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EDITORIAL.

The writer of this article regrets to say that this will be the last occasion on which he will exercise the function of editing *The Record*. Though a laborious duty, it has been an extremely pleasant one, bringing him into intimate touch with the whole spirit of the School—its joys and its sorrows; its achievements and its disappointments; its hopes and its fears; its criticisms and its censures; its suggestions and, especially, its efforts in literary expression.

The School may feel justifiably proud of the results of the examinations for University Scholarships. Last year, indeed, we thought our cup of success was full to the brim, but this year it is running over. This success, however, was not achieved without effort; it was due to the capability and devotion to work of the

boys, and to the skill and enthusiasm of their teachers. May the rank and file of the School be inspired by the example of these distinguished boys to bestir themselves, so that they, too, may do more justice both to themselves and to the School!

To the discerning eye, there is disclosing itself something even more welcome than University successes. Throughout the School there are signs of a real intellectual awakening. We notice an interest in reading beyond the set books. We notice a spirit of enquiry reaching out towards some of those problems in History, Politics, Literature and Science, which are now appealing even to the youthful mind. In many cases we can detect a love of study for its own intrinsic interest. The Debating Society and the Radio Club are breathing the breath of reality over our academic theories and studies. Edmond Holmes entitled his well-known book, "What is, and what might be;" and when we think what might result from the spontaneity and interest mentioned above, were it but freed from the cramping and heavy hand of University examinations, and the consequent cram, there arises before our eyes a glorious vision of what, indeed, might be.

In the realm of sport there is much to please us. We cannot but admire the way in which our representatives stand up to their redoubtable opponents in the G.P.S. contests. Their sportsmanlike courage, often hopeless of victory, has won for them the praise of the public press. This is the true amateur spirit, the spirit of the "lover" of the game, as opposed to that professionalism with which the G.P. Schools, at any rate, should have nothing whatever to do.

But all is not perfect in our School. If it were, so much the worse for us. When we know that we are weak, then are we strong, said a great teacher in his paradoxical way; or, as Browning puts it:—

"All is silver-grey

Placid and perfect with my art: the worse!"

What, then, must we do? We must strive to increase that spirit of artistic refinement which should be the inseparable accompaniment of real education. This is not the place to grumble at our inadequate buildings and unsuitable environment. We have done that again and again. But the authorities have done what they could to make our sojourn here as bearable as possible. The rooms have been well-painted. The repairs to desks are not all we could desire. But our surroundings, on the whole, are pleasanter than they were. Could we not make our rooms more artistic than they are? Efforts have been made at various times by individual teachers to brighten the dismal vacuity of the walls by placing thereon some interesting picture, and by encouraging their pupils to do the same. If some vases were purchased and placed in safe and suitable places, they could be filled daily with flowers from the gardens in which most of us have such delight. Here would be a place for praiseworthy emulation. The class with the most artistic room might well be proud of its achievement.

Could one of the periods devoted to certain "useful" subjects be allotted to the formal teaching of some elementary principles of artistic criticism, and the exhibition of pictures, such as are illustrated in the "Outlines of Art" published lately?

Again, we should aim at taste and refinement in our speech. A Senior boy should not leave us merely with a scholarship to his name and a Leaving Certificate in his pocket. Together with his moral and intellectual acquirements, there should go certain graces of speech and manner. A man's speech bewrayeth him. We are no advocates for a pedantic, artificial utterance, but we are glad to see our Seniors gradually eliminating from their vocabulary, slang, careless expressions, ignorant solecisms, and developing in their stead accuracy of statement, pleasantness of tone, and some charm of diction.

In this aesthetic reform, music should play its part. How have we been delighted with the artistic skill of Zimmerman on the flute, and Ratner on the violin! It was an education to us

all. These musical re-unions should take place more frequently, because they make us better people. And there is a wealth of material for our choir in the old English songs.

Could this reform be effected, what a delightful place our School would be. Thoughtful courtesy would replace rough jostling and disorder; care for the School property would be the rule instead of destructiveness; artistic ornament would be noticeable in the class-rooms instead of untidiness; good taste and wit in conversation would oust mere flippancy.

In conclusion, we should ask ourselves what is the object of our work here in School. Is it a place where pupils may be merely coached for the Intermediate Examination, the Leaving Certificate, or the University Matriculation? The true teacher does not think so. School is a place of preparation for the future life in a wider sense. It is a place where intellectual interests should be developed; where habits of industry should be formed; where a love of reading should be encouraged; where a liberal social spirit should be aroused; where honourable principles should be formed. If this is done, the other ends will be attained also.

The true teacher knows that he is educating for citizenship, the wider life upon which the boy will soon enter. The French Revolution taught us much about the rights of man, and it is well to know and insist upon our rights; but it was left for a later teacher, Mazzini, to tell us of the "duties" of man. And thus the true object of education is to enable us to perform in the right spirit the duties of life. Under a true democracy we have every opportunity for living the good life. Henry Ford has told us lately in that wonderful book of his that the true axiom of industrial production is the idea of service—the good, useful article first, the profit afterwards, and of secondary consideration; and a Greater Teacher than Henry Ford said the same thing nearly two thousand years ago: that He came into the world, *non ministrari sed ministrare*—not to be ministered unto, but to minister unto others. If the School succeeds in sending out into the world many such ministers, its existence will not have been in vain, as an educational institution.

MR. H. W. MOFFITT, M.A., LL.B.

After several years' service as a very efficient and highly appreciated member of the English staff, Mr. Moffitt has left us to enter upon his career at the Bar.

The School will never forget the annual Shakespearian productions, which not only gave pleasure to large audiences of High School children and their parents, but which also had such a powerful educative influence on all those pupils who took part in the various scenes from year to year. The success of these entertainments was due to Mr. Moffitt's skill, tireless energy and kindly sympathy.

He was beloved by every class that he taught—senior and junior. In addition to his ability as a teacher, he had the great gift of humour which turned work into pleasure.

Mr. Moffitt has won, also, the esteem of every member of the staff. He brought sunshine into the common room. His cheery optimism banished gloom. He had an inexhaustible fund of anecdote. He invested Jiggai with immortal fame. And not only could he tell stories, he could illustrate them with rare skill as a pictorial artist. His eye missed no detail. We were never tired of his horses, his aborigines, and his bush schools.

The *Record*, also, wishes to utter its note of praise, for Mr. Moffitt was its Editor for several years. We shall not soon forget his sympathy with boys, his attention to his work, his genial companionship.

We wish him every success in his new profession.

 THE WAVE.

As I lay idly dreaming on the strand
 One day in warm bright summer's golden reign,
 Methought I saw upon the azure main
 A band of fairies dancing hand in hand.
 Here floats a silvery form toward the land;
 There, one a gown of gold did not disdain.
 Throwing their glittering gems aloft show plain
 These æry phantoms tripping o'er the sand.
 When lo! a sound of thunder—All are gone—
 The wave, the bliss, the sprites of my vain dream.
 Ah! ne'er again to me will they return!
 So, like to this, shall our short race be run:
 For all things that at first so bright do seem,
 Have end; and something hidden then we learn.

ESSAI, V.A.

THE GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REGATTA.

The Union has chartered the Sydney Ferries' steamer "Koo-koo-burra" for Saturday, 3rd May, to enable pupils of the School, Old Boys and friends, and all well-wishers of the School, to view the racing. As this is the School's initial attempt to win honours on the river, we hope all will rally to the support of the Rowing Club. Tickets cost half-a-crown each, and may be procured from the Secretary of the School Union, the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, or from the following Old Boys at the University:—G. Moroney, 5th Year Medicine; A. Newton, Engineering; G. Stening, Medicine; A. Pelham, Arts; S. Burt, Economics; N. Parbery, Agriculture.

J. H. KILLIP, Hon. Sec., S.H.S.U.

AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

A scene which was very beautiful, and will probably live for many years in my memory, presented itself to my eyes one afternoon at George's River.

On the shore grew great gum trees, intermingled with green foliage of many kinds. The red and grey trunks of the towering gums contrasted strikingly with the leaves of the trees and the bushes beyond.

The sky-line formed by the merging of Nature's green into Heaven's blue, was marred by the interfering limbs of stray forest giants. The sun was setting, shedding the last of that day's golden rays over the river whose surface reflected a glorious maze of green and purple shadow. Everything on the shore—the giant gums, the green bushes, the wattles, even the rocks of brown and grey hue which lay along the banks—all were reflected in the calm, cool water.

Every colour seemed to be there, in beautiful and harmonious contrast. This scene moved me wonderfully, and I felt, in some measure, the meaning of Wordsworth's love of Nature.

1st Year.



BACK Row (from left)—H. Turkington, D. Sachs, A. Henry, C. Cramp, R. Swinburn, N. Cunningham,
N. Mainwaring.
MIDDLE Row—R. Farrell, F. Weatherston, H. Johnston, A. Woodlands, E. Pilkington, B. Lenehan, J. Pollard
FRONT Row—A. Saunders, C. Willcox, V. Stafford, Sid. King (Captain of the School), J. Nicholas, H.
Caterson, A. Lee Chun, The Headmaster.

SPEECH DAY.

This annual function, so eagerly looked forward to by all interested in the School, took place on the 13th December last. The whole School was assembled in the Main Hall, and a large number of parents and friends of the pupils was also present, filling the room to its utmost capacity.

The Headmaster presided, and with him on the platform were Mr. H. D. McLelland, B.A., Chief Inspector of Schools, and the Rev. Canon Charlton, of St. Andrew's Cathedral. The report of the scholastic activities of the School for the year, read by the Headmaster, showed that the total enrolment of pupils for the year was 431. The results of the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate Examinations were referred to as being of a highly satisfactory nature. In the examination for Matriculation Honours, the distinctions won by A. Pelham were two general proficiency medals. He tied with another for the Cooper Scholarship for Classics, and gained first-class honours in English, Greek and Latin. Ian Henning's performances were also very meritorious. He won, for the first time in the history of the School, the Lithgow Scholarship for French and German. In all, our candidates gained 22 honour passes in the L.C. Examination. Reference was also made to the many distinctions gained by "Old Boys" of the School in University Examinations throughout the year. The Debating Society, *The Record*, the School Library, and the Glee Club likewise received due notice. One of the most interesting items on the programme was the presentation, by the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Vick, of the Old Boys' Prize, and the John Waterhouse Prize, the former falling to R. Swinburn and the latter to E. Henry. Mrs. Cross, after a short and very touching address, presented the prize, donated by herself, in memory of her son—John Skyring Cross—an Old Boy of the School, who was killed at the war, the prize being awarded to S. King.

The financial position of the School Union was made clear in a very satisfactory report by the Secretary, Mr. Killip. The report showed a good balance on the right side of the ledger. The varying fortunes that had attended our efforts in different branches of sport throughout the year, were explained by the Sports Master, Mr. Gibbes.

Short and appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. McLelland and Canon Charlton, and the proceedings were further diversified by selections on the piano by Ralph Farrell, on the violin by Louis Ratner, and a few songs by the Glee Club, with the accompaniment of the School orchestra under the baton of Mr. Brodie.

LEAVING CERTIFICATES AND UNIVERSITY

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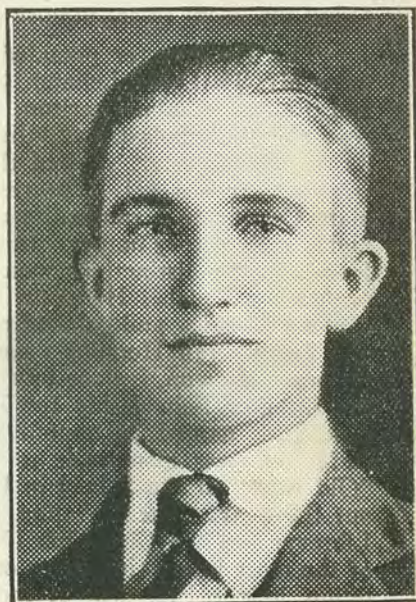
Cooper Scholarship No. 2, for Classics.—P. B. Alcock.
 Lithgow Scholarship No. 1, for French and German.—W. H. Simpson.
 Barker Scholarship No. 2 and Horner Exhibition, for Mathematics.—
 J. W. Harrod equal with J. C. Jaeger (S.C.E.G.S.).



PHILIP B. ALCOCK,

Winner of Cooper Scholarship No. 1, for
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W. H. SIMPSON,

Winner of Lithgow Scholarship No. 1, for
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HONOURS LIST (Leaving Certificate).

English.—Class I.: R. M. Crawford.
 History.—Class II.: R. M. Crawford.
 Latin.—Class I.: P. B. Alcock.
 Class II.: (Alphabetical), R. M. Crawford, B. Denning, H. Maguire,
 W. H. Simpson.
 Department of Education Scholarship for General Proficiency.—Ben.
 Denning.
 Greek.—Class I.: Ben Denning, P. B. Alcock. Class II.: P. A. Shields.
 French.—Class I.: W. H. Simpson. Class II.: P. B. Alcock.
 German.—Class I.: W. H. Simpson.
 Mathematics.—Class I.: J. W. Harrod, J. W. Woodfield.
 Chemistry.—Class I.: C. S. Boyd.
 Physics.—Class I.: J. W. Harrod, J. W. Woodfield.

