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STOP PRESS NEWS.

Swimming Results.

SENIOR 440—Thomas 1, Gilder 2, Turner 3. Time 7min. 4sec. Owing to pneumonia Shand could not compete. Though the result of the Senior 880 is not yet to hand, Thomas wins the cup, being at present $4\frac{1}{2}$ points in the lead.

JUNIOR 220—More 1, T. Bennett 2, O'Neil 3. Time 3min. 26sec.

JUNIOR CADET 220—T. Bennett 1, Carter 2. Time 4min. 24sec.

University Results.

Though the Editor of the Old Boys' Pages has not yet furnished us with a list of University Examination Results, our 'Varsity Old Boys have captured rather formidable honours. F. G. Sheed annexed a couple of scholarships in Section II. of law, though, in the Harris scholarship he has to share the honours—and the cash—with Mr. Leaver. C. H. Currey and K. Tonking were bracketed together for first place in Law I., incidentally gathering up a few scholarships, while G. P. Shipp filled first place in both Latin I. and Greek I. A full list will be published next issue.

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Editorial

TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY.

Perhaps the most notable change in school organisation for years past is that made this year in the method of the selection of prefects. *Formerly*, prefects were chosen by the Headmaster on the advice of the Masters of Subjects. *Now*, seven candidates are nominated by 4AG, as the Senior Class of the School, four by each of the two other Fourth Year Classes, and two by each of the Third Year Classes. An election by secret ballot is then held, all boys in classes down to, and including the Second Year, holding the franchise.

Now, the "Record" does not mind admitting that it is not enraptured with the scheme. It looks with regret on the passing of the system which gave to us, as our leaders, such fine men as Biden, Paterson, Ridley, ay! and many another who now lies in an unmarked grave, who has died to show the world that the School was not founded in vain.

If prefects must be elected, why should the franchise be granted to Second Year Classes, who know little of, and care less about, the merits of Fourth Year candidates? This year the system has produced the right prefects, you will say!

Is the fact that this year a suitable selection has been made any proof of what future years will bring forth? This year, Fourth Year is larger, in point of numbers, than any other year. It will not always be so. This year a Fourth Year block vote has returned to office eleven Fourth Year candidates. Next year, or in a few years' time, with three large classes in Third Year and two small ones in Fourth, *what power is to prevent six prefects out of twelve coming from Third Year?*

If we must have elective prefects, let six be so and six nominated by the Masters. It should not be forgotten that Rugby Arnold, practically the originator of the system, and his disciples, claim that the outstanding merit of the prefectorial system lies in the fact that "It gives a definite place in the Schools to boys of intellectual power and moral strength, who would not or might not otherwise attain that position."

And what of the Captaincy?

No matter what be said in defence of the election of the Captain of the School, the fact remains that, four times out of five, the most popular boy is not the best Captain. School popularity, too often, merely implies that the boy in question has the back-bone of a jelly-fish and the property of making himself very agreeable to the small fry.

We repeat again, that the Captain of the School should be a thorough gentleman, a born leader, a prominent athlete, and a proficient scholar. Such qualities are not always to be unearthed by a mere popularity vote.

THE NEW SCHOOL.

The "Record" has no inside information concerning the doings of the Education Department, and so it is unable to say if anything further has been done in the matter of the "New School." It has a strong conviction, however, that all plans made in connection with that greatly-desired and little expected edifice are reposing in some lumber-room in the Education Buildings.

The whole affair is really rather amusing. We cannot expect to go on packing 400 boys into a building intended for 200. We must obtain a new site for the School somewhere—and if Moore Park is cut out of the question, what other piece of ground is available?

Nobody was running over himself with eagerness to use the required ground for any other purpose—until the Minister announced that he was about to build the School there. Then pandemonium commenced.

Some gentleman desired to make it a beer-garden, another a concert ground, another a park, and we believe the Committee in charge of the Home for Indigent Cats sent along a requisition. Any-

thing, anything, ye gods!—but to think of giving so suitable a site to the School.

Then, although the proposal was to build a school out of the products of the sale of the former site, a certain person arrives and informs us that economy militates against the scheme—and that gentleman was placed in Parliament by a supposedly intelligent body of electors.

Since this commotion, the Minister has lain low and said nothing on this particular subject. The "Record" has nothing but sympathy to tender him *in this connection*. A very practicable and sensible scheme has been formulated, but—well, ministries have been broken on smaller rocks than this.

And so, amid this senseless and ignorant agitation, our hopes of a new school seem further off fruition than ever before.

HAS THE UNION A CONSTITUTION?

Have we a union constitution?

We are not talking about the fact that clauses of the by-laws properly belong to the constitution, and vice versa. No, we merely wish to say that, when a constitution is in existence, some attempt should be made to conform to its rulings.

We are not going to inform our readers that the 1918 Union Committee contained a master too many, *that* is over and done with. But we *are* going to mention an incident that occurred in connection with the Union Elections. At a meeting of a certain club, a ballot was held to determine the three boys who would stand for election to the Union, as delegates from that club. Two boys tied for third place.

Now there were several courses open. The Master who presided at the club meeting could have given a casting vote, a vote of the club members could have been taken, *or*, one of the two delegates definitely elected, since he was already nominated by other clubs, could have been asked to stand down.

But what was actually done? One of the two who tied for third place was given the club nomination, *the other was nominated by the Secretary of the Union*.

And Section 8, Sub-section (ii), of the Union Constitution says:

"The five representatives of the boys are to be elected by ballot by the members of the Union from the nominees who may be nominated by each affiliated club. No club is allowed to select more than three nominees."

Have we a Union Constitution? If so, has not the School the courage to demand, the power to order, its enforcement?

The School's Fourth Headmaster.

C. R. SMITH, M.A.

In the first week of December, 1918, Mr. C. R. Smith, M.A., was appointed Headmaster of the School. Mr. Smith was educated at Aberdeen University, whence he graduated as M.A. Entering the Education Department of New South Wales in 1883, he was appointed to the Bathurst High School. From there he came to the School, which was then in charge of Mr. Coates, and thus he learnt to understand and appreciate the work of our first Headmaster.

The history of the next few years of his career is one of constant change. In charge at Goulburn High School, assistant at Fort-street, to Leichhardt, and then back to the School as a master of Classics and Modern Languages under Mr. John Waterhouse.

In 1906 he left the School to open the Newcastle High School. Here he served for nine years as Headmaster. The reputation of that school when he left it stands as a witness to his remarkable gift for organisation.

Then he was appointed Headmaster of North Sydney High School, in succession to the late Mr. R. J. Hinder, where he remained until appointed to the School.

It seems rather late in the day to bid the Headmaster welcome. The enthusiastic cheers on his behalf that rung through Main Hall on Speech Day formed a far more glowing welcome than we could hope to give. But on behalf of the Sydney High School, the "Record," its official organ, bids the fourth Headmaster welcome to the old School.

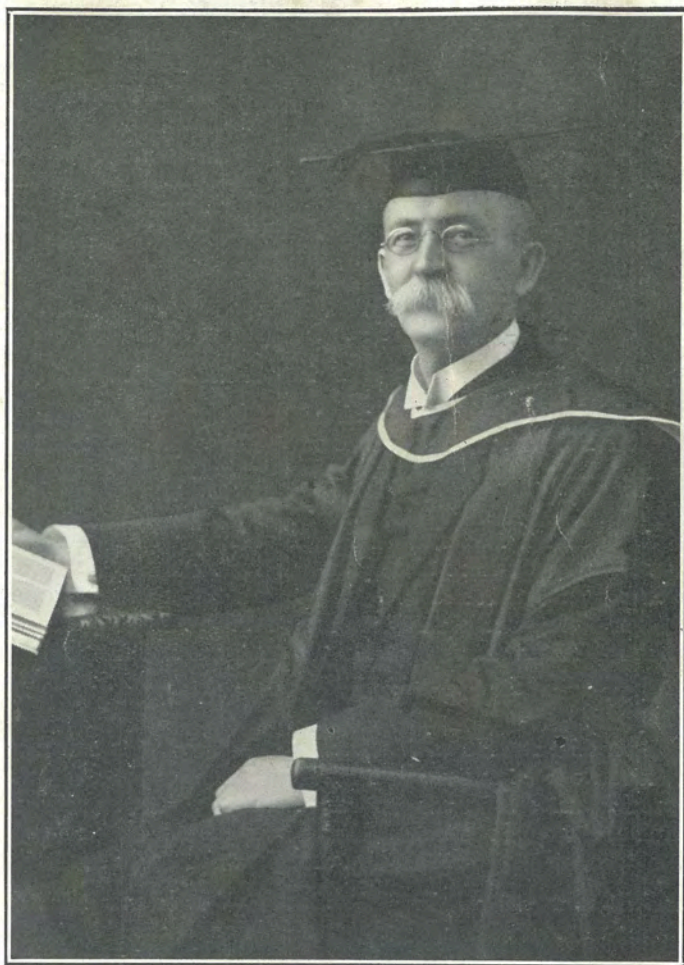
To the Old Romancers.

*Clink of rapier, roar of gun,
Deeds of derring-do;
Hard-fought battles, lost and won,
Knights and ladies true.*

*Elf-folk dancing 'midst the woodland,
Minstrels roaming free;
And fair maids who make demand
Of knight's chivalry.*

*All the wealth, and all the glories
Of all vanished ages,
Hidden lie amidst your stories,
Flit throughout your pages.*

MALVOLIO.



C. R. SMITH, M.A., Fourth Headmaster,

School Notes

Owing to the pneumonic influenza epidemic the School did not reopen till March 3rd, though Fourth Year received text-books and instructions in the middle of February.

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The School building itself was quite transformed. It was used as an inoculation depot, and food relief was given from No. 4 Room. The main room was used as a hostel for Red Cross workers, as is shown by the photograph in this issue.

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In future all contributions must be signed. Except in cases of "Letters to the Editor," the signature will not be published unless at the explicit wish of the writer. Rapidly increasing numbers of barefaced plagiarists compel us to make this rule.

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Let our masters beware! Toowoomba Grammar School supplies the following:—"The whirligig of time! 1910, scene, T.G.S.; Mr. R. Wilson (master, V. B.), loquiter. "Clowes! You were out of your dormitory after lights out. Any defence?" 1918, scene, France; Brigade-Major Clowes loquiter. "Private R. Wilson! Absent without leave! Any defence?" (Fact.)."

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The "Record" would like to see a three-colour badge awarded to all boys who gain colours in three branches of sport. At present a boy may gain colours on colours, but the only badge he is entitled to wear is that which appears on the blazer of any 1st XV. or XI. man.

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Another departure that we think would be welcomed—the award of half colours to prominent players in the 2nd XV. and the 2nd XI., also to point-scorers in junior events at the G.P.S. sports.

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Talking of half-colours, the half-colour badge has been altered. Full colours are still badge and scroll; half-colours are badge, *not scroll*, only.

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M. Deuquet has been transferred to North Sydney High School. In last issue we welcomed his return to the School, little thinking he would only be with us for so short a period. It is a pity the Department could not see its way clear to allow him to remain at the School longer. The "Record" would like to know the reason for so apparently meaningless a removal.

*"Oh, horror, horror, horror! tongue nor heart
Cannot conceive nor name thee!"*

Is it really true that one of our most diminutive freshmen addressed a particularly dignified and revered member of Fourth Year as "sonny"?

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Just after we went to press last issue word came that K. McCredie had been selected to play with the All Schools' 1st XI. against University 1sts. Tried as second change, he took 3 for 30, being the only Schools' bowler to capture more than two wickets. V. Hyde played with the Schools' 2nds. Congratulations to both.



(By kind permission of "Sydney Mail")

The School used as a Red Cross Hostel.

At a recent meeting of the "Record" committee, the first held since October last, the following motion was passed:—"That this committee place on record its appreciation of the untiring zeal of the late Mr. R. J. Hinder in the interest of the "Record."

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We hope that we will shortly see a tablet to the memory of the late Headmaster placed on the walls of Main Hall.

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In time to come we should like to see a far greater interest taken in cricket by the School generally. When the XI. can find time for two practices and two matches weekly, surely it is not too much to ask the School to attend seven G.P.S. fixtures a year.

A class of returned soldiers has started work at physical culture, under the direction of Mr. Frank Stuart. These men are to take charge of the drill of the whole School.

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Owing to the disorganisation caused through influenza, Union subscriptions were not collected till the third week of March. The Union elections resulted in the appointment of the following boys to the General Committee:—G. P. Alexander, W. J. Elliott, G. B. Morris, A. G. Shand, G. H. Thomas, K. M. McCredie was appointed sub. secretary.

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Mr. Steele has been appointed Director of Non-musical Studies at the State Conservatorium. He came to the School in 1911 as teacher of manual work. When this subject was removed from the curriculum he remained with us to teach shorthand, geography, etc., on the commercial side. He was ever a powerful factor in the social life of the School, being conductor of the Glee Club, and an ever-popular performer at School concerts. The School congratulates him on his appointment to so congenial a position.

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No entry fee is being charged for events at the swimming carnival this year. The innovation seems decidedly unpopular.

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We print the full list of Old Boys killed in action this issue. We have reason to believe the whole Honour Roll is still far from complete, and request all who have information about the war service of Old Boys to send it along to the Editor as soon as possible.

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Under the auspices of the Christian Union, Mr. J. J. Virgo, C.B.E., General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., recently addressed the School on his experiences during the war. He commenced his lecture by telling us of his pride in Australia on seeing the exploits of Australasians "over there." He told us of his visit to the Fleet, of a collision between the "Australia" and the "New Zealand" just before the battle of Jutland. The Y.M.C.A. huts were near the Grand Fleet, too, he said, Lady Beatty in charge. Then we were told of close calls on Atlantic trips; on one occasion a torpedo missed the boat on which Mr. Virgo was travelling by a little over five feet. Going on to France, we heard of two men, the one a Doctors of Letters, the other a Master of Arts of a famous university, working in a Y.M.C.A. dugout. On to India, and the sign of the Red Triangle amidst the hills. Would we had the space to give a detailed account of the lecture. The School thanks a very capable lecturer for an enthralling thirty minutes. It thanks a very busy man for the time he spared to pay us a visit.

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Congratulations to Lions on gaining the captaincy of the School for 1918. Lions obtained five honours in the L.C., gaining one

first and one second place. A prominent swimmer and athlete, and a frequent contributor to the "Record," he is one of the best all-rounders the School has had for many a day.

The Camera Club has made its fiftieth fresh start. Good luck.

The "Record" would like to express its gratitude to W. J. Crawford, who took those photographs of the XI. and the 1918 swimmers which appear in this issue. When it was found impossible to secure a studio photograph of the XI. in time for reproduction, Crawford stepped into the breach. His results speak for themselves.

