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VALEDICTORY.

"To-morrow to fresh woods, and pastures new."

The school-life of many of our comrades is now drawing to a close. They have finished their cloistered course of four or five years, and are now about to enter on those various twinings which lead to the wider highways of life. But an intercourse of so many years has not been for nothing. Friendships have been made; minds have been formed; characters have been developed. Boys have learnt to know one another, and to know their masters; masters have learnt to know and respect their boys. And, thus, any break, however necessary in this cordial relationship, causes some of those heartstirrings to which all farewells give rise. To each and all of those leaving us, we extend our affectionate and hearty goodwishes for the attainment of their immediate ends, and for their welfare throughout life.

The school is a place of preparation for the fuller human life. If, then, the boy is father of the man, how influential must this preparation by. Year by year the tide of youth ebbs from our doors, and we are anxious about the result.

Are these boys prepared, are they educated in such a way as to enable them to acquit themselves like men? With the Greeks music and gymnastics were the complementary factors of harmonious life, and, perhaps the staple of our modern secondary education is not widely different scholastic work— (literary, scientific, etc.), healthy sport, and the thoughtful, wholesome, well-tempered character that should result from these. Do we produce such characters?

In answering this question, we must not forget that a few brilliant leaders do not altogether indicate the quality of the results we have in our scholastic work, in our sport, and in our formation of character. We are proud of the various honor-boards and school rolls, telling of youthful intellectual effort and achievement. From the foundation of the school to the present day our School has won much intellectual distinction. In sport we have battled on with more or less success as fortune smiled or frowned upon us, but we have never lacked the influence of some, at least of those generous spirits who keep alive the enthusiasm for manly effort, who always play the game, and teach others so to do. And how have we fared in the character of our boys? Well, character is a subtle thing to measure. Its results are not always evident on academic honour-boards. But, even in this respect, we are optimistic enough to believe that the influence of the School has not been in vain.

For three years in succession the Rhodes Scholarship has been awarded to boys educated in this School, and a few years earlier, to another of our scholars. Now the quality, par excellence, required in the Rhodes scholar is character, and when we find a repeated recognition of this quality in our boys, we are of good courage for the future. Southee, Kershaw, Wheen, and, now, Alan Watt have brought to the School this great distinction. They have shown an example of what may be done by thoughtfulness, diligence, uprightness, and manliness.

We are proud, too, of that numerous and honourable company of our scholars who gave themselves up to the service of King and country. Long may our beautiful Honour Roll tell unto generation after generation of schoolboys its story of duty and devotion!

And now we return to the more immediate subject of this paper—our farewell to those who are leaving us. Niebuhr, the great German historian, said to his pupils: "Ye are my

wings,"—for they carried his historical method and ideas over the length and breadth of Europe. We, too, may say to our departing scholars:—"Ye are our wings," for now they are to act with hand and brain in a wider life the ideals they have here conceived in thought. They are to play their part in weaving the fair fabric of the School's history. Will their work adorn this fabric? Shall we hear in the days to come of their thoroughness and enthusiasm in the work that their hands find to do; shall we hear of their cultured and refined lives as a leaven of wholesome influence on the lives of others; shall we hear of their goodness and scrupulously honourable conduct; shall we hear of their unselfish devotion to the calls of social service? "He only is advancing in life, whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker. whose spirit is entering into loving peace."

And we who are to continue our life at school must not delude ourselves. The destiny of the school is in our hands, to make or to mar. This is not the place for criticism. But we must not delude ourselves. As a School we are not perfect. If we thought we were, then, as Browning says:

All is silver-grey Placid and perfect with my art: the worse!

No; we must strive hard to maintain the honorable traditions of the School. Grapes do not grow upon thorns, nor can a worthy future of our School arise from idleness, from neglect of duty, roughness and vulgarity, from a disregard of what is fair and honourable.

THE RHODES SCHOLAR OF 1920.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Alan S. Watt on the high distinction he has merited by his character, scholarship, and sportsmanship. We feel pardonably proud that he has brought this honour to his School, worthily following in the footsteps of Southee, Kershaw, and Wheen. May his Oxford career be equally prosperous!

His reputation in the School stands high. Throughout his career he gave many indications of his intellectual ability. He played a prominent part in all our social activities. In

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sport he was already laying the foundation of that skill in tennis which now gives him so high a place amongst players of that game.

Mr. Watt was, also, Editor of the School "Record," which owed much to his judgment, good taste, and energy. After gaining the Leaving Certificate, he entered upon his University career. At the end of his first year he won high distinction and the Lithgow Scholarship in Philosophy, and also won distinction in English.



Mr. ALLAN S. WATT. Rhodes Scholar, 1920.

(Block kindly lent by "Evening News.")

By his thoughtful and courteous disposition Mr. Watt has won his way among the undergraduates. He is a director of the Union, a member of the Undergraduates' Association, a member of the literary staff of "Hermes," and a delegate to the Sports Union. He was awarded his "blue" in 1909, and again this year for work in inter-varsity tennis matches. He has won the undergraduates' tennis championship, the under 21 years' championship of the State, and is one of the six selected to represent New South Wales at the forthcoming tennis championship in New Zealand.

SCHOOL NOTES.

On September 9th, at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the 34th Annual Athletic Carnival took place. S. J. Burt (Sec.), W. Smith (Assist. Sec.), S. M. Willmott (Treasurer), and Committee deserve praise for the splendid management of affairs.

Our congratulations to L. W. Ryan, who annexed the Senior Cup for the second time in succession; T. Housden, the Junior Champion, and R. Swinburn the Under 14 Championship.

The C.H.S Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. Swimmers, take note!

Our congratulations to L. W. Ryan, who created two new records in the "100" in 10 3/5th secs., and "200" in 24 secs.; to H. Hardy (junior), who covered the "100" in 10 4/5th secs. and "220" in 25 1/5th; to R. Swinburn (under 14), who ran the "100" in 12secs.; and to Hurd (under 14), who broke the 220 record, putting up 28 2/5th, as new figures!

