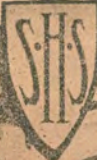


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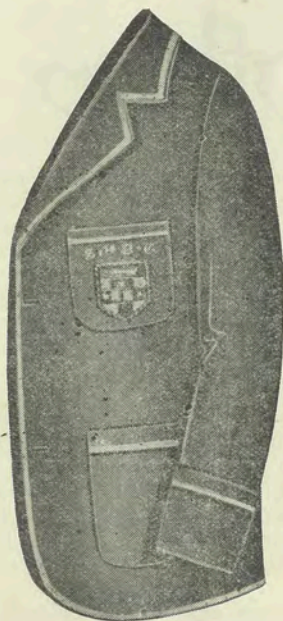
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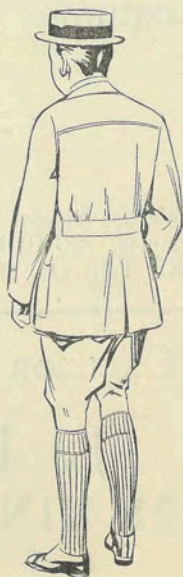
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February 2nd.—School reopens.

March 6th.—1st XI. v. T.S.C., at Rose Bay.*

March 13th.—1st XI. v. S.I.C., at Riverview.*

March 20th.—1st XI. v. S.G.S., at Rushcutters Bay.*

March 27th.—1st XI. v. N.C., at Stanmore.*

April 1st.—Last day of term.

April 10th.—1st XI. v. S.C.E.G.S., at Northbridge.*

* G.P.S. competition match.

Date of Swimming Carnival has not yet been fixed.

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Editorial

HAT BANDS.

At the beginning of the year in Vol. X., No. 2, there appeared a letter from the Head to the boys of the School. Among other things of vital interest to us as coming from a new Headmaster, there is the following:—"You wear the School badge upon your hats, and you should be proud to have the privilege of displaying it."

Now, how many in the School wear the School badge? If actual figures were taken, there would probably be not more than 70 per cent., which in a school of 400 means that there are 120 who *do not* wear it. Who are the offenders? As in a majority of other cases of School affairs, Third and Fourth Years. There are a few offenders among the juniors, but we think that it is only necessary to draw their attention to the fact that, as part of the School, they should wear the badge. Judging by the attitude of First Year in other School matters this year, they would soon conform to this idea.

However, as the Head says, it is the conduct of the older boys which, in a great part, moulds the School. Still, half of them don't obey the first principle. For certain reasons, badges are not made compulsory at School, as at other Great Public Schools. What looks worse than to see one of our teams turning up at a G.P.S. match, some of them without hatbands?

Why, this year there were *three prefects* who did not wear badges. One said that he was too big; another, that he thought every boy should wear one (yet he didn't do so himself); the third didn't care whether we wore badges, or even hats. And so on, we find that those who have so much school spirit to prate about have not enough spirit to acknowledge and show that they belong to the School. If they are not made compulsory for the whole School, at least the holding of a prefectship should be made contingent upon the wearing of a prefect's band.

THE LIBRARY.

The news that the proceeds of the Shakespearian Recital, shortly to be held, are to be devoted to the School Library should be very welcome news to all well-wishers of the School. There is no doubt that the real importance of the Library in a school such as ours is not understood. It should be one of the most important of school institutions, as one looks upon the Library to supplement what is learnt in class. It also serves as a relaxation for the brain, and by means of our Library we should inculcate a love of reading in the young mind which will remain and increase as one grows.

Is our Library capable of doing this? Just at present, no. The annual grant from the Union has been, until this year, £5. Now, considering the length of time that the greater part of the books have been on the shelves, this is not one-quarter enough to even keep the number of books at the usual strength. A certain number must be condemned and removed from the shelves each year, and so, as the years go on, the number of books becomes less and less. This year £10 was voted from the Union funds, but, taking into consideration the high price of books, even this sum was quite inadequate.

Well, then, the Library should benefit very considerably from this forthcoming entertainment. It should benefit to such an extent that it should be placed on a stronger footing than ever. Let a committee of masters and boys be appointed to consider on what books the money shall be spent. Hitherto there have been many books purchased which hardly ever leave the shelves. There is a certain class of literature needed, and let those supply it who understand boy nature, and the kind of reading matter they require.

One hears that in future the Tuck Shop is to be carried on on different lines. However, no matter how it is administered, let a certain proportion, or for that matter the whole, of the money received by the Union from the Tuck Shop be devoted to the Library. In this way it will become an institution worthy of the School.

GREATER UNITY IN SPORT.

A great deal has been said lately about our partial failure in sport, and many excuses and suggestions for improvement put forward. One point which strikes us strongly is the lack of unity between the boys of the School. Especially is this marked in the case of cricket. There were many boys, the great majority of them in Third and Fourth Years, who did not think it worth while to play. They were not quite good enough for the 1st XI., but were quite capable of gaining inclusion in the other grades. Evidently they considered it *infra dig* to be seen playing anything lower.

Consequently, after Christmas, or perhaps next season, when there will be vacancies in the 1st XI., men will have to be brought from the 3rd XI. Many members of the 2nd XI. will be leaving, and members of the team below that are much too young to be promoted to the 1st XI. Now had these non-sports complained of continued playing, they would have had the chance of being promoted, and so gaining their colours. Much of this comes from the lapsing of the compulsory sport regulation. Next term, with increased facilities for in-school cricket, we hope to see this revived, and everyone compelled to take part in sport, thus making the material for representative teams much more extensive.

The Diary of Pamyl. Sepys.

(Sometime of Sydney High School, in Ultimo.)

November 9 (Lord's Day).—This day at my books. At 9 of the clock to-morrow forenoon the Universitie examination is to commence, whereat I am thrown into a pretty tosse. Soe to bed, with no great peace of mind, being devilish disturbed as to the morrow.

November 10 (Black Monday).—Up betimes, and on foot to the City. Meeting Jones, of the '18 XI., now of the 'Varsitie, I took a turn with him, and he doth assure me there shall be no question of poetrie. At which, I think, I am more rejoiced than I never was before.

Into the square to the 'Varsitie Hall, where there be many schoole-men and much tittle-tattle and clacking of tongues. Hearing from X. that there shall be a question of poetrie, as he hath it on good authoritie, I am thrown into a pretty tosse.

To Master Hepple's book at once on his advice—but Lord! I pray God I have made no mistake in committing myself to him.

The square full this forenoon of the examiners, they having set many questions. Whereby 'tis said that we shall have 5, of them 1 of poetrie, but by a quarter to the hour the number is grown to 7, and everywhere long faces.

Meeting E., he hath it for certain that we shall have 8 questions, and of them 2, not prose, but poetrie, which is presently confirmed to me by D., whose half-uncle is of the Education Office.

Mr. Y—— makes merrie to me of the doings in the square; they thumbing their bookes and lending ear to any fool.

Whereat I am mightily amused, and laugh, I think, as I have never done in my life before.

But Lord! whether this be true or no more than empty tattling, who can tell.

J. asking me of the question of poetrie, I do assure him there shall be 1, which his asking my advice doth please me vastly.

It is everywhere very observable how ill at ease the schoole-men are of the papers, and what shall be the end of it all, God knows.

At noon I to the square, from the Hall, with T. Myself, I hath done excellently well, at which I am greatly rejoiced.

Did find the question of poetrie not commanded to be done.

And soe, home, to bed.

November 22.—These 12 days gone I have not writ in my journal, through my being so heavy for sleep come bedtime that I could not bring myself to sit and write.

Each day full of the examination, and the Lord knows what not.

At last it is over, for which I do thank God, that we may now lie easy in our beds.

This day a plaguey paper in Economie, which puzzled me more, I think, than I never was before.

Soe what shall be the end of the devilish business, God knows.

—THE DIARY.

Vespers.

*A calmness broods upon the hill and dale,
And sighing zephyrs lull the day to rest.
The pall of dreamy night doth shroud the vale
With shadows flung from out the dying west.*

*The wand'ring clouds are flecked with golden hue,
And Phoebus wan doth kiss each snowy fold.
The lurid tints of eve now fade from view,
And dewy zephyrs breathe o'er wood and wold.*

*Now nature's babbling voices sweetly swell,
The cricket pipes from out the sleeping hill.
Now rings the mellow-throated vesper-bell
As glide the wings of eve o'er moat and rill.*

*The rosy blush is fading from the sky,
And nature's lapped within the veil of night;
On sun-kissed peaks the weary day must die
As gloomy depths engulf the winged night.*

A.J.K.

Arthur W. Wheen.

AN APPRECIATION.

*"Sir Bors it was
Who spake so low and sadly at our board;
And mighty reverent at our grace was he."*

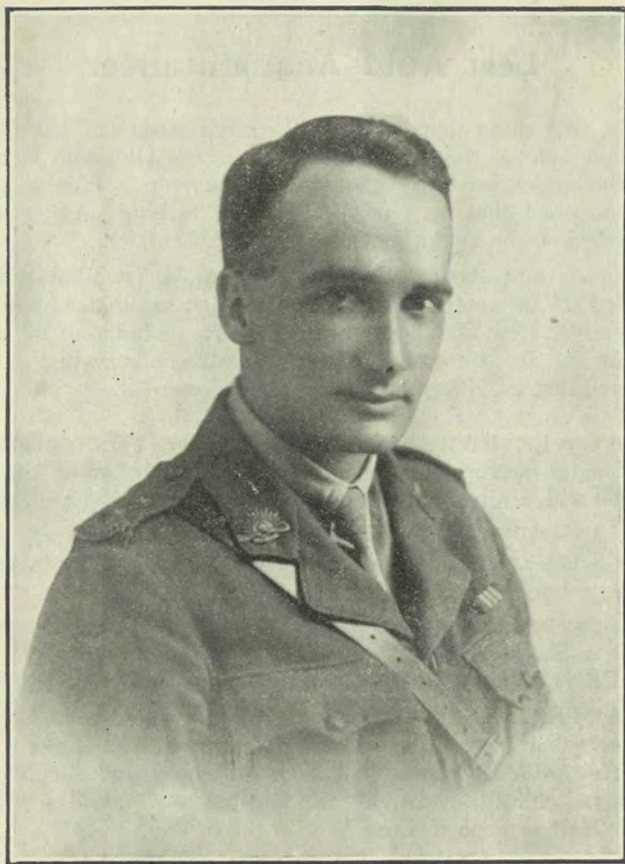
Lieutenant Arthur Wesley Wheen, M.M. (2 bars), has been chosen as the Rhodes Scholar for 1919. He is the third scholar who has brought that honour to the school.