(The places gained by the first-class honours boys are indicated in
 another column.)

BURSARIES.

P. B. Alcock, J. W. Harrod (second in State), J. W. Woodfield.

EXHIBITIONS.

P. B. Alcock (Arts), C. S. Boyd (Agr.), R. M. Crawford (Arts),
D. L. H. Bailey (Arts), F. J. Collings (Sc.), Ben Denning (Med.), J.
W. Harrod (Eng.), W. H. Simpson (Arts), J. W. Woodfield (Eng.).



JAMES W. HARROD,

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for Barker Scholarship No. 2, and Horner
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A letter of congratulation from our honoured ex-Head-
master, Mr. John Waterhouse, M.A.

"Cairnleith," 13 Archer Street, Chatswood,
24th March, 1924.

Dear Mr. Smith,—Hearty congratulations to you, your staff and the
boys concerned upon the brilliant success at the recent examinations. Well
done, Sydney High School!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN WATERHOUSE.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

Key: 1 English, 2 History, 3 Geography, 4 Mathematics I., 5 Mathematics II., 6 Latin, 7 French, 8 German, 9 Physics, 10 Chemistry, 11 Physics and Chemistry, 14 Business Principles, 15 Shorthand, 21 Greek.

Abrahams, Harold, 1A 4B 5A 6A 7A 8A 11A.
 Ackland, Frederick McNeill, 1B 4B 5B 7B 11A.
 Ada, William Maurice, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Adams, Clarence Edward, 1B 2B 3B 5B 7A 11B 14B 15A.
 Allison, Arthur Stanley, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Ansell, Francis William John, 1B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Bate, Richard Terry, 1B 2A 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Boulton, Gordon Lumsden, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Butler, Ormonde Sydney, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Buchanan, Roderick Stirling, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B.
 Caldwell, Edward Thomas P., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.
 Campey, Harry, 1B 2B 3B 11B 14B 15A.
 Cassar, Leslie James, 1B 4B 6B 7B.
 Cassar, Philip, 1B 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B 21B.
 Colefax, Allan Neville, 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A 8A 11A.
 Crumlin, Sydney Sperry, 1B 4B 5A 6A 7A 8A 11B.
 Duff, Gordon Alexander, 1B 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B 21B.
 Duncan, Robert Hetherington, 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A.
 Eizenberg, Hyman, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Face, George Joseph, 1A 2B 3B 4B 5A 7B 11A 14B 15B.
 Farrell, Ralph Barstow, 1A 5B 6A 7A 8A 21A.
 Fleming, Arnold W., 1B 2A 5B 11B.
 Geeves, Alan Albert, 2B 5B 6A 7A.
 Greig, Douglas, 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B.
 Grout-Smith, Charles Thomas, 1B 4B 5B 7B 8B.
 Hardy, Kenneth Eaton, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Hayden, John Francis, 1B 2B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Hayes, William Joseph, 1B 4B 6A 7A 8A.
 Hennessy, Leslie Stalker, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Henry, Allan Vernon, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Hirst, Sydney George, 1A 2A 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Holt, Eric Charles, 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 11B 14B 15A.
 Howard, Philip Kennedy, 1A 2B 4B 7B.
 Howard, William Spencer, 1B 2A 3B 5B 7B 14B 15B.
 Jackson, Robert H., 1B 4B 6B 7A.
 James, Owen Walter, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Johnston, Harold Gordon, 2B 4B 5B 11B 19A.
 Johnson, Donald, 1B 2A 4B 5A 6A 7B 11A.
 Karpin, Henry Isaac, 1B 2A 6A 7A.
 Keeble, Walter Norfolk, 1B 2A 3B 7B 14B 15B.
 Kingsmill, Arthur Gerald, 1B 6A 7A 8A 11B.
 Lamb, Douglas William, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A.
 Loudon, Robert Henry, 1B 2B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Martin, Keith Houghton Harris, 1B 4B 5B 7B 14B 15B.
 Matthews, Raleigh Hubert, 1A 2B 3B 4B 5A 7A 11B 14B 15A.
 McEachern, Ivan Perry, 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A 8A.
 McMillan, Robert Bruce, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Minns, Allan Eric, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Mylchreest, Robert Taylor, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Newton, Frederick Orrell, 1B 4B 5B 7B.
 Newman, Brian Wilson, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Paillas, Eugene Albert, 1B 2B 5B 7A 14B 15B.
 Patterson, Raymond Walter, 4B 5B 6A 7A 8A 11A.

Pont, Edwin George, 1A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A 21A.
 Ratner, David Samuel, 1B 6A 7A 8A.
 Roberts, Edward James, 1B 2B 4B 7A.
 Rubensohn, William, 1B 2A 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Routley, Geoffrey Howard, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Skillen, Ronald William, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7A.
 Steele, Maxwell Campbell, 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B 19A.
 Taylor, Arthur Conister V., 1B 2B 4B 6B 7A 11B.
 Thurstan, Arthur Wyngate, 1B 2B 5B 7A 9A 10B.
 Toohey, John Bernard, 1B 2A 5B 7A 9A 10B.
 Wheeler, Neville Darcy, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Williams, Philip Harold, 1B 2B 3B 11B 14B.
 Winning, Allan Henry, 1B 2A 4B 5B 7A 14B 15A.

"OUR CAR."

We all dread to think of it. Father becomes angry when we remind him of it, and mother cries. "It" was a secondhand Ford, purchased by dad while we were staying in the country.

Father was the first to think of it. We all backed him up, with mother the last.

To get to my story. First, the car was offered for sale at £100, but my mother beat down the owner, a widow, to £80. On trial we found it ran beautifully, or rather were told so. I always said it made a bit too much noise.

Father knew how to put the water in the radiator, but nothing else; so the widow's son drove it to our garage (a coalshed at one time), and there it stopped all the week.

The long-awaited-for Saturday came at last. Father proceeded to crank our "Liz," as some people called it. He was not very successful. He had bought a Ford book, and had read it thoroughly, but even this was of no avail. He could not start it. At last, in despair, he sent my brother George to a neighbouring farmer for assistance. This man knew all about cars, or thought so, as at one time he had owned a car. (We found out later that *his* car was the one we possessed at present.) He tried his hardest without result, and then discovered that the petrol tank was empty. It was now my turn for a run, so harnessing a horse I drove into the little village for a tin of that dangerous stuff. I arrived home with the petrol at about 11.30 a.m., the poor horse rather tired.

"Now try, my son," said the cheeky man to my father, who, I might add, was about ten years his senior. We at last got a "kick" from our car, and behold it started to move. I saw that the brake was gradually slipping off, and succeeded in stopping it before it had squashed father against the wall. But the engine was going, so we all got in; and the man helped father to drive it for a mile or two. He then got out, and we went on alone.

We drove through the little village at about 25 miles an hour (we had no speedometer). We even forgot where we were going, when suddenly we drove into the main town of the countryside. A policeman at once stopped us for exceeding the speed limit, and demanded our license.

Oh! what a shock! We had forgotten all about that.

The policeman let us go, but next week father was summoned before the court, and fined £20. That was the end of "our car." Father had had enough of cars, and mother considered us ruined, so it was offered for sale once more, but this time it would not bring more than £25. (Apparently everyone knew it.) We cried all night. Mother was satisfied, and father totalled his bills.

B. Galton, 1B.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Changes have, as usual, been made in our staff. Mr. Austin has left us for Tamworth; Mr. Snowden, for Orange; Mr. Stone, for Coogee; and Mr. Moffitt, to practise at the Bar. In their places we have Mr. James, Mr. Judd, and Mr. Tierney. We extend a hearty welcome to these gentlemen, and hope that they will be happy in their work with us.

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Mr. R. N. Kershaw, a Rhodes Scholar from this School, has completed his course at Oxford, and also a year's advanced study in Paris. At present he is engaged in the Secretariat of the League of Nations at Geneva.

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Mr. A. W. Wheen, another Rhodes Scholar of ours, has also completed his course at Oxford, and is now doing some reviewing for the Literary Supplement of "The Times."

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We wish to congratulate Mr. E. T. Salmon on his brilliant work last year at the University—the Cooper Scholarship, the Nicholson Scholarship for Latin Verse, and a Scholarship for English.

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Hearty congratulations to Alcock, Simpson and Harrod for their splendid work in the Scholarship Examinations.

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Congratulations also to Crabb and Shields on their matriculation.

Congratulations to Ben Denning, on his fine work in the L.C. Examination, and on his winning the Education Department's Scholarship.

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The three Cooper Scholarships for Classics, current in 1924 at the Sydney University, are held by boys from this School—Salmon, Pelham, and Alcock.

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The Lithgow Scholarship for Modern Languages has been won twice in succession. Well done, Henning and Simpson!

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Our boys won high places in the Honours List at the recent L.C.:—Denning and Alcock, 1st and 2nd respectively in Greek; Alcock, 6th in Latin; Simpson, equal for 1st place in French and 3rd in German; Harrod, equal for 1st place in Mathematics; Harrod, 2nd place in Physics; Woodfield, 6th in Physics; Boyd, 8th in Chemistry, and Crawford, 13th in English.

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Mr. Brodie with his "movies" is uniting the amoenum and the utile in the dark recesses of No. 1 Room.

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Rowing is, at last, one of the activities in the School sport. Crews are hard at work in preparation for the coming G.P.S. Regatta.

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Like Shelley's snake (in Hellas) the School walls have renewed "their winter weeds outworn." Now, too, we may sit in peace, if not in comfort, on the newly-fashioned seats in the playground.

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A Radio Club has been formed, and is progressing by leaps and bounds, through the enthusiasm of its members.

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The firm of Castleman, Grout-Smith and Co. (concrete experts) carried out their contract by cementing the floor of the Tuck Shop to the entire satisfaction of the Union. They are prepared for further business.

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We wish to offer our hearty congratulations to our late Captain, E. Henry, on his being selected as one of the swimmers to represent Australia at the Olympic Sports.

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Sincere thanks to R. Bain, an Old Boy of this School—a fine cricketer and a good student—for his kindness in presenting a copy of Long's History of English Literature to the Coates Library.

Could the Musical Society delight us again this year, as they did last year, by practising some of those sweet, simple songs, such as "Waltzing Matilda," "Good Night, Ladies," "Who Is Silvia?" "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"?

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There will be three issues of *The Record* this year. It is hoped that boys aspiring to become writers will take full advantage of their opportunities.

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Compulsory Sport is a move in the right direction, for we now find boys hitherto uninterested eager to participate in some branch of sport.

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As the cricket season is drawing to its close, interest is naturally centred upon our prospects for the coming football season.

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A box for contributions to *The Record* has been placed on the wall at the foot of the stairs.

THE SEA.

*How changeable the sea! A scene of peace
Serene one moment, and anon its rage
Blots out this calm as ink the whitest page.
Its many moods, now gay, now stern, ne'er cease
To captivate the mind, and so increase
Our sense of wonderment, as they engage
Reflection brooding over history's stage
With empires proud revealing their brief lease.
Man's foe, man's friend, the sea so fierce is fair;
The Ancients' dread, but now, no longer feared,
The highway of the world, where strife intense
May yet be turned to mankind's good, since there
The course of human destiny is steered.
E'en so, the sea remains our chief defence.*

R. F., 4A.

SEND-OFF TO E. HENRY.

On Saturday evening, March 29, a send-off was tendered by a number of the present boys and Old Boys to E. Henry, ex-Captain of the School, who has been selected as one of the representatives of Australia in the swimming competitions at the forthcoming Olympic Games in Paris. The meeting was held in the Turner Hall, about 50 being present. The Head Master proposed the health of Mr. Henry, which was drunk with enthusiasm. He was also presented with a wristlet watch from his admirers among the boys. A few remarks were made by Mr. Killip and

Mr. Gibbes, teachers of the School, S. Burt and A. Harvey (Old Boys), and S. King (Captain of the School). Mr. Henry made a suitable reply, thanking all for their kindness and thoughtfulness in giving him this fine send-off, which would be an incentive to him in his efforts at the other side of the world. Ralph Farrell supplied some musical selections on the piano, which were much appreciated. We have to acknowledge the kindness of Miss MacNeil ("The Angel of the Sydney High School"), by whose efforts the Turner Hall was made available. The company broke up about 11 p.m., after spending a very pleasant evening.

A HYMNAL COMPANION.