Cricket boomed in the School Yard for about one week only. Owing to one of our enthusiastic "sloggers" breaking a window, a stop to this had to be made.

It has lately been announced that an old boy of our School, Capt. E. A. Southee, B.Sc., has been appointed to the distinguished position of Principal of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Capt. Southee was our Rhodes scholar in 1913. He has distinguished himself an an athlete, and also has a coveted position in the football world, holding both Oxford and Sydney Rugger Blues.

Congratulations to Grammar on wresting the G.P.S. A.A.A. Shield from Shore.

Congratulations to Bannister and McManamey on the records they established in the recent C.H.S. meeting.

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Congraulations to T. Housden for his making of new figures in the G.P.S. Broad Jump!

Congratulations also to our Juniors on their winning of the C.H.S. Shield!

In our last issue we hailed with delight the welcome news that a Tennis Tournament was to be played this year. However, the matter has again been allowed to lapse, but why, we cannot say. Perhaps Fourth Year were too busy "fagging" (?) and could not bring themselves to waste valuable (?) time.

The Library recently expended a considerable sum on the purchase of new books. These are rarely available to members. The committee explain that the best of them were borrowed immediately, and then, when read, apparently passed around among the borrowers' friends, without having been first-returned. And, they say, their recovery entails considerable difficulty and inconvenience. Cannot this state of affairs be remedied?

Why have not the Prefect's watch-chain badges been distributed this year?

Our baseballers have succeeded in regaining the Proud Shield. Congrats.!

Many thanks are due to Messrs. Kerr, Coombes and Mc-Kinnon for their valuable assistance at the Athletic Carnival.

Boys are reminded of the University Camp, which takes place during the holidays. The School should be well represented, especially by Senior Boys.

There was a most unexpected, and nevertheless, from the boys' point of view, at any rate, a most pleasing interruption to a French Test when, on Rose Day, three particularly attractive young ladies invaded the School with their collection boxes. Most of the boys were taken by storm, and, we are told, some even forgot themselves so far as to deposit their last "cent" with the smiling damsels.

There was no meeting of the Union Committee during the months of September and October. Why is this?

We offer our congratulations to Sydney Grammar School on again carrying off the Cricket Competition.

B. Sugerman was selected in the Debating Team to represent All Schools against University. Again hearty congratulations!

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Our Debating Team has been the most successful competitive institution in the School this year. Out of their four debates they won three, and narrowly lost to Newington in the fourth. Congratulations to Messrs. Sugerman, Knight and MacDonald!

At last we have done with that disgraceful annual occurrence—the mock banquet. This year, and henceforth, we hope, a re-union of departing Seniors, Third Year and the Masters will be held in the form of a dinner at Sargent's in Market Street.

A very pleasing feature of the cricket season, has been the extensive organisation of class teams. 'Tis said six play weekly at Centennial Park. Thus the First and Second Graders of Two and Three Years hence are learning the elements of the game.

But unfortunately the picture has also its dark side. There has not been one fully representative practice of the First and Second Graders! Where is their enthusiasm? The result of the lack of it, we have too plainly seen in the lamentable failures of the First XI. in both C.H.S. and G.P.S. Cricket. At the beginning of the season the youngsters rolled up to practice "in their thousands." As the season wore on, however, the attendances became smaller and smaller (and the dwindling was **not** wholly due to Examinations).

Is this the result of the example set by their seniors, or is it lack of encouragement?

Alas! the Physical Culture Classes, at least so far as the Fourth Year is concerned, are no more. The loss of time out of school work was too great to allow of their continuance. Oh! that horrible Leaving!

It is rumored that Mr. Murphy has set a movement afoot for the abolition of examinations. We wish him "Good Luck" with all our hearts!

At last are we able to cross the School Yard without fear of coming into violent contact with the asphalt, resultant on inadvertently placing our foot on a fruit skin.

No masters' match this year! What has happened with respect to this hitherto annual event? It is a pity that time cannot be found for so important a function.

THE MORUYA RIVER.

Thy gentle flowing has no broad expanse. Great strength or depth do not belong to thee,

Or mighty banks add much significance; But O! the love thou hast inspired in me.

When from the ocean's breast I seek thy calm, I love to gaze upon that verdant hill,

Which shows thee near, and I am safe from harm, For on thy surface all is hush'd and still.

Thy wall of stone is strong as it defies

The ceaseless beating of the angry waves, While at the green peak's base the ocean sighs, As fruitlessly it storms the rocky caves.

My barque is floating from thy entrance small, The old red boat-shed fading fast from view,

And all around are woodland trees so tall, Whose lofty heads are deck'd with verdant hue.

Clematis flower shines from foliage green,

And happy birds their daily work perform, And now green fields and golden corn are seen— My beauty loving battlements they storm.

Now blissful zephyrs waft me gently on,

And o'er thy glassy breast, O! humble stream,

And from the heavens softly shines the sun-Thy surface with a thousand jewels does gleam.

The quarry^{*} old and high appears to me— Its rugged stones a city's pillars made.

On yonder bank the fruit trees moodily

Are swaying now, as with the breeze they played.

My craft diminutive is parting now,

And ripping too thy waters calm and blue. A gentle child of thine sweet and mellow—

The ereck they call Malbart is in my view.

Peach blossoms flow'ring on the other side,

Of gentle pink, and golden fruit are seen. The sloping carpet green seems to confide

To thee some message from the Nature Queen.

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And now I pass a rugged wall of stone, Beyond whose reach the golden wattle shines, While from the gold and emerald moss the tone Of Nature's songsters, joy for me designs.

My soul is hush'd with great and tender love— I see thy townt of sweet simplicity.

What gentle childhood thoughts, my spirits move! As one by one they stir my memory.

Beneath thy modest bridge my little craft, Has floated, and I cast behind a gaze.

Which lingers on thy town where sun has laughed, And shone through many livelong summer days.

Thy town has gone, and now I steer my barque,

Past meadows green and gazing herds content, And fields of wheat and golden corn, and hark! The tinkling of the cattle bells is sent

Across the balmy air, and now I see

The farmer resting from his daily toil,

He sits content and ponders happily, As all around he views his fertile soil.

