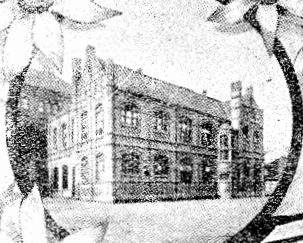


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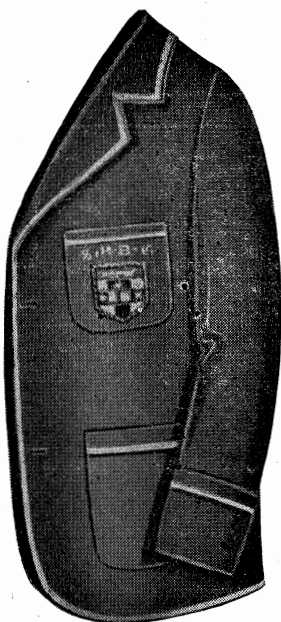
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*The spirit of our dear old school,
Upon our hearts its spell has cast;
Its motto proud shall be our rule,
"Be ye ashamed to come in last."*

Chorus:

*Then, hurrah for the Sydney High School, lads,
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Let's cheer for the good old High School, lads,
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
We'll uphold her name, and extend her fame,
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!*

*In sport we strive with might and main,
To make the struggle keen and fast,
For Sydney High School boys disdain
To lag behind, and come in last.*

Chorus: *Then hurrah, etc.*

*Within the class or on the field,
Or if the fight be lost or won,
Sydney High School boys will yield,
In courage, honour, truth, to none.*

Chorus: *Then hurrah, etc.*

*And when the days of school are o'er,
And all examinations past;
In life's stern race still to the fore,
We'll press and scorn to be the last.*

Chorus: *Then hurrah, etc.*

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- Oct. 6.—School reopens.
Oct. 17 and 18.—Combined Sports Meeting of the G.P.S.A.A.A.
Oct. 24.—Mock Banquet.
Oct. 25.—1st XI. v. N.C., at Stanmore.*
Nov. 1.—1st XI. v. S.J.C., at Hunter's Hill.*
Nov. 8.—1st XI. v. S.C.E.G.S., at North Sydney.*
Nov. 10.—Leaving Certificate Exam. commences.
Nov. 22.—1st XI. v. S.G.S., at Rushcutters Bay.*
Nov. 24.—Intermediate Certificate Exam. commences.
Dec. 3.—All Schools v. University.
Dec. 6.—1st XI. v. T.S.C., at Rose Bay.*
Dec. 18.—Speech Day.

*Competition Match.

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Editorial

Most of us will be able to remember, from the dim smattering of science we obtain in the Junior School, a maxim which states the impossibility of any effect without a definite cause. It befits us, therefore, when we are come to such a year as this, when our record, in sport, is one of almost complete failure, to see if we can discover the reason for the non-success of the School teams.

To be sure, the fickle goddess, Fortune, has smiled on us even less than is her wont. We will rarely, if ever, have to face again a year in which it will be necessary to build up a football team without a single old colour. We will rarely see a time when, in no two matches throughout the season, will the same XV. represent the School. But the cause of our non-success lies deeper than ill-luck. It is the terribly slipshod way in which things sporting are carried on. The organisation of sport is nothing less than a farce. Fixtures are arranged, colour teams posted on the notice-board, and that is the end of it. *Not one colour match has been played this year*, not one opportunity of gaining a place in grade teams has been given to boys who missed the selector's eyes at the beginning of the season. One colour team would turn up, the other wouldn't. Is it any wonder that Juniors who were as keen as mustard when the winter commenced now end up at the "pictures" on Wednesday afternoon? Of course, there is a solution. Make sport *absolutely compulsory* to every boy who cannot gain exemption through his doctor, and introduce the House scheme sketched out in last issue. Both suggestions will probably be opposed by some cheerful idiots, who will then calmly wonder why our XV. is defeated by the G.P.S. teams, composed of boys who have been carefully coached ever since they entered their respective schools. Which brings us to another head.

How can we expect our teams to do anything without competent training and thorough practice? Certainly, a football coach was engaged, but any member of the XV. will tell all who wish to hear what screaming comedies the practices were. Half the team didn't turn up, and so we were not able to practise as a whole; the forwards did not get any scrum work, the backs could not learn the play of their partners. *No wonder* the team was distinguished for its absolute lack of combination! We would recommend next year's football committee to employ as coach a man who knows the ins and outs of the *Union* game, and who will really be able to train our three-quarters properly. Also to make it a definite rule that men who will not attend practice twice a week will be dropped from the team immediately. It was especially noticeable this year that the men to let the team down on occasion were those who were above such petty considerations as practice.

Athletics coaching? Certainly we are to have a coach, and a very competent one, to be sure—for one week before the G.P.S. sports. Oh! the idiocy of the thing. The sheer, downright missing of opportunities! Will a cricket coach be engaged? The matter is not yet definitely decided. Yet this year the XI. has brighter prospects than ever. Will they be ruined, to allow the Union to end up the year with a nice fat bank balance?

Coaching should extend right down to colour teams in everything. And this is where the masters might lend a hand. They have been in their day footballers and cricketers of note, but what do they do for sport now? Go down to the Oval any practice day. No matter what you do, you will never find a master there. Go out to the Saturday matches. The XI. has forgotten the fact that it is possible for any master to attend a match. The XV. is not *quite* so badly off. Mr. Leaver follows up the matches regularly, and the Sportsmaster has found time to see the first half of one of them.

But we must bear one thing in mind. The School needs the help of every boy if she is to maintain her great traditions. And that help is not given by going home to "fag" every Wednesday in the year; it is not given by going out on picnics on the day of the combined sports meetings; it is not given by refusing to train for cricket, football, or athletics when one has any latent capacity for those games. It is all very well for a fellow to say, "The prefects are not what they were four years ago. The teams do not 'buck in' so hard. The literary contributions to the 'Record' are not of so high a standard." But he must first ask himself if he, and hundreds like him, back up the prefects as the boys in those times used to back them up; if he is doing all he can for the School in the way of games; if he has once employed that literary talent English masters praise in writing something for the "Record"? For bear this in mind: All the coaching in the world will be of no use unless whole-heartedly backed up by the efforts of the boys. You may play in the G.P.S. teams; you may "rep." in combined matches; you may even attain the crowning honour of a prefectship. But unless you have done all you can for the School, unless you have made sacrifices, where necessary, on her behalf, your honours count as nothing. You are taking benefits which you have not earned. It is by no means pleasant to have to write time after time in this style. The "Record" is quite a big enough undertaking in itself. We know that, by our editorials, we are arousing the active opposition of some, the resentment of not a few. But if we are helping to awaken those boys who will direct the activities of the School in years to come to the fact that G.P.S. competitions are no small undertaking, and demand the most thorough preparation, we shall feel that the time we have spent on the School magazine has not been given in vain.

We have made it our custom to treat with four or five subjects of School interest in the editorial. But this question of sporting organisation so vitally concerns the School and its welfare that we have decided to let custom go by the board, and dilate on facts which must be brought home to every boy in the School.

“Mountains.”

*From year to year they change not.
What was before, is now, and still shall be
Until the world shall pass away and end.
The lightning flash doth sear the sullen skies;
The thund'ring avalanche reverberates
Throughout the vales; the eastern stars grow pale
Before the onset of approaching day.
The Alps still stand, the snow-capped sentinels
Of time scarce yet begun.*

*A peace prevails among the ranges vast,
Surpassing understanding, and one feels
In tune with all the best that's on the earth
When dwelling in the shadow of the hills
Which know no change throughout the centuries,
Though countless mortals live their lives and die,
And countless flowers do blossom and decay.* MALVOLIO.

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.

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Our Second Rhodes Scholar.

The School offers its hearty congratulations to Lieutenant R. N. Kershaw, M.C., on his election to the Rhodes Scholarship for 1918. This is the second occasion on which such an honour has been gained by an Old Boy of the School. Ray Kershaw had already won distinction at the School, and later at the University. As a schoolboy he showed marked ability in the study of languages and of literature. To him literature was not something calling for cram and grind, but something of exceeding great reward, an initiation into the world of beauty and of truth. He read widely, his critical powers developed rapidly. He felt something of the joy of literary creation, and enriched the "Record" by his contributions. As Editor of the "Record," he performed excellent work; his fine taste and sound judgment did much in maintaining a high literary standard. He played his part most worthily in the various school activities and games. He knew that in school life there were duties as well as privileges. At the Leaving Certificate examination in 1914 he gained high distinction in Latin, French, English, and Modern History. At the University during his first year he was beginning to fulfil his intellectual promise. His work in Philosophy, in History, and in English was of an unusually high order. But his University career was to be interrupted. He heard the call of duty, and enlisted. How well he played his part, though a mere lad in years, is proved by the honourable Military Cross which was awarded to him.

We are very proud of Ray Kershaw; proud of his intellectual attainments, proud of his honourable character, proud of his courage and devotion. We wish him every success in his future life at Oxford. And, in conclusion, we trust that this is but the beginning of a career whose guiding principle will be a hunger and thirst after social service, a desire not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

"Nature."

*Would I were free from all this toil and care,
That I might go to where the great gaunt trees
Sway in the gale or rustle in the breeze
That scarcely moves the overheated air;
Or where the mighty precipice, scarr'd and bare,
Broods o'er the awful gorge, where I might go,
Plumb with my gaze the fearful depths below,
And, musing, sit at ease, or wander there,
Not lonely, though alone. For Nature lives,
And is a gentle comrade to mankind;
A cool draught Nature's mighty stillness gives
To soothe the burning torments of the mind.
She is a vast storehouse, where fugitives
Strength to return and fight again may find.*

G.T.M.



LIEUTENANT R. N. KERSHAW, M.C.

At School 1911-14. Prefect, Editor of the "Record," and Captain of the School, 1914. L. C. Honours, 1914. University Arts I 1915. Professor Woods Prize for History. Enlisted, 1916. Rhodes Scholar, 1918.

Slaves of Convention.

*They live their petty lives; they laugh, they cry,
Are angry, joyous, sorrowed, as it be;
And go, unknowing of the reason why,
To roam, blindfolded, through Eternity.*

*But when a mighty soul has dared and failed,
And, battered by the bludgeon blows of Fate,
Has proudly gone, unpitied, unbewailed,
To meet the Stranger waiting at the Gate—*

*They smirch the name of the iconoclast
Who, not of them, but born before his day,
Striving impotently, essayed to cast
Aside the rule of Custom's "Yea" and "Nay."*

*On Calvary the Cross was reared by these—
They damn the Good throughout the centuries.*

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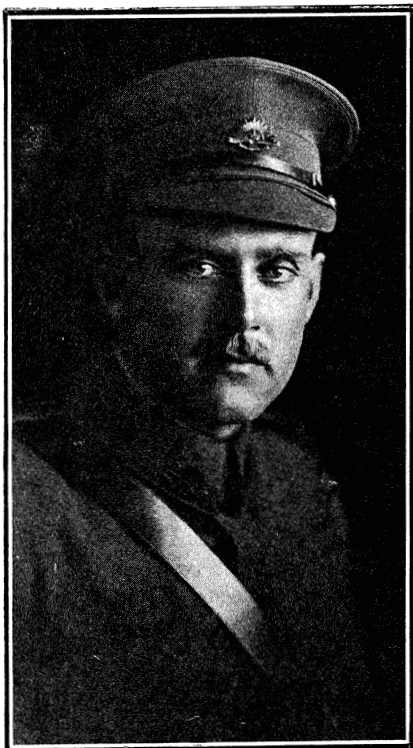
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In Memoriam.

ARTHUR FELTON

was born near Sydney on 11th November, 1896, and educated at Newcastle and Sydney High Schools. He joined the Colonial Sugar Refining Company's service in 1913. Enlisting in May, 1915, he sailed with reinforcements for the 1st Battalion. He was on Gallipoli during the month of November, 1915, and, having proceeded to France in the meantime, was present at Pozieres, where he was wounded, and in the following September was engaged in the Ypres sector. Proceeding to England shortly afterwards for training, he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, and was posted to the 4th Battalion in February, 1917, being wounded at Hilloy early in the following month. Rejoining his Battalion in November, 1917, having in the meantime been promoted Lieutenant, he saw fighting at Wytshaete Ridge, on the Somme, near Hazebrouk, and at Meteren, where he was fatally shot by a sniper on 7th April, 1918, while consolidating a new position.

NORMAN ROBSON WILKINSON

Was born at Sydney on the 15th August, 1889, and was educated at the School. In 1916 he volunteered for active service as a Private. Being attached to the 4th Field Company, Australian Engineers, he was promoted Corporal, and, after attending an Engineer Officers' School, was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant before he embarked. Arriving in France, he was promoted Lieutenant, and was present at the operations at Fromelles, Pozieres, Moquet Farm, Bapaume, Dernicourt, Bullecourt, Messines, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, and others. He was slightly wounded on two occasions, and killed in action at Zonnebeke on the 20th September, 1917. For his conduct in this engagement he had been recommended for a decoration.

