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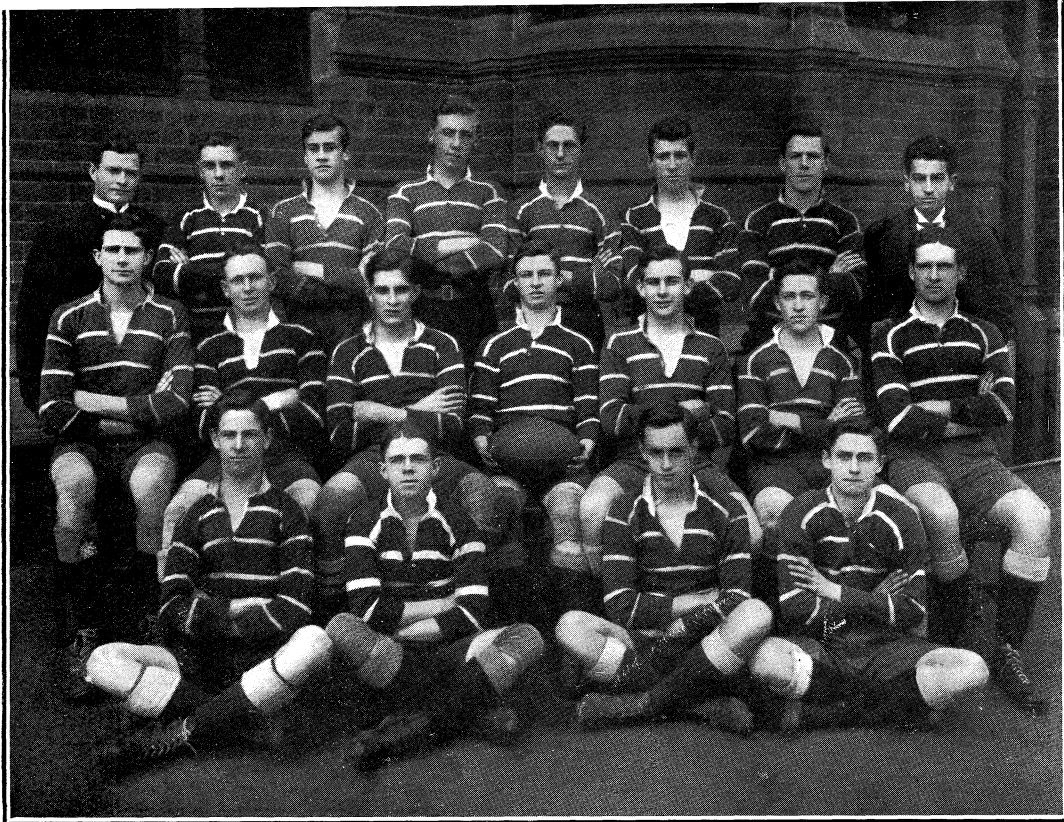
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Editorial

In the place of the editorial for this issue, we have decided to publish the following letter to Mr. Fairland from Capt. Southee, as representing the views of one who, while intimate with the School's associations and traditions, yet sees her from the viewpoint of an outsider. The letter is not so much intended to be taken as literally correct, as rather to provide food for thought, and, as such, is extremely valuable:—

My dear Fairland,—

I should have liked very much to have been at the Old Boys' meeting on Sept. 17th. May it be the opening of a new spirit, a new enthusiasm, a renewal of old associations, an impetus and birth of new energy among Old Boys.

It hurts me very much that I should have a kind of feeling (I only hope I may be wrong) that there is something wrong with the School, something lacking in the Old Boys' Union. What is wrong with the School?

To me there seemed a tendency to a falling off of a genuine school spirit at the old School, a tendency to let slip, to lose, much treasured and hard won tradition. Genuine school spirit has one aim—the advancement of the School, and the keeping up of traditions. This aim can only be brought about by interest in the School while at school, and, what seems to be more important, a continued interest in the School after leaving the School. Wherein lies the fault.

At school the masters play an important part in the transmission and handing down of tradition. Unfortunately, since the new system of secondary education has been established, the Department of Public Instruction has seen fit to make very radical changes at the old School. One does not quarrel with ‘methods’ of teaching, but complains of the wholesale changes of staff. How can tradition be kept up if masters are to be changed about in such a wholesale manner? How can a master assimilate the school spirit, how can he make himself a part of the School, when he feels that he is only to be at the School for so long as the Department thinks fit? One realises that changes are necessary, but it would seem that no effort is to be made to limit the changes. So there is lack of continuity, not only in the teaching of the three R’s, but in school spirit, thought and tradition. And what of the Old Boys?

The O.B.U. has suffered greatly through the war, and one realises how hard it has been to keep things going, and pays tribute to the hard-working secretary and the energetic few who have always been the backbone of the Union. Unfortunately, they have not received much encouragement from the School, and those who have lately left, this being chiefly due to the cause of which I have complained above. The necessary continuity between the Old Boys and the School has lessened latterly. We old Boys of the old traditions find things—well—different now, but the younger Old Boys should be able to supply the missing links. They should visit the School, and keep in touch with the senior boys at the School. Of course, their first duty is to join the O.B.U., and it is here that I have thought that the O.B.U. has missed its opportunities. Our only advertisement at the School is on Speech Day, when we give an annual and coveted prize, but very few boys really realise that behind the prize is something more than a donor—there is an institution. The boys do hear that there is a football match and a cricket match against the Old Boys, and some of them attend the match. The same with the masters—but they only look on it as a match, a game against 15 or 11 Old

Boys who wanted a game, and not as one of the means which an institution (the O.B.U.) employs to keep up connection with the School, and do not know that it has been arranged, not so much as a contest, but as a social event, as it were, to bring together the Old Boys and the present boys. Here, again, I think we do not sufficiently grasp our opportunities, we do not mix up enough with present boys, neither do Old Boys patronise these functions sufficiently. Let each of these functions be a social event, with afternoon tea for all!! But I must not ramble on and grouse all day. Are there any remedies?

At the School, it all depends on the Department. The Department is losing its opportunity. It should do more than make the staff more permanent. It has a School with a record and tradition second to none, a School rightly admitted into the narrow aisle of Great Public Schools, a School which has fought hard to keep up to the standard of those schools, and has done so. Let the Department take care lest such a School be lost to her. Why not take it up and make it the highest model of State education? In spite of her uncongenial surroundings, in spite of the lack of a ground to call her own, in spite of Departmental prejudices and jealousies, in spite of the lack of encouragement, the School has kept her place as a G.P.S. She can only keep it in the same way as she obtained it—by the cultivation of a school spirit. Give us a new site and playground of our own, make us a residential school if necessary. And the Old Boys?

Advertisement at the School should be increased. Every senior boy, before leaving the School, should be given a letter explaining the objects of the O.B.U., and inviting him to join. This letter should be personally addressed; on Speech Day the President should go into full details about the O.B.U.

More especially do I think much good can be done by the younger Old Boys keeping in touch with the senior members of the School. A certain number (say, half a dozen) of the senior boys should be invited to attend any function of the O.B.U., and the senior prefect should be admitted to council meetings. Old Boys' functions should be more widely advertised, and names of players in matches should be inserted in the newspapers. *There is much to be done, and we must not flinch from facts or hard work.*

With hopes for the success of your meeting on Sept. 17. Kind regards to all Old Boys, and sincere wishes to yourself.

I am, yours sincerely,

E. A. SOUTHEE.

School Notes

Despite adverse weather, a very successful sports meeting took place on September 6th, at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The banishment of most novelty races to the first day, on the suggestion of Mr. Coombes, proved a great improvement. Bradhurst (secretary), Webb (treasurer), and the Committee, comprising Stayner, Harvey, Alexander, Murray and Brooke, deserve praise for the excellent arrangement of the programme. J. Vote annexed the School Cup for the second time. Congratulations!