A gentle zephyr from the mountain range

Has wafted barque and me from cultur'd land.

The former landscape now does greatly change,

And wild and woodland scenes are near at hand.

Thy woodland thickly cloth'd with carpets green;

With tow'ring trees and creeping clinging vine,

And flowers wild and warbling birds are seen,

O Nature Queen! how great are thy designs.

Apollo with his golden shining light,

No longer sheds his grace upon thy breast, And dusky heralds of approaching night

Proclaim the coming of all creatures' rest.

Fair Luna shines her pale and mystic beams

Upon thy bosom, now so calm and still. I pass into the peaceful realm of dreams.

And sleep upon thy breast, O wondrous rill!

Though little known to sage or revered sire— Ne'er worshipped by a Nature loving throng,

Thy gentle beauty always will inspire

Affection great for thee for ages long.

Thy gentle flowing has no broad expanse,

Great strength or depth do not belong to thee; Or mighty banks add much significance;

But O! the love thou hast inspir'd in me.

A. V. COLEFAX.

SCIENTIFIC TREATISE ON LOBSTER CHLORIDE.

This important compound, which promises to revolutionise chemistry, has only of late become known to modern scientists, but from recently discovered records it is evident that it was commonly known in ancient times. It was first prepared in 1952 A.D., by Lob Sing, an Egyptian, born of Chinese parents, and who lived and devoted his career to experimental chemistry on the remote Lobster Island, situated off the South Coast of Utopia.

It once occurred to Lob to heat lobsters in an atmosphere of Chlorine. At a heat of some 2000° C., to his evident surprice, red lobster-shaped crystals began to form, which compound probably being Lobster Tetra-chloride. After a series of experiments he at length came to the conclusion that the number of Chlorine atoms which combine with one atom of Lobster to form a molecule of Lobster Chloride depended on the number of claws which the lobsters used, had.

Since the lobsters inhabiting his island mostly had four claws, the nomenclature, will readily be comprehended, from the above chemical law.

He called these compounds of Lobster and Chlorine, "Clawrides," from which has the modern "Chloride" originated.

When lobsters with one claw are heated in an arc flame with Chlorine, green crystals of the monochloride (LoC1) are formed, which turn purple in the presence of ammonia, forming the explosive compound, Ammonium Lobstrous Chloride. 2LoC1 + 2HN3—NH2 Lo2 C1 + NH + C1.

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This is stable and ordinary conditions, but when exploded with a mercury fulminate detonation, breaks up into its constituents of lobster and Chlorine. This method is now employed commercially by the Dagoes, for obtaining lobsters.

The common form of Lobster Chloride is in sandy-greyrusset lobster-shaped crystals of the hex-chloride (Lo C16).

This substance is a good electrolite and on dissolving in water, dissociates into lobster and Chorine ions.

On passing an electric current through the solution, the Chlorine is given off at the Anode, whilst the positively charged particles of Lobster go to the Cathode, give up their charge, become ordinary lobsters and elimb up the Cathode. This is a most convenient method of obtaining lobsters in large numbers.

There are two other forms of the Chloride, namely the trichloride and the pento-chloride. These compounds are as yet chemical novelties, but as the form is exceedingly poisonous, it will be invaluable in medicine as a cure for all ills.

The latter is famed for its odoriferous properties in which respect it approaches Sulphuretted-hydrogen in pleasantness. So its innovation is welcomed by the manufacturers of cosmetics. The re-discovery of this inestimably valuable commodity, its attributable to two Australian chemists who luckily chanced upon it, when preparing iodine from sea-weed.

PAR BERRI.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE.

On May 14th last, in company with seven other Boy Scouts I left Sydney on the t.s.s. "Ceramic" on a trip to England, Scotland and Belgium. The principal object of our visit was to represent New South Wales at an international gathering of Boy Scouts in London, from July 30th to August 7th this year. At this gathering 26 foreign countries and 11 British Dominions were represented, the total number of visiting Scouts being about 8,000; and in our daily intercourse with one another we derived much information concerning the manners, customs and modes of living of the various nations. The sports, displays and various competitions, which were

called the "International Jamboree," were a great success, and were attended day by day by huge crowds of spectators, and afforded them ample evidence of the educative value of the Scout Movement.

The British Government drew up a series of entertainments and sightseeing excursions in London, which enabled us to see everything worth seeing in the great metropolis. During our stay in London we lived in camp at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on the banks of the Thames-a most beautiful spot. We also paid a seven days' visit to Scotland, including Edinburgh and Glasgow; ten days' visit to the West of England, including Manchester, Liverpool and Chester. We then paid a twenty days' visit to Holland and Belgium, and while there spent four days at the Olympic Games, and visited all the principal battlefields. The welome and treatment we received on the Continent we shall never forget, being treated right royally on every hand. While at the Olympic Games we were inspected by the King and Queen of the Belgians. We left England on September 18th by the R.M.S. "Osterley," calling at Gibraltar, Toulin, Naples, Port Said, Colombo, Fremantle, Adelaide and Melbourne, deriving much useful knowledge at each port of call. We landed back in Sydney on November 4th, thus terminating a memorable trip.

W. R. MACKENZIE.

FAITH.

I travel through a forest dark,

Through unknown paths and valleys deep; But fear not, for a guiding mark

Shines bright for me from summits steep, Although the way with danger reeks, I, heedless, mount the unknown peaks:

I sail upon a stormy sea ,

My tossing boat is frail and small, And jagged rocks appear to me:

I see the breakers white and tall; But fearless I steer ml barque

Towards that bright star—my guiding mark.

A.V.C.

THE ORDEAL.