OSWALD F. MUTTON

was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Mutton, of Roseville. He enlisted on July 30th, 1915, left for the front on November 2nd, 1915, as a Private in the 2nd Battalion, and served in Egypt. Being transferred to France, he received his first stripe on the field, shortly before being wounded at Pozieres in July, 1916. After being invalided to England, he rejoined his unit in France, in November, 1916, and received his second stripe early in 1917. He was killed in action at Bullecourt on May 4th, 1917. He was educated at the School, passing the Public Service Exam. in 1913, and was Assistant Surveyor attached to the Surveying Staff of the Public Works Department.

"Lost."

*The sun is dying in the west, and red the heaven gleams,
But to the footsore stranger there's no beauty in its beams;
His eyes are strange and haggard, and around they wildly stare,
Searching for hoofmarks, and the track that is not there.*

*Darkness falls around him, and the stars blaze overhead,
While the forest fills with murmurs like voices of the dead;
He sees his little cottage, with his wife and children three,
Waiting for their daddy, whom never more they'll see.*

*He sees them struck with terror when home he never comes,
While the station hands are shouting as they search among the gums;
Once more he rises to his feet, but stumbles to the ground,
While mocking spirits rise and fill the forest with their sound.*

*They hold out food and water, which he strives to reach in vain,
For they laugh with shrieking echoes, and snatch it back again;
Rivers flow before him scarce twenty feet away,
But as he stumbles forward the image fades away.*

*He falls again in agony, and scenes pass through his brain
Of his life of joy and pleasure, of sorrow and of pain.
He calls aloud for Death to come, and the ease it surely brings,
And a shadow falls across him with a sound of beating wings.*

*Dawn breaks on the morrow, but the story ne'er unfolds,
And the forest lies in silence with the secret that it holds.
We say it is the will of God, and believe it's for the best,
But a gloomy page of Life is turned—a noble soul's gone West.*

F.J.G.

"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. A. W. W. Gray, 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.]

The Old Boys turned the tables on the School by defeating them in the return football match.

The Old Boys' events at the sports attracted a very fair number of entrants, as was to be expected now the war is over and everyone is returning. Perhaps the O.B.U. could consider the possibility of instituting an Old Boys' challenge cup, to be competed for at the sports.

At a time when the School is jubilating over its second Rhodes Scholar, it were fitting it should have some news of its first. E. A. SOUTHEE, after gaining his commission as Major just before the armistice, left the Army. Oxford honoured him by giving him his

degree as M.A., and the King has made him an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). Southee came third in the English A.A.C. broad jump championship, leaping over 23 feet. He ran second in his heat of the hundred, being beaten by a touch in 10 1-5 secs.



MAJOR E. A. SOUTHEE, Awarded O.B.E.

Lieut. F. L. FLANNERY, writing from London on the 10th July, says:—"There are quite a number of old High School chaps around me at present, including Lieut.-Col. BUCHANAN, Major PARKINSON, Major PARRY, and Lieut.-Col. CHAPMAN, all of whose names will be found on the Honours Board (senior exams.) at the School."

One of the books now studied by the School's L.C. history candidates is the "History of Europe since 1870." The author, C. H. CURRY, is an Old Boy.

Returning on the "Main" are VIC. PATSON, who ran second to Leadley (S.G.S.) in the G.P.S. sprint championship of 1913-14. his brother, FAIRLIE, and STAN. ROBERTSON. All three have two stars up.

A dinner will be held by the O.B.U. at the end of October in honour of Rhodes Scholar KERSHAW. Old Boys, please note.

We have received a copy of the "Conservatorium Magazine." A. G. STEEL, the Editor, is an ex-master of the School.

MARIO PERRYMAN, Lieut. in the 19th Battalion, returned on August 23rd by the "Dunregan Castle."

MAC CAMERON returned on August 30th, after four years' service with the machine gunners in the 2nd Light Horse.

A. W. V. KING, who ended a magnificent school career in 1914 by gaining the Old Boys' Prize, arrived home by the "Konig Frederic August," after four years' service. He is now reporting for the "Herald." His brother, F. B., is with the same paper.

KEN TONKING has been appointed associate to Acting Justice Ralston.

The "Record" extends its sincerest sympathy to PAT BRADLEY, who recently lost his father.

F. E. DAVIES and M. B. McCULLOCK returned home together. McCulloch spent all his time abroad in Palestine and Syria.

W. L. WATERHOUSE, B.Sc., who recently left for England to make research into the wheat-rust problem, is one of Sydney Varsity's most gifted scholars, and last year was awarded the Walter and Eliza Hall Agricultural Research Scholarship. He will spend a year at the Imperial College of Science in London, and then go to America to delve further into the subject.

We take the following extract from the "Sydney Mail":—"Mr. EWEN MACKINNON, B.A., B.Sc., has had a brilliant scholastic record, and his work as economic botanist, and later biologist, to the Dairy Branch in Sydney long ago marked him out as a scientist of ability. Born at Ballina, Richmond River, in 1881, he received his early education at the local school, and at the age of 14 won a bursary, which took him to the Sydney Boys' High School. After three years' hard work, he emerged with a matriculation pass in the University junior examination, taking the medal in Physics,

and first-class passes in most of the other subjects. In 1899 he became a pupil teacher at Ballina, and four years later won a scholarship to the Teachers' Training College. Then followed a scholarship to the University, which he entered in 1904. In 1906 he graduated B.Sc. with first-class honours in Geology and Palaeontology, and second-class honours in Zoology and Physiology of Plants. He was a member of the pioneer band of science teachers in the New South Wales Education Department from 1907 to 1910, being science master at Newcastle and Maitland High Schools, and lecturer in Physics and Chemistry at the Newcastle and Maitland Technical Colleges. In 1910 he was appointed economic Botanist to the Department of Agriculture, and as such specialised in economic plants, grasses, and seeds at the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Then he became attached to the Bureau of Microbiology (Health Department) as assistant microbiologist, his work being confined to plant pathology. On the formation of the biological branch of the Department of Agriculture in 1913, Mr. Mackinnon was transferred to his present position. In addition to his biological work, since then, he has been lecturer in dairy bacteriology at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College for three years. Apart from his purely scientific attainments, Mr. Mackinnon has been a prodigious worker in other spheres of education. By attending evening lectures at the University, he graduated in Arts in 1916, and has almost completed his course for the degree in Economics, also his first, second and third year in medicine. He has also made himself proficient in foreign languages (Latin, French and German), and has gained a full certificate in drawing, and is an expert photographer. His knowledge of scientific literature is remarkable, much of his time in recent years having been spent in abstracting from foreign journals, and in compiling a most extensive catalogue in all subjects of agricultural science."

The Old Boys' cricket match will take place before the Christmas vacation. Intending players should notify the O.B.U. Secretary.

The O.B.U. annual general meeting will take place shortly. A good roll-up of Old Boys is expected.

Squeezed through the front gate a few weeks back, after an absence of over 3½ years; BILL SHERWOOD, our erstwhile champion swimmer and Rugby forward. He now has to duck his head at any door less than 6ft. 5in. high, and is built in proportion. His years at the war were spent in Palestine.

Another Palestine warrior returned by the "Malta" in the person of Captain DON McCREDIE, M.C., captain of cricket in 1911, and brother of the present captain. He was over there with the A.A.M.C. for over two years.

The "Record" Editor of 1911, C. O. HAMBLIN, Lieutenant, B.Sc. (Ag.), after a brilliant University career and four years at

the war, has been appointed assistant biologist of the Department of Agriculture. He returned from active service a few weeks ago.

Commander BRACEGIRDLE, appointed Naval Commandant at Adelaide, is an Old Boy.

Lieut. JACK BACK will not return to Australia for some time. He has taken up a course at Oxford.

Brig.-Gen. HEANE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., is expected to arrive in Sydney very shortly.

The O.B.U. annual dance will probably be revived next year. The war, of course, put an end to all such activities for the last four years.

SAB. BENSON, who left School in December, 1916, to enlist, returned on the "Allmand" at the end of July. He had marvellous luck—went right through the battles on the Somme and all the operations up to the armistice without receiving a scratch. He enthuses over British efficiency towards the end of the war, says we were "all over" the Bosche in the matter of equipment, and praises Belgian hospitality since the cessation of hostilities.

On the wing in the United Services XV., DOUG. WILSON, 1st XV., 1915-16, whom all will remember as a participant in the stirring finish of the G.P.S. 100yds. Championship in 1916, when Carr, Cripps and Wilson (himself) crossed the line so simultaneously that the places were not given till after a quarter-hour argument between the judges. Doug. scored for the United Services against the Schools, also for Duntroon v. 'Varsity.

H. S. UTZ represented N.S.W. v. Queensland in the recent interstate tennis tourney.

Old Boys who left School in 1914-15 may like to get in touch with C. W. BOLTON, who recently wrote the School, forwarding his "Record" sub. His address is Oxley-street, Bourke.

At the recent Uni. Commem. procession, some of our younger Old Boys distinguished themselves by appearing as minstrels, debutantes, etc., etc. KEN. TONKING took a leading part in the rather sketchy farce, which, by the way, is rumoured to have come, partly at any rate, from the pen of our University correspondent.

Talking of Commems., that next year will witness the presentation of tennis blues to two High Schoolers. A. S. WATT, who was captain of tennis, 1917-18, and all schools' tennis champion in 1918, has further distinguished himself by gaining a place in the Sydney University team of six v. Brisbane U., in his fresher year. CLEMENGER also won a well-deserved place in the team.

High School office-bearers of the University Sports Union:—Vice-President, H. S. UTZ; Hon. Sec., J. BOGLE; General Committeemen, J. BOGLE (Cricket), H. G. D. COOKSON (Athletics).

We are indebted to the "Record of War Service" of the staff of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company for details of the service of the following six Old Boys:—

CLIVE ELLIOTT enlisted in 1916 in the 14th Field Company, Australian Engineers. After some service in Egypt, he was in France and Egypt for over 14 months, taking part in the fighting at Fromelles, the Somme, Baupaume, Bullecourt, and Polygon Wood, being wounded on four occasions.

JOHN FERGUSON.—Left School in 1912. Enlisting as a private in the Engineers in December, 1915, he sailed in the following March, and after a brief period in Egypt, reached the western front in the summer of 1916. He was constantly under fire, and served in the 52nd and 51st Battalions, in addition to the 1st Divisional Signal Company. He was wounded at Messines.

LESLIE ERNEST HUDSON.—Leaving the School in 1914, enlisted early in 1916, and reached France in November of the same year, being promoted to Sergeant in the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion in the following February. He took part in a considerable number of important engagements during 1917, including Messines, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele (where he was slightly wounded), and early in the following year he was on the Somme. A great deal of fighting took place during the subsequent months, and Hudson was in most of it, including Morlancourt, Mericourt, Bray, and Villers-Bretonneux, where he was severely wounded, and evacuated to England, and subsequently to Australia. He had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for services at Save and Ribemont in April, 1918.

W. J. ST. CLAIR MACLARDY.—Was educated at the School and the Armidale School. He enlisted in 1914 as a driver in the 2nd Battery, Australian Field Artillery, with whom he served on Gallipoli, being promoted Sergeant and Sergeant-Major. He was seriously wounded at Cape Helles, and subsequently returned to Australia.

JOHN TRIVETT.—Enlisted in reinforcements for the 1st Artillery Brigade in May, 1916, but, on account of his chemical knowledge, he was detailed for munition work, and employed in an important post at Gretna until transferred in August, 1918, to Avonmouth, where he was engaged on gas manufacture.

HAROLD FRANK WHEEN.—Left School 1913. He enlisted in August, 1915, and was posted as a driver to the A.A.S.C. (3rd Divisional Train), and saw much service on the western front, including the battles of Messines (April, 1917) and Ypres (September, 1917), and many minor operations. He had been promoted Corporal in June, 1917, and in March, 1918, he was selected for instruction at the Officers' School at Cambridge, and obtaining his commission in the following September, served with the 35th Battalion in France from that date.

GRAFTON ELLIOTT SMITH, whose appointment to the Chair of Anatomy in University College, London, was recently announced, is a man of world-wide reputation for original research and attractive powers as a teacher. Born at Grafton, and educated at the School and the University of Sydney, where he gained many distinctions, he went to Cambridge in 1896, having graduated in Medicine in the University of Sydney. Soon afterwards, having distinguished himself by his brilliant researches on the anatomy of brains of animals, he was elected a fellow of St. John's College. From Cambridge he went to Egypt to occupy the Chair of Anatomy in the School of Medicine at Cairo, and there, by coming into contact with the rich field of antiquities the country possesses, he laid the foundations for the important investigations and conceptions on the spread of early civilisation with which his name will always be associated. In 1909 he accepted the invitation of the Council to the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Manchester, in succession to the late Professor H. Young, and during the ten years he held that office he enriched our knowledge by numerous contributions to the scientific periodicals on the evolution and structure of the brain, and on various anthropological subjects. Not the least important of his many activities has been the study of treatment of our soldiers and sailors suffering from shell-shock and other disorders of the nervous system.

