

SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.



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School Calendar.

FOURTH QUARTER, 1920.

September 9th.—35th Annual Sports Meeting, at Sydney Cricket Ground.

September 17th and 18th.—C.H.S. Sports Meeting at Sydney Cricket Ground.

September 24th.—Michaelmas Vacation begins.

October 4th.—School Re-opens.

October 7th.—Debate, School v. The Armidale School.

October 9th.—G.P.S. Sports Meeting, at Sydney Cricket Ground.

October 29th.—Debate, "All Schools" v. University.

October 30th.—1st XI. v. S.J.C., at Hunter's Hill (Comp.).

November 6th.—1st XI. v. T.K.S., at Parramatta (Comp.).

November 13th.—1st XI. v. S.C.E.G.S., at Northbridge (Comp.).

November 15th.—Intermediate Certificate Examination begins.

November 29th.—Leaving Certificate Examination begins.

Owing to the request of the Prince of Wales for an extra week's holiday for the schools, the date of Speech Day, and that of the re-opening of School after the Christmas vacation, cannot be announced.

School Directory.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

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Captain of the School (Senior Prefect):

K. M. McCredie.

Prefects.

A. T. Harvey, 1918, 1919, 1920;
K. M. McCredie, 1919, 1920; S. J. Burt, 1919, 1920; S. M. Willmott, 1919, 1920. J. W. Austin, 1920;
W. H. Berryman, 1920; R. C. Cathels, 1920; D. C. Gilder, 1920;
C. V. McDonald, 1920; A. J. O'Neil, 1920; G. H. Robertson, 1920;
L. W. Ryan, 1920; L. J. Tippet, 1920.

Cricket.

Captain: K. M. McCredie.
Vice-Captain: A. T. Harvey.
Secretary: A. T. Harvey.

Athletics.

President: The Headmaster.
Hon. Sec.: S. J. Burt. Asst.
Hon. Sec.: W. Smith.

Hon Treas.: S. M. Willmott.

Committee: Messrs. Gibbes, Snowden, Murphy, Cropley, Wright, Towns, Leaver, K. M. McCredie, C. E. McDonald, E. A. Newton, A. T. Harvey.

Union Committee.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Moore and Leaver.

Hon. Treasurers: Messrs. Murphy and Wright.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Snowden.

Sub-Secretary: S. J. Burt.

Sportsmaster: Mr. Gibbes.

Committee: Mr. Towns A. T. Harvey, C. E. McDonald, A. J. O'Neil, G. H. Robertson, S. M. Willmott.

Football.

Secretary: A. J. O'Neil.

Assist. Secretary: L. W. Ryan.

Committee: S. M. Willmott, S. J. Burt, G. H. Robertson.

Swimming.

Secretary: C. E. McDonald.

Committee: Davies, More, O'Neil.

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President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: The Masters and A. T. Harvey (elected).

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Editorial

SPORT IN THE SCHOOL.

It is to his laudable imitation of the ancients in making athletics an essential part of the training of boys and young men, that the Briton attributes his superiority over all other nations on the globe. The claim, and the reasons assigned for the alleged superiority, may be debatable, but there seems to be a fairly solid foundation for both.

It has been said, with more or less justice, that the British people are incapable of creating anything, but that they possess an unrivalled capacity for appropriating and improving on the best ideas of others. This is an excellent case in point. The ancient system of athletic training was designed mainly to promote military efficiency. Apart from the purely physical qualities of strength, speed and stamina, they also produced and cultivated invaluable mental qualities, pluck, self-control, coolness, quickness of thought, decision, and action. The exercises by which these were developed were all the usual kinds of track and field athletics, plus boxing and some purely military exercises. Now, valuable as these might be, as promoting and developing the qualities mentioned, they had all one grave defect, in that they tended to develop individual at the cost of collective effort; the unit was disciplined, but the whole was a mere aggregation of units. The effect of the ancient Greek system of athletic training was strikingly exemplified by the state of Ancient Greece itself; each state was remarkable for its vigour and virility, but each was so jealous of its individuality that the Greeks never became a nation. To remedy this, the Briton added team games. At least three centuries ago the embryo forms of cricket and football flourished in England, and their effect upon the development of the race has been incalculable. Not only was the physical standard of the race improved by the introduction of a system which offered increased facilities for the participation of large numbers at a time, but other qualities were developed. Games such as cricket and football afforded the widest scope for individual action and initiative, but in them it is essential that each player should so adjust his own personal qualities that he may work in harmony with the rest. He is not working for his own personal success, but for that of his side. It is to the combining genius fostered and developed by such games as these, even more than to the *auri sacra fames* that we owe our possession of the greatest Empire that the world has yet seen. Now to apply our lecture to the subject of our School sport. In the first place, sport is not a mere amusement to be taken lightly and trifled with; it is an integral part of school training, and as such must never be slovenly or inefficient. The very games played are proof of this; everyone

of them has a more or less elaborate code of rules which must be adhered to, and which require an umpire to enforce them. The games have their purpose, and are not a mere go-as-you please.

Secondly, let us consider to what forms of sport a boy should devote himself. The three main sporting activities of the G.P.S. are cricket, football, and athletics, and this is not due to mere caprice on the part of the Association. Cricket and football are, par excellence, the two team games; track and field athletics are of enormous value as promoting physical efficiency, do not interfere with the other games, and have great social value, in that all the schools can compete at once. These three forms of sport, then, claim precedence, but there are others to be considered. First of all comes swimming, a most valuable athletic exercise, and one which must not be neglected, from its value to the community. It is rightly laid down by the Department of Education that all Junior Cadets shall be taught to swim, but there is no reason why a boy should neglect his sport for his swimming. The desire for mere personal distinction at the expense of the community is one which no school can afford to encourage, and, as in this city facilities for indulging in swimming are innumerable, there is no excuse for any boy letting it interfere with his cricket.

Next let us take tennis, a very fine game in its way. It is only recently that it was proposed at a meeting of the G.P.S.A.A. to place tennis on the same footing as cricket and football. This proposal was rejected on the broad ground that tennis was not essentially a team game, and consequently should not be placed in a position which would justify boys devoting their attention to it, to the exclusion of a more useful form of sport. The tennis player may object that he plays cricket, which is a team game, and only proposes to play tennis in the winter. It must not be forgotten, however, that the individual element enters much more largely into cricket than football. One great cricketer may make a team; it requires fifteen good footballers. To sacrifice football to tennis is criminal lunacy on the part of a boy who is physically fit to play the former game, and no school should permit it. With regard to the "athletic derelict," he will never make a first-rate tennis player, but he may be able to play well enough to amuse himself, or even to benefit his physique. By all means, then, let him play. Schools must try to strengthen weak bodies as well as weak minds.

Lastly, we come to baseball, which again competes with football, and apparently does not make exacting demands in the matter of the physique of the players. As such it stands branded as an inferior form of sport. With regard to the personal inclination of

boys, the foregoing remarks should prove that no form of sport, which tends to make its votaries place their personal desires above the benefit of their fellows generally, should be encouraged.

Further, all boys worthy of the name should be sufficiently jealous for the honour of their school to make any sacrifice of their personal inclinations to promote and uphold its honour on the fields of both sport and scholarship. The Sydney High School is a G.P.S., and its members should devote themselves, primarily, to those forms of sport which are recognised as competitive by the G.P.S.A.A.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

One of the least ostentatious of the activities of our School Union is the Senior Literary and Debating Society, which has met in No. 1 Room for some years, under the able guidance of our English Master, Mr. Smairl.

Many have gained their initial experience in the art of public speaking in that quiet room; and in years to come they will look back with gratitude to the hours spent there, when they have gained success in the various callings in which the power of expression in speech or debate counts for much.

Until recently the ambition of members of the Society had been limited to attaining distinction in mutual rivalry in debate and argument. Under the influence of the G.P.S. spirit, and by the opportunity our Schools' Association gives them, our boys have sought wider fields of fame in the recently-formed G.P.S. Debating Society. They have already taken part in two inter-school debates, and have acquitted themselves in a manner which shows that, in this field of competition, our School can maintain the high traditions gained in scholarship and in sport in past days.

This new development in connection with the Debating Society should arouse more enthusiasm in the School for this art, by which men have moulded public opinion and moved the people to high achievement.

In the apt choice of words, and practised public expression of thought, much may be done by the boys from this and other schools in the future to counteract, from the knowledge and experience gained in such classes, the influence of those who, by a gift of speech cultivated to express the depths of their ignorance, would lead the nation to destruction.

We trust to see a deeper and wider interest taken in the Debating Society from this time forward. It is open to all Third and Fourth Year boys, and meets regularly in No. 1 Room at 3.20 p.m. on Tuesdays.

“Old’s” Search.

Old in appearance (whence his name), and young in years, he was one of those strange creatures who wander around, always seeking something unknown to themselves, or anybody else, and never finding it; one of those whom wise men pity and fools scoff at, and who, being themselves neither wise men nor fools, find a contentment and joy in life which the happiest of us might well envy.

He was not mad, merely eccentric, if judged by our standards of conduct; and perhaps that is why, gifted with that, to us misguided, instinct which is sometimes the only mental weakness of such men, he saw in mankind so many slaves of foolish conventions, and lest he also should be tainted, lived alone and shunned his fellow men except for the indefinite purposes of his aimless search.

Not Australian, but English born, the hot climate had not yet affected his features and, as he sat one fine spring afternoon, gazing into the depths of a slowly flowing stream, he saw, reflected in its bosom the high colour of a typical Englishman’s face.

But that was not all he saw, for in the stream was a veritable fairyland, an idealistic repetition of the surrounding fields, with whatever harshnesses of appearance they might possess replaced by softened colours and gentle curves.

Cows grazed peacefully in this visionary paradise; the green trees on the bank showed clear and distinct, and yet changed by some magic power of the water, and even the tiniest birds could be plainly seen against the blue of the sky.

“Old” had a very placid nature; his face was always gentle and calm, and to-day the visionary face in the water seemed doubly so. But yet, despite this calmness, he shuddered and tried to turn away from it, for it was beckoning him with a seemingly irresistible power to come and join it in those cool depths; to give up that search without an aim and without an end, and to find peace in this calm fairyland.

Though he tried to walk away, a fascination drew him back, and mechanically sitting down, he looked once more at his reflection. And now his dread of that face turned to wonder, and he sat there spellbound, unable to move or to utter a sound, with the helplessness of one who, in a dream, tries to run and feels his feet giving way beneath his weight, or who tries to cry out and finds his utterances stopped by an invisible bandage, a bandage felt not physically but mentally, which checks his words while they are yet children of the thoughts and before they have turned to the tongue for expression.

In this state he watched the reflection in the stream undergo a wonderful transformation. The green pasture land changed to an

ice-covered pond, the blazing light of the sun was replaced by the gentler beams of a full moon, the trees were leafless but, covered with icicles, they sparkled and flashed with a million lights, and the slow, lumbering cattle were replaced by a party of happy, active young men. There were two persons in particular in this group to whom "Old's" gaze was drawn, one, strange to say, was himself, and the other, apparently, a total stranger.

Even as he watched, the scene slowly faded; the light died away, and his gaze was now rivetted on two faces only, which shone out of the blackness, his own and that of the mysterious stranger.

A flash—and there was the same fairyland in the pool as in the beginning, with the addition of this strange, but yet semi-familiar face.

There was nothing to frighten one in this face, in fact it resembled "Old's" own, and yet, his power to move and speak being regained with the appearance of the old reflection in the river, he turned round with a start, and uttering a cry—half of recognition, half of triumph, he knew now the object of his long search.

He knew now that this search, which something had compelled him to carry on without telling him what he was to search for, had now reached an end, for, looking over his shoulder, attracted, no doubt, by the reflection in the water, was the brother whom he had not beheld or heard of since a winter in his English boyhood, fifteen years ago.

With joyous words the two brothers greeted one another, and the stream went on its course, rejoicing in the consciousness of a duty well done for, "Old's" search finished, he was no longer old, and the vigour of a renewed youth shone in his face.

MEL.

"Spurlos Versenken."

*A small boat, tossed upon a wild grey sea,
Cheerless and cold beneath the wintry sky.
The sea-birds circling mournfully on high,
And tired eyes watching, watching hopelessly
For friends to end their long captivity;
If some keen eyes their lonely boat descry.
If not—no food—the bitter end draws nigh,
And so they watch and wait in misery.
Some broken wreckage floating here and there;
And, clinging to a spar with hands of death,
A dead man floats, whose lips had breathed a prayer
For vengeance with his last expiring breath;
For whose return perhaps some children wait.
"Spurlos versenken"—such is German hate."*

G.T.M.

School Notes.

At rather short notice, the midwinter vacation was moved forward three weeks, in order to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales to our city. Consequently, we broke up on Thursday, June 3rd, instead of June 23rd, as had previously been intended. We resumed on June 21st.

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Errata.—In our last issue we committed a very inexcusable error, naming Russell as the Junior Swimming Champion, instead of Burton. We apologise for our mistake, and sincerely hope that we have not caused any inconvenience to anyone concerned.

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Owing to various reasons, we have been forced to make one issue of the "Record" serve two terms. Thus this issue serves the purposes of the June and September issues.

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Athletes take note! C.H.S. Carnival takes place on 17th and 18th September; G.P.S., 9th October. Both at Sydney Cricket Ground. Our own Carnival has been fixed for 9th September, at the same place. Further particulars elsewhere.

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At the recent Smoke Concert tendered by the O.B.U. to our third Rhodes scholar, ex-Lieut. A. W. Wheen, M.M. (two bars), he was the recipient of an inscribed gold-mounted fountain pen from the present boys of the School.

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In connection with this, we should like to mention some very vital particulars. Considering all things, the way in which the First, Second and Third years responded to the appeal for funds to make the above presentation was very praiseworthy. From Fourth Year, however, excluding the Prefects, there were hardly a dozen contributors. Surely Fourth Year realises their responsibilities in a better manner than this indicates!

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The first debate in which the School participated under the newly-formed G.P.S. Debating Society took place on the night of Thursday, 29th July last, against Newington College, at Newington. After a very close and interesting discussion, Newington were declared winners by a very narrow margin. A full report appears elsewhere.

At a general meeting of the Union recently held in the Big Hall, Mr. Gibbes moved that the Constitution of the Union be changed in so far as the subscription be raised from 10/6 per year

to 15/- per year. Mr. Snowden supported the motion, and pointed out that the Union, owing to increased cost of materials, etc., was simply struggling for existence, and the present state of affairs could not continue for very much longer. Mr. Leaver moved an amendment that the subscription be 12/6. The voting was done by secret ballot, and on the first count there was a substantial majority in favour of altering the Constitution. On the second ballot, however, the voting showed the School to be in favour of 12/6. The actual figures were:—15/-, 57; 12/6, 260; informal, 1. Thus from the next year the annual subscription to the Union will be 12/6.

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Following is a copy of a letter of interest to the members of the School as a whole:—

Norton Lees, Roseville,

8/8/20.

Editor of "Record,"

Sydney Boys' High School, Ultimo.