At 9.15 a.m., a careworn and unhappy looking group descended from the tram and made its way hurriedly, but with no apparent avidity, to that grim-looking edifice where its destiny was to be decided. They entered the sinister little portal with no pretensions of hope or knowledge, but, on the contrary. the symptoms of over-indulgence in preparation were conspicuously defined on every line of their weary features. Some who had, up to then, doggedly retained a vestige of hope, produced severally well-worn books, and with dull and reluctant eves, renewed phrase and formula for the thousandth time in their overloaded minds. Others, with a ghostly endeavour of affected indifference, exchanged with one another well-known and ancient forms of humour. But those flickering and shortlived smiles had a world of suspense. Anxiety certainly held undeniable sway over all, from the abnormally indifferent to the most deplorably nervous. At 9.25, those double doors flew back, and revealed to the anxious and unanimous gaze of the group, the "place of horror." There stood a long room, whose little chairs and tables were arranged in long rows of opressing and irritating regularity. "Enter," said a portly superintendent, whose smile was the only genuine one, and whose indifferent and happy visage awakened in some a regular storm of envy. They entered. Each one wearily sought his number out and slowly seated himself to the innocent looking table, where a neat bundle of white foolscap appeared to laugh mockingly in his face. The portly personage administered directions in a benevolent and deep-sounding voice. Soon he opened a neat package, bound together with red sealing wax, and there appeared before their anxious gaze a little wad of vellow paper. How well were they acquainted with the significance of that formidable though diminutive packet! How acutely did they realise that their destinies would be decided by the contents! With an indifferent air, those papers were distributed amongst the unhappy throng. Each one received his paper hastily and anxiously, and with shining expectant eyes perused the dread contents. Some faces lighted up with satisfaction, on perusal. They had only stamped that question indelibly on their minds the night before. On the faces of others was betraved the inward feelings of the deepest remorse, and crushed expectancy. And others, with an indifferent and enviable shrug of the shoulder, snatched up their pens and wrote calmly and decisively. Soon there was nothing to disturb the silence but the hasty and anxious scratching of

many nibs, as each one obviated his respective store of knowledge. The several supervisors sat in front, grimly and silently-the noiseless and perhaps unconscious spectators of the possessors of a host of varied feelings, as they fought through the unenviable ordeal. On the wall stood an old round-faced elock, ticking off those precious seconds, calmly and deliberately: blissfully ignorant and incidentally indifferent to the many anxious gazes which were frequently shot towards it. Slowly, slowly and inevitably, the hands swung round to 12.30, when the portly superintendent exclaimed, "Time's up, boys!" There were cries of dismay, as several looked up from the depths of half-finished questions, at the declaration of this unmerciful and final verdict. Slowly they collected their answers from a hopeless chaos of foolscap. With unsatisfied hands they arranged and bound together that little bundle, on whose contents so much depended.

Soon the room of activity was empty. In a short time the group had donned their hats and coats, emerged into the drizzling rain, and dispersed in their several directions.

A.V.C.

THE WOODLAND DELL.

Down through the woodland dell the rippling stream Is playing nature's music, wondrous sweet. As o'er the valley's sandy bed it runs. And sparkles to the golden summer sun. In little leaps and bounds it wends its way Through deep, secluded spots of nature's haunts: Ne'er seen by human eyes. Its mellow sounds Are magnified by nature's songsters, as They happily perform their daily tasks. With harmony they throat those mellow strains-Awaken shy re-echoes in the dell, Till nature's wildness fills with softened sounds. And on the banks the tranquil sad willow With unknown secret weeps eternally, And beautifies and fills with majesty The scene of innocence and beauty rare. With suffocating fragrance teems the dell, From variegated flow'rs of blended hue. The gentle slope, arising from the stream,

Is covered with an emerald carpet bright; With surface widely dotted here and there With daisies, white and yellow dandelions, . Who smile upon the warm caressing sun, With willing grace the colored flowers yield Their nectar sweet unto the busy bee: And thus this little world of happiness Revels in life throughout the livelong day; At night a solemn quietude is there, Till morn breaks through the darkness spell— A herald of the life and joy renewed.

A.V.C.

PHILATELY (continued).

Owing to the war, many small republies have sprung up, such as Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, German Austria, Bavaria (under the Spartacists), Latvia, Fiume, etc., and these have issued different sets of stamps, with very quaint and pretty designs, which will be much sought by collectors, and **a** boy would be very well-advised to secure as many of these specimens as he can. The special issue of the new state of Latvia, on the borders of Courland, merits special attention. It was issued to commemorate Latvia's independence and its relief from the Bolshevists. The design takes the shape of an armed man with his foot upon the neck of a wild beast.

Another stamp which is well worth having, is the 1919 edition of Fiume, issued by D'Annunzio (who has seized the town) to supply certain deficiencies. The design upon it is that of a young girl standing by the side of a lion. It is overprinted "5 Franco," "10 Franco," "15 Franco." etc.

Fiume also had issued a charity stamp, but it was used as just an ordinary postage stamp. Charity stamps have been issued in Switzerland, by the counties of Nidwalden, Voud, Obwalden, for the relief of children. In each case their design is the arms of the county by whom they were issued.

Another charity stamp is that issued by New South Wales in aid of the Consumptives' Home. In one corner is printed "New South Wales, postage $2\frac{1}{2}d$," and in the other corner "2/6. The purchaser pays 2/6 for the stamp, but on the letter its value is $2\frac{1}{2}d$. The difference $(2/3\frac{1}{2}d)$ goes towards the funds of the home.

One of the most valuable of old New South Wales issues is the 8d orange, of 1854-56, whose value is £14.

Old issues of stamps are usually found in most out-of-theway places, such as in old papers and correspondence, etc.

In 1912, a Philadelphia dealer in waste paper, found in an accumulation of old rubbish, over 100 specimens of the famous St. Louis Post Office issue of the United States. This find brought him in £10,000.

The German stamps that were in use in their colonies, when they were captured in 1914, by the Australian Expeditionary Force, were over printed with British lettering, and used until the supply was exhausted. These stamps are now very scarce and valuable.

One of the best catalogues that can be bought is that issued by Whitfield, King and Co., of Ipswich, England, 1920 edition. It gives all the stamps issued up-to-date, with all the war issues etc., which is very handy if one wants to valuate a victory or war stamp.