- 9 a.m. (walking down Harris Street).—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
 9.10, First Bell—"Oh, the clanging bells of Time!"
 9.15, Second Bell—"Assembled at Thy great command."
 9.16, Latecomers—"Tell me the old old story."
 9.15-10.45, First two lessons—"Art thou weary, Art thou languid?"
 10.45½, At the tuckshop door—"Meekly wait and murmur not."
 11-12.30, More lessons—"Fight the good fight."
 12.30, Dinner time—"Come! ye thankful people, come!"
 1-2.30, Fifth and Sixth periods—"We shall sleep, but not for ever."
 2.30-3-14½, Last lesson—"Sleep on, Beloved."
 3-14½—"Awake! Awake! Oh, heart of mine."
 3.15, Bell Rings—"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."
 3.20, Detention—"Come, ye Disconsolate."
 4 p.m.—"Home, Sweet Home."
 7.30 p.m.—"Is your lamp burning, my brother?"
 2.30 a.m. (or thereabouts)—"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended."
 R.H.C.C.M., 4B.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

"A Kindly Critic," who evidently sympathises with us in our uphill fight against wretched conditions of housing and environment, but who thinks that even now something should be done to make things more "seemly" and of good report, has asked us to publish the following friendly challenge to all and sundry—the parents of our scholars: "Who will form a Parents' and Citizens' Association to enlist the help of those who are willing and able to assist the School? The Library needs more books. Pictures are needed. The School requires help in other directions. Now, to show my desire to help, I make this sporting offer. Get nine others to put in £10 each and I will make the tenth. I am also willing to join such an Association as mentioned above, and do what I can for the welfare of the School."

On behalf of the School *The Record* wishes to thank our "Kindly Critic" for his liberal offer and his interest in the School.

A MOUNTAIN DRIVE.

During our holidays in January, I was one of a party that took the Circular Drive round Katoomba.

We went in a 'bus driven by Mr. Peckman.

We soon discovered that we were fortunate, for in Mr. Peckman we had a remarkable personality. He is about 80 years of age.

One could almost imagine he was one of Dickens' characters. He has lived on the Mountains all his life, and loves the bush with its ruggedness and natural grandeur. He sees nothing but pictures and poetry in all the scenes about him.

Our driver and guide took us along the main Bathurst Rd., and then through a bush track to a point where we could see Mount Clair, Mount Solitary, Narrow Neck, Kanimbla Valley, and the Face of Prince Murrundi, formed in the rock overlooking Kanimbla Valley. Mr. Peckman then told us the history of Prince Murrundi.

This prince was a chief of the aboriginals, who lived in the Kanimbla Valley.

He then recited a poem composed by himself, called "Prince Murrundi's Last Address to the Kanimbla Valley."

It began—

"Oh, Kanimbla, most beautiful and dearest on earth,

The land of my fathers, the land of my birth."

And then followed a number of excellent verses. The poem ended with—

"The bones of my kindred are the dust of to-day."

Mr. Peckman then showed us the houses away down in the Kanimbla Valley. Each seemed to have some interesting story, romance, or legend connected with it. Some were bush-ranging stories, some legends of the Australian blacks, and romances in connection with the gold-digging days and early pioneers.

We were then taken to a "Peep into Paradise." It was glorious the way Nature had arranged the ferns and foliage. We dined, and our driver, after regaling himself, told in vivid poetic language, the historical events of the locality. He showed us Princess Betsy's image in the rock, and then told us that the Princess was one of the last of the Jamieson Valley blacks and how, when the early Civic pioneering fathers of Katoomba were wondering what to call the place, they finally decided to give it a real Australian name. So they invited Princess Betsy up from Jamieson Valley.

She came, and they asked her what she called the Falls, and she answered "Katoomba," meaning "falling water." It has been called Katoomba ever since.

We were then driven back to our abode, and we felt we had had a great day, thanks to our driver, who saw "Sermons in stones, books in the running brooks, and good in everything."

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Our Society has made a good start this year, but the numbers are still small. We appeal strongly to the 4th and 5th Year boys to attend as often as they can. Even if you cannot come every week, remember that you are welcome any time you can put in an appearance. To make the speaking effective, an audience is necessary, and even if you do not speak your presence is valuable. So far, we have had seven meetings of the Society, and have discussed such subjects as Russia and the Revolution of 1917; The Abolition of Capital Punishment; The League of Nations; The Singapore Base, etc. We have a large number of promising speakers, although all of them still require practice to come up to the standard of former years. Among our best speakers may be mentioned Sachs, Lee Chun, Willcox, Cunningham, Pollard, Taylor, Buchanan, Partridge, and Butler.

A debate has been arranged with Fort Street High School. It is to take place next month. The subject is that the Singapore Base would be for the best interests of Australia, and we have decided to take the affirmative. Speakers are asked to watch the newspapers carefully, as they provide a great deal of useful material for the debate.

We have written to several other High Schools to arrange debates with them, and have had favourable replies from the Technical High School and North Sydney High School. So far we have not heard anything of the G.P.S. debates, but we hope to be soon in the fray again, fighting hard for the Louat Shield.

Finally, let us appeal once more to members to attend as often as possible. Roll up and make the Debating Society a real factor in the life of the School!

OLD BOYS' UNION.

THE UNION.

With the beginning of the year, and the approach of the Boat Race, with its enlivening influence on the interest and thoughts of old boys in the School, we think the time opportune to make a few remarks concerning the Old Boys' Union.

The number of financial members of the Union for the current year is very disappointing. Included in these columns is set forth the constitution of the Union, and we would draw all Old Boys' and, too, the present boys', special attention to the objects' clause. It surely needs no elaboration, and is sufficiently embracing and elastic in character. The objects of the Union cannot but appeal to all. Then, why the poor membership. The explanation must be one or both of two things: Lack of interest in the School, and ignorance of the existence of the O.B. Union. We feel that the former reason applies to a very small proportion of Old Boys, but their interest, to be effective, must be active, and we have no hesitation in saying such interest can best be served by joining up with the Union. The other reason quoted is, we are afraid, the more generally applicable, but the Council have been and are doing all they can to bring the Union before the notice of all Old Boys. The best of all methods of advertising is the personal, and the opportunities of the Executive in this respect are rather limited. In this, we crave all Old Boys' assistance. Join up, and see that your particular pals at School join with you. Mention the Union to any Old Boy whom you meet. We want the S.H.S. Old Boys' Union to rival in numbers the similar institutions of the other G.P. Schools, and there is no reason in the world why it should not do so.

The annual subscription is 5/-, inclusive of *The Record* 7/6; and for those just leaving School 5/-, inclusive of *The Record*.

ROWING.

Old Boys are naturally following with keen interest the progress the crew is making in preparation for the forthcoming regatta. We are confident that the lads are straining their utmost to acquire the highest possible degree of skill and condition of which they are capable; and on the day of the race we are confident, too, that the best traditions of the School will be well upheld in this, the newest of its activities. It will be an ordeal for the crew in more ways than one, but we think we can truly say that they will have the best wishes, not only of Old Boys, but of all those concerned in the Regatta, in being the School's first representatives. It is quite safe to assert that no event in connection with the School during the last decade, has so stirred the imagination and School spirit of Old Boys as the fact that we are now actually "on the River."

The Old Boys' Council have engaged one of the Sydney Ferries Company's steamers for the finals, and tickets will be available at the School and from any member of the Council.

The engaging of private launches by Old Boys is undesirable, from the School's stand-point, inasmuch as the greater number of Old Boys who patronise the steamer, the greater the benefit, financial and otherwise, which will accrue to the School.

We would remind all Old Boys that the fund established by the O.B.U. to assist the School Rowing Club is still open. Expenses are heavy, and we appeal for subscriptions, which should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Asst. Hon. Sec., or to the Hon. Treasurer.

THE COUNCIL.

Mr. L. G. Richards resigned from the Council soon after the general meeting, pressure of work having made his attendance at meetings impossible. During his term on the Council, Len Richards was one of its hardest workers, especially in matters social, and his loss is a grave one. The Council elected him to the Advisory Council, and appointed Mr. G. M. Stafford to fill the vacancy in its own ranks.

OBITUARY.

Stanley R. Rowley died on April 2nd at his home in Manly. As a young man, he had ranked amongst the greatest runners Australia has ever produced. He won the 100 and 220 yards' Australasian championships in 1897 and 1899, and ran third in both 60 and 100 metres at the Olympic Games of 1900. He still holds records in some of the other States. From 1908 onwards he acted as Treasurer of the Australasian Athletic Union. He was at School in the early nineties, but did not discover his running ability till he had left. We give our sympathy to his wife and family for his sudden end.

A. B. S. Zlotkowski, whose name may be found on the early Honour Rolls in the Main Hall, died early this year at Moree, where he had for many years been a prominent solicitor. During the war years he was Mayor of the town, and a leader in all patriotic work. He always took great pride in the fact that he was amongst those enrolled on the day of the School's foundation.

H. Nelson Slee died in February, after a distinguished career. He was at the war almost from start to finish, and gained high rank. Some of us can remember him on the platform at the first post-armistice Speech Day. He always retained interest in the School, and did his best to make possible a revival of rifle shooting, in which sport he had been very prominent during his own time at School.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Lawrence Godfrey Smith, in view of his long and sterling services to the Old Boys' Union and the School, has been unanimously elected an Hon. Life Member of the Union.

Old Boys heard with regret of the bereavement sustained by Mr. Godfrey Smith in the passing away of his mother, and a letter of sympathy has been sent to him.

An old friend and ex-master, Mr. A. G. Steel, lost his wife in December, and to him all Old Boys offer their deepest sympathy. The Secretary has written to Mr. Steel.

Dr. G. M. Forsyth, who practices at Wingham recently, took the marriage vows. Good luck!

L. Elliott-Smith, son of that most distinguished Old Boy, Grafton Elliott-Smith, rowed for Cambridge against Oxford in the annual inter-'varsity boat race.

SPORTING.

Old Boys gained unprecedented swimming success during the season just ended. Most prominent of them all was Ernest Henry, last year's Captain of the School. In order, he swam a close third to Charlton and Arne Borg in the State 220 Yards Championship; put up the excellent time of 56 seconds in the 100 Yards Championship heats, and was just beaten for first place in the final; was selected as first New South Wales sprint string for the Australian Championships; gained the 220 Yards Championship of Australia in Hobart, and the 100 Yards Championship in Melbourne; won the Olympic test over 200 metres in that city; and was finally selected to represent Australia at the Olympic Games. He leaves for Paris towards the end of this month, and the best wishes of all Old Boys go with him.

Goya Henry, his elder brother, who left the School at the end of 1921, and who has since then been a prominent sprint swimmer, this year devoted more of his attention to surf-racing, and won a very high position in that sport. He had quite a lot of ill-luck in losing the surf championship of the State after looking a certain winner in the early stages of the race.

Owen Griffiths, who won the G.P.S. Swimming Championship for us in 1921, picked up his old form during the latter part of this season, and was a very seriously considered candidate for Olympic selection. His best event is at present the furlong, but he gives promise of great things over the longer distance, with a little more maturity.

In track athletics we have had one very worthy representative. T. W. McNamara, after illnesses and an operation, went over to the Australasian Championships at Hobart, where his condition did not allow him anything better than seconds in his heats of the hundred and 440. On returning he rapidly began

to pick up form, and finished the season with splendid performances at the State Championship meeting. He won the furlong in 23 seconds, and the quarter mile in 52 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds, both sound times on the Sports Ground in its present unsatisfactory position, was a close third in the hundred, and captained the Western Suburbs team which won the Mile Relay Championship in time that nearly approached the State record.

In cricket, although we had no representative in any of the Sheffield Shield matches, we supplied many players to the Sydney district teams. J. V. Garner has been the most prominent, this having proved his most successful season to date. With a batting average of over 50, an aggregate of nearly 800 (including a double century) and some fine bowling performances to his credit, he ranks as University's most consistently useful all-rounder. He represented the State in the second team's match with Victoria.

K. M. McCredie has been the only other to show out prominently. As Western Suburbs most reliable bowler he looks to have a chance of obtaining his 50 wickets for the season. Comparatively speaking, his batting has been good.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The demand for Old Boys' Notes at this time of year must make our University news very scrappy. Term has just started. Clubs are just finding their feet. Distinction and final examination results have just started to trickle out. We find ourselves in the position where we can write nothing about most 'Varsity happening and very little about the remainder.

Such examination results as have been published bring fresh credit to the School. E. T. Salmon has won the Cooper Scholarship for Classics awarded at the second year examination in Arts, gaining first place with high distinction in both Latin and Greek. He is the first winner of the just-instituted Nicholson Scholarship for Latin Verse. Finally, he divides the Thomas Henry Coulson Scholarship for English II. At the first year examinations A. H. Pelham has repeated Salmon's last year's performances, winning the Cooper Scholarship No. III. for Classics with first places in Latin and Greek and tying for first place in English. This latter result gives him a half-share in the McCallum Prize for English I. and the Josiah Symons Scholarship for English I., which is awarded for the first time Elsewhere H. Edmonds has been awarded Second-Class Honours in French at graduation, and E. A. Leask, Third-Class Honours in Latin. Ian Henning ties for first place in French I. R. B. Thompson, B.A., has gained Philosophy distinction in his diploma course in education. Selby Burt seems to have topped Economics II. in all distinction papers. The above list is not to be taken as in any way complete.