Dear Sir,—I would request you to convey to the boys of the School my appreciation of the gift with which you presented me at the Old Boys' Reunion. Impostor notwithstanding, I cannot resist a pride in the thought that I am regarded with esteem by the boys who now attend my old school. Wishing you all success,

I am, yours sincerely,

ARTHUR W. WHEEN.

On Thursday, August 12th, two days before he sailed, we had the pleasure of a visit from the author of the above, and at a gathering of Third and Fourth Years, and some members of the Staff, our third Rhodes scholar was afforded a hearty farewell. The Headmaster, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Smairl spoke in appreciation of the achievements of Mr. Wheen, and on his rising to respond he was greeted with prolonged cheering. Cheers for the guest, the School, and the singing of a verse of the School song, under the able leadership of Mr. Murphy, concluded the proceedings.

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Once again it is our pleasure to acknowledge a donation from S. G. Webb to the Coates Memorial Library. It is another proof of the donor's interest in his old School, and we are sure that the present and future Fourth Years will appreciate his action to the utmost. Similar evidences of interest in the School from other Old Boys would be welcomed.

The recently held Boxing Tournament proved an unqualified success, and the promoters have every reason to be proud of their feat of reviving a feature of School sport which had lapsed for some two or three years. We hope to see it fixed as an annual event. And why shouldn't it be?

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By general consent, the Mock Banquet seems to have been allowed to lapse. Judging by recent events of this type, this is a very sensible move, as of late years it had developed into little more than a farce. Why not, however, have a little reunion of departing seniors, and any members of the Staff who may care to attend, at some city house, as outlined by a correspondent in a previous issue?

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At last comes the welcome news that the Tennis Tournament is to be played again this year. What with Footer ending, Cricket starting, and Boxing and Athletics coming in between, it has been rather difficult to place anything else. Also another difficulty presented itself in the fact that the Union could not promise the Tennis Committee any monetary support. However, "patient and persistent labour has its reward," and full particulars of the above event should shortly appear. It is to be hoped that the School will enter "in their thousands."

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At last the much talked about and long promised publication devoted entirely to the interests of School sport has made its appearance—we speak of the "School Sportsman." Judging by the number of copies seen about School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week, there seems to be no doubt as to its popularity. We are very glad of this, and hope that in the future there will be no diminution of its favour in the School.

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There seems to be no doubt as to the popularity of the newly-introduced system of physical culture (and how Fourth Year appreciate it now!). We were almost on the point of mentioning the need for a gymnasium to have the thing done properly, but were reminded of the fact that we (?) are shortly (?) to have a new School (?), where we shall be in a veritable Utopia, if, indeed, one can apply that term to a school.

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Mr. Outten, late Mathematical Master, and also an Old Boy of the School, was a surprise visitor to the Masters' Rooms some time ago. He is now at Mudgee High School, and is, we hear, leader of one of the most prominent footer teams in the district.

Mr. Watson has also paid us a couple of visits at different times, and assured us of his continued interest in the doings of the School. Mr. Watson is an ever welcome visitor at all School functions.

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We are sure that a more amicable arrangement could be perfected in regard to sport, and Wednesday compulsory parades. Before venturing any opinion, however, let us assure our readers of the fact that any opinions put forward are perfectly unbiassed, and there is no need to mention the fact of our having one object in view, namely, the advancement of our Alma Mater. Nevertheless, the fact remains that Wednesday afternoon was set apart for sport, and though the high ideals and the necessity for military training are ever before us, it seems rather petty that those in authority should filch Wednesday afternoon to serve their purpose. During the last three months there have been two Wednesday *compulsory parades*, and sport has suffered in consequence. We are sure that there is a way out of this difficulty, and the School would appreciate any move in it's direction.

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At a meeting of the Union Committee on 22nd July last, the following Athletic Committee was elected for 1920:—The Headmaster, Messrs. Leaver, Gibbes, Snowden, Murphy, Cropley, Wright, Towns, and S. J. Burt (hon. sec.), W. Smith (asst. hon. sec.), S. M. Willmott (hon. treas.), K. M. McCredie, C. E. McDonald, A. E. Newton, and A. T. Harvey.

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Once again the lack of contributions calls forth comment. We are forced to sigh very heartily on perusing some old copies of the "Record," in which such notices as "Held over from lack of space" and "Lack of space prevents publication of your effort" meet the eye. The contribution box at the foot of the staircase seems to have degenerated into a receptacle for corrected Latin comps. and spare orange peel. While appreciating to the utmost the unfailing generosity and abundant humour prompting these contributions, we are forced to refuse them with thanks. Nevertheless, the production of a "Record" nowadays entails much worry and forethought as to just where the matter for publication is to come from. Continued exhortations, grumblings and threats seem to have no effect, and it may interest the School to know that a large portion of the contributors in the present issue are from the pens of Old Boys.

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We should like to congratulate Sydney Grammar School on carrying off the Footer Competition for the second year in succession. The Corr Cup for competition amongst the 2nd XVs. of the Schools went in the same direction.

On behalf of the School, we should like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Towns in the death of his father, which event took place some little time ago.

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A very welcome feature of the footer season was the better organisation of the lower grades; and especially of the class teams. Though still handicapped to a great extent, the position of the class teams in both cricket and footer is considerably improved, as compared with former years, and in future we should not have so much of the lamentable spectacle of chaps being put into the 1st and 2nd XVs. and then a start being made to tutor them in the elements of the game.

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Wake up, Christian Union! What has become of those interesting luncheon hour (or half-hour, to be correct) lectures by prominent public gentlemen, which were a feature of the School some few terms back?

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Alas! "The Dugout" is no more! The physics store-room! What a cruel fate for a place of such poignant memories of past Athletic Committees, etc., as was the "Dugout." However, times have changed. "They say that the fashion for such things is past, and that they are childish. Then why not gratify children by letting them stand?"

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Our colour system needs redress! In the Baseball team this year there are at least two players who are spending their first year at the School. In the 2nd XV. there are numerous Third and Fourth Year boys, some of whom have been playing footer for three or four years, and who are leaving School this year. The aforementioned baseballers are eligible for half-colours; the footer men, some of whom have been striving in minor teams for three or more years, get nothing. Therein lies the fault! At least 2nd XV. and 2nd XI. men should be made eligible for half-colours. To come down to fine points, a man who has played footer for three years, and only finds himself in the 3rd XV., is more entitled to half-colours than one who gains his place in the 1st IX. (sometimes through lack of competent players) during his first year at the School.

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On behalf of the School, the "Record" would like to express its sympathy with one of the Prefects, J. W. Austin, who was seriously injured during the midwinter vacation. Up to the time of



PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL, 1920.

Standing—W. H. Berryman, C. E. McDonald, L. J. Tippet, G. G. Robertson, R. C. Cathels, A. J. O'Neil,
D. C. Gilder.

Seated—S. M. Willmott, K. M. McCredie, The Headmaster, A. T. Harvey, S. J. Burt.

Absent—L. W. Ryan, J. W. Austen.

receiving his injury, he had been playing full-back for the 1st XV., and besides being unable to participate in further games, he was prevented from attending School for several weeks. It is to be hoped that the cricket season will find him well and strong once more.

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The support accorded the Debating team at Newington was splendid. At Grammar, where we had the good fortune to carry the day (or rather the night), it exceeded all expectations. For such a young body, the aforementioned team has made an excellent commencement, due in no small way to the enthusiastic aid of Messrs. Smairl and Castleman.

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The joy of the "eighteen-year-olds" on the severing of their connection with the School company was a sight to behold. But a still greater sight was their chagrin on receipt of the news that militia training would be resuscitated this year, starting with the 1902 quota.

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The subject for the debate against Armidale School on October 7th next is that "The present examination system tends to cramp, rather than to promote, true Education," and that for the All Schools v. University fixture on November 5th that "Patriotism is always justifiable."

Reverie on the River.

*My boat glides softly o'er the river's placid reach,
And parts the silent waters of the silvern stream;
Then smiling ripples leave me to caress that beach
Whose gleaming sands of sparkling gems are as a dream.
That distant flashing shore slopes down to greet in love
The waters stealing nigh to kiss its fevered lips;
Dark, rugged mountains rear their jagged crags above,
Which mingle in ethereal space with airy ships,
Whose fleecy, snow-white sails distend before the breeze.
The fairy fleets are floating o'er the azure sky;
At last they fade away across the heav'nly seas—
A mem'ry swells my heart; a tear falls from my eye.*

*Beyond that gently falling shore the river flows
Around a Monarch of the Range where creeps a shade
Of veiling softness slowly mantling all. There blows
A zephyr sweetly singing through the sylvan glade;
The dainty leaves so coyly nestling in the trees
Dance to its song with flut'ring hearts. And now the strange
Refrain floats o'er the stream The fleeting music flees
The groves and whisp'ring dies away far in the Range.
Fair Phoebus, bright arrayed in robes of sapphire hues,
Whose coronet diffuses glory as the rose,
Though just declining from the zenith, still imbues
The landscape with a happy feeling of repose.*

The forest trees no longer heave their panting breasts,
 The slender boughs decline in sleep. The sunbeams play
 And peep between the elfin bowers of leafy crests
 Now stilled and slumb'ring in the dreamy hush of day,
 But from the verdant banks the trees with sylphine grace
 Curve shyly over till at last from mortal view
 They hide the blue and linger in one fond embrace:
 There beauty soothes in silence as the falling dew.
 But hark! A silv'ry note trills in the woodlands fair—
 Some lonely bird pours forth its joyous song on high.
 That strain of freedom trembles in the limpid air;
 'Tis gone! and lost in lovely reverie I lie.

The perfumed blossoms blushing midst the ferns diffuse
 The scene with colours of a lavishness so gay,
 Whilst here and there the creamy flannel flower subdues
 The vista to a soothing tone of soft display,
 Whose fragrance sways the reeling senses nigh to sleep
 And then transports my spirit to a fabled dell
 Where Earth is now no more, nor where the willows weep
 Beside the Brook of Care. There fancy weaves her spell,
 And youthful fantasies flit faintly through my mind
 Till into an elysian drowsiness I sink.
 I know not that the day is dying, but reclined
 Upon the river's bosom, happiness I drink.

A throbbing, sobbing gust so rudely breaks my rest.
 The air grows cold, the folds of night are rolling near
 And soon will clothe the Earth; whilst in the dark'ning West
 Beyond the mist-enveloped mountains bleak and drear,
 The last sad sunbeams linger in the sombre skies—
 Now darkness reigns supreme and lowers everywhere.
 Deep in the gloomy woods a thousand terrors rise
 And wander through the fearful night. Then chill Despair
 Looms grimly at my side. O that my trembling frame
 Might yet be calmed by beauties of the missing day
 Dispelling Phantoms of the Dusk! O that the same
 Assuring radiance would return and with me stay!

But no, that cannot be. Yet shall I calm my fear!
 God's Watchful Spirit in the sullen gloom of night
 Would point a course of safety for me to steer,
 And through the Evil Rapids roaring near, His might
 Would still protect my frail canoe. Though Nature's form
 May change, He changeth not, nor would that Power betray
 The trust reposed in Him, but through the darkened storm
 Of Evil Chance would lead me to the brighter day
 Of Hopes Renewed. My spirit do not be dismayed,
 The Terrors of Uncertainty do now obey
 The Voice Omnipotent and fade. Be not afraid!
 The dawn will flush the East and night will pass away.

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."—Thucidydes, Bk. 4.

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"Not once or twice in our fair island story,
The path of duty was the way to glory."

A Dream.

I had finished my homework, and was reading an account of an interview between two schoolboys and the Minister of Education. The boys had laid certain grievances before the Minister, and he had given them a "sympathetic hearing." . . . After a long state of semi-consciousness, I awoke. It was afternoon, and I was walking up Mary Ann-street, Ultimo. I hardly recognised the locality, it was so changed. Tall buildings reared up on every side; it was no longer dusty and uneven, but the roadway was smooth and clean. Lo! there on my left was a little building wedged into a chasm between the towering structures of concrete and steel. I recognised it immediately as my school—Sydney High. As I entered the gate, a lad, strangely dressed, came out of the front door, and on seeing me burst out laughing, and walking round, surveyed me as if I were some rare antique. Meanwhile, I was just as interested in him. How strangely he was dressed! A long coat reached down to his knees, the colours in it being numerous and intermingled; his collar was very high, with curious coloured figures worked in it. His trousers were full and drawn in at the knees, and tall white kid boots completed his attire.

He was the first to speak. "Are you the new boy from the country?" he asked. My indignation was immense! ME, a Fourth Year student, being so spoken to by this fellow. I really thought that he had left the Ryde tram at the wrong stop, so I determined to humour him. Before I had time to answer, he said, "Perhaps you would like to see over the School?" Our of curiosity, I accepted the invitation. He conducted me through the front door. Was I dreaming? The hall was covered with a thick carpet! He turned to the left into the office, and here I received my second shock. The room was luxuriously furnished, with neatly arranged bookshelves around the walls, and a *new* telephone, through which my guide informed me you could actually raise the exchange with a little patience.

I left my hat and bag in the office, and mentally resolved to be surprised at nothing else that might happen. Just as well, for on passing into the hall I noticed a calendar over the door which read 1st April, 1950. But my guide had moved on, so I hurried after him, into the room opposite the office. What a change! The desks were all roomy—the seats being upholstered, whilst the writing surface was covered with plateglass. I asked the reason of this, and was informed that it had been done to prevent the pupils from engraving their names and monograms on the woodwork. The room contained a radiator for warming purposes. The boards were new, and it was a pleasure to walk about without becoming entangled in pieces of newspaper or slipping on fruit skins. All around the walls were large lockers fitted with locks, which closely resembled the Yale

in make. The floors were carpeted; but nowhere could I see the Coates' Library. On asking of its whereabouts, I received the answer, "In the new library, of course."

My guide now suggested that we should visit the Main Hall. He conducted me to a large automatic lift, and we were whisked upwards. I stepped out on the landing, but all I could see was a number of electrically lighted passages. We proceeded down one of these, and entered a spacious, well-lighted room, which contained a number of large tables, many cabinets, and fixtures, which gave it an office-like appearance. Going over to one of the oak desks, I sat down to collect my wits. Immediately, from some unknown source, a typewriter slid before me. On my right were account books and documents ready for use, and on my left a round ruler and red ink. I arose hurriedly, and the desk resumed its natural appearance. Amazed, I suffered my friend to take my hand and to lead me into another large room, furnished on the same elaborate style. But what were those curious funnel-like arrangements around the walls? The boy smiled, and going up to the master's desk pressed a button. Immediately I had French clauses, conjugations and grammar hurled at me from all directions; my head whirled, and I became dazed. On noticing my state, my friend desisted, and the pandemonium ceased. "This is the direct method French room," he said quietly. As a special favour, I asked not to be shown the Latin, German and Greek rooms.

We were now back on the landing. My friend touched a lever, the folding doors opened, and there in front of me was the Hall. There was a platform at the far end, fronted by rows of seats. I walked down one of the aisles; my tread was noiseless. Around the walls were slabs of marble, on which were engraved the names of prominent scholars. But my attention was attracted by a large panoramic view, which was suspended at the rear of the platform. It was a fine oval, with several large grandstands surrounding it. "The Sydney Cricket Ground?" I asked. He smiled pityingly, and replied, "No, our oval at Bathurst—fifteen minutes from here by aeroplane." Bewildered, I allowed myself to be led back to the landing. The Hall had disappeared, and my companion started down another passage leading to the Coates' Library. It was installed in a large, high, brilliantly lighted room, and contained many volumes. As I dropped into one of the lounge chairs, I asked how all these changes had come about.

