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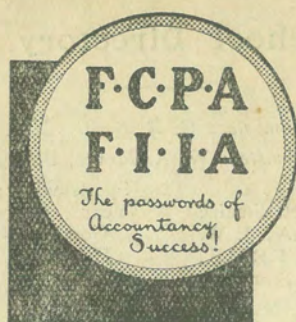


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EDITORIAL.

By the Headmaster.

This being the final issue of our Magazine this year, we take the opportunity of saying farewell, not only to "Captain" Henry, but to the School Prefects and other lads who are on the point of leaving school. Having already expressed on another page our opinion of the "Captain," we wish to add a few words in appreciation of the Prefects. We will, I am sure all admit that for efficiency and general usefulness in the school, they have surpassed all their predecessors. No matter what duty was assigned to them they carried it out effectively, so much so in fact as to sometimes even cause surprise to the Head, who was very gratified to find that they had such good control over their fellow pupils. Their authority was never once questioned nor was any ill feeling engendered among the boys by any action of theirs. To all boys now leaving school we offer our best wishes for future success. Remember that as a rule success comes to those who conscientiously attend even to the smallest tasks. Think no part of your duty beneath your notice; leave nothing to chance but anticipate so far as you can every possible contingency; in other words, be prepared for anything that may turn up. Do not forget your old school! Whatever success you may achieve through life you owe in great measure to the lessons you learned there. I do not mean merely your studies, although these are very valuable, but the lessons you unconsciously learned from intercourse with your teachers, who are all men of education.

One cannot associate with an educated man without imbibing something of his spirits. Then there are the lessons you learned from mingling with your fellow pupils who, like yourselves, are "men-in-the-making," possessing the same good and bad qualities that you will find in the people you meet in the outside world. The lad who knows how to captain a football or a cricket team, has learned a most valuable lesson on how to manage other people, on which success in life very largely depends. The more you reflect on these things the more grateful you ought to be that for a number of years, and these the most impressionable of your life, you have been in daily association, at the Sydney High School, with lads, some of them of excellent abilities, who will in all probability rise in a few years to honourable positions.

My final advice to you is to become as soon as possible members of the Old Boys' Union. In its ranks you will find men, some old, some young, whose devotion to their old school is a very beautiful thing to see. Among them are many very eminent men. The very thought of these ought to make you proud that you, too, belong to such a distinguished company.

THE MIST.

*This morn a mist is on the sea
Enchanting to behold!
A mist that hides from you and me
Whate'er our minds unfold.*

*Behind the mist sail argosies
With cargoes rich and rare—
Or else some barque rides at her ease
Upon the billows fair.*

*Perhaps the mist hides from our view
A galleon of Spain,
Which, from across the azure blue
Is cleaving through the main.*

*But when the sun the mist dispels
We see before our eyes
Not anything our fancy tells,
But ships of merchandise!*

*O precious mist that softens thus
The truths of daily life!
We thank the powers that hide from us
So much of sordid strife.*

S.P. (4A).

OMAR KHAYYAM.

It had been a hot day—one often experienced by those out in the West—and the dust was still floating in the air. The sun was setting behind the hills tinting all with a gorgeous red.

We were sitting on the verandah of a wayside inn, when we noticed a figure dragging itself wearily along in the shadows—a sundowner in tattered clothes, and the toes showing out of his boots. He dumped his swag down on the road in front of us, and entered the bar. In a harsh voice he asked for a drink. With his grimy hand he lifted the frothing liquid to his mouth, and swallowed it slowly. Then, as he placed his mug down on the bench again, he straightened himself up, and, as he passed by us, we heard him murmur in a soft, cultured voice

“I often wonder what the vintners buy
One-half so precious as the goods they sell.”

L. J. Partridge (V.B.).

“CAPTAIN” OF THE SCHOOL.

(By H.M.)

Opinions may differ as to the qualities which fit a pupil to hold the position of “Captain” of the School. In former years it was an accepted theory, in our school at least, that the “Captain” should be one who had highly distinguished himself in the examinations—a purely academic distinction, the only result of which was to perpetuate on the honour board the name of the most brilliant scholar of the year. Naturally he was chosen from the highest class, in those days called the Sixth Form, and as it was not known



ERNEST HENRY.

till the results of the final examination were published, who had taken the best place, the “Captain” was not appointed till he was on the point of leaving school. As “Captain” therefore, he was quite unable to influence the other boys, his captaincy being announced only at the very end of the year. In the opinion of the writer, the “Captain” should be appointed by a different method and for quite a different purpose. He should be by his character and abilities a *leader* to the boys, and instead of being appointed only on the

day he is leaving school, he should be "Captain" during the whole year. Only in this way can his influence make itself felt throughout the school. His character should be of such that his fellow pupils can respect and honour him; his general conduct should be characterized by a strict adherence to the truth, and the avoidance of anything mean or underhand. He should, above all, take a considerable share in the sports of the school, for we must all acknowledge that nothing sooner wins the confidence of boys than taking an active part in their sports. At the same time he must also set a good example by being a diligent student, thought not necessarily a brilliant one. A "Captain" who possesses these or similar qualities will exercise a fine, salutary influence throughout the school, smoothing very considerably the task of the Head in governing the school. As to the method of appointment, I think the boys themselves are excellent judges of character, and the question of deciding who shall be "Captain" may safely be entrusted to them. From long experience I have never known them to make a mistake in their choice.

We who have been at school this year, will readily acknowledge that the present "Captain"—Ernest Henry—comes very close to our ideal. He is really and truly a leader among the boys. He is a lad of a fine type and though not a brilliant scholar, he has shown a good example of hard study under difficulties. He is an excellent "sport," and by his sterling character, has exercised a good influence over the boys and has doubtless rendered the task of the Head much easier. On leaving school, he may rest assured that he leaves behind him a record which, I hope, others will strive to imitate, to their own advantage and to the honour of the school.

DAWN.

*See, the golden dawn is breaking;
Birds are singing in the trees;
Dew is sparkling: waves are dancing;
New-born flowers perfume the breeze,
Wake, O Nature, from your sleeping,
Tinted Eös calls to you.
Wake, and gaze upon her beauty,
Ever decked in colours new.*

EVENING.

*The sunset tints are in the sky;
The lengthening shadows fall;
The calm and rest of eventide
Sweet memories recall.
Then sink, O sun, thy day is o'er;
Diana reigns on high.
Her vassals crowd around her throne
In the resplendent sky.*

R. (4A.G.).

JOHN SKYRING CROSS MEMORIAL PRIZE WINNER.**S. C. KING.**

—Block lent by "Sunday Times."

Sid. King has had a fine record, not only in sport, but also in sportsmanship and leadership ever since he came to the school. His all-round qualities on the cricket and football fields have gained for him a place in representative teams. The following is a summary of his record.

1st XI. 1921-2-3.—Captain 1923 Representative Combined G.P.S., 1st XI. 1923.

1st XV. 1921-2-3.—Captain 1923 Representative Combined G.P.S. 2nd XV., 1922-3.

Captain Combined 2nd XV., 1923.

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Union Committee Representative, 1920-1-2-3.

Union Representative on Old Boys' Council, 1923.

Sports Editor "The Record," 1923.

School Prefect, 1923.

THE VAGABOND'S REVUE.

On October 9th the Vagabond's Revue was very successfully staged in St. James' Hall, City, as a result of which the School Boat Fund will be considerably increased. The Revue was written by Mr. H. P. Brodie, who also conducted the orchestra and choir with great skill and in such numbers as:—The Barcarolle and O Happy Day, from "Gabrielle"; Shine, Shine Moon; Climb, Boys,

Climb; Songs that Bind the Empire; Ouvre Tes Yeux Bleus; and Une Peu d'Amour.

