that the first tangible idea of a union was given in an article, entitled "Sport at the School," contributed by Mr. Fletcher, to the "Record" of December, 1912? Can he have forgotten that Mr. Fletcher, held the position of Secretary to the Union, from its foundation to December, 1916.

If we recognise all that the Union has done for sport, the corporate spirit it has nourished in the school, the inestimable incentive it has given to all school movements, then it is incumbent on us, to commemorate in print the gratitude, felt by us to him, who originated it.—Yours, etc., R.G.

To the Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—Now that physical culture classes are being held on two afternoons per week, and boxing is in full swing, would it not be possible to arrange for a few showers to be built in the school grounds? Surely such expenditure would be warranted since the extra convenience and comfort so assured would be considerable. Hoping the Union will duly consider this matter, I am, etc., "BOXER."

To the Editor,

"S.H.S. Record."

Dear Sir,—For some time past, both as pupil and old boy, I have heard much regarding the aims of the "Record" and its function in the school. Many seem to consider that the paper should be devoted to the mere chronicle of sporting and scholastic achievement—particularly the former.

It seems to me that this view is entirely erroneous. When the paper was founded in 1909, its aim was specifically stated: to foster literary effort in the school, or, in the words of a later editor, to express the prevailing literary atmosphere in the school. How can a mere category of sport make a paper? Sport is doubtless essential, and should have its place in the paper, but something more is needed, and that is personal literary contribution.

The reason the "Record" takes such a high place among the magazines of the great public schools of Australia is that so far her editors have clung to her ideal, and have refused to sink the paper to a lower level.

But will it continue so? The school's achievements (and sometimes lack thereof) are made public through other channels, but perhaps only through the pages of our paper do the literary efforts of our scholars gain recognition and appreciation; and the "Record" standard has hitherto been so high that only the best has gained its place in print.

Can we not continue to have a paper in which literary contribution may have largest place, but in which all other branches, sporting or scholastic, may be freely recognised?

Yours sincerely,

"OLD BOY."

The Editor's Box.

"Pils."—Sketches not up to "Record" standard. Try again, and when sending in your next contribution, submit all drawings on the one piece of paper.

"Warwick."—Ask the Secretary of the Union.

"Comus."—The tone which you have adopted in your letter would do more harm than good were we to publish it. Try other means of reforming the particular evil you mention.

"Bush."—Sketches not definite enough. Moreover, the last subject is trite.

"Gnat."—The first half of each stanza is particularly fine, the latter not so good. We print.

"R.F.G."—The third stanza is rather weak; otherwise the poem is good. Accepted.

"Admirer, 2A.G."—We are afraid that your hero would not be particularly enchanted by your verse. Turn your efforts into prose.

"G.T.M."—Accepted, but your poem is only just up to standard.

"Nil Desperandum."—The subject you have chosen is rather too broad for you. Try something simpler.

"R—n."—Accepted with pleasure.

"Vox populi, vox dei."—Your poem shows remarkable promise for first year, but your treatment of the subject precludes it from publication. Let us hear from you next issue.

"F.W.B., 3rd Year."—Take a little more care over your choice of words, and your next contribution will be in print.

"W.E.W.H."—Your masterpiece possesses a glorious climax, passing from such phrases as "parted from my gaze" and "my heart begins to yearn" to that passionate outburst of poetic feeling contained in the last stanza:

"Oh Annie, Annie, dearest love,
My sweet, my joy, my life,
My dearie, Oh my cooing dove,
I would you were my wife."

Annie can hardly be blamed for not sharing your wish. Try prose; write in ink on one side of the paper only.

"Cedar."—Your contribution lacks the deep feeling which it professes. Try to find a better subject next time.

"G.R.C."—Accepted, despite minor faults in continuity of theme.

"P.M.R."—Blank verse is unsuited to the subject of which you have written, and, moreover, is here too like prose. Find more suitable forms for your subjects.

- "Kangaroo."—Eliminate the personal element in your work. Try again.
- "F.J.G."—Too melancholy. Infuse a little cheerful optimism into your efforts.
- "Gillie."—Your "Celebrities—famous and otherwise" have turned out to be mostly otherwise. Find something new, and omit all personal reference to masters and boys.
- "J.P."—Yours is the best of the prose contributions, but your humour lacks interest.
- "Ironbark, 3.A.C."—Eliminate adverse references to particular masters and infuse more interest into your next contribution.
- "Hugh Kalyptus."—Not up to your usual standard, but your choice of words in parts is very fine.
- "Justitia."—A letter similar to yours has been submitted to the "Record" every issue for the past few years. The subject palls after a time.
- "F.J.S."—Your "Reverie" is too forced. Still, the subject matter is good. Try again.

Editorial Notices

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