Some boys are under the impression that the "postagedue" stamps of Australia are valueless, but this is a mistake as they are of value, and can be placed along with the other Australian editions in one's album.

L.I.B.W.

ATHLETICS.

Although the promise shown at our own Carnival was not fulfilled, yet we did fairly well in both senior and junior divisions at G.P.S. and C.H.S. Meetings. In the former the new system of one representative from each school for each event gave us a considerable advantage. This innovation worked remarkably well, and in all respects the meeting was an unparalleled success. The High Schools' Committee would do well to introduce a similar system next year, for the present arrangement, besides being very cumbrous, is decidedly fatiguing, and, in the longer races, even dangerous, from the competitor's point of view, and utterly lacking in spectacular interest.

The main interest of the G.P.S. meeting was the great struggle between Shore and Grammar for the Senior Shield, resulting in the former being unexpectedly beaten. Although we finished a good way down the list our representatives did fairly well, in both divisions, though some of them did not show the form which previous performances had led us to expect.

In the C.H.S. meeting North Sydney, mainly owing to the sterling efforts of Bannister and MacManamey, outclassed their opponents and

won easily. In the Junior Division, however, we showed to more advantage, the great performances of Mahony, Housden and Hardy placing us at the head of the list, with Maitland very close. Owing to a misunderstanding in ages the "Under 14" Shield was not awarded.

Of the individual performers T. Housden, followed closely by L. Ryan and W. Mahony, met with most success at the combined meetings.

Housden was the "find" of the year, and if he stays at school, should make a name for himself as a broad jumper and middle distance runner. With practically no preparation, he jumped excellently in the C.H.S. Junior Broad Jump, tieing with W. Mahony for first. He also ran into a place in the 440, following Mahoney home, but missed a place in the Hurdles. But by far his best performance was the creation of a new record of 18ft. 11in. for the G.P.S. Junior Broad Jump.

Ryan ran a good second to Bannister in the C.H.S. 100, run in 10 3-10, and was third in the 220. At the G.P.S. meeting he ran his best race of the year, and, peculiarly, perhaps, also his worst. His second to Edwards in the 220, run in 23 1-5, was undoubtedly a great race. But immediately afterwards he ran most disappointingly in the 100, gaining only 5th place, and being beaten yards by Munro, who had failed to run into a place in the 220.

W. Mahony was easily our hardest-worked representative, and deserves great praise for so unselfishly doing all that was asked of him. At the C.H.S. meeting he competed in the 100, 220, 440 Broad Jump and Relay during the one afternoon, which is indeed a big programme for a junior. Nevertheless he ran most consistently, and besides sharing first place in the Broad Jump with Housden, he won the 440 in fine style. With some coaching he should make a fine 440 and 880 man.

H. Hardy, who sprinted so well at our own sports, putting up a new record of 10 4-5 secs. for the 100, failed to reproduce his form at either of the combined meetings. However, he is undoubtedly a greatly improved runner and should do well in the Seniors.

Wally Smith, who swept the pool at our Carnival in the distance events, also failed to reproduce his form in the Combined Sports. However, he is only a new-comer, and the "stage fright" should have worn off by next year.

S. Willmott, who has the happy knack of rising to the occasion, easily beat Smith in the C.H.S. Mile and ran into third place. He then commenced training for the G.P.S. Mile, and ran exceedingly well, leading until half a lap from home, and running into fifth place, only a few yards behind Heatherington of King's, who covered the distance in 4min. 56secs.

Of our jumpers, R. Cramp in the Seniors, and G. Iliff in the Juniors, did best. The former dead-heated for second in the G.P.S. High Jump, clearing 5ft. 4in., while the latter also shared second place in the Junior High Jump, getting over 5ft. 1in. Cramp's effort being especially praiseworthy. Iliff, with some coaching in the finer points of the game, should acquit himself well with the Seniors.

S. J. Burt, from whom much was expected, fell ill for our own sports, and did not compete. He ran in the C.H.S. hurdles, and though he had not been over the Senior flight before, rose to the

occasion, and improving with each run, eventually won from Armitage, of North Sydney, in the comparatively slow time of 18secs. In the G.P.S. Hurdles he was outclassed. The work connected with the Secretaryship of the Athletics apparently wore him down, and next year it would be wise to choose a Secretary who has not to represent the School at the G.P.S. or C.H.S. meetings.

Our own Carnival, held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on September 9th, proved in every respect, a great success. The performances were excellent, and the interest keen. Several records were broken or equalled, the chief "offender" being L. W. Ryan.

A new event—the Under 14 Broad Jump—was this year added to the programme, with the view to giving the youngsters some early experience. A new departure, by way of experiment was also made with respect to prizes, there being the great objection against the previous "open order" system, that it tended to encourage "pot hunting." This may or may not be so—we have no space here to discuss the matter. But in any case this year the prizes will consist of inscribed medals with no boy receiving more than one prize.

L. Ryan proved to be the School champion, while T. Housden and R. Swinburn won the Junior and under 14 Cups respectively.

Following are the results:-

SCHOOL CUP.

100 Yards.—Ryan, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; Robertson, 3. Time, 10 3-5secs. (record).

220 Yards.—Ryan, 1; Smith, 2; Bell, 3. Time, 24secs. (record).

440 Yards.—Ryan, 1; Smith, 2; Burt, 3. Time, 57 3-5secs. 880 Yards.—Wally Smith, 1; Dougan, 2; Tippet, 3. Time 2.19 4-5 sec.

Mile.—Wally Smith, 1; Willmott, 2; Robertson, 3. Time, 5.13 1-5 secs.

Broad Jump.-Bell, 1; Ryan, 2; Robertson, 3. Distance, 20ft.

High Jump.—Cramp, 1; Condon, Robertson, 2. Height, 5ft. 2in. Hurdles.—Robertson, 1; Condon, 2; Harvey, 3. Time, 18 3-5sec.

JUNIOR CUP.