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Fourth Year boys were pleased to see that Mr. Waterhouse was well enough to attend the sports on so wretched a day, and that he still preserves a keen interest in his old School.

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Messrs. James and Board were also present at the sports. Messrs. Kerr and Coombes, at great personal inconvenience, ably fulfilled the duties of their offices, while many Old Boys put in an appearance.

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At the Combined High School Sports this year we annexed the Senior Cup for the fifth year in succession, gained third place in the Junior Shield, which was won by North Sydney. Congratulations!

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The following boys gained Combined High records:—F. Stayner, Senior Hurdles, 17 3-5 secs.; L. Murray, Senior 220, 24 secs.; J. Vote, Senior 440, 55 3-5 secs.; S. Burt, Junior Hurdles, 13 4-5 secs.

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We congratulate Bannister, of North Sydney, and Feening, of Tech., on their fine performances in the junior and under 14 events respectively.

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M. Decquet has returned from the front. He looks well, but walks with a slight limp. He is at present at Fort Street, but hopes to get back to the School next year.

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At the C.H.S. Sports the School's fine barracking, under the direction of Old Boys, was a feature of the day. Much of our success must be attributed to the careful training and coaching which our athletes have had this year.

We are pleased to note the very cordial spirit existing between the School and the Girls' High. The Senior Cup, which they present each year, has just arrived, and the School was greatly pleased to have an immediate opportunity of showing its gratitude by helping the Girls' High effort on Homes Day.

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A very successful meeting at afternoon tea concluded the Old Boys' Rugby and Soccer matches. The tuck-shop is to be praised for its catering, while Masters is still living on the glory of his famous speech.

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One of the great social events of the School year, the annual mock banquet of the Literary and Debating Society, is to take place early next term. As usual, it will also be the School's farewell to Fourth Year.

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A Fourth Year picnic is, we hear, to take place after the Leaving. Bradhurst has charge of the arrangements, and it only needs the co-operation of all the Year to make the idea a success.

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In making their arrangements for the Christmas vac., boys are urged to remember that the University Camp takes place at the end of the holidays. The School should be well represented, especially by senior boys.

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The Headmaster has been laid up for some time with a severe attack of quinsy, and the School is glad to know that, though far from well, he considers himself sufficiently fit to resume his duties.

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Mr. Smairl, Mr. Foote, and Mr. Watson have fallen victims to the influenza germ. The School wishes to extend its sympathy to each.

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An energetic committee has conceived the idea of holding a tennis tournament in the interval between the winter and summer sports. For details, see elsewhere. It is probable that this will become an annual event.

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Our cadets took part in the march through the city on A.I.F. day. The band especially attracted favourable comment.

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A rumour is circulating to the effect that we are to lose the use of Wentworth Park on Friday afternoons. Cannot the Old Boys take some action in the matter?

Has the Camera Club departed from active life? We do not seem to have heard of its doings of late.

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The C.H.S. Swimming Carnival is not far off. Swimmers, take note.

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At the C.H.S. Sports Meeting our masters and some of the Fourth Year renewed acquaintance with such old friends as Messrs. Harvey and Monk.

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The current number of "Hermes" suggests that the Schools should endeavour to collect photos and records of Old Boys, with a view to completing the Uni. records. Present boys are urged to make suggestions.

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Pole-vaulting is absolutely neglected in the School. Nor does the Union encourage boys in this respect. It does not seem to be properly realised that this event carries three points in both senior and junior competitions at the C.H.S. sports.

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Congratulations to Vote and Elliot on being picked to represent the School in the first and second G.P.S. XV's. respectively.

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Our match with Maitland was played at Wentworth Park just before the June vacation. This, one of the oldest established of our fixtures, should never be again allowed to lapse.

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Despite the eloquence of the Union's secretary and treasurer, there are still a few lads in the School who have not yet paid the current subscription. Surely 10/6 per annum is not excessive.

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Thanks are due to those boys who put up for the night visitors who took part in the Maitland match and the C.H.S. sports meeting.

We notice with regret the death of Sir George Reid. The School was founded during his time of office as Minister for Public Instruction, and he was ever a welcome visitor on Speech Day.

Old Boys' Column

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O.B.U. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Sydney High School Old Boys' Union was held at the School on September 17th. About 40 members were present.

Mr. Fairland, in reading his annual report, mentioned the fact that the absence of so many Old Boys on active service had greatly curtailed the activities of the Union.

Amongst other important business, the Union decided:—

(1) That a Reunion Dinner be held to welcome Old Boys who had returned from the front, and to farewell those who were about to set out on active service with the University Company.

(2) That a deputation should visit the Minister, to request him to obtain a new site for the School.

(3) That the Union subscription be raised to 5/-, and that the extra revenue be devoted to supplying each issue of the "Record" to every member of the Union.

(4) That a membership badge be struck, and supplied to members.

Considerable indignation was expressed at a suggestion made recently to the effect that the School should withdraw from the G.P.S.A.A.A.

Honour Roll.

ADDITIONAL NAMES.

K. Saxby (killed in action).

A. S. Shepherd, M.C.; D.S.O. (killed in action).

L. F. Watt (wounded).

S. Baxter

G. H. Eyre-Ken-
nington

R. J. Henderson

S. H. Hancox,
D.S.O.

—, Miles

N. Pullen
L. Waugh

Total to date 477.

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 concerning them.

University Company.

All will know that there has been formed within the University of Sydney, a unit for service at the front. This unit is known as the University Company, and we are pleased to see that many Old Boys have either taken an active part in its formation or are to be found within its ranks.

To begin with, Assistant-Professor F. A. Todd is assistant hon. organiser. The President of the Executive, Mr. McClean, was, we hear, at one time a teacher at the School, while Clemenger and Beaumont are on the committee.

The following Old Boys have joined the Company:—

A. W. H. Beaumont

J. Clemenger

A. M. Forbes

W. A. Fraser

R. I. Kay, B.A., LL.B.

F. T. Willard

A. W. Birnie

J. R. Taylor

C. E. Brake

A. J. Cunningham

J. Forsyth

W. E. George

R. A. Shiress

C. E. Winston

G. A. Hurt

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O. H. Beale

C. B. Goodwin

R. K. Woodhouse

J. R. Maclean

Section C.—(Medical Students' Finishing Course.)

J. Bogle, B.A.

H. G. D. Cookson

A. I. G. McLaughlin

Notes from the Front.

The following letter was received by Lieut. V. Paterson concerning his brother, Sapper W. S. Paterson, who was killed in action on 5th April, 1918:—

C.O. of 12th Field Coy. Eng.,
Div. H. Quarters, 6/4/'18.

Dear Lieut. Paterson,—

I regret to have to inform you that your brother was killed yesterday afternoon by a shell near Battalion H.Q. in D.12. I am particularly sorry to lose him, as he was one of those quiet, solid fellows that you naturally turn to and depend on in an emergency, and that form the real backbone of the unit. He had done very good work in the line, and I intended, after a few months for him to gain experience, to put his name forward for a commission. I cannot help feeling that the Engineers have lost a very promising sapper and future officer, and one of those whom it was rather a privilege to know and to have worked with. Please convey to his parents my very sincere sympathy in their great loss.