On the dramatic side Mr. Horace Brodie gave great pleasure with his "Scenes from Dickens." This gentleman's impersonation of Scrooge, Uriah Heap, and little Nell's Grandfather was extremely able and entertaining.

Scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were capably acted by the 4th Year pupils. A scene from "Twelfth Night," by boys from 3A also gave great pleasure, as did a representation by Upper School boys of a scene from "Abraham Lincoln." Three boys from 3A also gave an excellent rendering of the first scene from Molières "Le Médecin Malgré Lui." During the interval the audience, which was large and enthusiastic, was entertained by Miss Ihnen and Master Walker (duet), Masters Farrell and Rawle (piano), and Master Hohnen (violin).

We are greatly indebted to the pupils of the Girls' High School for the able assistance they rendered by their acting and by selling tickets and programmes.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Brodie will continue his splendid efforts in the matter of school musical and dramatic entertainments, as, apart from the monetary gain to the School Union which concerts bring, they have a social and educational value which in itself should make them an essential feature of the life of every school.

SHAKESPEARE.

*Oh great physician of an ailing world!
 A world of turmoil and of feverish strife.
 You raised them, with your banners all unfurled.
 You tended them and awakened them to life.
 You told them of dark deeds and villainous crimes.
 Then changed their tears to laughter with your art.
 And then you charmed them with your fairy chimes,
 And your philosophy o'erflowed their hearts.
 Your name and glory shall remain through ages,
 A monument to life stands in your pages
 More lasting far than granite or marble hard.
 And England thinks no more of any man,
 Though he be soldier, statesman, scholar, king,
 Than of you, Shakespeare, her immortal bard.*

Ralus (4A).

THE CLAUDE TRESSIDER SHIELD.

After consultation with the donor, Mr. F. S. Bradhurst, the Union Committee has decided that the annual Claude Tressider Prize for proficiency in the Silver Medallion Life-Saving Examination, shall take the form of a neat polished wooden shield of S.H.S. design, with a silver centre, on which the winner's name will be inscribed. The winner for 1923 is A. Underhill.

THE LAST MATCH OF THE SEASON.

*The day's nearly over! and Grammar's Eleven
Are doing their utmost to run up a score,
The stumps must be drawn as the church clock strikes seven,
There are five to go in and they want sixty more.*

*Up go three figures, 'tis getting exciting,
Loud are the shouts as there flies up a bail,
But High's chances now don't look so inviting
As Ross drives a twister clean over the rail.*

*But soon comes an end to that youth's exultation
For, wishing his previous exploit to surpass,
Quickly he finds, to his own consternation,
That somehow his wickets are all gone to grass.*

*Another man in, and the score rises quickly:
That's Miller, the hitter, who goes in for luck;
Whilst he's at the wicket runs come pretty thickly—
He never was known to be bowled for a duck.*

*Finlay's gone in, the most stolid of batters,
So lazy, they say, that he seldom will speak;
He doesn't make runs, but that little matters—
He never gets out though he plays for a week.*

*Last man's now in, they want five runs to beat us,
Bother that slip, he has "battered" a catch;
We shan't hear the last of it, if they defeat us.
No! "Leg before wicket!" We've won the great match!
Hurrah for our Captain! Hurrah, King, Hurrah!*

H.A.J. (1C).

VOLLEY BALL (1923).

Every year after the mid-winter vacation a volley ball competition is held in which all classes except 5th year compete.

Three prizes are offered, one for the 1st year, another for the 2nd year, and a 3rd for the 3rd and 4th years combined.

Great enthusiasm was displayed this year by most of the competitors, especially by 3B and 4A, who frequently remained at School after hours to obtain extra practice. In the 2nd year division 2A and 2B gained the same number of points, and in the play-off 2B proved the victors by 9 to 6. In the 1st year 1A obtained 1st position by scoring 70 points, a very creditable performance. The prize in the higher division went to 3D, who were unbeaten. This class is to be congratulated, for it defeated much older boys in the 4th year.

The following is the point score:—

4A	95	2A	83	play off 6
4B	87	2B	83	9
3A	86	2C	57	
3B	92	1A	70	
3C	83	1B	33	
3D	99	1C	62	

It is to be hoped that when the prizes (3 big cakes) are distributed on Speech Day, the winners will display as fine teamwork in disposing of them as they did in winning them.

THE TIDE.

Already the slippery rocks, covered with waving seaweed, had been submerged by the returning tide, and the rocks at the foot of the cliffs were again drenched by the light spray as each wave dashed itself into the shallows. Down below, between two huge rocks, could be seen the water, dark, yet calm, and undisturbed by the waves. On the sides of the rock, damp and cold, clung some shellfish, and a few motionless crabs, that seemed to be enjoying the draughty cave.

As the water came bubbling and gurgling through the entrance, and from beneath the rocks, covering the crabs with its swirling white current, it seemed that they would be washed away. But no, when the water had calmed and fallen once more as the wave receded, they still remained, cracking and frothing as they moved a few feet and then became still again. What a lazy life they seemed to lead down there in the wet, re-echoing hollows of the cave; and how they appeared to thoroughly enjoy each wave as it rose covering them, and fell, leaving them dripping!

Once when the water fell lower than usual and became clearer, a few fish were seen to flash from one hiding place to another; and then, outside, there came the rushing of a mighty wave. For a moment the water was disturbed; then there was a terrific crash at the opening of the rocks. The daylight was shut out, and the cave became filled to the top with white foam, furious and wild, which dashed upwards with a roar, fell back, and swirled away leaving, as before, the dripping sides and the shellfish. But when the cave was clear once more, the crabs were gone, gone because they knew that now the tide was up and their play time was at an end.

C.C., V.A.

1923 PRIZE LIST.

The medals won at the Athletic Meeting and Swimming Carnival will be distributed on Speech Day. The winners of the John Waterhouse Prize and the Old Boys' Prize, will not be announced till that day.

The Senior Athletic Cup, has been awarded to R. Swinburn. At the Athletic Meeting, W. Mahoney, R. Swinburn and F. Weatherstone tied for first place, but the Union Committee thought that Swinburn's performances were most meritorious and awarded him the Cup, presented to the School by the Sydney Girls' High School Union. The following is the list of prize winners:—

John Skyring Cross Memorial Prize.—S. C. King (awarded for sportsmanship, and presented by Mrs. Cross).

Athletic Cup Winners.—Senior, R. Swinburn; Junior, K. Robinson; Junior Cadet, N. Hall.

Swimming Cup Winners.—Senior, E. Henry; Junior, B. Newman; Junior Cadet, R. Matthews.

Silver Medallions (awarded to winners of championship events).—(1) *Athletics*, W. Mahoney, F. Weatherstone, C. Cramp, R. Farrell, C. Boyd, G. Nicholas, A. Randall, F. J. Collings, R. Pope; (2) *Swimming*, V. Green, A. Underhill, K. Martin, G. Nicholas, M. Steele, J. Coleman, F. McCure, C. Morton, F. Griffiths.

Bronze Medallions (awarded to winners of handicap events).—(1) *Athletics*, J. Couldwell, B. McMillan, E. Pilkington, P. Street, P. Davis, H. Corbin, C. Grout-Smith, A. Henry; (2) *Swimming*, F. J. Collings, J. Maloney, E. Roberts, B. McMillan, W. Bower.

Trophies for winners of Novelty events.—E. Dandie, J. Churchward, C. Taylor, F. McCure, N. Cunningham, H. Doran, W. Thomson, C. Hoffman, R. Brown.