"Well, it was like this," my friend commenced. "Some time ago we were threatened with five minutes extra work per afternoon. We were furious, and as a sympathetic Government was then in power, we determined to submit our grievances to the Minister for Education. A stop study meeting was called, and a deputation appointed to interview the Minister. When our case was laid before

him he saw as we did, and fearing the result of throwing four hundred more scholars out of employment, he agreed to draw up new conditions for us. This was presented to us for discussion, and after altering a number of clauses, was accepted. Briefly, it was this:—The School was to be renovated and kept in repair until we should move into our new School at Moore Park, which will be perfectly modern." "Isn't it finished yet?" I interrupted. "No, scarcity of material and the six hours per week system holds up the work, but at the earliest it should be finished about 1960. Well, to continue, the hours of attendance are now 9.45 a.m. until 1 p.m. The afternoons are entirely devoted to sport. Homework has been abolished; the Government provides all money for sport. Our teachers are elected by popular vote, and at the age of 35 are pensioned off on full salary." At each fresh revelation I had been slipping gradually nearer the edge of my chair, and at this last one I slipped completely off. Thump!! I awoke. I was on the floor, with my evening paper and my homework strewn around me. With a sigh I began to collect it, and as I did so I recollected what a hard world it was!

A.J.O.

In Lonely Spots.

*In lonely spots I love to lie,
With birds and bees all flitting by—
To breathe the scent of tree and flow'r,
Emitting from a leafy bow'r.*

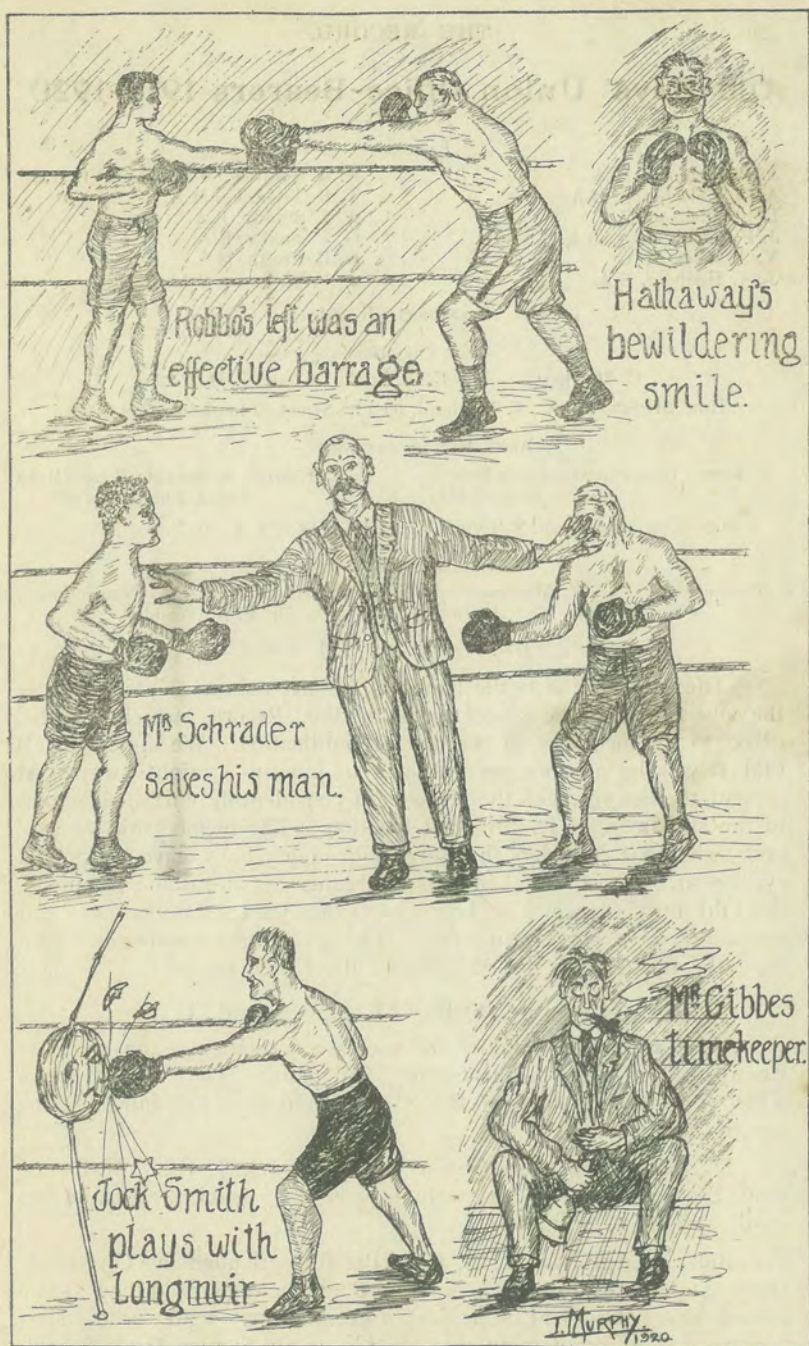
*'Tis then that thoughts crowd in my brain;
I wish that I could only gain
The happiness of bird and bee,
Devoid of care; from sorrow free.*

*Envy awakens in my heart,
My spirit wishes to depart
From lands beset with sin and strife
To realms of joy and happy life.*

*And then I think with inward pain,
That all my longing is in vain:
My spirit cries: "Unhappy one";
But happiness will surely come.*

*I say that joy will be your gain
Should you always from sin abstain;
'Tis certain then, you will be giv'n
The Joy of God, the Peace of Heav'n.*

"WOMBAN."



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The subscription to the Union is 5/- per annum. This includes the subscription to the School magazine, the "Record," which is posted direct to the members on the day of publication. We appeal to all Old Boys who are not yet members to join up straight away. At present the activities of the Union are considerably curtailed, owing to the shakiness of its financial position. The membership is very poor, when one considers that seventy or eighty boys leave the School every year. The Council intends to arrange for additional Reunions, the Old Boys' dance is to be revived, the Annual Dinner has been reinstated on a permanent basis. The greater the number of members, the further will the activities of the Union extend.

(From the "Sydney Morning Herald.")

News is just to hand of the success of another young and distinguished graduate of the Sydney University. Dr. Oswald Jacob Ellis, who has passed the F.R.C.S. examination at Edinburgh at the age of 25.

Dr. Ellis, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis, of Lucas-road, Burwood, has had an excellent career as a scholar, as an undergrad, and as a graduate.

Born on April 28, 1895, Dr. Ellis first attended the Cleveland-street Superior Public School, where at the age of 12 years he passed his qualifying certificate examination with scholarship honours. This scholarship was tenable at the Sydney High School, and it was during his four years' attendance at this school that he

passed the junior and the leaving certificate examinations, gaining honours in the latter, and coming dux of the school. He was also awarded the silver medal for geometry.

From the Sydney High School Dr. Ellis entered the Faculty of Medicine at the Sydney University, and in the majority of his year examinations gained credit and distinction passes. He graduated M.B. Ch.M. in 1916 when only 21 years of age (the youngest age at which it is permissible for one to graduate in the Faculty of Medicine) by means of the special War Examination for students who volunteered for service with the A.I.F., and in this examination he was placed first. This entitled him to go into residence at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; and after remaining there for seven weeks, he went to England, being given a captaincy in the A.A.M.C.

On arrival in England, Dr. Ellis was examined with 45 other doctors, and as a result was appointed a regimental medical officer. He left for France in 1917, and was stationed at No. 2 A.G.H., Boulogne. In October of that year Dr. Ellis was badly gassed in Belgium, and after being invalided to England, returned to France, where he remained until the signing of the Armistice.

On returning to England, Dr. Ellis was appointed a resident medical officer at a Manchester hospital. It was then that he resumed his studies, and succeeded in the F.R.C.S. examinations.

OLD BOYS' SMOKE CONCERT

A large attendance of Old Boys were present at the Highland Society's Club, Phillip-street, to say farewell to their old friend "Skin." The masters and boys were represented by the Headmaster, Mr. Craddock, and Willmott, Robertson and Dougan. The gathering was quite informal, no speeches being on the serious side.

Mr. Prior, the esteemed President, did not apologise for his short speech. He said he was quite overwhelmed with the thought that within a year he was called upon to preside at a "farewell" to two Rhodes scholars. Such a fact was too much for him.

"Skin" was the same old "Skin" as in 1914. His reply was short, sharp and witty, and was the most appreciated part of the entertainment.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Craddock also spoke.

But still another surprise was awaiting the gathering. Willmott, ably supported by his confederates, and evidently afraid of his delivery in front of such a distinguished company, attempted to impress Whéen with the idea that he wished to present him with a small token of the School's esteem. He eventually succeeded, and managed to hand Whéen a fountain pen, with the strict instruction that it was to be used in sending reports to the "Record."

Musical items were rendered by Messrs. Allen, Gibb and Porter.

F. J. SHEED, B.A., has been selected as the N.S.W. nominee for the All-Australian Rhodes Scholarship, to be awarded this year. "Brick," who left School at the end of 1913, was Editor of the "Record," a prefect, and a light of the Debating Society. At the University he had a brilliant career, graduating with honours in Latin, French and English. His University letters in the "Record" have been its most popular feature. By the time this issue appears we may know if he has had the luck he deserves. He goes to Oxford in any case, however.

F. J. GILES has given up his ideas of a medical career. On September 11th he sails for Rabaul, there to learn how to educate the festive cocoanut and the frolicsome banana to increased production in the intervals of shooting recalcitrant Kanakas!

Another recent Old Boy who has cast off the trammels of civilisation is E. J. STITT, at present jackerooing on a North Queensland station. Latest photos containing nothing but an expansive grin.

We give our most hearty congratulations to Colonel S. HENRY E. BARRACLOUGH, B.E., M.M.E., Assoc.M.Inst.C.E., M.I. Mech.E., who has been created a Knight of the Order of the British Empire (K.B.E.). Sir Henry, who was one of the first pupils of the School, is Professor of Mechanical Engineering in Sydney University. Owing to a long period of militia service, he was allowed to "join up" immediately on the outbreak of war, and, though at first an assistant Censor, in 1915 he visited India, Egypt, France and England to inquire into various aspects of munition supply. As a result of his report, over 5000 munition workers were sent to England by the Commonwealth Government. On the cessation of hostilities he received the C.B.E. (Military Division). On the conclusion of the repatriation period he became K.B.E. Recently he was awarded the V.D.

M. H. BELZ, B.Sc., has been awarded the Barker Graduate Scholarship. He sails shortly to take up research work with Sir Ernest Rutherford in the Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University.

N. R. STORM, of our last year's XV., brought himself into the public eye near the end of March by putting two armed burglars to flight with his bare fists. On being invited to put up his hands on pains of being shot, "Normey" informed his flabbergasted adversary, "You haven't got the guts to do so," and wading in, gave the gentleman a hiding. Neither of the burglars have stopped running yet.

At the beginning of the football season, C. A. FAIRLAND, Secretary of our O.B.U., Treasurer of the Rugby Union, and most enthusiastic of Union enthusiasts, was elected President of the newly-formed Junior Football Union of N.S.W.

The other side of the picture, however, is furnished by H. R. MILLER, the enthusiastic Secretary of the N.S.W. Football League. Miller was here in the days of 1900 or thereabouts.

When some four or five months ago the honour of a Chevalier-ship of the Legion of Honour was conferred upon Col. W. W. R. WATSON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., in recognition of his services to France, there was added another distinction to a very distinguished career. Colonel WATSON bore the flag of truce into Pretoria during the Boer War. In August, 1914, he commanded the 1st Military Battalion of the force which acted in New Guinea; on Gallipoli he led the 24th Battalion, and later was in charge of a Brigade in France.

Among those Brigadier-Generals assembled in Sydney to do General Birdwood honour some short time ago was J. HEANE, C.B., C.M.G., who has been mentioned ere this in the "Record's" Old Boys' Column.

It seems that the long-expected Old Boys' Dance may eventuate this month. If so, a record roll up should eventuate, judging by the number of the enquiries.

It seems a long way back to last cricket season, but we must mention here that, in the final match of the Newcastle cricket competition, R. T. BRAITHWAITE, B.E., playing for Broken Hill Proprietary, Ltd., made top score.

Again we have two reps. in the 'Varsity Tennis IV., ALAN WATT and JACK CLEMENGER. But for the latter's unavoidable absence, Sydney University might well have won the match against Melbourne.

F. E. STAYNER has developed as a footballer. During the expiring season, he has played on the wing for Western Suburbs' 1st XV.

'Varsity ball would be very poor indeed but for the players the School has recently provided. At present we supply GARNER and DOWNWARD to the 1st IX., RICKARD, WILLIAMS and BACK to the 2nds.

Early in the season BILL MANTON smashed his collarbone, but is now quite right again.

P. S. HUNT, Estate Agent for Railways, has been appointed a life governor of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Congratulations to G. P. BARBOUR, who was a master at the School in the late eighties, and whose son, R. P., has just been appointed Queensland Rhodes Scholar for 1920.

C. E. FLETCHER, well-known to past generations of High School boys, paid a flying visit to Sydney in May. He is little changed, and seems in no way borne down with the cares of office.

DOUG. WILSON has not forgotten how to play football. In the United Services-All Schools game he lined Munro, Grammar's giant winger, and quite outclassed his opponent.

JACK BACK, after a course at Oxford, returned to Australia by the "Orvieto." Before he enlisted Jack was assistant master of Science at the School. Now he takes up the position of Master of Science at Technical High School.

W. J. MULHOLLAND, who was teaching us History and English when he enlisted in 1915, also returned on the "Orvieto." During the demobilisation period he acted as Assistant Director of Education, A.I.F., and in this position had administrative control of all A.I.F. educational activities in France and Belgium. A recent British military report states that his was one of the most successful attempts at army education in France.

J. McINTOSH was recently appointed manager of the Pitt-street Branch of the A.B.C.

Congratulations to N. R. OUTTEN, who has gained his M.A. degree; to J. M. ROSS and A. S. SAMS, who have graduated B.A.; to F. L. FLANNERY, B.A., our latest LL.B.; to J. BOGLE, B.A., J. R. McLEAN, A. I. G. McLAUGHLIN, and L. J. A. PARR, Doctors all; to C. L. C. HENRY, Bachelor of Dental Surgery; to the following Bs.Sc.: S. R. BILBE, G. J. BYRNES, R. G. HOOK, and H. E. G. RAYNER; and lastly to "greasers," A. W. HARRISON and R. K. E. WOODHOUSE, E.B.Es.

For the first time for many years the Old Boys' football match lapsed, *not* through lack of keenness on the part of the Old Boys, but through the visit of the Prince, the extra holidays crowding fixtures together.