Yours sincerely,

E. CARRI RIDDELL (Major).

The following are extracts from letters received from Old Boys by Miss MacNeill:—

Tpr. Ralph Carter wrote from Palestine:—"I received welcome parcels and news of Old Boys, and enjoyed them greatly. All the Old Boys have my hearty thanks. The news of Old Boys' doings in France was the first of its kind I have received. The Light Horse seem to be forgotten entirely. We have had a warm time this summer, holding a scantily manned line against the Germans (the Turks are right out of it now). Our brigade has just come out from a vigorous time in the front lines, amidst dust as thick as cotton wool, while everyone is sick and shaking in every nerve. To cap it all, I received a letter from a friend, saying how lucky I was I wasn't in France. A field ambulance doesn't sit down behind the lines while a scrap is on. By jove, no! It is out in No Man's Land. My own horse was blown in halves t'other day. Luckily I was not riding. To revert to a more cheerful topic, the whole country here is green with orchards, and the huge watermelons, figs and grapes are dirt cheap. Bill Sherwood is stationed way back. I have not seen him for months. Max Cameron is very ill—he will never regain his health over here, and ought to be sent home. The two MacCullocks are going strong. Roy Brissett and Frank Jones (both in the Field Ambulance) are O.K. I was sorry to hear Johnny Cross and Syd Paterson had

gone west. Old Syd always acted squarely towards me when I was a nipper, and Johnny Cross was a fine and upright gentleman. Old Stan Robinson a lieutenant—it seems incredible! And fancy old V.A.P. also holding the King's commission! So far old 'Flobba' Carter is only a plain trooper, but two stripes are soon to come his way. Not too bad, eh? *All Old Boys over here trust that the present S.H.S. mob are playing the game.*"

Bill Sherwood writes:—"I had a pleasant seven weeks in hospital. From there I went to Cairo, and saw old Mac, who was then using a stick. He looks far better, and ought soon be going to 'Aussie.' I was sorely disturbed over the death of Johnny Cross, who was a pal of mine at the School. He was a fine chap, and I felt his loss keenly. I am now in the desert on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, in a barren wilderness. On one hand is the city, on the other a sea of dust, and it is warm. The boys on the plain are having a much worse time, so you can imagine what the so-called picnic in Palestine is like. Best of luck to boys and masters."

Second-Lieutenant Ian Muir writes:—"I have been in England for a long spell. Going over with a broken ankle, I went to the O.T.S. for five months, and gained a commission. I have now, however, returned to France. There are quite a number of Old Boys in our company. Ludvigsen went through the O.T.S. with me, and also gained his commission. I am to have dinner at his mess to-night. He is in the 25th M.P. Coy. Galing has his commission, and is in the same Coy. as Luddy. Capt. Wellish, our M.O., is also an Old Boy. O'Donnell is also in our Coy. I met Mr. Mulholland a few weeks ago. He has a job of Assistant Director of Education, being assistant to Bishop Long. The scheme in which he is assisting is a new one, designed to assist soldiers in learning subjects which will be useful to them in their various trades when the war is over."

Buckhorn wrote from France:—"I have been over here for four months, and have had a lively time in the lines. We are now out of the trenches. Everything around is green. This is a pretty spot in spring and summer. I have met an Old Boy, L. Heath. He is now with the Field Artillery, and has been recommended for an O.T.S. course by his late Major."

Cecil Willmot wrote:—"Now that we have come out for a spell, we have the time of our lives at cricket and swimming. At a company sports we had a great time, and there are concerts galore. In the sport I joined the ranks of the professionals by winning 30 francs as winner of the 880 open championship. I

met Billie Bennett, who was very well, and Ray Cooney. Poor little Edgar Smith has been killed."

Dick Brand wrote:—"I am now in hospital. We had the deuce of a gas shell bombardment, and one lobbed close behind me, and burnt me pretty severely. I met Les Claremont. He is in the 1st D.A.C." (Since this letter, it has been heard by P.C. that Dick is in the firing line again.)

"Mick" Henry wrote:—"I have arrived in Blighty after a bit of globe trotting. We went via Wellington. I had two days there. We did not get ashore at Panama. We had three days at Newport, where the American soldiers were very good to us. We then went to New York, where we picked up a convoy, and came across in $11\frac{1}{2}$ days round the north of Ireland, and thence to Liverpool. We went by train to 'the Plains,' but unfortunately the train voyage was all at night, and we did not see much of the country. I have been put into the 20th Battalion, and my address is 50885, 20th Battalion, A.I.F."

"Freedom."

I am the spirit of freedom, roving o'er land and sea,
 Over mountain and plain and pitiless wave;
 I am the son of youth; the emblem of Liberty;
 Following man from the day of his birth to the grave.

Over the earth and under, my sudden way doth lie,
 With here a halt, and here a swifter flight,
 Often hearing a welcome; often a hate-born cry;
 Endlessly moving away, away from Night.

Now at a people's bidding, I linger half an age;
 Half of an age in calm content and rest.
 Fifty years later, I flee from a nation's rage,
 From West to East, and East again to West.

Yesterday is forgotten, in the whirl of my hurried flight,
 Yesterday is gone—to-morrow at hand.
 But ever a gleam, before me there moves a powerful light,
 For Hope is guiding my path from land to land.

"Newt," 3rd Year.

Form Notes.

IV. A.—Just at present we find that there are many things to occupy our minds, for school life at this period of the year is full of incident.

To begin with, there are the athletic carnivals. As expected, members of IV. A. secured the majority of senior events at our own sports; J. Vote, F. Stayner, W. Masters, Rickards, Byrne and Lions securing points in the Cup. The class tenders its congratu-

lations to Vote on winning the School Cup for the second time in concussion—or rather in exertion. In spite of the fact that our team was on scratch, we won the relay by about a hundred yards, amid the deafening applause of the spectators, who, on account of the weather, numbered about two men, without the dog. We also won the tug-o'-war in fine style, we being the only team who turned up.

In the combined athletic carnivals, which are about to take place, our reps. from IV. A. will do their best to win the C.H.S. and G.P.S. Cups for the School.

But sport is not the sole interest in our lives just now. There is a phantom looming up before us, which, alas! many of us have seen before, and perhaps (more alases!) shall see again—the Leaving. This latter is beginning to cast an effective damper on our spirits at times, though generally we are fairly exuberant. For we are used to these little things. We now merely take them as they come, and then settle down and wait for the next.

This may be our last appearance in a "Record." We look back on the years behind us, and cannot help experiencing some feeling of regret that we are most of us in our last few months at the School. It has not been unmitigated joy; there have been too many exams. and too much hard work for that. But still we've had a jolly good time, and formed associations we will remember all our lives; and so, with feelings of pride for the past and present, and sincere hopes for the future, of the School, IV. A. takes its farewell.

IV. B.—After the associations of four years at this School, it is with mingled feelings that we regard the approaching half-year. At this School we have grown from childhood to youth. We have grown from fearing the masters to a realisation that they are indeed our friends, and now it is a pleasure to chat about incidents which once looked so dread.

Many of us look back with regret to the minutes we have wasted during our lessons; to the times when home lessons have been unprepared, and long to turn back the hands of time. We cannot boast of a Donaldson, a Healy, or a D'Arcy in our midst, so we are determined to bring honour and glory to our School by our results in the coming examination. For on this one cast is staked, not a championship cup or merely a certificate, but the chief standing of our School, besides the whole course of our careers.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat."

It is to be sincerely regretted that our Headmaster is at present unable to be with us. We extend our sympathy to him, and hope that soon he will be enabled to resume his duties.

Among the victims of this foreign invader, which has attacked so many of our members, are some of our most noted athletes. We are sorry that "Jock" Elliott and Elmo Pye were unable to appear at their best in the sports on this account. Our congratulations to Jack Paton and Allan Stayner on their performances in the athletic carnival.

IV. CG.—Almost for the last time IV. CG. sends in its "umble" note. Before the next "Record" goes to press most of us will have left the old School, and commenced the next phase of our various careers.

Everything is going on well in IV. CG., especially athletics. Our class contains such athletic stars as Sidney George, Long John, Alex, Willsher, "Blue" and "Arpy." In our recent sports our representatives obtained first positions in the mile, eight-eighty, and two-twenty, and second positions in the four-forty and hundred yards championships. Besides these we notched many positions in the handicaps.

We wish to congratulate, through the "Record," Sidney George for his mile record in the C.H.S. Sports, and Murray for his fine two-twenty record on the same date.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Hinder in his recent sickness, and wish him all good health in the future.