In the results of the shooting at Bisley, the Australian rifle-shot to score the greatest aggregate in the "King's" was Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEARDSMORE, captain of the Australian rifle team, and an Old Boy of the School.

Our Old Boys are prominent in all branches of life at the 'Varsity at present. On the journalistic side, R. N. KERSHAW is on "Hermes" staff, A. M. FORBES edits the "Engineering Journal," and C. G. McDONALD assists in the production of the "Medical Journal."

J. BOGLE is Secretary of the Sports Union, H. COOKSON of the Athletic Club.

Of the Law Society J. R. NIELD is assistant secretary and W. R. FINCHAM a committee man. R. G. HOOK is on the council of the Science Society. R. C. MIDDLETON, B.Sc., B.A., is graduate secretary of the Science Society.

BOTTLES (H. T.) BEASLEY has been appointed secretary to the Queensland Agent-General elect. We have received a letter from him which may be read by all his friends who so desire. Those who have perused it will agree it is a gem "of purest ray serene."

LIN HALL, holder of the School 440 record, is at present in residence at New College, Oxford, as Overseas Scholar in History. He contributes to the current *Hermes* an article on "The University and Politics."

LIEUT. A. V. DONNAN, M.C., N.Z.E.F.

A. V. Donnan won the "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Mail" Scholarship for 1909-10 at H.A.C. from the School. There, at the end of his first-year course in December, 1909, he gained second place in his year, and, in 1910, obtained his Diploma with third aggregate prize and the "Flese" gold medal for practical work. His work during the course of study gained him the position of Assistant Experimentalist at H.A.C. in 1911, and soon after he was promoted to Experimentalist. He left Hawkesbury and went to New Zealand to take up the position of Instructor of Agriculture under the Auckland Board of Education. He decided to qualify for the B.Sc. in Agriculture at the Auckland University. Defective eyesight prevented him for some time from entering the New Zealand Forces, but finally, in October, 1915, he passed the medical examination, and went into Trentham Camp. He was selected to attend a non-com.'s school, and was given the rank of sergeant. Later on, being promoted to commissioned rank, he was held back to train his reinforcements. He left with the 18th Reinforcements in October, 1916. He was wounded in action on June 7, 1917, and died three days later. He won the Military Cross for distinguished service.

"Peace."

*Once more the bright sun's rays are warmly shed
Upon the storm-stress'd world; the glorious day
Passes in beauty on; the clouds are fled
And roll'd away.*

*And as the earth and air that once were thick
With dusts and vapours foul have cleansed been,
So man's life now is made more fresh and quick,
And pure and clean.*

*We enter now upon a newer day;
Men fight no longer petty goods to gain;
Life's shams deceits and frauds are wash'd away
As after rain.*

*As Nature's creatures life begin anew,
When the hot parch'd glare of the day is gone,
New paths of life now lie before our view
To enter on.*

*And not in vain their last great sacrifice,
Who bravely died that England still might live;
They are rewarded by a nobler prize
Than man could give.*

*Now sitting throned in Paradise for aye—
Heroes, by none e'er equalled in the past,
Nor any in the future, till all die,
While Time shall last.*

*They died to give to peace the sovereign sway;
They died that right, not might, should be the law;
So let us to them boundless homage pay
For evermore.*

G.T.M.

A Leader's Death.

The night was hot—unbearably hot. An hour ago the blood-red sun had sunk behind the blue ranges to the west. The moon shone languidly through the haze of smoke from the bush fire, which for weeks had been steadily approaching from the East.

I left the homestead and went down by the

“Bushland path that through the gully strays,

And leads the wanderer into wonderland,”

down to the banks of the creek which I had known so well since my earliest days—where I had spent so many happy hours, and had had so many narrow escapes.

A few red-gum trees grew along the right bank, and, nestling beneath these, a solitary weeping willow overhung a pool of water. The strange silence of the night (that inexplicable silence which every bushman knows and loves, though he cannot explain the reason) was unbroken, save that mosquitoes skimmed noisily along the shadow-chequered surface of the water, and that now and then a splash was heard as a frog hopped from the bank into the water below.

On the other bank of the creek a natural clearing rose steadily to an iron-bark ridge; beyond was an endless expanse of Australian bush. A well-beaten wallaby-pad led straight from the pool to the edge of the scrub, and, as I watched, a rabbit came lightly down the pad. Suddenly it stopped, stood erect for a while, and scurried hastily back across the ridge. At first I thought that I was the cause of its retreat, but, not a second later, a dark form emerged from the shadows of the gaunt iron-barks, stood listening intently, then hopped unsteadily across the clearing. Half-way down the slope it stumbled, but almost instantly regained its feet. By this time I could see plainly that it was a magnificent wallaroo, almost jet black, while to the left of its breast there was a glistening, and even blacker clot.

The 'roo seemed to lose all strength—ten yards from the pool he fell and rolled almost to the edge of the water. The huge frame quivered, then lay still; and from the mouth a dark stream trickled slowly down across the pebbles.

The willow seemed to droop more sadly than ever, and at that moment a native bear cried piteously from the top of one of the gums. Was it the heat that troubled him? Or was it that he sensed the tragedy that had happened below? Did he wonder when he, too, would be driven by “civilisation” from the haunts which had been given to him and his fellow denizens of the bush.

Perhaps he did—who knows?

HUGH KALYPTUS.

“Wattle.”

*Do you see the golden glory
 'Neath the shadow of the hills?
 Do you know the balmy fragrance
 That the gentle breezes fills?*

*'Tis the wattle, gentle wattle,
 Emblem of our native land;
 Let us stand together for it,
 Heart to heart, and hand on hand.*

*Bards may sing of Ireland's shamrock,
 Scotland's thistle, England's rose;
 Bear me back to fair Australia
 Where the wattle blossom blows.*

*May we ever love it dearly,
 And protect Australia's name;
 For the glory of old Britain,
 For our honour and her fame.*

F.J.G.

Extract from the Diary of Pamyl. Sepys, Sometime of Sydney High School in Ultimo.

August, 1919.—On foot to the School-house. Meeting A——, I took a turn with him, and he hears from a player the 2nd XV. has wonne 5 points to 0, which is, I think, a right and good thing, but only as was expected.

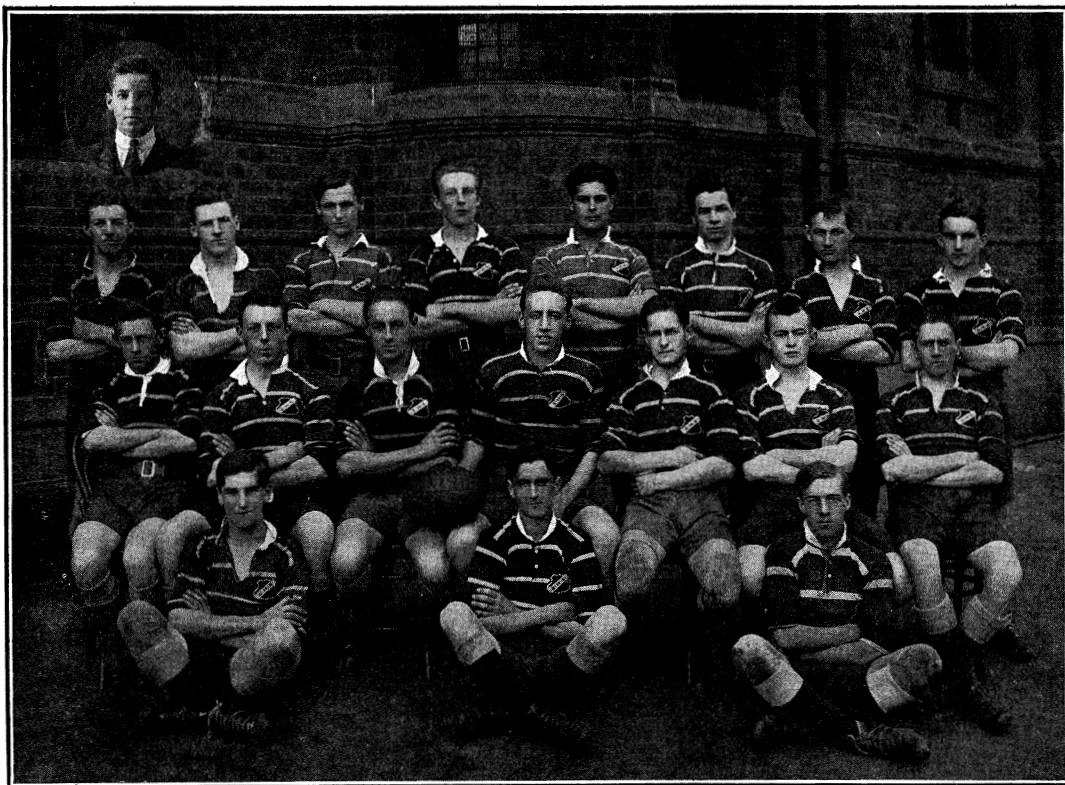
Good news this day of a great victory of the 1st XV. by more than 20 points. At this all are greatly rejoiced, and before the bell we fell to singing the School Anthem.

In class this day I was annoyed by Master B——, the dominie, as I think I never was before. The insolent fellow actually setteth me to construe as I was discussing of the match of yesterday with C——, of the XV., who tells me it was as hard a game as ever he plaid.

It is everywhere very observable how high all the common masters, bating only Master D——, be grown through their authority, and what shall be the end of it, God knows.

C——, telling me his ankle swoln from a heavy kicke, I did commend to him the ointment Bam-Zuk, which is, they say, for all bruises sovereign.

At period I to the quadrangle with E——, where I met F——, the prefect, and he hears our forwards did play most weightily in the match. G——, joining us, he speaks of young H——, his having shown much promise with the 2nd XV. yesterday, and is like to be included in our $\frac{1}{2}$ backs in place of I——, which is, I think, a clever stroak. But Lord! whether this be true or no more than empty jealous tattling, who can tell?



THE VX., 1919.

Standing: S. J. Burt, J. A. O'Neill, H. S. Smith, G. Robertson, G. H. Thomas, C. P. Magee, C. S. Wales, S. M. Willmott. Sitting: K. Jones, J. Reddish, R. C. Cathels (Vice-Capt.), W. J. Elliott (Capt.), W. H. Smith, R. F. Gollan, M. W. Flannery. In Front: L. W. Ryan, K. M. McCredie, J. M. Houston. Inset: N. R. Storm.

After lunch I to the tuck-shoppe with E—— and G——, and seeking a lemon drink. None to be had, so did curse the management for lazy, idle fellows, whereto all agreed.

To the librarie, where I was most civilly received, and did obtain a most witty and clever booke, for J——, the librarian, has it, by one Carslaw, entitled, "Trigonometrie," which is, I think, a Greek name, for modern authors like to deceive the public by their own erudition.

Down and into the quadrangle, there to see the XV. for the match come Saturday sennight. Passing through the hall, I did meet K——, now of the 'Varsity. He is very gloomy of our affairs, and most of all in the match, holding $\frac{1}{2}$ our team before the time will be sick of the plague. He takes comfort in young H—— being now $\frac{1}{2}$ back, with C—— for $\frac{2}{3}$, which is, he thinks, a surety that our backs will gain the ball.

So to the French lesson, being now 2 periods following that I have gone, and may, I think, justly set them against 2 future absences.

This night to the playhouse, and saw a piece excellently well plaid, and the ballet did please me vastly.

Home again, and did obtain from my parents a note of excuse for not doing of my lessons, the which were set for the morrow, for which I do thank God.

And so to bed, with great content of mind.

—The Diary of Pamuel Sepys.

"Spring Thoughts."

*I heard in the morn of a bright spring day—
When hearts were kinder and blood ran free
In the veins of the lovers of gay revelry—
A singer who chanted this roundelay:*

*"I shall show unto you, beloved,
Wattle no gold of the earth could surpass,
Rich old lace by the cascade woven,
Diamonds of dew in the sweet young grass.*

*"I shall teach unto you, beloved,
Songs that are sung by the winds in the trees,
Songs of the free and the wide open spaces,
Mournful, yet sweet, in their strange harmonies.*

*"But come with me while spring's yet young,
Together we'll go rejoicing,
For the gifts of spring, and the joys they bring,
Such joys am I merrily voicing."*

*The music stopped, I heard no more,
But went on, roaming as before,
Rejoicing in the gifts of Spring,
Whose praises did the songster sing.*

MALVOLIO.