“THE PROPER STUDY OF MANKIND IS MAN.”

*A Poet sang of the hearts of men,
And touched their inmost core;
He sang as few will sing again,
As none had sung before—
Simple and sweet the songs he sang,
But now he sings no more.*

*His songs he sang with simple themes,
But with a poet's skill,
Of love, of nature, and of dreams
Of all the world's goodwill.
His thoughts soared high to far-off realms,
But now his tongue is still.*

*Of free and independent mind,
The love of worth he spread.
His purpose was the world to bind
With bonds of silken thread,
To peace and love of all mankind.
Alas! that he is dead!*

RALUS, IV.A.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We wish to congratulate King on his inclusion in the G.P.S. cricket team against the University, and also on his fine performance in that match.

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Our congratulations are due, also, to Simpson and Sachs, for their excellent work in French. A copy of the French Consul's letter will be found on another page.

The class picnic seems to be a very popular institution. It is a pleasant way of concluding the year's work, and brings teachers and boys into a better understanding of one another.

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The John Skyring Cross Memorial Prize has been awarded to S. King. An appreciation of his record in sport will be found in another column.

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The prize for the most original costume at the Vagabond's Revue was awarded to Robb, IV.A ("The wall" in a Midsummer Night's Dream), and Allison, III.A ("Sir Toby Belch" in Twelfth Night).

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Congratulations also to Mr. Cleary, an Old Boy of this School, on his appointment to the responsible position of general manager of Tooth and Company.

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Ray Kershaw, an Old Boy of the School, and a Rhodes Scholar, has recently gained the degree of Bachelor of Letters, at Oxford.

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We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Lawrence, an Old Boy, who was a highly respected officer in the service of Tooth and Company.

HENCE, LOATHED MELANCHOLY!

*Let him who will be melancholy
Mournfully say:
"The world's best time has passed away,
This age is full of folly;
The great and glorious age has gone
For aye;
The sun shall rise upon
Another day
When men shall live, as happy as of yore
No More."*

*But if we're sad, what good to show it?
If it is true
The best is past, what good will't do
To anyone to know it?
Try to forget whatever's sad
And blue,
And make this age most glad
Of all, for you;
All joy and gladness to the present give,
And live.*

L. B., V.A.

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COPY OF FRENCH CONSUL'S LETTER.

Consulat Général
De France
En Australie.

République Française,

Sydney le 6 novembre, 1923.

Dear Sir,—I wish to congratulate you on the excellent contributions of your pupils in the French Essay Competition. The following are the marks awarded to your two boys:—

W. H. Simpson, A; David Sachs, C.

The prizes have been already presented to the winners, also a map of Europe which I am pleased to offer to the School.

It is my intention to make an excerpt of the best papers, quoting one sentence from one competitor and one sentence from another, and to send these extracts to the French papers. A translation may also be published in Australia.—Yours faithfully,

CAMPANA,
Consul General.

The Principal,
Sydney Boys' High School,
Ultimo.

CLASS NOTES.

5A.—The thought uppermost in our minds as we write these notes is that this year, for some of us, marks the last one of the five that we have spent here.

The Leaving Certificate is now over; within a few days we shall have our Speech Day. Five such days have we had, and now, some of us, will go out into the Greater School of Life. We shall always, however, carry the influences that have been made on us, the influences which will enable us to steer our courses.

But we must not dwell for ever on such pensive thoughts, so we shall leave "loathed melancholy" and hie to the nymph of "jest and youthful jollity."

The School has been singularly deserted of late by the members of fifth year. No longer do the *original* Prefects stride to and fro, weighed down with the cares of office. No—

"Troy Town is covered up with weeds,

The rabbits and the pismires brood

On broken gold, and shards, and beads

Where Priam's ancient palace stood."

Why is this so? It has been rumoured that the majority of the members of fifth year are now keen students of the latest development of the drama, "the moving row of magic, shadow shapes." Such study must be rather illuminating after close perusal of Elizabethan dramatic art.

But notwithstanding such diversions, we have one thing, like the poor, forever with us. We have sown; what shall we reap? Alas! we know not. The result of the Leaving, like Damocles' sword, is hanging over our heads: we await its fall.

But the hair will continue to hold for some weeks yet, and so we can only hope that the sword will escape us when the hair gives way.

4A.—At present we are sorely troubled in mind as to whether to remain as 4th year till Xmas or whether to glorify 5th year with our presence, and uphold its prestige by our deeds.

For a very good reason we are loth to enter 5th year. For most of us it will be our last year at the School. At its conclusion we shall be no longer schoolboys. But, enough of this soliloquy: now to enlighten the world as to our doings.

Since the last issue, Mr. Brodie has with great success produced a concert in which members of our class were prominent. Shortly he hopes to renew his success with our help.

Lately our French lesson has been cheered by interesting French lectures which we trust, or fear, will continue indefinitely.

In reference to our tame lion, we wish to state that the rumour that Wirth's Circus has ensnared him, is untrue. It is well to note that we have on the Union Committee a member whose artistic sense is so developed that he will soon be awakening the School with his designs for football togs, etc.

We notice to our sincere joy that at last the School is being renovated (?), but when we think of it, it reminds us of our old age: it seems so long since it has been done. For our part, we would rather the Government spend a little more and build us a new up-to-date school.

While on this topic, we must protest against the shocking lack of seating accommodation in the playground. Perhaps students are not expected to sit down for fear of wearing out their clothes. We may point out that in this case 'tis their boots that suffer.

And now that we have finished our budget, we shall once more retire into seclusion, for as Mr. Micawber once observed, there will be in front of us next year a land in which we must prove our abilities. A pleasant holiday to all.

4B.—The yearly examination is over, but with it comes not the usual relaxation. Teachers have painted a vivid picture of certain failure, if we do not keep our noses to the grindstone, between this and the holidays. However, now that the glamour of being the senior class in the School is wearing off, we can again look at that terrible nightmare looming at the end of next year, as a thing of the distant future, something inevitable, and, therefore, because of its certainty, something to ignore for the present.

"Put," "Dad," and "J—" are still holding their own in the little Wednesday afternoon escapades, which for some are sources of amusement and envy on the following morning.

A class picnic is seriously contemplated before we separate on the 13th. If this comes off there can be no doubt as to its success with such bright sparks as the "Old Percator" and his "front seat clobber," eager to be active members.

There is no getting away from the fact that we miss the daily siestas, so closely associated with "Old Abe."

The results of the French paper in the yearly prove that "Jonah" has not caught une baleine in that subject yet.

Well, as the writer of these notes has only half a dozen or so free periods a week now, he finds it impossible to expend any more time on them.

2A.—Once more news from the premier 2A class adorns the pages of the *Record*. We are now settling down, after the strenuous exertions of the annual examination, to "fag" for the dreaded "Inter.," which will take place at the end of next year. Most of us scraped through the yearly fairly successfully.

Concerning sporting matters, we are fairly "tip top." In cricket, we have several grade representatives. We have a class cricket match every Wednesday, and a good number of us have a weekly bath.

On Friday, 23rd November, we had our annual class picnic. It was held at Woronora River. We took Mr. George with us. It was very hot, and swimming was the chief feature of the day. Most of us caught the 7.11 p.m. train to Sydney, from Sutherland, but a few stragglers were unlucky enough to miss that train, and were obliged to wait till 8.12 p.m. One of those stragglers was unlucky enough to lose his boots, and he returned home barefooted—a funny spectacle to be sure. But we are glad to hear that the boots were returned to him on Monday by the one who found them on Friday.