A few weeks ahead there looms the dreaded Leaving. We all feel more or less (mostly less) confident of passing. If successful, we bid good-bye to the School—the old School that took us in our youth, nurtured us in our "teens," and now, as young men, it leaves us to commence life on our own account.

In leaving the School we bid good-bye to the masters, return thanks to our Headmaster, and trust that the boys in lower grades of their school career will keep up the honour of our dear old School as well as we could wish. Au revoir!

II. AC.—"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers!" II. AC. was auspicious last season by winning the class Soccer competition by a margin of three points, and is determined to acquit itself well in the coming athletic carnival. Our tug-o'-war team must surely win, but we cannot understand how our mighty men of prowess, namely, Haager minimus and T. G. Campbell, were not

included in the selected team. In the class relay race we have been placed on scratch. This denotes the superiority of the best second year class.

The class, especially the front seat, not including the ever-rising Stacey, are looking forward with some apprehension to the Michaelmas examination. Many of the enthusiasts of the front seat flinched under the scathing remarks of various masters, and now these "brilliant" scholars are conspicuous by their absence. How do the staff ac—"Cowan"—t (account) for that?

Under the tuition of Mr. Outten, our class has developed "fairy" feet, and we glide gracefully up the stairs to the accompaniment of "On your toes, softly! softly!" etc., etc.

We intend having a geology excursion in the near future to Glenbrook, on the mountains, in order to indulge in the mysteries of carboniferous and fossiliferous rocks.

Some of the boys have "lost opportunities," and we really ought to "give the boys a chance." Adam would like to "romaine" in the back seat, and it "grieves" the master to remove him to the front.

III. AG.—In the words of some poet or other, "Here we are again," still endeavouring (and successfully, too) to uphold our great reputation.

Since last issue, two of our worthy brethren, Billie Wilson and Bobbie Fincham, have forsaken us to worship at the shrine of the god Mammon. We wish them every success.

We once more asserted our superiority in sport by carrying off the premiership of the class Rugger competition, much of the success of which is due to the unfailing energies of Captain Harry Smith. In the School sports meeting, Burkinshaw, Gilder, Berryman, Wright and Thompson distinguished themselves by securing places, while our tug-o'-war team was vanquished after a prolonged struggle with IV. A.

The III. A.G. Amateur Dramatic Society (ahem!) continues to make great progress. In fact, one youth, in an over-zealous effort to play the part of the inebriated Sir Toby, was observed to be in possession of a suspicious-looking bottle. Talking about dramatics, great excitement was caused in No. 4 when it was announced that the N.S.G.H.S. were giving a performance of "As You Like It." The following day the effect of the play (or the players) was very apparent.

III. BG.—Since the midwinter vacation the amazing exploits of Aeneas have been substituted for the hair-raising adventures of Hannibal in Spain, and these, combined with the resurrected

jokes of Virgil's day, comprise our Latin instruction. Other subjects we find equally enjoyable. Although several of our members are "lacking in balance" or "can't concentrate," while two are afflicted with "swelled heads," we have progressed favourably throughout the term.

We heave a sigh of relief when we think we have at last parted from Kingslake and his weary wanderings in the East. To stray through the pleasant fields of Maryland is certainly refreshing, after six months in the desert wastes of Egypt and Syria.

English literature is exerting a great influence over the minds of our members. Some are exhibiting astounding poetical ability. One essayed to rival Shelley's "Skylark," and another is following the footsteps of Goethe. Doubtless these essays—poems, we mean—will be found in these pages (?)

We have, however, a few less brainy comrades. One translates "putrescens ulceribus," "rotting with his wives"; another asserted that Luther became a nun—"ignorant fellows!"

A few of our musical friends have joined the Conservatorium Choir (comprised mostly, it is rumoured, of the fair sex). Now Kn—t wiles away the weary intervals between periods with music, sweet and low (?).

We all look with regret on the close of the football season, but dream of the squalid depths of the Domain Baths, and centuries yet unmade. Our graders acquitted themselves creditably, but although several have conceived a remarkable enthusiasm for tennis, we have not yet heard of their success.

Our modern language geniuses are rapidly progressing in their study of French, by performing certain useful duties during their French periods, and—but hold! Our three minutes' time is up, so we must ring off—"pro tem."

III. C.G.—This third year class has succeeded in a great number of activities; both scholastic and athletic, and its prowess on the football field and in the classroom is a subject of admiration throughout the School.

It would be interesting, from a scientific point of view, to know what concoction is employed to produce that delicate sheen and awe-inspiring "brush-back" which adorns the cranium of one of the members of our class.

Our respected Maths. master solves problem after problem by the simple (?) application of that important theorem, 64; and this method is ever a source of wonder to one, Leslie William Walter.

On the football field our members have covered themselves with glory and mud, and the ubiquitous R.C.C. greatly distinguished himself in the last match of the season.

In the lower grades our members are the backbone of the teams, for we supply three football captains, both Soccer and Rugby, which proves we have the football brains (?) of the School in our midst.

Only one member of our class adorns the Library Committee, but he is fast becoming efficient as a furniture removalist.

In the French classes we obtained some remarkable, nay miraculous, results. They were "really and truly too bad."

At the coming athletic meeting we venture to predict that our knights of the spiked shoes will break the tape at least "x" yards in front of their nearest rivals.

The one and only Ronald was very near the grave a few days ago, but the fresh air outside the gate revived him wonderfully.

The clang of steam hammers and the feet of marching armies (one half coy. clad in ammunition boots) interrupt us as we write, so, in conclusion, we hope that S.H.S. will again retain her well-earned honours at the combined athletic meetings, both G.P.S. and C.H.S.

II. A.G.—"Here we are, here we are, here we are again!" Having modestly retired into the seclusion of a term's hard study (??) since last issue, we once more grace the pages of this estimable journal, in the full blaze of our glory.

" . . . As doth the blushing discontented sun,
From out the fiery-portal of the east,
When he perceives the envious clouds are bent
To dim his glory . . ."

but in spite of all the envious clouds, in the shape of our rival second year classes, have still a long way to go before they can even come within "coo-ee" of II. A.G.

But enough of this digression; being modest youths (?), we will leave it to the reader to judge for himself.

Owing to "unforeseen circumstances," our tame poet, "Ah Lum Lee," has failed to chirp, and thus our form notes have this issue lost some of their charm (?), but nil desperandum, as Caesar, or Horace, or Cicero said.

The reputation of the class as a sporting body has been ably upheld during the winter. The class Rugby team came out top in the class competition. For the second time, "Flea" Bain has earned the right to have his name engraved on the Proud Shield, while

“Willy” Willmott has ably represented S.H.S. in first grade Soccer on three different occasions. In the preliminary heats of the athletic carnival, too, we have already been highly successful.

We are glad to welcome back to the fold both Chapman (one of the Bing Boys), who was suffering from influenza, and Avenel, whose tonsils were overhauled and spliced.

It has been said that many of our great scientific discoveries may be attributed to accidents. Anyhow, an English test revealed the fact that “sleeping rheum” was a new disease, meaning “rheumatics in the eyes.”

Another would-be intelligent youth, seeing in a translation “the Britons flew from the enemy,” desired to know what type of plane they used. Perhaps it was a Ford!!

Yet another exam. howler: Mr. Greaves will vouch for its authenticity: “After his escape from Edinburgh Castle, St. Ives went for refuge to Canary Cottage.” We wonder if he called out M—. L—.

In conclusion, we would like to wish our School reps, the best of good luck in the various forthcoming sports meetings, and assure them of our heartiest support.

II. R.G.—How great is the pity which fills our hearts (?) as we gaze upon the boys of all other second year classes. Day by day we see them wasting away, because of their continual fagging (?) in preparation for that all terrible, “The Inter.”

But our joy far exceeds our pity; how triumphantly we note the look of envy in their eyes—envy because we have no trying exams. for which to prepare. We have still greater cause for joy, because our annual athletic carnival is approaching. Although we are a small class, we fully intend to show other classes that we are not lacking in ability as athletes.