An Old Boys' Debating Team—R. F. GOLLAN, W. M. BYRNE and A. W. W. GRAY—was also to meet the School. Unfortunately, a rearrangement of the G.P.S. competition debates syllabus made the meeting quite impossible.

UNIVERSITY OFFICE-BEARERS.

With an increasing lack of public spirit in the University, it is good to note that our Old Boys hold more than their share of offices in connection with the various students' bodies. Here is a list, as complete as time will allow:—

THE UNION.—J. A. McCallum and J. Clemenger are on the House Committee. The former is Secretary to the Debates Committee, of which R. G. Barnes, B.A., is a member.

UNDERGRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.—J. Clemenger is Secretary; A. S. Watt, V. J. Garner and I. Clunies Ross are representatives for their various years.

EVENING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—R. J. Middleton, B.A., B.E.C., is on the Committee, while H. Mansfield represents Arts II.

MEDICAL SOCIETY.—D. W. Magill, B.Sc., is Librarian.

MEDICAL JOURNAL.—C. G. McDonald is on the staff. W. E. George is Business Secretary.

ARTS SOCIETY.—J. A. McCallum is Vice-President, A. E. Miles is a Committeeman.

ARTS JOURNAL.—J. A. McCallum has just resigned the editorship. R. F. Gollan is Business Secretary.

GLEE CLUB.—The one and only "Toddy" is President.

UNIVERSITY CAMPS FOR G.P.S.—C. E. Brake (Chairman) and W. R. Browne, B.Sc., are on the executive.

RIFLE CLUB.—Prof. O. U. Vonwiller is Captain.

UNIVERSITY CLUB.—A. L. Campbell is a Director.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—C. O. Hamblin, B.Sc. (Agr.), is a Vice-President. T. H. Harrison is assistant Secretary.

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TENNIS CLUB.—H. S. Utz, B.A., LL.B., is a Vice-President, A. S. Watt is Treasurer, and A. S. Waterhouse is on the Committee.

HOCKEY CLUB.—A. T. Edwards is on the Committee.

"HERMES."—A. S. Watt is on the literary staff.

SPORTS UNION.—Dr. J. Bogle, B.A., and H. S. Utz, B.A., LL.B., are Vice-Presidents. V. R. Clifton is one of the Treasurers.

LAW SOCIETY.—A. B. Piddington, B.A., K.C., is a Vice-President, K. Tonkin is Undergraduate Secretary, and W. R. Fincham, B.A., is on the Committee.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.—J. A. McCallum is a member of the executive.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS, Etc.

Owing to the non-appearance of the usual mid-year "Record," our first duty is to review the honours, etc., obtained by old boys in the University exams. of August-December, 1919, and March, 1920. The list of distinctions following is as full as our knowledge permits, and is creditable to Old Boys and School alike:—

ARTS AND ECONOMICS.

Latin I.: Distinction, R. V. Edwards (4th place).

English I.: Distinction, A. S. Watt (4th); Credit, V. W. Hyde.

French I.: Distinction, F. C. Bryant (2nd).

History I.: Credit, V. W. Hyde.

Philosophy I.: High Distinction, A. S. Watt (1st place and Professor Anderson's Prize).

- Mathematics I.: Credit, R. H. Cope (Eng.), A. Denning (Eng.), F. Lions (Sci.).
- Latin II.: High Distinction, G. P. Shipp (1st.), Mr. Gibbes (2nd.); Distinction, H. L. McLoskey.
- Greek II.: High Distinction, G. P. Shipp (2nd.).
- Cooper Scholarship No. I. for Classics: G. P. Shipp.
- English II.: High Distinction, H. L. McCloskey.
- French II.: Distinction, H. L. McLoskey.
- History II.: High Distinction, J. A. McCallum (1st. place and Professor Wood's Prize); Distinction, O. H. Beale.
- English III.: Honour (Class II.), A. S. Sams.
- Mathematics III.: Honours (Class III.), S. R. Bilbe.
- Economics: High Distinction, J. A. McCallum (1st place and Professor Irvine's Prize); Distinction, O. F. Wallace; Credit, S. P. Lewis.

MEDICINE.

- Chemistry I.: Distinction, C. E. Tressider; Credit, R. V. Rickard.
- Physics I.: Distinction, J. F. Boag, C. E. Tressider; Credit, A. W. Gray, F. J. Howell.
- Botany I.: Credit, A. W. J. Bulteau, M.A., J. A. Vote.
- Zoology I.: Distinction, C. E. Tressider, A. W. J. Bulteau, M.A.; Credit, R. V. Rickard.
- Medicine III.: Distinction, W. E. George; Credit, D. W. Magill, B.Sc., G. Forsyth, J. A. Parkes, G. S. Thompson, W. B. Jakins, A. F. Edwards, H. A. Annells.
- Medicine IV.: Pathology, etc.: Credit, A. Cunningham, F. A. Morrison, C. E. Winston, F. T. Willard.
- Honours at Graduation: Class II., J. Bogle, B.A., A. I. G. McLaughlin, L. J. A. Parr.

DENTISTRY.

- Physics I.: Credit, J. M. Muir.
- Honours at Graduation: Class II., C. S. C. Henry (1st place).

SCIENCE.

- Levey Scholarship for Chemistry I. and Physics I.: F. X. Lions.
- Chemistry I.: High Distinction, F. X. Lions (1st); Distinction, H. G. Pyke (2nd.).
- Physics I.: High Distinction, F. X. Lions (1st place); Credit, F. Simpson.
- Geology I.: Distinction, H. G. Pyke; Credit, F. Lions.
- Caird Scholarship for Chemistry III.: R. G. Hook.

Chemistry III.: Honours (Class I.), R. G. Hook (1st.).

Physics III.: Honours (Class II.), S. R. Bilbe (2nd.).

Organic Chemistry III.: Honours (Class II. R. G. Hook (1st.).

ENGINEERING.

Chemistry I.: Credit, A. Denning (2nd.).

Engineering Construction: Distinction, W. L. Hurd; Credit, C. V. Willmott.

Engineering Geology: High Distinction, W. L. Hurd, C. V. Willmott; Credit, A. E. Moore.

Engineering Chemistry: Credit, W. L. Hurd.

Murray Rainsford Smith Prize: T. B. Nicol.

Honours at Graduation (Mining and Metallurgy): Class II., R. K. C. Woodhouse (1st.); Class III., A. W. Tarrison.

VETERINARY SCIENCE.

J. H. Clunies-Ross: Honor Credits in Veterinary Hygiene, Veterinary Path. and Veterinary Bot.

AGRICULTURE.

Botany I.: Credit, T. H. Harrison (1st.).

Geology I.: High Distinction, T. H. Harrison (2nd.).

Twilight.

*The sun is sinking in the west,
Behind the purple mountain chains;
The birds are flying to their rest,
O'er all a dusky stillness reigns—
A solemn quiet which says to me
Datur hora quieti.*

*All through the day did fierce winds blow,
Which tossed the gaunt resisting trees;
But these have ceased; and, soft and low
From leaves scarce rustled by the breeze
A gentle whisper says to me
Datur hora quieti.*

*The cow-bell's distant notes are heard,
As homeward at the close of day,
Amid the softly gathering dusk
The cattle wend their oft-trod way;
Its softened music says to me
Datur hora quieti.*

G.T.M.

Form Notes.

III. A.G.—Now that the half-yearly inquisition is over, and all queries concerning unfavourable reports have been satisfactorily answered, we are able to address the School in a much lighter vein than formerly, as befits a carefree Third Year Class. We are, of course, a brilliant form, despite the blacksmith's shop, which causes constant annoyance to our masters and to us (?).

At the end of the year we intend to grace the stage, and delight members of the School with a representation of that beautiful (?) Shakespearean comedy, "As You Like It." The cast, under the guidance of Mr. Moffitt, has developed a distinct dramatic tendency, and the rival of Oscar Asche will be sure to please with his description of Touchstone, that "regular fool of a fellow."

The III. A.G. Amateur Literary and Debating Society have been wrangling in Room 4 for the past few months, and we have every expectation of seeing a few of the stars reach Parliament, as they are prone, like all good "politicians," to descend to personalities. Soon we hope to challenge the leading lights of the School in an open debate, where our tame Bolshies will carry all before them.

From the swirl and torment of former years we have reached a haven of rest, and are now living up to Third Year's time-honoured reputation of systematically loafing.

This year is one of our rosiest in the realm of sport, and we can boast quite a good percentage of graders for the year. As yet our dark horse athletes have not come to light, but nevertheless they will be sure to shine out at the forthcoming sports, which brings us to still another important event—the conclusion of our Form Notes.

III. B.—These lines evolve from the turbid atmosphere of No. 4. There may be seen brilliant sportsmen and intellectual prodigies.

III. B.—Has shown its magnificent school spirit by easily topping the list of athletic entries, as a class, and its example might well be followed by the Fourth Year Classes. (Go on!—Ed.) Fatty Moran, our champion flyweight, disdained to show his prowess at the boxing tournament, because of the dearth of competitors capable of extending him.

The fame of Henry Irving pales beside that of Clements, our budding young actor, while Carpentier is a mere novice in the art of fisticuffs with Thomas Campbell, our boxer-poet. Perhaps Vigoro's most brilliant exponent is Miss Vergoe, a member of our class celebrated for his peculiar habit of "thinking with his mouth."

Putting humor aside, one is always struck on entering No. 4, not with a dangerous missile, as in No. 5, but with the vigorous study going on therein. Miss Vergoe's taste in classical literature is

astounding, while Dock's noble brow, set off by his lustrous hair, wears the stamp of thought (or is it dissipation?).

A certain gentleman confided to us the fact that he played some hard games of football as a student; judging by appearances this is rather difficult to imagine. In conclusion, we wish to welcome Mr. Robertson, from Grammar.

II. A.G.—Though fagging hard (?) for the "Inter," II. A.G. looks forward with great pleasure to the coming Athletic Carnival.

Before entering upon our eulogies, we must state that II. A.G. was the premier second year class in the "Half Yearly." We will illustrate in next issue of the "Record" that as well as being premiers in our year as far as scholastics are concerned, we are foremost in the field.

We are well represented in Rugby, having no less than twelve graders.

The Athletic Carnival has been given wholehearted support by the members of our form, for no one entered for less than four events. Jimmy is a promising musician. Usually his thoughts are soaring away in a dreamland, seeking inspirations. The other day the peace and quietude of the class was broken by a hideous ME—OW coming from this inspiring youth. Inquiring into the cause of the disturbance, Mr. M—p—y received the pathetic answer: "Thinking of a cat down our way." Splinter tries to outrival this ambitious youth, by rendering us choice selections from "Abe," played on pins and elastic.

We were well represented in the recent Boxing Tournament. "Hatha" won the Inter High, under 8-stone division, and Meaker, though washed out in his first bout, was really the best in his division (10.7).

II. A.C.—"Once more unto the breach, dear friends," and once again the redoubtable II. A.C. hope to gain a victory at the breach, or, in other words, the Intermediate. We place our main hopes in the vanguard, among whose ranks we find: "Fookey," "Toby," "Piccanny," "Stephen," and "Mick."

It is pleasing to note that at the beginning of the season our class team headed the football list, and were in the running for the premiership, when grade robbed us of our captain, vice, and several others.

Since the previous issue of the "Record," a class paper has sprung up, ably edited by Corrigan and Heyns. After having many excellent contributions, our paper went into recess, and it will remain there until the Inter has been decided.

If we take Mr. Cohen at his word, everyone will secure A's; whilst Mr. Wright prophesies at the most several B's. However, this remains to be seen as the "Prophet in the dungeon," says.

We can say with pride that we have thirteen grade players out of a possible twenty-two.

Well, since the exam. looms close, we must draw our notes to a conclusion, and hope for the best. In any case, we shall all do our best to bring honour to the old school.

A. Remove.—We have been studying hard of late, since our half-yearly reports were so disturbing, and we are now looking forward with all eagerness to the Michaelmas holidays, preceded by the School sports.

We were greatly elated when our Headmaster read out the Prince's message to our class, in it stating that the Prince had, on our behalf, persuaded the Department to grant us an extra week's holiday some time this year.

A recent R.A. debate brought forth some promising speakers; but nearly ended in a calamity, as "Scotchie the murderer," was firmly opposed to Mr. M—f—t's decision, and expressed his views on the matter somewhat freely.

We are sorry to see that "Glaxo" continues to increase in avoirdupois, and puts away more in his "bread-basket" each day.

Our class football team has been doing fairly well, and have shown an all-round improvement, our easiest victories being over I. A., and R.B. We have also five of our class in grade teams, namely, "Willie," "Osker the 1st," "Osker the 2nd," "Ludo," and "Frankie."

"Glaxo," our heavyweight champion, and "Scuta" put up good fights in the boxing tournament, the former gaining a well-deserved decision over Bloomfield.

We hope to "pull off" a few events in the sports, especially with "Willie."

Remove B.—At last we are installed in a higher class, in a higher state of mind, and in a higher knowledge of what is happening in and around old S.H.S. Although many alterations have taken place in our class since the beginning of the year, has R.B. lost its reputation? No! Why? It has actually gained the love of some teachers. Gee! We are far superior in every way to our rivals R.A. and R.C.

As a rule we are a very quiet class (I don't think), and but for a few of our members we should be a model class (ahem!) Can anybody invent something to keep these people quiet? If so, just let us know, and we shall see if we approve of it or not.

We are well represented in sport. In football Carter and Mortimer are our representatives, while in first grade baseball Clayton and Burge have the honour to represent us. In the cricket season we are represented by Carter, who, we hope, will again play first grade. At the athletic meeting, Swinburn and Clayton, if they strike form, should show out in the Junior Cup.

Science and French are very interesting, and we hope to come through with flying colours next time. Latin is "no good," and Maths. is a "bother."

Some of our clever chaps are trying to cram their heads with another subject, German, while another chap is preparing for a Holy War by learning the wonderful language, Hebrew. We are all sure that one of our worthy (?) members (commonly called "Anne" by his intimate friends) will take his degree in Latin, as he is so brilliant in it. So brilliant, in fact, that he has to do his translating twice, and then does not get it right.

Our boys are excellent in Ancient History. One of them informed the teacher that a kerosene tin preceded the piano in the music line.

Another possession which gives us great joy (?) is a human gramophone, which will persist in giving voice to weird questions and exclamations at unexpected moments. This wonderful solution of perpetual motion question is supposed to inhabit one of the back seats of the class.

This closes our tale of woe. We are, for the present,

THE R. B-ITES.

C. Remove.—Since last issue of the "Record," two papers have been published by two different boys of our class.

The class has been very successful at Centennial Park. We are leading in the class footer competition, with I. B. These two teams have only been beaten once. We are represented in third, fourth and fifth grades. Iliff, of the fourth grade, is the most successful try-getter for his team.

Nixon has once more achieved the honour of getting first place in the form at the recent "Half Yearly."

The class has the reputation of being the best at sport and study. Mr. Brodie has started typewriting again, and it is booming.

Mr. Wootten has started a French library, which is rushed (?).

In the recent boxing tourney, Dickson and Dunn were, on different occasions, drawn against Newton; but after putting up decent fights, were forced to acknowledge his superiority. We sympathise with them on their hard luck, but congratulate them on their performances.