We feel very proud of these old pupils, who by their sterling character, their industry, their intellectual ability, their patriotism, their bravery, have won such well-merited distinction.

In Arthur Wheen's character this worthiness is accompanied by such genuine modesty that our admiration of his conduct is deepened into personal affection. But those who knew that quiet, thoughtful boy at school were not surprised to hear of his valour on the field. At Fromelles, July 19th, 1916—the Military Medal; at Le Transloy, March, 1917—a bar to the same; at Villers-Bretonneux—a second bar, a commission on the field, recommendation for the Victoria Cross; this is a record of service rendered to the Empire of which the most ambitious might well be proud.

He was absolutely calm in the presence of danger, says a friend who knew him well. The comradeship discovered in war, the challenge to youthful pluck and manliness, the opportunity for ready thought and resourcefulness appealed to the young soldier. But the other side of war—its devastation, its brutality, its battering force, its materialism, its ghastly realism—was not without its effect on so fertile a mind.

He loved the things of the spirit, of the imagination, of the intellect. He was, in the writer's opinion, akin in spirit to the truer side of mysticism, and this spirit found expression from time to time, after much mental travail, in English composition and letters that were sui generis—original, imaginative, penetrating, beautiful.



LIEUT. ARTHUR WESLEY WHEEN, M.M. (2 BARS.)
Our Third Rhodes Scholar.

At a critical moment in the life of St. Paul as he was journeying along the venerable Appian way, in labours abundant, yet feeling the burden of human anxiety, he was met by some of the brethren, and so greatly heartened by the meeting that, we are told, he thanked God and took courage. We, too, amidst the welter and turmoil of to-day, may take courage and be thankful when we see the promise of such useful lives. Perhaps the imperial-minded Cecil Rhodes builded better than he knew when he endowed the Rhodes scholarships. For these

Rhodes scholars, while keen to foster the virile strength and national courage of the British race as a valuable asset in the stern arbitrament of war, may come to see, and teach others to see, that by the soul alone the nations shall be great; that justice and candour and beneficent intelligence are the strongest foundations upon which an Empire can rest.

Lest Auld Acquaintance.

The first thing that comes to the mind when one sits down to write these notes is the surprising success of our Old Boys in gaining three Rhodes scholarships in less than eight years. This is in itself enough to prove that the type the School is turning out is second to none turned out by any other Great Public School.

More is said about A. W. WHEEN, M.M. (two bars), Rhodes Scholar, 1919, in another column, but we must say that, in letter after letter received from Old Boys during the war, we heard of his marvellous courage. Recommended for the V.C., all who knew him in France considered that he, if anyone, should have received the coveted decoration.

RAY KERSHAW, M.C., Rhodes Scholar, 1919, sailed on the *Ventura* early in November, bound for Oxford. Before he left he was presented with a silver cigarette case by the boys still at the School.

E. A. SOUTHEE, O.B.E., M.A. (Oxon.), B.Sc. (Agr.), (Syd.), Rhodes Scholar, 1913, is prosecuting his studies in plant-breeding at Cambridge under Professor Biffen.

Just as we go to press news arrives of the XI selected to play for N.S.W. v. South Australia and Victoria. Old Boy members are H. CARTER (Captain), K. B. DOCKER, and J. BOGLE.

CARTER, who has kept wicket for Australia and N.S.W. for more years than most of us can remember, proved, in the recent match, N.S.W. v. an A.I.F. team, that he is still head and shoulders over any others behind the stumps. His keeping was, indeed, a delight to watch. He has a son in First Year at the School.

In the same A.I.F. match DOCKER and BOGLE were in both innings the mainstay of the N.S.W. batting. Docker is a very lively bat, who always presents an aggressive front to the bowling. He played for N.S.W. v. Queensland a few weeks ago. Bogle is quieter, but rather safer. He, like Carter, was selected to play against Queensland, but could not spare the time.

In first-grade cricket we have other performers besides these three. Take, for example, J. CLEMENGER, J. GARNER, P. W. DOCKER, and, of course, our old French master and cricket enthusiast, BOB (excuse us!) HARVEY.

Among names on the Dunn Shield programme, we noticed those of V. R. CLIFTON, T. W. McNAMARA, and L. J. MURRAY.

CLIFTON, whom most of us remember as a tennis player second only to A. S. WATT, is coming to the front as a mile runner, running second to R. S. Holcombe in the mile at the 'Varsity sports, and also scoring third place in the same event in the Inter-University Sports.

McNAMARÁ, who won our own Junior Cup in 1917, is rapidly improving in the sprints, running the hundred in $10\frac{3}{4}$ sec. Long John MURRAY gives promise of big things in the hurdling department. When he matures he will be one of the best.

It seems a pity that VIC. HYDE, who headed the batting averages of the 1st XI. last season, has decided to give up cricket, as he promised to become a really first-class batsman. He has not deserted his baseball, however—he plays for the 'Varsity IX., and is proving himself a success. RICKARD also plays for the 1st IX. at the 'Varsity. He gained his half blue this season.

Melbourne University narrowly defeated Sydney V. in the competition for the Niall Cup. We are glad to note, however, that the tennis of our two representatives in the team, A. S. WATT and J. CLEMENGER, received very favourable mention indeed.

An interested spectator at the All-Schools' sports meeting was VIC. PATERSON, who had just returned on the *Main*, in company with his brother FAIRLIE and STAN ROBERTSON. All three won commissions from the ranks. VIC. won the Girls' High School Cup for three years in succession, and at the G.P.S. meetings of 1911-12-13-14 scored a sum total of over 40 points for the School by his performance in the sprints. FAIRLIE was little inferior to him as an athlete, while STAN. ROBERTSON, who enlisted from School in 1915, was one of our mainstay at football.

The *Referee* made a very big blunder some months ago in stating that SOUTHEE was the only great footballer the School had produced. We could give several instances, but content ourselves with asking: "What, oh, what, of STAN. WICKHAM?"

AL. BUCHANAN, who won the John West and Grahame Medals at the Senior of 1908, and for some time wrote the *Record's* University Letter, was one of the first of Sydney's medical men to join up at the beginning of the war, taking part in the Gallipoli landing. Transferred from the Peninsula, where he won his Majority, to Egypt and thence to France, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1918 for conspicuous service. He was in charge of the 5th Ambulance in France, and afterwards became O.C. Southwall Hospital, London. He spent his Anzac leave in London, and is at present engaged in post-graduate study at Middlesex Hospital, London.

W. C. O'REILLY, educated at the School and Newington, is a B.A. of Sydney University. He enlisted in 1917, and served in France till the armistice. Appointed organiser under the A.I.F. Education Scheme, he went to England as Education Officer for Dartford Hospital. He performed similar work on the *Miltiades*, which arrived here on 8th August last.

MALCOLM FINLAYSON, who gained his M.B. degree in 1914, joined the forces shortly afterwards. After serving as Captain in several camps, he left for the front in July, 1916. He was present in the battle of the Somme as M.O., was wounded twice, but served till the armistice. In May he was appointed temporary House Surgeon at the Royal Academy, Bedford.

L. V. HALL, B.A., wrote as follows to Professor Holme. He is an overseas scholar in History at New College, Oxford:—

“My leave extension came through all right, and I have completed all arrangements very satisfactorily with the various Summer Schools. I have been busy lately with the Oxford School, which has proved very interesting and instructive. I was successful in gaining a distinction. The Examiner’s report shows that I did good second-class work, which, considering the state of my health, I regard as highly satisfactorily. I am glad for the sake of the A.I.F. I got more than a pass.

O. U. VONWILLER, Acting-Professor of Physics at the University of Sydney, is taking a six-months’ holiday in America.

We see that F. J. SHEED and E. J. HOOKE are prominent in the Union Debates at the ‘Varsity.

H. E. HARPER, who is in residence at King’s College, has won his Oxford “blue” for cricket. He is the first Old Boy to gain such a distinction in any branch of sport since E. A. SOUTHEE.

We have here the melancholy duty of chronicling the death of F. A. TIDSWELL, who was practically the founder of the *Record*. Owing to his business capabilities and foresight, it was found, in 1909, that it was quite possible to conduct a school magazine which would pay its way. He was appointed as business manager to the first issue, left at the end of 1909, and enlisted on the outbreak of war. He passed through unscathed, and returned to Australia, and was killed in a motor accident at Geelong in October. He was one of the finest of High School types; enthusiastic in everything he undertook.

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

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The fifteenth Annual Dinner of the Sydney High School Old Boys' Union was held at the Highland Society's Rooms on 7th November, 1919, over 120 being present. The dinner not only afforded an opportunity for "Re-Union" of all our Returned Soldiers, but allowed the Old Boys to say farewell to Lieut. R. N. Kershaw, M.C., Rhodes Scholar, 1918, who left on November 12th for Oxford.

Among those present many "very old boys" were seen, including A. Eedy, our respected friend, and late headmaster, Mr. Waterhouse, the present headmaster, Mr. Smith, Mr. Moore, and Lieut. A. W. Wheen, D.C.M., M.M. (2 bars), who a week later was chosen Rhodes Scholar for 1919.