The "Record" would also like to thank those publications which lent blocks for this issue, viz., "The Bulletin," "The Educational Gazette," "The Evening News," "Hermes," and the "Sydney Mail."

We welcome Mr. Snowden to the School. Mr. Snowden has had years of travel on the Continent, and has published two books on the teaching of French. He will be a valuable acquisition to our modern language staff.

Mr. Watson has installed an atomiser in the Practical Science Room, and the daily inhalation is becoming quite a ceremony.

In accordance with the scheme outlined in the Editorial, the following prefects have been elected for 1919:—G. P. Alexander, W. H. Brook, W. J. Elliott, M. W. Flannery, R. F. Gollan, K. M. McCredie, G. T. Morony, G. B. Morris, A. G. Shand, G. H. Thomas, S. M. Willmott, III. A.G.; S. Burt, III. B.G. Owing to influenza scares and poor attendances, the Captain of the School has not yet been elected.

Since writing our third leader, we are informed by the Secretary of the Union that he nominated the candidate mentioned, confusing the Union constitution with that for the award of the Old Boys' prize. The mistake is certainly one easily made, but when a constitution is in existence one should always refer to it.

At the time of writing the School is in a rather disorganised condition owing to the influenza epidemic. The Junior years are allowed to attend classes on alternate days only.

We are pleased to note that the Headmaster has decided that afternoon classes are to be held from 1 p.m. to 3.15 p.m., as in former years.

Under the management of Burt, the tuck shop is having a run of success. The lying jade states that, by the time this appears in press, it may have been decided to take down the shutters before morning school.

Old Boys' Union.

OFFICE-BEARERS 1918-1919.

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The subscription to the Union is 5/- per annum.

Advantages.

1. The "Record" is supplied free of charge to all members.
2. Annual cricket and football matches are played against the School.
3. Social gatherings are held at frequent intervals throughout the year.
4. An annual prize is presented to the School.

We regret to announce that Mr. A. C. Berman has resigned from the position of assistant hon. secretary. Mr. Berman has worked long and faithfully in the interests of the O.B.U. He is now practising as a solicitor at Crookwell. We wish him the best of luck.

A Letter from the Headmaster.

To the Boys of the Sydney High School.

Having only recently come among you, a complete stranger to you all, I think it may serve a useful purpose to have a little confidential talk with you per medium of the School magazine.

As you are probably aware, I am no stranger to the Sydney High School. I was one of its masters several years ago, and

learned to honour and love it, first under the late Mr. Joseph Coates, and then under Mr. John Waterhouse. You cannot, therefore, tell me anything about the building or the history of the school that I do not already know. It has for many years been my greatest ambition to some day guide the destinies of this famous School, and as that ambition has now been realised, I call on you boys who love your School, and are just as interested in its success as I am, to assist me in maintaining its great name and high traditions. Remember, the School will be exactly what you and I make it; its good name is in your keeping as much as in mine, and to an institution like this, that numbers among its Old Boys so many distinguished men, we owe it as a duty to see that no stain is allowed to tarnish its fair fame. Wherever you may be, whether at school, at home, or in public, never forget that the good name of your School is in your hands, and be careful never to do or say anything that would bring it into disrepute. You wear the School badge on your hats, and you should be proud to have the privilege of displaying it. Let all your conduct be in accord with the traditions attaching to that badge. Obedience to the masters is, of course, the first rule, but you must also obey the prefects, whom you yourselves have elected to exercise a certain measure of authority over you, and to assist me in the disciplining of the School. Be punctual; unpunctuality argues a looseness of control somewhere, if not at school, then at home, and besides, it is a bad habit, easily acquired, which in the course of life leads to much loss of time and money. Be regular in your attendance; every day you are away means a loss to you of some part of the work. Steady work always tells, and if it is maintained from your first year at school there will be little need to "burn the midnight oil" when you reach Fourth Year. Whatever pursuit may engage your attention, be in earnest over it. Whether it be study or sport, give your whole mind to it, and strive to excel, first for the sake of the School, second for your own sake. Let *nulli secundus* be your motto in school work, as well as in school sport. You older boys, remember that your conduct in great part moulds the School. The younger boys will naturally imitate you, and this fact will be sufficient to show you what a responsible position you occupy. I have been very pleased to note, during the short time I have been among you, the fine and manly bearing of the bigger boys, and this will undoubtedly be reflected in the general conduct of all years.

Finally, let us all remember that we are part and parcel of one of the most famous schools in the State, and that our constant aim must be to maintain, and even enhance, the splendid traditions that are connected with it.

Yours faithfully,

C. R. SMITH,
Headmaster.

Fallen High School Boys.

"They laid those bright, those gallant, lives at their motherland's feet, the fairest gift of a lover's devotion. In one great host did they give themselves to death; but each one, man by man, has won imperishable praise, each has gained a glorious grave—not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance, wherein their glory is enshrined—remembrance that will live on the lips, that will blossom on the deeds of their countrymen the world over."—Thucydides, Bk. 4.

F. Aitken	H. V. Hedger	W. P. Ridley
R. A. Bastion Harvey	E. F. Howard	J. B. Ryan
N. E. Biden	W. J. Kemp	K. K. Saxby
E. E. Bishop	F. King	F. L. Seale
C. Campbell	J. Lemon	A. S. Shepherd
B. H. Cartwright	J. Linton	E. D. Slade
J. W. Cizzio	J. Long	E. Smith
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G. L. Fleming	W. S. Patersen	B. W. Whitehouse
V. J. Frewin	L. R. Phillips	R. Wood
C. J. Grahame.	W. E. Pike	V. Pollard (missing)
F. A. Hannay	O. A. Rainbow	F. Skevington (missing)
L. Hazelwood		

The Traitor.

*Send the coward to his doom!
Stand his weeping women by;
Mark it clearly o'er his tomb
"Here died one as traitors die."*

*This is he whose craven soul
Shrank before the face of Fear:
Heard the gloomy thunder roll
Toward the few that he held dear.
Saved them from the Black of Night,
From the hot, rude touch of Shame,
Led them swiftly to the Light
He must turn the way he came,*

*Turn from happiness and rest,
From the friendly warmth of day,
Back, to live as Sorrow's guest
In a home where guests must pay.
Thrice a thousand lives of men
Forfeited for his poor three!
Hark! the thunder calls again,
Angrily, insistently.*

*Send the coward to his doom!
Stand his weeping women by;
Mark it clearly o'er his tomb:
"Here died one as traitors die!"*

—G.R.C.

In Memoriam.

JOHN DUNCAN McRAE was born on March 31, 1894, and was a bursar at the School, 1909-12. As an evening student at Sydney University, he won the John Garden Scholarship, awarded by the Presbyterian Theological Hall Committee. Early in October, 1916, he enlisted, sat for his degree examination at the end of that month, and on November 11, 1916, he left Australia for active service abroad. For a time he was in training at Rolleston, England, and crossed to France in May, 1917. For a time he was in Northern France, Ypres sector, and was severely wounded in the big engagements of 17th and 18th September. He died the following evening, and was buried at Dickebusch, near Ypres.

SYDNEY JAMES GEORGE DAVIS, B.A., B.Sc., went to Sydney University from the School in 1909, and entered the Faculty of Science. In 1913 he graduated B.Sc., and was appointed Junior Demonstrator in Geology. Entering the Faculty of Arts in the same year, he soon showed himself the most brilliant scholar that Sydney University had known for a generation. He won the Nicholson Medal for Latin verse in 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917; the Lloyd Memorial Prize for a Latin essay in 1916; the Cooper Travelling Scholarship for Classics in 1916. Though he was prevented by illness from taking his final examinations, the Senate (*for the first time in its history*.—Ed.) awarded him first-class honours in Latin. He offered himself for enlistment in Australia, but was rejected as medically unfit. Proceeding to England, he was accepted for the army, and served in France with the 1st Artists' Rifles. He died of wounds on January 3, 1918. A friend who was with him when he was wounded wrote last June:—"He and I were in a sap driving Fritz out. We had gone down about 200 yards, when we were detailed to construct a wall barricade across the trench, as a protection for the bombing party. He and I and the bombing corporal caught it in various places with a Boche stick bomb; he got it, mostly in the face and neck, I am afraid, as also did the bomber and myself. Davis and I were similar "souls," if you understand what I mean, and hit it off well. . . . I feel I have lost the one pal the war had given me." In "Punch," September, 1917, he received mention as the soldier who translated 280 lines of "Paradise Lost" into Latin verse while on sixteen days' trench leave. Professor Todd says: "He lived the most brilliant scholar, both in achievement and promise, that the University has nurtured for a generation. He was not too proud to help, or to be helped. He died a private soldier, not less gloriously than he lived."

J. FROUDE FLASHMAN, B.A., M.D., Ch.M., B.Sc.—We print the following extract from the "Gazette" of the Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England, relating to Lt.-Col. Froude



(By courtesy of "Hermes")
J. D. MACRAE (killed in action)



(By courtesy of "Bulletin.")
Major-General J. G. LEGGE.



(By courtesy of "Hermes.")
S. J. G. DAVIS (killed in action.)

Flashman, who was a very distinguished Old Boy:—"When the 3rd London was selected as a hospital to which large numbers of Australian soldiers were to be sent, we had several members of the A.A.M.C. attached to our staff, and amongst them was Lieut.-Col. Flashman, who was here from November, 1915, to January, 1917. During that time he threw himself heart and soul into the life and work of the Third London, helping in every way to carry out our ideas of making it an Empire hospital in the best and widest sense. During the time he was here he endeared himself to everyone with whom he came in contact. He was doing splendid work here, but felt that he would like to be nearer the front line for a time, as, having come from Australia to serve the Empire, he thought he should join the work of the men of Anzac nearer the front. He left us to take up duty in France in January, and we parted from him with regret, but hoped that one day he would come back to the Third London, which he loved so much, and which was so devoted to him. Alas! fate has decreed otherwise, and he has made the supreme sacrifice of his life for the Empire. The severe weather in France brought on pneumonia, and he died after a few days' illness. He has joined the band of heroes whose bodies are lying on the fields of Europe, and whose spirits will always remain to cheer us on. The sacrifice of such men as Col. Flashman will make us more than ever determined that the countries hallowed by their bodies shall never again be overrun by a horde of savages."

HENRY V. HEDGER was educated at the School, and was regarded as a promising athlete. He enlisted early in 1915 at the age of 19 years, and went through the Gallipoli campaign, winning promotion to the rank of Company-Sergeant-Major. He died of Malaria in Palestine on November 25th, 1918.

JOHN SKYRING CROSS was born at Gympie on April 7th, 1898. He won a scholarship from Neutral Bay to the School, where he soon made his mark. He was a prefect in 1915-16, and gained his Rugby colours for the same years. He won an exhibition in the Faculty of Medicine at the L.C. of 1916, and enlisted early in 1917 at the age of 18 years. After leaving Australia he trained at Salisbury for a little time, but soon went to France. He was wounded in action in France on October 17, 1917, and after a few weeks in the Rouen Hospital, he returned to the front, acting as a miner. Again wounded, he returned to England, and he seems never to have recovered from his wounds, though he said so little of them. His letters were always cheerful—never a complaint against system, red tape, cold, or anything. "I breathe London like the air of heaven," he wrote us once. He was returning to France in March, 1918, when he was taken back unconscious to Southampton Hospital. Here he died on March 20th of cerebro-spinal meningitis. The nurses have written us testifying to his great patience all

through his illness. A little while before he died the doctor asked him how he was. "Oh, just fine!" he replied. "Just fine" was always his slogan. He would never give in to anything, and death found him almost too dignified to approach. . . . He promised to write excellent prose—had a short story entitled "An Heroic Boy" printed in the "Lone Hand" at 15, and had won many essay prizes. But I never see our little ones at the gate, in the cool of an afternoon, just when it is about time for him to come home, but I think of a piece scrawled in schoolboy fashion on his Tennyson. You all know it:

Not of the sunlight,
 Not of the moonlight,
 Not of the starlight,
 O, young mariner.
 Down to the haven
 Call your companions,
 Launch your vessel,
 And crowd your canvas.
 And, ere it vanishes,
 Over the margin,
 After it, follow it,
 Follow the Gleam.

I know that he has found the Gleam.—(abridged from an article by Miss Zora Cross in "Hermes.")

JOHN MCLEAN, killed in action, left School 1910, and entered the Teachers' Training College. On graduating he taught as assistant master at William-street and Camdensville public schools, and was recognised as an earnest teacher. He enlisted in June, 1915, and after passing unscathed through two years' military service, was killed in action in May of last year.

ARTHUR V. ADEY was born at Bulli, and was educated at the School, whence he passed to the Teachers' Training College. He enlisted at the age of 20, and was attached to the Third Brigade. He took part in the first landing, being wounded by shrapnel at 4 p.m. on April 25th, 1915. Some Indians dragged him back to a gully, from which he reached the hospital ship. After a period in hospital he returned to the front, and was killed shortly afterwards.

H. K. TIDY, assistant master of mathematics at the School in the year 1914, was accidentally killed in France on July 26th, 1917. He graduated B.Sc. at Sydney University, and joined the Australian forces early in the war. He was one of the first men to obtain his certificate at our State Aviation School, whence he was sent to England to the Royal Flying Corps. He held the rank of Flight-Lieutenant.

A Wish.

To-night—

*May I drink deep of the wine of sleep
 Pressed from the hope of a bright to-morrow;
 May I forget that Death can keep
 His hands on the joys we only borrow.
 May fairies weave their silken spells,
 And cast them o'er my wandering spirit,
 And lead it down through woodland dells
 To waters, whereon moonbeams flit,
 To meet the soul of my beloved.*

P.M.R.

News of Our Men.

CAPTAIN A. M. McINTOSH has returned to Sydney. He left with the first contingent in 1914 in the troopship "Afric," was at the landing at Gallipoli, and subsequently served in France. He was the pioneer of dental work with the Australian forces, and gave up his practice to prove to the authorities the necessity of dental work.

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J. R. BROADBENT, after graduating at Duntroon, and serving in the war, has returned to Australia; and is at present O.C. of the "A" Company of Staff Cadets at Duntroon, holding the honorary rank of Captain.

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CAPTAIN R. THOMPSON, M.C., D.S.O., has had the misfortune to lose his right arm. He was for some time doing instructional work with a Reserve Brigade in England.

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LIEUTENANT R. N. KERSHAW, who, by the way, was Editor of the "Record" in 1914, returned from the front the other day. He wears an M.C. ribbon as proof of his valour.