This is about all we have to say, so we shall bid "au revoir" to everybody by wishing them a "Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

2B.—Well, once again 2B appears in the *Record*. Our joys are at last at an end, and we must face the grim future. We were reminded of this quite recently. Our boys had suddenly acquired great industry: indeed, one morning we had occasion to remark, "How doth each little busy boy improve the shining floor," with candles, etc. But, alas! it was not to be; we were informed that if any boy utilised the skating rink, the whole class would be charged an amusement tax of one hour.

Our class is becoming noted for its archaeologists, financiers, etc.

We have been subjected to considerable surprises lately—one being that we have acquired one of the best rooms in the School for our good behaviour in the past—ahem!

Our class Prefects are dwindling away as the time passes. The present one cannot be seen or heard without upsetting the desks and using a dictaphone.

Our class cricketers are not much in their sphere, but are proving excellent pugilists—especially the Scotch section.

We have excellent hopes to present some fine footballers next year, even better than the notable members of last year.

2B observes that the School is being renovated. Strange to say, this news strikes us sadly, as we had at least faint hopes of a new school in a new locality.

We wish to express our sorrow for recent and future losses from our class.

Who is this grey-habited personage with the jovial face, who as soon as he enters a class higher than first year arouses clapping and shouting? How we would welcome his return to the School!

After a pleasant relaxation, the "Spirit of the dear old School" again begins to float across the passage from room 11 into our room, as well as songs that bind the Empire with Barcarolle, etc.

2B is very sad to hear that it is the worst English class in the School, but perhaps 4B and 2C are also the worst.

2B has been meddling in classics, for the Tarquins are now known in 2B as the Humorists.

Well, we take this opportunity of extending a hearty farewell to the School, and perhaps a less hearty one to our schoolfellows.

2C.—Once again we are called upon to give our class report to the *Record*.

We regret we shall lose several of our classmates at the end of the year; with the loss of these we will make another small third year class.

We have only two grades in cricket, and as most of us prefer swimming, we cannot very well organise a class cricket team. The majority of our boys attend life-saving classes, hoping to gain their certificates or medallions.

However we met with success on the football field, and won the class competition. Three members of the class are in the School orchestra, and we are well represented in the choir.

We have considerably helped the School rowing club by taking part in Mr. Brodie's concert which was held at St. James' Hall on October 9th. At the Lady Davidson Home for T.B. Soldiers at Turramurra, we are also helping in an entertainment to be held on December 5th.

Our class picnic was held at Kuring-gai, where we spent an enjoyable day with Mr. Brodie.

1A.—This is absolutely the final appearance on the High School stage of the celebrated 1A of 1923.



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Back Row (left to right): Mr. GIBBES, WEATHERSTONE, ROBINSON, SACHS, ARMSTRONG, STAFFORD, MAINWARING.

Second Row: NEWTON, MORTIMER, KING, JAMES, LLAWELLYN, SWINBURN.

In front: CHURCHWARD.



OLD BOYS.

*Back Row (left to right) : BAIN, MCREDIE, NEATE,
HAUSTON, MORRIS, BURT.*

*Front Row : WILLMOTT, STENING, HARVEY, STAYNER,
NEWTON.*



MORTIMER and KING.

Although we do not wish to throw bouquets at ourselves, we can assure our fellow-scholars that 2A of 1924 will be the prize class of the Lower School.

We are reliably informed that several second year boys have requested permission to join the coming 2A, as the honour of associating with this galaxy of brains, brawn and beauty, counts to them more than the glory of promotion to a higher class.

All the members of the class with any "esprit de corps" attended the class picnic, held on the 28th November, at National Park. We had a glorious time. There was plenty of tuck, though we did not eat the "crabs" that some of the would-be rowers caught. On the following day there was a first-class display of blistered palms. We hope that Mr. Gibbes, our chaperone, enjoyed himself as well as we did. Several of us were willing to relieve him of his strenuous position; but, unlike Barkis, he was not "willin'."

In bidding farewell to first year, we thrust upon the *Record* the task of conveying the greetings of the season, and the hope that everybody will have a good time during the holidays.

1B.—Hullo, fellows! Here we are again, determined to make good use of our small space in the *Record*.

Although feeling nervous because of our reports, we feel happy owing to the closeness of the holidays, having just got over our class picnic.

The picnic was a great success, the day being spent on the sunlit lakes of Narrabeen. The party met at the Manly Wharf, Circular Quay, and generally made themselves a nuisance by squabbling over the possession of seats on boat and tram.

On arriving at Narrabeen, boats were procured and the small flotilla proceeded up the lake to Deep Creek, in the vicinity of which the day was spent in swimming, fishing, rowing and rambling.

In the recent yearly examinations several of our boys acquitted themselves very favourably, Allison topping the list in most subjects.

This year we did not shine so much in class cricket, as many of our leading players, including Randall, Humphreys and Charlton played Grade.

1B is now well represented at Wednesday afternoon swimming.

As we write, the thought runs through our minds that this is the last time we shall write class notes for 1B, and although we are afraid of encroaching too much on the *Record's* valuable space, we must finish with wishing all the teachers and pupils of good old S.H.S. a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

1C.—Christmas is drawing near, and we are approaching the completion of our first year at Sydney High School.

The yearly examination is now over, but still we wait with a slightly nervous feeling for the reports, which some of us wish did not exist. Yet we always look on the bright side of this anxious time of waiting.

We have several very brilliant scholars in our class. Crawford, whom we expect to come top with his present average of 91 per cent., has been an excellent scholar throughout the year.

We had very little luck in the School sports this year, though we were not out of it. P. Street won the mile walk at an easy gait, and Kelly, although he came second in the junior high jump, jumped in a grand style. We expect to do much better next year.

Our cricket team has also greatly improved. Hepper (capt.), and Huxtable, are excellent batsmen and bowlers.

Thus we are about to end our first year. We hope that all will enjoy themselves during the Christmas vacation.

A CONSPIRACY.

(C.C., V.A.)

It was quite a warm day, and the bush was filled with the busy humming of the insects as they went about their daily task.

Two youngsters were trudging along the road. They were both dressed in shirt and trousers, with old brown hats on their heads. They marched on with their hands in their pockets, their beaming faces showing how happy they were, while they fixed their eyes with fascination on the thick clouds of red dust they were raising with their dirty bare feet.

They had both been sick that morning long enough to escape school, and had begged their mothers to allow them to get out into the fresh air. Both agreed that there was nothing like freedom for their sickness; still, they marched on without seeming to have any particular destination.

Suddenly they stopped. The road had narrowed down to a track, and the bush all around was cool and inviting. For a while they sat on a nearby rock as though they had gone far enough. There was a sound of footsteps, and they both assumed innocent expressions, and became interested in an imaginary bird above them. The stranger passed, merely glancing at them, and disappeared. The boys watched him without seeming to look at him as only little boys can do, and then slipped off the rock and crept after him. Some few seconds later they returned after assuring themselves that he was not watching them. Then they glanced mysteriously round as a final precaution, and then, from underneath a thick bush drew out two stout canes, some fishing line and bent pins. At last, after producing from beneath a rock a tin of worms, they disappeared like two Indians through the bushes in the direction of the creek.

LIFE-SAVING CLASSES.

The annual life-saving classes are in full swing. Mr. Cropley has charge of the Bronze Medallion squad of twenty-four, and Mr. Killip has about the same number practising for the Proficiency Certificate. Candidates for the Silver Medallion are more numerous than usual, and find the work demands fit condition and much practice. The examination is a difficult one. Six tests are prescribed; candidates must swim 600 yards, fully clothed, except for boots and coat, in 18 minutes, using breast, back and over-arm strokes alternately, each 200 yards; they then undress in the water and perform various diving and plunging evolutions. The following boys have been practising assiduously:—S. Boulton, A. Letts, G. Nicholas, A. Pollard, G. Windred and F. Wyndham.