After the usual loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. M. Prior proposed the toast of "S.H.S.," to which Mr. Smith responded. Mr. Waterhouse, on rising to propose the toast of Lieut Kershaw, M.C., was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm, and in his speech won his way still farther into the heart of every Old Boy, and his characteristic rendering of those words, "Sydney High School," made everyone think of the happy (?) times they had at school under him.

Lieut. Kershaw, in responding, said he was glad because he had brought fresh honour to the school, to which he owed much, and that throughout his course at Oxford he would always follow the noble ideas which had been instilled into him at S.H.S.

The genial friend of every "old boy," Mr. Moore, proposed the toast of the "Old Boys' Union."

Mr. A. M. Eedy, in one of his now famous breezy speeches, recapitulated a few incidents of the earliest days of S.H.S., and made everyone wonder if they were, after all, so terribly bad "whilst at school."

Musical items by Messrs. Allen and J. Gibb aided the Old Boys to pass one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the Union.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Union was held at the Girls' High School, Castlereagh St., City, on October 24th last.

Mr. E. J. Hooke was in the chair.

The Annual Report was read by the Hon. Sec., and adopted. One of the most pleasing features of the report was the fact that one-quarter majority of members were returned men.

It was resolved that sufficient functions should be held throughout the year to enable Old Boys to meet frequently.

The following motions were passed:—

1. Annual dinner be held 7th November.
2. Cricket match be played December 5th.
5. Football teams to be organised next winter.
4. Old Boys' Ball to be held as soon as possible.

The new council was elected as per list. Congratulatory remarks were expressed re splendid work done by Mr. Fairland as Hon. Sec.

A motion congratulating Lieut. Kershaw was passed unanimsously.

Moon Magic.

" Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale."

Before me is a sandy slope stretching in steep descent down to the spray-swept, glistening rocks which border a dull, grey, sullen sea. Nought breaks the monotony of the view except a few clumps of stunted bushes, which, with their sickly green colour and deformed appearance, serve, as the softly moaning wind rustles their scanty leaves, only to accentuate the wretched dreariness of the whole landscape. Overhead the thick, heavy clouds occasionally afford us a glimpse of a sky of a very undecided blue, and in the west a few of the clouds are tinged with a lustreless pink—a feeble attempt to reflect the rosy blushes of the setting sun. The wan, white twilight moon now and then draws aside her heavy veil of clouds, and shows her pale but placid face to an unadmiring world.

Slowly the pink fades from off the clouds; slowly the grey of the sea becomes darker and darker; slowly the green of the stunted bushes turns to black, and so the dark, starless night comes upon us.

Then comes a transformation.

Little by little, rifts appear among the clouds, and a golden moon allows us to catch a glimpse of her smiling face.

As the clouds part, a broad trail of silver light spreads over the black sea, and dances upon the crests, and loses itself in the troughs of the long, rolling waves.

The moonlight comes and goes, and the quivering branches of the bushes form fantastic shapes in the alternate light and shadow. Now a visionary man rises from amongst them, now fearsome serpents writhe through their leaves, and slinking dogs come from and disappear again in their shadows.

So the magic of the now beautiful moon transforms a scene of desolation and monotony into one of splendour and fantasy, and the twinkling stars, now beginning to appear, lend the splendour of their aid. Thus the night wears on till midnight, when that fantastic hour adds its own peculiar charms, and brings the mystery of the scene to its height. From then till dawn the mystical wonder of the sky becomes less and less, and as the first star vanishes this wondrous scene gives place to the matter-of-fact reality of common clay.

But whether the day be bleak and cheerless as the one before had been, or whether the blue waves dance, and the blue sky reposes beneath the gentle, golden gaze of a kindly sun, as soon as night comes o'er the scene once more, the round-faced moon will again exert her age-old influence upon our imagination. "MEL."

School Notes.

Once again that House of Mystery, the Tuck Shop, has closed its portals to all and sundry. When consulted upon the question, members of the committee shake their heads and lay their fingers on their lips, as if to command silence.

Thanks to certain Old Boys, a cricket coach, in the person of Mr. E. J. Williams, has been secured for the School. Per medium of the "Record," the School tender their hearty thanks to those Old Boys, present at the recent O.B.U. dinner, among whom a collection was taken up, and also to another Old Boy in Mr. Carter, who secured Mr. Williams for us.

A highly successful G.P.S. athletic meeting took place on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th last. We congratulate Shore and Newington on winning the Senior and Junior Championships respectively. A full account appears in the athletic column.

What has happened to the Camera Club competition? Also the tennis tournament? There is no excuse for an event like the latter lapsing. Rumour has it that the first four had no desire to be put in the shade by such an event. Why didn't the Union move?

The Old Boys' Union seems to be getting into proper form at last. By the report we have received, the O.B.U. dinner was an unprecedented success. We hope to see many other such functions taking place in the near future.

The School has now secured three Rhodes Scholarships—two in succession. There is only one school in front of us now, Grammar

having four to their credit. Our second Rhodes scholar, Lieut. R. N. Kershaw, M.C., left for England by the "Niagara" last month. On the eve of his departure he was presented with a silver cigarette case, inscribed with the School monogram, on behalf of the School and the School's friend, Miss McNeill.

The annual event of the Literary and Debating Society—the mock banquet—took place in the Big Hall on October 24th last. An account of the proceedings appears elsewhere.

Speech Day will take place this year on Thursday, December 18th. Judging by the interest taken by parents in the sports and other School functions, a large gathering seems assured.

Once again the Leaving and Intermediate exams. are over, and once again over 150 individuals breathe freely until the dread results are known. We should have some good results this year, too.

Mr. Gibbes has, so far, attended every 1st XI. match and practice this season. There is no need to say how all appreciate Mr. Gibbes' splendid action. There is no better way of showing it than by the support and respect he receives from all under him.

October saw the end of compulsory training for the year. Two drills a week was rather strenuous, but then—how envious (?) we feel now when we see other chaps still labouring in this cause.

No masters' match this year! Cheers from masters—groans from 1st XI!

C. E. McDonald has returned to School, after being laid up for four months from an injury to his knee, contracted at the St. Joseph's match. With his splendid second in the All Schools 100yds. Championship still in our minds, we are looking forward to big things from him in the C.H.S. Carnival on 12th December.

A meeting of the "Record" Committee took place last month, to consider the proposed giving of "Record" prizes. After some discussion, it was decided to abandon the scheme as being unnecessary. Judging by the way contributions have come in for this issue, it was quite the right decision, although it was not meant in that way.

A party of Fourth Year chaps, led by Flannery, and evidently overcome by their L.C. efforts, have gone for a camp to Corrimal. Very nice, but we would have liked to have seen grade cricketers remain behind.

Congratulations to K. McCredie on being selected for the All Schools 1st XI. against Varsity.

The Library is coming into public notice at last. Mr. Moffitt is organising a Shakesperian recital for 11th December, at the Repertory Theatre, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Library

funds. The programme includes scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Tempest." Unfortunately, a full account of it will have to be deferred until next issue, as we go to press too early to publish it in the present one.

The following is a copy of a letter received by Willmott from Ray Kershaw some little time ago:— At Sea, 17/11/19.

Dear Willmott,—I should like, through you, to thank the present boys of the School for their generous gift. The assurance of genuine goodwill, as conveyed in such a token, and in the letter accompanying it, is a very fine and valuable thing to have. The value of success even as slight as mine is doubled by the consciousness that the esteem and good wishes of one's fellows attend upon it.—Yours sincerely,
RAY N. KERSHAW.

Boys at the School, and especially those about to leave, are reminded that the camp conducted by the University for boys attending the Great Public Schools takes place at Narrabeen from 22nd to 29th January, 1920. Besides affording an excellent week's holiday, this camp gives us a chance of forming lifelong friendships with boys of the other Great Public Schools, and University men with whom some of us may be studying after our school career is over. In past years School has always been well represented. Let there be a record roll-up of "School" chaps at Narrabeen at the forthcoming camp.

We wish to offer our thanks to Mr. Towns for his gift to the Coates Library of two useful books on English literature. We are indebted also to Mr. Sellar for his gift of a facsimile of the First Folio of Shakespeare. It has been carefully rebound, and is a valuable addition to the Library.

Obituary.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

To the memory of Joseph Edward Rathborne, accidentally drowned at Woniora, October 4th, 1919. Aged 16.

"And I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me."

The sweetness of his nature and the charm of his personality won him a place in the hearts of all. Generous, loyal, and true, his friends were many, his enemies none.

His creed was simple.

"Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you"—the golden rule of life was that which governed all his actions.

Beloved of his fellows, mourned by all, for him "the still, sad music of humanity" sounds no more.

"After Life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

An Account of the First University Camp.

The first of these camps, which are to become annual, was held last January, from 18th to 25th, at Newport, Sydney. Apart from other objects the camp afforded a splendid opportunity of a good holiday, and enabled boys of different shools to meet on more friendly terms. The total number at the camp, including officers, was about 45, whilst the boys represented six of the best known Great Public Schools in the State (there were present 8 representatives of the School).

Our headquarters were at an old house ("Dalley's Bungalow") looking seawards, a few miles out of Newport. We arrived at our destination about noon on Monday, the 18th January, and were welcomed by C. R. Walsh, Esq., Prothonotary of the Supreme Court. The boys were then allotted tents—four boys and an officer to a tent, the officer being, in most cases, an undergraduate of the Sydney Uni'. The services of a military cook were obtained, and each tent took for one day "orderly duty," which was not laborious. One might have thought the camp military, but, apart from the bathing parade at 7 a.m., when all turned out for a dip in the surf, and the sound of the bugle at mealtimes, this was not the case. The order of the day was.

6.30 a.m.—Reveille.

7 a.m.—Bathing Parade—when all turned out in bathing costume and, being served with biscuits, made off for the breakers.

8 a.m.—Breakfast.

8.45 a.m.—Morning Prayers.

1 p.m.—Dinner.

6 p.m.—Tea.

7.30 p.m.—Musical and other entertainments.