There is a great acquisition to the class (?) in the form of T—b—y, our famous stump orator. One of his remarkable characteristics is that when corrected in any answer to a question he suddenly remarks, “Oh, yes, sir! but that’s what I meant.”

Fierce debates often take place between T—b—y and R—b—r N—k. When these debates wax fierce we are forced to intervene for fear of bloodshed.

This would cause great sorrow (?), but greater *expense* to the class.

II. B.G.—“Very few in II. B. will be kept back, but a great percentage in II. A.G. and II. A.C. will be detained.” Such were the words of the Headmaster at the G.P. one day. This statement shows our superiority over the other second year classes, as far as

knowledge is concerned, and this fact will be supported by our other masters if anyone doubts it.

We regret to state that, during a recent football match, our class mate, H. Leberman, met with a serious accident, breaking his leg. We all hope that he will be amongst us again soon.

As to sporting activities, we have more grade players than any other second year class, and out of the five class matches we played last season, only one was lost.

Our chances in the next athletic sports are very high.

The word "fag" is on everybody's lips, and we are all dreading the forthcoming "Inter." However, in this examination we hope to demonstrate once again our superiority over all other second year classes.

I. A.G.—We mentioned, when we last "graced" the pages of this magazine, that "music hath charms." We now beg to state that that statement was characterised with the maximum of veracity, for already we have a considerable number who cannot resist Apollo's call, and have answered it at the Conservatorium. We trust that we may have a prolific crop of Carusos (Robinson Crusoes?—Ed.) by the time that we have reached the dignity of being fifth year students, and that many who have wavered because of shyness will give music just one Monday's trial, and be convinced of its power to delight—we mean classical music, of course, because all belonging to our form are classical.

We are now students, students in every sense of the term, and we intend to remain students all the "terms" we are here.

To mention our activities would be to make a refrain of all we had said before. We will therefore "refrain" from so doing.

I. A.C.-B.G.—We have now completed our third term in Room No. 11. Class work and success in sport are not the slightest trouble to us now, but what else could you expect, since we are the pick of the first year!

In the forthcoming carnival we hope to achieve as great success as we did at the swimming carnival. Collins is our best sprinter, while Hardy, Lewis and Sparre have shown out very well in the sprints at Wentworth. Cricket, the next sport, is one in which we specialise. We have a very good captain, and an equally fine vice-captain, so our team has a fair chance in the class competition. As usual, our drapery shop is in the team as fast bowler (for wides), and we expect many broken limbs on account of him (other teams beware).

Sammy has taken it into his head to purchase the stone lion mentioned in Lady Clara Vere de Vere. We close wishing him every success in his enterprise.



Mr. COHEN, our Sports Master, is too busy to be interviewed.

"The fixtures for to-day are . . . and I want you all to be on the ground at 2.30 sharp.

And I want to impress on you the absolute necessity"



S. JOHNSON—" *The Fruit King.*"

"Yes, I feel that I am part of this Institution. New Masters come and old Masters go but I—well I am like Tennyson's 'Brook,' if one can imagine a brook 'waiting at the gate alone.' Indeed 'I chatter . . chatter as I flow' and in the ordinary course of events I suppose I shall one day 'join the brimming river' of Eternity. But I am a philosopher; I do not shrink from the inevitable, for as Horace says 'Quid sit futurum cras, fuge quaerere'—"

A customer interrupts and the Fruit King addresses him:—"Apples, these 'ere—two a penny! . . . Three? Not on yer life! . . . These apples . . ." School bell rings.



Mrs. HUNTER (an old favourite).

"Yes, I sweep through the years but the boys they all go; yes, they come and they tarry awhile, and they go.

Ah, if those grim old walls could but speak! What tales could they unfold, what memories awaken?

And the Floors—will there ever be an end to this dust."

INTERVIEWS BY OUR SKETCH ARTIST.

A Mountain Stream

Flung from out the bubbling cauldrons,
 Of the rapids' ceaseless strife;
 Leaping from the mountain's summit
 To the lakelet's calmer life.

Through the gold of wattle blazing,
 Doth it maze its silvern thread;
 Through the glory of the bushland,
 Waratahs of flaming red.

Nigh the haunts of bushland fairies,
 Haunts ne'er seen by mortal eye.
 'Neath the shade of willows weeping,
 For the flowers that are to die.

Whisp'ring songs of joyous Springtide,
 To the blithe October day.
 So it wendeth, slow and swiftly,
 Raging, calm, its fix-ed way.

R.F.G.

" Respiciens "

It was while looking through a number of old letters and post-cards, the writing on them faded, and in places almost indecipherable, that I found the other day a bundle of old photos. They were covered with the accumulated dust of ages, for it must be nigh twenty years since I last set eyes on them. Indeed, so busy have I been in that time I have had no leisure to unearth such dusty relics from their hiding places, where no doubt they were but carelessly placed two decades ago.

Well do I remember the various times I made those prints, in the "busy-idle" moments when I was wont to roam the bush, seeking to indelibly record some beautiful or peculiar aspect of Nature; or when I scoured the coast, amid the solitary grandeur of the curiously-graven rocks, carved by the ceaseless toil of the salt-laden air from time immemorial. Others are here, too—portraits of the companions of long ago, faces long since faded from my sight, but still enshrined by memory. Ah, it is good to think once more of them, to recall their little caprices and mannerisms—their outward appearances; and their inner selves, their very souls, which so often gleamed from out their earthly beings. Where are they now? Whither are they fled, borne on the wings of Time, not, as of yore, heedless of his o'erpowering flight? Do they ever, I wonder, look back down through the long vista of the years of toil, to those halcyon days when we sported together, and shared our joys—yea, and our troubles, too—and found solace therein? Do *they*

remember those times when we laughed together, and ran, and swam and rode together; when, in friendly rivalry, we strove to do our best, and played at life all unthinking of the tide bearing us so swiftly, so irresistibly on to its tempestuous ocean? How we welcomed each new phase; how we confided our hopes and ambitions, and how eagerly we awaited their accomplishment! And now—what though most of our hopes have materialised? Oh, would that we were back again, back in those care free days when we ranged abroad, sometimes together, sometimes alone, but always in happiness!

Aye, and those scenes that crowd back to one's mind, each with its own particular association, do they not awaken unfathomable yearnings to be again in the playground of life—our youth? These replicas—have their originals changed? Nay, say you; but is there not something in our lives missing, something indefinable vanished? We stand before some gorgeous work of Nature to-day, and are awed by its majesty; but do we have that simple reverence we once had of it? Do we again feel as though we are on hallowed ground, in the presence of the Creator himself? We appreciate it; we analyse it; we store an image of it methodically in our minds; but is not the fleeting impression gained so long ago more expressive in its flowing indistinctness, mellowed by Time to almost ideal beauty? We, in the autumn of our lives, reap the fruits of our works through the summer, but was not our spring, as is any spring, our happiest season? Then were we expanding our conceptions, and learning in a veritable Garden of Eden something new every day? Now we are at the height of maturity, ready to ripen and fall. We have learnt much earthly knowledge, and are weary of the learning—wearied of all our conquests, and desirous of rest. We have followed up and captured all those fleeting ideas—before so elusive—yet delightful in their elusiveness, and have crowded fantasy from our minds. Verily have we emptied our world of its one-time fulness!

Would that these photos, conjurors-up of bygone happiness, could transport me to that land of dreams and hopes, so that I were forever in the garden of earthly Paradise! Would that memories were realities, that the day of life "Had scarce attained his noon."

But 'tis only an acting, this life of ours; we all are but players on one great stage; and our real beings, our souls immortal, are to have an existence glorious beyond glory in that mystic land to come: For surely it is a glimpse of our immortality—so soon securely hidden by Mother Earth—that gives childhood days their wondrous charm, that fills us with such wistful longings.