The Ass Commemorates.

Man is a queer animal. From the earliest times, though he has failed in most other things, he has always succeeded in making an ass of himself. And, to add insult to injury, he takes an asinine pleasure in commemorating his own asinine actions.

Adam ate an apple. Because he took too much—the ass evidently couldn't even gauge his own digestive capacity—a piece stuck in his throat. It has stuck in his male children's throats ever since.

Yesterday I saw one of Adam's direct lineal descendants. The ass was quite happy, commemorating his own asinine memory in his own asinine way. He was doing it with a penknife in inch letters on a desk.

If I were Cain, the man I would choose (following the Darwinian theory of natural selection) for Abel would be the wretch who first applied the rays of the sun to photography.

Think of the countless hordes now given the opportunity to preserve to posterity the indelible record of their own asinine features—and then sit in judgment upon me.

Everybody commemorates. Poets commemorate, University students commemorate, even a creature of fancy commemorates. Poor Macbeth! How I pity him when "blood-boltered Banquo" smiles at the eight reproductions of his own asinity, as if to say, "All mine; alone I did it!"

But to come back from the "transcendencies of poesy"—man is an ass, "the law is an ass."

Continuing this philosophy—Life is a farce, Maths. is a farce, and this is a farce.

By THE ASS.

"Greater Love Hath No Man."

[A certain naval officer walked into an Antarctic blizzard in order that his comrades might live. Of this glorious action the late Capt. Scott wrote in his diary: "We knew that he was going to his death, but we could not dissuade him. It was the action of a very gallant gentleman."]

A moment he stood before the tent,
And took a last farewell,
Then onward into the storm he went,
The whirling snow-flakes fell;
Bravely, blindly, he struggled on,
On to his lonely grave.
The soft, white snow received him—
The bravest of the brave.

The winds play softly o'er his tomb,
Stirring the restless snow—
The snow that shall stand his monument
Till the winds shall cease to blow;
The sullen sea waves still roll on,
And the wailing sea-birds cry;
But this "very gallant gentleman"
Sleeps on 'neath the stormy sky.

A Legend of the Austrian Tyrol.

Grey years ago there were three youths and three maidens, and they loved each other ardently. Yet they were sad, for they knew that love, like life, and all things mortal, must end in death and oblivion. Thus they sought among themselves a means whereby they might "love on through love's eternity." At last the maidens said, "We will go to the Love Goddess. She will find us a solution." And they went to her shrine.

The Love Goddess, having heard that which the maidens implored of her, summoned the youths, and said to the six, "I can grant you, in some measure, your request. You, O my sons, I will make three mountains in far Tyrol; and you, O my daughters, shall be three clouds, having your home in the mists of the valley at the feet of these mountains, where the soft zephyrs shall gently lift you to float against and caress the mountains, your lovers."

"But," continued she, in a sterner voice, "since it is written that those who desire that which belongs to the gods alone, namely, immortality, must be punished, you, my daughters, having asked for this, can only remain in the valley with your lovers while no man cometh to dwell there. When such come, ye must pass on to your destiny. Since you, my sons, did not crave immortality of me, ye shall remain as mountains in the Tyrolese valley of enchantment while Time endureth. This I cannot alter, for it is written so."

Thus it came to pass. Three new mountains overlooked the valley of enchantment, and three white clouds perpetually hung around them. But in the days of the first princes of Lichtenstein men came and took up their abode in the sacred valley, and then was the Love Goddess sad, for her prophecy had now to be fulfilled; so was it written. And thus, in the month of June, when all earth was rejoicing in a glorious spring, and already was the wind "soft with the air of a summer to be," the Storm-God was commanded to blow a mighty blast, tearing the three white clouds from the clinging embrace of the three mountains, their lovers, whirling them on to their destiny, never to return. The blast came, and the clouds were torn away. Each year, in the month of June, the mountains weep for their lost cloud-lovers, and men see their tears, but they do not understand, for they cry unto their fellows, "Behold! the summer is here, for lo! the snow melteth upon the mountains."

H.L.B.

School Notes

A very successful sports meeting took place on September 12. L. W. Ryan gained the G.H.S. Championship Cup. Among the juniors, S. J. Burt annexed his second trophy.

Cadet drill has just been resumed. Nearly all our officers and N.C.Os. have passed into the militia, and no exams. have yet been

held to replace them. Now is the chance for aspiring juniors to win their spurs.

The mock banquet will take place on October 24th. Old Boys may obtain tickets by writing to the Secretary at the School.

Mr. Brodie has introduced typewriting into the School. Several commercial lads are now adepts at the game.

Congratulations to Grammar School on winning the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade G.P.S. Rugby competitions. Also to Scots' College, runners-up in the 1st grade.

This year has been "the be-all and the end-all" of Soccer.

G.P.S. athletic meeting on October 17th and 18th. Every boy in the School should be present on both days.

A new School envelope has been adopted. Mr. Moffitt is responsible for the crest on the flap.

We have managed to evade eleven o'clock drill so far this year.

The Government Printer recently published a book, of which our English master, Mr. Smairl, is part author. It is entitled "The Story of the English People," is very well illustrated, and contains over 400 pages of text. As a book to help on study in the preparatory schools, and give young Australians an idea of the real meaning of history, we have not seen its equal. The "Record," on behalf of the School, heartily congratulates Mr. Smairl.

On August 15th the School enjoyed a musical treat. A party of Conservatorium students came up, under the direction of our ex-master, A. G. Steel, and rendered a very pleasing programme. The School thanks the performers for their kindness in coming to us.

The prefects' watch-chain badges have at last arrived. All who have been privileged to see them declare, "And very nice, too!"

Mrs. Towns, wife of our popular master, died towards the end of August. The School wishes to express its sincerest sympathy with Mr. Towns in his bereavement.

Exit football, enter cricket. Our prospects in the G.P.S. cricket competition are brighter than they have been for some years.

At the recent conference of secondary school teachers, it was proposed to abolish Latin texts and substitute Unseen. Luckily, the conference had sense enough to turn down this ridiculous proposal.

All who have seen the football matches this season will agree that more barrackers are needed urgently. It is a noteworthy fact that but one master was present at more than one G.P.S. fixture.

Our failure in football was not unexpected. But one member of last year's team returned, and we had to build up a team from absolutely new material. In addition, influenza and casualties played havoc with our combination. Over 35 men played with the XV. on at least one occasion.

The day of Peace celebrations was marked by a whole holiday. An assembly of the School was held in the Main Hall at 9 a.m. The Head read Captain Bean's message, and gave out the Peace medals. Through some misunderstanding, enough arrived to supply the whole School, instead of the boys under 16 alone, as was intended. So everybody now is in possession of a medal to remind him how he won the war.

No longer does the tuckshop at dinner-time resemble feeding-time at the Zoo. No longer can the aspiring footballer gain valuable experience in ruck work as he strives to push through the frenzied crowd to gain his daily loaf. Now prefects form the hungry into an ordered queue, and another far-famed School custom has passed into the dim limbo of forgotten things.

A Grammar School Old Boy, in the current issue of the "Sydneyan," suggests an interstate G.P.S. athletic meeting. The suggestion certainly contains great possibilities, but there is a big but. It would be hard to fix a date for the meeting that would please everybody. Victorian G.P. schools hold their meeting in early November. At that time New South Welshmen are entering on a tussle with the examiner. Besides, G.P.S. sport is rather indefinite outside N.S.W. and Victoria, and it would be hard to say what Queensland schools would be entitled to representation. The place of the meeting would also be hard to fix.

The Old Boys' Union is progressing. Still, the proportion of members to Old Boys is not what it should be. If only *every* Old Boy would join the Union, what a vast field of possibilities would be opened! All Old Boys would be in close contact, and surely High School lawyers, accountants, merchants, etc., would agree to give positions at their disposal exclusively to boys from the School.

We congratulate the Cabinet on the stand that they are taking with regard to the ground at Moore Park. We would recommend those vote-grabbers and demagogues who are creating such a disturbance on behalf of "the rights (?) of the people" to come along to the School, and see the disadvantages under which we are compelled to work.

T.A.S. O.B.U. suggests the affiliation of the Old Boys' Unions of the G.P.S., with a view to forming a club for Great Public School men. We pass on the idea to the Secretary of our own Old Boys' Union.

The L.C. exam. commences on November 10th. Second Year enter the torture chamber a fortnight later.

Boys who wish to have colours, etc., embroidered on their blazers must obtain written permission from the Sportsmaster.

A Camera Club competition is taking place.

Thanks are due to "Hermes" and the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., who were kind enough to lend blocks for this issue.

The Union has sanctioned the inauguration of "Record" prizes. The conditions under which they are awarded will appear next issue.

Always on top. At the C.H.S. sports meeting the school flag was hoisted above the Sheridan Pavilion. When evening approached and an attempt was made to haul down the flag, the rope snapped, and the flag had to remain there.

"Smith's Weekly" declares that the G.P.S. should conduct competitions in Rugby League, Baseball, and Lacrosse. Why not Basketball, Hopscotch and Rounders?

"Noon."

*Noon flings her glorious, golden mantle wide,
And life is stirred with sensuous delight;
Man's heart beats strong with passions, black and white,
High thoughts, low acts, humility, and pride
Each other jostle. Walking side by side
Go Love and Hate, to cull the bloom or blight:
For every man must choose the wrong or right,
Else he but drifts upon a whirling tide.*

*Life's buffetings that, like an iron flail,
Urge us to effort, not the cushioned ease
Of drift and purposeless content avail.
For man must strive, and in the striving seize
With his whole soul the Truth. He will prevail
By just so much as he with Truth agrees.*

"FORGERON"

The Sports.

The thirty-fourth annual sports meeting was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on September the 12th. The Athletic Committee appointed by the Union, comprising G. P. Alexander (Hon. Sec.), S. M. Willmott (Hon. Treas.), S. J. Burt (Asst. Sec.), G. B. Morris, A. T. Harvey, M. W. Flannery, and G. H. Thomas, decided to follow last year's precedent, and devote three afternoons to the running.

The two preliminary afternoons had to be postponed on account of the weather. It rained continually during the early part of the week of the sports, but cleared up on the Wednesday. Some of the heats had been decided on Monday, the 7th, and the remainder were disposed of on Thursday, an almost perfect day.

Friday dawned bright and cloudless, though a head wind along the tracks prevented record-breaking. The favourable weather conditions attracted visitors, and the pavilions were quite full. Mr. John Waterhouse, our ex-head, was an interested spectator, while many Old Boys, who last year were "over there," were present.

In the Senior Division, L. W. Ryan gained possession of the Girls' High School Cup, by winning the hundred, two-twenty, and broad jump. G. Thomas eclipsed all former records by putting the 12lb. shot 36ft. 4½in. The previous best was Willsher's 31ft. 6in. last year. The surprising feature is that, though this is a senior event at the G.P.S. sports, it carries no points in our own senior championship. Could not this be remedied? The table appended shows how even was the competition for the Senior Cup:—

SENIOR CUP.

	100 Yds	220 Yds	440 Yds	880 Yds	Mile	120 yds. Hurdles	High Jump.	Broad Jump.	Total.
1 C. W. Ryan ...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	12
2 W. Wicks ...	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	9
3 G. P. Alexander ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	8
4 J. Robertson ...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	7
5 { A. B. Stayner ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	4
W. Towner ...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	4

Points: 6, 4, 2 if standard is reached; 3, 2, 1 otherwise.

Among the juniors there was much less competition. S. J. Burt won every event but the hurdles, in which he was second. Storm won the hurdles handily, and performed well generally. The table of points is appended. Points are 3, 2, 1:—

JUNIOR CUP.