100 Yards.—Hardy, 1; Mahony, 2; Housden, 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec (record).

220 Yards.—Hardy, 1; Mahony, 2; Housden, 3. Time, 25 1-5sec. (record).

440 Yards.-Mahony, 1; Housden, 2; Hardy 3. Time, 64sec.

880 Yards.-Mahony, 1; Housden, 2; Salmon, 3. Time, 2min. 26 4-5sec.

Broad Jump.-Housden, 1; Mahony, 2; Salmon, 3. Distance, 18ft. 5in.

High Jump.—Coote, 1; Housden, 2; Iliff, 3. Height, 4ft. 6in. Hurdles.—Housden, 1; Cramp, 2; Willsford, 3. Time, 16sec.

UNDER 14 CUP.

100 Yards.—Swinburn, 1; Hurd, 2; Rule, 3. Time, 12sec. (record). 220 Yards.—Hurd, 1; Swinburn, 2; Rule, 3. Time, 28 1-5sec. (record).

High Jump.-Weatherstone, 1; Swinburn, 2; Long and Simpson, 3. Height, 4ft. 3in.

Broad Jump.-Weatherstone, 1; Swinburn, 2; Hurd, 3. Distance, 15ft. 5ins.

Lack of space prevents publication of Miscellaneous events.

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CRICKET.

The cricket season opened with the brightest of prospects, at any rate so far as the first grade was concerned. Encouraged by our unbeaten record in the High Schools, and wishing to give experience to as many new men as possible in order to have efficient recruits to fill the places of the stalwarts who will be leaving school after Christmas, two First Grade teams were entered in this Competition. As was only to be expected, the "B" team was well beaten in the two completed matches, and has all the worst of the unfinished game against Petersham, but that experience in First Grade has considerably benefited several of its members cannot be questioned. Again, the fact of our playing two First Grade teams has greatly weakened both the Seconds and Thirds whose records consequently are rather poor, but this again was anticipated and is not a matter which gives us any concern.

The disappointing fact is the failure of the "A" team. Although it was only altered in one respect from the team which had been invincible in High School matches last year, and which in G.P.S. had seemed hardly inferior to any team in the Competition except S.G.S., it has so far gone down to N.S. and F.S. in addition to losing the three G.P.S. matches which remained. This is, as we have said, disappointing, but we have not reason to despair or even to be unduly depressed.

The trouble was that McCredie found himself obliged to devote so much of his time to preparation for his examination that he could not practice regularly, with the result that he never really got into form with either bat or ball. What this meant to the team can easily be realised from the following figures: During the first term of the year in G.P.S. matches he took 22 wickets for 214 runs in four matches. During the present term 4 wickets for 139 runs in three matches, and those against weaker batting sides. It may be urged then that for next year when we shall probably have lost him, that our prospects are very very, bad, indeed. Personally, we do not think so. A star bowler out of form is often better out of a team than in it. Apart from the fact that there is a disposition to bowl him too much, his failure has a depressing effect on the other players who have become accustomed to defend him, and who have not realised that they must depend on themselves. We certainly shall not be able to replace him, but good team work should enable us to do creditably against G.P.S. teams and recover much of our lost ground in High School matches. Another factor which was largely responsible for our failure was the loss of Williams at slip. Good slips are rare at all times, and in school teams particularly so. Williams, too, was at an times, and in school teams particularly so. Williams, too, was more than good; he was great, and every match we have lost might have been won had the slips taken the chances. One of the most encouraging features of the season so far has been the discovery of Stening. Though at times erratic and very expensive, he has been our most dangerous bowler this season, his curve in the air supple-mented by a sharp break back proving too much for really good batsmen. With more control over the ball he should develop into a really fine bowler. Moreover, he is a very fair slip. Newton, too, shows promise with the bat, as does Carter. Of the older hands, Harvey, Ryan and Bain have all shown good form with the bat, and with ordinary luck should have got more runs than they did. Burt

has batted well on occasions, once, at King's, bowled splendidly, but he seems to lose heart if punished and has only once or twice reproduced his practice form with the ball. Berryman's form was good enough, though his average is not flattering, and Willmott's wicketkeeping showed imporvement. Collins, unfortunately, could not, strike last year's form.

RESULTS H.S. MATCHES.

Versus N.S. at N.S. N.S. won by 44 runs on 1st innings. S.H.S., 1st innings, 97. (Bain 23, Dexter 19, Harvey 18; 2nd innings, 8 for 131 (Harvey 42 retired, Bain 24).

N.S., 1st innings, 141. (James 27, Colvin 24, Leonard 21).

S.H.S. Bowling.-Harvey, 5 for 36.

Versus F.S. at Wentworth. F.S. won by 11 runs on 1st innings. S.H.S., 1st innings, 78 (Berryman 13, Harvey 13, Willmott 13);
2nd innings, 5 for 99 (declared). (McCredie 31, Harvey ?6).

F.S., 1st innings, 89. (Waddington 17, Spencer 16); 2nd innings, 7 for 88. (Byrne 46 not out).

S.H.S. Bowling.-McCredie, 6 for 60.

Versus T.H.S., at Alexandria. S.H.S. won by an innings and 9 runs.

T.H.S., 1st innings, 33; 2nd innings, 141. (Bill 41).

S.H.S., 1st innings, 183. (Ryan 56 retired, Harvey 30, Burt 29). S.H.S. Bowling.-McCredie, 7 for 8; Burt 3 for 1.

G.P.S. MATCHES.

Versus S.J.C., 30th October. Lost by 66 runs on first innings. McCredie won the toss, and the School batted first, but failed before the attack of Flannery and O'Brien, and were all out for 78. McCredie, Harvey, Ryan, and Collins all shaped well, but each got out just as he should have been getting set. Thanks to Purcell and Allman, both of whom shaped excellently, St. Joseph's passed this score before the second wicket fell. Then Stening coming on quickly disposed of both of them, and Harvey finished off the innings for a total of 154. In the second innings we lost 5 for 84, both Berryman and Burt showing excellent form.