We congratulate the School on its gaining four matriculation scholarships. We have begun to expect such happenings annually and it is something not to fail in our judgment. Alcock's success in winning the Cooper Scholarship gives us the enviable record of having all three Cooper Scholars at one and the same time: Alcock, in Arts I.; Pelham, in Arts II.; and Salmon, in Arts III. We do not see how this could be bettered as a testimony to the School's classical prowess, nor do we think that it has ever been equalled.

OLD BOYS' PAGES.

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A PERSONAL POSTSCRIPT.

These pages now possess two editors: S. W. Vale and R. F. Gollan. Contributions may be sent to either of them, c/o addresses mentioned at the front of the *Record*. They ask for the earnest support of all Old Boys.

CONSTITUTION OF THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

NAME.

1. The name shall be "The Sydney High School Old Boys' Union," and shall be referred to hereinafter as "The Union."

OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Union shall be to do all acts and things consistent with its character, as representing the whole body of ex-students of the School, and in particular the promotion of good fellowship amongst all Old Boys of the School and the preservation of their interest in the School by the encouragement of scholarship, sport, social activities and by any other means which the Council may decide upon from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP.

3. (a) All persons who have been enrolled as students at the School and have attended thereat for instruction for a period of not less than one term, and (b) all Masters and ex-Masters of the said School shall be eligible for nomination to membership of the Union.

No person who has been expelled from the said School shall be admitted to membership of the Union without the consent of the Executive Council as hereinafter provided for.

4. Membership may be: i. Honorary Life, ii. Life, or iii. Ordinary. All members shall have equal rights and privileges and subject to this constitution be equally eligible to hold office.

5. Upon being duly nominated and seconded and approved of by the Executive Council, and on payment of a subscription as herein provided, any person eligible for membership shall become a member of the Union for the period covered by such subscription, and the word "Member" when hereafter used shall be construed accordingly.

PATRONS.

6. The Union in General Meeting may elect Patrons who shall retire annually. Such Patrons shall be Officers of the Union.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

7. *Constitution*.—The Executive Council shall comprise—

(a) The Officers of the Union, consisting of:—

i. One President.

ii. Not more than three Vice-Presidents, of whom the retiring President, if not re-elected, shall be one.

iii. Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant Secretary.

iv. Honorary Treasurer.

v. One University representative.

(b) A Committee consisting of ten members, the intent being that such Committee shall represent, as far as possible, the different interests of Old Boys of the said School.

(c) No person shall hold more than one position on the Executive Council.

8. *Retirement and Disqualification*.—The members of the Executive Council shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting. All retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

The Executive Council or the Union in general meeting for any just cause shall have power to remove the name of any member or officer from the roll of members and prohibit his re-election, if in its opinion such member or officer shall have committed any act calculated to bring the School or the Union into discredit. In the case of a Life Member the Council may, in its discretion, order that his Life Membership subscription be refunded or forfeited, and the Council shall have the same power of withdrawal as in the case of death.

If any member of the Executive Council shall resign his office or refuse to act, or shall without the consent of the Executive Council absent himself from three consecutive meetings thereof, the Executive Council shall declare the position or office of such member on the Executive Council to be vacant.

9. *Election*.—The officers and other members of the Executive Council shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may be oral and may be made at such Annual General Meeting. Voting shall be as hereinafter provided. Where two or more are to be elected the required number of nominees obtaining the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. No person shall vote for more than the number to be elected and the vote of any person offending shall be informal.

10. *Casual Vacancies*.—Casual vacancies occurring in the Executive Council shall be filled by the Executive Council and any person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

11. *Powers.*—The Executive Council shall have full power to manage and control the Union and to do all things that the Union in General Meeting could do but subject to the direction and control of the Union in General Meeting.

12. *Proceedings.*—(a) *Meetings:* Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at such place as the Executive Council may from time to time direct. Such meetings may be called by the Executive Council, the President or the Secretary. The Secretary shall, on the requisition of two members of the Executive Council, call a meeting thereof for the purpose specified in such requisition. Such requisition shall be in writing signed by the requisitionists. If the Secretary does not cause a meeting of the Executive Council to be held within fourteen days after receipt of such notice the requisitionists may call such meeting.

(b) At least four days' notice of any meeting of the Executive Council shall be given to each member thereof by forwarding same to him through the post to his last known address, and the same shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which it was posted.

(c) Five members of the Executive Council present at any meeting thereof shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of all business.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

13. An Advisory Council consisting of Old Boys of long standing of the School shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting. The number of members of such Council shall not be limited. The members thereof shall retire annually at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

14. Such Advisory Council shall constitute a body to whom the Executive Council or the Union may refer for advice or opinion on any question affecting the policy or tradition of the Union or the said School. Any member thereof may attend at any meeting of the Executive Council but shall not be entitled to receive notice of any such meeting.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE.

15. The School Representative shall be elected by the School Union at the beginning of the first term in each year, and shall hold office until the end of the December following his election. He shall be entitled to attend all the meetings of the Executive Council and to take part in all discussions except those relating to the award of School prizes.

HON. AUDITOR.

16. At each Annual General Meeting an Hon. Auditor shall be appointed, who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. Any vacancy occurring in the office of Hon. Auditor through death, retirement or otherwise, shall be filled by the Executive Council.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

17. *Annual General Meeting.*—The Annual General Meeting of the Union shall be held during the month of October or November in each year, and shall be convened by the Executive Council, or in the event of its failure to do so within either of the said months, then by at least twenty members of the Union.

18. *General Meetings.*—Ordinary General Meetings of the Union may be called by the Executive Council whenever it may think fit, and shall be called by the Executive Council or the Honorary Secretary on the requisition of not less than twenty members of the Union.

(a) Such requisition must state the objects of the meeting, be in writing and signed by the requisitionists and delivered to the Executive Council or the Honorary Secretary.

(b) If the Executive Council and/or the Honorary Secretary shall fail to cause a General Meeting to be held within twenty-one days of receiving such requisition the requisitionists may convene such General Meeting for the purposes set forth in the requisition.

19. *Notices.*—Not less than seven days' notice of any General Meeting (annual or otherwise) specifying the place day and hour of meeting and in the case of special business the general nature thereof, shall be given to each member of the Union, by forwarding same to him through the post to his last known address. Such notice shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that of posting same.

20. When it is proposed to pass a resolution required to be confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting the two meetings may be convened by one and the same notice.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

21. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be—

- (a) To receive and consider the annual Balance Sheet and the Hon. Treasurer's report.
- (b) To receive and consider the report of the Executive Council and of the Hon. Secretary.
- (c) Election of Officers and members of the Executive Council, the Advisory Council and the Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year.
- (d) Such other business as may be submitted by the Executive Council or by any member of the Union.

22. The business of an Ordinary General Meeting shall be—

- (a) Such business as may be submitted by the Executive Council and/or
- (b) The business specified by the requisitionists.

23. *Quorum.*—Fifteen members of the Union present at any General Meeting of the Union (annual or otherwise) shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of all business.

CHAIRMAN.

24. The President or in his absence a Vice-President (in order of seniority) shall be Chairman of all General Meetings of the Union or of the Executive Council. In the absence of the President and all Vice-Presidents a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting.

VOTING.

25. At all meetings of the Union or of the Executive Council voting may be by show of hands, but at the request of two members present or at the direction of the Chairman a poll shall be taken, and if so demanded or directed such poll shall be taken at the meeting and without adjournment.

26. Each member present at such meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a vote and in addition thereto, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

27. *Honorary Secretary.*—The duties of the Honorary Secretary shall be—

- (a) To keep correct minutes of all meetings of the Union and of the Executive Council.
- (b) To keep a record of all members.
- (c) To conduct and keep a record of all correspondence.
- (d) To sign all notices.
- (e) To do such other acts and things as may be required by the Executive Council.

28. *Honorary Assistant Secretary.*—The duties of the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall be those of the Honorary Secretary but subject to his direction and control.

29. *Honorary Treasurer.*—The duties of the Honorary Treasurer shall be—

- (a) To collect all monies payable or due to the Union and to pay same to the credit of the Union in an account to be opened in such Bank as the Executive Council shall direct.

- (b) To keep true and correct accounts of all monies received and paid on behalf of the Union and to deliver such accounts or copies of or extracts from the same to the Union or the Executive Council when required.
 - (c) To supply the Honorary Secretary with the names of all members as and when subscriptions are received.
 - (d) To perform such other duties as may be required by the Executive Council.
30. *Honorary Auditor.*—The duties of the Honorary Auditor are—
- (a) To audit the annual balance-sheet for presentation to the Annual General Meeting and to check same with the books of account.
 - (b) To audit and check the accounts of the Union and to report to the Union or the Executive Council thereon when required.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

31. *Annual.*—The annual subscriptions for ordinary members may be fixed by any Annual General Meeting. Until otherwise prescribed it shall be 7/6 per annum. Any person eligible for membership paying such subscription and admitted by the Council shall be entitled to all rights of membership of the Union until the end of the financial year of the Union in which same is paid.

32. *Life.*—(a) Upon payment to the Union of the sum of £5 for subscription and 5/- for initial expenses, in addition to annual subscriptions which may already have been paid any person eligible for membership shall be enrolled as a member of the Union for his lifetime free of further subscriptions, and shall be issued with a life membership badge.

(b) The Executive Council may elect any member of the Union or any person eligible for membership to be an Hon. Life Member of the Union and issue a Life Membership Badge.

No future alteration or rescission of this rule shall affect the status or position of any person enrolled as a Life Member prior to such alteration or rescission.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

33. *General Fund.*—All annual subscriptions and other revenue and monies received by the Union or any person on its behalf shall (except as provided by these rules) be paid into and credited to the general fund of the Union in such Bank as the Executive Council may from time to time direct.

34. *Life Membership Fund.*—(a) All Life Membership subscriptions shall be made into a Life Membership Fund and shall be invested in the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales or the Commonwealth Savings Bank, or in Government securities, or in such other manner as the Executive Council may from time to time direct, with liberty for it to vary such investment, in the name of the Union or such persons on its behalf not being less than three as the Executive Council may from time to time appoint. The Executive Council shall have power at all times to remove such persons and to appoint substitutes in their places.

(b) The income of the L.M. fund derived from such investments shall be withdrawn at the end of each financial year and paid to the credit of the General Fund.

(c) No part of the Corpus of such L.M. fund shall be withdrawn except upon the death of a life-member, when an amount equivalent to the amount of life membership subscription paid by such deceased member may at any time thereafter at the discretion and at the direction of the Executive Council, be withdrawn from Corpus and paid to the credit of the General Fund. In the absence of direct proof a life member shall be deemed to be dead if he shall not be heard of and shall not have answered any notices or communications from the Union or the Executive Council for a period of seven years.

35. *Special Funds.*—The Executive Council may create and establish other special funds for special purposes and provide for and regulate the administration thereof and in particular funds for carrying into effect the wishes of benefactors of the Union or of the School. Special funds now in existence shall continue as heretofore. And for the purposes of any such Special Funds the Executive Council may appoint Trustees and prescribe their powers and authorities.

36. The Funds of the Union shall be operated on by such persons and in such manner as the Executive Council shall direct.

37. The Executive Council shall have full power to expend all monies the property of the Union in such manner as it deems in accord with the objects of the Union and no such monies shall be withdrawn from any account at any Bank or shall be paid away without the authority of the Executive Council.

BADGES.

38. The Executive Council shall determine the badge of the Union and shall distribute same to members at such price it may from time to time fix.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

39. The Executive Council or the Union in General Meeting may appoint any sub-committee for any purpose coincident with the objects of the Union, and shall in such appointment prescribe the powers and authority of the same.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

40. No amendment addition or recission of these rules shall be made or shall have any force or effect unless the same shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present at any duly convened General Meeting of the Union and confirmed by a simple majority of the members present at any subsequent duly convened General Meeting to be held not less than fourteen days thereafter. No such amendment addition or recission shall be valid unless at least fourteen days' notice has been given to the Executive Council and notice of the resolution embodying same is embodied in the notice convening the General Meeting as special business.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

41. The end of the financial year of the Union shall be the 30th September, but for the purpose of the Annual General Meeting all members on the 30th September preceding such Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to be members although they may not have paid their subscriptions for the then current financial year.

MINUTES.

42. The Executive Council shall cause to be entered in books provided for that purpose minutes—

- (a) Of appointment of officers, members of the Executive Council, Advisory Council and Sub-Committees.
- (b) Of the names of members of the Executive Council present at each meeting.
- (c) Of all resolutions and proceedings of the Union, or of the Executive Council.

Any such minutes made of the Executive Council or of any sub-committee or of the Union if purporting to be signed by the President or by the Chairman of such meeting or next succeeding meeting, shall be *Prima facie* evidence of the matters stated in such minutes.

GENERAL.

43. No person shall have power to pledge the credit of the Union without the consent of the Executive Council.

44. In the event of any dispute arising as to eligibility for membership, the School roll of the School shall be conclusive evidence of such eligibility.