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Major-General J. G. LEGGE is now at work in the organisation of Australia's permanent aviation corps. He is a New South Wales man, a graduate of Sydney University, and an ex-master of the School. In November, 1887, he began his military career in the 1st Infantry Regiment as Second Lieutenant, and from 1892 on his promotion was rapid. In addition to holding important administrative positions, he served through the South African war with distinction. He was made Commonwealth representative on the Imperial General Staff in 1912. After giving a hand in the masterful evacuation of Gallipoli, he fought in France. As a man used to commanding Australians, he has a sound defence for the old charge that our boys are lacking in discipline. "It's all right if an officer knows his job," says he.

H. ROBBINS, E. ROGERS, and D. RAE have been awarded the Military Cross.

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Colonel W. W. R. WATSON has been created a Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

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Sergeant A. W. W. GRAY was in Egypt when the armistice was signed, and has since returned to Australia.

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Bombardier "DICK" BRAND has returned gassed from the front, and was up at the School a few weeks ago, looking up old pals.

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Captain H. W. JOHNSTONE, M.C., has been mentioned in despatches on five occasions, and was recently decorated with the Croix de Guerre in recognition of an event that occurred in April last. He is a staff officer in the Fifth Brigade, A.I.F.

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Captain E. A. SOUTHEE has sent us a copy of the December issue of the "Dump," the magazine of the 23rd British Division. He is evidently once more with his unit.

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Lieut.-Col. W. E. KAY, D.S.O., is back in Australia. He is an original Anzac, having left Sydney as Captain in the 1st Australian Field Ambulance on September 22, 1914. He was for a long time O.C. of the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance. Prior to enlistment he was acting superintendent of Sydney Hospital.

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Major A. W. DAVIS was welcomed back from the war on the 30th December, 1918, by his fellow officers of the Navigation Department. Captain Cummings, Superintendent of Navigation, presided, and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick spoke in appreciative terms of Major Davis' services. Davis was 21 years of age when the war started. He was the first in the Department to enlist, and is now home on furlough, after serving in Egypt, Gallipoli and France. He has been awarded the Military Cross and the French Croix de Guerre.

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Lieutenant A. W. WHEEN, M.M. (with two bars), has just arrived in Sydney. He was mentioned in despatches some short time ago, and General Sir H. S. Rawlinson referred in a routine order to his gallantry and devotion to duty. He received the Military Medal shortly after his arrival at the front, and last September was seriously wounded by a shot from a German aeroplane. When he enlisted in 1915 he was an Arts student at the University.

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Lieutenant J. F. BACK, who is still in France, has been appointed Master of Science at E.M.H.S.

F. V. MACADAM, who was on the School staff when he enlisted, returned some time ago, and is now doing Medicine at the 'Varsity.

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The "Gazette" statement of the exploit by which Capt. D. W. McCREDIE, A.A.M.C., won his Military Cross is as follows:—For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. His battalion was practically isolated for two days, during which he tended wounded under fire. He continually crossed machine-gun swept spaces, after stretcher-bearers had been shot down, to attend wounded. Throughout he showed untiring energy and devotion to duty, and by his fine conduct saved many lives.

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Stan Robertson (Lieut.), writing 21.1.19—Received yours 25th and 26th October, and was pleased to hear all the news of the Old Boys and for a little of myself. I am at present at a school trying to study for the *Matric.*, but it is so bally cold that it is very hard to do anything except sit round a fire or go and play football. I saw on orders the other night, where Alf King had received his commission. Well, coming down here I went to the Corps Camp at Charleroi, and met Fairlie Paterson, who was also coming down there. So we two, and three others decided to take a bit of a trip, and we took a week over it, and in the process saw "Brussels," "Ghent," "Bruges," "Dunkirk," "Calais," and "Boulogne." We had some time, believe me. One of these days I'll tell you all about it, as it will take too long on paper to write. I have met scores of old School chaps here.

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Lieut. Mario Perryman writes from "Poy," 14.1.19:—Many thanks for greetings and photo received; we are having rather a fine time lately in Belgium. The Belgians are an entirely different lot to the crowd one used to meet round "Ypres" and "Steenvorde," and I have quite overcome the prejudice I once had for them, and am more than contented here. Most of the S.H.S. boys in this Brigade will soon be home on leave, and will include Lieuts. A. A. Coote, M.M.; R. Fitzroy, M.C.; J. Willard, M.C., and Captain H. B. Taylor, M.C. I have been knocking round Belgium since our arrival, and have had some very interesting and instructing tours. "Brussels" is a very fine town, which eclipses "Paris," in my opinion, for gaiety, and runs a good second to it again in architecture and beauty.

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Lieut. Ian Muir, in a letter dated 11.1.19:—Thanks for letter and greetings. I have felt less like letter writing than I did while the fighting was in progress. We are all impatient to be off home, and we are billeted in a tiny little French village, near the Belgian border, with nothing to do and no life in the place. However, I don't think I, at least, will have much longer to wait, as our G.O.C. announced yesterday that all men who enlisted in 1915 would be on

their way home before the end of January, so I hope to be away soon. I had leave to England at the end of October and spent a pleasant holiday with my brother in Devon. Very lately I have had several trips to Belgium, to a large town called Charleroi in order to procure stores for our canteen. Last time I had a flying visit to Brussels, and spent a night there. I did not have any time for sight-seeing, and only saw enough of that fine city to make me want to stay longer and see all the interesting sights.

Pte. "Mick" Henry wrote, 7.12.18, from the town of Grand Fayt, France. Claud's Battalion is billeted in a village ten miles away. He came over on his bike last Sunday and we had the day together, and gave him all the news of S.H.S. boys. Fred Wooten is still going strong in the 55th. We expect to move on about end of December, to the town of "Charleroi"; perhaps into Germany in the New Year, and release the Canadians on garrison work. On January 1st, 1919, I got my Xmas mail on 26th December; 30 letters and yours was there. This year promises to be better than the last. We came up here from Grand Fayt in four days' march, in stages of 12-14, 12 st. 10 miles and all the way were cursed with rottenest of weather; cold winds, rain, hail and sleet, and the mud over our ankles. However, it was worth marching for, since we are very comfortable here, only three miles out of Charleroi, and there is an electric tram passing our billets. Most of us are in private houses, and my cobbler and I are as well off as any of the star artists. We are with an old dame, who can't do too much for us; she even produced *slippers* for us at night.

Gnr. Les. Claremont, writing end of December, 1918, from France:—We have been on the move continually. We were expecting a speedy return home in the signing of the armistice, but instead we have begun a long dreary March into Germany. For six days from before daylight, till long after dark, we were on the road, and both men and animals were about exhausted on arriving here; it was cold, too, and all who could walked. We were resting near Abbeville when marching orders arrived, and once more trekked over the war-worn area that we know so well. Once past the war desert, we entered the country of people who had been prisoners of war for four years. The Huns had overrun the country, and left their marks everywhere. These people have very little in the way of food, and, I believe, are in receipt of army rations. They seem very dull to me, considering the great load that has been lifted off their shoulders, but I suppose they have a lot to get over yet. We are now on the Belgian border, not far on the map from Mons, and after a short rest move on. At present I am dwelling on furlough, and do not know whether I will go to England or Paris; I want to see "Gai Paris" before I return. I see Jimmy Garner fairly often, and gave him the last "Record" you sent over. He has handed it on to Jimmy Oliver in the 4th Howitzer Battery, so all will have a read of it.

Again, on the 8.1.19, Les wrote from Morialine, near Charleroi, Belgium. Your Xmas greeting and letter received. So the 'flu got among the Aussies and laid them low? It is a rotten thing, and went through the troops over here; I was only down four days with it. We are now well into Belgium and are having the time of our lives. We are billeted on Belgian people, two or three in each house. Nearly everybody has a bed, and, believe me, it is great to be able to go below and sit by a fire at night. There are three mademoiselles at the joint where I am staying, and I have to do all the interpreting for the other two here with me, so you can guess what sort of a time I have. We do hardly any work these days, only looking after our horses, watering and feeding three times a day. As a result, have a good deal of spare time which we are contriving to spend as pleasantly as possible at race meetings, boxing, athletics and football. I am going to Brussels on leave, Charleroi. Believe me, there are some towns. Been twice to Charleroi, and had the time of my life. Talk about pretty girls; life here, indeed, is a short one and merry. The Prince of Wales recently inspected all the Australians over here, and yours was one of the 30 capable horsemen chosen to escort him. We had the best horses in the Division, and what with "blanco," brasso," and other polishes, we looked some guys. The mob thought we were M.Ps.

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Lieut. Fairlie Paterson, writing from Lavana, Belgium, 23.12.18:—Just a wee note to say I received your Xmas greetings. Well, we are having a much better Xmas than you would think; the weather is vile, but the quarters are not too bad so, of course, things aren't bad. Am just back from Paris, after splendid ten days. It's *some place*, all the life and gaiety you can want, and also all the beauty in architecture, painting and sculpturing you could wish for. Everything was very gay when Wilson arrived, especially in the Boulevards. Confetti was everywhere, even when you opened your mouth. There was no going where you wanted to, you went where the crowd went to. Won't Xmas 1919 be gay with us all back? Had my fortune told in Paris, and was told I'd be on my way back to Aussie, before six months are up; so that is not bad.

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Lieut. Vic. Paterson wrote 22.12.18:—Very busy, but comfortably quartered in the town of Dinant for Xmas. He met Mulholland in the town looking very fit. Now on 4th Aust. Div., Headquarters.

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Bill Sherwood writes, Dec. 18:—Here we are again; but this time in Thoms, a small town of Syria, on three weeks' furlough. Your Xmas mail arrived and also two "Records," which were particularly good. The day after they came, Mac Culloch blew in on a "car." His soldiering days are done, and we had a good old time and yarn. This place is a healthy spot, and I am feeling very fit.

Also Jan. 16th. 1919:—In receipt of your letter, November 6th, 1918, and it was two months on its way. Do not boost us too much

on our capture of Turkey. No doubt about it, it was a great stunt, and I can tell you we had a hard job to keep the tucker up to the boys, but we did; and I think that the so-called cold-footed A.S.C. have done their share as well as anyone. Now, as you see, we are settled in Thoms, an old Mohammedan town of over 10,000 inhabitants, on the main route between Palestine through Syria to Mesopotamia, via Aleppo, by rail with Beirut, and thus from there we receive our supplies. The weather here is moderate; not much rain, and no so cold as in Palestine. At the present there is little doing, and we ought soon to move on and, if lucky, towards Egypt. Heard old "Flobba" Carter is away back, but we all hope to see all our old pals very soon.

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Lieut. Claude Fuller, 55th Batt., writes, 7.1.19:—I have no idea when I shall be coming home, as I have asked not to be sent straight away. You know undergrads. are supposed to be back by March. I may be sent to France. I am at Loughbridge, Deverill, Wilts, and it is something like Salisbury in the winter; cold, wet, windy, bleak and desolate, and, worst of all, nothing to do. Two roll calls a day and wait for meal time and bed time to come round. The time flies like a tank, and *leave* is conspicuous by the impossibility of getting any.

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Then letter, dated 4.3.19:—I am leading an awfully lazy life; am now in Belgium. No parades, no duties, etc., only exception is two days a week when I take a class in Trigonometry for an hour or so. At present I am trying to get over to an English University, probably Leeds. I had started on this stunt before the scheme for sending undergrads back came into operation, so I decided to stay. I suppose you are welcoming some of the boys back by now, as they are sending them away as fast as they can; but still it will take twelve months before the last lot gets away. Officers are often kept back for duty, so there are 1914-15 men to go yet. Maybe I'll catch a tram from the Quay to the Railway Station very soon now.

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Lieut. Alf King wrote, December 13th, 1918, from Brighton:—Somehow, since the armistice was signed, everything to me seems flat. We have become slack. We do little work; no military study. We seem unsettled. The only thing that matters is Australia, and the only question to which we desire an answer is, "How long before we reach Aussie. again?" When we arrived at this abode of peace early in October, little did we expect to be still in residence here in mid December. But you know the old proverb of proposing and disposing, and again it asserts itself. The first four or five weeks were noted for their enthusiasm. Everyone was keen. Then Fritz "skied the wipe," and suddenly all our enthusiasm faded like cigarette smoke. With cessation of hostilities came indecision as regards our future fate in the Commission Stakes. We are only

little better off now. About a week ago were informed no more commissions were to be granted, save to those people who desired to take up soldiering professionally. There are not many of the swash-buckling order amongst we Aussies, among any in fact, who had experience of the army; its miles of red tape and its many minor annoyances. Yet now the latest rumours emanating from our Headquarters, London, are to the effect that we will be granted honorary commissions at the end of 1918. We are to report to Horseferry Road next week, when vagueness shall be dispelled to the four winds of Heaven, and definitely we can know our future. Personally, I don't care what happens to us, as long as they get us back to the Sunny South at the "Toute de suite."

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Since the armistice was signed, have done little work; football and rides up on the Downs are the main items of attraction. Both are enjoyable. What can better a gallop across the Downs, a keen wind flapping into one's face, the soft turf resounding with the thud of the horses' hoofs, the sea stretching out and away below us, the coastline standing out in clear-cut relief to east and west. I have had about 12 matches with our Brigade Rugger team; all very enjoyable. It was good after three years to be able to draw a jersey over one's head again, and feel the leather oval speeding away from one's foot, and what is still more enjoyable, we have had our full share of victories, winning ten out of twelve matches the team has contested since I have been in it. You will like to hear how we celebrated the armistice at Brighton. The news came through 11 a.m. on the 11th November. We had been waiting expectantly for it, and a crash of cheers along the street outside these barracks was the first announcement. The windows of the munition factories became crowded with cheering, jubilant girls, and the cheers were taken up in the barracks. Everybody were like children. A special parade was called, and the Colonel, after officially announcing the armistice and a half-holiday, called for cheers for everyone and anyone. In the mess huts excitement ran high, and the W.A.A.Cs.' who had after messing arrangements, had dug up a couple of Australian flags, and brave and gay these stood, with their blue background, white stars, and mothering Union Jack on the two tables where we Aussies eat. In the afternoon, three pals and myself took advantage of the holiday to see how the town took the news. Everyone was clean delirious with joy. Flags and bunting hung from every window, across the streets, ninety per cent. wore red, white and blue, the old folks were rejuvenated and grown young in an hour. The young folk just set out to enjoy themselves and celebrate, and they succeeded. I tell you, that afternoon and night were the merriest of my life. Carnival was king, and his word was law. The people were his happy, willing courtiers, worshipping at the Court of Joy, of Dance, of Laughter, of Song, of Happiness. Almost everyone was perhaps a little hysterical to think at last the thing was over, and

through all ran an undercurrent of pride and sadness for those who had gone West in the game. Munition girls, shop girls, V.A.Ds., W.A.A.Cs. danced with soldiers in mid street, along the fine esplanade Brighton boasts. Nobody was a stranger that day! Hail, fellow, well met! was the order, and complete strangers celebrated the occasion as if they were life friends. At night the fun became faster, and more furious. Concerts and dances were organised in the streets and squares by the dozens. From windows lights shone forth exuberantly gleaming out into the darkness of night, as if they themselves were glad to show themselves, without the molestation of a blind. Oh! it was a fine old time, and the revelry continued for the best part of a week; then it quietened and Brighton once more resumed the even tenor of its way. London was even more boisterous, and the scenes witnessed there were absolutely incredulous. I believe, I would have wished myself in Aussie for that day, just to see how our folks took the good news. Convey my kindest regards to all our old pals.