S.H.S1st innings.	Second innings.
Bain, b Flannery	5 Ryan, l.b.w. b Flannery 14
	15 Stening, b Flannery 0
AcCredie, c Flannery, b	Carter, l.b.w., b Flannery 0
O'Brien 2	20 Berryman, b O'Connell 22
Collins, c Ryan, b O'Brien 1	14 Burt, not out 38
Dyson, l.b.w., b Flannery	0 Newton, run out 10
Carter, run out	4 —
Ryan, b Flannery 1	13 Total for 5 wickets 84
Burt, b O'Brien	0
Berryman, b Ryan	7
Stening, not out	0 S.J.C. BowlingRyan, 1 for 9
Newton, b Flannery	0 and 0 for 8; Flannery, 4 for 25
Sundries 1	10 and 3 for 28; O'Brien, 4 for 39
	- and 0 for 9; Farrell, 0 for 5 and
Total 8	38 0 for 17; O'Connell, 1 for 22.

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Versus T.K.S., 6th November. Lost by 50 runs on first innings.

T.K.S. won the toss and sent us in on wicket somewhat affected by rain, but this did not account for the failure of our batting as though the slow bowlers were able to turn the ball and Ramsay got up a good deal, the wicket was too slow to be really dangerous. Bain scored 18 of the first 22, and he got out lashing at a ball well outside his off stump. Harvey batted well for 21, but after he left only Burt and Carter showed any confidence, and the innings closed for 101.

T.K.S. lost 2 wickets for 15 before lunch. After the interval the wicket played much better, and Wesche and Evans, both batting well, raised the score to 46 before they were separated. A rot then set in, and 8 were down for 98, Burt bowling grandly. Ryrie, however, batted well and Ramsay hit pluckily, and the total reached 151.

Going in again, S.H.S. lost 6 for 142 before declaring, Ryan batting well for 32 and McCredie playing a beautiful innings of 50 (eleven fours) made in half-an-hour without a single bad stroke. T.K.S. in 50 minutes made 62 for the loss of 2 wickets, Wesche and Ryrie again shaping well.

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S.H.S.-1st innings.

Bain, c Moore, b Ramsay ... Ryan, c Pye, b Ryrie Harvey, st. Wesche, b Ryrie McCredie, b Ramsay Collins, c Ramsay, b Pye ... 18 21 Berryman, c Wesche, b Ryrie Carter, b Pye .: 11 Burt, c Ramsay, b Ryrie ... 17 Stening, b Pye Willmott, run out Newton, not out Sundries

Total 101

T.K.S. Bowling .- First innings -Ramsay, 2 for 28; Ryrie, 4 for 53; Pye, 3 for 10; Hetherington, 1 for 10.

T.K.S.-1st innings.

Wesche, b Burt	28
Walford, l.b.w, b Stening	0
Hill, b McCredie	4
Evans, b Burt	23
Hetherington, c Ryan, b Burt	11
O'Connor, b Burt	13
Moore, c Willmott, b Burt	6
Ryrie, b Harvey	16
Ramsay, b Burt	18
Pye, not out	5
Abbott, b Burt	Ó
Sundries	27

Total 151

Second Innings.

Bain, b Ryrie	6
Ryan, c Walford, b Hethering-	
ton	32
Harvey, b Ramsay	
McCredie, st. Wesche, b	
Ryrie	50
Collins, not out	16
Berryman, b Ramsay	
Carter, not out	18
Sundries	10
Total 1	42

Second innings-Ramsay, 2 for 31; Ryrie, 3 for 38; Pye, 0 for 25; Hetherington, 1 for 11; Walford, 0 for 28.

Second innings.

Wesche, retir	ed			31
Walford, not	out			5
Hill, not out				1
Evans, b Har				0
Ryrie, b Harv				
Sundries .				7
			-	
2 wick	tets for	C i		62

S. H. S. v. S.C.E.G.S., 13th November. Lost by 246 runs on first innings.

Shore won the toss and batted on a perfect wicket. Still, despite the fact that Manchee was missed in the slips by Stening off McCredie when he had only made 10 runs, the bowling was never really mastered till after lunch. When Stening redeemed his previous error by catching Manchee the score was only 172 for 8 wickets. Then our cricket seemed to lose all snap. The ground fielding, which had been excellent up to then, became slovenly and in one or two instances lazy. Of the bowlers, Stening alone looked dangerous, and he sent down a great deal of loose stuff. Salmon and Edwards added 122 for the 9th wicket, and the former and Barr finally raised the total to 329 . Salmon's 106, was a solid, chanceless effort. He did not show many strokes, but his defence was sound and he never seemed in difficulties. Manchee made some good strokes, but was lucky. Edwards is certainly a better bat than is generally thought and made some good off drives.

Stening on the whole bowled very well; he was severely punished at times and sent down many balls of weak length, but he always looked dangerous. McCredie was accurate, but lacked fire. Still he certainly kept down the runs, only 55 being soored from 168 balls which he delivered against 111 from 195 sent down by Stening.

Tired out by their long leather-hunting, the School batting failed miserably, with the exception of Bain and Newton, against bowling which was not really dangerous apart from Boazman, who bowled splendidly.

S.C.E.G.S.

MaIntoch mm out	2
McIntosh, run out	4
Manchee, c Stening, b	
McCredie	92
Bucknell, c Willmott, b Sten-	
ing	19
Wolstenholme, c Bain, b	
Stening	6
Boazman, b Stening	18
Tyrrell, c and b Stening	0
Marris, b Burt	0
Rawling, c Stening, b Har-	
vey	8
Salmon, c Ryan, b Stening	106
Edwards, b Stening	47
Barr, not out	7
Sundries	24

S.H.S. Bowling .- McCredie, 1 for 55; Stening, 6 for 111; Burt, 1 for 59; Harvey, 1 for 43; Collins, 0 for 6; Berryman, 0 for 18; Newton, 0 for 13.

S.H.S.