45. A copy of these rules shall be available to any member on his paying the cost of same as prescribed by the Executive Council.

INTERPRETATION.

46. The word "School" whenever used shall mean the Sydney High School.

47. The Executive Council shall be deemed to be served with any notice or other document if the same be left with the Council in meeting, or the President, or the Honorary Secretary, or the Honorary Assistant Secretary, or the Honorary Treasurer for time being.

RATIFICATION.

48. This Constitution shall take effect as from 1st October, 1922, but to the intent that all acts done by the Union since that date shall have full force and effect as if done hereunder, and that the Executive Council, Advisory Council and other persons elected to office at the Annual General Meeting held on 17th October, 1922, shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. All acts and things done by the Executive Council before the date hereof are hereby ratified.

SUNRISE.

*I rose ere dawn and, in the magic East,
Beheld a tinted curtain in the sky,
Its colours soft and pleasing. To my eye
'Twas wondrous beautiful, a plenteous feast
Of joy for tired hearts, and its soft glow
Diffused abroad, burnished all things that live—
The dew-impearled grass, the flowers that thrive.
I was right loath to see that fair sight go,
But soon it vanished, and a thought arose
How all things beautiful must fade away
And needs must pass to dim eternity.
Temperate spring days, sunsets and beauteous skies,
A gorgeous flower, a bird with plumage gay,
Must fade and be forgot. 'Tis Fate's decree.*

C. R. W.

CRICKET.

The story of our cricket for this term is a record of disappointment.

At the beginning of the year we thought that we were justified in expecting a highly successful season, for had we not with us most of the men who were responsible for our victory over Grammar last November and were we not further strengthened by the inclusion of Stafford?

The event has shown that we could not get runs under any conditions; in practice matches and in competition matches alike our batsmen failed with remarkable consistency. In some cases it was evident that the men had not struck form, but in others their failure was inexplicable.

The bowling was particularly fine and the fielding, apart from a couple of lapses at King's, was excellent, but it was only at 'View that the strength of our out-cricket could compensate for the feebleness of our batting.

Our record of three defeats against a single victory in Comp. matches is one that speaks for itself.

Still we are optimists and hope that the second half of the season may see an improvement in our form and in our results.

Our thanks are due to King's, who gave us matches for two junior teams and trounced them soundly.

S.H.S. v. T.K.S.

In the match against last year's premiers, we expected a feast of leather hunting, especially as they had won the toss and were batting on a wicket which, while allowing the ball to turn, was distinctly slow. However, the unexpected happened and the wickets began to fall in quick succession. Eight good wickets were down for a cost of 54 runs and it was reasonable to assume that the whole team would be out for at most 80. Again came the uncertainty of cricket. It is the old story of a missed catch. When Arnott was but a few runs an easy chance of catching him was declined and he showed his appreciation of this by running his score to 39 before retiring. The innings closed for 134 (26 of which were byes), anything but a formidable score.

Mortimer and King opened and only one over was bowled before an adjournment was made for dinner. But during this short time, Mortimer lost his wicket.

On resumption, the wickets commenced to fall cheaply; hope of victory for a time being held out when Newton and Swinburn were associated, but the former foolishly ran himself out when shaping confidently and the latter mis-hit a long hop that he attempted to pull to the fence, and was caught. The score struggled on till it closed for a total of 102, leaving King's victors by 32 runs, after an interesting game.

King's batted a second time and had good practice, losing 7 wickets for a total of 240 runs.

Scores:—T.K.S., 1st Innings: Stokes, c and b Mortimer, 7; Hogg, J., c Stafford, b Mortimer, 10; Hogg, G., c King, b Mortimer, 3; Egan, T., b King, 1; Maurice, c and b Mortimer, 5; Egan, B., hit wkt., b Mortimer, 3; Rouse, b King, 2; Green, b King, 1; Arnott, st Mainwaring, b Bailey, 39; Jones, n.o., 23; Ritchie, l.b.w., b Bailey, 14; sundries, 26.—Total, 134.

Bowling: King 3-30, Mortimer 5-38, Stafford 0-19, Swinburn 0-11, Bailey 2-10.

Second Innings: Stokes, l.b.w., b Mortimer, 2; Hogg, c James, b Mortimer, 6; Egan, T., st Mainwaring, b Bailey, 75; Egan, B., l.b.w., b King, 23; Hogg, G., run out, 10; Maurice, c Milner, b Bailey, 95; Rouse, not out, 2; Arnott, b Stafford, 1; sundries, 26.—Total, 7 for 240.

Bowling: King 1-35, Mortimer 2-63, Bailey 2-53, Stafford 1-26, Newton 0-15, Swinburn 0-22.

S.H.S.: Mortimer, c Rouse, b Jones, 2; King, b T. Egan, 10; Newton, run out, 24; Stafford, c Stokes, b T. Egan, 3; Swinburn, c and b Green, 17; Milner, b T. Egan, 9; Mainwaring, c Rouse, b Green, 2; James, st Stokes, b T. Egan, 9; Charlton, b T. Egan, 6; Sachs, n.o., 7; Bailey, hit on wkt., b Ritchie, 10; sundries, 2.—Total, 102.

Bowling: Jones 1-15, Rouse 0-7, T. Egan 5-44, Green 2-18, Ritchie 1-15.

S.H.S. v. ST. I.G.S.

Played at Riverview, 8th March.

In this second match of the season High registered a win. School batted first on a wicket that was, if anything, advantageous to the bowlers. Disaster came early. Mortimer was caught behind from a rising ball when 4, and King went in McAlary's next over, as a result of a brilliant catch in slips. High School's prospects looked very black when five wickets were down for a total of 13 runs. However, Milner (26), who batted carefully, and Robinson (20), who went for runs in characteristically unorthodox style, saved the side from a complete debacle. The innings closed for 73. McAlary bowled well, capturing five wickets at a cost of 18 runs.

The St. Ignatius' batting was worse than our own and the whole team collapsed before the bowling of King (5-8) and Mortimer (5-19) for a total of 29 runs.

The second attempt with the bat was not a great improvement on the first, only two batsmen gaining the "20 mark." The total number of runs for this innings was 98.

Igs.' second effort at the wickets was little better than their first, one man alone reaching double figures. The total was 58.

Mortimer was again consistent with the ball, taking six wickets for 32, making a total of 11 wickets, at a cost of 51 runs, for the match. The fielding was particularly fine on both sides and was an important factor in keeping the runs down.

Scores.—S.H.S., 1st Innings: Mortimer, c McDermott, b McAlary, 4; King, c Cahill, b McAlary, 2; Newton, b Westfield, 7; Stafford, b McAlary, 0; Swinburn, c Quilter, b Westfield 0, Milner b Westfield, 26; Mainwaring, b Cahill, 4; James, b Westfield, 1; Robinson, n.o., 20; Charlton, c McDermott, b McAlary, 0; Bailey, b McAlary, 0; sundries, 9.—Total, 73.

Bowling: McAlary 5-18, Westfield 4-34, Cahill 1-12.

Second Innings: Mortimer, b Westfield, 1; King, c V. McAlary, b Westfield, 20; Newton, l.b.w., b Westfield, 4; Stafford, run out, 6; Milner, b Leahy, 4; Robinson, b Westfield, 12;

Mainwaring, run out, 0; Swinburn, b Westfield, 8; James, c Quilter, b V. McAlary, 22; Charlton, c V. McAlary, b Westfield, 5; Bailey, n.o., 7; sundries, 9.—Total, 98.

Bowling: M. McAlary 0-28, Westfield 6-41, Leahy 1-20, V. McAlary 1-0.

St. Igs., 1st Innings: Davis, l.b.w., b King, 0; M. McAlary, l.b.w., b Mortimer, 0; Quilter, c King, b Mortimer, 10; Westfield, b King, 0; Lipscombe, b Mortimer, 5; McDermott, b King, 6; V. McAlary, c Charlton, b Mortimer, 0; Leahy, l.b.w., b Mortimer, 4; Coop, c Mortimer, b King, 0; O'Rourke, c Mainwaring, b King, 0; Cahill, n.o., 2; sundries, 2.—Total, 29.

Bowling: King 5-8, Mortimer 5-19.

Second Innings: Quilter, b Mortimer, 5; Davis, l.b.w., b King, 3; M. McAlary, c James, b Mortimer, 10; Lipscombe, b Mortimer, 7; Westfield, c Stafford, b Mortimer, 9; Leahy, c Charlton, b Mortimer, 2; McDermott, c Newton, b Mortimer, 6; V. McAlary, std. Mainwaring, b Bailey, 2; Coop, run out, 0; O'Rourke, n.o., 6; Cahill, c Robinson, b Bailey, 0; sundries, 8.—Total, 58.

Bowling: King 1-16, Mortimer 6-32, Bailey 2-2.

Sydney High won by 84 runs.

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

The day we played "Shore" was more fitted for indoor entertainment than cricket, while later, additional rain made the wicket more suitable for mud pies than anything else. However, there is no excuse for the poor showing we made with the bat, for the wicket was slow, and therefore a real batsman's wicket. This only seems to emphasise our inability to take advantage of such conditions. The total number of runs scored by the team was 36.

Rain now prevented S.C.E.G.S. from immediately taking the field. When a start was made, the bowlers found it difficult to keep a balance in the run up to the wicket and still harder to control the slippery ball. Further rain caused another stoppage and put the wicket in such a state that it would have been advisable to postpone the match, if our score had been in any way respectable. As it was, the opening batsmen got the required number of runs and play ceased.

Scores:—S.H.S.: Mortimer, c Salmon, b Ralston, 9; Newton, c Mackellar, b Byers, 6; King, b Byers, 3; Stafford, c Arnott, b Byers, 4; Swinburn, l.b.w., b Ralston, 0; Milner, c Merrett, b Ralston, 0; James, b Byers, 0; Robinson, n.o., 9; Mainwaring, l.b.w., b Byers, 0; Charlton, c Salmon, b Byers, 0; Bailey, run out, 1; sundries, 4.—Total, 36.

Bowling: Smith 0-5, Allen 0-7, Ralston 3-11, Byers 6-9.

S.C.E.G.S.: Merewether, n.o., 8; Smith, n.o., 25.

Bowling: King 0-17, Mortimer 0-16.

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

This game was a deferred match, put off at the request of S.J.C. owing to a festival. Again our batting maintained its poor form, against bowling that in no way ought to have presented trouble to the batsmen.

St. Joseph's won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. Ryan and Cunningham became associated. The latter monopolised the strike and gave a dashing display for 31. Ryan, on the other hand, was satisfied to let the runs come, and his innings of 71 took over 2½ hours.

The innings closed for a total of 205. This in no way was a formidable score, considering the strength of their batting side and the easy boundaries.

However, it was too large a task for our men and the whole side was out for 52. We batted again; at the drawing of stumps 7 wickets falling for 89 runs. Stafford top-scored with a vigorous 35, which included six boundary shots.

Scores:—St. Joseph's: Nolan, c Swinburn, b Mortimer, 0; Ryan, c Mainwaring, b King, 71; Cullen, c Bailey, b Mortimer, 3; Cunningham, b King, 31; Simmons, c Swinburn, b Stafford, 6; Ford, l.b.w., b Stafford, 0; Budgen, run out, 41; Duffy, b King, 17; Bryson, not out, 13; Lofberg, b King, 0; Moss, b King, 0; sundries, 23.—Total, 205.

Bowling: King 5-44, Mortimer 2-55, Stafford 2-42, Robinson 0-10, Bailey 0-31.

S.H.S., 1st Innings: Mortimer, b Cullen, 10; Swinburn, c Cunningham, b Moss, 2; Newton, b Budgen, 5; King, c Cunningham, b Moss, 0; Stafford, b Moss, 4; Milner, b Cullen, 0; Robinson, l.b.w., b Cullen, 6; James, c and b Budgen, 13; Mainwaring, l.b.w., b Cullen, 1; Charlton, run out, 4; Bailey, n.o., 5; sundries, 2.—Total, 52.

Bowling: Cullen 4-19, Moss 3-18, Budgen 2-7, Lofberg 0-6.

Second Innings: Mortimer, b Moss, 2; Swinburn, b Budgen, 0; Newton, c Cullen, b Moss, 8; King, c and b Moss, 8; Stafford, b Moss, 35; James, b Cullen, 3; Robinson, l.b.w., b Moss, 13; Milner, n.o., 3; Charlton, n.o., 4; sundries, 13.—Total, 7 for 89.

Bowling: Budgen 1-5, Moss 5-27, Cullen 1-33, Nolan 0-11.

THE STAFF v. SCHOOL XI.

The Annual Match between an eleven comprised of members of the Staff and the School's First Team took place at Wentworth Oval on 6th December, 1923.

The fact that the teachers were reported to have a strong team, captained by Mr. Murphy, promoted lively interest, and a good game was anticipated.