	100 Yards.	220 Yards	440 Yards.	880 Yards.	High Jump.	Broad Jump.	90 yards Hurdles	Total.
1 S. J. Burt ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	20
2 N. R. Storm ...	...	1	2	1	1½	2	3	10½
3 J. Wright ...	1	2	...	2	...	...	1	6
4 { J. Bassetti ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
H. Hardy ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
6 B. Edmonds ...	...	...	...	...	1½	...	...	1½

The meeting was, from a social standpoint, the best yet held. It ran off very smoothly, and the committee merit the highest praise. Thanks are due to Mr. Coombes (referee) and Mr. Kerr (time-keeper) for their trouble in coming to us:—

Sports records established were:—

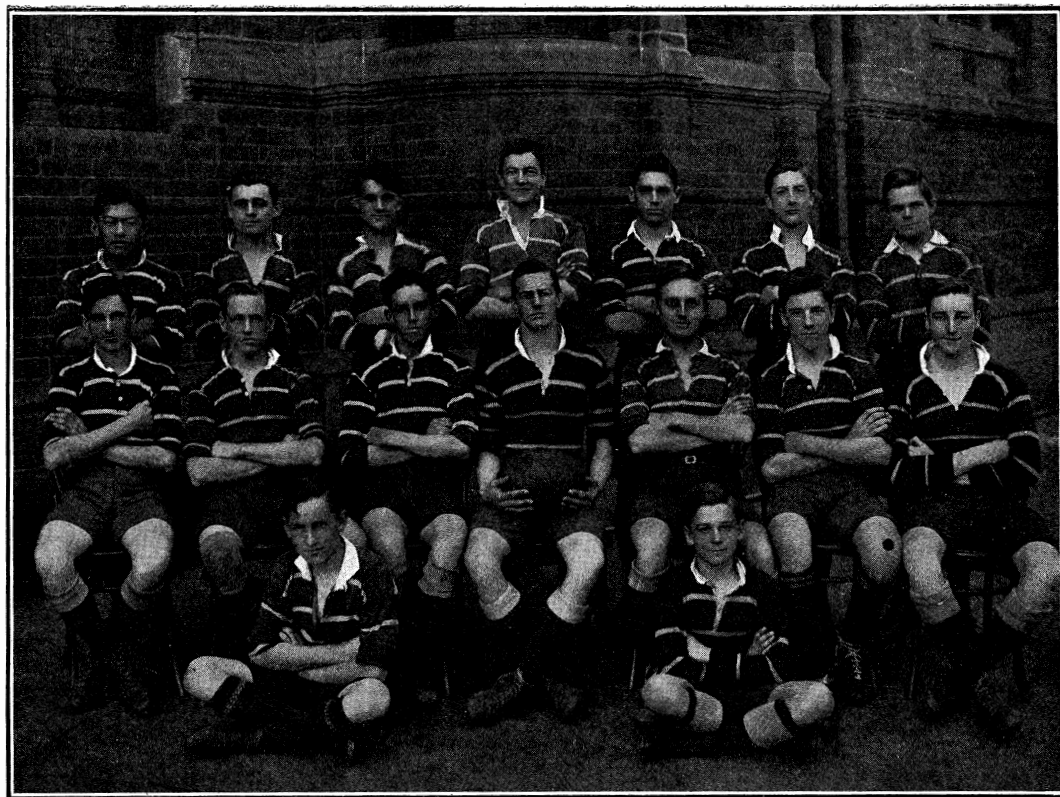
Senior Hundred—W. H. Smith, 11 secs.

Shot Putt—G. H. Thomas, 36ft. 4½in. (also School record).

Junior Hundred—S. J. Burt, 11 2-5 secs.; N. R. Storm, 11 2-5 secs.

Junior 440—S. J. Burt, 60 2-5 secs.

Junior 880—S. J. Burt, 2 min. 24 2-5 secs.



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Standing : J. Tet Fong, C. J. Still, F. M. Chapman, J. A. Mackellar, F. J. Giles, D. L. Guthrie, W. Berryman
Sitting: K. M. McCredie, L. Eyles, W. J. Crawford, A. B. Stayner (Capt.), G. Hardwicke, L. Mullally, N. Hipsley
In Front : F. Brissett, A. Newton

Junior High Jump—S. J. Burt, 5ft. 1in.

Under 14 years Hundred—L. Howitt, 12 2-5 secs.

Results are appended:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 yards Championship—L. W. Ryan 1, W. Wicks 2, J. W. H. Smith 3. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

220 yds. Championship—L. W. Ryan 1, W. Wicks 2, J. W. H. Smith 3. Time, 25 1-5 secs.

440 yds. Championship—W. Wicks 1, G. B. Morris 2, J. M. Houston 3. Time, 57 4-5 secs.

880 yds. Championship—G. Robertson 1, W. Towner 2, J. M. Houston 3. Time, 2 mins. 23 secs.

Mile Championship—L. Tippet 1, W. Towner 2, J. M. Houston 3. Time, 5 mins. 17 secs.

120 yds. Hurdles Championship—G. Robertson 1, G. Alexander 2, A. B. Stayner 3. Time, 19 secs.

High Jump—G. P. Alexander 1, A. B. Stayner and G. H. Thomas 2. Height, 5ft. 1½ins.

Broad Jump—L. W. Ryan 1, R. C. Cathels 2, G. Robertson 3. Distance, 18ft. 7ins.

Putting the Shot—G. H. Thomas 1, C. Magee 2, R. C. Cathels 3. Distance, 36ft. 4½ins.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 yds. Championship—S. J. Burt 1, H. Hardy 2, J. Wright 3. Time, 11 3-5 secs.

220 yds. Championship—S. J. Burt 1, J. Wright 2, N. Storm 3. Time, 25 4-5 secs.

440 yds. Championship—S. J. Burt 1, N. Storm 2, J. Bassetti 3. Time, 60 1-5 secs.

880 yds. Championship—S. J. Burt 1, J. Wright 2, N. Storm 3. Time, 2 mins. 24 3-5 secs.

High Jump—S. J. Burt 1, N. Storm 2, B. Edmonds 3. Height, 5ft. 1in.

Broad Jump—S. J. Burt 1, N. Storm 2, J. Wright 3. Distance, 18ft. 2½ins.

90 yds. Hurdles Championship—N. Storm 1, S. J. Burt 2, J. Bassetti 3. Time, 14 3-5 secs.

UNDER 14 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

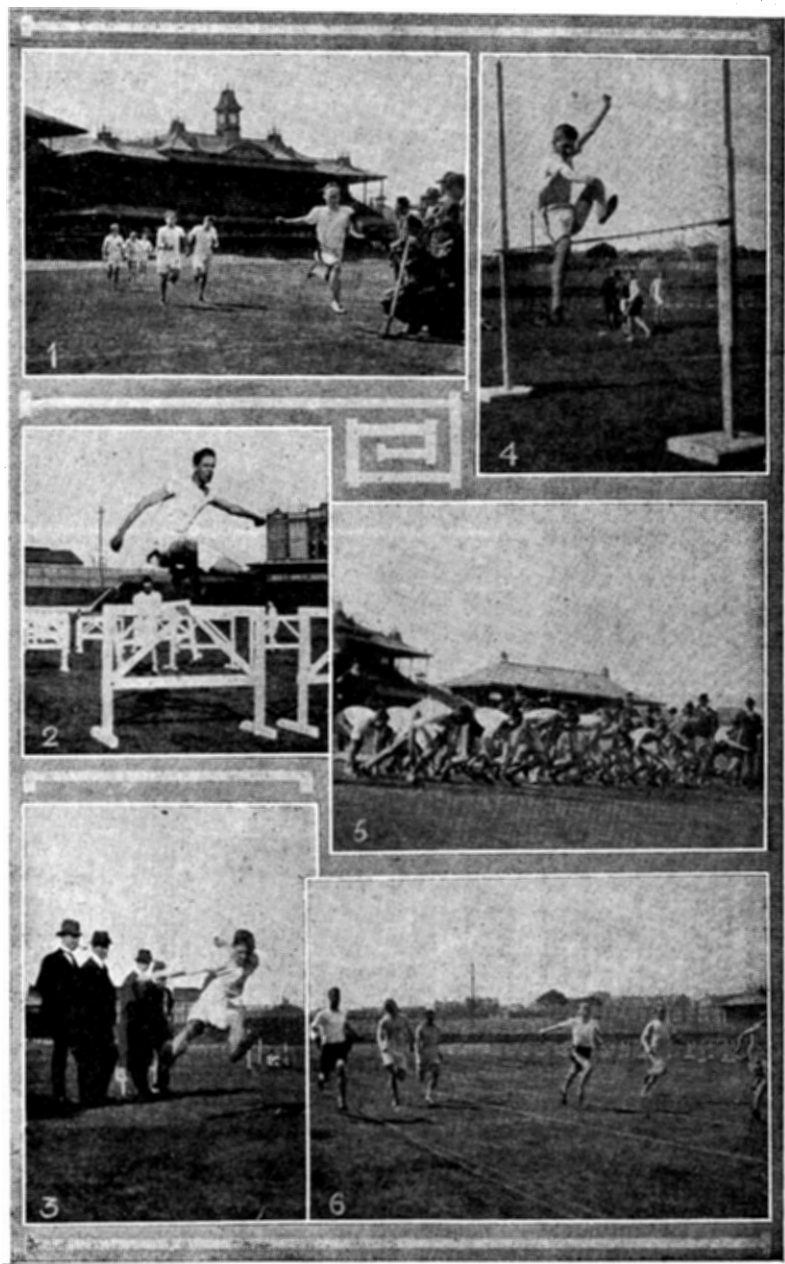
100 yds. Championship—L. Howitt 1, A. Austin 2, J. Dyson 3. Time, 13 2-5 secs.

220 yds. Championship—J. Dyson 1, L. Howitt 2, A. Austin 3. Time, 30 2-5 secs.

High Jump—F. Stayner 1, C. Cramp 2, Austin 3. Height, 4ft. 1in.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 yds. Old Boys' Handicap—L. J. Murray (scr.) 1; F. Bradhurst 2, S. G. Webb 3. Time, 11 secs.



SNAPSHOTS AT THE SPORTS.

- (1) Showing the finish of the Junior 220; (2) N. R. Storm, Hurdling;
 (3 and 4) S. J. Burt, High and Broad Jumping; (5) The Start of the Mile;
 (6) Finish of the 100.

880 yds. Old Boys' Handicap—S. G. Webb 1, A. W. V. King 2, W. White 3. Time, 2 mins. 13 3-5 secs.

120 yds. Club Handicap—D. Guthrie (5) 1, J. Lindsay (10) 2, W. Berryman (6) 3. Time, 13½ secs.

SENIOR HANDICAPS.

220 yds. Handicap—M. Flannery (9) 1, W. Berryman (9) 2, J. Reddish (8) 3. Time, 24 2-5 secs.

440 yds. Handicap—K. Grainger (25) 1, A. Moon (25) 2, W. Berriman (16) 3. Time, 58 secs.

880 yds. Handicap—L. Tippet (30) 1, K. Grainger (50) 2, A. Olsen (30) 3. Time, 2 mins. 15 secs.

1 Mile Handicap—W. Towner (50) 1, G. Robertson (50) 2, A. Olsen (60) and L. Tippet (30) 3. Time, 5 mins. 11 2-5 secs.

JUNIOR HANDICAPS.

220 yds. Handicap—J. Lindsay (8) 1, V. Colefax (14) 2, F. Brissett (8) 3. Time, 26 2-5 secs.

440 yds. Handicap—V. Colefax (25) 1, J. Wright (4) 2, J. Bassetti (15) 3. Time, 58 1-5 secs.

880 yds. Handicap—A. Smith (60) 1, V. Colefax (50) 2, N. Parberry (35) 3. Time, 2 mins. 24 3-5 secs.

UNDER 14 YEARS HANDICAPS.

75 yds. Handicap—R. Paillas (2) 1, C. Cramp (5) 2, R. Dower (6) 3. Time, 9 4-5 secs.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Pole Vault—R. Cramp 1, J. Davies 2, K. Grainger and J. Williams 3. Height, 8ft. 1in.

1 Mile Walk—R. Thompson (60) 1, F. Digby (90) 2, R. Williams (60) 3. Time, 8 mins. 47 secs.

Novelty Race—N. Parberry and H. Bloomfield 1, F. Brissett and H. Hardy 2.

Obstacle Race—F. Brissett 1, R. Snellgrove 2, J. Clements 3.

Siamese Race—Boyd and Llewellyn 1, A. Mutton and A. Newton 2, H. Bloomfield and N. Parberry 3.

Sack Race—First Division: J. Dickson 1, V. Colefax 2, J. Dunn 3. Second Division: A. Mutton 1, H. Bloomfield 2, J. Thompson 3.

Potato Race—W. Mahoney 1, F. Brissett 2, R. Thompson 3.

INTER-FORM EVENTS.

Senior Tug-o'-War—4 AG (Elliott, Gollan, Shand, Magee, Giles, Smythe, Pearce, Thomas) 1, 4 BG (Smith, Vaughan, Laws, Reddish, Burkenshaw, Rickard, Cousins, Wright) 2.

Senior Relay—4 CG (Ryan, Alexander, Price, Trivett, Harvey, Bassetti, Storm, Rathborne) 1, 4 AG (Morris, McCredie, Paton, Wales, Houston, Guthrie, Stayner, Thomas) 2.

Junior Tug-o'-War—2 AG.

Junior Relay—2 BG (Smith, Kelly, Boone, Wall, Copland, Lawson, Pike, Salmon) 1, 2 AG (Parberry, Moran, Smith, Lender, Paine, Wotton, Cramp, Lindsay) 2.