The examination takes place as we go to press. The successful candidates will receive their medallions and certificates on Speech Day.

“DRAMATIC ENDS.”

“Hullo, is that the editor?” demanded a girlish voice over the ‘phone.

The busy Editor of a city paper answered that it was he.

“Well,” said the voice, “you have me positively bothered about the expression ‘Dramatic Ends.’ The other day you had in your paper a heading—

“Dramatic End of a Dog.”

“You went on to say that a poor dog had been run over by a motor hog. But, really, I have examined every dog that I can find, and I’m blessed if I can see which is his dramatic end. Dear me, I wish you would enlighten me! I suppose the dramatic end of a horse at Randwick is his head; for if he succeeds in pushing that past the post first—well, he’s won. But—Hullo! Hullo!——” But the much-troubled editor had hung up his receiver.

L. J. PARTRIDGE, V.B.

CRICKET.

Writing a review of the cricket season is a much more pleasant task than anyone could have imagined last April.

In March our team was not only soundly trounced in the four competition matches played; but, with the exception of a couple of men, the form was well below the standard of the other schools in every department of the game.

Much to our surprise and satisfaction, two of the last three competition matches were won, and, although we suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of ‘Shore, the form shown by our team was good.

Judged on their play during the last half of the season, the team is the best that has represented the School during the last five years. In batting the improvement has been most marked. At the present time we have six good batsmen and at least one other capable of getting runs.

The fielding could be considerably improved—several of the men being distinctly slow, and one or two weak in catching.

While we are fortunate in possessing one really fine bowler, he has had far too little support. The others have done their best, but they are distinctly of the small change variety.

It was most unfortunate that Stafford was only able to play in one competition match, for not only would his bowling have been invaluable, but as a batsman and a fieldsman he has no superior in the School.

The youth of the team which was our misfortune in the early half of the season, should be our gain next year, as nine of the present men should still be with us.

The selection of King and Mortimer in the combined Schools 1st and 2nd XI's respectively, was not only deserved on form, but justified by results.

Our thanks are due to both King's and Shore for giving our lower teams games. The team which played Shore had a win, but the two that went to King's received good beatings and doubtless much valuable experience.

At the time of writing the Premiership is still undecided, King's and Shore having to play a final. We have no wish to enter the ranks of the Prophets, and shall content ourselves with saying that whichever team wins, the Premiership will be in worthy hands.

S.H.S. v. S.I.C.

High School won the toss and decided to take advantage of a good wicket. Swinburn and Mortimer opened the batting, but the latter was clean bowled in the first over. However, Swinburn and King carried the score to 62 before the partnership was broken. The century was reached after 55 minutes at the crease. The batsmen who followed on, continued to gather runs, Llewellyn top-scoring with a neatly compiled 43. The innings closed for a total of 208 runs.

Ignatius opened badly and a rot set in. V. McAlary, however, playing a correct game, quickly added 40 runs. The remaining batsmen failed to make a further stand, and the innings closed for 90 runs.

High commenced their second "knock" and closed when the score stood at 1-127. Mortimer redeemed himself by a good display for 36 not out.

At six o'clock, Ignatius were 2 wickets down for 78. Scores:—S.H.S., 1st Innings, 208. Mortimer, b M. McAlary, 0; Swinburn,

b Westfield, 25; King, b Duff, 37; Newton, b M. McAlray, 18; Armstrong, c Clift, b M. McAlray, 36; Llewellyn, b Westfield, 42; James, b Westfield, 0; Minns, run out, 5; Sachs, b Duff, 0; Robinson, c V. McAlray, b Westfield, 14; Mainwaring, not out, 14; Sundries 16. Bowling: M. McAlray 3-44, Duff 2-51, V. McAlray 0-19, Westfield 4-54; Alexander, 0-24.

2nd. Innings, 1-127 (innings closed). Swinburn, b Duff, 30; Mortimer, not out, 36; King, not out, 28; Sundries 33. Bowling: M. McAlray 0-19, Westfield 0-14, Duff 1-29, Alexander 0-22.

S.I.C. first innings, 90. Duff, lbw, b King, 8; Conrick, b Mortimer, 3; Quilter, c Llewellyn, b Mortimer, 0; Walsh, c and b King, 4; Westfield, b King, 0; M. McAlray, c Swinburn b King, 12; Lipscomb, b Mortimer, 0; Alexander, c Llewellyn b Mortimer, 0; V. McAlray, c Minns, b Robinson, 40; Davis, c Minns b King, 12; Clift, not out, 1; Sundries 12. Bowling: King 5-29, Mortimer 4-44, Robinson 1-7.

Second Innings, 2-78. Duff, c Llewellyn, b Robinson, 12; Walsh, b Llewellyn, 30; Conrick, not out, 29; M. McAlray, not out, 2; Sundries, 3.

S.H.S. won on the first innings by 118 runs.

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

With the success of the previous week as an incentive, School were eager for the match with Grammar.

King again winning the toss, elected to bat. Swinburn and Mortimer laid a healthy foundation for a good score, by batting well for 31 and 40 respectively. King commenced somewhat shakily, but getting into his stride, added a handy 42, which included eight "fours." After Armstrong went, wickets fell cheaply, and it looked as if the innings would close for less than 200. Then Mainwaring became associated with James, who was watching his wicket carefully. The partnership yielded 34, Mainwaring compiling a useful 21. The innings closed for 231 runs.

Grammar opened disastrously; Davidson was clean bowled by King in the first over, and Ross was out to Mortimer for 7. Leslie looked like getting runs, until he put his leg in front of his wicket, and was given out lbw. Douglas and Hull then carried the score along to 119 for the loss of 5 wickets. Then followed a keen struggle between School's bowlers and the remaining batsmen. Miller was making an excellent stand, but, with 21 runs short, the innings came to an end.

Scores:—S.H.S., 1st Innings: Swinburn, b Hull, 31; Mortimer, b Anderson, 40; King, b Douglas, 42; Newton, b Miller, 22; Armstrong, b Wilson, 26; Llewellyn, st. Ross, b Anderson, 8; Minns, c Fowler, b Wilson, 6; James, not out, 7; Mainwaring, c and b Hull, 21; Sachs, c Davidson, b Hull, 0; Sundries, 28. Total, 231. Bowling: Chapman 0-24, Cox 0-34, Anderson 2-25, Hull 3-39, Douglas 1-19, Miller 1-25, Wilson 3-7.

Grammar, 1st Innings: Ross, c Swinburn, b Mortimer, 7; Davidson, b King, 0; Leslie, lbw b King, 25; Cox, b King, 1; Douglas, b King, 46; Hull, b King, 50; Miller, not out, 37; Fowler, lb.w., b Mortimer, 0; Chapman b King, 0; Anderson, c and b Robinson, 20; Wilson, lbw., b King, 0; Sundries 23. Total 210. Bowling: King 7-47, Mortimer 2-64, Newton 0-27, Minns 0-6, Robinson 1-43.

S.H.S. won by 21 runs.

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

This was the last round of the season, and this match had a strong bearing on the result of the G.P.S. competition. If High School should win, King's would be the premiers for 1923. Provided Shore won, a final would be necessary.

Shore won the toss and batted first. School's hopes were bright when King bowled Goddard in his first over. However, when Byers joined Salmon at the wickets, a partnership was commenced that was to last over the dinner hour, Salmon giving a wonderful display for 223, and Byers helping with 132. Both batsmen were missed early, at 37 and 13 respectively, but despite these blemishes, the exhibition must have been one of the best ever witnessed in G.P.S. cricket.