I. A.—The class hopes to do in athletics what it has failed to achieve in football and cricket.

A class magazine, called the "I A. Weekly" has been started, and has been greatly appreciated by the form.

Our boxing champions, Dale, Long and Pollard, though defeated in the tournament, upheld the honour of the class.

We all hope that Hurd and Long, both very good runners of ours, will add to the glory of our class in the coming carnivals.

Our football team has done very little this quarter. Our greatest achievement was our drawing with R.B.

We might say that if anyone would like to take a course in Latin roots, they are welcome to No. 6 for an hour any day. We guarantee that by the time they leave, they will know the Latin root of every English word.

I. B.—Now that the half-yearly is over, and the usual mis-givings banished (or renewed) we still continue on the even tenor of our way.

Stafford won the under 6-stone division of the recent boxing tourney, but was unfortunate in not winning the championship of the High Schools. Of the five class football matches played, four have been won, and one lost. We are well represented in grade, having three in fourth grade and two in fifth grade.

I. C.—Since the last issue of the "Record," many events of import have taken place, and it will be no easy task to recall them. Our class football team went ahead strongly, and proved a very formidable combination, especially when the speedy J—— condescended to head the pack in brilliant rushes.

As in cricket, so it was in football; of the First Year classes, I. C. had the majority of players representing in grade, two of them now being members of the "seconds." In the boxing tournament just completed, I. C. produced some fine champions of the "Noble Art." Notably, King won his division, and successfully upheld the School against a rival school opponent. The half-yearly exam., our first at the School, did not prove such a setback to most of the class as was at first imagined.

The coming athletic meeting is regarded with great interest by every member of the class, each chap having entered for at least one event.

Our hopes for the under 14 championship centre around Weatherstone, while we have entered good relay and hefty tug-o'-war teams, the latter particularly so, because of a well-known member of the class, possessing valuable avoirdupois, being securely tethered to the end of the rope.

Debating.

The G.P.S. debating competition has been launched this year under the most favourable auspices. The premiership of "A" division is as yet unsettled. If Armidale defeat Newington, and we in turn, defeat the former team, we may, as yet, be premiers.

The team, itself, has reached an unexpected standard of excellence. Knight, as leader, has developed muchly since last year. He as yet tends to be over-visionary and over-metaphorical, and has not quite mastered the difficulties of the reply. He is, however, an excellent speaker, with a fine flow of language and ideas. Sugerman is probably the pick of the three. His matter is always clearly and logically arranged, and his speaking voice is distinct, well-modulated and expressive. McDonald tends too much towards reciting his speech, but, from the point of view of matter, he is a big asset to the team. Saunders, who spoke against Newington, failed through nervousness.

Following are accounts of the two competition debates held to date. We do not meet Armidale until early October.

SCHOOL v. NEWINGTON (29/7/20).

Newington, speaking as Ministry, moved that "The watchword, 'Prepare for War,' indicates a better policy for the welfare of Australia than the watchword, 'Prepare for Peace.'" Sendall, Hunt, and Laverty, who composed their team, put up a very good case. Their matter was remarkably sound, but they were not particularly brilliant speakers. Sendall's reply was witty, but irrelevant.

Knight, in leading for us, created an excellent impression. His delivery was fine, and well-modulated. He showed that the only logical result of the policy "Prepare for War" is militarism. He failed in his reply, however, for he did nothing to demolish his opponents' arguments, and suggest sounder alternatives, but rather went on to broach new questions. The speech-in-reply is not akin to the first, but is to be used solely and wholly for consolidation and refutation.

Sugerman spoke excellently. His delivery was deliberate, impressive, and clear. He showed the disorganisation of local industries which must follow the development of the ministry's motto. He also weightily put forward the psychological grounds which made necessary the condemnation of the ministry's policy.

Saunders was disappointing. His delivery was very faulty, and so the adjudicators were unable to see the significance of his main argument, that effective invasion of Australia was impossible.

The adjudicators, Mr. J. F. Bruce, M.A. (principal), Rev. C. J. Prescott (Newington), and Mr. Smairl (School) gave the victory to Newington by four points.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR (20/8/20).

In the debate against Grammar, our team moved that, "The party system is inimical to the best interests of democratic government in Australia," in the presence of a big audience, mostly drawn from the School.

Knight, speaking first, gave us a general view of the case. He was inclined to be too much in the clouds, and some of his metaphors smacked overmuch of the reading lamp. He gave a better reply than had been expected, however.

Sugerman was distinctly nervous, but was the star of the night. All his matter was to the point, and he bolstered up our weak points well. As usual, his speaking was clear and convincing.

McDonald gave a very solid speech, though his delivery was distinctly poor. He considered fundamentals, and was strong in real argument, pointing out the fallacies of his opponents' cases, and suggesting better alternatives.

The Grammar boys made a good fight, Jagelman, their leader, proving most effective in reply. Aveyard introduced a note of bluff humour, which came as something of a relief after the rhetorical outbursts of the others. All three, however, wandered slightly from the point under discussion.

It came as no surprise, then, when Mr. David Maughan, K.C., announced that he and his colleagues (Mr. Castleman and Mr. Jackson) had unanimously decided for our team.

By the Sea.

*While walking on a golden strand,
With soft waves lapping on the shore,
When little breezes lisp'd, and fann'd
My brow, and drove the sand before,*

*I marvelled at the perfect peace,
Which all things did so quiet enfold;
It seemed to me too good to cease—
I was inspir'd with joys untold.*

*I sat me down upon a stone,
And gaz'd out on the shining sea.
The wind began to rise and moan—
The ocean trembled from the lee.*

*A dark cloud hid the silv'ry moon—
The gentle swell was turned to waves—
The moaning wind began to hoon—
The seabirds sought the rocky caves.*

*The curling wave dash'd t'ward the shore—
 With fury burst upon the sand,
 The wind rose up with anger more,
 Went tearing o'er the sleeping land.*

*The vivid lightning rent the sky;
 And Thor across the sky did drive.
 His thund'ring steeds with speed did fly—
 The heavens seem'd with light alive.*

*And as I gaz'd upon the scene,
 I wondered at the sudden change
 From all the peace that then had been
 To fury of a mighty range.*

*As sudden as the storm had come,
 The wind and sea did moan and die;
 And Thor's great power once more was dumb,
 The seabirds sang a joyous cry.*

*And when a storm comes in our lives
 We must not feel undue alarm.
 Although the storm with fury drives,
 'Tis always followed by a calm.*

"WOMBAN."

On the Editor's Table.

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the last has been seen of the pugilistic square which recently polluted the assembly room for some days. Has not the recent war taught us that the surest way to bring about fighting is to teach people to fight? That if you want a man to shoot, all you need do is to put a gun in his hand, and teach him how to pull the trigger. If you want war, prepare for war; if you want peace, prepare for peace. So is it with glove-fighting. If you want a world of soldiers (and soldiers must fight or atrophy) then teach fighting in the schools. Once a line of conduct has received the imprimatur of a boy's school, then nothing under heaven's blue dome will convince that boy that the conduct in question is dangerous. For this reason, we should be extremely careful in countenancing an activity which encourages boys to batter one another into a state of insensibility, to shed one another's blood, disfigure one another's countenance, to rage inwardly with a brutish fury—all to the accompaniment of the frantic yells of fellow-creatures who have been momentarily transformed into a herd of hopeless atavists, giving vent to such delightful expressions as "I hope he kills him, he dealt it out to me when we played them football." Of course, I know full well that all this savagery is regarded by the upholders of the knock-out sport as a manly business, and as being a fine training in self-control. How quaint! I always thought that the ideal man was he who helped another to rise, and not he who endeavoured to fell his neighbour, and that self-control consisted in restraining the passions. Now, did you see Levy flaying his opponent? How gently he treated him, to be sure! And how he restrained his rage! Without referring at all to what happened in the numerous other bouts, I consider that Levy's exhibition was quite sufficient to condemn the whole affair. If the world is to progress, we must have peace between human beings. If

Nature has given us a combative instinct we have plenty of opportunities for developing that instinct without attacking one another. Are there not battles to be fought against disease, prejudice, and the natural elements which surround and threaten us? Let us then remember that life is too short to waste even a second on internecine strife, that peace breeds peace, that seeds of conduct planted early send down roots which it is almost impossible to remove, and, finally, that the Stadium, with all its base passions, wild yellings, and general undesirableness, is at Rushcutters Bay, and not at the Sydney High School.

I am, etc.,

SPORT-LOVER.

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—The recent boxing tournament, though conducted with great care on the best lines, has been considerably criticised.

From several quarters we have heard that boxing is a "brutal and degrading sport," the "prime triumph of the ring is the knock-out," "he who can fight wants to fight," onlookers exhibit a most unbecoming excitement, and are shockingly noisy, and so on.

Let us at once put aside prize-fighting: for that we hold no brief. In fact we are solely out in defence of the class of boxing seen in the recent tournament, carried out, as it was then, under proper safeguards as to medical fitness of competitors, elimination of unclean sportsmanship, prompt stoppage of obviously one-sided bouts, and competent refereeing in general. Such sport, we maintain, promotes general physical and mental activity and alertness, co-ordination of body and mind, personal courage and self-reliance, and at the same time that essence of all manly virtues, self-control, and, in general, good sportsmanship.

Fundamentally, the impulse to engage in boxing springs from the primitive combative and self-assertive instincts. It is a truism that primary instincts cannot be annihilated, and must not be wholly repressed, but should be frankly recognised and given a clean and healthful outlet, suited to the conditions of modern life. This is precisely the effect of clean boxing under proper supervision.

We hold that the possibility of securing a knock-out does not hold a prominent place in the minds of competitors. Their aim is to show general superiority; the knock-out is a last resort rather than a first aim: with healthy-minded boys and a competent referee, the danger is infinitesimal. Moreover, the man who can box is not the kind of person who invites all and sundry to "trid on the tail o' me coat." The stirrer of strife is usually a wine-bibber, or a gas-bag, essentially one whose self-control sadly needs development. Such an one rarely appears in a tournament. If perchance he does, it is to receive the lesson of a life-time. If I may digress—how has the truth of this, in national life, been demonstrated recently. Germany, the sword-rattler, the trainer of millions, the inventor of mighty guns, failed hopelessly and inevitably before the less obtrusive might of quieter peoples.

The motto of clean boxing is "Strength in Restraint," or in other words

VIRTUS ET PUDOR.

To the Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—I have to add one more to the (I suppose) immense number of letters which you are receiving on this subject. I refer to the roll-up at Saturday matches, more especially football. The 1st XV. this year was quite a good team—at full strength. But how can any team, good or otherwise, be expected to do well *unless its members feel that they have the School behind*

them? At present there seem to be about 30 people in the school who think it worth while to back the team up. The remainder are quite willing to take all they can get, but not to give anything in return, unless they are forced to.

I am, etc.,

G.T.M.

(No! The turn-up at the beginning of the footer season was not bad at all; but, after Grammar—what would you? The support at the cricket matches could be improved, especially considering the success of the team.—Ed.)

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—It seems about time that the football of the School should improve in standard. Never had a season been more promising than this! In Mr Gibbes we had a splendid sportsmaster, in Mr. Cann a most efficient coach, in the footballers of the School the makings of a first-rate team. And then, what? As the season went on the team fell from bad to worse, from the Grammar debacle to the View catastrophe.

There was nothing wrong with the back division; in fact, we have to go back to the days of Wickham and Co. before we can find a better. Burt and Willmott were a fine pair of centres; Cathels and McCredie, on the wings, were well above average; Hanly at five-eighth was a veritable find, and Collins fulfilled his promise of last year. Fullback Ryan was admittedly weak in tackling, but excelled in handling and kicking.

The weakness of the team lay in the scrum. We have never turned out a weaker set of forwards. They were light, certainly, but even that fact does not account for their woeful displays in practically every match. They always gave of their best—but only for the first twenty minutes, and then went to sleep. Berryman, Bell, Robertson and, until his accident, O'Neill, were the splendid exceptions. We cannot exculpate, moreover, the hefty fellows who are in the School, but who don't play football. If sport were universal, there should be no difficulty in obtaining an 11st. 6lb. scrum.

Yours, etc,

"OLD BOY."

To the Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—It is now some months since a new metal badge made its appearance in the School. These were manufactured by a prominent city firm of jewellers, and were probably meant to be worn in the coat as a badge.

Now, Mr. Editor, whether or not that badge was necessary is not, I suppose, a matter for consideration now. The time is past. But, do not the colours, of which that badge is composed, call for some comment. It is only the superscription which prevents one from mistaking it for that of St. Ignatius' College; for it is quite a revelation to me that our colours are royal blue and white! When approached on the subject, the manufacturers said that they had consulted the School three times, and still those colours appear on the badge. Surely, Mr. Editor, there is a very great amount of slackness somewhere. There is something wrong, when the School's true colours cannot be supplied on application. Again, were not the actual members of the school entitled to some consideration in the matter? Could not suitable designs have been invited from them, and they have been thereby given a chance of participating in a matter which purely concerns themselves? No, the fact remains that no one had any intimation of these badges until they appeared; and what gross misrepresentations they are!

And now, comes the crowning fault. Boys are wearing them on their hats in place of hatbands. We have already two badges in the School, the

ordinary one being practically the only link of the school in previous years that is left to us. The wearing of this hatband is not compulsory, and here we have a gross misrepresentation taking its place.

The remedy? Let those in authority make representations to the manufacturing firm to have these badges altered to their proper state; secondly, if the wearing of our proper hatband cannot be made compulsory, at least let the wearing of such a trumpery upstart as is this metal badge be absolutely and conclusively forbidden in the School.

Yours, etc.,

"SCHOOL."

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—Every year there is, in this School, a vicious waste of money which mostly comes directly from the pockets of the pupils: and which should be spent on the Library and on our School sport, which, in many ways, is suffering from lack of financial assistance. The money referred to is that which goes towards buying prizes for successful competitors at an Athletic or Swimming Carnival (prizes for success in gaining marks for study have already been abolished). Now, what is the object of these sporting prizes? Are they to be regarded as an end in themselves? If so, then sports meetings are held solely for the purpose of presenting Nature's physically favoured sons with pocket knives, fountain pens, etc., whereas these material gifts should go, if to any, to the non-successful competitors, in order to compensate them slightly for the lack of attention on the part of that same Nature which has so liberally endowed the successful ones. Truly, at the present time a strange philosophy animates those who indulge in sport. As of yore, the honour of winning should alone suffice, the one of a terrible reward being considered an insult. Just imagine offering a safety razor to Douglas Mawson on his discovery of the South Pole. And yet, his was the spirit which the genuine advocates of sport wish to produce. A spirit willing to undergo thorough and scientific preparation, and which, scorning the appeal of petty egoism, plunges into the sea of self-sacrifice in pursuit of what can bring no reward save human approbation. But even suppose boys do actually participate in sport with the right spirit—receiving their pocket knives and safety razors quite as an after-thought, yet it were wrong to offer prizes, for the human nature, especially the boy type of human nature, is extremely frail, and should never be tempted unnecessarily, but rather should it have constantly placed before it the highest ideals imaginable. And especially is this true of Boyhood, that sensitive, generous period of life, during which a constant struggle proceeds between the highest and the lowest, the best and the worst, and to which the final moulding is almost universally given by the "atmosphere" of the School. Let us then, in imitation of William Tell's band of heroes, all rise together, and with one mighty voice exclaim, "Never shall we be guilty of debasing the noble spirit of sport by accepting a prize of any kind whatsoever." If we do this, then the boys of 1920 will always be remembered, in the history of our School, as the creators of a precedent making for an incalculable amount of good.