LEO.

“Peace”

Blue shine the waters of the river rolling bright;
 Along the gum-tree shaded bank there shine the lilies white;
 Blue curls the smoke above the clearing 'midst the trees;
 The long grass round the settler's home is rustling in the breeze.

The sun is at his zenith, and shines from on high,
 Like a burnished ball of copper hung in an azure sky,
 The surface of the river shimmers 'neath the heat,
 And now above our heads there wheel no swallows fleet.

And now across a painted sky the daylight is dying,
 The shadows of the purple hills across the river lying,
 The lights come out and twinkle, along the plain and hill,
 Save for the crickets' piping, all is hushed and still.

The stars come out and twinkle, all in the lofty sky,
 And out of purple mantle, the moon beams on high,
 The forest slumbers softly: Silent are plain and hill,
 Save for the crickets' piping, all is hushed and still.

G.T.M.

University Letter

Dear Sir,—It seems to be a very ancient and honourable custom for your University scribe to excuse himself by complaining that nothing has happened worth setting down for the interest of “Record” readers. Unfortunately the present writer (being possessed of a conscience) is unable to excuse himself on those grounds, but begs mercy at your hands for another reason, namely, that, during the past term so much has happened up here, that it is well-nigh impossible to decide what would be of greatest interest, in the judgment of “Record” readers. Certain it is, however, that some topics, such as the University Company, the Arts Journal, the coming Fete, are worthy of mention. Then, too, there is the notorious Mock Trial of last term, wherein Helen Blazes sued Henery Horsecollar for breach of promise, and which created quite a furore for the time. But here the writer is conscious that he is treading on dangerous ground, and hastens to remove his number twelve therefrom, and to get on to safer soil. But, perhaps, being young and guileless, you fellows would know nothing of such things, and would, therefore, not be interested.

The Company, otherwise known as “Sonny’s Own,” is, of course, the talk of the moment, but the history of its formation is too well known for me to repeat it again. Suffice to say that Ass(.) Prof. Sonny Holme (variously referred to as “slender and

slick," "The Sydney 'Varsity Romeo," "The Mighty Holmer," etc.) let the qugestion of recruits within the University worry him into forming a company for active service abroad. The company has now been formed, and goes into camp shortly. Concerning the enlistments in the company, S.H.S. might have been much better represented than she is. About seven or eight only are members of the combatant section, and about six are members of the non-combatant and medical sections.

Not a few of you, too, will have heard of our Company Theatre Party, where, by our dignified deportment and model behaviour, we quite made our fame, in addition to earning the truly opprobrious title of "young gentlemen!" Rumour has it also that there is shortly to be a Company Dance—but that concerns none save those who know what a place of nooks and corners the University is, and what a dark and shady retreat the Union Pleasance affords.

Another feature of interest—to the Arts section of us, at any rate—has been the launching of a literary venture called the "Arts Journal." A number of energetics (among whom S.H.S. was represented) felt that a journal for Arts Undergraduates was a long-standing necessity, and after much fuss and perspiration the first number was issued at the close of last term. Apparently it was favourably received by even the hyper-critical among Art stoods.

And so the old 'Bus goes on.

O.H.B.

Athletic Carnival

Our thirty-third annual athletic carnival was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday and Friday, September 4th and 6th, the meeting being extended this year from one to two days. The sports opened well on the Wednesday, but Friday's events were hampered by heavy wind and rain, thus the times for the various events were exceedingly high. The School Cup goes to J. Vote, who has now won it twice running, and the Junior Cup to S. Burt. Appended is a list of the results:—

SCHOOL CUP.

100yds.—1 Masters, 2 Murray, 3 Vote. Time, 12 secs.
 220yds.—1 Murray, 2 Masters, 3 Vote. Time, 25 secs.
 440yds.—1 Vote, 2 Murray, 3 Masters. Time, 57 secs.
 880yds.—1 Webb, 2 Vote, 3 Rickards. Time, 2 min. 13 3-10 secs.

Mile.—1 Webb, 2 Lions, 3 Rickards. Time, 5 min. 16 secs.

Hurdles.—1 Stayner, 2 Bradhurst, 3 Murray. Time, 19 secs.

Broad Jump.—1 Vote, 2 Byrne, 3 Wilson. Distance, 19ft. 1½ins.

High Jump.—1 Stayner, 2 Alexander and Willsher. Height, 5ft. 1½ins.

Points:—1 Vote 19, 2 Murray 14, 3 Stayner 12.

JUNIOR CUP.

100yds.—1 Paton, 2 Burt, 3 Wicks. Time, 12 secs.

220yds.—1 Paton, 2 Burt, 3 Wicks. Time, 27 3-5 secs.

440yds.—1 Trivett, 2 Paton, 3 Burt. Time, 60 2-5 secs.

880yds.—1 Wicks, 2 Burt, 3 Trivett. Time, 2 mins. 26 2-5 secs.

Hurdles.—1 Robertson, 2 Burt, 3 Stayner III. Time, 14 1-5 secs.

High Jump.—1 Stayner III., 2 Burt, 3 Burtinshaw. Height, 4ft. 8½in.

Broad Jump.—1 Burt, 2 Wright, 3 Robertson. Distance, 16ft. 11in.

Points:—1 Burt, 15; 2 Paton, 7; 3 Wicks, 5.

UNDER 14 EVENTS.

100yds.—1 Mackellar, 2 Hardy, 3 Housden.

220yds.—1 Hardy, 2 Mackellar, 3 Mahoney.

High Jump.—1, Mackellar, 2 Coote II. Height, 4ft. 3in.

HANDICAP EVENTS (OPEN).

Mile.—1 Vernon, 2 Darrock, 3 Rickard.

880yds.—1 Colebrook, 2 Boag, 3 Olsen.

440yds.—1 Byrne, 2 Colebrook, 3 Wilson.

220yds.—1 Byrne, 2 Guthrie, 3 Beveridge.

120yds.—1 Guthrie, 2 McCredie, 3 Wales.

Mile Walk.—1 Williams; 2 Ryan. G. A. Smith gained the record for this event from scratch, covering the distance in 8mins. 19secs.

100yds.—Old Boys: 1 Howell, 2 Wilson, 3 Williams.

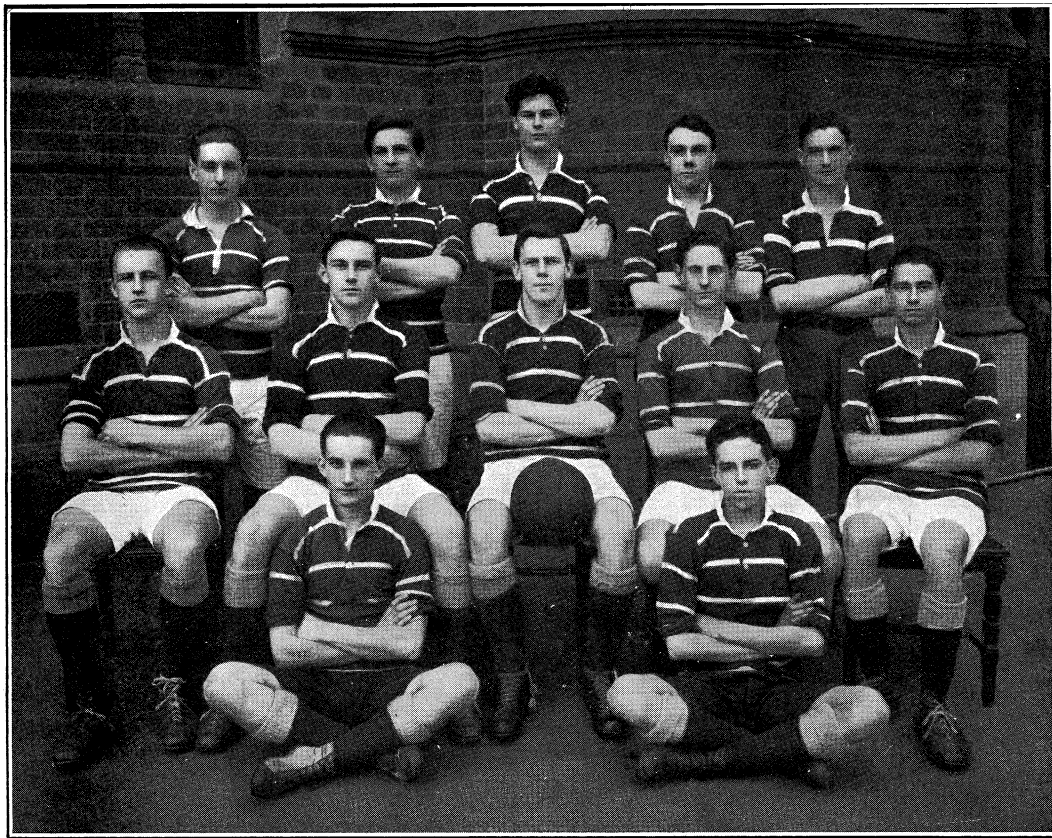
880yds.—Old Boys: 1 Manton, 2 Small, 3 Bradley.