2	Bain, b Boazman	22
	Ryan, b Edwards	0
2	Harvey, 1.b.w., b Edwards.	8
	McCredie, l.b.w, b Salmon	3
9	Collins, b Salmon	9
	Burt, l.b.w., b Boazman	1
6	Carter, b Boazman	5
8	Berryman, run out	2
0	Newton, not out	11
0	Stening, c Tyrrell, b Barr .	6
	Willmott, b Barr	6
8	Sundries	10
6		-
7	Total	83

S.C.E.G.S. Bowling .- Edwards, 2 for 11; Barr, 2 for 37; Salmon, Total 329 2 for 19; Boazman, 3 for 9.

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Our final position in the G.P.S. matches is 6 level with Riverview with 4 points. T.S.C. alone being below us. Our best performers in G.P.S. matches have been-

BATTING.

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl	Av.
McCredie		0	50	220	24.4

BOWLING.

	0.	М.	R.	Wkts.	Av.
McCredie	114.1	17	353	26	13.59
Harvey	32.6	0	151	11	13.73
Stening	34.1	3	147	10	14.7
Burt	81.4	10	410	23	17.7
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The "B" team despite the frequent changes necessitated by strange competition rules, has some good individual bowling performances to its credit, the most noticeable being King's 5 for 20 against T.H.S. and Austin's 8 for 62 against P.I.H.S.

Results:--Versus T.H.S. Lost outright by 39 runs. S.H.S. 43 and T.H.S. 21 and 80. 19.

Versus N.S. Lost outright by an innings and 19 runs. N.S. 6 for 184 (James 54, Bannister 51). S.H.S., 87 and 78.

Versus P.I.H.S. Unfinished. Petersham 221 (Whiffen 46). S.N.S. 2 for 3.

The Seconds seriously weakened by the formation of the 1B team, have not done so badly. They have not yet won a match, but are in a fair way to beat Petersham. Clarke, Condon, Driver and Rogers have all done good work.

LIBRARY.

The issue of books by the Library ceased early in November. This unusual move was necessary in order to collect all books with a view to having the Library in good order for next year. However, it shows that some by-law is necessary to force borrowers to return books within a reasonable period. The Committee recommend a sys-tem similar to that used by the Municipal Library, i.e., that some fine be imposed on those who do not return books before the expiration of some fixed period. Other matters too that need attention are the system of indexing, and the enforcement of order among borrowers. In the former case the present book system is far too slow, and some form of card indexing is suggested. In the latter case-it may be said that the Library this year generally resembled a pie-rush at the tuck shop, with a confused medley of numbers of books being hurled at the Committee.'

TENNIS

The tennis team this year has met with no success, and, if in future, more encouragement is not given to non-graders, it will proably always be lacking in first-class material. The school net is absolutely useless, and consequently non-graders get no opportunity of playing. This naturally puts the grade teams at a disadvantage as they have practically no material to draw upon.

The proposed School Tennis Tournament, which was to have been held at Double Bay, was abandoned, in consequence of the courts being unavailable.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

This year has undoubtedly been one of the most successful in the history of this Club. Out of four debates our representatives won three and were only very narrowly defeated by Newington in the other. Then B. Sugerman was selected in the team representing All Schools v. University. It was decided at a meeting early in November, that a new departure should be made with respect to the Annual Farewell to Fourth Year. Several suggestions were advanced, but it was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of a Committee consisting of Messrs. Smairl, Castleman, Burt, James and Pitman. This Committee has finally decided that the function shall take the form of a Dinner at some City house. It is to be hoped that this form of Farewell to Fourth Year will prove more worthy of the School than the old custom of a Mock Banquet.

BASEBALL.

The Baseball Club has once more emerged from the Competition as the coveted holders of the "Proud Shield," which has been wrested from the T.H.S. A most interesting competition was provided owing to the fact that a challenge final and then an extra final had to be In accordance with the new regulations a team, two played off. points behind the leaders, has the right to challenge. This regulation had to be put into practice this season since P.I.H.S. had crept up till they remained but two points behind us. We won six games, but lost three. In the challenge final our opponents, P.I.H.S., took us by surprise in the first innings, getting five home, and we could hardly pull up the gap. The scores at the finish were 9-13. Bv losing this match, it necessitated the playing of a final. In this game we played our best game to date, easily defeating our opponents by 19-3, and so gained the competition and the Proud Shield. Of the players Bain (Capt.), Bassetti, Stening, and Rogers, bore the brunt of the battles.

We were severely handicapped by lack of players, mainly through which we could not field a second IX.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor, "The Record.")

Sir,—Although this is not strictly the footer season, it would, perhaps, not be amiss if we were to look forward and determine our policy for next winter.

Even this year, rumor had it that the High Schools would probably adopt the League code next season, so, no doubt, the question will be decided before the next competition begins, and what we have to decide is whether we will fall in line with the High Schools and play the new game, or finally and for ever cast in our lot with the G.P. Schools.

It is obvious that we must do one thing or the other, because it is plainly impossible to enter our teams in two comps.—the one, League, the other, Union.

In my opinion, the School should have withdrawn from the H.S. Competition years ago, because S.H.S. has prestige and traditions equal to any other G.P. School.

Unfortunately, when an attempt was made to withdraw from the H.S. last year, the Minister refused his consent; perhaps the present Minister may hold different views.

Even if the Union rules are still retained by the H.S., that should form no reason why we should not drop one or other of the comps. The utter futility of our playing in two competitions was fully demonstrated during the last season.

After playing a strenuous match on Wednesday, our team was unable to do itself justice in the more important Saturday match, and that point was mainly the cause for our horrible failure in the G.P.S. competition.

Furthermore, more players were injured in the H.S. matches than in those against the G.P.S., thus weakening our G.P.S. team to a great extent. I shall quote the first Tech. match as an example. On that occasion two of the most prominent players of the team were FORD—TWO—STEW

permanently injured for the remainder of the season. So, why should we jeopardise our chances in the G.P.S. for the sake of the less important H.S. Comp.?

Therefore, I, for one, would strongly urge that we should retain the old Union game, which, after all, is not inferior in any way to the present popular League, and devote all our energies to become a really first-class G.P.S. team.

Yours etc.,

I remain,

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