Once the partnership was broken, wickets fell cheaply, and the innings closed for the total of 453.

School faced with such a large total, and fatigued by a hard day's fielding, started to bat on a wicket none the better for use. Swinburn was out first ball, and outside of Mortimer and Armstrong, no other member of the team got over 20 runs. The total score reached 139.

Scores:—S.E.C.G.S.: Salmon, b Robinson, 223; Goddard, b King, 0; Hynes, run out, 18; Byers b Llewellyn, 132, Hattersly, lbw., b Robinson 15; Tyrell, lbw, b Llewellyn, 6; Ralston, b Swinburn, 15; McKellar, run out, 16; Smith, not out, 6; Joule, b King, 3; Merrett, b Swinburn, 1; Sundries 18. Total 453. Bowling: King 2-128, Mortimer 0-133, Robinson 2-46, Swinburn 2-37, Llewellyn 2-70, Newton 0-21.

S.H.S. 1st Innings: Swinburn, lbw b Smith, 0; Mortimer, run out, 33; King, b Merret, 16; Newton, lbw, b Byers, 11; Llewellyn, b Smith, 13; Armstrong, c McKellar, b Merrett, 32; Minns, not out, 9; James, b Salmon, 8; Robinson, b Byers, 3; Sachs, c Salmon, b Byers, 8; Churchward, c Salmon, b Byers, 0; Sundries 6. Total 139.

Won by Shore by 314 runs.

S.H.S. PRESENT XI. v. OLD BOYS.

The annual match between the School team and an Old Boys' XI., was played at Wentworth Oval on Friday afternoon, the 23rd

November. Old Boys were fielding a fairly formidable side, including notabilities of former days like Ken. McCredie, Selby Burt, Arch Harvey, R. Bain, A. Newton.

School batted first, Mortimer and Swinburn opening against the bowling of McCredie and Burt. Mortimer was early clean-bowled by a slow one from Burt. Swinburn was going along nicely, until an appeal for lbw sent him pavilionwards. For a while it appeared as if King and Stafford would stem "Past's" success. However, King no sooner reached double figures than he was clean-bowled by McCredie. The remaining batsmen proved an utter failure, only succeeding in raising 10 runs between them. The innings closed for 55.

The Old Boys opened with Bain and Newton, the latter top-scoring with 48. McCredie came in next, but failed to get going. Burt hit a merry 24, and Harvey, by careful batting, added 43.

Stenning ran to 36 before Stafford disturbed his bails, while Wilmot added a useful 19.

The innings closed for a total of 232. School started a second innings, 5 wickets falling for a total of 80 runs, before the billy started to boil. So the game was abandoned for tea, Old Boys running out winners by 177.

Scores:—Present, 1st Innings: Swinburn, lbw b Burt, 12; Mortimer, b Burt, 0; King, b McCredie, 10; Stafford, c Bain, b Burt, 15; Newton, c Burt, b McCredie, 1; Armstrong, c Burt, b McCredie, 1; Llewelyn, b Burt, 0; James, b Burt, 2; Minns, run out, 2; Robinson, b McCredie, 3; Sachs, not out, 1; Sundries 8. Total 55. Bowling: McCredie 4-23, Burt 5-24.

Old Boys, 1st Innings: Bain, c Minns, b King, 12; Newton, c Llewelyn, b Mortimer, 48; McCredie, c Minns, b King, 4; Burt, b Mortimer, 24; Harvey, b Stafford, 43; Stenning, b Stafford, 36; Morris, b King, 0; Wilmot, b Swinburn, 19; Stayner, b Stafford, 0; Houston, not out, 6; Neate, b Swinburn, 1; Sundries 40. Bowling: King 3-79, Stafford 3-41, Mortimer 2-34, Newton 0-21, Robinson 0-10, Swinburn 2-5.

BATTING AVERAGES In G.P.S. Competition Matches.

	I.	N.O.	H.S.	Ag.	Av.
King	10	1	43	262	29.1
Mortimer	10	1	51	200	22.2
Armstrong	7	—	36	140	20

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	R.	Wkts.	O.	M.O.	per wkt.
King	483	32	122	12	14.7
Robinson	133	5	20	2	26.6
Mortimer	293	9	71	7	32.5

INTER-HIGH SCHOOL MATCHES.**S.H.S. v. P.H.S.**

In this match, School, for the first time, gave a glimpse of the improved form later exhibited in G.P.S. matches. However, it was only a glimpse, for after leading on the first innings by 13 runs, the team made a poor effort to catch Parramatta's second total.

Scores: Parramatta, 1st Innings, 67 (Mortimer 20). Bowling: King 5-20, Stafford 5-37. 2nd Innings, 161 (McKean 36, Mortimer 27). Bowling: Robinson 4-26.

S.H.S., 1st Innings, 80 (King 23). Bowling: Benaud 4-24. 2nd Innings, 45 (Mortimer 18). Bowling, Benaud, 7-26.

2nd GRADE.**Results—**

S.H.S. v. Randwick—lost.

S.H.S. v. Fort Street—lost.

S.H.S. v. Mosman—lost.

3rd GRADE.

S.H.S. (84) v. Kogarah (161).

ATHLETICS.

The statement appearing in the last issue of the *Record* that "Although the School Union made a grant of £20 in 1920 to obtain the necessary material, advantage was not taken of its openhandedness," has since been pointed out to the Editor as incorrect. The proposal submitted to the Union was that the hurdles should be purchased out of the net surplus (some £20 odd) results from our Athletic Carnival. But after much discussion, it was unanimously decided to devote this surplus to wiping off the deficiency appearing in the Union books, on condition that the hurdles should be purchased as soon as funds were available.

A TRIP THROUGH THE CANEFIELDS OF QUEENSLAND.

(M.G., 2B.)

During the mid-winter vacation, I visited Queensland with fifty (50) boys.

One Tuesday we were the guests of the Railway Commissioners, who had arranged for us to visit in a motor car, the canefields near Nambour.

The Mackeen motor train was boarded at Brunswick Street Station. It resembled a submarine on wheels—being of a torpedo shape, with windows in the form of port-holes. It whisked us along through the North Coast, through wonderful semi-tropical scenery, passing through the soldiers' settlements of pineapple and banana plantations, over the Glasshouse Mountains, on to Nambour.

On our arrival we were taken over the mills by the manager, after which we boarded a train used in the canefields—a little two foot gauge line, with small trucks and, in fact, a model railway.

We then passed through miles of canefields, the cane rising to the height of six feet on both sides. When the cane is cut, it is placed on the trucks and taken to the mills.

At length we arrived at Petrie Creek, where a launch awaited us. We then went several miles down the creek to the Manoochy River, cane being grown on both banks. After dinner, we boarded the launch again, and met the train at Nambour, whence we were whisked back to Brisbane after an enjoyable outing. In the canefields all the engines have a box or spark arrestor on the funnel to prevent the danger of fire in the canefields. On the return journey we were allowed to gather some cane, the result being forty-nine boys on the sick-list!

THE G.P.S. REGATTA.