The Promptings of Nature

*When far away from city's bustling roar,
And to some quiet, still mountain gorge I hie;
My thoughts from drear and musty tomes do fly
O'er Nature's bounteous gifts and works to pore,
My eyes in meditative mood before
Me I do cast, and take in earth and sky,
In foreground rippling stream and green fern high,
In rear, 'tween wattle sprigs the mountain store.*

*Which brings my thoughts back from this fairyland
To that in which men's petty ills do find
No solace. Who would not a hermit be,
To dwell apart a recluse from mankind
On sea-shore lone in glorious liberty?*

E.P.

On the Editor's Table.

(Note.—We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed in this column. All contributions which seem dictated by a sincere regard for the School are placed herein without censoring.—Ed.)

THE NEED FOR BARRACKERS.

The Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—Up at St. Joseph's recently I happened to overhear two of their barrackers criticising the very poor roll-up of S.H.S. chaps. There was good ground for their criticism, too, for, besides the teams, there were only about half-a-dozen of our chaps there. If the other schools have a good roll-up, why can't we? Surely it is not too much to ask a chap to give up seven Saturday afternoons a year? I am inclined to think, Mr. Editor, that some of these chaps would invent any excuse rather than go out to, see the 1st XV. on Saturday afternoon. However, they are quite willing to go out and see two League teams, for example. Even though we have fared badly this season, we will regain, and far better, our position. However, most chaps need to have it rubbed in that we will only pick up if everybody does something for the School. If he can't play, then he should go out and barrack.—Yours, etc.,

G.T.M.

1st XV. JERSEYS.

The Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—I would like to suggest that next year the 1st XV. adopt an absolutely distinctive jersey. I think that a light blue jersey with chocolate cuffs and shield would fill the bill.—Yours, etc.,

A SPORT.

SPORT ORGANISATION.

The Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—This year there has been a general laxity in regard to the sport side of the School, and result of it was easily seen in the Rugby results, and will probably be more noticeable in the athletics. Up to the present, there has been a marked indifference to training, and outside the carnival, which was a marked success, there has been nothing organised to arouse the interest of the boys. Why did not the Sportsmaster organise and supervise try-outs? Through this lack of organisation of the training, there has been great uncertainty as to what boys are best fitted to represent the School in the different events at the G.P.S. and C.H.S. carnivals. There must be a change if the School is to retain its position in athletics. I would suggest that next year the School hold a sports meeting just prior to the opening of the football season, as well as the annual carnival in September. Only championship events need be decided, without entrance fee or prizes. A record could be kept of the six best boys in each event. When training commences they could be trained for their respective events, and the result would be seen in the showing made at the combined meetings. Hoping that something similar to this will be given a fair trial next year, and that the Sportsmaster and other members of the Staff, as well as the boys, will take a keener interest in the sport of the School. Fag should not be the only thing in a boy's life at school.—I am, etc.,

S.J.E.

(We think the notion of an Easter sports meeting an eminently sensible one, and commend it to the Union for consideration. It has already been adopted by other schools.—Ed.)

MASTERS AND SPORT.

The Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—Can you inform me of the number of G.P.S. Rugby matches at which the Sportsmaster was present? Also can you give a definite answer to a question which I myself have been asked several times, but have been unable to answer definitely? The question, which seems to be disturbing the sleep of a number of boys, is: "Was the Sportsmaster at the C.H.S. sports on Saturday, Sept. 20th?"—I am, etc.,

E.J.S.

(1. He was present at the first half of one match. 2. No. But you must remember that the Sportsmaster spends a great deal of his time attending G.P.S. Council Meetings, etc. The non-attendance at matches is the fault of the whole staff, not one man only.—Ed.)

MASTERS AND SPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out the fearful state into which sport has fallen this year, and I do not blame the boys. The material is there, but the polish which could be instilled into the boys by the masters is lacking. This should not be so; the masters should wholeheartedly support the boys. Last year I attended Speech Day, and it was said that athletics

would be thoroughly organised this year; monthly try-outs would be held, and then the boys who were deserving would be trained for the combined meetings. Has this been done? The last few Wednesdays the boys with the true school spirit have been going by themselves to train for the combined meetings, entirely without the masters' knowledge. Where is the trainer? These monthly try-outs need not be all talk; there could be two sports meetings per year. One at Easter, consisting of championships only, and the other could be the ordinary annual meeting. The placed men in the Easter meeting could be thoroughly trained by a professional trainer, and then I think Sydney High School will once more become noted for athletics. The football, for example, was a disgrace. Not lack of material, but lack of interest by the masters, was responsible. The nominal head of sport, the Sportsmaster, went to half a G.P.S. match. This is a sad state of affairs; he at least should attend the matches. How can he, who has not seen the men play, say who is to be chosen for a representative team? This not only applies to him, but to all the other masters, and I really think that if the teachers received these proposals in the right spirit it would benefit the School. The boys would gain encouragement, and perhaps learn some new moves in football, as some of the masters have been footballers, and would learn the fundamental principles of athletics. I hope this letter will receive due consideration.—I am, etc.,

A.B.S.

AN OMISSION.

The Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—Being always an interested reader of the "Record," I wish to draw your attention to several omissions which occurred in your last issue. The names of C. E. Tressider and C. H. Turtle (the former Exhibition in the Faculty of Medicine the latter pass in Arts, Law, Medicine, and Science at the Matric., March, 1919) were omitted. The name of S. Moss was also missing from the "Valete" column. With all best wishes for the "Record."—Yours, etc.,

OLD BOY

(We apologise.—Ed.)

A DIG AT THE DREAMERS.

The Editor, "Record."

Dear Sir,—Good luck to that form writer who raises his voice at the slackers of his form, who, whilst sitting like a sponge absorbing wisdom and importance, are, like that humble animal, only induced to yield up of their gains by pressure. I hope his plaint will meet the eye and stir the limbs of the individuals who, with legs long enough to carry them at an "evens" bat, are content to twine those legs round a fence post whilst their voice seeks to atone for their lack of energy. The old motto, "Be ye ashamed to come in last," seems to have scared many of them, and in preference to filling that oft-times honourable position, they prefer to keep out altogether, and regale the girls on the benches with tales of their fellows' prowess. Was I, then, such a great sport myself at school? I was not, and there's the rub. You don't realise these things till too late, and you are years away from the School. Then the news that S.H.S. was again beaten by 42 to nil causes you to wonder why, and you begin to see that it is because of the lack of interest in the welfare of the School which a great number of its scholars evince. It has hurt when on the other side (I fortunately didn't slack in that other disturbance) some other G.P.S. chap has asked me what team I was in, or what was my distance, or did I believe in Rugger or Soccer. I hope you chaps won't have such a strenuous field in which to awaken your latent sporting nature as I had, and that you will realise that

a man can gain just as much from a good rousing game of "footy" as he can from all the Ciceros invented. We Old Boys are watching the old School more closely than you may think, and till we can see the real alma mater spirit arise in the ranks, our hopes of a reputation in the playing fields to rival that in the classrooms are very small.—Yours, etc.,

DIGGER.

THE O.B.U.

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

Sir,—It seems as if the Old Boys' Union is going through such another time as is the School just at present. When we see so much about the O.B.U.s. of other schools, one cannot help but wonder what has become of our own. Why is there not some whole-hearted attempt to gain the membership of the retiring Fourth Year before they have got too far away from the School? At S.C.E.G.S., in particular a chap has no sooner left school than he is seen wearing an O.B.U. badge (which we have not yet attained). Result, a firmly-established body, Old Boys' ball in the Town Hall, new sports ground, etc. "Social gatherings" in connection with the School O.B.U. seem to be held at somewhat "infrequent intervals." With so many of the Old Boys returning from the front surely it is time the above body got a move on.—Yours, etc.,

A.T.H.

To The Critic.

*Thou sayest, O Critic, my language is meek,
My rhyme scheme is feeble, my metre is weak,
My love of life's pagan, my humour's a bore,
In technique I'm lacking, and—well, a lot more.*

*I care not, O Critic! I sing for myself,
Not for honour, nor profit, nor glory, nor pelf;
I care not, O Critic! my spirit is free,
I sing but the song of my soul's revelry.*

*O Critic! O Critic! who pratest of rhyme,
Figure of fun from a formalist's time,
Prating of iambs and trochees and such—
How can you expect us to honour you much?*

P.K.

Form Notes.

IV. A.G.—We have just emerged, faint and gasping, from a barrage of exam. papers, each one spelling three hours' agonising effort at trying to show persistent masters that we do know something when, in reality, all we know is that we know nothing. But there is hope for us yet; for, as Socrates saith in one of his celebrated speeches, you do not know anything until you realise that you know nothing. Once more our Utopia appears, phantom-like, on the horizon. Our children's children may yet pass a few pleasant years at S.H.S. on the site of the old Zoo, engaging in heated arguments as to whose ancestors inhabited a section of the cages which were there in the now dim, distant past

IV B.G.—"Virtue is like precious odours, most fragrant when crushed." The closer we are drawn into the whirling vortex of Adversity, personified in the God of Exams., the more apparent is the spirit of our class. The ad-

verse conditions of the year have served only to make the many virtues of the class more fragrant. Our activities are by no means one-sided. In work we have striven ably to justify the efforts bestowed upon us by our masters, who have always placed our interests first. In this issue we take the opportunity of thanking them for their combined efforts, and we hope to fulfil all their expectations. On the other hand, sport, too, is popular. We were well represented in Rugby football. Reddish and Smith distinguished themselves as forwards. The annual sports carnival of the School demonstrated our enthusiasm in athletics, incidentally unearthing a promising long-distance performer in the person of Tippet.

IV. C.G.—At the time of writing one finds the school in a very unenviable position, both as regards sport and school work generally. Perhaps the case is worst in the former. The football season has been an abject failure; and at the recent C.H.S. athletic meeting we not only failed to regain the Junior Shield, but also lost the Senior Cup. There seems to be an extreme apathy in regard to the school in sport, and unfortunately our form is one of the guilty ones. Certain teachers, one in particular, give our form the name of being one of the smartest and hardest working forms in the school. Certainly this is true; but is he to be satisfied with this? Is there no such thing as school spirit, or interest in the doings of the school? Even the appeals of the Head himself on several occasions have borne little fruit. Certain boys have been given the name of being *nice* boys. In the opinion of some, no doubt—but now we are beginning to trespass on a forbidden subject, namely, the acute apathy of half of our masters in reference to nearly everything pertaining to the social life of the school. And so let us get back to the form. Certainly, there are two or three chaps whose conduct would shame any class, but since no amount of argument, contempt or ridicule would affect them in any way, they are really out of the question. In the general half of the class, school interest is sadly lacking. As I have said, no fault at all can be found with the work of the class, but the section in question are allowing themselves to be spoilt by a few “good-for-nothings,” whose chief aim is to be as ill-mannered as possible, and to put as many obstacles as they can in the way of masters and prefects alike.

Perhaps the best means of emphasising the difference between the two sides of the form would be the late athletic carnival. Despite the fact that the hon. secretary and another committeeman belonged to the form, half of them showed absolutely no interest in it whatever. To cap it all, five of the tug-o-war team (all general chaps) did not turn up, and we were forced to forfeit. Again, our relay team won after a great tussle with IV. A., but only one member was from the “generals”—two of them went back on us at the last moment. We also occupied 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Senior Cup, and 2nd and 4th in the Junior. To Ryan, winner of the Senior, we extend our heartiest congratulations. Finally, we appeal to the chaps in question to wake up to their responsibility as seniors of the school. Much has been said about the contents of former Notes. It is hard to go on writing in the same strain, and, incidentally, perhaps, making ourselves unpopular. I appeal to those in question: Are they acting fairly to the class and the school itself? Let there be from now on a change in their attitude. How about signalling it by a good roll-up at the forthcoming G.P.S. athletic meeting and cricket fixtures?

III. B.G.—We have many persons of note in our class, especially Burt, winner of the Junior Cup, M.T.S., and 3rd Year Prefect; also our two mile walkers, Bug Bloomfield and Froggie Williams. Our modern St. Peter, Cormacknamara, still (like Horatius of old) blocks the way of Prefect Astur, as he marches his small I.C. class through the gate.

II. A.G.—“Like one that on a lonesome road doth walk in fear and dread.” Thus II. A.G., with the haunting recollections of the late yearly, is progressing Interward, intent to do or die. Sad to say, the recent epidemic,

and other untoward circumstances, have caused us to favour the latter supposition; but still, even the impossible sometimes happens; so complete despair does not hold sway over No. 6, but the inhabitants are clinging to the hope that by attending to their work, as much as the noise in the adjoining room will allow, the number of A's will be creditable to the class. In the sports this year we gained considerable credit, mainly through the efforts of Lindsay, and other of our amateur athletes. Amongst other things, the Junior Tug fell to us, our heavyweight, M——n, making all the difference in the team, as he himself avers; but perhaps victory might have been better assured had the members of the team not imbibed so freely in the refreshment rooms, where, it is rumoured, the number of our friends from the Girls' High greatly eclipsed that of the boys.