The School XI. had first use of the wicket. Stafford opened the batting with Mortimer and was opposed with the ball by Mr. Killip, who, bowling with good length and a slight turn from the off, kept the batsmen quiet. Mr. Murphy opened from the other end but failed to strike a length with his first few balls. Stafford, consequently pulled him to the fence two or three times. However, another such attempt at a better length ball cost him his wicket. King followed and the last ball of the over saw the addition of three runs. Mr. Killip, bowling consistently, knocked down Mortimer's wicket in the next over, before the latter had scored.

King and Robinson were the only batsmen to show any form, getting 34 and 31 runs respectively. The innings closed with the total at 121.

Bowling honours were divided between Messrs. Killip and Gibbes, each taking three wickets at a total cost of 16 and 15 respectively.

Messrs. Golding and Murphy opened for the teachers, the former getting Stafford away to the boundary in his first over. However, disaster came early, for both batsmen lost their wickets in Stafford's third over. A "rot" now set in, and Messrs. Copley (14) and Castleman (7 n.o.) were the only ones who appeared comfortable against the bowling.

Scores:—School XI.: Stafford, b Murphy, 13; Mortimer, b Killip, 0; King, b Jones 34; Newtown, b Killip, 7; Armstrong, run out, 6; James, l.b.w., b Killip, 1; Robinson, b Gibbes, 31; Mainwaring, st Golding, b Gibbes, 8; Akeroyd, b Gibbes, 4; Sachs, b Murphy, 0; Patt, n.o., 11; sundries, 10.—Total, 121.

Bowling: Killip 3-16, Murphy 2-33, Austin 0-22, Jones 1-28, Gibbes 3-15.

Teachers: Golding, l.b.w., b Stafford, 5; Murphy, st. Mainwaring, b Stafford, 6; Jones, b Stafford, 0; Austin, l.b.w., b King, 0; Killip, b Newton, 1; Towns, b Stafford, 0; Copley, b Armstrong, 14; Wright, b Newton, 0; Castleman, n.o., 7; Gibbes, b Armstrong, 0; Austin, run out, 4; sundries, 17.—Total, 57.

Bowling: Stafford 4-13, King 1-7, Newton 2-8, Armstrong 2-4.

THE RECORD.

Averages in G.P.S. ———

BATTING.

The batting has been so poor that only Robinson reached an average of 20. His top score was 20 not out and his aggregate 60.

BOWLING.

The bowling, on the other hand, has been good:—

	W.	R.	O.	M.	Av.
King	15	150	55	10	10
Mortimer	20	223	46	6	11.15
Bailey	6	96	14	—	16
Stafford	3	87	21	1	29

HIGH SCHOOL MATCHES.

Results:

S.H.S. v. Parramatta—lost.

S.H.S. v. Fort Street—lost.

CLASS CRICKET.

No School of its standing has neglected the sport of the smaller, or at any rate, the less competent, boys as much as ours has done in the past. Unable, as we are, to run more than three School elevens, it is from the Class teams only that we can expect our recruits.

Those whose memories go back far enough will remember that in 1919 all the material left in the School after the grade teams had been equipped consisted of two old bats, one pair of pads and six stumps. Later more material was bought, four wickets were provided at Centennial Park and eight teams were more or less supplied with material. I say "more or less," as frequently there was only one bat to a match, and sometimes only three stumps, while pads and wicket-keeping gloves were rarely seen.

Worst of all, the Class cricket suffered from a lack of proper organisation and supervision, and became, in many cases, a misery of bad fields, cross-bats and loafers. Yet, even then some of our best men to-day learned their cricket in class games. To mention only two—Mortimer came straight from Class cricket into the First XI., and Stafford, after two years playing Class, was one of the best men in the Seconds.

This year we were faced by a serious situation. The Second and Third Elevens are deplorably weak and the First XI. will lose pretty well all its tried and successful men at the end of the year. Classes above first year had lost interest and had no wish to play cricket at all.

It was then that Mr. Golding came to the rescue, not only undertaking to organise and supervise Class games himself, but managing to persuade the Union to more than double its previous cricket expenditure and to allot £50 to Class cricket alone. As

a result of this we have been able to make sport in some degree compulsory throughout the School and to prevent a considerable number of boys from spending their Wednesday afternoons at the Pictures.

Thanks to the enthusiasm with which Messrs. Golding and James have thrown themselves into the work, a Class Competition has been arranged, in which 14 teams have entered, representing every class in the School, while 2A and 2B have each raised two teams.

The Competition is divided into two sections from the Upper and Lower School. Section A includes 1st and 2nd years, in which there are eight teams; Section B, 3rd, 4th and 5th years, with six teams competing. Seven wickets have been provided at Centennial Park; each team has a full kit, of which it enjoys the sole use and for which it is responsible. Further, the supervision of the games has been undertaken by those Masters, Messrs. Wright, Kelly and Tierney, whose knowledge of and enthusiasm for cricket are most marked. In the circumstances, we feel that we are justified in expecting a marked improvement in our Grade teams in the near future. The system of electing a Committee in each class to select teams and generally be responsible for managing their own XI. should be of value in giving boys training in organising and making them feel directly their responsibility to the Class, and indirectly to the School. Messrs. Golding and James have suggested to me some points for the successful running of the competition, which competitors should take to heart.

(1) Punctuality in Starting.—Wickets are available from 1.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and players should make the most of the time at their disposal.

(2) Care of Material.—Our funds are not inexhaustible and throwing stumps to see if they will stick in the ground is an expensive pastime which the Union cannot cater for.

(3) Sportsmanlike Attitude to the Game.—It should not be necessary to remind players that it is essential to develop the sporting habit of both losing and winning well. In this connection be it noted that a player should play out the game, even if his side has no chance of winning.

(4) Conduct on the Field.—As far as general conduct is concerned there is very little to complain of but sport etiquette no less than proficiency demands a ready and silent obedience to captain's orders and a general attitude on the part of players of more play and less talk—much less.

(5) Class Captains of winning teams should assist teachers in charge by prompt return on Thursday morning of the results of Wednesday's matches.

(6) Those responsible for material should take charge of and return it at required times.

The Competition commenced for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years only. Two rounds were played, when, owing to the interest in the Competition, 4th and 5th years asked to be admitted and it was found necessary to readjust on the lines mentioned above.

The result of the first two rounds is as follows:—1A, 6 points; 2B, 6; 2C, 6; 3A, 5; 3B, 4; 2A (2), 4; 2A (1), 4; 1C, 2; 1B, 2. Points are allotted for an outright win—4 points to the winning team; win on first innings, 3 to winning, 1 to losing team; draw, 2 points to each team. So far a casual stroll from wicket to wicket reveals the alertness, keenness and general sportsmanlike demeanour of 1A team. Their obedience to orders and silence on the field have contributed in no small manner to their success, which has been sufficiently remarkable for a first year class, considering that last week they beat a team of much older boys, containing at least one regular grader.

In conclusion, I should like to tender my thanks to Messrs. Golding and James for undertaking the work so necessary and so long neglected, of organising and running this Class Competition.

JOHN W. GIBBES, Sportsmaster.

ROWING.

With the advent of our entering crews in the G.P.S. Regatta for the first time, a great deal of interest and speculation has been roused in school circles. The 1st four has been chosen, but a final selection has yet to be made of the 2nd four. The personnel of the crews is as follows:—

1st Four: K. Robinson (stroke), 10st.; H. Johnson (3), 11st.; A. Woodlands (2), 11st. 11lb.; F. Weatherstone (bow), 10st.; R. Mainwaring (cox).

The 2nd four, which will be stroked by E. Pilkington and coxed by F. Gibbs, will be completed from N. Mainwaring, B. McMillan, H. Caterson and R. Farrel.

These are now hard at work and it is fully expected that at least one of the crews will qualify for the final. Mr. Hancock, captain of the Glebe Rowing Club, and Mr. Towns, are coaching the crews.

So as to enable better progress to be made, the boys are camping at the rowing shed, thus affording an opportunity of an early morning row. Mr. H. Hunt, also of the Glebe Club, is supervising this morning work.

With funds made available by the Old Boys, an order for a racing four was placed with Mr. G. Towns. This is now at the disposal of the 1st four.

F. Weatherstone was elected captain of the School Rowing Club.

At a meeting of the School Union, it was decided that a chocolate singlet with blue-edged sleeves, would be both appropriate and distinctive.

On the day of the Regatta, the rowers will look for the hearty support of every boy in the School and his friends.

In expectation of this support the School Union has chartered a ferry for the afternoon. The tickets will be 2/6 each.

SWIMMING.

Our Aquatic Gala was held this year in the Drummoyne Baths. The weather was slightly dull but this did not damp the ardent spirits of the younger enthusiasts. As usual, the upper school displayed their renowned school spirit and turned up in their thousands. The rowers and cricketers are to be excused, but surely many of the upper school belong to neither set!

We are pleased to note the active interest of the teaching staff, as displayed by their presence there (except in a few cases). One teacher seemed to be going to a tennis tournament after the carnival.

The event of the day was the A.A.A.G.P.S. 220 yds. Champ. On the board Morton represented S.H.S. All competitors got away well, C. Stuart, Shore's champion, taking the lead. At the finish Shore gained first and second place, while S.H.S. came third.

This performance reflects great credit on our junior champion, who, before this race, had competed in two other events.

All the cups were keenly contested. The swimmers in the senior division were weak and did not attain the standard of last year's performances. Our prospects for retaining the senior shield at the next C.H.S. Carnival are doubtful.

The Senior Cup went to Letts by a margin of two points from McCure and Nicholas, each gaining nine points. At the time of publication the 880 yds. is yet to be decided.

In the junior division, Morton, 14 points, gained the Cup from Griffiths by a margin of four points.

Steele snatched the Junior Cadet Cup from Thicknesse, 10 points, by a narrow margin of one point.

Financially the Carnival was a success, but judging by the poor attendance and enthusiasm of the boys, it seems that interest in swimming has considerably lapsed.

Some praise is due to the secretary, S. Pollard, and the committeemen, who conducted the Carnival very creditably.

Following are the results of championship events:—

Senior.

50 Yards Champ.: Buchanan 1, Nicholas 2, Letts 3. Time, 31 4/5 secs.

100 Yards Champ.: Letts 1, Buchanan 2, Nicholas 3. Time, 1 min. 14 secs.

220 Yards Champ.: Letts 1, Pollard 2, Buchanan 3. Time, 3 min. 27 secs.

440 Yards Champ.: Letts 1, Nicholas 2, Johnston 3. Time,

100 Yards Breast-stroke Champ.: McCure 1, Nicholas 2, Letts 3. Time, 1 min. 35 1/5 secs.

50 Yards Back-stroke Champ.: McCure 1, Nicholas 2, Buchanan 3. Time, 45 1/5 secs.

Senior Diving: McCure 1, Taylor 2, Johnston 3.

Junior.

50 Yards Champ.: Griffiths 1, Morton 2, Nest 3. Time, 31 3/5 secs.

100 Yards Champ.: Morton 1, Griffiths 2, Nest 3. Time, 1 min. 12 2/5 secs.

220 Yards Champ.: Morton 1, Griffiths 2, Ada 3. Time, 3 min. 7 secs.

440 Yards Champ.: Morton 1, Griffiths 2, Ada 3.

50 Yards Breast-stroke Champ.: Morton 1, McCure 2, Mathews 3. Time, 44 secs.

50 Yards Back-stroke Champ.: McCure 1, Mathews 2, Griffiths 3. Time, 43 2/5 secs.

Diving Champ.: McCure 1, Taylor 2, Thicknesse 3.

Junior Cadet.

50 Yards Champ.: Spedding 1, Steele 2, Thicknesse 3. Time, 34 secs.

100 Yards Champ.: Thicknesse 1, Steele 2, Spedding 3. Time, 1 min. 27 secs.

220 Yards Champ.: Steele 1, Thicknesse 2, Gerrad 3.

33 Back-stroke: Thicknesse 1, Steele 2, Spedding 3. Time, 28 4/5 secs.

33 Breast-stroke: Davis 1, Steele 2, Thicknesse 3. Time, 29 4/5 secs.

OH! FOR A SCHOOL.

*The common cry of Sydney High,
And all who live therein,
Is ever reaching to the sky—
A truly mournful din!*

*The tiny scholar adds his voice,
Seated upon his stool,
To those around; his special choice—
"A bigger, brighter, school!"*

*Who can say true when that will be?
—The time of no more woes—
When we a stately school shall see—
The future only knows.*

"CURATUS," 4A.

THE S.H.S. RADIO CLUB.

The Sydney High School Radio Club is no longer an idle dream, but an accomplished fact. The Club was inaugurated over a month ago, and is now a flourishing body, well supported by the boys and several of the masters, who are as enthusiastic as the boys. Not only is it a Radio Club, but it is also a social club, wherein all boys and masters, meet on equal terms, eager to learn more of this wonderful science which has so successfully broken down the barriers of distance. Very shortly the Club will be in possession of its own wireless set and members will be able to listen in to the medley of entertainment which pervades the ether.