The Magic Vale.

*The ranges framed in solitude sublime,
And, roaming at my will beneath their mists,
I found a vale. 'Twas carpeted with moss,
Whereon lay flannel flowers and violets
In sweet confusion, strewn by faery hands.
There Alsopylla reared her queenly head,
And Waratah gave challenge to the skies,
While sunbeams darted through the canopy
Of golden Wattle, fretted overhead.
And 'neath an arch of weeping willow wrought
The lilting music of a waterfall
Broke the soft silence of the mountain air
Into a wave of silvern harmony,
Which swept a thousand thoughts upon the mind;
Of faeries dancing to those witching strains,
Of love, and life, and joy in living, when
One drinks the cup of Romance to the dregs,
And flings the gauntlet in the teeth of care.
But lo! upon the Western slopes, Day held his court,
Seated upon a throne of daffodil,
Of cream and purple clouds.
"I am not doomed to die," he proudly cried;
A flow of blood gushed sudden from his breast,
And with its lurid glory flushed the sky—
Day fell, and died, and Night did reign supreme.
A little longer did I sit and dream,
Surrounded by the dead thoughts of the day;
But then the nightwind's clammy fingers touched
My face, I fled, half-laughing, half-afraid,
Pursued by the rustling of the trees,
And by the murmur of the waterfall.*

—MALVOLIO.

Plenty of Time.

*Plenty of time—plenty of time!
 Oh, what a foolish and treacherous chime!
 With so much to see, and so much to be taught,
 And the battle with evil each day to be fought;
 With wonders above us, beneath, and around,
 Which sages are seeking to mark and expound;
 With work to be done in our fast passing prime,
 Can ever there be for us "plenty of time?"
 Our schooling at most lasts a few score of years,
 Spent in sunshine or shadow, in smiles or in tears;
 While none are equal, howe'er they be classed,
 And judgments too often are faultily passed.
 'Twixt Eternity past and its future to stand
 Like a child, sea-surrounded, on one speck of land,
 There to work out the duties that make life sublime,
 Oh, surely there cannot be "plenty of time!"*

R.C.M. (2nd year.)

"Lest Auld Acquaintance."

[If any Old Boy deriving pleasure from a chance perusal of these columns, would for a moment reflect that there may be others desirous of ascertaining his whereabouts, or perhaps that of some comrade at School, he should not hesitate to send a short paragraph to the Editor, at the School, or to Mr. J. Parkes, the Union, Sydney University. By so doing he would be assisting to further the chief object for which the Union was brought into existence—that of forging a link between Past and Present.]

G. E. JOHNS (Master, 1915-16) is still guiding the destinies of the Fiji Grammar School. He had a slight attack of influenza, but was convalescent in a week or so.

R. McNIVEN (Master, 1916) is assisting Mr. Johns. He also had an attack of influenza, and was kept in bed for over two months. Gaining sick leave, he has been visiting Sydney, and spent an afternoon at the School a short time back.

E. J. WILSON (Master, 1916), also paid a flying visit to the School. He is in charge of the Department of Modern Languages at Perth University, and, despite long hours, finds the work most congenial.

C. E. FLETCHER (Master, 1911-1917) spends most of his time tearing over Tasmania in a Government car to see to the welfare of his rather scattered flock of Secondary Schools. Those who had the advantage, when at School, of enjoying C.E.F.'s tuition, will know that the schools above-mentioned will have no opportunity of complaining of any lack of energy on the part of their inspector.

W. K. MANTON, our Cup-winner of 1915-16, won an 880 yards East Sydney A.A.C. handicap a few weeks back. "Bill" was placed third in the 880 Championship at the recent Dunn Shield meeting.

A. S. WATT is again coming to the fore in the tennis line. In the City of Sydney's tourney he was placed on scratch in the Singles Handicap, and won through to the final.

J. BOGLE, holder of the School's batting averages for 1909-1910, has made over 1000 runs this season in First Grade Cricket, a performance only equalled by Victor Trumper and J. R. M. Mackay. He played for N.S.W. in the interstate match in January in the second innings scoring 148. a marvellous performance for



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J. BOGLE (Our Varsity and Interstate Batsman)

any player in his first big match. He plays for Varsity 1st XI., his average being a little over 100 runs per innings. He is a very sound field. Bogle, by the way, is also a notable performer in Rugby, baseball and tennis. He is at present taking the Fifth Degree course in Medicine.

P. S. HUNT, L.S., at one time President of the O.B.U., is now estate agent for railways and superintendent of railway refreshment rooms.

J. MACKINTOSH is chief cashier of the A.B.C. Bank.

G. C. SAXBY, B.A., has been appointed Headmaster of Newcastle High School. For the past four years he has been Headmaster of E.M.H.S.

Speech Day.

Speech Day took place last year on the 12th of December, in the Main Hall. On the platform were the Minister for Education (the Hon. A. G. F. James), Mr. H. L. McLelland, the new Headmaster (Mr. C. R. Smith), Mr. E. J. Hooke (Pres., O.B.U.), and Mr. Fairland.

The Acting Headmaster, Mr. W. A. Moore, presented his annual report. He said the enrolment of pupils during the first quarter of the year was 401, in the last quarter 390. From the School, 88 pupils went up for the Intermediate Certificate, and 90 for the Leaving Certificate—record numbers. Last year 75 per cent. of the candidates for the Intermediate passed, and for the Leaving there were 43 passes out of 52 candidates. On the Honour Board of the School there were now over 400 names of boys—Old Boys—and between 30 or 40 names had been recently added. He stressed the fact that it was the policy of the School, if a boy were leaving and had a fair chance to pass either exam., he was allowed to sit.

Mr. James, who was making his first visit to the School, stated that he intended to sell the present High School for girls, if his colleagues in the Ministry would allow him, and apply the proceeds to the erection of schools at Moore Park. He expected to be able to allow the School about three acres for sports purposes, so that ovals and tennis courts could be constructed. The new school building would cost something over £40,000. Amplifying the announcement, he said: "If the public of New South Wales expect our educational system to progress, in the way it should, it will have to fill the coffers of the Department, and keep them full." He also paid a tribute to the work of the late Headmaster.

Mr. Moore then introduced the new Headmaster, who told us that he had been a master at the School years before, and so claimed to know as much about it as any of us. He had always felt that the headmastership of the Sydney High School was the "blue ribbon" of the New South Wales educational circle, and he had never thought that he would be selected to fill this position. As a friend of the three former Headmasters, he would try to follow worthily in their footsteps.

Our old friend, Mr. McLelland, spoke a few words, and Mr. Hooke presented the John Waterhouse Prize and the Old Boys' Prize to the winner, F. S. Bradhurst.

Mr. Steele brought along an orchestra from the Conservatorium, and led the singing of the School song, the National Anthem, etc.

Mr. Leaver presented the annual report of the S.H.S.U., and commented on our improved record in G.P.S. sports. In High

Schools' sport we had taken part in five premierships contests, being premiers in Soccer, cricket, and athletics, and scoring second place in swimming and tennis.

The morning's proceedings were concluded by the presentation of sport and Form prizes to the lucky winners.

Morace's Odes, I. 38.—A Translation.

*Oh boy, I loathe this Persian show;
Come! let the linden garlands go;
Nor in thy zeal for beauty dare
To pluck the year's last rose.*

*I wish thee not, with anxious care,
To add fresh charms to the myrtle fair.
Doth joy me as I drink below
The shade the thick vine throws.*

Examination Results, 1918.

Leaving Certificate.

HONOUR LIST.

English—II.: W. M. Byrne, F. J. Howell, F. Lions, J. A. Vote, F. Simpson, W. Hyde, F. E. Stayner, F. S. Bradhurst, R. V. Edwards.

Latin—II.: R. V. Edwards (14th place).

French—I.: F. C. Bryant (2nd place).

History—II.: R. V. Edwards, A. G. Shand, C. E. Tressider, A. G. Madew, O. F. Wallace.

Mathematics—II.: F. Lions, A. Denning, H. H. R. Mortley.

Physics—I.: F. Lions (2nd place). II.: D. J. Vernon, F. Simpson.

Chemistry—I.: F. Lions (1st place), H. G. Pyke (3rd place).

F. Lions gained a University Bursary.

Exhibitions were awarded as follows:—

In Arts—F. C. Bryant, R. V. Edwards, G. A. S. Smith

In Medicine—E. Baxter, J. Boag, P. C. Dowe, F. Howell, R. V. Rickard, F. E. Stayner.

In Science—F. Lions, H. G. Pyke.

In Veterinary Science—W. M. Byrne.

In Economics—O. F. Wallace.

In Engineering—A. Denning, H. H. Mortley, D. Vernon.

F. C. Bryant gained first place in the examination for Cadet Draughtsman.

Training College Scholarships were awarded to the following:—J. F. Boag, L. E. Foley, T. H. Harrison, C. Cash, H. Green, M. Coote, F. Simpson, V. W. Hyde, R. P. Ford, J. Payten, S. Schnich, L. Wilson, A. S. Madew, T. E. Beresford.

Passes.

Key.—(1) English, (2) Latin, (3) French, (4) German, (5) Mathematics I., (6) Mathematics II., (7) Mechanics, (8) Modern History, (9) Ancient History, (10) Physics, (11) Chemistry, (14) Geography, (17) English and Geography for Engineering Matriculation, (18) Business Principles, (19) Economics, (22) Greek, (25) Shorthand. The sign (x) denotes honours in Mathematics.

Baxter, E. J.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 7A, 10B, 11B.

Beresford, T. E.—1B, 2B, 3A, 5B, 6B, 8B.

Berglund, C. P.—1B, 11B, 14B, 18B, 19B, 25B.

Beveridge, A. R.—1B, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7B.

Boag J. G.—1B, 2A, 4A, 5B, 6B, 7B, 10A, 11B.

Broadhurst, F. S.—1H, 5A, 6B, 7B, 8A, 10A, 11L.
 Brinsley, C. H.—1B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 10B, 11B.
 Browne, V. C.—1B, 5B, 7A, 8B, 11L.
 Bryant, F. C.—1B, 2A, 3H, 5A, 6A, 7A, 9L, 11B, 17 pass.
 Byrne, W. M.—1H, 2B, 5B, 8A, 9B.
 Byrnes, J. M.—1B, 3B, 5B, 7B, 8A, 10L.
 Caldwell, R. J.—5B, 6B, 7B, 8A.
 Cash, C. R.—1B, 5B, 6B, 8A, 11B, 14B, 19A.
 Chapman, F. M.—3B, 5B, 6A, 7B.
 Chowne, W. O.—3B, 5B, 6A, 7B.
 Coote, M. M.—1B, 2B, 8B, 9B, 22L.
 Denning, A.—1B, 4B, 5A (x), 6A, 7A, 10B, 11B, 18 pass.
 Dowe, P. C.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 8A, 11B.
 Edwards, B. V.—1H, 2H, 3A, 6B, 8H, 9B.
 Elliot, W. J.—1B, 3B, 5B, 8A, 11B.
 Foley, L. E. J.—1A, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 7B, 8A.
 Ford, R. P.—1B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8A.
 Green, H. J.—1B, 5B, 8B, 19B.
 Harris, C. W.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B.
 Harrison, T. H.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 7B.
 Howell, F. J.—1H, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 8B, 10B.
 Hirst, C. N.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B.
 Hyde, V. W.—1H, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 8A, 10B.
 Jaede, H. W.—3B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 11B.
 Lewis, S. P.—1B, 2L, 5B, 6B, 8B, 10B, 11B.
 Lions, F.—1H, 2B, 5A (x), 6A (x), 10H, 11H.
 Madew, A. S.—1B, 5B, 8H, 9B.
 Magee, C. P.—3B, 5B, 6B, 8B, 10B, 11A.
 McIntyre, J. H.—5B, 6B, 7B, 10B.
 Morris, G. B.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 8B, 11L.
 Mortley, H. H. R.—1B, 3L, 3A, 5A, 6A (x), 7B, 10A, 11B, 17 pass.
 Oag, J. C.—1E, 5B, 6B, 7B.
 O'Donnell, T.—1B, 2B, 5B, 6A, 7B, 8B, 10B, 11B, 17 pass.
 Payten, J. N.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 8A, 11B.
 Pye, E.—1B, 5B, 8A, 9B.
 Pyke, H. G.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 7B, 10A, 11H, 17 pass.
 Rawle, S. L.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 10B, 11L.
 Rickard, R. V.—1B, 2B, 3A, 5A, 6A, 8A, 10A, 11B.
 Schnich, S. E.—1B, 2B, 3B, 8A, 11B.
 Shand, A. G.—1A, 3B, 8H, 11L.
 Sharpe, W. A.—5B, 6B, 7B, 10A, 17 pass.
 Simpson, F.—1H, 2A, 3B, 5B, 6A, 10H, 11B.
 Smith, G. A. S.—1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 7B, 8A, 9B.
 Sorenson, A.—1B, 5B, 6B, 8B, 14B, 18B, 19A, 25B.
 Stayner, F. E.—1H, 2B, 3B, 5B, 8B, 11L.
 Steigrad, J.—1B, 2B, 3B, 8B.
 Stonham, R. M.—1B, 2B, 5B, 6B, 8B, 11B.
 Thomas, G. H. H.—1L, 2B, 3A, 5B, 8B, 10L.
 Tressider, C. E.—1R, 2B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 8H, 10B, 11B.
 Vernon, D. J.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6B, 7B, 10H, 11B, 17 pass.
 Vote, J. A.—1H, 3A, 5B, 6B, 7B.
 Wallace, O. F.—1B, 2B, 3B, 6B, 8H, 10B, 11B.
 Watt, A. S.—1B, 2B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8A.
 Webb, S. G.—1A, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 8A.
 Wilson, L. P.—1B, 2L, 5B, 6B, 7B, 1B.