8.45 p.m.—SUPPER.

9.15 p.m.—Evening Prayers.

10 p.m.—Lights out.

The mornings and afternoons were wholly devoted to sports, except on Sunday, when there was a Church Parade at 11.45 a.m.

We all had meals together in a big marquee, being waited on by the orderlies of the day. The sports, as arranged by the Sports Committee, included bathing, cricket, boating, fishing, racing, paper-chase, sailing, etc. On one occasion we all deserted camp altogether, and spent the whole day in a trip up Cowan Creek on a launch. A few days later an excursion was planned, to the Barrenjoey Lighthouse, some 7 or 8 miles distant. The boys were divided into two parties of about 20 each; one party took the boats and rowed the whole distance, while the other party walked. We met on the lighthouse and discussed our adventures, and then changed about, those walking who had rowed, and vice versa. As may be expected, we were rather exhausted by the time we arrived back in camp, but that did not prevent us from holding our nightly concert or sing-song. There mayn't have been much tune in some of the songs, but that was made up for by the strength of lung of some of the campers. One night a mock trial was held, of Tom Mann, a miner, of "Shattered Mountain," who was accused of making a riot, etc. Mr. Burgoyne Chapman represented the Mayor of the town of "S.M.," and provided endless amusement—partly on account of his corporation, which was somewhat similar to that of our well-known "Fusbos." Tom Mann was found guilty and sentenced to be dipped thrice in the surf, and made to swallow three mouthfuls of salt water and sand. This sentence was duly carried out next morning, to the great amusement of us onlookers. One afternoon we had a paper-chase. The hares got ten minutes' start and then the hounds started off on the track. We had an exciting run of about six miles, through Newport, across the bay in boats, round across country through an orchard (where a number of hounds remained) to the ocean beach once more, and then along the coast, home.

On Sunday afternoon we had an excursion along the coast to a big cave in the cliffs, which is entered by a small, circular hole in the rock. On the next day we broke up camp, and all went back to Manly by special coaches. After a very rowdy trip on the Manly boat we arrived in Sydney, and went all on our various ways. There is one thing certain, as many as possible will return next camp.

C.H.B.

Fallen High School Boys.

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

F. Aitken	L. Hazelwood	W. P. Ridley
R. A. Bastion Harvey	H. V. Hedger	J. B. Ryan
N. E. Biden	E. F. Howard	K. K. Saxby
E. E. Bishop	W. J. Kemp	F. L. Seale
C. A. Bourne	F. King	A. S. Shepherd
C. Campbell	J. Lemon	F. Skevington
B. H. Cartwright	J. Linton	E. D. Slade
J. W. Cizzio	J. Long	K. C. Small
J. S. Cross	J. MacKinnon	F. Smith
E. S. Cunningham	J. L. McLean	O. B. Spence
W. J. Dannefaerd	J. D. McRae	A. Swan
S. J. G. Davis	W. O. McRoberts	F. A. Tidswell
A. V. Donnan	O. F. Mutton	S. E. Townshend
G. R. Duncan	J. Naylor	H. M. Vincent
A. A. Felton	N. Paterson	R. Watterson
J. F. Flashman	W. S. Patersen	F. Wellisch
G. L. Fleming	L. R. Phillips	F. Wells
V. J. Frewin	W. E. Pike	B. W. Whitehouse
C. J. Grahame	V. Pollard	N. R. Wilkinson
F. A. Hannay	O. A. Rainbow	R. Wood

Water ?

Water is a substance largely liquid in composition, and is the habitat of germs, molecules, fish, mines, submarines and other destructive reptiles. It is found largely in rain, milk from most milkmen, and bath tubs; also forming the major portion of Adam's Ale.

The use of water, at present, is mostly exterior, being greatly favoured for the washing of clothes, motor-cars, and faces, but in conjunction with soap is dreaded by most small boys.

Lately, however, it has become a national drink in U.S.A., previously only being used internally when mixed with other liquids.

Water is the principal cause of rivers, navies, rain coats, umbrellas and other useful accessories.

It is likewise responsible for garden hoses and plumbers and the formation of hail and snow.

"ONKUS."

Athletic Notes.

Before we come to describe the Combined Sports Meeting, we would like to make a few general remarks. First, we would extend our congratulations to Shore and Newington, winners of the Senior and Junior Championships respectively, as shown below.

Senior Championship.—1, S.C.E.G.S.; 2, T.S.C.; 3, S.G.S.; 4, N.C.; 5, School; 6, S.I.C.; 7, T.K.S.; 8, S.J.C. and T.A.S.

Junior Championship.—1, N.C.; 2, S.G.S.; 3, T.A.S.; 4, S.C.E.G.S.; 5, School; 6, T.S.C.; 7, T.K.S.; 8, S.I.C.; 9, S.J.C.

Then we would like to congratulate the record-breakers: Munro (S.G.S.), who putt the shot 40 feet; Burt (School), who ran the junior hurdles in 13 1-5 secs.; Maiden (N.C.), who covered 220 yards (under 14) in 26½ secs.; and Reid (T.S.C.), who jumped 4ft. 8½in. (under 14).

Burt's record is the third G.P.S. record gained by one of us. The first (25secs.) made in the 220 (under 16), by V. Paterson in 1912, was broken in 1916, but the second, 5ft. 1½in., in the High Jump (under 16), made by R. F. Back, in 1916, still stands.

THE COMBINED SPORTS.

Held on October 17th and 18th at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the 25th annual sports meeting of the Great Public Schools of New South Wales proved to be the most successful of the series. Several novelties marked the meeting, which, on account of the influenza epidemic at the beginning of the year and the consequent crowding of sports fixtures, was a month later than usual. The "220" was run in so-called strings, and so, in this event, there was much more chance of registering fast times than usual. Particularly was this evident in the "under 14" class—the new record made goes to prove that. Each school, too, had a distinguishing letter, worn by all competitors; "H" was assigned to us. Thus the task of "picking winners" in a close field was easier than usual.

Our own team was by no means near the standard of years gone by. Particularly was this so in the senior running events, where we did not score a point. There we could only look on, watch the performances of representatives of other schools, and hope that ere long there would arise some more Patersons, Clemengers, Kings, Backs, and Votes to make the name of High School as prominent in athletics as it was in years gone by. In field games we proved more successful, the high-jumping, in which we usually do something, being rather better than is customary. Alexander and A. B. Stayner (1) both cleared 5ft. 2in., but this could not gain a place. Reddish, however, who had discovered that he could jump the week before the meeting, jumped grandly, clearing 5ft. 4in., and had very hard luck in hitting at 5ft. 5in., the height at which it was won. By so doing, he equalled the School record of 5ft. 4in., put up by F. E. Stayner in 1917. G.

F. Thomas heaved the 12lb. shot 36ft. 4½in., so equalling his own record, put up at our own sports. This would have won the event in any of the three previous years, but D. G. Munro, of Grammar School, performed excellently, and created a record of 40ft.

In junior events we did better, Burt performing excellently. He won the hurdles from Stacey, of Armidale, the previous year's winner, in 13 1-5sec., so cutting 2-5sec. off the record made by H. S. Hawkins (S.G.S.) in 1915, and equalled by D. G. Munro (S.G.S.) in 1917. He is by no means a stylish performer, but his speed in this event was marvellous, and he bids fair to become one of the most brilliant all-round athletes the School has ever seen.

He also came third in the high and broad jumps. The broad jump was a disappointment for us, as Bell had been doing nearly 20ft. in practice, but could not reproduce the practice form on the day. The relay team, which came second, consisted of Burt, Bell, Hardy, Colefax, Mahoney, Lindsay, and Sawtell.

For purposes of reference in years to come we print the detailed results.

OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—P. J. Heath (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; R. McFadyen (T.S.C.), 2; D. G. Munro (S.G.S.), 3; H. Reid (T.S.C.), 4; B. Burge (T.S.C.), 5. Time, 10 2-5sec.

220 Yards.—P. J. Heath (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; R. McFadyen (T.S.C.), 2; F. W. Edwards (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; D. G. Munro (S.G.S.), 4; H. S. Beveridge (N.C.), 5. Time, 23 1-5sec.

440 Yards.—R. McFadyen (T.S.C.), 1; P. J. Heath (S.C.E.G.S.), 2; F. Edwards (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; S. Abbott (N.C.), 4; J. R. Black (T.S.C.), 5. Time, 53sec.

880 Yards.—H. T. Nicklin (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; A. O. Ellison (N.C.), 2; L. Moore (S.G.S.), 3; J. Davis (T.S.C.), 4; R. Campbell (S.I.C.), 5. Time, 2min. 10 1-5sec.

Mile.—J. B. Daniel (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; F. Nicklin (S.C.E.G.S.), 2; R. Stewart (N.C.), 3; J. H. Edwards (T.S.C.), 4; L. Moore (S.G.S.), 5. Time, 4min. 54sec.

Hurdles.—F. Edwards (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; D. Munro (S.G.S.), 2; R. Fitzgerald (S.I.C.), 3; R. C. Jamieson (S.C.E.G.S.), 4; F. H. Ludowici (S.G.S.), 5. Time, 16 4-5sec.

High Jump.—A. A. Bruce (T.S.C.), E. R. Zlotkowski (S.G.S.), and F. H. Ludowici (S.G.S.), 5ft. 5in., 1; J. Reddish (S.H.S.), 5ft. 4½in., 2.

Broad Jump.—J. Kennedy (T.S.C.), 19ft. 9½in., 1; C. Fitzgerald (S.I.C.), 19ft. 4in., 2; A. C. Wallace (S.G.S.), 19ft. 1½in., 3; W. J. Sheehan (T.K.S.), 19ft. 0½in., 4; D. Munro (S.G.S.), 18ft. 10in., 5.