Is the Sydney High School putting a crew in? Well done! Good luck! and why not! Not a possible reason we should not; we have the boys, the spirit, and the pluck; but, alas! not the ever needful "money." Anyway, that can be overcome. With the help of the Old Boys' Union voting a sum and two very successful concerts, "A Boat" has been ordered, and very excited we were over the news, each lad conjecturing, who'll be chosen, and so on. "The castles in the air" began to rise at once—then the news was broadcasted. Oh! the O.B. Union has arranged for the present, with the Glebe Rowing Club members to take two or more each Saturday afternoon out in their boats for a practice on Blackwattle Bay, where their shed has been for many years. Some three Saturday afternoons ago excitement ran high. Why, what is the matter? Oh! the Sydney High School lads are coming out in "The Pairs," and the "Singles" with us. "Gee, that's fine!" and by report they have not disgraced themselves by falling out or any other such crime. They listened intently to what was told them, when their coach said: "Now, put your feet in properly, or else there will be trouble." As a matter of fact, they fitted them into the allotted places without any damage to the boat. As an interested eye witness of the rehearsal from my home, I could see our boys flitting about on "the Pontoon." Then, in they got, away they went very gently, gliding over the water, the blades touching, too deep at first, but then, as they got out in the middle of the bay, more confidence was felt, and the Singles and Pairs disappeared round the corner towards Rozelle Bay. So the glorious event of being in the first trials of the Sydney High School has taken place without any pomp and show. Fancy the Sydney High School putting a rowing boat out in the G.P.S. Regatta. "Gee! I wish I were at school now!" Such regrets from many Old Boys are heard. So the 1923 boys have every reason to be proud. Let us hope for success and continued help for our youthful aspirants to rowing fame.

HISTORY.

*On some forgotten yesterday
A king is great, but thinks it good,
(And why, no man has understood),
To build new empires, so they say.*

*He wars—is vanquished, falls and dies—
To-day can see men labouring,
Their chronicles, who hope to bring
His ashes tribute of my sighs.*

*And this the thought that comes to me:
Had he not lived nor fought, should I
Gain other beauty in the sky?
Hear greater music from the sea?*

R.F.G.

OLD BOYS' PAGES.**THE SCHOOL SITE.**

For the past fifteen years, successive headmasters and Old Boys' Councils have attempted to urge on successive Governments the necessity for the building of a new school in healthier surroundings. Once or twice our hopes have been flattered—but to no effect; generally the record of such attempts is very discouraging.

On July 26th, the latest effort was made when an Old Boys' deputation (including Professor O. V. Vonwiller, Messrs. A. M. Edy, P. S. Hunt, C. A. Fairland and J. Leaver) met the Hon. W. A. Bruntnell, Minister for Education, and Mr. S. A. Smith, Under-Secretary, himself the brother of two of our most distinguished Old Boys. I had hoped that the deputation would include Dr. Earle Page, but he was detained in Melbourne.

The interview was reported at length in the *Herald* of July 27. Without going into unnecessary details, we can say that the deputation urged so fully and forcibly the claims of the School, that Mr. Bruntnell gave a most sympathetic hearing; but could make few promises. He said that the matter would be laid before the Cabinet, but held out no hope of its immediate satisfactory settlement. In the event of Cabinet's being unable to build a new school, however, he promised renovations to the present building.

There the matter stands.

THE ROWING CLUB.

No recent movement in connection with the School has appealed more to the imagination of Old Boys than that caused by the decision to inaugurate rowing as a school sport. We have felt for years that we owed it, in duty to the other Great Public Schools, to take part as fully as possible in the activities of the association. We have realised that while we boat no crews at the regatta, we fail to attain that end; but, in the past, it has been accepted as axiomatic that financial and practical difficulties were too great.

Now that the School has boldly faced those difficulties and, we hope, and believe, overcome them, the Old Boys must do their best to assist her. And probably it will be as well to say here, what has already been done.

In May, the School Union decided to enter a four for the G.P.S. regatta of 1924, and called on the Old Boys' for support. The Union enthusiastically agreed, and in July, held a smoke concert, at which something like £70 was raised by cash and promises. In August, an O.B.U. dance was held in aid of the fund; in September, a School dance; in October, a School concert; and in early November a concert, organised by the most

distinguished Old Boy musician, Lawrence Godfrey Smith. Now, it seems certain that there will be no financial difficulties to hinder the first year. Various senior clubs have offered their help, and, on the whole, the outlook is very bright.

We must, however, look to the future. At a conference with the School early in August, the Union attempted to do so. It considered the fact that we should be obliged to place an eight upon the river in two years' time, and unanimously decided that the proposition was not too large for our undertaking. It needs, however, the faithful financial support of all Old Boys, a support which we feel sure will be forthcoming.

PERSONAL.

H. S. Dettman took up duty as headmaster of the Grammar School early in September. In reply to a letter from the Old Boys' Union, congratulating him on his appointment, he had previously replied that no congratulations could give him greater pleasure than those coming from the body of men representing his old School.

A. J. A. Waldock, lecturer in English at the University, returned from a visit to England a short time ago. The trip combined the business of research work with pleasure of general touring.

R. J. Noble, research scholar in America under the Fuller Trust, has also returned to Sydney. We welcome him back as one who has done honour to himself and his School.

Old Boy office-bearers of the N.S.W. Classical Association are:—Vice-Presidents, Professor F. A. Todd and H. S. Dettman; Committeeman, E. T. Salmon. The President, Professor W. J. Woodhouse, is father of R.K.E., who left school at the end of 1915.

Roy Kershaw, the 1918 Rhodes Scholar, who goes a-lecturing in France now that his term at New College has ended, graduated B.Litt. at Oxford this year, according to the recently cabled report of the Rhodes' Trustees.

As everybody but himself thought certain, F. Lions was appointed Exhibition of 1851 Scholar by the London Commissioners on their receiving his nomination from our University. He left early in August, with his first destination Manchester, and the rest indefinite.

Grafton Elliott Smith reminds us of his continued existence with a book entitled "The Discovery of His Tomb," written in sufficiently popular vein for any one's desire—but still showing the scholarship that has placed him so high amongst Egyptologists.

Tom Crow, who died in June last, left the School in the nineties to enter the Public Service. At the time of his death he was considered likely to fill the next occurring vacancy amongst the Railway Commissioners, in whose employ he had reached the top rung of the ladder. As a young man he was a crack oarsman, represented New South Wales in the Interstate eights in 1903, and was subsequently twice picked to row.

New Zealand was not very long in repairing the loss caused by the return of H. S. Dettman to Sydney, as headmaster of the Grammar School. In early October Charles E. Weatherburn, Old Boy, ex-master, and one of the School's most brilliant products, was appointed Professor of Mathematics at Canterbury University College.

Next year's visitors to Europe will include the following:—Professor F. A. Todd, Professor Sir S. Henry Barraclough and F. A. Elgar. The ways of Professors are beyond understanding, but Elgar (who has already left), and whom the generation at School ten to twelve years ago will remember as a particularly dapper under-age runner, intends to go by Los Angeles and New York to France, there to repair the store of knowledge he has been dispensing as modern language master of Broken Hill High School.

SPORTING.

Alan Watt, despite his striking a bad patch just before and during the inter-Varsity match, had a good lawn tennis year at Oxford. Secretary to the University Club, he not only won his blue, but was picked to tour with the Oxford-Cambridge team that visited the United States. There the faster courts and nearer approximation to Australian conditions benefited his play, and he ranked No. 1 in the singles before the end of the visit. Probably his best performance was the taking of a set from Washburn.

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H. S. Carter, K. M. McCredie, A. Thatcher, G. Williams and A. Gray have been picked to practice for the N.S.W. XI. All, except Gray, are Old Boys, and "Paddy" has been coaching School teams for several years. With Thatcher, he was a member of the team that played Queensland. We were particularly glad to see Ken McCredie's success in this, his first year of first grade cricket. He did not come to the fore as soon as he left school, as had been expected, but in the past few months he has put up several fine bowling performances, notably 8 for 25 against the great Gordon team on a rain-damaged wicket.

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H. G. Kershaw had quite a successful record at the King's Prize meeting. Though he failed to secure any of the big individual events, he shot consistently throughout, and topped the aggregate for the whole meeting.