Matriculation.

At the March matriculation examination the following also matriculated :—

For Medicine and Science—J. A. Vote.

For Arts, Law, Medicine and Science—A. S. Watt, W. O. Chowne, V. Longford.

For Arts and Science—R. S. Corish, A. Madew.

For Science—F. S. Bradhurst, C. Magee.

For Engineering—J. C. Oag.

Intermediate Certificate.

Key—(1) English, (2) History, (3) Geography, (4) Mathematics I., (5) Mathematics II., (6) Latin, (7) French, (8) German, (11) Elementary Science, (14) Business Principles, (22) Greek, (23) Shorthand, (19) Art.

Names.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	13	14	22	23	19
Abbott..	B	B	B	B	A	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..
Adam ..	B	A	B	A	A	..	..	B	..	B	..	..	..	..
Alexander ..	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..
Austin..	..	A	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..
Avenell ..	B	B	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bedford ..	B	B	..	B	..	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bentley ..	B	A	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	..	B	..	B	..
Bloomfield ..	B	B	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	..	..
Breakwell ..	B	B	A	B	B	..	B	..	..	B	B	..	B	..
Brennan ..	B	A	A	B	A	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..
Brown ..	A	..	..	..	B	A	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burt ..	A	A	A	B	A	..	..	..	..	B	B	..	A	..
Burton ..	B	A	..	B	A	A	B	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Butt ..	..	B	..	..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Clifton ..	B	B	..	B	A	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Colefax ..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Coote ..	B	B	..	B	A	A	..	..	B	..	..	A	..	..
Cormack ..	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..
Crane ..	..	B	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..
Crogan ..	..	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Davidson ..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	..	..	..
Davies..	B	A	..	..	B	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Digby ..	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Emmerton ..	..	B	..	A	A	..	B	..	..	..	B	..	..	..
Foott ..	B	B	A	B	B	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..
Fortescue ..	B	A	..	..	B	A	..	B	A	..	..	..	..	..
Foster ..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	..	..	..
Fraser ..	B	B	..	B	B	A	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Fyfe ..	B	B	A	A	B	..	..	..	..	B	A	..	B	..
Gelling ..	A	A	..	B	B	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Gibson ..	B	A	..	B	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Grainger ..	A	A	..	B	A	A	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Grantham ..	B	B	..	B	A	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Guthrie ..	B	B	B	B	B	..	..	..	B	B	..	B	..	..
Kirkpatrick ..	..	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Laing ..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Lieberman ..	B	..	..	B	A	A	..	..	A	..	..	B	..	..
Lumley ..	B	B	..	B	A	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Macnamara ..	B	B	B	B	A	..	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..
Markham ..	..	B	..	B	B	..	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Maxwell ..	B	A	..	..	B	A	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
McIntyre ..	A	..	..	A	A	A	B	..	B	..	..	B	..	..
More ..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Mutton ..	B	B	..	B	A	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	B	..
Neate ..	..	..	..	A	A	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Nolan ..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
O'Connor ..	..	B	..	B	B	A	..	B	B	..	..	..	..	..
O'Neil ..	B	A	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orith ..	B	B	..	B	A	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Pike ..	B	B	..	..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Porter, Alfred ..	B	..	..	B	B	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Porter, Leslie ..	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Rawle ..	B	..	..	B	B	A	..	B	B	..	B	..	..	..
Roberts ..	B	..	..	B	..	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Robertson ..	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..	..

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE—CONTINUED.

Names.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	13	14	22	23	19
Rogers..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Rose	B	..	B	A	B	..	..	A	..	..	..	..	..
Salmon	..	A	..	..	B	B	..	B	A	..	..	A	..	..
Saunders	..	B	..	..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Sawtell	..	B	A	B	B	B	..	B	..	B	B	..	B	..
Segal	B	..	..	B	A	A	B	..	A	..	B	..	..
Sheather	B	B	B	A	..	..	..	..	B	..	..	..
Simpson	..	B	B	..	B	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Stening	..	B	..	..	B	A	A	B	..	A	..	A	..	..
Stevens	..	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Stevenson	..	B	B	..	B	B	..	..	B	..	..	..	..	..
Wake	B	B	..	B	A	B	..	B	B	..	..	..	..
Williams	..	B	B	B	..	B	..	..	..	A	..	..	..	..
Willmott	..	B	B	..	A	A	A	B	..	A	..	..	..	..
Wonders	..	B	B	..	B	B	A	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wood	B	A	..	B	A	B	..	B	..	..	..	..	..

The Journey.

The last long look at familiar surroundings;
 The red road winding lazily through an expanse of
 Shimmering thistles;
 The buggy slowly jolting on its way;
 The train crawling through the cuttings;
 The change at the junction;
 The refreshment stations;
 The interminable rush through inky darkness;
 The loss of all sense of direction;
 The gum trees, standing gaunt and ghost-like
 In the grey light before the dawn;
 The raucous bellowing of Strathfield porters;
 The arrival at the "Central";
 Home—and bed.

Sunrise on the Blue Mountains.

*The eastern sky is paled with stealing light,
 And one by one the stars fade in a gray
 Chill sky, and with the first far-creeeping ray
 The gray is flecked with pink. Aurora bright
 Opes wide the Gates of Dawn. The hosts of Night
 Are routed, and bright Phoebus on his way
 'Gins climb the sky, the king of a new day,
 And with his arrows puts the mists to flight.
 Lo, look around where his first rays have kissed
 Each little silver spray of falling dew,
 Or where the low-lying blanket of the mist
 Has lifted and exposed unto our view
 High buttress'd cliffs that Dore might have known,
 Or where the Titans were to Tart'rus thrown.*

G.T.M.

Form Notes.

IV. A.—We have now entered upon what is, for most of us, our fifth year, since this class, the elite of Fourth Year, is composed almost entirely of old-timers, boys who are doing their fourth year a second time. Some of us failed to secure the desired matric., and the others, for various reasons, did not sit for the Leaving last year. We have in our ranks some noted sportsmen, such as Jock, Arthur G., Ken Mac, Paton J., Ginger and Gladstone, whom we expect to see "create a stir" (as Georgius saith in his "Essay of Sport"). The captain of the 1st XI., the Editor of the "Record," and other celebrities adorn our room, and we also have the majority of prefects, 7 out of 13. We now take this opportunity of congratulating our former school fellows who were successful in the recent Leaving and Matric., especially those who won exhibitions or bursaries, and above all F. Lions, who obtained the best pass from the School. The tranquillity of our Maths. lessons is invariably disturbed by a conversation between McSweeney and McTavish, carried on in their native Gaelic, and McTavish disturbs hallowed atmosphere of the English lesson to such extent that the class, and even a certain master, earnestly desire that he should speak English. In conclusion, we take the opportunity of welcoming our new Head, Mr. C. R. Smith, M.A., and we sincerely hope that our first and only year under him will be one of harmony and fellowship (?).

IV. B.G.—It is with feelings of great trepidation that we begin our fourth year, for we are once again worshipping the god "Fag," whose acquaintance we renewed after a year's sojourn in that paradise known as Third Year.

Of our success in sport we will say nothing, for as yet some of our members have not had the opportunity of displaying their abilities, while the remainder, we are sorry to say, have no intention of doing so.

For IV. B. has the unenviable reputation of being the worst Fourth Year class. Probably the worst Fourth Year class that has passed through the School. A rather sweeping statement to make, but the truth. The conduct of the majority (the majority, mind) of its members would shame a First Year form.

Of school spirit, most of them possess none. Some of them have not yet realised, after three years, what the School means to them. Their interest in the various School institutions is half-hearted.

With the exception of about a dozen, the interest shown in sport is nil. In fact, the majority come to School solely to improve their knowledge, the primary consideration certainly; but the development of character, of personality, of physical fitness, is set at naught.

IV. C.—It has been said that school life is the most important phase in a boy's career, and it is just now, when we are drawing near the end of our school days, that we are beginning to realise this statement. It is now when we are beginning to realise the real attraction of school life that we pause to reflect on the three or four years which we have spent in the old School. When we think of all the men who have gone before us, many of whom have given their lives for King and Country, we are impressed with the seriousness of our fourth year at school.

Therefore, it is with great disappointment that we review our class. Certainly we have some of the foremost sports of the School. We have 4 1st XI. men, the best 100yds. swimmer, and several others, but there are many who do not grasp the full meaning and significance of being a member of Fourth Year. Instead of conducting themselves with dignity, as Fourth Year should do, they spend their time in playing frivolous games, and lurk about the classroom, flinging chalk, etc. They do not know the meaning of school spirit. One of them, who is looked upon as one of the foremost of their section of the class, chose rather to go to detention than to go to sport. This speaks for itself. It is to be hoped that a radical change will take place in the future.

III. B.G.—Despite the month's extra holiday, which we were reluctantly (?) forced to take owing to the influenza outbreak, we are again in full swing with our studies (?). III B. is now composed of old II. A.C. boys, old II. B. boys, and a number of recruits from Cleveland-street. Naturally this combination towers over III. A., both in academics and sport. Burt, of the commercial section, obtained the highest pass in the School in the recent "Inter." A few of our boys liked the second week of the "Inter.," especially those who sat at Fort-street. The old combination, "Cormack-namara," is again back to school, and may be found in the back seat, where it is "making itself a nuisance." By the way, we must congratulate Burt on being elected to a prefectship.

In sport we have representatives in all three grades of cricket, and our swimming enthusiasts are—well, we hide our blushes!

Our text-books have at last arrived, so we may settle down to work or otherwise (mostly otherwise).

In conclusion, we join with other classes in welcoming our Head, Mr. Smith, to the School.

III. A.G.—Of course, we're in Third Year, even though young "Skeeter" Avenel and "Linny" Redshaw are under the minimum height for the "insect handicap" at the swimming carnival. I

Having successfully negotiated the preliminary difficulties of First and Second Years, we await with some trepidation, we must confess, the sterner issues and weightier responsibilities we bear as seniors.

Comprising the elite of 1918 Second Year, with the addition of "Heenzo" and that old-timer, Robert C. C., noted for his appetite for work (?), III A.G. contains the cream of the aristocracy of S.H.S.—in our own estimation, at all events. The School, as a whole, recognised this fact when the election for prefects took place, and the class takes this opportunity of congratulating S. M. Willmott upon his selection. "Willy" has the entire confidence of the class, and he will, we are sure, justify the confidence which has been placed in him.

Furthermore, "Willy," "Ray Neate," and "Bruce Ulysses" daily dispense "chesters" to an unsuspecting public whose gastronomic desires overrule their prudence. Query, "Is Neate's rate of growth inversely proportional to the tuck shop's profits?" Of course, no committee could be complete without our versatile friend, "Splinter," and it is to be hoped that his "loquacious propensities" will be heard to effect on the library committee, on which he, as sub. sec., ably assists K. Grainger, another one of our leading lights.

Matthew Arnold would be considerably annoyed if he had heard one budding aspirant for academic honours interpret his beautiful simile, wherein he likens his father to a "spreading oak," by saying Dr. Arnold was "like a broody hen over a clutch of chicks," and "Dad" is still wondering why we smiled.

Upon hearing that the lunch of the Romans consisted of fruit only, our thoughts turned to Mr. —, and we wonder whether he is a reincarnated Tullius Cicero.

The question opens up an interesting field of theosophical research.

A gem of Gaelic wit in the maths. class: A certain boy was asked what was his name. When he had unburdened of his ancestral patronymic, he was met with the question, "Are you any relation to the other Coote?"

He is so small that we almost overlooked him, but we must congratulate "Flea" Bain upon his elevation to the peerage—at least we mean his inclusion in the 1st XI., and upon his fine performance against "Ig's" and "King's," the latter especially, where he made top score. Well done, "Flea," old man, and may you be a worthy successor to the illustrious "Waller."

We have lost several of our "head serangs"—"Skinny" Gibson, Cutler, "Artful Alfred," otherwise Titch Porter, and "Rosie," and we wish them success in their commercial activities. However, despite our loss, we still have hopes of a distinguished career, and mould our careers with that end in view.

II. A.G.—We are now firmly established upstairs, and we keenly appreciate the difference in the change of atmosphere—literal

and figurative—for we no longer have the opportunity of having the various noises and odours of a wool-dyeing works, to say nothing of a foundry, still further impressed our minds. Although now in the comparative quiet and rest of No. 7, we are occasionally entertained by the discordant voice of a steam saw, which, we may say, has suffered considerably as a consequence of the oil shortage.

This year we intend to uphold the traditions of II. A.G., a class noted for its fine sporting qualities. We have high hopes of accomplishing this during the coming year, with the aid of the "Bull" and the "Panther," who frequently stood in the limelight last year on account of their abilities to "collar" in "Rugger."

The 'flu has not made its appearance in No. 7 as yet, although a number of us live in close proximity to those unfortunates who were selected by the flu germs as pleasant abodes. This for "bodes" disaster, but we can face this with a bold front so long as masks remain in vogue, which tend to serve a double purpose—catching germs and shielding the wrong doing of hungry and talkative youths.

We regret the absence of two who were highly appreciated in our midst, Mr. Foote and Mr. Castlemaine, but we do not intend to underrate the efforts of Mr. Outen and Mr. Larum, their worthy successors, whom we heartily welcome among the number of our teachers.

II. B.G.—Most of our number consists of last year's Remove. The rest consists of some old Second Year chaps, some of the bright (?) lights of I. A.G., and a few from other schools. One of the latter has already passed the "Inter."

As for our scholastic attainments, our strong (?) point is Geometry, as Mr. L——r will confirm. Our French homework is "exceptionally good," and we have probed some of the mysteries of Cicero's "Orations in Catilinam."

A certain member of our form seems to have been alarmed at the sudden increase of 'flu cases, as he had his nose and mouth covered by a nice clean (?) handkerchief during a somewhat crowded Scripture class.

II. R.G.—Again we grace the pages of the "Record." Remove General is composed of two old First Year classes, viz., I. A. and I. B. We are IT at sport, for do we not possess two third-graders in cricket?

The old saying, "Union is Strength," may rightly be applied to II. R.G. on account of the great victory over I. A. in cricket. We lost the match against II. R.C., owing to our captain (?) trying to catch the balls off the ground.

The Teamster.