Shot Putt.—D. G. Munro (S.G.S.), 40ft. (record), 1; W. Coyle (S.I.C.), 39ft. 7½in., 2; G. H. Thomas (S.H.S.), 36ft. 4½in., 3; C. Morrissey (S.I.C.), 36ft., 4; J. L. Vivers (S.C.E.G.S.), 35ft. 2in., 5.

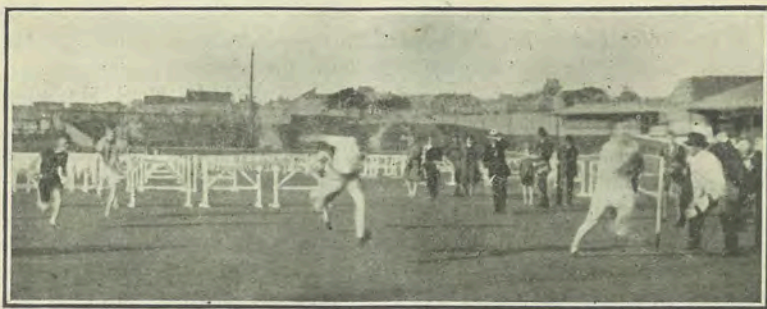
UNDER 16 EVENTS.

100 Yards.—H. Hodgson (N.C.), 1; F. Bayldon (S.G.S.), 2; A. Stacey (T.A.S.), 3; C. Smith (T.K.S.), 4; K. Maitland (T.S.C.), 5. Time, 11sec.

220 Yards.—F. Bayldon (S.G.S.), 1; A. E. Stacey (T.A.S.), 2; H. Hodgson (N.C.), 3; J. E. Ruse (S.G.S.) and J. Jamieson (S.C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 24½sec.

880 Yards.—E. Moroney (T.S.C.), 1; R. Simson (N.C.), 2; W. J. Arnold (S.J.C.), 3; W. E. Sedgely, 4; — Vickery (S.G.S.), 5. Time, 2min. 20 4-5sec.

High Jump.—A. H. Beer (S.C.E.G.S.) and — Friend (T.K.S.), 4ft. 10½in., 1; S. J. Burt (S.H.S.) and O. A. Chapman (N.C.), 4ft. 9½in., 3; B. Edmonds (S.H.S.), 4ft. 9in., 5.



S. J. Burt (on the extreme right) defeating A. E. Stacey (in the centre) of the Armidale School in the junior hurdles at the G.P.S. meeting, making a record for the event.

Hurdles.—S. J. Burt (S.H.S.), 1; A. E. Stacey (T.A.S.), 2; L. Osborne (T.K.S.), 3; A. Windeyer (S.G.S.), 4; F. H. Doyle (S.C.E.G.S.), 5. Time, 13 1-5sec. (record).

Broad Jump.—H. Pannifex (S.C.E.G.S.), 18ft. 4in., 1; H. Hodgson (N.C.), 18ft. 3½in., 2; S. J. Burt (S.H.S.) and F. Bayldon (S.G.S.), 17ft. 11in., 3; J. Bell (S.H.S.), 17ft. 8in., 5.

Teams Race.—S.G.S., 1; S.H.S., 2; S.J.C., 3; S.C.E.G.S., 4; T.K.S., 5.

UNDER 14 EVENTS.

100 Yards.—G. Maiden (N.C.), 1; R. Magoffin (T.A.S.), 2; B. Campbell (S.I.C.), 3; B. Macpherson (N.C.), 4; A. Williams (S.G.S.), 5. Time, 11 7-10sec.

220 Yards.—G. Maiden (N.C.), 1; B. Campbell (S.I.C.), 2; R. Magoffin (T.A.S.), 3; G. Wormald (S.C.E.G.S.), 4. Time, 26½sec. (record).

High Jump.—F. Reid (T.S.C.), 4ft. 8½in. (record), 1; B. Macpherson (N.C.) and Grice (S.G.S.) 4ft. 7½in., 2.

SCHOOL RECORDS.

This year has seen the introduction of several new records into the list. J. Reddish equalled the High Jump Record of 5ft. 4in., made by F. E. Stayner in 1917. S. J. Burt, among the Juniors, put up two fine performances, running the quarter-mile in 56 1-5sec. at the C.H.S. meeting, and the 90yds. hardles in 13 1-5sec. at the G.P.S. meeting. L. Howitt lowered the record for the under 14 "100" from 13sec. to 12 2-5sec. We have had our attention drawn to the fact that the two-twenty record printed in the sports programme is inaccurate—a far better performance was put up in 1888. We make the alteration, and request all Old Boys who perceive inaccuracies to inform us. The full list of records is printed below:—

100 Yards.—V. Paterson, 10 3-5sec., 1914.

100 Yards (under 16).—V. Paterson, 11sec. (G.P.S.), 1912.

100 Yards (under 14).—L. Howitt, 12 2-5sec., 1919.

220 Yards.—W. J. Macpherson, 22 4-5sec., 1888.

220 Yards (under 16).—V. Paterson, 25sec. (G.P.S.), 1912.

- 220 Yards (under 14).—H. Hardy, 28sec. (G.P.S.), 1918.
 440 Yards.—L. V. Hall, 55sec., 1911; D. F. Rae, 55sec., 1912.
 440 Yards (under 16).—S. J. Burt, 56 1-5sec. (C.H.S.), 1919.
 880 Yards.—C. Clemenger, 2min. 10 4-5sec., 1911.
 880 Yards (under 16).—T. W. McNamara, 2min. 17sec. (G.P.S.), 1917.
 One Mile.—C. Clemenger, 4min. 56 1-5sec., 1910.
 One Mile Walk.—G. A. S. Smith, 8min. 19sec., 1918.
 120 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 6in.).—F. C. Stayner, 17 3-5sec. (C.H.S.), 1918.
 90 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 3in.), (under 16).—S. J. Burt, 13 1-5sec. (G.P.S.), 1919.
 High Jump.—F. E. Stayner, 5ft. 4in. (G.P.S.), 1917; J. Reddish 5ft. 4in. (G.P.S.), 1919.
 High Jump (under 16).—W. Dutton, 5ft. 2½in., 1917.
 High Jump (under 14).—R. F. Back, 4ft. 6in., 1914; S. J. Burt, 4ft. 6in., 1917.
 Long Jump.—L. Parr, 20ft. 8in., 1914.
 Long Jump (under 16).—R. F. Back, 19ft. 1½in. (C.H.S.), 1916.
 Shot Putt.—G. H. Thomas, 36ft. 4½in., 1919.

The Book before Genesis.

And it came to pass that the people of Fourth fell from their high estate, and in divers ways were corrupted by evil.

And there arose among the people a prophet, who opened his mouth, saying—"For thy sins the vengeance of the god shall descend upon thee, yea, verily, I say unto thee, even unto the ninth hour of the tenth day of the eleventh month shall ye be spared."

But the multitude heeded him not, saying, "Here is a fool whose words are as the crackling of the thorns beneath the pot."

But sundry others of the elders heeded his words, and exhorted their fellows, saying, "Labour, labour, for therein lies salvation."

And those set in authority over the people of Fourth lay down and worshipped the great god EXAM, whom they exalted with these words, saying, "Praised be thy name, O EXAM."

And it came to pass that at the ninth hour of the tenth day of the eleventh month the people were gathered together in the great temple.

And the high priests, or, as the people called them, Offi Cials, knelt before the altar of the great god EXAM.

And there arose of them the chief, and spake unto the people of Fourth in a loud voice, saying, "O! ye luxurious, slothful, fools!

"Thou hast defiled the temple and mocked the name of the great god EXAM.

"His vengeance fall upon you."

And lo! behold a plague of yellow papyrus descended from the heavens, and afflicted all save those who had laboured.

Thus at the ninth hour of the tenth day, yea, verily, even unto the ninth hour of the tenth day of the eleventh month, were the words of the prophet fulfilled, as it was written in the book before Genesis.

Transcribed from the book of the Prophets before Genesis, the book of the Fools and Asses.

On the Glenbrook Deviation.

(Blue Mountains.)

*Slowly the train creeps upwards to the heights
That tower above the smiling Emu Plains,
Where, in the days when yet this land was young,
And men knew not its riches, nor the ways
To penetrate into the boundless plains,
Barred off by mighty barriers of rock,
Which gave the boldest pause, and turned them back
That braved the tempest's and the ocean's wrath.
Blaxland and Lawson, Wentworth, dauntless three,
Went forth to battle with those towering heights,
And won at length into the smiling West.*

*Slowly the train crawls upward, upward still,
Finding its way along a ledge of rock
Carved on the cliff's scarred face—and lo! one sees
The rolling plains stretched out in wide expanse,
The river gliding on in quiet strength,
The farmer toiling in the fields, the town,
Penrith, surrounded by its fertile fields,
The railway, gleaming in the morning sun,
Far off, a train, that barely seems to creep
Towards its goal, though flying on its way.*

*And nearer, at the mighty precipice' foot,
The Glenbrook Creek, 'twixt two great walls of rock,
Glides on its way to join the blue Nepean.
Upward, still upward creeps the laboring train,
Suddenly, darkness covers all—we wait
A little while, and into light again.
Still do we see the winding Glenbrook Creek,
But all the wide expanse of plain is gone,
As upward, ever upward, creeps the train.*

G.T.M.

The Library.

During the past quarter the library work has been carried on successfully by the librarians, who have exerted themselves to their utmost in order to bring the year to a successful close, as regards the library.

The library contains about 650 books, 77 of which were added this year. These last cost £10.

First year boys use the library to a fair extent, having, of the 200 members, 76. Third year boys are also good supporters.

On the whole, considering the interruptions due to influenza, the year has been very successful for the library.

Cricket.