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In track athletics, Tommy McNamara, captain of Western Suburbs, has had bad luck. With Carr out of Australia, State and Dunn Shield sprint championships were well within his reach when the tonsillitis that had been troubling him for a couple of years assumed serious proportions, prevented his training for the State meeting, and sent him to hospital for an operation on the eve of the Dunn Shield heats. Our one consolation is that now he should be over the illness for good. It is probable that he will represent the State at Hobart next March; if so, we wish the best of luck to the man chiefly responsible for the splendid showing put up by this year's School athletic team. With McNamara out of the way, the only Old Boy to attain anything like running prominently is Frank King, one of the best all-rounders of the South Sydney club; second in his club's 440 yards hurdles and 880 yards flat championships, third in their broad jump; second to R. J. Honner, Australasian record holder, in his heat of the State's 440 yards hurdles championship and many other handicap successes.

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Football seems a dream of the past in these days of late November, but we cannot take leave of it without three observations: (a) R. C. Cooney and T. E. H. Pearce were picked to accompany the State team across to New Zealand; (b) Old Boys were to the fore with most of the district clubs; but, (c) the smallness of our representation in the G.P.S. Old Boys' Football Club, was disappointing, after the good showing of previous years.

AN ATTACK AND AN APOLOGY.

We are inclined to hope that the lack of support given to this column springs from forgetfulness, rather than from lack of interest. Nevertheless, it is hardly fair on its compiler to let him do all the work. We think that the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union is the only one who has helped him at all through the present year by supplying news of the doings of other Old Boys. Since it is naturally impossible for one man to cover all the ground, such news is always welcome. This is an old complaint, but we hope there will be no need for further re-iteration.

In this connection, by the way, the Old Boys' Editor owes an apology to his fellows for the non-appearance of the column in last issue. Illness was the explanation.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The School seems to have suffered a temporary eclipse at the 'Varsity in the last couple of years. Perhaps it is that the vast number of undergraduates now in residence, drawn from so many quarters, makes it difficult for any one school to gain more than a small representation in any activities. The fact remains that many Old Boys go up to the 'Varsity with the one and sole object of passing exams. Such spirit is gradually killing the social life of the place. In sport this year, for example, though we were well represented in many clubs, we had no first-grade footballers, oarsmen, shots or hockey players.

The Baseball Club, however, owed much to the School. K. Williams, R. V. Rickard, G. G. L. Stening, R. G. Bain, and J. Bassetti, travelled with the team which met Adelaide University in Australia's first inter-'Varsity baseball contests. Williams, Bassetti and Stening were picked for the combined Universities' team which lost very narrowly to New South Wales Interstate champions. Bain's batting was also a feature of the trip. C. L. Downward, who played with the XI. in club matches, was unable to make the journey.

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In cricket, we supply one member to each of the three teams. Jimmy Garner in the firsts is having a really splendid season. He started off with good bowling and batting performances against Sydney and now (Nov. 28th), he holds the following fine record: First in University bowling average; second to Charles Kelleway in the combined first grade bowling averages; scored a century against the premiers, Waverley, helping J. M. Taylor in a record third wicket partnership; represented combined first grade against combined juniors. Sid Webb represents us in the seconds, but is not having quite the success of last year in bowling, though his batting improved. He represented combined second grade against combined country; captained 'Varsity seconds against Combined Schools' seconds. Alan Newton has been batting and bowling very consistently with the thirds, and in inter-faculty games; played with the seconds against the Schools, and has now won promotion thereto for grade matches. George Stening had a couple of games with the thirds, but was right off.

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Goya Henry has been swimming very well this season, not only with the 'Varsity Club, but also in outside fixtures.

SPORT AT THE SCHOOL.

The Old Boys here extend their congratulations to the School on the performance of this year's football team, lost matches, notwithstanding. The team had something better than ability; it had pluck. While the School can field teams that will fight matches out to the last breath, though out-

weighted, outpaced, and outscored, Old Boys worry little about competition points.

This last term has been a very successful one. The junior athletic team performed very ably to go so near to the premiership, and those of us with an eye to performances, rather than placings, could see an all-round improvement in the senior team. Lastly, the cricket team takes rank with the greatest we have produced for many years. Its defeat of Grammar achieved one of our most dearly-cherished dreams.

UNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.			Cr.
OUTSTANDING EXPENSES.			£ s d
Record—October	23	0 0	Bank 141 5 4
„ December	27	0 0	Cash in hand 3 13 7
Prizes	40	0 0	Outstanding Advts. 17 7 0
Cricket	3	0 0	
Stationery	0	6 6	
Invitation Cards	1	0 0	
School Song, 500 copies . .	1	3 6	
Armidale Trip, refund . .	5	2 10	
	100	12 10	
Cr. Balance	61	13 1	
	£162	5 11	£162 5 11

ROWING CLUB STATEMENT.

	£ s d		£ s d
Dance	7 1 9	School Concert	22 10 3
Subscription to Glebe Club, 4 boys at £3/3/-	12 12 0	Donation, Mr. A. S. Roberts	0 10 0
Cheque Book	0 5 0		
	19 18 9		
Cr. Balance	3 1 6		
	£23 0 3		£23 0 3

ROWING FUND CONCERT.

BALANCE SHEET.

Expenses per list Mr. Brodie	10 7 3	Sale of Tickets and Booking	48 6 5
Hire of Piano	2 2 0	Sale of Programmes	3 16 0
Hire of Hall	4 10 0		
Printing of Tickets	1 10 0		
Printing of Programmes . .	3 0 0		
Costume Prize	1 1 0		
Gratuity to Hall-keeper . .	1 1 0		
Gratuity to Curtain-raiser .	1 1 0		
Gratuity to Electrician . .	0 12 6		
Entertainment Tax	3 16 11		
Printing Slip, G.S. Concert	0 10 6		
	29 12 2		
Credit Balance	22 10 3		
	£52 2 5		£52 2 5

Rowing Fund Dance Balance Sheet.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Catering and Hall, Sar-				Sale of Tickets	13	18	0
gents Ltd.	17	10	0	Debit Balance	7	1	9
Orchestra		2	0				
Printing	1	9	9				
	£20	19	9		£20	19	9

UNION ACTIVITIES.

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General	£20	6	9	
Record	51	3	9	
Football	52	17	1	
Cricket	81	0	0	
Tennis	11	7	9	
Baseball	6	17	6	
Library	10	0	0	
Debating Society	1	8	9	
Swimming				£14 6 8
Athletics				52 18 0
Tuck Shop				39 0 0
Orchestra	2	18	0	
Prizes, Cups, Medallions, etc.	£40	0	0	

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Owing to the pressure of the public examinations, and the consequent absence of so many of our boys, the literary contributions to this last issue of 1923 have not been so numerous. We must, however, thank those boys who have tried to fill the breach. The Class Notes are not written with such enthusiasm as of old. Indeed, some classes have not written their notes at all. This should not be, as *The Record* should be full of bright, interesting, humorous notes of the doings of every class.

"Tis only a Pansy Blossom," P.W.S. (I.C.): Sorry we cannot print your poem. The sentiment seems rather mature for a boy. But there is much promise in your attempt. Try again.

"The Wreck of the Speed," W.B. (I.B.): Your attempt is not up to standard in metre and expression. Don't be discouraged. Try again. Read as much poetry as you can, and try to understand what makes a poem good.

The Editor wishes to thank the Sports Master (Mr. Gittes), the Sub-Editor (H. E. Crabb), the Sports Editor (S. King), for their enthusiastic efforts to make the *Record* worthy of the School.

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