*Toiling along the hill side, where ne'er a man is met
The rolling waggon rumbles, with a team that's bathed in sweat,
And the noble horses struggle, and to the tug they strain,
With a creaking of the harness and a jingling of each chain.*

*The bronzed and hardy teamster looks at the rising steam
And he loves and feels a pride in the horses of his team;
For there's Bess, the near-side leader, and the other twelve behind,
And no other team is like them in all the land, you'll find.*

*Mac's travelled from the Murray to the swamps of wild Barcoo,
And across the plain to Walgett, and from Bourke to Barwon too,
When King Summer has been reigning, and no water to be seen,
His grit and pluck have saved him, and, by trusting in his team,*

*He has crossed the level plainland when the floods were axle-deep,
When the trees stood out like islands, and bent to the water's sweep,
But his horses struggled through it, and won to the further side
Through the swirl of rushing waters, where no horsemen dared to ride.*

*And, at night, when the camp fire's burning, and the billy's on the boil,
When horse and man are resting from a weary day of toil,
When the stars shine out in splendour, and the air has lost its heat,
Then he hears the horses feeding and the trampling of their feet.*

F.J.G.

S.H.S. Amateur Dramatic Society.

The S.H.S. Amateur Dramatic Society made its first public appearance in 1909, when a Gilbert and Sullivan opera was produced. The audience included the Minister for Education, and members of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, which was at that time in Sydney.

The following year this Society attempted to produce further Gilbert and Sullivan operas, but was prevented owing to the lack of time.

Interest in the Society then lapsed until 1917, when Mr. C. E. Fletcher, M.A., attempted to restore it in status quo. However, Mr. Fletcher's health was such that he was unable to give the Society much attention, and the movement fell through.

In 1918, however, the Society once more came into its own at the instigation of Mr. H. W. Moffitt, M.A., under whose able direction it prospered greatly. It was proposed that we should produce the Shakespearean play, "Twelfth Night," and rehearsals were immediately begun under Mr. Moffitt's supervision.

Many difficulties were encountered. But the greatest was experienced by those taking the female parts. The attempt of one of our loud-voiced members to imitate the dulcet tones of the fair Olivia could hardly be called a success.

However, this difficulty was overcome through the agency of Mr. A. G. Steel, to whom we are most grateful for the assistance

he rendered us. Mr. Steel secured for us the co-operation of Miss Rose Seaton, teacher of elocution at the Conservatorium, and her pupils.

It was a rather nervous crowd of would-be actors that assembled at the Conservatorium one early October afternoon for the first rehearsal. However, the bright manner of Miss Rose Seaton soon put us at our ease, and benefiting by the experience we had gained under Mr. Moffitt's coaching, we soon began to make rapid progress under her careful tuition.

Then came the work of organising the recital, and with regard to this we wish to thank Mr. J. Smairl (hon. secretary) and Mr. H. W. Moffitt (hon. organiser), for they were responsible for the complete success of the arrangements.

The recital took place on the 3rd of December, and was an absolute success. St. James' Hall was filled to overflowing with an appreciative audience, comprised mostly of school pupils.

The performance passed off without a hitch, and the scenes taken from "Twelfth Night" and "As You Like It" were well received.

The following is an extract from the report of the recital in the "Daily Telegraph" of Dec. 4th:—

"The interpretations, taking the ages of the members of the cast into consideration, were uniformly good. Here and there the work was quite excellent. The costuming was thoroughly in the picture, and all the performers had evidently been well coached in the matter of gesture and stage business generally."

We again have to thank Mr. Steel and those members of the State Conservatorium who so kindly consented to provide the incidental music.

The fame of the S.H.S. Amateur Dramatic Society has been made. It is yet to be seen whether the present Third Year will attempt to add to the glory of what promises to be one of the most popular institutions of the School.

M.W.F.

On the Editor's Table.

PRIZES.

Should Form Prizes be Given?

Last year a large sum of money was thus expended. One boy was presented with a prize, though he went for no exam. He was top of a Greek class, consisting of 5 boys. 5/6 given for that; not even awarded for a school exam.

Should Form Prizes be Awarded?

They were instituted in 1913 or 1914, as will be proved by referring to the *Records* of that time. Often the boy who gains them deserves least of the School. While others have been working for it, he has been fagging, and ten times out of eleven his "crammed" knowledge goes to pieces in public exams.

M. N. T.

THE O.B.U.

To the Editor of "The Record."

Sir,—What of the Old Boys' Union these days? What is it doing to justify its existence? It is supposed to promote comradeship amongst ex-students, and to encourage a continued interest in the School on the part of those who have studied within its walls. But can it claim to do either of these things? I believe the O.B.U. does little else than give a superfluous prize at Christmas, and promote an annual cricket and football match with present students. Now, these are very small and trifling things, for prizes for success in school studies are an educational abomination, and their complete abolition would be a grand thing; the sporting fixtures, too, arouse very little interest amongst present students, and of the Old Boys, few others than a small number of 'Varsity "Freshers" ever take the trouble to attend. It is quite clear that, as it stands at present, the O.B.U. could well be disbanded. But cannot a change for the better be brought about? Cannot the O.B.U. set out firstly to enrol hundreds of men who should belong to it, and then to do something really big and useful—something which will affect all future students of our School, and every other School? Let it set out to effect the complete reformation of our present educational system, which, based as it is on examination results, deadens 95 intellects for 5 that it stimulates. This is a serious charge to make, but it is supported by the best thinkers on education in every country. Individuality is almost completely ignored, the healthy physical development of our youth is being impeded and neglected; too much has to be learnt in a given time; the examiner rules with a rod of iron, with the result that the teacher's personality has little scope—in short, our schools, instead of being nurseries of Nature's tenderest and most complex product—the mind of the child—are hot-beds of gradgrindism, mere job-getters for the product of an intellectual sausage-machine. We are as far from the educational ideals of Froebel, Pestalozzi or Madame Montessori as the North Pole is from the South. Further, it is now generally recognised that true mind-training for the individual is the sole hope of civilisation. The problems left us by the war can be solved only by a people which is sanely educated. In the future the teacher will be the saviour of society, and society will get the teacher it wants. Hence society will have to understand the meaning of the word "education," which at present it does not. The average person one meets knows nothing whatever about the intellectual needs of himself or his children. He may think a little about food for the body, but food for the mind never worries him. Now here is where the O.B.U. could do a great work. Let every member pledge himself to become a serious student of the most vital question of the day—education. Let him procure works on the subject from our libraries and bookshops, and let him talk to his friends about his new ideas, so that the O.B.U. may become a radiating centre for sound educational ideas. Let regular meetings be held, at which debates and lectures on education could be heard. It would be a fine thing if our O.B.U. could be known on account of such activities. Often our daily papers and magazines contain letters and articles dealing with various aspects of education. It would be an inspiring thing to our present students if these often false publications could be answered effectively in a letter over the signature of our President or Secretary. This might inspire other Old Boys' Unions to do likewise, and so an atmosphere of educational reform could be created amongst the community's "intellectuals," with the grandest possible results. These are just a few random suggestions; many others might be made, but the chief thing is to make the first determination. The right ideal will induce right action, and nothing creates comradeship quicker than the common pursuit of what is noble. If we remember that civilisation has now entered upon a quite new phase, which will bring either chaos or rapid and splendid social progress, we are bound to do something to help future generations to feel, understand and act aright during a period of the severest testing.—I am, etc.,

AN OLD BOY.



By courtesy of the "Education Gazette."

LIEUTENANT V. J. FREWIN (Killed in Action).

SCHOOL BADGES—THE LIBRARY.

To the Editor, "S.H.S. Record."

Sir,—A few days ago I learnt, by accident, that the old, defunct Fourth Year Badge was still being offered for sale at a certain shop. Further, a new design for a Fourth Year Badge had been lodged with the firm. Evidently there is something wrong somewhere. It is now 18 months since this badge was cut out, and still we find it being offered for sale, and even a new one making its appearance. This matter should be seen to at once. There is not, and never has been, any need for a Fourth Year Badge. It tends to divide the School, and to give it the appearance of two schools instead of one. If Fourth Year are not content to wear the School Badge, they are not worthy to be counted as belonging to it. This matter should be seen to at once. Another matter, Mr. Editor, is the library. Half the books in it are not suited to be in a school library, and are never taken out. Many others are falling to pieces, but are still left on the shelves. It is to be hoped that a general "spring cleaning" may take place in the library this year, and so make it an institution worthy of the good old School.—Yours, etc.,

A. T. HARVEY.

SCHOOL BLAZERS.

To the Editor, "S.H.S. Record."

Sir,—I would like to draw attention to a matter which needs attention. As matters stand at present, only members of the School who have achieved distinction in some branch of sport can wear any distinguishing mark upon their blazer. Thus there are a certain percentage only who can avail themselves of this privilege. What, then, is there to distinguish an S.H.S. boy from any other school save by the colour? And that is hardly sufficient. Our School crest could be reserved for the "colour men," and the ordinary School badge or scroll would be quite sufficient for the rank and file. Or, failing that, the right to wear the letters S.H.S. on the blazer pocket would be quite sufficient. To cite a concrete example: Newington and Riverview allow the ordinary boys a privilege in this matter. And why shouldn't we?

I hope, sir, that this matter will receive the publicity it deserves, and that this "defect" will be ultimately remedied. Thanking you, etc.—I remain, etc.,

L.P.

University Letter

Without having any distinct recollection of things that were in the present tense, some four or five months ago, the writer has an unpleasantly persistent impression that his last letter was in some way connected with clocks: clocks generally in their relation to the metaphysical fictions of time and eternity; University clocks more especially with reference to the light they shed on the University's pompous claims to hand down the age-old lamps. Since then, he was driven to so desperate a resource at the end of a term, quite as crowded with interest as an academic term usually is, he must surely be excused, if, at the end of four blank months of the Long Vacation (the capitals are intentional, for the institution is one to be venerated), he finds himself driven to worse extremes; and indeed there are few things of more intense interest to the undergrad than Time, of which clocks are but the indecent reminder.

At school, working to a programme which makes fairly complete provision for the best hours of the day, and thoughtfully leaves a gap in the middle just sufficient for the quelling of hunger and the development of indigestion, one is apt to think of the University as

a place where, whatever else may prove irksome, time, at least, is a mere incident; a kind of inevitable but in no way aggressive background. The reverse, unfortunately, holds good. Every year is a fresh battle between time and the student; and always the battle follows the same general lines. For the first half of the year the student seems to have killed time, and to be living truly in eternity; in the remaining half, time, with its dreadful skill in shortening the days before the exam., has its revenge, and, as often as not, kills the student, or at best mangles him most pitifully, and leaves him to begin next year's battle, with the sure and certain knowledge that he is to be the loser. It is to be noted as an anomaly that the foregoing does not apply to Law students, who are one and all the most abandoned eaters of the lotus—but their case is a special one, and calls for fuller notice than one can afford it here; perhaps later—

But all that is dreary and unprofitable pessimism, with a new year waiting like some rare dish for the carving of gods. And 1919 has even in the academic line many interesting possibilities, and one or two problems needing solution: of which the most pressing indubitably is the unparalleled rushing of the professions. Medicine is squeezing two or three hundred into its first year; in Law the freshers are sitting in the aisles and on the window sills, packed so tightly that half the time they are writing their notes in the book of their neighbour; other professional schools are similarly congested, and even the Vet. School is waiting anxiously for another horse or two, that the incoming students may flesh their virgin blades therein. The ultimate results of all this are largely problematical: we may yet have doctors consulting for a shilling an hour, and forming unions and being the lowest class in the community. The immediate object will certainly be a tremendous struggle for existence in the exams—and that will be rather a tragic matter, whose effects will be felt in every sphere of University life. A struggle for a prize has its points, and may even be interesting—to the winner—but a struggle for life is another matter.

But for the moment it is that other side of University life which is engaging most attention; with the world recovered from its long spree, we, at the least, need waste no time in the morning-after stage. We, at the least, may rejoice, and we of the University truly intend to rejoice and be glad—which expanded and expounded means that we are once more to have procession and reunion—dances and riots and rags—all that did in the years “ante bellum” make of the undergrad a type apart—an educated larrikin, if you will, or an overgrown kid—but better in the eyes of you who are young, as I also am young—a Peter Pan—an adult who has not lost the semi-divine faculty of making a fool of himself, and, from his vantage ground, returning the world's jeering laughter full in its wrinkled face.

For, in all this exuberance of spirit and act that one associates with the word undergrad, there is something tremendously significant; and if the Worldly Wisemen could but realise it, books of

high philosophy might take it as their text, and show that true knowledge preserves youth. Nothing ever grows old till development has ceased: no leaf ever rots while it is growing, and no man can be anything but a boy while he is absorbing knowledge. Note well that this has no reference to knowledge that we acquire and can isolate, of which we can say, "On such a date, in such a book, I learnt this"; that is no more than the books we cast into a desk—for they are in the desk, but not of it; and, similarly, knowledge that is merely in the mind is so much lumber. The true preservative of youth is the knowledge that has become a part of ourselves, and that is why the average student is so joyous—that suggests at least why the average professor is so staid and sober; his mind has long attained its final cast, and is ready for decay; he may go on learning, but it is like watering a leaf rotting in the garden path; for the water falls on it, but the leaf rots on.

As to the nature of this exuberance, let us realise how distinct it is from wit, and even humor. It has really no necessary connection with laughter at all. People laugh at it, but their laughter is not intellectual, nor even emotional: it is rather a movement of sympathy, a kind of imitation of the boyishness that has provoked it. Old men may be humorists; old men frequently are wits; but old men never display unreasoning energy just because they feel like it, unless they have remained boys. Look at Jean Paul Richter—look at Francis Bacon: can you not imagine the boyish delight with which he went out into the snow-storm which caused his death, when any other old man would have sent a son or a servant?

Wherefore let us estimate the power of our neighbour's mind by his lack of sober steadiness, and again, since we have thus luckily chanced on a good philosophic theory pointing the way we want to go, let us rejoice.

F.J.S.

27/1/19.

N.S.W. PROCLAIMED AN INFECTED STATE.

*Born in the East, from out a wordless splendour
Of gorgeous purples, and rose-pinks faint flushed,
A day it was that made men joy in being:
There was that perfect freshness in the air -
Which makes w.m.'s blood throb in their pulsing veins,
And bids them greet with passionate abandon,
The revelry of Nature unconfined.*

*The lenthening shades of even fell across
The white, white roadway of the suburb quiet.
The street was silent, save where near a shop
A freckled newsboy had his tiny stand.
His raucous cries ran through the summer air
"The plague is come upon us," and the chill
Of earthy Death, spread o'er the darkening world.*

—MALVOLIO

Valete.

Among the boys who have left the School since last year are the following:—

F. S. Bradhurst—I.C., L.C., Prefect; Old Boys' Prize, John Waterhouse Prize, 1st XV. and Colours, 1918; 1st XI. Soccer, 1916 to 1918; Colours 1917-18; Captain of Soccer, '18; Athletic Rep., '16 and '18; Special Full Colours, '17; Honour Cap, '17; Union Committee, '17, '18; Lieutenant.