The School Eleven this season has had a most disappointing record. It was known at the outset that little talent was available, but, at the same time, a great amount of keenness was shown, and, throughout, every member has shown himself a trier. With the exception of three or four, however, the batting has consistently and miserably failed, due, it seems to me, to a marked lack of enterprise. Batsmen go to the wickets day after day, and make no attempt to score, being perfectly content to keep up their wickets merely. This policy is alright on occasion, as when playing for a draw, for instance, but if matches are to be won men must be found who will go after the runs and treat each bowler according to his merits. The position is something like this. If the first two or three batsmen have been dismissed

cheaply the remainder have never even considered the possibility of making a lot of runs, but have merely blocked each ball, and patiently waited for their wickets to be knocked down.

The bowling has shown much greater determination. McCredie has bowled consistently well, and batsmen seldom find him easy; and Morris and Williams have shone on occasions. Harvey too, has been a trier, and has had success. But in this department, too, there has been decided weakness. The lack of a break bowler is greatly felt. Burt has a reputation for bowling a leg break—why has it not appeared in G.P.S. matches? It should certainly be worth a trial, at least. Payne should also put in a lot of practice with his bowling. He shows promise.

In fielding, one man stands out conspicuously. MacKellar is one of the safest catches and cleanest fields the School has seen for a while. He needs no comment. Burt, too, throws in very well, and Alexander knows how, but might run a bit harder after the ball. McCredie is a good mid-off, and Price is safe at point. Williams is second only to MacKellar, and Morris and Bain are both good. Harvey, though, could afford to buck up a bit, and Payne should be kept away from the boundary. Willmott tries hard behind the sticks, but must learn to snap up the chances.

With regard to individual batsmen McCredie seems always most at home at the wickets, and has the freest style. He makes a lot of runs, but must hold himself in a little more. Bain is a very hard man to get out, and plays the correct game, always. He will do big things next year. Harvey has come on a lot, and is a reliable batsman. He scores off the right ball, and has a good variety of strokes. MacKellar has been disappointing. Still, though he has scored few runs, he certainly is one of the four first batsmen of the team. Williams scores well on occasion, but is somewhat cramped. Payne and Price must learn to score off the easy balls. They have carried stonewalling to a rather painful art. Burt and Alexander might profitably be put in earlier, and told to hit.

Out of the G.P.S. games played this year only one has been won, and, with the exception of that, against S.J.C. and T.S.C., the beatings have been thrashings. The reason for this failure is lack of enterprise and failure to tackle a big score whole-heartedly. However, there is room for plenty of optimism. In Mr. Williams the School has found a coach who knows all about the game, and who already has obtained the confidence of the team, and Mr. Gibbes is a coming sportsmaster, who will make all the difference to cricket in the School, who will stir up interest both amongst the boys and masters, and who will, by his own keenness and enthusiasm, work up teams which will do big things in future G.P.S. Competitions. So we may look forward to much greater success during the rest of the season. Thanks, too, are due to Mr. Watson, for turning out for the Old Boys' Match. Though unable to turn up much to the cricket, Mr. Watson takes a big interest in the team, and the School should not forget his interest.—"Old Boy."

The averages are as follows:—

G.P.S. BATTING					
Name	No. Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Av.
McCredie	9	—	84	192	21.33
Bain	9	—	44	153	17.00
Payne	7	3	31x	53	13.50
Harvey	9	—	35	108	12.00
Williams	9	—	22	89	9.80

G.P.S. BOWLING.					
Name	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
McCredie	113.6	15	314	23	13.60
Williams	76	7	278	14	19.85
Harvey	76	3	326	13	25.07

Those who have obtained less than 10 Wickets are:

Alexander	6 wickets for 58; average, 9.66
Morris	7 wickets for 182; average, 26.00

C.H.S. BATTING.

Name	No. Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Av.
Bain	5	1	53x	125	31.25
Harvey	6	2	51	92	23.00
Paine	3	—	37	64	21.33
Alexander	5	2	20x	53	17.66
Williams	5	—	30	78	15.60
MacKellar	6	—	28	71	11.83

C.H.S. BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
McCredie	35	6	75	15	5.00
Harvey	15.2	2	53	10	5.30
Williams	19.2	—	63	6	10.50
Burt	17	1	79	7	11.28

SCHOOL v. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

Played on October 25, at Stanmore, and won by Newington by 154 on first innings.

Winning the toss, McCredie sent Newington in on a rather uncertain wicket, owing to rain overnight. At first Newman was the only batsman whom we could not shift, and he was extremely unlucky to be run out after making a chanceless 59. At 7 for 120, our position looked decidedly healthy, but Fitzpatrick and Pratt became associated, and the score leapt to 8 for 183, when Fitzpatrick was caught, off Morris, for 33. The innings closed for 203, Pratt being not out, 39.

The bowling honors went to Harvey, who, getting some help from the pitch, kept a length, and using his head well, finished with 3 for 38. Morris, 3 for 47, and McCredie, 2 for 49, also captured wickets. The latter did not get any help from the pitch, but, nevertheless, did not seem to bowl with his old pace.

School opened with MacKellar and Harvey, but before a run was on the board the former was run out. Then began one of those processions

SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.

MacKellar, run out	0
Harvey, b Walker	5
Bain, run out	6
Williams, b Walker	3
McCredie, b Bardsley	10
Burt, b Bardsley	12
Alexander, b Bardsley	1
Payne, c Fitzpatrick, b Bardsley	4
Price, b Bardsley	2
Willmott, c Simpson, b Bardsley	0
Morris, not out	0
Sundries	6

Total

Bowling: Bardsley, 6 for 25; Walker, 2 for 16; Law, 0 for 2.

NEWINGTON.—202.

Bowling for School: McCredie, 2 for 49; Williams, 0 for 24; Burt, 0 for 13; Harvey, 3 for 38; Morris, 3 for 47.

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

This match was played at Hunter's Hill, on November 1, and resulted in the School losing by 75 runs. Perhaps this was the best match the eleven played. The day was particularly hot, and the School took the field, McCredie

SECOND INNINGS.

MacKellar, b Newman	11
Harvey, c Orchard, b Law	3
Bain, run out	44
Williams, l.b.w., b Walker	1
McCredie, l.b.w., b Walker	6
Burt, c Beveridge, b Simpson ..	6
Payne, not out	31
Price, not out	13
Morris, l.b.w., b Simpson	0
Sundries	12

Total, 7 wickets for .. 127

Bowling: Walker, 2 for 48; Carr, 0 for 19; Newman, 1 for 34; Law, 1 for 1; Bardsley, 0 for 5; Simpson, 2 for 1; Fitzpatrick, 0 for 7.

opening the bowling, Harvey at the other end. With the score at 38 Purcell was bowled by Harvey, 1—10—38. Egan joined O'Connell, and after being badly missed by McCredie, was caught at point by Price, off Morris, not before the score had put on flesh considerably, 2—39—145. Linsky joined O'Connell and just before lunch the latter was bowled by Harvey, after batting solidly for 101. The score was then 3—101—177. Upon resuming School came on with a rush, McCredie bowling well. Ryan was dismissed in the first over, l.b.w., to McCredie, 4—0—178. Next to go was Eldershaw, who, after scoring 7, was clean bowled by McCredie, 5—7—202. Hatch joined Linsky, only to get his leg in front of a straight one from McCredie, 6—0—804. Next to go was Linsky, run out, when 26; 7—26—204. The tail did not wag very successfully, and the total for the innings was 229. McCredie was the most deadly with the ball, securing 5 for 53, while Harvey did well with 2 for 39.

MacKellar and Williams opened up for the School, but after scoring 2 MacKellar fell to a simple-looking one from Hatch. Harvey joined Williams, and batted very well, indeed, choosing the ones to score off well. With the score at 31 Williams mis-hit a full-toss, and Bain joined Harvey, only to be caught through trying to be too aggressive. The score stood at 46 for 3 when McCredie joined Harvey, and things began to hum. Harvey was bowled by an easy one when 35, put together in good style, and the rest of the team did their best to keep their wicket intact, leaving McCredie to do the scoring. The innings finally closed for 154. Of this total McCredie hit up 84, hitting strongly. Included in the score were 14 fours, and 2 sixes. The team combined well in this match, and did well to dismiss the last seven men for 50 runs. The scores were:—

S.J.C.	
O'Connell, b Harvey	101
Purcell, b Harvey	10
Egan, c Price, b Morris	39
Linsky, run out	26
Ryan, l.b.w., b McCredie	0
Eldershaw, b McCredie	7
Hatch, l.b.w., b McCredie	0
Harper, not out	7
Whittemore, l.b.w., b McCredie ..	1
Flannery, l.b.w., b Burt	12
Allman, c Morris, b McCredie ..	0
Sundries	26
Total	229
Bowling. McCredie, 5 for 53; Morris, 1 for 52; Harvey, 2 for 39; Williams, 0 for 19; Burt, 1 for 27; Alexander, 0 for 9; Payne, 0 for 4.	

S.H.S.	
MacKellar, b Hatch	2
Williams, c Flannery, b Eldershaw	10
Harvey, b Eldershaw	35
Bain, c Egan, b Flannery	6
McCredie, c Purcell, b Linsky ..	84
Payne, run out	0
Burt, c O'Connell, b Ryan ..	10
Price, c Linsky, b Ryan	1
Morris, b Ryan	0
Alexander, b Flannery	1
Willmott, not out	2
Sundries	3
Total	154

S.H.S. v. S.C.E.G.S.

Played at Northbridge on November 8. This match was a great disappointment, and School was thoroughly licked on a perfect wicket on a hot day. Shore went in to bat. In the third over Cadwallader was caught by Willmott off McCredie, and then School was given some leather-hunting. MacLachlan and Edwards took the score to 81, when the latter was thrown out by a brilliant return from Burt. The next three wickets fell fairly quickly. At 112 Harris joined Boazman, who was batting solidly, and the score reached 167, when Harris was bowled by a good one from Paine. At 8 for 182 Wolstenholme joined Boazman, and the pair made merry. Boazman went at 274, and the last wicket fell at 362, Wolstenholme scoring 95. The bowling was very divided, but of a scratch lot Williams and McCredie were the best.