HANDICAP EVENTS (UNDER 16).

440yds.—1 Burkinshaw, 2 Berryman, 3 Dougan.

880yds.—1 Gilder, 2 Darrock, 3 Dougan.

75yds. (under 14).—1 Mackellar, 2 Hardy, 3 Salmon.



1st. XI. SOCCER. Winners of the Premier Shield, 1918.

STANDING:—E. J. Baxter, C. Jacobs, G. H. Thomas, S. Marcer, K. McCredie.

SITTING:—L. E. Foley, S. A. Willsher (Vice-Capt.), F. S. Bradhurst (Capt.), L. J. Murray, G. P. Alexander.

FRONT:—S. Wilmott, W. J. Crawford.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Putting the Shot.—1 Willsher, 2 Thomas, 3 O'Donnell. Distance, 31ft. 6½in.

Pole Vault.—1 Foley, 2 Bradhurst, 3 Davies. Height, 8ft. 2ins.

Novelty Race.—Hyde and Rickards.

Siamese Race.—Wilson and Paton.

Potato Race.—Pike.

Sack Race.—1 Davies, 2 Mutton.

Obstacle Race.—Guthrie.

Senior Tug.—4A.

Junior Tug.—2AC.

Senior Relay.—1 4A., 2 3C, 3 4B.

Junior Relay.—1 2B.

Rugby.

The end of the Rugby season was somewhat disappointing, after such a promising beginning. The enthusiasm of the supporters, and even most of the players, seemed to wane after the first competition match following the interval. On the whole, however, the number of barrackers at Saturday competition matches was much more encouraging than in past years. During the interval several friendly games were played, chief of which were those against Maitland High School, and the Old Boys.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

10th August v. S.G.S., at Rushcutters Bay.—Lost 0-26. On this occasion two preliminary matches were played, in which the 2nd and 4th Grades of the respective schools participated. A muddy field and a wet ball made things very uncomfortable for the players, but a fine source of amusement for the spectators. All three games were most cleanly contested. "Grammar" pressed in the first half, and scored heavily. In the second half, however, "School" responded, and at times had S.G.S. strictly on the defence. Our forwards played especially well.

17th August v. S.I.C., at Riverview.—Lost 8-37. With Ford and Harrison absent from the backs, we were severely handicapped. In the first half, however, we managed to mix matters. On one occasion our backs displayed a nice piece of combined work, Webb finally scoring nearing the post. Murray also scored. After the interval the opposing backs soon found the weakness in our three-quarter line, and scored heavily.

24th August v. T.K.S., at Parramatta.—Lost 0-58. With but Masters and Pye left of the original three-quarter line, and Stayner and Vote absent from the forwards, the result was a foregone conclusion. Our opponents were superior in every department of the game.

OTHER MATCHES.

v. Old Boys, at Wentworth Oval.—Won 25-19. The Old Boys on this occasion had a strong team, and only our condition brought us off the victors. Captain Southee, M.C., Rhodes Scholar, captained the Old Boys. The scores at half-time stood at 13-nil in their favour, and they scored two tries almost immediately afterwards, leaving us 19 points in arrears. "School" then attacked, and, amidst much excitement, rattled up 25 points in quick time. Vote played a grand game, scoring three times. Beveridge also kicked well.

v Maitland High School, at Wentworth Oval. Won 45-3. Our backs on this occasion got going, and scored heavily. The forwards were there, too, as usual.

14th August, v. Parramatta High School, at Wentworth Oval.—Won 22-17. With a strong wind behind them Parramatta, aided by good kicking, scored heavily. Our turn came, however, in the second half, and we completely turned the tables. Vote played his usual sound game.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR SEASON.

Played 15 matches, won 7, drawn 1, lost 7.

Total points for, 219.

Total points against, 255.

Soccer.

Though having the smallest number of players we have had for some years, 1918 has seen a most successful season for the Soccer Club. In the Inter. High Schools Competitions we carried off the first and second grade, and were only defeated by a very narrow margin in the third grade. In addition, a successful class competition was conducted, II. A.C. being the winners.

The 1st XI. played several non-competitive games, those against Maitland and the Old Boys being the most important. The game with Maitland was played in a drizzling rain, and ended in a scoreless draw. Maitland's forwards were very fast, and showed some great play, but our backs and goalie were equal to it. Our

own forwards did not get going well, and were not supported much by the outside halves. Consequently McCredie at centre did not have any chances.

In the Old Boys we met something solid. Ten of the eleven had been representatives for S.H.S. in combined teams whilst at school, and kept us moving. Our defeat, 2-0, was by no means a disgrace. The game was fast, Wilmott shining for the School, and Cooper for the O.Bs. Our backs were hard put to it to keep the visitors out, and after a fine run, having got the ball from Cooper, Simpson scored. A few minutes before time Cooper took a penalty for the O.Bs.—result inevitable. Though our forwards made run after run, they were unable to pierce the O.B's. defence.

In a Combined High Schools versus University match we fielded six players—Bradhurst (capt.), Murray, McCredie, Willsher, Jacobs and Thomas. University played strongly, and scored two goals. With fifteen minutes to play the Schools bucked up, and some strong individual efforts resulted in scores by Bradhurst and Porter (F.H.S.). In a second game with University, four of our men represented. The result was 3-2 in Schools' favour, the goals being scored by Bradhurst, two, however, being penalty kicks.

In the competition games, Marcer in goal kept pretty constant form, and only missed representation by very little. Foley and Jacobs at back combined well, but both had their off periods, and were sometimes guilty of miskick. Alexander, right half, was sure, but a trifle slow. He rectified this in the last few matches, however. Our centre half, Willsher (vice-capt.), was undoubtedly the mainstay of the defence, and showed his ability to defend and attack with skill. Thomas, left half, was kicking strongly, but only played at his best in our last match with Fort Street. Bradhurst and Murray showed good combination on the right wing, the latter's sprints being well in evidence. McCredie was the best centre forward we have seen at S.H.S. for some time. His headwork was excellent, and in addition to using his pace well, he could always finish with a hot shot from either foot. Baxter, left wing, though rather erratic, gave us some good football. Crawford and Wilmott, promoted from second grade, both earned their promotion.

1st XI.—Played 9, won 6, lost 2, drawn 1, goals for 14, goals against 7, points 13.

The 2nd XI.'s performance was great, as the table at the end will show. Last year they tied with the premiers, but this year they showed every team a clean pair of heels, being undefeated. The forwards were solid, and able to shoot straight and well, whilst the defence was exceptionally good. The only occasion

when goals were scored against them were when the team was not complete. Price captained well, while Stitt and Eyles showed good form.