II. B.G.—At the recent sports II. B.G. were successful in winning the Junior Relay Race, which shows our superiority over the other forms in athletics.

We wish to express our sympathy at the frequent illnesses of our French master, who has not long returned from the front.

With the swimming season approaching, we expect to find in our ranks several first-class swimmers. There are also several cricketers who show great promise in our class.

R.G.—During the last quarter R.G. has been studying hard (?) to make up for lost time. But we have not forgotten our sports; we had two "reps." in the Combined High School Sports, Hardy and Mahoney. We were also active in our own sports by winning the "Spud" race, and being placed in many of the heats and finals.

R.G. wishes to welcome back Ryan and Wills after some weeks' absence, and hope they will be successful in passing the Naval Exam. for which they sat.

R.C.—Here we are again, but feeling very hungry, as we were counting on winning the cake for the tug-o'-war, to make up for the loss of bread. We were somewhat surprised at losing, but we proved our superiority over the "Doctors" by defeating them both in the tug-o'-war and on the football field. This week we discovered that we have a budding poet among us. Below is a sample of his work, written in connection with the O——, Cotton Bonds Campaign.

"THAT GOWN."

*A master of ours, so noble and true,
Asked us to get him a gown bright and new,
As his was so worn out, so worn out and holy,
That it rendered our teacher so seemingly lowly.*

*A pupil of ours, who is very "Wise,"
Drew up a poster with much disguise,
In which it was stated Bonds we should buy,
To get a new gown for our teacher—or try.*

*But why should we worry with so much expense
When a reel of black cotton can be bought for "Sixpence"
To mend up the holes that are so very "Small"
And thus end trouble for once and for all?*

I. A.G.—We are now thoroughly acquainted with the work we are expected to do, with the result that we are progressing favourably in every subject. But for all this, we are not ungrateful for the Michaelmas vacation.

I. A.G. is not behind in sport, having had five under 14 reps. in the C.H.S. carnival, some of whom performed fairly creditably. Also we possess a record-breaker.

I. A.C.—During the last term the form has settled down to work for the yearly exam. The Headmaster has often remarked on our excellent attendance. Mr. Brodie's commercial subjects are now in preparation for the coming term and exam. We are sorry to hear that our French teacher suffers from the after-effects of gas. During the latter part of the football season our team emerged victorious over the other First Year teams. We hope to put a fair cricket team in the field this season. We were well represented in our own sports, and secured a few places. Our form turned out in force to barrack for the school at the C.H.S. sports meeting.

“Once.”

*Once wand'ring where my footsteps led me, or where fate said I should go,
I sudden came upon a mossy glen, a scarred black rock below,
Through which a streamlet idly wandered, flowing aimlessly and slow,
And lost itself beneath the fern-trees, where, I did not seek to know,
Nor whence it came.*

*A great moss'd tree, which once had stood in all its pride of mighty power
Upon the black rock's brink above for rolling ages, like a tower
Which stood to guard the glen below, had shattered been in direful hour
By Great Jove's thunderbolt, and now it lay athwart that verdant bower,
And bridg'd the stream.*

*I sat me down upon that tree beneath a rock's o'erhanging ledge,
And with a stick traced idle shapes in the sand that lay at the water's edge—
As long ago on the wave-washed strand mild Spenser once his faith did pledge—
And I watch'd the wid'ning ripples wash the bank beneath a ferny hedge
Which there did grow.*

*And then there rose before my mind the image of a far-off day
Before man's desecrating footsteps ever had been known to stray
Into this glen—a day when Austral nymphs and fauns there used to play,
With faery dance and faery song to while the livelong day away
With laughter sweet.*

*Then I bethought me how love-lost Narcissus may have lain beside
That tranquil pool, his image seen, and to th' imagin'd Naiad cried:
“O bashful Nymph that lurkest there, say, Nymph, why dost thou from me hide?
When I lean forth, then leanest thou; why, then, to thy retreat oft glide
When I do so?”*

*“And when I lean to clasp thee to my side, why dost thou rudely break
The surface with thine arms up-stretch'd as if to fondle me, and make
Soft ripples, ever slowly widening, circling out, which rudely take
Thy figure from my sight; and when they cease, in the pure tranquil lake
I see thee still.”*

*No longer was the bright sun gleaming o'er yon lofty neighbouring hill;
 No longer did the waving shadows play upon the dancing rill;
 The stars shone out above; the winds made moan; the air was growing chill;
 The tall trees sighed their secrets to the night; and all was grown still
 For its night's rest.*

*The argent glory of the bright moon floated softly in a velvet sky,
 The white star-points, like myriad diamonds thickly clustered, were on high,
 Ranged and grouped and ordered in their all-surpassing beauty by
 The Master Hand—a universe whose glorious brightness ne'er shall die
 While Time shall last.*

G.T.M.

Literary and Debating Society

A rather uneventful term has passed. At the half-yearly general meeting, G. B. Morris and R. F. Gollan were re-elected vice-president and secretary respectively. S. J. Burt again acts as sub-secretary. F. J. Giles and A. Harvey edit the "MSS. Journal," while G. T. Morony, W. H. Brook, M. W. Flannery, and G. Hardwicke complete the committee.

Mr. Gollan is still Premier, though Mr. F. Giles, as leader of the Opposition, has made determined efforts to oust him from his position. At a parliamentary debate on the advisability of admitting Germany to the League of Nations, though but a small audience was present, some of the best speeches of the year were heard. The Premier's Address-in-Reply was certainly his best effort this year.

The great attraction of the term was the mock trial, in which, before his Dishonour Judge Stayner, Annabella Tomasina Harvey sued Gastritis Triptotimus Morony for £1000 for alleged breach of promise. The attendance touched the hundred mark. On account of the shocking disregard of most of the witnesses for the truth, the judge was forced to dismiss the case.

G.P.S. DEBATING UNION.

It was suggested early in the year that the Debating Societies of the Great Public Schools should combine for the purpose of fostering interest in the great problems of the day. It was thought that if a debating competition could be held boys would be encouraged to study the questions of world interest. With this view, a conference of delegates from the schools met at the Grammar School early in July. A sub-committee was appointed to go into the question in detail, and report to the full conference. Since then several meetings have taken place, and the following is a resume of the scheme agreed upon:—The schools are divided into two groups, mutual accessibility being the principle of grouping. Our team will thus debate yearly with S.G.S., T.S.C., and N.C. Four men will comprise a team. In debates the leader of each team will speak for 15 minutes, each other speaker 10 minutes, and both leaders will have 10 minutes' right of reply. Points will be win 2, draw 1, loss nil. Marks will be given by the adjudicators, of whom there will be three, for matter, fluency, choice of words, delivery, and team work. At the end of the year the leading team in one division will debate against the leading team in the other for the premiership and possession of a challenge shield. The winning team will be awarded medals. The adjudicators chosen by the central committee will chose first and second teams to debate against the University teams solely on form shown in fixtures throughout the year. The first competition will take place in 1920.

Now a few words about the state of things in the Society at present. Gollan, Morris, Giles, Morony, Flannery, and Brook, the whole of this year's team, including the emergencies, leave at Christmas. This means that out of all our speakers who have had any experience this year, Harvey alone will be back next year. Five speakers at least will be needed for the team,

so it befits any who has any leaning at all towards debating to try and get as much practice as possible. Debating can no longer be regarded as merely a pleasant way of passing an afternoon. Our position among the Great Public Schools will depend on the merit of debaters, and in future years we hope to see the attendance at each meeting top the hundred, and that every fellow who does go will be prepared to do his part when called upon to speak.

Cricket Prospects.

Cricket prospects for the coming season are, on the whole, very bright. In the G.P.S. competitions we ought, if the team does itself justice, to occupy a much higher place than usual. This season we have played two competition matches in the G.P.S., defeating St. Ignatius', and losing to King's. These matches were played at the beginning of the year.

We have ten of the old team left, including McCredie, Williams, and McKellar, who are old-stagers compared with the rest; and the others who entered the team this year are all very keen to make names for themselves, and retrieve the old School's failure in the football.

In batting we have some safe men, such as Bain (who proved his worth at the beginning of the year), McKellar (who is steady and reliable), and McCredie, who must restrain himself a little. Others who should do well with the bat are Harvey, Burt, Morris, and Alexander, who have not done anything startling so far. They only need to make a beginning and earn some confidence. Williams showed great promise last year, but this year he has not struck form much, while Price is too stiff, owing perhaps to his peculiar style. Burt has very little style, but is keen, and knows how to hit hard. Willmott is no batsman, but is fairly safe "behind the sticks."

In the bowling department we need great improvement. We have McCredie, who did well in the All Schools' team last year, and he is looking forward to good results with the ball. Unfortunately, we have no slow bowler. Morris is very good on his day, but is not very consistent. Williams, Harvey and Price are fair, and Alexander shows out on occasions. However, with practice they ought to improve considerably.

In the fielding the team should do well. McKellar is easily the best; he is a very good mid-on, and snaps up some good catches. Bain is also good at slip, and Price is a trier at point. On the whole, we should show up well here.

The material is good, enthusiasm runs high, prospects are bright, but to do ourselves justice we must have a competent coach. It is impossible to do anything any good if we still go on in the old slipshod way, and we should use our opportunity this year to the utmost. The Old Boys' Union has been asked to move in the matter, but this hope fails. The Union must see to the engagement of a reliable man to coach the School teams.

Then, again, cricket is not getting the support it deserves. We hold the honour of being one of the schools that take part in the G.P.S. competitions, and it is high time the School realised its position. Cricket and Rugby are the two G.P.S. activities, and we should concentrate on these two sports, and bring the School to the fore. Hitherto the School was divided in the football question. Those who played Soccer realised the situation, threw over the non-G.P.S. game, and threw themselves whole-heartedly into the Rugby. Soccer has gone, and Rugby reigns supreme—as it should. Why not let the swimming go and concentrate on cricket also? It is the G.P.S. sport, and it is time the School realised it. The boys should be taken in their first year, and tried out at cricket. If they have ability, keep them at it; if they are hopeless, *then* let them take to swimming. They need not be forced, against their will, to play cricket, but I think that if they were

taken early, and if they would only realise that they are a part of the School, and can help to make their School great, they would do the right thing, and be glad to do their utmost for their Alma Mater.

Rugby and cricket are the G.P.S. games. We are a G.P.S., and to keep ourselves worthy of the position we must support the two chief sporting activities.

KENNETH MCCREDIE, Capt. of Cricket.

Valete.

S. MARCER (1915-19), I.C., 1916. 1st XI. Soccer, 1917-18; half colours, 2nd XV., 1919.

L. PORTER (1916-19), I.C., 1918; Sub. Sec. Library, 1919.

"Morn and Dusk."

*Morn, and the shadows leaving
The valley green below;
Two youthful hearts were grieving—
Not all their buds would grow.
Dusk, and the shadows filling
The valley and the streams,
Two aged hearts were willing
To count dried leaves of dreams.*

"Forgeron."

Football.

The Rugby season has now drawn to a close, and on the whole it has been very disappointing.

The 1st XV. were unable to win a match in the G.P.S. comp., and finished last in the competition. This year the team lacked experience mainly, and although the members trained hard at the beginning of the season, the series of defeats, coupled with other misfortunes, was so disheartening that training was neglected by many. There was also a great lack of spirit in the team, as evinced by the performances at Newington, Grammar and Shore. However, against King's, Riverview and Scots' it must be said that the performances were very creditable.

The support given to the team by the School was very discouraging. It is about time the fellows of the School realised what a tremendous help supporters are to a team. This year the attendance at matches of Fourth Year more especially was perfectly disgraceful. Any player will tell you that encouragement and barracking is the best tonic a dispirited football team can receive. It is hoped that next year the attendance at matches will show a decided improvement.

The 2nd XV. are to be congratulated on their success in the second grade High Schools' competition. This team went through the comp. undefeated, winning nine matches and drawing one.

The Thirds were another good team, but they never seemed to be able to field their best fifteen. Fife (capt.) and Taylor were the best of the forwards, while Collins, a five-eighth of exceptional ability, was the best of the backs.

The Fourths finished well up in the fourth grade High Schools' competition. White, in the forwards, and Churchward, in the backs, displayed good form.

1st XV.

1st XV. v. S.I.C., lost 8-29. Played on July 12 at Riverview. The team was practically a scratch one on account of 'flu. Tries were scored by W. H. Smith and Reddish. Towner kicked a beautiful penalty goal. The

game was fast and open, though some of our men were just out of bed. W. H. Smith, H. S. Smith, and Towner played great games. Our opponents were heavier than our team, but it would be safe to say we played every bit as good a game as them.

1st XV. v. N.C., lost 0-40. Played on July 16th at Stanmore. A terrible exhibition of football. We held our opponents till half-time, but then W. H. Smith and Willmott were crippled and forced to retire. Our opponents were scoring all the second half.