Thoroughly tired, School opened with McKellar and Morris, and at 6 Morris foolishly ran himself out. The batting was weak on the whole, the only bright spots being Williams, McKellar and Paine, who scored 22, 14, and 11 respectively. The scores were:—

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

S.C.E.G.S.		S.H.S.	
Cadwallader, c Willmott, b Mc-		McKellar, h.o.w. Boazman	14
Credie	3	Morris, run out	0
MacLachlan, b Williams	44	Bain, l.b.w. Cadwallader	1
Edwards, run out	37	Harvey, b Cadwallader	1
Boazman, c and b Paine	87	Williams, c and b Wolstenholme	22
McIntosh, b Harvey	2	McCredie, b Cadwallader	8
Bucknell, b Williams	9	Paine, b Prell	11
Harris, b Paine	28	Alexander, c Edwards, b Prell	2
Manchee, c Morris, b Alexander	5	Burt, b Wolstenholme	1
Prell, b McCredie	4	Price, not out	2
Wolstenholme, b Morris	95	Willmott, b Wolstenholme	0
Wells, not out	27	Sundries	12
Sundries	21		
Total	362	Total	74

Bowling: McCredie, 2 for 48; Burt, 0 for 60; Harvey, 1 for 86; Morris, 1 for 15; Williams, 2 for 56; Paine, 2 for 50; Alexander, 1 for 19; Price, 0 for 5.

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

Played at Rushcutter's Bay on December 1st and 4th. A repetition of the match with Shore. School won the toss, and sent Grammar in to bat on a wet wicket. McCredie opened the bowling with Burt at the other end Hesslein battled confidently, but Pratten just at first was a little patchy, being missed twice. At 51 Hesslein went out to a good catch by Williams off Harvey, after scoring 26. Langdon was missed badly before he scored, but was caught by Alexander, when the next few wicket fell cheaply, and at the luncheon adjournment the score stood at 5 for 157. Rain fell heavily during lunch, and after waiting till 4 o'clock the match was postponed till Thursday. The fielding on Monday was bad, several catches being missed. Grammar recommenced confidently, and at 8 for 273 the innings was closed, Pratten scoring 125. School opened well with McKellar and McCredie, but with the score at 18 the former was run out. Harvey joined McCredie, who was bzatting confidently, but at 41 the latter was caught after scoring, 27 in good style. Harvey was bowled with the score at 50, and the tail failed miserably, the final total being 70.

S.G.S.		S.H.S.	
Hesslein, c Williams, b Harvey	26	McKellar, run out	8
Pratten, c McCredie, b Williams	125	McCredie, c Jagelman, b Munro	27
Langdon, c Alexander, b Harvey	7	Harvey, b Munro	9
Watson, l.b.w. Burt	11	Bain, c Gay, b Munro	9
Munro, c McKellar, b Harvey	13	Williams, b Munro	4
Smith, c Price, b Trivett	8	Price, b Pratten	0
Garvin, l.b.w. Burt	27	Alexander, c Watson, b Pratten	3
Gay, l.b.w. Williams	4	Burt, c Jagelman, b Munro	0
Vickery, not out	32	Morris, not out	6
Mackenzie, not out	2	Willmott, c Pratten, b Munro	1
Sundries	18	Trivett, b Munro	0
Total, 8 wickets for	273	Sundries	3
		Total	70

Bowling: McCredie, 0 for 65; Burt, 2 for 52; Harvey, 3 for 69; Williams, 2 for 56; Morris, 0 for 8; Trivett, 1 for 5.

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

Played at Scots' College on December 6th, and resulting in a win for Scots' by 11 runs on the first innings. This was about the most disgraceful exhibition of batting the team has shown. With 3 wickets down for 82 and 5 for 96, the tail could only put on 11 runs. School won the toss and elected to take the field, McCredie opening the bowling. With the score at 18, Bruce was bowled by McCredie, 1-7-18. Pilcher joined Gordon, and the score reached 60 before the former was bowled by Williams, 2-26-60. At 70 Gordon was caught by Alexander off Harvey. The next man was bowled by Harvey before he scored 5-0-70. McFadyen joined Grayson, and the score leaped to 100. At this stage McCredie took the ball at Harvey's end, and with the last three balls of his first over captured three wickets, thus securing the hat trick, a record for a S.H.S. boy in G.P.S. cricket. The innings closed at 118, McCredie securing the bowling honours with 5 for 18. McKellar and Williams opened for School, and, to everyone's surprise, the former was dismissed first ball. Harvey joined Williams, and carried the score to 39, when the latter was caught at the wickets. McCredie went in, and things looked up when he was out l.b.w. with the score at 82. Then Harvey was run out after putting together 32 in good style. Bain and Paine carried the score to 96, when the former was caught when 11. Then a rot set in, and the innings closed at 107. At 3.30 School again took the field and the bowlers went all out, summoning every ounce of pace, and at 5.10 Scots' were all out for 70. McCredie again secured the bowling honors, taking 6 for 18. Left with 82 to get in 40 minutes, School found the task too hard, and Scots won on the first innings by 11 runs. School were 9 for 59 in the second knock.

First Innings.	
Bruce, b McCredie	7
Gordon, c Alexander, b Harvey .. .	27
Pilcher, b Williams .. .	20
Black, b Williams .. .	4
Grayson, not out .. .	12
Sinclair, b Harvey .. .	0
McFadyen, b McCredie .. .	21
Barr, c Willmott, b McCredie .. .	0
Kennedy, b McCredie .. .	0
Taylor, b Williams .. .	4
Kerr, c McKellar, b McCredie .. .	1
Sundries .. .	22

Total .. .	118
Bowling: McCredie, 5 for 18;	
Harvey, 2 for 26; Burt, 0 for 25;	
Williams, 3 for 27.	

First Innings.	
McKellar, b McFadyen .. .	0
Williams, c Gordon, b McFadyen .. .	17
Harvey, run out .. .	32
McCredie, l.b.w. Black .. .	24
Bain, c Barr, b McFadyen .. .	11
Paine, not out .. .	5
Price, b Grayson .. .	0
Alexander, c McFadyen, b Grayson .. .	0
Morris, l.b.w. Bruce .. .	1
Burt, c and b Bruce .. .	5
Willmott, c McFadyen, b Bruce .. .	2
Sundries .. .	10
Total .. .	107

T.S.C.	
Second Innings.	
Bruce, b McCredie .. .	10
Gordon, b Burt .. .	3
Pilcher, c Bain, b McCredie .. .	8
Black, run out .. .	14
Grayson, b McCredie .. .	1
Sinclair, c Harvey, b Williams .. .	8
McFadyen, b Morris .. .	7
Barr, c Price, b McCredie .. .	0
Kennedy, b McCredie .. .	9
Taylor, c McKellar, b McCredie .. .	0
Kerr, not out .. .	0
Sundries .. .	10

Total .. .	70
Bowling: McCredie, 6 for 18;	
Williams, 1 for 17; Burt, 1 for 18;	
Morris, 1 for 9.	

S.H.S.	
Second Innings.	
McKellar, b Grayson .. .	10
Williams, run out .. .	4
Harvey, c Gordon, b Bruce .. .	12
McCredie, b Grayson .. .	8
Bain, c Kerr, b Grayson .. .	12
Paine, not out .. .	2
Price, did not bat .. .	—
Alexander, b Bruce .. .	2
Morris, b Bruce .. .	2
Burt, c Gordon, b Grayson .. .	0
Willmott, b Bruce .. .	1
Sundries .. .	4
Total, 9 wickets for .. .	57

S.H.S. v. Old Boys.

Played at Wentworth Oval on December 5th, the Old Boys winning by 64 runs. School won the toss, and opened with McCredie and McKellar to the bowling of A. Thatcher and Garner, two Petersham 1st Grade bowlers. With the exception of Mr. Watson and Bain, the team failed miserably, and the total reached was 101, of which Bain scored 25 and Mr. Watson 38. The Old Boys knocked up 165, A. Thatcher scoring 47, Henry 38 (retired), Byrne 24, F. McCredie 24. Thatcher hit two beautiful sixes in his innings. The scores were:—

S.H.S.	
McKellar, b Thatcher	6
McCredie, c and b Thatcher	7
Watson, c Henry, b McCredie	38
Bain, c Thatcher, b Benson	25
Harvey, lb.w. Garner	5
Williams, c Byrne, b Webb	0
Paine, c and b Webb	3
Price, b Benson	6
Burt, b Benson	0
Morris, b Benson	3
Alexander, not out	0
Willmott, b Benson	0
Sundries	8

Total 101

OLD BOYS.	
Smith, b Watson	2
Byrne, c McKellar, b Harvey	24
Thatcher, run out	47
Henry, retired	38
McCredie, b Williams	24
Benson, c Williams, b McKellar	8
Webb, b Watson	14
Fairland, b Watson	0
Garner, c McKellar, b Watson	4
Magill, not out	0
Sundries	5

Total 165

October 22.—S.H.S. 1st XI., 5 for 89 (Bain, 53 not out; Williams, 17), drew with T.H.S., 114 (Mould 72). Bowling for S.H.S.: McCredie, 7 for 26.

October 29.—S.H.S. 1st XI., 5 for 101 (McCredie, 30; Williams, 29; Harvey, 18, not out), defeated Barker College 1st XI. 19 and 4 for 44. Bowling for S.H.S.: McCredie, 5 for 7; and Morris, 5 for 11, including the hat trick.

November 5th.—S.H.S. 1st XI., 112 (McKellar, 28; Alexander, 20, not out; Bain, 13; Paine, 11; McCredie, 10), and 186 (Harvey, 51; Paine, 37; Bain 33; Williams, 23), defeated Fort Street, 104. Bowling for S.H.S.: McCredie, 3 for 28; Morris, 2 for 32; Harvey, 2 for 30; Williams, 2 for 4.