F. E. Stayner—L.C., Prefect, 1917; Senior Prefect, 1918; 1st XI. 1918; 1st XV. and Colours, 1918; Athletic Rep., 1916, '17, '18, School Record, High Jump and Hurdles; C.H.S. Hurdles Record; V.P. L. & D.S., 1918; Union Committee; Lieutenant.

S. G. Webb—L.C., Honour Cap, 1917-18; Prefect, 1917-18; 1st XI., 1916, '17, '18; G.P.S. XI., 1916; Captain of Cricket, 1918; 1st XV. and Colours, 1917-18; Athletic Rep., 1916-17-18; C.H.S. Mile Record; Union Committee.

D. J. Vernon—I.C., L.C., Prefect, '18.

C. N. Hirst—I.C., L.C., Prefect, '18; 1st Rifle Team.

F. J. Simpson—L.C., 1st IX., 1918; Prefect, 1918.

A. S. Watt—I.C., L.C., Editor of "Record," 1918; 1st IV., 1917-18; Captain of Tennis, 1918; Special Full Colours, '18; Lieutenant; All Schools' Tennis Champion.

J. A. Vote—I.C., L.C.; Editor of "Record," 1917; School Cup, 1917-18; Athletic Rep., 1917-18; C.H.S. 440 Record; 1st XV. and Colours, 1917-18; G.P.S. XV., 1918; Boxing Champ., 1917.

W. Masters—I.C.; 1st XV. and Colours, 1917-18; Captain of Rugby, '18; Athletic Rep., 1917-18; Union Committee, 1918.

S. A. Willsher—I.C.; Swimming Rep., 1914-15-16-17-18; Special Full Colours, 1917-18; Honour Cap, '17; G.P.S. Swimming Champion, 1918; School Swimming Championship, 1916-17-18; Cup, 1918; 1st XI. Soccer, 1916-17-18; Athletic Rep., Union Committee, 1917-18.

F. X. Lions—Captain of the School, 1918; I.C., L.C., 1st XV., 1918; Swimming Rep., 1917-18; C.H.S. 440 and 880 Records, 1918, Full Colours, 1917-18; Athletic Rep., 1918.

H. W. Jaede—I.C., L.C., Prefect, 1917.

W. Byrne—I.C., L.C., 1st IX., 1918; V.P. L. & D. Society, 1918.

L. J. Murray—I.C., 1st XV. and Colours, '18; 1st Soccer and Colours, '17-18; School Record, 220 and Junior Hurdles; Athletic Rep., '17-18; C.H.S. 220 Record.

G. A. Smith—I.C., L.C., 1st XI and Colours, '17-18; 1st IX. and Half Colours, '18; School Record, Mile Walk.

J. F. Boag—I.C., L.C., 1st XV. and Colours, '17-18.

J. C. Oag—I.C., L.C., 1st XV. and Colours, '17-18.

L. E. Foley—I.C., L.C., 1st Soccer and Half Colours, '17-18; Athletic Rep.

T. Harrison—I.C., L.C., 1st Soccer and Half Colours, '16; 1st XV. and Colours, '17-18.

R. Rickard—I.C., L.C., 1st XI. and Colours, '18; 1st IX. and Half Colours, '18; Athletic Rep.

A. R. Beveridge—I.C., L.C., 1st XV. and Colours, '18.

E. J. Baxter—I.C., L.C., 1st Soccer, '17-18.

V. Hyde—I.C., L.C., 1st XI and Colours, '17-18; G.P.S. 2nd XI., 1918; 1st IX. and Half Colours, '17-18.

R. P. Ford—I.C., L.C., 1st XV. and Colours, '16-17-18; 1st XI., '18; Athletic Rep.

Also T. Beresford, C. Berglund, C. Brinsley, V. Browne, F. Bryant, J. Byrnes, R. Caldwell, C. Cash, A. Denning, P. Dowe, R. Edwards, H. Green, C. Harris, F. Howell, R. Stonham, O. Wallace, R. Corish, T. O'Donnell, V. Longford, H. Mortley, W. Pearce, A. Smith, S. Lewis, A. Madew, J. McIntyre, J. Payton, H. Pyke, S. Rawle, S. Schnich, W. Sharpe, A. Sorenson, C. Tresider, L. Wilson.

Literary and Debating Society

Owing to the epidemic we have had but little time this term.

The general half-yearly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 19th, Mr. Smairl presiding. The Chairman made complimentary reference to the work of Byrne, Stenham, and other boys who have left the school, on behalf of the Society. G. B. Morris was elected vice-president and R. F. Gollan as secretary. G. T. Morony continues his work as editor of the MSS. Journal. Messrs. Gollan and Thomas are Premier and Leader of the Opposition respectively.

A programme has been drawn up, and is to be printed. It contains Ministerial, impromptu, and open debates, a mock election, and a mock trial. We also hope to hold the Old Boys' debate in the near future.

The Committee has been busy amending and completing the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society. We hope to publish these in pamphlet form.

Meetings are now held on Tuesday. When drill bars the way, the day is changed to Friday.

In conclusion, we would like 3rd year boys to do all they can for the Society. Their attendance at the general meeting promised well, and we hope that, through their aid, the Society will be put on a firmer footing than ever before.

Library Report.

The library at present contains a large number of volumes in a fair state of preservation. Under the new system the exchange of books is so regulated that boys of each year have certain days allotted to them for using the library. The average daily exchange is about 40 books.

At the beginning of the year about 80 volumes were destroyed on account of their being very much defaced and otherwise mutilated. These books had been in the library for many years, and eventually became unfit for use.

The library is, however, labouring under a great disadvantage. The annual grant, from the "Union" funds, amounts to £5, which sum is totally inadequate for the purpose.

It stands to reason that every year there are a certain number of books which, for various reasons, are rendered unfit for circulation. These books have to be replaced. Again, new books must be added periodically in order to comply with the ever-increasing demand for current literature.

It is obvious, then, even to the most casual observer, that an increased expenditure must of a necessity be involved if we are to keep the library in a high state of efficiency, and £5 is not enough to keep the number of volumes in the library constant.

Let us hope, then, that the new committee will realise the essential needs of the S.H.S. Library, and provide the means whereby the library may become an institution of which the School may be justly proud.

S.H.S. Christian Union.

The general meeting of the C.U. was held on the 10th March, when the election of officers for the year 1918 took place. G. Hardwicke was elected Secretary, while the Committee is composed of G. Morris, G. Hardwicke, W. J. Elliott, A. T. Harvey, A. B. Stayner, and M. W. Flannery.

It was decided that once a month prominent public men should be invited to the School, under the auspices of the Union, to give addresses.

Last week Mr. J. J. Virgo, ex-General Secretary, gave an address concerning his experiences in Y.M.C.A. work in France, England, and elsewhere.

Sports Summary.

This quarter, owing to the late re-opening of the school, less than usual has been done in the way of sport.

In G.P.S. cricket we won a comp. match v. S.I.C., but were beaten against King's. In High Schools' cricket we defeated North Sydney.

In swimming we came second to N.S.H.S. at the C.H.S. carnival, held last December. We also filled second place in the G.P.S. 100 yards championship at the Grammar carnival.

It has become more and more evident lately that the time has arrived for us to cut completely loose from all C.H.S. competitions. Our destiny lies amongst the Great Public Schools. The sooner that is universally recognised the better.

RUGBY FIXTURES, 1919.

May 24th: School v. T.S.C.
 June 21st: School v. S.J.C.
 June 28th: School v. S.G.S.
 July 5th: School v. S.I.C.
 July 12th: School v. S.I.C. (Comp. Match).
 July 19th: School v. N.C. (Comp. Match).
 July 26th: School v. T.K.S. (Comp. Match).
 August 2nd: School v. S.G.S. (Comp. Match).
 August 9th: School v. S.J.C. (Comp. Match).
 August 16th: School v. T.S.C. (Comp. Match).
 August 23rd: School v. S.C.E.G.S. (Comp. Match).
 August 30th: All Schools v. Naval College.

HONOUR CAPS.

The conditions for the award of honour caps have been altered. *Ability* in sport is now the deciding factor. Under these conditions but one Honour Cap was awarded in 1918, the winner being S. G. Webb.

COLOURS, 1918.

The Union Committee awarded colours for 1918 as follow:—

Rugby Full Colours.

J. A. Vote.	T. H. Harrison.	J. F. Boag.	L. J. Murray.
W. J. Elliott.	E. Pyc.	F. E. Stayner.	W. O. Chowne.
W. E. Masters.	S. G. Webb.	F. S. Bradhurst.	A. M. Stayner.
A. R. Beveridge.	J. C. Oag.		

Cricket Full Colours.

K. M. McCredie.	M. Pullen.	V. Hyde.	R. Rickard.
S. G. Webb.	G. A. S. Smith.	K. Williams.	T. Harrison.

Special Full Colours.

A. S. Watt.

Athletic Full Colours.

J. A. Vote. S. G. Webb.

Soccer Half-Colours.

F. S. Bradhurst.	S. A. Willsher.	S. Marcer.	G. H. Thomas.
K. M. McCredie.	L. E. Foley.	G. P. Alexander.	L. J. Murray.
E. J. Baxter.			

Tennis Half-Colours.

A. S. Watt.	A. Denning.	K. Williams.	R. Corish.
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Baseball Half-Colours.

V. Hyde.	G. Morris.	J. Trivett
R. Rickard.	G. A. Smith	J. Bassetti.

BOXING.

A strong boxing club has been formed this year, and it is hoped that we shall be able to hold a tournament. "Snowy" Baker is in charge.

ATHLETICS.

The G.P.S. Sports Meeting is fixed for the second week in October. Present indications point to a strong junior team.

Swimming Carnival.

The Seventh Annual Carnival of the Sydney High School Swimming Club took place on Friday, April 4th, at Drummoyne Baths.

Owing to various reasons, the Carnival had had to be arranged at rather short notice. All credit, then, is due to the committee and to Messrs. Cohen and Leaver, for their work to make the affair a success.

Two innovations were made this year: (1) No entry fees were charged; (2) No prizes except the Senior and Junior Cups, and the Junior Cadet Medal. We must state that the former innovation seems to have proved a failure. For one thing, a large number of Fourth Year would willingly have paid in half-a-crown each to help the School along. The attendance was poor, probably on account of the influenza epidemic.

The Inter High Schools' Relay was a fine race. Though McDonald was absent, the School team won.

SENIOR CUP.

50yds. Championship: Towner, 1; Shand, 2; Davies and Thomas, 3. Time, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

100yds. Championship: Shand, 1; Thomas, 2; Davies, 3. Time, 71 4-5ths. secs.

220yds. Championship: Thomas, 1; Shand, 2. Time, 3m.

440yds. Championship: Not yet decided.

880yds. Championship: Not yet decided.

Diving Championship: Thomas, 1; Davies, 2; Turner, 3.

JUNIOR CUP.

50yds. Championship: Russell, 1; Bassetti, 2; O'Neill, 3. Time, 33 2-5th secs.

100yds. Championship: O'Neill, 1; Moore, 2; Russell, 3. Time, 1min. 20sec.

220yds. Championship: To be decided.

440yds. Championship: To be decided.

Diving Championship: T. Bennett, 1; J. Williams, 2; Perry, 3.

JUNIOR CADET MEDAL.

50yds. Championship: Bennett, 1; Carter, 2; Bubb, 3. Time, 37 sec.

100yds. Championship: Bennett, 1; Carter, 2; Bubb, 3. Time,

INTER-HIGH SCHOOLS RELAY.

School (Shand, Towner, Davies, Thomas) 1; North Sydney "A" Team, 2; Fort Street, 3. Time, 2min. 2-5th sec.

Senior Relay: 4AG, 1; 4CG, 2; 4BG, 3. Time, 2min, 28sec.

Junior Relay: 1C, 1; 2B, 2; 2A, 3. Time, 2min, 48sec.

HANDICAPS.

Beginners' Race: Carter, 1; Wagner, 2; Agnew, 3. Time, 2.20.

Third and Fourth Year, 75yds.: Gilder, 1; Hawksford, 2; Thompson, 3. Time, 50 3-5th sec.

First and Second Year, 50yds.: Williams, 1; Agnew, 2; Davidson, 3. Time, 42sec.

Back and Breast Stroke, 50yds.: Burton, 1; Bloomfield, 2; 2min, 2sec.

220yds., Open: R. Bennett, 1; Snaddon, 2; T. Bennett, 3. Time, 3min. 57 2-5th sec.

Chasing the Bellman: T. Bennett, 1; Diving for Plates: Burrows, 1; Snaddon, 2; Hawksford, 3.

Senior Cup points now stand: Thomas, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Shand, 7; Towner, 4; Davies, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Junior Cup points now stand: Russell, 4; O'Neill, 4; Bassetti, 2; Bennett, 3; Nore, 2; Williams, 2.

The distance event has not yet been swum.

T. Bennett has won the Junior Cadet Medal.

Cricket

Since the Christmas holidays, the 1st eleven has played three matches. Unfortunately, we lost the services of Hyde, Webb, Harrison, and Rickard, and now we have lost Smith. However, the present team, though weak in both batting and bowling, plays together well, and is keen in the field. Morris and Williams are bowling well, and McCredie hopes to again handle the ball effectively in the near future. In the first three matches Smith has batted consistently, scoring 15, 31, and 64. Bain, although very small, is also batting well, with scores of 10 not out, 9 and 30. Mackellar, 11, 16, 16, is also consistent, but should liven up his running between wickets. Indeed, the whole team is in fault in this respect. Each man should watch the ball and be ready to run hard when he sees a chance of stealing a run, otherwise the cricket becomes slow. Perhaps our best field is Mackellar, who is very fond of "silly-leg," but Morris is also very keen on the boundary. Price does well at point. The team has been very consistent at practice, and with a good coach we should do very well at the end of the year.

SCHOOL v. S.G.S.

Played at Rushcutters' Bay on Saturday, March 15. This was only a practice match, and resulted in a win for S.G.S. by 275 to 67 runs. School batted first, opening with McCredie and Mackellar, the former being dismissed when 5. Smith joined Mackellar, and things went well till Mackellar was out for 11. Bain was the only succeeding batsman to stay, with the exception of Morris, last man in. Smith scored 15. For S.G.S., Munro took 6 for 17. S.G.S. then batted, and until 6 o'clock, School got a dose of leather-hunting. Langdon scored 100, Pratten 65, and Garvin 31. There were eight 6's hit. McCredie took 4 for 48, and Price 2 for 8. Morris bowled very well, but had no luck.