1st XV. v. T.K.S., lost 0-50. Played on July 26th at Parramatta. King's were a far heavier and superior team, but the very weak team which we fielded fought most pluckily against them. Indeed, for the last half of the second half the play was all in their territory.

1st XV. v. S.G.S., lost 0-96. Played on August 2nd at S.G.S. Our opponents had an absolutely perfect three-quarter line, which did all the work for them. Our own team played fearfully, and took its defeat, with a few exceptions, lying down.

1st XV. v. T.S.C., lost 11-24. Played at Rose Bay on August 10th. The best match of the season. Though far outweighed, the team played a magnificent game against the runners-up in the G.P.S. comp. Scots started quickly, and rattled up 6 points very quickly. School then realised they were on the field, and began to mix matters. From a ruck near their line H. Smith broke away and crossed over. Ryan failed at the easy kick. After some give-and-take play near the centre-line we again worked up into their twenty-five. Smith again broke away and passed to Thomas, who, always rather selfish, tried to break through himself. He was tackled, and had good luck in getting the ball out to Storm, who crossed in. Ryan converted. After the interval, Scots, who were 11 at the conclusion of the first half, increased their total to 24. Some ruck work ensued, and Gollan broke away with the ball at toe from a ruck near our line. After a grand dribbling run he was tripped near their line, but Reddish, following on fast, picked up and scored. We fought hard to reach our opponents' total, but had the hardest of hard luck, and when the whistle blew Scots' had won by 24-11. For the School, Wales, Reddish, H. Smith and Gollan were the best of a fine set of forwards, while Houstén, Crawford (second grade), and Jones were the pick of the backs.

1st XV. v. S.C.E.G.S., lost 3-27. Played on August 23rd at North Sydney. A disappointing performance after the previous Saturday's brilliant display. K. Jones played the best game for us, and scored our only try.

1st XV. v. S.J.C., lost 0-52. Played on August 30th at Hunter's Hill. We were only 9 points in arrears at half-time, and had been playing a better game than our opponents. But after the interval the team absolutely went to pieces, and our opponents amassed a cricket score. This match completed a very disappointing season. Next year should be different. Nine of the old team will return, and we may hope there will be no broken training or influenza to affect them.

The following was the team that, with all things in our favour, would have represented the School. Usually at least half were out through illness:—Full-back, J. M. Houstén; three-quarters, S. J. Burt, W. H. Smith, R. C. Cathels (vice-captain), S. M. Willmott; five-eighth, N. R. Storm; scrum-half, K. Jones; forwards, C. S. Wales, C. P. Magee, J. A. O'Neill, R. F. Gollan, H. S. Smith, W. J. Elliott (captain), G. Robertson, G. H. Thomas. Emergencies: Backs, M. W. Flannery, L. W. Ryan, K. M. McCredie; forwards, J. Reddish.

2nd XV.

2nd XV. v. Tech. This time our forwards were equal, and better, to Tech's. We won 5-0. Chapman scored a try, which Eyles piloted over the bar. Stitt, Chapman and Giles played solidly, and Crawford used his feet well.

2nd XV. v. Parramatta, at Wentworth Park. This was another victory for us, 53-0.

2nd XV. v. Hurlstone, at Wentworth Park. A very fast and solid game, but we came out victors by 10-0. Tries were scored by Brissett and Newton, both of which Eyles converted. Storm, Crawford, Guthrie, McKellar and Stitt shone out.

2nd XV. v. Fort Street, at Wentworth Park. This was another fast, keen game, both sides working to their uttermost. Chapman scored a try. Storm's side-stepping and dummying was great, as also was Hardwicke's following on.

2nd XV. v. N.S.H.S., at North Sydney. A very hard game, but once again we were winners, 6-0. Tries were scored by Stitt and Fong. In this match Eyles, Giles and Hardwicke shone out.

2nd XV. v. Fort Street, at Wentworth Park. This was the challenge match. It was a very hard game, and resulted in a scoreless draw. Particularly brilliant in this match were Eyles, McKellar, Hardwicke, Crawford, Chapman and Stayner, while Newton for his size played extremely well.

In the High Schools' comp. the team were premiers.

In the G.P.S. matches our team was much heavier, as we had Parry, Hipsley, Morris, etc. Morris is a very fast and reliable wing three-quarter, who, if he took to the game, would make a star wing man. Stayner (capt.), inside three-quarter, was fairly fast when he got the ball, but was slow to start. He tackled well and handled well. Storm (vice-capt.), who earned promotion to the Firsts, made the best of all openings by his fine side-stepping and dummying. Eyles was the finest full-back in the second grade teams we met. He was very cool, and kicked splendidly. Newton was very small and lacked pace, but played a good game. Crawford, though unreliable at first, opened all our eyes towards the end of the season. Bedford kicked well. Tet Fong, on the wing, was fast and furious, and our best scorer. Brissett, though weak in tackling, was a heady half. Among the forwards, Chapman and Stitt, breakaways, were always on the ball. McKellar, as lock, did good work, and was useful in the line-outs. Guthrie was very fast, but passed poorly. Berryman was good in the ruck, but poor in the open. Giles and Hardwicke were the pick of the forwards, always on the ball in open and ruck. Mullaly showed well in the earlier matches. Marcer, who had given promise of becoming an excellent forward, left early soon after the half-year.

Athletic Notes.

After five years of unprecedented success in track and field athletics, 1919 certainly seems, to those enthusiasts who follow the sporting success of the School so closely, a very, very "lean year." The old race of champions who jumped and sprinted and ran long distances for the School departed at Christmas. Though the younger generation promises well, there was no one ready to adequately fill their place. Certainly a very successful sports meeting was held, but at the C.H.S. meeting our unbroken succession of victories in the senior championship ended.

In the senior division we did practically nothing. L. Ryan is the only performer who merits notice. In the senior hundred he gave the speedy Bannister (N.S.H.S.) a run for his money, and was only beaten by a very narrow margin. The merit of this performance can best be judged by the fact that McManamy (N.S.H.S.), who last year equalled the record for this event, had to drop back to third place. A head wind in this case prevented record-breaking. G. Robertson, who on the time he put up at our own sports would have gone close to winning the C.H.S. hurdles, had the misfortune to strain his knee in his heat. This proved all the more serious, since he was also our first string for the 880, and was not able to run in that event. As it was, Alexander scored, a rather indifferent third in a poor hurdles final, and the relay team completed our tally by running third also.

In the juniors we had the worst of ill-luck. We lost the shield by but two points, when but for a series of misfortunes we would have had it assured. Burt, our junior champion, had ricked his leg at our own sports. Though third place in the junior broad jump was gained by less than 17ft., and he had neared 19ft. in practice, he did not obtain a place. Storm, however, gained second. The flag team (Burt, Storm, Hardy, Wright) ran a beautiful race, and reached home with about 20yds. to the good. Frape (E.M.H.S.) beat Burt on the tape in the 440, a race run in the splendid time of 56 secs. Burt looked a winner in the 220, but a North Sydney man fell in front of his legs, and he could only obtain a third. Storm won the 90yds. hurdles in 13 4-5 secs. Burt was called upon to jump in the high jump just after the 440, and was unable to clear more than 4ft. 11in.

The records broken deserve a word. Bannister (N.S.H.S.) equalled the 100 and 220 records, and ran the 440 in 54 2-5 secs., thus beating Vote's record of last year by a second. McManamy (N.S.H.S.) cleared 19ft. 8½in. in the broad jump. R. Harbisen (E.M.H.S.) gathered in two records—high jump (5ft. 6in.) and pole vault (10ft. 4½in.). Among the juniors, Storm (School) ran the hurdles in 13 4-5 secs. Robison (H.A.H.S.) cleared the fine high jump of 5ft. 3½in. A Canterbury man cleared 4ft. 7½in. under 14. We have mentioned Frape's 440.

E.M.H.S. gained the Junior Shield, and were runners-up in the Senior. They gained the three places in the high jump with Harbison (5ft. 6in.), Tierney (5ft. 5in.), and Bailey (5ft. 4in.), a splendid record from one school. Their team, as usual, was very hard worked. East Maitland have been runners-up on several occasions now. The School hopes it may soon be able to congratulate them on their gaining the Cup. N.S.H.S. gained the Senior Cup.

The meeting was very badly arranged. The mile, 440, and hundred followed almost immediately on one another. Burt, if he was to do his utmost for the Junior Shield, would have had to run in the 440, hundred, high jump, and hurdles in the space of half an hour. Such an idea is an absurdity. There are too many heats in everything, and even the relay team had to run three times. We would recommend the High Schools to limit the entries to one from each school, instead of the present three. If something is not done to lighten the burden on our runners, it befits next year's Union committee to seriously consider whether the C.H.S. meeting is worth while.

The G.P.S. meeting takes place on October 17th and 18th. A coach has not yet been engaged, though the Union committee instructed the Sportsmaster to engage one a month ago.

Library Report.

During the last term the Library Committee have carried out their duties to their utmost ability. At the beginning of the year many books were condemned, and a corresponding number of new books purchased. The circulation among First and Third Year boys is satisfactory, but Second Year boys do not seem to realise the value of the Library. More than 300 boys at present enjoy the benefits given by this institution, but the members, in many cases, do not observe the rule that no books may be kept out more than 14 days.

Tuckshop Report.

The tuck shop is undergoing a complete change, for which Mr. Kelly is mainly responsible. By the end of the year it is hoped that it will be a most up-to-date establishment run on the most business-like lines. However, what with the sugar strike and the bread strike, the tuck shop has had a very bad time. Confectionery has been scarce, and only very scanty supplies could be obtained. The Natural Food Co., too, has been forced to reduce the ordinary order, with the result that only a lucky few obtain any pastry.

A Number of Things.

Our Contemporaries.—The Editor desires to acknowledge the following exchanges. He apologises for all omissions:—*Glasgow High School Magazine*, *Hermes* (University of Sydney), *High School Chronicle* (G.H.S.), *The King's School Magazine*, *The Armadalian* (The Armidale School), *The Sydneian* (Sydney Grammar School), *The S.J.C.* (St. Joseph's College), *The Newingtonian* (Newington College), *Aurora Australis* (P.L.C.), *Wesley College Chronicle*, *The Melbourneian* (Melbourne Grammar School), *The Pegasus* (Geelong College), *The Maggie* (East Maitland High School), *Our Girls* (West Maitland Girls' High School), *The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal*, *The Toowoomba Grammar School Magazine*, *The Northern Churinga* (Launceston High School), *The Bindyite* (Dubbo High School), *The Novocastrian* (Newcastle High School), *The Quondong* (Broken Hill High School), *Royal Blue* (Petersham Commercial School), *The Conservatorium Magazine*, *The Parramatta High School Magazine*, *The Falcon* (North Sydney High School), *The Fortian* (Fort Street High School), *The Technical High School Journal*, *R.M.C. Journal*.

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Contributions.—The next issue of the "Record" will appear in the second week of December. Contributions should be in the Editor's hands by December 1st. Contributions from Old Boys are especially invited, and should be sent to the Editor at the School. Any pars. about the doings of Old Boys are very acceptable. These can be sent to the Old Boys' Editor at the Union, Sydney University. The "Record" welcomes contributions of verse, prose, cartoons, or photographs. All "Record" contributions should be written only on one side of the paper. The School has responded very poorly to the call for contributions for this issue. We have had to pick, not the best of a number of good contributions, but those which seem to us to contain any originality at all.

MILTON JUNIOR.—Once more into the breach, dear friends—

*"Peace is come, we hear a cheer,
There's a song of triumph there.
But girly is still weeping for her boy—
He got tied with a pommy bride."*

XAM-BUCK.—Ear, 'ear-r-r-r. Carried away on the wings of eloquence indeed: "We knew he was not up to much, but we thought that he was good, and said he was, and I don't know what we didn't do, and we told him what we thought of him."

M.I.G.—Haven't we heard this before:—

*"There was a little islet,
By anemone and violet,
Like mosaic haven?"*

If we knew your name we'd make an example of you. Can't you understand that, even if a plagiarised poem does get past the Editor, you are still lowering yourself and the School?

T.O.L.—The paper you mention, especially in its sporting reports, has always shown shocking ill-taste. We certainly do think it is presumptuous for one school to venture to criticise another, but nothing can be gained by raking up the matter. We should be above that sort of thing.

MURENA.—No, we don't think it would be advisable to print serially in the "Record" translations of the Latin authors set for the 1920 L.C. exam. Somehow, some masters have an absurd prejudice against that sort of thing.

THE ASS.—After some considerable consideration, we print your treatise, rather in the way of an awful example than in the hope of bestowing a new masterpiece of humour upon the world.

X.Y.Z.—Free verse needs to be handled by a writer of considerable power. You aren't one.

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