2nd XI.:—Played 12, won 10, lost 0, drawn 2, goals for 34, against 4, points 20.

The third eleven finished third in the competition, though they only lost one match. They show how ridiculous the "weight limit" applied to Soccer would be. To play heavy teams they trained and practised consistently, and showed that in Soccer at least play brings success—not weight. They were unfortunate in playing so many drawn games.

3rd XI.:—Played 12, won 7, lost 1, drawn 4, goals for 16, goals against 4, points 18.

The Club this year, as it has been for many years, was well managed and organised. Thanks due to the Committee.

Scriptum est.

(1) "No book is worth anything which is not worth *much*, nor is it serviceable until it has been read, and re-read, and loved, and loved again." (Ruskin.)

(2) "He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain-quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace." (Ruskin.)

(3) "One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbour is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may." (Stevenson.)

(4) "Laborare est orare: work is worship." (Carlyle.)

(5) "Fiction has no business to exist unless it is more beautiful than reality, because in literature the one aim of art is the beautiful." (Joubert.)

(6) "All the best work has been done by those who with difficulty found time for it in crowded lives." (Creighton.)

(7) "In dealing with ourselves, after we have 'let the ape and tiger die,' we have to deal with the donkey, which is a more intractable and enduring animal than the others." (Creighton.)

(8) "If you want to get on in life, it must be by a steady grind which never loses sight of the end." (Creighton.)

(9) "There is no other genuine enthusiasm of humanity than one which has travelled the common highway of reason—the life of the good neighbour and honest citizen." (T. H. Green.)

J.H.S.

Christian Union.

The C.U. has been carrying out its function in the School during the last term in a very creditable manner. The attendance at both circles has been good. The senior circle, composed of the senior members of the School, generally had more members present than the organisers of the scheme intended. This circle has with much regret been forced to bid farewell to Mr. McDougall, its leader. He has answered the call, and gone to join his mates "over there." Mr. McDougall was rejected as a volunteer in the beginning of the war, but this time has been accepted. The C.U. wishes him "God speed and a safe return." Those who have come in contact with him will ever retain pleasant memories of him, both as a man and a thorough Christian. His presence has indeed been a benefit, and had a good influence on the School, as a whole. Mr. Castlemaine has been carrying on his work in a pleasing and interesting way.

The "guiding star" of the junior circle is Mr. Shiress, an Old Boy of the School. His work and actions inspire those who meet him with a greater love for our Alma Mater.

The subjects for debate have been well dealt with, often in a very enlivening and heated manner.

Library

Since last issue the number of borrowers has greatly increased, and now about 300 boys avail themselves of the library's valuable assistance.

About 50 or 60 books are issued daily, and since the introduction of the fine system, members have been more diligent in their observance of the rule that books must not be kept out more than 14 days.

With the fines collected from delinquents, new books will be purchased.

Some benefactors, including the Headmaster and Mr. Kelly, have lately presented books to the collection.

Literary and Debating Society

This old-established Society has experienced one of the most successful terms on record. Since the meetings have taken place on Friday the attendance has been wellnigh trebled. It is gratifying to note that third year have also recognised their responsibility.

Impromptu debates have unearthed several promising speakers. Much amusement was caused by the outburst of a sincere vegetarian. At a mock election one candidate was so vehement as to drive all his audience from the room.

Through the clashing of sports fixtures only one ministerial debate has been held. Therein Mr. Byrne carried the Opposition, of which he was leader, to victory on a wave of hilarity against which the more serious eloquence of the Premier, Mr. Stonham, and his supporters, Messrs. Morony and Gollan, was powerless.

The half has yet to see the mock banquet, which will be as usual the crowning achievement of our Society's successful year.

Baseball.

For the second time in succession we have succeeded in winning the most coveted "Proud Shield." Unfortunately, our unbeaten record was broken by Petersham, who defeated us by 11-7. This was the only defeat sustained throughout the season, and as a result we won the competition by a large margin.

Our second grade were successful in the beginning of the competition, but did not follow up their later defeats with determination. Furthermore, the players were not constantly forthcoming, and their position in the competition table was not creditable.

The brunt of our victories was borne especially by our fine and consistent pitcher, V. Hyde. He and Rickards, at "home-plate," formed a strong combination. Morris on "second," and Smith on "first," were the cause of many putouts, and showed great skill with the club; while Rickards, Hyde and Trivett also performed well in the "box."

Batting was our weakest point, and this weakness was the cause of some narrow scrapes. Though unsuccessful in the competition, the seconds are not without some good triers, the best being Bain, Prattis and Foster.

One idea might be added, that a compulsory uniform be instituted, so that each player would always realise the importance of his position.

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Sir,—I would like to bring under your notice, an incident of the class room, which, to my mind, is not indicative of that "School spirit" which one would expect to find in a person invested with authority.

A certain boy, having flipped a piece of elastic during class, was told by the teacher "to be very careful indeed," or he would "not be allowed to represent S.H.S." in the forthcoming athletic carnival. Considering that the teacher was in earnest with respect to what he said, it does not speak well for his sense of sportsmanship.

Yours sincerely,

"A WELL WISHER."

To the Editor, The "Record,"

Dear Sir,—In the by-laws of the Union, it is stated that the doings of Union meetings are to be recorded and posted for the information of members. This by-law has not been heeded of late.

Has the Union Committee anything to fear from a straightforward criticism of its doings? It would seem so, if they fail to make their doings public.

Yours, etc.,

G.R.

The Editor's Box.

"P.B.," 3rd Year.—Re-write the first and last stanzas, and submit poem for next issue.

"R.C.M."—You go out of your way to use big words, and the fluency of the piece is thus lost.

"X.Y.Z."—What is lost in grammar is retained in force. The alterations you suggest are altogether too weak.

"Vlar se niklo."—Metre murderous. Try prose.

"Billy Bookworm."—Hardly up to standard yet. Try again.

"R. Scenic."—On right lines. Try again.

"Gussie Gluepot."—Not up to standard. Write on one side of the paper only next time.

"Al U. Minium."—Part of it good, but hackneyed lines like the first in stanza one preclude publication.

"Kam," 3rd Year.—Last two lines absurd, and rest of poem not good enough.

"A.K.," 3.B.G.—"Spring and the Nightingale" held over till next issue. "The Skylark," too, like that of the poet you mention, for publication.

"Susie."—Even humorous verse must still be verse. Write the same thoughts in prose, and the piece will be effective.

"Milden."—No mood behind either pieces. Anyone can write nice words.

"Swastika."—To the uninitiated in the noble art of which you write, the subject palls. Write on subjects of more general and literary interest.

"Susie."—Shows good imagination, but not good enough to print.

"Hopper."—Not suitable for publication, but greatly appreciated by the editorial staff.

"W.F.F."—Choose simpler subjects, and let us hear from you again next issue.

"L.O.N."—You are one of the few that understand what real poetry is, yet both pieces fall short in their final summing up. Think carefully over the last stanza in future contributions, and let us hear from you again.

"Black-butt."—The above remarks apply in every particular to you also. The last stanza in "Spring"—save for the word sooth—is excellent, but the others lack the true poetic touch.

"Newt."—Poem very good for Third Year. Pleased to accept.

"G.T.M."—Metre awkward in parts. We print.

Editorial Notices

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the following exchanges:—"Washington High School Magazine," "Hermes," "Mountain Bell," "Royal Blue," "Sydneyan," "Aurora Australis," "The Torchbearer," "S.J.C. Magazine," "Fortian," "The Burr," "Alma Mater," "Maitland Magazine," "The Quondong," "H.A.C. Journal," "Armidale High School Magazine," "Newingtonian," "Mirror," "Novocastrian," "Grammar Magazine," "Technical High School Magazine," "Melburnian," "Glasgow High School Magazine," "The Northern Churinga," "Toowoomba Grammar School Magazine."

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