Yours, etc.,

"COMMONSENSE."

To the Editor, "The Record."

Dear Sir,—Reading the inscription over our main School entrance, the natural conclusion is, that Sydney High School stands as a Commercial institution; an idea it is intended that all those interested should form; yet, in reality, we find the commercial students so poorly catered for, that it fails to fulfil its mission in the merest sense of the word.

Sydney holds the proud position of being the undisputed commercial centre of the Commonwealth; and, if we are to maintain this record, then

it is absolutely essential, not only to our own city, but to Australia generally, that some considerable improvement be shown in the School equipment for this particular branch.

Taking, in comparison, the provision made for the Scientific and Commercial sections, it must be obvious, even to the most indifferent, that commercial students cannot hope to attain the high standard expected of them. Whilst the former has already two modern and well-appointed laboratories, with a third to be added, in the near future, Commerce cannot even boast a permanent abode, in addition to which it has to labour against a serious lack of the necessary material.

If an annual census was taken of the number of boys entering Scientific or Commercial careers, after leaving our High Schools, I am quite sure the former would be negligible, in which case the Education Department surely owes the State the duty of giving its future business men a sound business education.

The Department has appointed a commercial master to our School whom it would be difficult to replace, but he, too, is hampered by this sad lack of material. If students are not given the proper inducement to take up this course, how can we hope to maintain, much less improve, the present status of Commercialism?

Cannot something be done to improve the lot of the Commercial section? Its requirements, comparatively, are not any more numerous than those of other sections, but they are, nevertheless, vital to its very existence.

Furthermore, there is the School's record at stake. Our aim should be to improve this at every opportunity, and by so doing we are preparing men to control Australia's Commercial destinies in future years.

Yours, etc.,

ALLAN J. O'NEIL.

(Hear! Hear! A very sound and conclusive argument, yet, we are afraid that instead of its being applied to the Commercial section alone, it can very easily be directed against the School as a whole. Nevertheless, one feels that the Commercial section is not getting a fair deal by any means. However, when we get our new School—well, we'll wait until we get it.—Ed.)

To the Editor, "The Record."

Sir,—A matter that has of late come up for general discussion around the dinner table is the meaning, value, and application of the present motto of the School. One would, at least, expect a motto to embody an idea that applies with sensible and reasonable force to an institution, or perhaps combines in concise terms a well-recognised standard. A consideration of the School's motto (*Extremos pudeat rediisse*) seems to lead one from the beaten track of accepted principles and ideals. A popular translation, and one that seems to bring out the exact meaning, is "Last in useless." This on a closer inspection serves to show how ridiculous and absurd the motto is. If we accept it, I am wondering that we have not buried our heads in shame, considering the recent performances of our football team in the G.P.S. Is it, therefore, reasonable to agree that this is a good standard to hold before us in life, namely to be ashamed if we, in a contest for instance, were beaten, after having fought honestly and fairly. It seems to me to be as far away from a decent standard as the North is to the South Pole. Must it be enjoined on us to win at any cost, simply to prevent shame being showered down upon us? One might just as well argue that success is the chief goal in life, the standard that must be indelibly imprinted on our minds, something that must never be forgotten. To carry out the motto to its logical conclusion, we may, it seems, even resort to underhand tactics, so long as we do not come in last. We can then, with justification, look forward to the honor and fame attendant with success. Is this, then, a sensible and reasonable standard to

parade such a motto on our hatbands, etc.? Would it not be better to simply play the game fairly and squarely? Do our best, and then why be ashamed even though beaten. One can only do one's best, and no more. Nor is anything further expected. No matter in whatever branch of life the motto is considered, it applies with equally ridiculous and idiotic force. Let us, therefore, have it changed to "Ne extremos pudeat rediisse." Let us not be ashamed etc.

I am, yours, etc.,

"IDEALIST."

Philately.

Stamps were first issued in Great Britain in 1840. This was mainly due to the efforts of Rowland Hill. Since then about 32,000 different types of stamps have been issued, in the following proportions:—

Europe, 7000; Africa, 7000; West Indies, 2000; Asia, 6000; America, 6000; Oceania, 2000; British Empire, 8000.

As one looks on the myriad stamps that represent the British Empire, one feels proud to belong to it.

Stamps should be handled with a pair of tweezers, and not with the fingers, as a stamp is worth more if it is intact. When first collecting, it is best to buy packets, as these contain the common varieties which form the nucleus of a collection, and then, as one's collection grows, single stamps, or sets, may be bought.

For affixing the stamps in the album, it is best to use little hinges. These are transparent, and can be bought at any stamp shop for 6d. per 1000. A catalogue is also very handy for classifying and valuating stamps, but this is not really needed until one has a few hundred specimens.

Many countries issued war stamps during the late war, either for revenue or to supplement the Red Cross funds of that country. Also some Dominions of the Empire, notably New Zealand, issued Victory Stamps.

Now that all the war aeroplanes have been released for peace purposes, many aeroplane mail lines have been established, and America has already issued special aeroplane stamps. These are very fine specimens, and every collector should try to include one or more in his collection.

The best album for a collector to buy is one in which the pages are detachable, so that in the event of a page becoming spoiled it may be immediately taken out. These albums cost, I think, about 6/- each.

To observe the watermark of a stamp, place it face downwards on a black tray and soak it with a few drops of benzine; the watermark, if any, will be then clearly discernible. The benzine will not injure the stamp, but remove from it any grease, dirt, etc.

L.I.B.W.

Literary and Debating Society.

The above Society has been holding its usual weekly meetings in Room No. 1. In the beginning of the year, the subjects for the debates were carefully chosen, and generally found attentive audiences. But a new feature of this year was the G.P.S. debating. For this purpose some of the weekly meetings were taken for preparation for these debates. Now these debates are over, the Society will once more carry on its weekly debates, and a programme of interesting subjects will be drawn up.

A noticeable feature in the debating life of the School is the number of third year boys who have regularly attended the meetings of the Society. These boys have taken a keen interest in the debates, and have on several occasions spoken well. This looks well for the future, for these boys will undoubtedly help on the Society when they are fourth year boys. The Manuscript Journal has relapsed, owing to inter-school debating, but in the next term the Society will endeavour to keep every fourth Tuesday for this paper.

The Library.

Since last issue of the "Record," the Library has carried on as usual, excepting that the presses have been fitted with padlocks.

As is to be expected, the chief users of the Library are Third, Remove, and First Years.

Although short of money, the Union has kindly granted us £6, which is to be spent on new books. The lack of popular authors is quite apparent from the everlasting demand for a few books which are seldom seen in the Library, while the bulk of the books never leave the shelves.

To prevent users of the Library keeping out books in demand, for lengthy periods, it is our intention to impose a fine of 1d. per week for any book kept out over a fortnight. This rule will come into force from 1/9/20.

Christian Union.

The Christian Union Circle, although handicapped by beginning late in the year, is becoming a very popular institution, and the membership is, perhaps, as great as at any time previous.

This is mainly due to the untiring efforts of our teacher, Mr. Davidson, who presents all his subjects in a most vivid and practical form.

We are looking forward to unprecedented attendances at meetings in the future, and members are reminded that the G.P.S. camp, conducted under the auspices of the Christian Union, in January is well worth attending.

Those Tram Passes.

It happened on a crowded tram bound from Circular Quay to Maroubra Bay. It was a hot, dusty day—a day on which everyone feels uncomfortable, and I do not know whether the tram guard's temper may be attributed to the state of the weather, or if it was merely hereditary.

He was a tall, sallow man, and his face was dry and parched by the wind and dust.

My mate and I boarded the tram at Liverpool Street, and I asked for a "a penny." "Got a pass?" yelled the guard. "Yes," I

If this is done, then we do our best, and if that does not bring us success, then we must only admit that we have been outclassed.

So, Athletes, we appeal to you, one and all, to give of your very best for the dear old School which will soon be sending you forth into the world equipped for the great battle of life, for, on your efforts, and on your results, there largely rests the answer to a mighty question, involving its very fate.

We have this year at our disposal, in the senior division, some excellent material, which, with the careful aid of a competent coach, and the carrying out of the above points, should develop into a team of rare strength. Practically all of last year's cracks are back again—Ryan, Smith, W. H. Robertson, Tippet, and Burt, who, with their increased experience, and the welcome addition of newcomers in Bell and Dennet, should acquit themselves creditably in the strongest company.

In the C.H.S. our prospects appear particularly bright, and there is every indication of a close struggle with North Sydney for the Shield. As to the G.P.S., the new system of one man, one event, should greatly enhance our chances.

In the Juniors, however, we are exceptionally weak, for, with the exception of Hardy, who may be depended upon to give a good account of himself, there are no men of outstanding merit. But let us hope that we shall unearth some champions from among the Junior Cadets.

Cricket.

Judging by the performances at the beginning of this year, the 1st XI., undefeated High School premiers for 1919-20, which is intact with the exception of Williams, should acquit itself very creditably. In the Great Public Schools' Competition, we have already played four matches, defeating The Scots College, and Riverview, and going down very creditably to Grammar and Newington. The last-named was a very close game, and it showed that our tail was not absolutely dependable.

A feature of these matches was the great improvement in Burt's bowling and batting. At the end of the season he showed great promise as a batsman, and his bowling should be very dangerous.

Easily the most consistent with both bat and ball was McCredie, with scores of 37, 39, 38, 11, 8, and bowling analyses of 8 for 48, 2 for 66, 7 for 37, 5 for 63.

As an opening batsman, Bain is invaluable, his patience wearing down the bowling, while his pretty behind-the-wicket strokes produce the required runs. His fielding leaves nothing to be desired.

Harvey is capable of making some big scores, but needs to conquer his nervousness. He has done very well in the High School matches, and has scored the only century of the season, 104 not out. In G.P.S. matches, however, he has been patchy, and uncertain. At times his bowling is good, but he is not dependable. When he likes, his fielding is good.

Willmott is very safe as a wicket-keeper, but his batting leaves much to be desired. He can bat if he takes the trouble, as he showed when he got his only decent scores—31 and 14.

Collins has made some good scores since his inclusion in the team, and should do well, although his style is rather crude. At times his bowling is effective, but he is liable to lose his head when the batsmen begin to hit him about.

replied. "Well show it," he bawled, in a terrible tone. "Anyone would think you had it as an ornament." I produced my pass, and after giving me my ticket, he retired in a very bad temper.

In the next compartment he encountered a boy who failed to produce his pass, and he promptly threatened to "chuck him out."

At Moore Park junction the crowd in the car had increased, and the unhappy guard came to our compartment, where, as it happened, no tickets were required. However, the guard stared at one bright-faced schoolboy, as if he suspected him of not possessing a ticket. At this, the boy perceived an opportunity of having a good joke.

Seeing the boy put his hand into his pocket, presumably for money, the guard opened his bag and took out his book, just as the boy pulled out —— his handkerchief. The guard did not like being taken in, so he replaced his book and retired quickly. Most of the passengers laughed, but a few rude boys called out "Thud."

H.M. (Remove "A").

Football.

The School football, especially that of the First Grade team, is a most depressing subject. In the middle of May our 1st XV. was quite the best in the High Schools; equal to some of the G.P.S. teams, and not absolutely out-classed by any. From that time, however, it steadily retrograded, till the close of the season finds us in third position in the C.H.S. Competition, and absolutely last in the G.P.S., without a single win to our credit in the latter, and having scored only some 19 points to 350 put up against us by our opponents. It is true that we have had our share of bad luck, noticeably in losing, through injuries, the services of O'Neil, incomparably our greatest all-round player, and the one man who had a chance of selection in the All-Schools 1st XV.; but neither his loss, nor lack of weight and experience—though all these factors have contributed in some degree—are mainly responsible for our disastrous record. It is to the utter lack of proper spirit that we must attribute this disgraceful result.

The majority of the players took the game purely as an amusement; they had no idea of responsibility to the School, or to the team; they never dreamed of making personal sacrifices in order to obtain a higher standard of efficiency. Time and again they went on the field fully convinced that they would be beaten, and after playing well enough, for the first few minutes, to convince anyone that they knew the game, they threw up the sponge, and suffered their opponents to win as they liked. All save about half-a-dozen of the players are chargeable with lack of effort; two or three are, we blush to state, condemned for sheer physical cowardice. The last again and again failed to tackle opponents, shirked going down on the ball, refused to get into the ruck: it was only when running away from the opposition that their full powers were revealed, and then their speed and resolution were remarkable.

Ryan (Full-back): Disappointing; sound at handling and kicking, but very weak tackler. Prone to nervousness.

Cathels (Right Wing): Excellent back. Brilliant in attack. Did some superhuman tackling. If he could improve his kicking he would be a star full-back, a position where he played many games.

Part (Out Centre): To his accident, magnificent in attack. A solid defender. Has learnt to run straight.

Willmott (Inner Centre): Our best back. Though he has little pace, he shows initiative in attack, and is everywhere at once in defence. As captain, handled his team excellently. Played several games at "half."

Hanly (Five-eighth): Was injured at Grammar, and did not show true form afterwards. Brilliant in attack. Needs to consolidate his defence. Should do well next year.

McCredie (Right Wing): Speedy in attack. Ran straight. Made good use of kicking. Defence shaky.

Collins (Half): A player of moods. On his "on days" brilliant; on "off days" diabolical.

Bartlett (Front Row): A solid ruck forward. Lacked lasting powers, and the courage to fight a losing game.

Robertson (Rake): Would undoubtedly have played with the All-Schools' 1sts. had the team done anything. As it was, he played with the 2nds. Probably one of the best schoolboy "hooks" in N.S.W. at the present time. A great ruck and open-work forward, who did his best to carry the team on his own shoulders.

Smith (Front Row): At first good in ruck and open, but became a purely ruck-work man later in the season.

Berryman (Second Row): The smallest forward, but the hardest worker. Always on the ball. A solid tackler. Undoubtedly deserves his colours.

Bloomfield: Excitable. A good dribbler, and follows on well. Tackling weak. Shirked when in the ruck.

Parberrys Lacked stamina, but a great open forward. Should make a big name before he leaves School.

O'Neil (Lock): Our heaviest and best forward. Was injured just before the All-Schools' team was selected. Otherwise would probably have won his badge. Tackled, rucked, and followed on excellently.

Bell: Inexperiencedly excellent. Played a great game throughout, and never gave in.

Grainger: A fair forward promoted from the 2nds. Good in ruck, but inclined to hang on to the ball. Tackling was weak.

COMPETITION GAMES.

V. T.S.C., at Scots' Ground, on July 3rd.

The Official referee did not put in an appearance, and Mr. Bee officiated. Throughout the play was very even, but our forwards had an off day, thus giving Scots' the match. Collins was absent, sick, and Hathaway, who took his place, failed through nervousness. Our only score came late in the game, O'Neil following up a high punt by Hathaway. Scots' won 14-3.