November 26.—S.H.S. 1st XI., 142 (Harvey, 22; McKellar, 19; Williams, 30; Price, 17; McCredie, 13), and 3 for 63 (Alexander, 20 not out; Burt, 15; McKellar, 12), defeated N.S.H.S., 45, and 39. Bowling for S.H.S.: McCredie, 4 for 12 and 1 for 9; Burt, 2 for 27 and 3 for 16; Williams, 1 for 4; Harvey, 3 for 8.

Swimming.

This season promises to be a very successful one for the School.

The Combined High Schools' Carnival is to be held at the Domain Baths, on Friday, 12th December, and we are looking forward to doing very well indeed.

A team from the School journeyed to Newcastle for the carnival there, and succeeded in carrying off both the Senior and Junior Cadet Championships. Appended are the places gained by the School:—

- Senior 50 yards.—1st McDonald, 2nd Thomas.
- Senior 100 yards.—1st Shand, 2nd McDonald, 3rd Davies.
- Senior 200 yards.—1st Shand, 2nd Thomas.
- Senior, 400 yards.—2nd Shand, 3rd Thomas.
- Senior, 800 yards.—1st Davies, 3rd Shand.
- Senior, 50 yards, Backstroke.—3rd Rae.
- Senior, Diving.—3rd Davies.
- Senior Relay.—2nd School.

In the 800 yards Championship, through a mistake, Shand started nearly a lap late, but, swimming splendidly, was barely beaten for second place.

Junior 400 yards.—2nd More.

Junior Diving.—3rd Bennett.

Junior Cadet 50 yards.—2nd Bennett.

Junior Cadet 75 yards.—2nd Bennett.

Junior Cadet 100 yards.—2nd Bennett, 3rd Stayner.

Junior Cadet Relay.—2nd School.

Junior Cadet 33 Breast.—1st Richards.

The team was in charge of Mr. Gibbes, who reports a very successful trip.

Life Saving.

About 110 boys have enrolled for life-saving awards. This shows that life-saving is recognised by our boys as a popular school activity. Just as our work was in full swing the Leaving and Intermediate exams. took from us most of the older candidates, and as these pupils do not return to regular classes after their examination, many of them have not since taken part in life-saving work. In view of this, life-saving classes should be held at the beginning of the year, and not at the end.

The boys have shown much enthusiasm in this work, that, although heavily handicapped by more or less unsatisfactory accommodation for water drill, in addition to the examination work at the end of the year, I am not anticipating any failures at the final test, to be held on the 15th inst., at the Drummoyne Baths.

The Spirit of the Bush.

*When spring has decked the mountain tells
In hues of green and gold,
The wattle blooms in dewy dells,
And waratahs unfold.*

*And rustling breezes fill the air
With perfumes culled by stealth,
The breath of flowers sweet and rare,
Enriched with fragrant wealth.*

*But subtler charms than these are spread
Upon the zephyr's wing,
A moment linger, then are fled,
And leave the grace they bring.*

*The spirit of the distant range,
With gorges dim as death,
And pebbled streams that never change,
Is wafted on their breath.*

*And when the train at midnight roars
Across the open plain,
The moaning winds a moment pause
To whisper me their strain.*

*But though I list to hear their tale
Of bushland life and free,
I am unworthy, so they wail,
And mocking fly from me.*

On the Editor's Table.

Editor of "The Record."

Dear Sir,—This year saw many changes introduced into S.H.S., and a review of the results obtained raises a doubt as to whether the innovations are beneficial. First, a new Headmaster is appointed. No fault can be found with this, as Mr. Smith has even exceeded expectations, has gained the confidence of every boy in the School, and by his control of S.H.S. has shown that he ranks amongst the greatest of our secondary school headmasters. Another change was the method of choosing the Captain of the School. The result of the ballot certainly produced a boy of the highest moral calibre, but did it produce a boy capable of leading and organising the social activities of the School? The Captain realised early in the year that, with the help of but a few masters, the boys would have to control every activity. To play tennis on a Wednesday afternoon with the sports only three weeks ahead does not speak well for the example he has set the junior boys. Again, the Captain of the School was captain of a BASEBALL team, which, by its own designation, was merely "pot-hunting." Surely this was another excellent example to set. Still another change was the manner in which the prefects were chosen. With a few exceptions, the prefects are nothing short of "farces." One has even said his younger brother must be sent to another G.P.S. for the purpose of raising the standard of his culture. Another may be found around town any time of the day. Some do not participate in any sport. Others are capable of good results in athletics, but lack of training leaves them no room for improvement. There are exceptions, notably that of a prefect who, although this was his first year of football, by perseverance and interest will obtain a full blue. This is an example which other prefects may well have followed but that this criticism may not merely be destructive. Why does the Headmaster not choose the prefects? Everyone in the School has confidence in him, and the prefects would then be capable of leading and setting an example which could be emulated, not only by the junior boys, but by the majority of masters also.—Yours sincerely,

K.J.H.

THE MOCK BANQUET.

The Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—You will kindly permit me to protest seriously against that absurd and degrading ceremony, known as the Mock Banquet—the seniors' farewell function. The bad manners, and worse food, were quite out of keeping with the high level traditions of our Great School. The effect of such a badly conducted function on our bigger boys must be injurious, but on the smaller boys its harm is incalculable. No youth with a genuine sense of decency would wittingly contribute towards the pile of litter to be found after the "banquet" on the assembly room floor. Never again should such proceedings disgrace the School; instead, I would suggest that a genuine banquet be held in the city (the cost would not be great), which might be attended by all the staff and senior pupils—invitations could also be extended to our inspectors.

This would be an important beginning in the social education of our boys, which, at present, is almost entirely neglected. I trust that this idea will be enthusiastically taken up by next year's seniors.—I am, etc.,

P.L.M.

SPORT.

The Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—It is very evident from the correspondence in the last edition of "The Record" that the real meaning of sport is not appreciated by our school athletes.

These young men imagine that their grand aim in participating in the various inter-school contests is "to down the other fellow," and that, when their attempts in this direction are attended with non-success, all their efforts have been in vain, and life is not worth living. Thence arise the searchings for the inevitable scapegoat, the tears, the whinings, the dejected countenances of disappointed youth. Now, cheer up, boys! Just do a little hard thinking, change your view-point, and all will be well again. You don't play to win at all. It matters not if you never win a single contest. Mere winning never brings honor—in fact, it more often brings shallow conceit. Who chides you if you are defeated? Not your masters! They have long ago outgrown that sort of thing. They merely wish you to be bright-eyed, clear skinned and healthy minded. They would wish you to answer with a strong "yes!" after your games, such questions as: "Did you play the game?" "Did you impress your opponents with your manly spirit?" "Did you feel that you had adequately prepared yourself for your play?" "Have you added something to the good name of your School?" The question, "Did you win," should always be regarded as an unimportant afterthought. (Is it?—Ed.) No one thinks ill of a manly, plucky loser, but a boastful victor is ever despised. Sporting prowess is scattered around neither by nature nor by social conditions, but every sane individual can aspire to play the role of a man, and nothing further is required. If sport be looked at from the above point of view, it will occupy the very highest position in our system of education; but if it be followed by volleys of mutual recrimination, and rivers of the tears of the depressed, then its total elimination would be an excellent thing.—I am, etc.,

P.L.M.

(N.B.—We take no responsibility for any opinions offered. These are inserted without censoring.—Ed.)

A Number of Things.

The Editor desires to acknowledge the following exchanges (all omissions are, apologised for):—"Hermes" (University of Sydney), Toowoomba Grammar School Magazine, "Torchbearer" (S.C.E.G.S.), "The H.A.C. Journal," "The Newingtonian," "The Spectator" (Trenton High School, U.S.A.).

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Contributions.—The next issue of the "Record" will appear in March, 1920. Contributions should be in the Editor's hands by March 20. Contributions from Old Boys are specially invited, and should be sent to the Editor, at the School. Any pars about the doings of Old Boys are very acceptable, and should be sent to R. F. Gollan, Esq., Editor of Old Boys' Pages.

The "Record" welcomes contributions of verse, prose, cartoons, or photographs. All contributions should be written on one side of the paper only. The School has responded very poorly to the call for contributions to this issue. We have had to rely upon a few, very few, who have contributed regularly throughout the year. Next year we hope to see a distinct change from this state of affairs.

L.O.N.—Verse shows distinct promise. Language nice and free, but you should pay particular attention to your punctuation.

"MEL."—Yours is easily one of the best prose contributions received for a long time. A few passages needed touching up, but, otherwise, your work is very fine. Keep on like that, and the "Record" will benefit.

"TREY."—Unfortunately, your contribution would be interesting only to a certain few, and we will have to rob that few of that pleasure. Shows promise. Try again.

"ONKUS."—Very appropriately named. However, since it contains such pearls of information, and may be of some interest to those who dread it, we print it.

W.E.H.—It is unwise to attempt to use thirteen or fourteen different verse constructions in the one poem. Try again, and keep to the one.

A.J.K.—We are very glad to see your contribution. We print it. Language a trifle forced.

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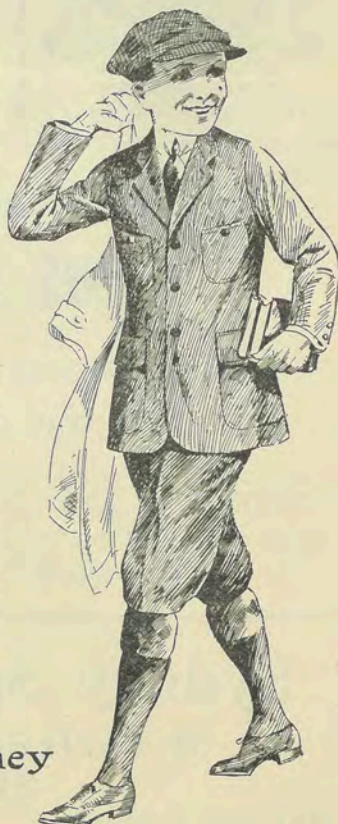
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