SCHOOL v. N.S.H.S.

Played at Wentworth Oval, March 19th. S.H.S. won by 13 runs on the first innings. School won the toss and sent North Sydney in to bat, on a rather bad wicket. Morris opened the bowling and performed splendidly, his figures, 2 for 21, not showing his form. King was the only batsman who showed any signs of cricket at all, scoring 54. The innings closed for 106, McCredie taking 3 for 18, Williams 2 for 12, Morris 2 for 21, Payne 2 for 43. School again opened with McCredie and Mackellar, and again the former failed, being caught when 2. Smith showed good form again, and he and Mackellar batted well. The rest of the team batted with determination and School finished with 119; Smith 31, Mackellar 15, Williams 15.

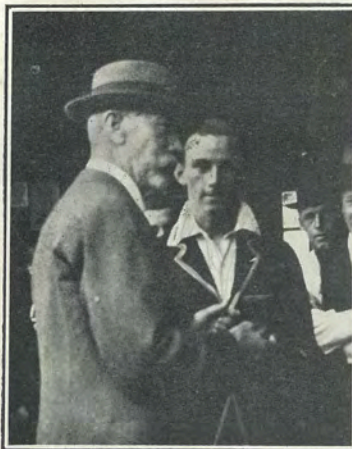
SCHOOL v. S.I.C.

Played at Riverview on Saturday, March 22nd. School won by 33 runs on 1st innings. School again won the toss and elected to take the field. Morris and McCredie opened the bowling. Igs. batted very tamely, on the whole, and finished with 159, Williams bowling well, securing 6 for 44. P. Meagher put together 43 not out, and Macrae 28. McCredie and Mackellar opened, and at 18 McCredie was out l.b.w. for 14. Smith followed, and, at 40, Mackellar (16) was run out. Williams stopped with Smith for a time, but at 105 was bowled, when 17. Bain followed and played solidly. The score mounted up appreciably, but at 120 Smith was out for a well played 64. Harvey joined Bain, but after scoring 1, fell a victim to Macrae. Price followed, and batted 45 minutes for 5 runs, allowing Bain to score. At 152 Bain was bowled after batting well for 30. Burt and Alexander were together at the end, the former passing the score of 159 with a mighty hit for 4. He then scored a 6 and a



THE XI., '1919.

Standing : S. M. WILLMOTT, S. BURT, A. MACKELLAR, K. WILLIAMS, L. PRICE, R. BAIN. Sitting : G. B. MORRIS, G. A. S. SMITH (Vice-Capt.), K. M. MCCREDIE (Captain), G. P. ALEXANDER, A. T. HANEY. In Front : M. W. FLANNERY (Scorer).



OUR 1918 SWIMMING REPS.

Mr. H. L. MACLELLAND presents Keiran Memorial Medals to S. A. WILLISHER (on the left) and F. LIONS (on the right), at the C H. S. Swimming Carnival.

4, but soon fell a victim to Macrae. Morris joined Alexander, who was out at 191, after scoring 11. Payne was last man-in and was not out without scoring. Morris making 7. The innings finished for 192 runs, Macrae taking 4 for 36.

SCHOOL.

McCredie, l.b.w., Morrissey ..	14
Mackellar, run out	16
Smith, b Macrae	64
Williams, b Macrae	17
Bain, b Campbell	30
Harvey, b Macrae	1
Price, b Campbell	5
Burt, b Macrae	19
Alexander, c Sullivan b White	11
Morris, b Macken	7
Payne, not out	0
Sundries	8

Total 192

Bowling: Morrissey 1 for 47, White 1 for 33, Campbell 2 for 41, Sellar 0 for 12, Macrae 4 for 36, Sullivan 0 for 4, McQuade 0 for 4, Macken 1 for 6.

S.I.C.

P. Meagher, not out	43
R. Campbell, c Mackellar, b Morris	0
Macrae, b Payne	28
Macken, l.b.w. b Williams	5
Morrissey, c Morris, b Williams	15
Sullivan, b Williams	14
L. Regan, b Harvey	1
McQuade, b Williams	18
Sellar, b McCredie	14
Sheldon, b Williams	3
White, b Williams	4
Sundries	14

Total 159

Bowling: Morris 1 for 32, Payne 1 for 31, Harvey 1 for 17, McCredie 1 for 21, Williams 6 for 44.

SCHOOL v T.K.S.

Played at Parramatta on Saturday, March 29, and won by King's by 124 runs on the first innings. School lost the toss, and were sent in to bat on a soft wicket, McCredie taking strike to Halliday. At 13 McCredie was bowled for 11, and Williams followed, but, at 53, Mackellar succumbed for 8. Bain succeeded him and settled down at once, but, at 40, Williams was out for 11. Price and Burt failed to stay, but Harvey was doing well till he was unfortunately run out when 10. Morris also strung together 10, but the innings closed for 102, Bain's share being 34. Bain was easily the best batsman, and is very consistent. King's then went in to bat, and School's chances looked good, the fourth wicket falling at 58. Sheehan and Michelmores got together, however, and made a partnership of 102, when the latter was bowled. The rest of the innings was uninteresting. Sheehan contributed 66 by good cricket, although he was undoubtedly lucky in not being bowled half a dozen times by McCredie. The innings finished for 226. Alexander took 5 for 30, McCredie 2 for 42, Williams 1 for 39, Harvey 1 for 51, Morris 0 for 19, Pye 0 for 16.

S.H.S.

McCredie, b Pye	11
Mackellar, b Sheehan	8
Williams, c Michelmores, b Sheehan	11
Bain, c Halliday b Pye	34
Price, b Pye	1
Burt, b Sheehan	1
Harvey, run out	10
Alexander, run out	4
Morris, b Sheehan	10
Pye, not out	0
Wilmott, c and b Pye	0
Sundries	12

Total 102

T.K.S.

Halliday, l.b.w. b McCredie ..	12
McLachlan, c Morris b McCredie	4
Walford, b Williams	6
Rainbow, h.o.w., b Harvey ..	14
Sheehan, c Pye b Alexander ..	66
Michelmores, b Alexander ..	47
Pye, c Mackellar, b Alexander	5
Moore, b Alexander	8
Hetherington, l.b.w. b Alexander	8
Wesche, run out	5
Artlett, not out	5
Sundries	29

Total 226

S.H.S. v. OLD BOYS.

Friday, November 29, contrary to the general rule, a whole day instead of a half-day match was played. Owing to rain the wicket was uncertain, and School were sent in to bat. Webb, Hyde, and Mr. Watson all batted well, but the rest of the team failed miserably, the last five men failing to score. Crane did the best bowling, securing 5 for 26. The total was only 64. Old Boys then went in to bat, and started badly, three wickets falling to Webb on appeals for l.b.w. Clemenger and Byrne, however, batted well for 45 and 38 respectively, and O'Connor knocked up 33 in quick style. The innings closed for 180, Webb (6 for 55) being the only bowler to strike anything approaching form. School's second innings was much better. Hyde and Mr. Watson opened up, and the latter was caught when he had run up a quick 27. Then McCredie joined Hyde and the score jumped from 54 to 186 before the latter was caught after scoring 60 very quickly. Hyde was not out with a fine 70 to his credit (10 fours). School closed at 3 for 191. Old Boys went in again, and scored the required runs for the loss of 7 wickets, thus winning outright.

Scores were:—

S.H.S.

1st Innings.	
Hyde, b. Crane	18
Webb, c. McLaughlan, b. C. Clemenger	11
McCredie, run out	2
Watson, run out	19
Williams, c. & b. Crane	4
Harrison, c. Magill, b. Crane	0
Mackellar, c. McLaughlin, b. Crane	0
Rickard, not out	0
Stayner, b. Crane	0
Alexander, c. Clemenger, b. Braithwaite	0
Price, b. Andrews	0
Sundries	8

64

Bowling: C. Clemenger 1 for 10, Williams 0 for 9, Crane 5 for 26, J. Clemenger 0 for 9, Braithwaite 1 for 2, Andrews 1 for 0.

2nd Innings.

not out	70
b. Crane	0
c. Byrne, b. Braithwaite	60
c. Braithwaite, b. Williams	27
Sundries	34

3 wickets for . . . 191

C. Clemenger 0 for 6, Crane 1 for 14, J. Clemenger 0 for 6, Williams 1 for 32, Byrne 0 for 20, Andrews 0 for 33, Cunningham 0 for 30, McLaughlan 0 for 15, Braithwaite 1 for 3.

OLD BOYS.

1st Innings.

J. Clemenger, h.o.w., b. Webb	45
Crane, l.b.w., b. Webb	0
Williams, l.b.w., b. Webb	0
Braithwaite, l.b.w., b. Webb	6
Byrne, c. Watson, b. Rickard	38
C. Clemenger, st. Rickard, b. Webb	3
Andrews, b. Hyde	19
Magill, b. Hyde	2
O'Connor, c. Mackellar, b. Webb	33
Cunningham, b. Stayner	12
McLaughlan, not out	1
Sundries	21

180

McCredie 0 for 9, Webb 6 for 55, Stayner 1 for 10, Watson 0 for 12, Hyde 2 for 44, Harrison 0 for 11, Rickard, 1 for 12.

2nd Innings.

c. & b. McCredie	19
c. Alexander, b. McCredie	2
c. Williams, b. Webb	33
did not bat	0
b. Webb	1
c. Webb, b. Rickard	34
not out	4
absent	0
absent	0
b. Webb	0
st. Harrison, b. Webb	1
Sundries	8

7 for 96

McCredie 2 for 30, Webb 4 for 39, Hyde 0 for 11, Rickard 1 for 11.

Swimming.

The Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival was held on December 6th of last year. The weather was warm, and it was a great success.

A feature of the carnival was the swimming of Keith Kirkland, of North Sydney, and it was only through him that we were beaten.

Sid Willsher swam well throughout, but was unfortunate in striking a swimmer of Kirkland's calibre.

Frank Lions, too, deserves congratulations for his plucky swims in both the 440 and 880. It was Kirkland again who beat him.

The point scores for S.H.S. were:—S. Willsher, 7; F. Lions, 6; Relay Team, 3; G. P. Alexander, 2.

The placings were:—S. Willsher: 3rd 50yds., 2nd 100yds., 3rd 220yds., 3rd 440yds., 3rd 880yds., 3rd Diving. F. Lions: 2nd 220yds., 2nd 440yds., 2nd 880yds. Relay Team: 1st. G. P. Alexander: 2nd, back stroke.

Owing to the unsettled state of affairs the season has not been quite as successful as of previous years. The closing of the schools greatly interfered with the training of our swimmers. At our carnival this year no prize-money will be awarded, but certificates given. The Senior Cup, Junior Cup, and Junior Cadet Medal will be keenly competed for this year, as there is more equality among the swimmers.

In the G.P.S. 100yds. Championship we failed to keep the champ., but McDonald secured second place, and Shand came a good fourth.

Owing to the tardy opening of the School this year, the Life-saving Classes were not held. We hope to have them in full swing after the Leaving Certificate Examination this year.

A Number of Things.

Errata: In our description in last issue of the Debating Society's mock banquet we stated that it took place on November 25th. In reality it took place a month earlier. Also in the sketch of the late Mr. Hinder's career it was said that he was appointed to the School in June, 1914. This was, of course, a misprint for June, 1915.

Our Contemporaries: The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following exchanges:—"Armidalian," "Aurora Australis," "Bindyite," "Wesley College Chronicle," "Melburnian," "East Maitland H.S. Magazine," "Sydneyian," "H.A.C. Journal," "Mirror," "Northern Churinga," "Our Girls."

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Contributions: The next issue of the *Record* will appear in June. Contributions should be in the Editor's hands by June 1st. Old Boys are urged to contribute verse or prose.

To Correspondents.—On the whole, the contributions to this issue are promising. Though the standard reached is not so high as formerly, there are more triers.

Form Notes are becoming worse and worse. We had to censor heavily those of every Junior class.

Punctuation seems a lost art in First and Second Year work, which, by the way, was not so abundant as usual.

Binje.—Verse absolutely hopeless. Humour more so. Parody very feeble. Never try to parody a poem unless you see some prospect of the success. As it is, well, if the metre hadn't run off the rails and chased itself up a telegraph pole, there's no saying what might have happened. Your

"Advice to Cricketers appearing in an Important Match" makes it clear that you have never had that pleasure. Nature Notes feeble. Baconian Essay much superior, but too palpably an imitation. You need to make your work more gripping.

R.C.M.: "Beards." Ziff!!! Your article is not of sufficient general interest. Too reminiscent of the country papers' weekly supplement. Verse published. Excellent for your year.

A.F.: The "Home-Coming" is up to standard, on the whole, but it's a bit too wishy-washy for the *Record*. Try the "Woman's Budget," or something of that sort. . . . Look here, young man, you have a deal to learn about natural history. The *Record* has to stand a lot, but it would not permit Lyly himself to say that "manx" means "three-legged." Besides, even in showing how excitable the cow is, you must not refer to ladies' pink stockings. The *Record* cover is blushing still. . . . As for "Neighbours"—good morning!

F.J.G.: Your contribution is really far above standard, but there is a fly in the ointment. You have dealt with the subject at too great length. Besides, the theme is not suitable for a school magazine. We hope to see your work in next issue.

X.U.X.: Mind the step! Here is a sample (we print it verbatim): "Grey was missing captain Binns lept up the scaling ladders heedless of the terrible curtain of bullets to the faint cry for help he had heard which he had recognized as the voice of Sid grey. . . . It would only a few minutes before he would passed into great beyond."

HOOD: BE ORIGINAL.

S.U.B.: Excellent of its sort; but not of enough interest to the School in general

E.J.S.: Poem not quite up to standard, though we like the swing of—

"He was only a clerk in the days before

The clash and clamour of awful war."

As for the letter—we are glad to hear of your reformation. Can't publish the news, though.

S.H.S.U. Financial Statement, 1918.

	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance	23	11	5	...	...	...
Record	10	0	0	62	6	3
Swimming	24	0	7	38	5	6
Athletics	59	12	11	86	5	2
Tuck Shop	14	4	3	...	...	...
Cricket	...	...	...	29	13	9
Rugby...	...	...	...	13	19	3
Tennis	...	...	...	7	1	0
Library	...	...	...	5	2	11
Camera	...	...	...	2	0	2
Soccer ...	...	...	...	8	10	6
Baseball	...	...	...	13	7	6
Literary and Debating	0	9	6
Form P—1917	4	15	0
1918	8	19	2
Union ...	191	19	0
General	7	15	2	37	8	4
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