V. S.G.C., at Grammar Ground on July 10th.

Here the team gave its best, yet most disappointing, display. During the first twenty-five minutes, the game provided excellent football, Ryan starring at full-back. Then, however, the team went to pieces. At half-time Grammar had registered 13 points. When the final whistle blew the score was 52-0. We were unlucky not to score several times. A penalty from Ryan within our own half seemed to go over, but was disallowed. Again Munro forced for Grammar, beating McCredie by inches.

V. S.J.C., at Hunter's Hill on July 17th.

We scored first, McCredie finishing off an excellent movement commenced by Willmott. We also scored last, Robertson falling over during ruck work near their line. Parry converted. Unfortunately, Josephs' scored consistently before and after half-time. Hanly had to leave the field at the beginning of the second half. Willmott played excellently. The final points were 49-8.

V. S.C.E.G.S., at North Sydney No. 2, on July 23rd.

We played well in the first half, and seemed to have a distinct chance of victory on resuming. The team, however, gave the game away by refusing to tackle. Willmott, as usual, shone out. 46-3 was the final score, Ryan kicking a penalty.

V. N.C., at Newington's Ground, on July 30th.

The forwards gave their best display in this match, but the backs were decidedly off colour; with Willmott the splendid exception. Berryman, who played a great game, was our only scorer. Ryan put a great kick over. Newington won 27-5.

V. T.K.S., at Wentworth, on August 6th.

Half-time scores, 10-nil, after a good, though scrappy half. On resumption, the forwards again caved in, and King's romped home by 52-nil.

V. S.I.C., at Riverview, on August 14th.

A debacle. Ryan put a penalty over. The score was 92-3. The team did not tackle.

ALL SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

Thanks to the team's poor showing throughout the season, we had no representative in the All-Schools' 1st XV., though Robertson was undoubtedly worth his place. In the 2nds' match he was one of the best forwards on the field. The All-Schools' 1sts. drew with 'Varsity, 11-all, but were beaten by the Services, 21-14. The 2nds. beat 'Varsity's 2nds, who were led by "Siddy" Webb, our half of 1918, by 9 points to 6.

OTHER GAMES.

School 8 (Hanly and Burt tries, Ryan a goal) lost to Holy Cross 11.

School nil, lost to Grammar 8.

School 11, lost to M.B.H.S. 13.

School 16, defeated Blackfriars Training College 3.

School 6 (Hanly and Burt tries), lost to N.S.H.S. 9.

School 3, lost to S.J.C. 32.

School 21 (O'Neil 2, McCredie 2, and Burt tries, Ryan 3 converts), defeated P.H.S. 10.

School 8 (Cathels and O'Neil tries, Ryan a convert), defeated N.S.H.S. 6.

School 14 (McCredie and Willmott 2 tries each, Ryan a convert), defeated T.H.S. 3.

School 3 (Bloomfield a try), lost to F.S.H.S. 8.

School 6 (Bell a try, Ryan a penalty), lost to F.S.H.S. 18.

School 3 (Burt a try), lost to P.H.S. 13.

School 12 (McCredie, Collins, Clarke tries, Ryan a penalty), defeated T.H.S. 3.

2nd XV.

The Second XV. promised well, but suffered the usual fate of Seconds, in being weakened to reinforce the Firsts. Once in the First Grade, its members showed all the failings of the team to which they had been promoted. Leask, Parberry and Bloomfield are cases in point. As second-graders they were all good, the first two excellent. As first-graders, Leask and Bloomfield showed no pluck, and Parberry no determination.

Hathaway was a bright exception. Though light, his courage was never questioned; his passing out from the scrum was always good, and his judgment excellent. His tackling could be improved.

Morton, strangely enough, did not play in a single first-grade match. On the wing for the Seconds, he was the strongest and most resolute of their backs, and his defensive work was fine.

Bedford only played in a few matches, and was not impressive. He is too careful to avoid being hurt.

Brown promises well. He tackles and handles splendidly, but wants experience before he will be first-rate, either as a full-back or three-quarter. Shows plenty of pluck and endurance.

Moon played better at full-back than in the three-quarter line, and was always a trier.

Newton came into the team late in the season, but so far as his play was concerned, he should have been there all along. In skill and knowledge of the game he is easily the best back in the School. It is a pity that he is so light, for, in addition to the skill and determination, which most of our players so conspicuously lack, he possesses a rare gift of captaincy, and he alone seemed to be able to get the best out of those under him.

King, like *Newton*, began the season in the third grade, but when tried in the Seconds showed that he was inferior to very few in the team. While not possessing *Newton's* genius, he is the making of a great player, having both the skill and temperament indispensable to those who expect to rise to any height. At half, his passing was always good, and his tackling, for a boy of his weight, remarkable.

Clarke runs straight and fast. His tackling is not strong at present, but he has both physique and ability, and should be a fine player next season. Showed pluck with the 1st. XV.

Of the forwards,

Ross, at breakaway, was always good. Fast and nippy in the loose, he should improve his tackling.

Fyfe shaped well throughout in the loose, and on the line. A hard worker.

Sawtell, perhaps the best forward in the team. Resolute and strong in the ruck, he was fast and a good tackler in the loose.

Gilder was always a trier, and worked hard in the scrums and rucks.

Corrigan was only discovered late in the season, and after one match was snapped up by the Firsts. He is a fine forward in the ruck, and should be quite first-rate next year.

Results:—

V. North Sydney, lost 3-5.

V. North Sydney, lost 8-9.

V. Parramatta, won 17-11.

V. Tech., won 17-3.

V. Fort Street, lost 3-6.

V. Parramatta, drawn 3-3.

V. Tech., won 20-3.

Played, 7; Won, 3; Lost, 3; Drawn, 1.

3rd. XV.

The 3rd XV. began the season with excellent prospects, but were greatly weakened later by the promotion of all their best backs. *Clarke*, *King*, and *Newton* could not be replaced.

Despite the fact that they were lighter than most of their opponents, they always tried hard, and their determination when the game was going against them was quite refreshing to anyone who had suffered from watching the lackadaisical efforts of the 1st XV. in similar circumstances.

The one blemish on their general play was that which disfigured the football of all grades—weak, high tackling.

Of the forwards:

Digby was, perhaps, the best, always on the ball, and good either in the loose or the ruck.

Wotton was excellent; fast, resolute, and a good tackler.

Pearse was good, but did not appear to try as hard as he might on some occasions.

Simpson was an excellent hooker, tackled well, and his pluck was beyond all praise.

Of the backs, after the three "lost leaders,"

James was easily the best until he, too, went up into the Second Grade. His tackling and handling were good, and he ran straight.

Housden shaped creditably, both as full-back and in the three-quarter line.

Virgoe played very well on the wing, though his tackling could easily be improved.

Results:—Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5.

V. Cleveland St., won 20-8; v. Petersham, won 35-0; v. Fort St., lost 3-5; v. Chats. won 15-3; v. Hurlstone, lost 3-6; v. N. Sydney, lost 0-20; v. Cleveland St., lost 0-9; v. Chats., lost 3-16.

4th. XV.

This XV. did better than any other grade, and is in the Semi-Finals of the High School Competition. The strength of the team lay in the forwards, who were a fine lot.

Iliff was probably the best of the bunch, a good worker in the ruck, fast, strong and resolute in the loose. Excellent in line-out.

F. Ryan always played well, and was one of the most successful try-getters in the team. His loose work was particularly good.

Mainwaring was brilliant in the loose, and always on the ball, though he had rather a weakness for getting off-side.

Briggs promises to make a great forward. Strong, and determined, he revelled in the ruck work.

Caterson was tried rather late in the season, and proved a distinct success.

Austen, the Captain, was more successful as break-away than as a three-quarter.

The only real back in the team was:

Snellgrove, who played excellently at half, making many openings, of which his three-quarters declined to avail themselves.

Rogers, on the wing, was patchy. At his best, he is very good indeed, showing a fine turn of speed, but at times he runs across the field, as if he had mistaken the location of his opponents' line.

Segal was fast, but he, too, failed to run straight.

Agnew, at full-back, shaped very creditably.

Churchward, at five-eighth, was fair.

Results:—Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3.

V. Petersham B., won 39-0; v. Chatswood, won 11-0; v. T.H.S., won 11-0; v. Fort St., won 11-8; v. Cleveland St., lost 0-15; v. Petersham A., lost 3-5; v. Parramatta, won 20-0; v. Hurlstone, won 46-5; v. Cleveland St., lost 5-8.

5th. XV.

This team improved considerably as the season progressed, and, though its results appear poor, was playing good football after the first couple of matches.

Of the forwards:

G. F. Ryan was excellent in the loose.

G. Ryan put in solid work in the ruck.

Of the backs:

Dexter, in addition to captaining the team ably, was easily the best of the backs; handling, kicking and tackling well, and showing that he possessed that indispensable quality, football brains.

Paillas, at half, passed out splendidly from the scrum.

Llewelyn, on the wing, was fast and tricky, and scored more than one spectacular try.

Results.—Played 8, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 1.

V. Chatswood, lost 0-53; v. Hurlstone, lost 3-12; v. Fort St., lost 8-12; v. Cleveland St., drew 6-6; v. T.H.S., lost 3-6; v. N. Sydney, lost 3-17; v. Fort St., won 11-5; v Tech. B., won 33-0.

Boxing.

The recent boxing tournament was productive of both interest and amusement, especially the latter. This much was only to be expected, but it is rather surprising to find that it has also produced indignation and irritation—not among the contestants, nor yet among the spectators, but among a class of people who, after carefully avoiding the sight of those whom they are pleased to stigmatise as brutal gladiators, have sufficient confidence in their powers of second-sight to criticise and abuse what they know nothing about.

Such people inform us that to encourage boys to box is to make them quarrelsome; that quarrelsome boys make quarrelsome men; quarrelsome men make a quarrelsome nation, and that quarrelsome nations go to war. Teaching and encouraging boxing, they say, is "organising for war," while the duty of a community is to "organise for peace." We asked one of these gentlemen what he meant by "organising for peace," and his reply was "What is now being done by Russia." Well, well! These teachers of moral lessons keep strange company. We have no intention of attempting to controvert such extraordinary statements as that a knowledge of boxing tends to make a man eager to fight. The absurdity of such a view is apparent to anyone who has mixed with men. It is still more difficult to see the connection between an ability to defend oneself with one's hands, and a desire to resort to a weapon as a means either of offence or defence. Experience has shown that it is the man who cannot box who likes to fight with blue metal, glass bottles, and automatics. One thing, however, we should like to remark: War is not a very pleasant thing, and no doubt it appears particularly alarming to people who, like our critics, have not had an opportunity of seeing it. War was once defined to us as mud, blood and viscera. Well, mud is not the most comfortable of beds, but many a man has found it tolerable. Blood and viscera are not the most appetising of diets we admit, but they are just as palatable to the average man as milk and water, and much more nourishing.

We have been pursuing wolves—we mean pacifists—and our sheep, our boxers, have nearly been forgotten.

Well, first of all, the thanks of those of us who like manly sport are due to Jock Smith and Jimmy Bell, who organised and managed the tournament so capably; to Messrs. Dave Smith and Ally Allison, who refereed the finals; to the boys from T.H.S. and Fort Street who, by entering in the Inter High events added so much to the interest of the tournament.

The throwing of all-weight divisions open to entrants from the four other High Schools was a new departure. It was unfortunate that North Sydney could not see their way clear to send any competitors. However, T.H.S. entered representatives in all divisions except the open, and Fort St. sent two competitors in the under 9st. and under 10st. 7lbs. divisions respectively. We are not without hopes that our example will lead to the C.H.S. Committee taking up boxing, and organising a regular competition among its schools.

The 6st. division was the most evenly-balanced of the lot. The best boxer was probably Shields, but he was unlucky in being palpably nervous for the first two rounds, when meeting that most confident of young athletes, Dexter, who deservedly won. Dale, too, who shows great promise, succumbed to the same opponent, for the same reason. In the final, Dexter met Stafford, who was as confident as himself, and more rugged, though perhaps a shade less scientific. Stafford is built for the game, and should go far. his left hand is excellent, and his right hand heavy, as more than one opponent can bear witness. His one defect at present is an inclination to swing his right a trifle wildly at times, apparently in order to get a knock-out. Such a punch is rarely carried by a small boy. It will come in time, no doubt. He won the Final of the School Competition, but was beaten in the Final of the Inter-High Schools by Smiles (T.H.S.). Smiles had an advantage in reach, and his ducking and footwork were good, while he was always ready to mix it, and his punches carried plenty of power. He won a good fight.

The under 7st. Division produced, besides some mirth evokers, a couple of splendid boxers in Newton and the ultimate winner, King. Newton was distinctly unfortunate. His first three opponents had absolutely no chance with him; he showed skill of a very high order, strength, and great punching power. His fight in the semi-final only lasted 40secs. when his opponent cried enough, but those 40secs. were enough to cause the winner to jar his left hand so badly that he was forced to leave the ring after fighting one round in the final.

King was certainly lucky in this regard, and we have no doubt that, fit and well, Newton would have beaten him; but for all that, he boxed grandly. His right hand is not so powerful or so good as Newton's, nor is his defence so sound, but his left is splendid, very fast and stinging; his ducking is excellent; he fights at a tremendous clip, and is always aggressive. In the final of the Inter-High Schools' event, he met Bulgin (T.H.S.) and won easily, once or twice looking like knocking his opponent out. Bulgin, however, was tough and extraordinarily game. He not only saw the three rounds through, but had a smile at the finish.

In the under 8st. division, the best boxer was certainly Lumley. He is tall for his weight, and knows the game thoroughly. His left hand is first-rate, and his right, though rather wild at times, is undoubtedly effective, whether it comes up, straight, or over. Unfortunately, he was too ill to contest the Inter-High Schools' event, and the ultimate winner was Hathaway, who accounted for Lowe (T.H.S.). Hathaway is game enough, strong enough, and fairly clever, but he will not lead. If his opponent will force the fighting, Hathaway is all there, but if not, there is nothing doing. His fight with Virgoe was a farce, and that with Lowe caused many regrets among spectators, who had paid threepence to see it. Lowe was at a disadvantage in both height and reach, and, though he fought gamely, he had not sufficient skill to counterbalance this.

The under 9st division was productive of many thrills. The first competitor to cause a sensation was Brown, a left-handed fighter, who proceeded to out his first two opponents in the first round, by the agency of left jolts to the chin. He met Rawle in the final. Rawle had already shown remarkable skill in stalling, and had revealed the possession of a snappy left. In the final he displayed himself in a new character. Trusting to his clever head movements to avoid or break the force of Brown's deadly left, he moved close in, and walloped both hands to the body with such good effect that he "out-Heroded Herod," knocking out Brown in the first round.