But the Radio Club will not be content in merely listening to Broadcast programmes. Its aim is to instruct its members in the science of wireless telegraphy and telephony, so that there will be a lot of experimental work done. It is safe to say that no discovery of ancient or modern times holds such possibilities for universal application as radio. It is the experimenter who is doing everything to further its progress, spurred on by the knowledge that every advance made adds still further to the value of wireless in the interests of mankind. There is no doubt that those engaged in exploiting the possibilities of wireless transmission by sound will accomplish much more useful work later on. It is in this direction that the Radio Club intends to work.

Therefore everybody, boys and masters alike, is invited to join the Club and partake of the useful instruction and entertainment it provides. Furthermore, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that what you will learn of electricity and telegraphy will always assist you both in school work and in after life.

E. PONT.

CLASS NOTES.

5A.—After a re-shuffling of the two fourth year classes of last year, the cream of the School's scholastic and athletic ability devolved into the premier class—5A. We are now comfortably (if we may couple such a word with anything belonging to the school premises) installed in Room 2, where the noise of "all that mighty heart" floats into the room, along with the heavily laden air of Ultimo. Ah! For the minute I forgot we were honours students, delving into the mysteries of Milton's Heaven and Hecate, or trying to tear away the thin disguises under which Lamb tries to veil his old friends and memories. Yes! We have full access to that fountain of knowledge, the Coates' Library. Now we can drink in the beauties of English country scenes as we stroll along the river's bank with the chatty Piscator, and perchance, learn something of the art of angling, or if our minds should crave for something more exciting, lay hands on Macaulay's "History of England," and skim its pages till the morbid scene of Monmouth's execution appeases our appetite for vivid description.

As regards French, we are all mainly interested in the progress of our future Lithgow Scholarship winner, who, with a grin of supreme triumph, flings a French idiom, raked from inconceivably dark corners of French literature, at your head, on every inopportune occasion.

Then we have another diversion in Joe, Junior, who rambles on anything from log m.n. to the base "a," to the latinisations in "*Urn Burial*." Further digression from the realms of learning, occur when "Ocker" (T. T.) "puts one over."

However, the work now is strenuous, and the hours fleet of foot, so we will leave the reader to "find short solace here."

V.B.—Enter V.B.! Though its numbers are small, V.B. is without doubt composed of the cream of the School, numbering in its ranks several grade cricketers, three rowers, including the scientific (?) Caterson, a number of prospective footballers, and last, but not least, one "general" (of Pymont fame). Also we have academic champions, such as McGrath, Cramp and Rawle (to mention a few), who will show the "superior" class what cleverness in the true sense means. Each day (and each night (?)), we joyously toil (?) at our lessons; each day we are urged to greater effort, and if, as the "know-alls" declare, the homework we get now is nothing to that of the future, we are overcome and can only mutter, "O Death, where is thy sting?" We might add that the V.B. Maths. class, under the tutorship of Mr. G—g, is becoming very proficient at proverbs, etc., if not at Maths. Considering the "early arrival" of our Latin authors, we have made remarkable progress. We now can all boast of being fairly well acquainted with the aims of Achilles and the Danae.

Despite our aversion to work, we are gradually overcoming our objections and beginning to appreciate (?) Lamb, and our interest is unbounded in the discussion of Macbeth's character for the hundredth time.

Together with V.A. we have formed a class cricket team, with a rosy cheeked "choom," as its captain and the notorious "Toothless Terror" as its chief player.

However, that dreaded event, the Leaving Certificate, is still some eight or nine months off and, like good unionists, we refuse to do any more work than is absolutely necessary, until, of course, its proximity terrifies us.

Well, to cut things short, V.B. is doing well, its members striving in class-room and in sport to live up to our renowned motto, "Last in —."

4A.—Behold 4A proudly bearing on our shoulders the light burden of a record harvest of A's and followed by a throng of admiring and congratulating masters. But though we emerged light-hearted and victorious from the Junior precincts of No. 7, the senior class that entered No. 4 was only a skeleton of its former proud self. With what regret do we survey our depleted ranks and with what heartfelt sighs do we long for the weird antics and bizarre noises of one of those "who have gone and never shall return"!

Despite many previous statements alleging our marked aversion to work, we seem to have conquered our repugnance for study now that the lighter spirited members of the class have gone. In fact, we go into raptures over Chaucer, we immensely enjoy Virgil, and we dote on Livy. Surely the age of miracles has come!

Several of our members have tasted the delights of pre-fectorial duties. Two other inseparables were very nearly elected but the voters jibbed at the last moment and the precious two will have to wait till next year.

4B.—By this time the honored class, 4B, has made considerable progress, or to be more correct, been propelled forward along the path of learning by the gruesome admonitions of our mild tempered (?) masters.

In lessons we have surprised ourselves (including our teachers, who are still wondering what was the matter with the Intermediate examiners) and are progressing wonderfully, even although a certain teacher has informed us that he intends taking our names. Anyone doubting our word is invited into Room 4 about 9 a.m., where he will hear something like this: "What homework did we have last night? Lend us your trig.," etc., etc.

As usual, 4B was triumphant in the Senior Relay at the recent swimming carnival and won thereby the first of their usual cakes.

In first-grade cricket we have no less than four representatives who uphold our honor. The other grades also claim our attention and most of us are looking forward to the "footer" season.

As mentioned before, we are stationed in Room 4, which is quite a museum. It contains an old gown, said to have been worn by Caesar at one of his battles in Gaul, and an ancient press in which a modern language master was wont to keep his private museum.

By the way, ours is not the only class which appreciates the view on to the lawn outside.

To conclude, let me speak the truth: 4B is a class of genius, ingenuity and perseverance without exception, and its members are the most open-hearted and generous fellows in the world. You ask them!

3A.—Although the Inter. is but a dim cloud on our scholastic horizon as yet, we are not allowed to forget the enormity of the task by our respective masters. At the same time, we consider it would be a little premature to make the hackneyed remarks concerning the "black despair" that settles down on us like a pall on the approach of the "dreaded Inter."

But we are not allowed to enjoy the bliss which is derived from ignorance, though our respected Maths. master thinks some of us ought to be having a pretty enjoyable time.

The rarer air of Room 7 aids us considerably in search after elusive knowledge. In fact, some of us have become so addicted to poring over dusty tomes of Latin and Greek that we are made the buts of some scathing remarks and withering sarcasm from a certain budding Voltaire, whose remarks would be cutting were it not for his extreme air of boredom.

Our class picnic was a great success, held under the able supervision of our connoisseur in boiled lollies and "Auld Scotch." We might add though that the theory of catching fish with a bent pin is practically exploded.

Despite the enthusiasm of some members of the team, we have difficulty in raising the full number, owing to some misguided being's opinion that it is time they took up tennis; but we have not done badly in that direction, and have some efficient graders.

We had several excellent swimmers in the recent swimming carnival and Morton ran away with the Cup. Our relay did good work in coming second. Griffiths swam second in the Junior Cup, won the 50 yards, second in the 440 and 220, and third in back-stroke.

We had hopes that the wireless fiends had died a natural death, but they are being aided and abetted to such an extent, that for a paltry sub. they will be enrolled under the banners of the S.H.S. Radio Club, who are talking about getting a set some time in the future. Meanwhile, they listen to inspired addresses, the value of which would outweigh the monetary side of the question in any case.

3.B.—With great hopes for the forthcoming Intermediate, we have begun the year, all trying to work hard in order that we may be rewarded with "A stacks" at the end. Two of our last year class associates have gone abroad but the class has not been diminished, as we have with us several of last year's unfortunates, who are now making up for lost time.

In sport the class is not dormant. Our class cricket team is shining, not yet having been beaten. We possess a few grade cricketers, one of whom is a first-grader and another skipper of the seconds.

Our relay team in the recent swimming carnival carried off the cake with honors. We are now waiting anxiously for the "footy" season to come, as our little Sam is wasting his time at the "flicks."

We have several comedians in our midst, Alf. being far to the forefront.

To mention no names, we are of the opinion that the class would progress more rapidly if it were not for articles of an objectionable nature like a Portmanteau of Bottles, together with a Jewish Gramophone.

By the next issue of *The Record* we hope to be feeling that our year's work will not have been in vain.

2A.—Here we are again! The famous 1A re-appears as the equally famous 2A. Some changes have taken place in the class, some of our respected colleagues having left "for pastures new."

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the new masters, Messrs. James and Smairl, and assure them that we hope to obtain A passes in the Intermediate Examination, under their able tuition.

In the realm of sport we have not quite attained the success that we expected, but we hope to improve. In the School Swimming Carnival we did not "set the baths afire" but we had some solid successes, Davis (Phyllis) winning the Breast-stroke Championship, and our Relay Team coming third.

2B.—Here we are again! 2B and always to be. Once more we grace the pages of *The Record* with our presence.

Well, friends, we are Second Year now, and have forsaken all frivolous habits.

We hope to be the leading class in sport and in work in Second Year. We have energetic teachers, and, if we are diligent in our work, we have no excuse if we do not pass the Intermediate with all colours flying.

In cricket we have a good class team, and stand a good chance of carrying off the Class Shield.

We have three graders, Charlton, Randall and Ward, and hope to have more by the end of this season.

The most prominent players in the Class Teams are Peach, Humphries, Sellors, Maggs, Clarke, Crocket and Russell, all the rest being pretty good all-round cricketers, but not quite up to the standard required. We also hope to have a good class football team this coming season. In swimming we have a couple of very good swimmers, Howitt and Bryce Street being the two best.

We had bad luck in the Class Relay in the Carnival, as we were disqualified.

Well, we shall have to close now, as space does not allow much room in *The Record*, but we wish all other classes the best of luck in forthcoming examinations.

2C.—Once more our class notes illuminate the pages of *The Record*, but this time, not as 1C, but 2C.

We have distinguished ourselves in the world of sport this year. We have a cricket team ably described by our "lesser poet" Dunnet:

Our cricket team is very good,
Our bowlers are not bad,
Some think our captain is of wood,
And some, our batsmen mad.

The team, however, is doing very well. The captain, "Chook" (Hensley) handles the team excellently, while our "historic" bowler, "Ned Kelly," comes next for honours. Huxtable and Hepper in grade cricket do well (sometimes). Several of our fellows have their "weekly bath" and also we have a few tennis

players. "Hat-Trick Huxtable" is assistant secretary of tennis. Our swimmers won their heat in the Class Relay, and also recorded many first and second places in other heats.

Mr. Brodie has considerably helped 3C and us with his lanterns, and as we are seated behind 3C in "Business Subjects" they are aided by our superior brains.

2C has been very unlucky this year: The gift "Tech" made us last year (Alexander) has been outbalanced by our return gift. Our heavyweight (Hoffman) and artist (Carruth) we also "swopped" with 2B, but it was also a one-sided bargain. One of our good scholars and shorthand writers (Dunstan) was given in exchange for "Foolshead." It has been whispered by 2B that our late fellow-scholar cannot write shorthand properly. But, however, 2B are ignorant of shorthand, so we cannot take notice of the whispers.

While we are in the French Classroom, Crawford and Cawte, our celebrated Frenchmen (?) are "on top."

2C, the renowned talking class, is invincible, and we are willing to put up P. W. Street (G.A.S.) and W. G. Alexander and Huxtable against allcomers, even to "Windy Collings."

1A.—All good things come if we wait long enough. 1A has arrived at last.

It is a very studious class. We never push into the queue at the tuck shop, owing to the command of our elders (the Prefects); they have a habit of sending one down to the end.

Why it should be we do not know, but the smallest boy in the class has the longest tongue. His treble keeps us awake during the sleepy weather. Our "avoirduois" goes out to Centennial Park as umpire, but generally has to move about to let the scorer see; but he is a good umpire, as the players are afraid to hit him when he gives them "out." He has too much weight. We are slowly forging ahead in cricket. Our very name often makes other teams shudder when they hear it mentioned. We have so far been successful under the worthy captaincy of A. W. McKibbin. 2A was a hard nut to crack, but our team was successful.

Some of the causes of our victory were the excellent wicket-keeping of T. Avis and the skilful bowling of the "Star" bowler, Starr. But the real success of our splendid effort, resulting in victory, was the combined work of the whole team.

We hold our own against other classes in swimming. We are proud to own I. Spedding, B. Gardiner, C. Gerrard, and J. Robinson.

1B.—First greetings from the renowned 1B. Our attendance (when we are all here) is 42, which we daresay is a record in numbers for the 1B classes. Our very name suggests industry, for we are the busy bees.

We are busy even when the teacher's back is turned. We *never* indulge in talking or hat-throwing or fighting. We *never* use aeroplanes made of paper with the ends dipped in ink. Oh, dear, no!

The swimming heats show that 1B possesses many champions. Our representatives who do us honour are, Nelson, Cameron and Norrish.

Undoubtedly the supremacy of 1B over the other 1st year classes will be proved in the coming football season, for we hope to be more successful than we are at cricket. After all, it takes real skill to play football.