In the Semi-Finals of the Inter-High Schools' event, Spencer (Fort St.) met Lyttle (T.H.S.). Though giving away at least 10lbs. in weight, and several inches in height, Spencer forced the fighting from the jump, hooking lefts and rights to the head with astounding rapidity, and to such good effect that Lyttle's towel was skied in the second round. In the final, he met Rawle. This event, like the final of the 10st. 7lbs. division, was held at Fort St. H.S. Using the same tactics as against Lyttle, Spencer attacked from the bell. Rawle, as against Brown, devoted his attention mainly to his opponent's body, but his head movements were not so successful as in previous encounters. When he dodged a left, it was usually to collide with a right. Spencer piled up a fine lead in the first round, and in the first half of the second; then Rawle's body punches began to tell, and he weakened perceptibly. Rawle, however, was very tired also, both from the punishment he had received and from his own exertions, and the two contestants frequently slipped down from sheer exhaustion—Rawle to his hands, to get up immediately; Spencer, more wisely, right down for 8 secs.' spell. Rawle had the best of the last round, but Spencer's lead was much too big to be overtaken, and he rightly received the decision.

The bouts in the 10st. 7lbs. division were not satisfactory. No less than six competitors, after winning their heats, refused to fight again. With one exception, they had played in the first football XV. Verb Sap.

The most unlucky man in this division, despite anything that Longmuir and Bell may have to say of their own pitiful cases, was undoubtedly Meaker. Possessed of a beautiful left hand, and a good knowledge of the game, he completely outpointed Dennet in every round, and would have certainly knocked him out in the first but for the referee's interference. The decision against him was incomprehensible. It was a great pity, as it is possible that the shadow of Jock Smith did not lie so heavily on him as on the other contestants in this class. Bell, too, was very unlucky. Parberry never had a chance with him, and after some twenty seconds went down without a blow on to his hands and knees, gazing soulfully at the floor as if he were Narcissus, and the canvas a pool. While he was in this position, Bell hit him, and was promptly disqualified. To me, it seemed that both offended, but that Parberry's offence was the worse, and it was certainly committed first. In the semi-final of the Inter-schools' event, Shorrocks (Fort St.) beat Murphy (T.H.S.). The Fort St. representative must have been nearly a stone lighter and at a considerable disadvantage in height and reach, but Murphy stood off and made no attempt to use his advantages. This was fatal against a cleverer and quicker-footed adversary, and Shorrocks led in every round.

In the final Shorrocks met Jock Smith, who had come through the School tourney by mere terror of his name, all his opponents forfeiting. He, too, was much taller, heavier and stronger than Shorrocks; worse than all, he was cleverer. Although Shorrocks showed speed and skill, his chance seemed hopeless from the start. Forced to the ropes near the end of the first round, he was getting a bad time when the bell went. Smith attacked his opponent's body, and had him down for nine in the second round. Shorrocks gamely came up for the third, but the punishment had told; he was tired, and his quick footwork was a thing of the past. Almost at once he was forced to

the ropes, and Smith proceeded to belabour his ribs with lefts and rights. The referee, who should have stopped the fight earlier, now suddenly ordered Smith to stop, and repeated the order twice, but without going between the men or declaring Smith the winner. As his command was disregarded he then disqualified Smith—rather a peculiar decision, as no foul was alleged. However, Shorrocks is a good, game lad, and entitled to all credit.

In the Open Division, Bartlett, after beating MacDonald, forfeited to Jock Smith, who won this title without a fight. There were no contestants from other schools in this division.

Tennis.

Few matches have been played this season on account of the rain, but neither of the two teams entered in the competition has been very successful. The 1st. IV. have won only one match—from a forfeit—but the 2nds gave North Sydney their only defeat. The following are the results of the matches played by the grade teams.

1st IV.

- (1) S.H.S. v. F.H.S., won by Fort St., 4—3.
- (2) S.H.S. v. F.H.S., won by Fort St., 6—2.
- (3) S.H.S. v. Parramatta, won by S.H.S., 2—1, and forfeit.
- (4) S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S., won by North Sydney, 7—1.

2nd IV.

- (1) S.H.S. v. F.H.S. (A), lost 7—1.
- (2) S.H.S. v. Petersham, lost 6—2.
- (3) S.H.S. v. North Sydney (A), won 5—1.
- (4) S.H.S. v. Hurlstone, lost 8—0.
- (5) S.H.S. v. North Sydney (B), lost 5—3.

A few non-graders obtained games at Double Bay, but shortage of Union funds deprived a large number of their game. It is to be hoped that next year will find the class games in full swing again.

In the High School tournament recently completed, the B grade singles championship was won by Pattinson, of School. He is a steady player, who excels in service and net play, and greatly deserved his win. In the A grade doubles, Grantham and Pattison went through to the semi-final, losing to Colvin and Brewster, N.S.H.S., the winners.

The N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association has decided to coach a number of the best players from each school every year, so the 1st IV. (Grantham, McKellar, Neate, and Pattinson) will benefit accordingly.

A tennis tournament will commence at Double Bay immediately after the sports meeting. Tennis is such a popular game, that a record number of entries is expected. A new event is to be included—an under 16 singles championship—to give the smaller boys a chance. It is anticipated that the 1st. IV. will be "put in the shade" by some players who may enter, and that some stirring play will be seen. Tennis enthusiasts who fancy themselves will be wise to brush up their game for the event.

Baseball.

The Baseball Club has again had a season of success, and the 1st IX. have great hopes of regaining the Proud Shield, at present held by T.H.S. One game remains to be played, and if won, School wins the competition. The team has achieved well-earned success, despite the lack of support from the School, as throughout the year its members have displayed great keenness and sportsmanship. The brunt of the fight has fallen on Bassetti, Rogers, Stening, and Bain, the latter captaining the team well.

The fielding has been good, although in our defeat by T.H.S. in the second round, the in-field went to pieces. But towards the latter part of the season the fielding improved greatly, and the in-field combined much better. Agnew, in the out-field, has in many cases saved the side.

But it is to its batting that the side owes the greater part of its success. Rogers and Bassetti are the best in a good batting side, and reliable critics say that the former is easily the best bat in the High Schools. Three members were chosen to represent School in the combined High School team, namely Bassetti, Agnew, and Bain, the latter captaining the team.

The following are the results of the matches:—

V. Technical, won 9—3.

V. Fort St., won 15—13.

V. Petersham, won 11—4.

V. Technical, lost 4—13.

V. Fort St., won 8—6.

V. Petersham, won 6—1.

V. Technical, to be played.

V. Fort St., won 18—0.

V. Petersham, lost 8—9.

Athletic Notes.

Before discussing our Athletic prospects at the approaching C.H.S. and G.P.S. meetings, it would be well to say a few words on that most important subject—conscientious training.

The great majority of School athletes seem to possess an overwhelming aversion to training in any form—it seems to trouble and bore them beyond endurance. The result of this utterly inexplicable lack of enthusiasm we have, to our sorrow, seen but too clearly during the past football season.

Now, this careless and inconsiderate attitude towards sport as a whole in the School, is absolutely contrary to all Amateur Athletic principles, and it renders success impossible. To come out on top, the athlete must have, primarily, enthusiasm and love for the sport; and besides these, he must have training. For it is an impossibility for a boy to compete in two or three events in the one day, and do himself justice, without previously having gone through a course of training. And it certainly does not enhance the reputation of the School, to witness the dire spectacle of one of our men dropping out of a race, through sheer lack of condition.

In this necessary enthusiasm; this love of training, the majority of our athletes are decidedly lacking. Without them we cannot even hope for any considerable success. And so, we emphatically say that it is the bounden duty of every athlete in the School, who has even the remotest possibility of representation, who bears any love for his *Alm Mater*, or any wish to see it on top, to be practical, and show it, by training hard and conscientiously, and living cleanly and plainly, in preparation for the approaching contests.

If this is done, then we do our best, and if that does not bring us success, then we must only admit that we have been outclassed.

So, Athletes, we appeal to you, one and all, to give of your very best for the dear old School which will soon be sending you forth into the world equipped for the great battle of life, for, on your efforts, and on your results, there largely rests the answer to a mighty question, involving its very fate.

We have this year at our disposal, in the senior division, some excellent material, which, with the careful aid of a competent coach, and the carrying out of the above points, should develop into a team of rare strength. Practically all of last year's cracks are back again—Ryan, Smith, W. H. Robertson, Tippet, and Burt, who, with their increased experience, and the welcome addition of newcomers in Bell and Dennet, should acquit themselves creditably in the strongest company.

In the C.H.S. our prospects appear particularly bright, and there is every indication of a close struggle with North Sydney for the Shield. As to the G.P.S., the new system of one man, one event, should greatly enhance our chances.

In the Juniors, however, we are exceptionally weak, for, with the exception of Hardy, who may be depended upon to give a good account of himself, there are no men of outstanding merit. But let us hope that we shall unearth some champions from among the Junior Cadets.

Cricket.

Judging by the performances at the beginning of this year, the 1st XI., undefeated High School premiers for 1919-20, which is intact with the exception of Williams, should acquit itself very creditably. In the Great Public Schools' Competition, we have already played four matches, defeating The Scots College, and Riverview, and going down very creditably to Grammar and Newington. The last-named was a very close game, and it showed that our tail was not absolutely dependable.

A feature of these matches was the great improvement in Burt's bowling and batting. At the end of the season he showed great promise as a batsman, and his bowling should be very dangerous.

Easily the most consistent with both bat and ball was McCredie, with scores of 37, 39, 38, 11, 8, and bowling analyses of 8 for 48, 2 for 66, 7 for 37, 5 for 63.

As an opening batsman, Bain is invaluable, his patience wearing down the bowling, while his pretty behind-the-wicket strokes produce the required runs. His fielding leaves nothing to be desired.

Harvey is capable of making some big scores, but needs to conquer his nervousness. He has done very well in the High School matches, and has scored the only century of the season, 104 not out. In G.P.S. matches, however, he has been patchy, and uncertain. At times his bowling is good, but he is not dependable. When he likes, his fielding is good.

Willmott is very safe as a wicket-keeper, but his batting leaves much to be desired. He can bat if he takes the trouble, as he showed when he got his only decent scores—31 and 14.

Collins has made some good scores since his inclusion in the team, and should do well, although his style is rather crude. At times his bowling is effective, but he is liable to lose his head when the batsmen begin to hit him about.

Ryan, also, should make runs, his patience being unlimited and liable to cause any bowler to lose his length. As with Collins, his style is still very crude. His fielding is satisfactory.

Berryman is, perhaps, the mainstay of the tail. Although in the High School matches he fails consistently, in the G.P.S. games he bats really well. His fielding is good, although his throwing-in is at times a little wild.

For the remaining three places in the team, there are many probabilities, foremost among them being Stening, Austin, Laws, Virgoe, Dyson and Carter. The latter two have been permanent members of the team, but, except for showing great promise at the nets, have done absolutely nothing to merit their re-inclusion. They should remember that they are only beginners in the team, and are not by any means permanent. Much more serious effort on their part is needed.

Stening has batted forcefully and consistently with the 2nd. XI., and although he has done nothing of note during his brief inclusion in the higher team, his fielding has been first-class. The need of another good slip-field will be sorely felt now that Williams has gone, and Stening should "fill the bill" very ably.

Laws, Austin and Virgoe have all proved their worth in the 2nd. XI.; the latter two, besides being fair batsmen, also show considerable promise as bowlers. If they improve in this direction, there is no reason why they should not prove valuable to the 1st XI. Dexter, too, though rather small, has performed consistently, and, despite his size, bids fair to soon fill one of the places in the XI.

Thus, it will be seen that at least three places in the 1st. XI. are doubtful, and there are some six or seven players capable of filling these positions. Again, after Christmas, there will be some five or six further vacancies, and it will be absolutely necessary for those who are to fill these places, to have had some previous 1st. grade experience. Even the most optimistic will agree that it is too much to expect young players to rise directly from a 2nd. grade High School team to a 1st. grade G.P.S. eleven. So, what is the objection to having, at least until Christmas, two teams in the High School 1st grade competition? If possible, the 2nd team (for, in reality it would only be our 2nd XI.) could be procured games against 2nd grade G.P.S. teams. With those doubtful members of the 1st. XI. mentioned above, supplemented by such players as King (an especially promising all-rounder), Newton (who only needs to cut out his silly leg strokes), Brown, Dennett, and Rawle, we should have the nucleus of a side which should easily do both themselves and the School justice. Perhaps, in the event of this project materialising, the lower teams might be comparatively weak, but this should be only temporary, considering the amount of material available for selection. It is to be hoped that the School will support the idea.

Cricket has ever been one of the School's mainstays. Let the coming season be no exception. Practice will commence as soon after the sports as possible, and we hope to see even more applicants for the positions in the grade teams than last season. Also, let us hope that the School, besides repeating its undefeated record in the 1st grade High School competition, will also head the lists in the other grades. A class competition will also be carried on, as during last season.

Appended are the remaining G.P.S. fixtures for the 1st XI.:

October 30th., v. S.J.C., at Hunter's Hill.

November 6th, v. T.K.S., at Parramatta.

November 13th, v. S.C.E.G.S., at Northbridge.

On past performances, the team should acquit itself very ably in these fixtures, and it is to be hoped that the School will increase its support in the coming games.

A Number of Things.

Our Contemporaries.—The Editor desires to acknowledge the following exchanges. All omissions are apologised for:—*The S.J.C.* (St. Joseph's College), *The King's School Magazine*, *The Spectator* (Trenton High School, U.S.A.), *Wesley College Chronicle*, *The Armidalean* (The Armidale School), *Hawkesbury A.C. Journal*, *Adelaide High School Magazine*, *The Torchbearer* (S.C.E.G.S.), *Aurora Australis* (Presbyterian Ladies' College), *Melburnian* (Melbourne Grammar School), *Newingtonian*, *The Beacon* (Newport News High School, U.S.A.), *Novocastrian* (Newcastle High School), *Glasgow High School Magazine*, *Albury High School Magazine*.

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W.L., 1A.—Your football rhyme is much too weak. Try something else, as you are not expected to know the elements of good poetry in First Year.

C.W., 2A.—The above remarks are also applicable to you. We are still endeavouring to puzzle out which is the beginning and the ending of the verses.

A.H.M.—"Football Rhyme" shows promise—you seem to have a good idea of rhyme and metre, but your subject is not couched in a serious enough vein to merit publication. Your prose is, unfortunately, too hackneyed—you have our sympathy in your endeavours to write prose for the "Record." Subjects are very scarce, and when you do choose a suitable one, it must be of immediate interest to the majority of readers. However, your efforts are to be highly commended; don't give up.

WOMBAN.—We print both your efforts—they show distinct promise! A few words needed correction, otherwise they were very fair.

G.F.L.—Your poem shows evidence of long and painstaking work, but you have drawn it out somewhat, and thus it suffers in substance. We print.

L.I.B.W.—Your composition is a trifle faulty, otherwise your article is not bad at all. We print it on account of the interest it may hold for the junior members of the School. Your point about pride in the British Empire on account of the number of stamps issued therein, is, however, hard to get at.

H.M.—We are glad to print your article, and hope that it will act as an incentive to other juniors boys to write. We do not much relish the "Thud" part, but otherwise it is good. Keep on trying!

C.G.J.—Your "Waterfall" not up to your usual standard. Nevertheless, it was very fair, and only missed publication by a very little.

Q.—Lack of space prevented publication.

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