At cricket we are not doing as well as we should, although we have good "all-rounders" in McKimm (our captain), Coleman and Nelson.

Of course, we are the last to admit it, but the fact does remain that we are unrivalled as far as class work goes.

With kindest regards to all.—1B.

1C.—A fine set of boys has been enrolled this year as "1C." There are lads from nearly every school in and about Sydney.

When the class marches in of a morning our burly class prefect takes his usual position in the corner of Room 10, while in the opposite corner the midget of the class hurriedly copies his French homework from his friend's book, at the same time being careful to see that Mr. Jones is not in the room.

Now that it comes to sport, I shall have to let you know something about 1C as a sporting class. Although the 1C cricket team is not of a very high standard, and has therefore not won many matches, it does not mean that we have not any good players. We have found some good cricketers in Connors, Leister, Pickford, Middleton, and Lambert. These boys have all played brilliantly in the matches we have had this year.

Our swimmers are very good for a first year class, and, I may mention, that we have two of the best in the whole of first year. Although they did not do much at the Carnival this season, they may do better next year. Among our best swimmers are Nest, Thicknesse and Clark. We all thought Nest was going to do well, but his opponents outswam him, and he came no better than second and third in his races. We have found an excellent junior cadet in "Vivvy" Thicknesse, who was narrowly beaten for the "Junior Cadet Cup" by Steele in 3C, who won by one point.

Coming to our schoolwork, we have Mr. Jones for French, while Mr. Hallman, Mr. Castleman, and Mr. Tierney deal out the Maths., English and History, respectively. On the whole, our teachers are very lenient and do not often give detention.

We do not know what sort of a class football team we'll have this season, but we hope to do much better at this sport than the others in first year, before our notes again appear in the school paper.

THE STEALING OF EXCALIBUR.

It was a winter's night, and a cutting wind blew in from the dreary expanse of marsh.

"Ultimo" Ulric, thug and jewellery expert, shivered, and crouched lower beneath the bush under which he was sheltering.

"Oughter be along soon," he muttered, and, comforted with this reflection, he rolled a cigarette.

The cold moon began to edge with silver the gloomy clouds, as it rose above the horizon.

Some distance back lay the grim mountains, enveloped in the icy folds of the mist.

Truly a cheerful spot!

To the ears of the waiting man came the sound of steel, jarring upon the hard black crags, and instantly he was alert.

Out of the mists there came a figure clad from head to foot in glittering armour—a figure which carried in its hand something which sparkled and flashed like a thing of fire.

“Right yer are, Bedivere, my boy, I’m waiting,” said Ultimo, under his breath, and took a firmer grip on his heavy automatic.

The jewels in the hilt of Excalibur made him gasp with amazement, hardened as he was. Visions of a life of luxury and ease rose in his imagination.

“Oughter get two hundred thousand f’ the lot,” he muttered and bunched himself for a spring.

While moving his feet he trod upon a toad. It died with a dismal screech, and Sir Bedivere paused in his hurried gait.

The next minute he was confronted by a figure with an ugly face and a wicked-looking automatic.

“How dost thou, scurvy knave?” he exclaimed angrily. “’And ’er over, boss. I sort o’ fancy them sparklers,” rasped Ultimo, threateningly.

Bedivere looked at him uncomprehendingly.

“So the little boy ain’t willing,” said Ultimo, and made a move to close with the knight.

The next moment, the two figures swayed, to and fro, locked in each other’s embrace.

Bedivere, although hampered by his armour, put up a good fight. Perilously near the edge of the marsh they came, but neither perceived it.

Suddenly Ultimo saw his chance, and, raising his automatic above his head, brought it down with crushing force on the knight’s forehead. Bedivere sank without even a moan.

But stepping aside to avoid the falling body, Ultimo overbalanced and fell backwards. With a loud splash the waters closed over his head.

He struggled to extricate himself, but the weeds seemed to pull him down with relentless fingers.

Weaker and weaker he became, and finally with a wailing cry he sank.

On the bank lay the unconscious form of the knight, clad in glittering armour.

And beside him, in the silvery light of a winter’s moon, lay the brand Excalibur gleaming frostily. . . .

A.N.C.

AN IDEAL EXAMINATION PAPER.

(A master recently remarked that he always failed to set an examination paper that would please everyone. I have therefore taken the liberty of suggesting what, in my opinion, would be an ideal paper.)

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY. 6th Year.

Time allowed—Till you've finished.

No more than one question to be attempted, but more marks will be awarded for five questions fully done than for one question half done.

1. Draw a diagram of a test tube, naming the various parts.
2. Prove that if gold and silver are placed in the same bucket of water, they will get wet.

What would happen if they were placed in separate buckets?

Explain your answer, giving chemical equations wherever possible.

3. Only *two* of the following to be answered:—

(a) How far inland would the shock be felt if the wind blew up our harbour?

(b) If a stool is suddenly taken from under a person, he sits down. Explain, using Archie Medie's Hyperbola.

4. (a) If the tap of the sulphuretted hydrogen flask is opened, it is found necessary to leave the room. Give a short explanation why this is the case.

(b) If a person enters the class room at the rate of five miles an hour, how fast would he leave it?

5. Seven milligrams of Lampblack weigh 2.35 ozs. From this data, calculate the volume occupied at N.T.P. by 35 ccs. of Lumbago.

6. How would you find the relative denseness of a prefect, taking a schoolmaster as the standard, 100%?

7. Prove experimentally that if a person hits a concrete wall head first, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

8. What do you understand by the term "Propensity of Dusters"? If a master brings a different duster into a certain class room each day for fifteen days, how many dusters would be found in a certain locker in that room at the end of the stipulated time?

9. "An element is a substance which cannot be subdivided into smaller parts by any known process." Taking this definition as correct, what classification would you give a piece of chalk obtained from the office?

10. What is the action of

- (a) Tap water on hair-oil (making use of your own experience in first year)?
- (b) Nitric acid on influenza germs?
- (c) Common salt on birds' tails?

Suggest some method by which (c) could be developed into a profitable industry?

—B.L. (5th year).

A STORM AT SEA.

By LYLE LUFF, 1C.

The crew of the "Blue Albatross" were gathered together in the fo'castle spinning yarns of their adventures in different parts of the world, and Jack and Roy Williams listened in an ecstasy of delight, imagining themselves chasing Slavers down the East African coast, or chasing whales in the misty seas.

Presently a gruff voice yelled: "Tumble up, there! Hi! Tumble up! All hands on deck!"

Every man instantly ran to his station and awaited orders.

"All hands aloft and shorten sail!" The order was heard all over the ship. The men scrambled up the rigging like monkeys, and began hauling at ropes, and shortening sail, for all their worth. Jack and Roy weren't far behind, and soon they found themselves out on the yardarm hauling away with cold hands, and chattering teeth.

"Faster! Faster! Put a bit o' ginger into it!" roared the skipper.

Panting and gasping, the men quickly furled the sails, and stopped for a moment to regain breath, and then they began the descent.

Suddenly the storm burst upon them with its full fury. The ship gave a shudder from stem to stern, and the men hung on for dear life, thanking their lucky stars that the work aloft had been done in time, and catching their breath for a moment.

Then they began cautiously to descend, holding on tightly to anything near them.

The ship was swaying from side to side, and great vivid flashes of bright lightning filled the dark, gloomy sky.

"Isn't it terrible?" gasped Roy.

"Yes!" cried Jack, and suddenly a great wave came over the deck, and carried Jack with it.

Jack uttered a shriek as he felt himself going backwards, and a horrible fear clutched his heart, that he could not account for. He fell into the water with a splash, and struck out feebly.

Roy recovered himself, and with the cry of "Man overboard!" he leapt into the dark, angry waters to his mate's rescue. He was a strong swimmer, and he looked round for his mate, and saw him all but finished a small distance off.

Rapidly he made for him, and just as he clutched his collar, a lifebuoy whizzed through the air and landed near them. They grasped it, and presently a boat from the ship took them back, where they were put to bed.

The next morning all traces of the storm were gone, and the "Blue Albatross" sailed safely into port.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COMPULSORY SPORT.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—It was with no feeling of regret that many of us noted the enforcement of sport by the Education Department. Those who are in any way connected with it know how much the School is in need of new recruits. But to fifth year, that most renowned sporting class, this communication came as a bombshell. Indignation was expressed on all sides. "Why should this privileged class of ours be deprived of its private Wednesday afternoons?" "Surely *we* will not be compelled to go to Wentworth Oval and strip!"

When we come to consider the sporting instincts of fifth year, we find that out of a class of forty odd pupils scarcely more than six all-round sports can be found. Explain thy conduct, O Fifth, and answer for thy misdeeds! Is it pure selfishness, or dost thou think it immodest to play such rough and tumble games as cricket and football. Be not influenced by such effeminate creatures as "Gertie," "L — y" and "N - G - n." Under their auspices we may see in the near future a bowling or a ping-pong team; or perhaps they would prefer croquet and basket-ball. Art thou content with thy "studious cloister pale" and thy "pensive citadels," or dost thou aspire to the heights of Chaucer and Milton? I would warn you that nature had her cruel revenge on Milton. Surely this is not the way to set an example to the lower School; but fifth year may be comforted in the fact that they are not the only offenders.

One of the main reasons of the poor results of our teams is the lack of unity. We are divided within our walls. Some teachers are hostile to the G.P.S. competition. They have agitated for the disestablishment of S.H.S. from the G.P.S. It is time for the teachers to agitate for our disestablishment when the boys who play G.P.S. sport desire to withdraw. As when one nation attacks another divided within, that nation unites and repels the invaders, so let S.H.S. unite, let her thrust aside her internal controversies, and united let her face the oncoming foe in the form of Shore and Grammar. Then, and then only, will S.H.S. enter on the road to fame and reach the goal to which she aspires.

"MEPHISTOPHELES."

EDITOR'S NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS.

R.H.C.C.M.: Your ode has not the dignity that such a form of literature demands.

E. Tingle: "The Life Savers" is a very interesting contribution, but not quite suitable to our columns.

E. Hargreaves: Article on Tobacco Cultivation is held over. May print later.

Kenilworth: "Spring" written with much appreciation, but your prose is not yet good enough for *The Record*. Try again.

Kenilworth: "Moonlight." You have distinct feeling for description of Nature. Try again, and we may see you in print next issue.

M.J.D.: "Fight for Gibraltar" is a good subject, but you have not studied poetry carefully. Study rime and metre. Try again.

R.G.H.: "Jones and the Telephone." Held over for further consideration.

C.R.W.: Sonnet on "Night." Thought is good; form marred by some expressions . . . sol. Expression sacrificed to thought.

Brittany: Sorry we are unable to print your translation. Not quite suitable to our columns.

J.W. (I.A.): "Honesty Wins." A very fair attempt. Try to write in a brighter, wittier way, and we may be able to print your next story.

W. Davison (I.B.): "That Boy!" Beginning of story was very good, but towards the end the interest failed, and too much slang appeared. Try again, as we think you have the gift of humour.

J.S. (I.I.C.): Your poem is too short for *The Record*.

R.F. (III.B.): There is much sound sense and good criticism in your letter. If it were written in better style we should not hesitate to publish it in the correspondence column of next issue.

Eric G.: Your poem not correct enough in rime and metre. Study some good poems, and try to find out what makes a poem good. Try again.

Sorry that we are unable to afford space for the article on *Jenolan Caves*.

The Class Notes are very disappointing from a literary point of view. Instead of being well-written, witty notes, describing the life of the class, and showing some ability in applying some of the English you are studying, they are scrappy productions.

Cartoons: The Editor has received about a dozen sketches and cartoons varying in skill and wit. These contributions must be distinctly good before we can think of printing them, as the process of reproducing them entails considerable expense. The art of these drawings consists in making as few lines as possible, yet sufficient to suggest your meaning. We urge those boys who have sent us sketches to try again, following our suggestion above, and studying the cartoons in *The Bulletin* or the great daily papers.

R.F. (III.B.): Your note contains much sound sense and good criticism, but should be written in a better style and thus do justice to your arguments. Publication deferred with that object in view.

"Mephistopheles": Your article should have been signed by you, not necessarily for publication, but as *bona fides*. However, all criticism advanced in the interests of the School, and set forth in a becoming manner, is welcomed by *The Record*.

"A Kindly Critic": Your interest in the welfare of the School is much appreciated, but some items in your letter could not appear in *The Record*. Your generous offer is referred to in another column.

EXCHANGES.

The editor acknowledges the following exchanges: *Hermes*, *The Fortian*, *The Falcon*, *The Pegasus* (Geelong College), *The Newingtonian*, *The Mirror* (Orange), *Torch Bearer* (S.C.E.G.), *Koala* (Tamworth), *Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal*, *Wesley College* (Melbourne), *Technical High School Journal*, *The Armidahan* (Armidale School), *King's School Magazine*, *The Lens* (Lismore), *The Sydneian*, *The Melbournian*, *Sydney Girls' High School Journal*.

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