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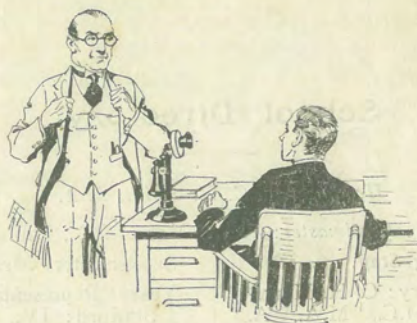
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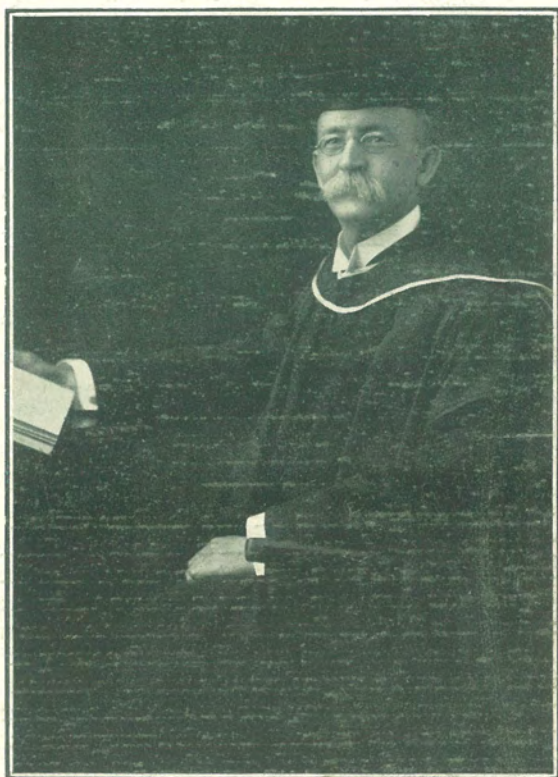
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## EDITORIAL.

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The time has arrived when I must say farewell to you all and to the School that I love. When I came among you six years ago, I felt I was no stranger to the School; several of the teachers were well known to me, and the very building was to me an old friend. I therefore feel rather keenly my parting from you and from it, for both are dear to me. It has been my constant aim, first to make your time at school both a pleasant and a profitable one for you, and, secondly, to inspire in you a pride in your School. That is one reason why I have been so particular on insisting that you keep your rooms tidy and clean, for no one can respect a place that is not tidy and clean. I was, therefore, very pleased when, in consequence of the vigorous representations of the Old Boys' Union, the Department of Education had the inside of the building thoroughly renovated, for since that has been done, I have noticed your respect for the building has increased considerably. But, after all, a school is much more than a mere building. The Sydney High School in particular is an institution with great and noble traditions, which to a considerable extent are altogether independent of the building in which it is housed. Further, I have tried to show you that it is your duty, and—what is more—your high privilege not only to live up to those traditions, but even, if possible, to enhance them. These traditions were made

in former years by just such boys as you are, and so it is within your power either to raise them still higher or drag them in the dust. It gives me great pleasure personally, to think that during my tenure of office these traditions have, with your help, been fully maintained. Such will also be the case under your new Head, Mr. Saxby, if you give him (as I am sure you will) the same support and the same obedience that you have always so willingly given me. I should like you to value the privilege of being allowed to attend this School—the oldest High School in the State. Many men, who have since become famous, have passed through its halls and have enriched its records with their achievements. Resolve to imitate their example and to leave behind you some record of your doings that will reflect credit on you and on your School. Above all, avoid anything that would tarnish its reputation or brings its good name into disrepute. Its honour is now entrusted to your hands: see to it that you live worthy of the great trust. When you finally leave School, do not, as too many do, straightway forget what you owe to it. Your success in after life will, to a very large extent, be due to what the school has taught you. It is not only book learning that it gives you, although that is of extreme value; it also teaches you how to deal with the people around you. As I have said on a previous occasion, the boy who knows, for example, how to captain a football or a cricket team, has learnt a valuable lesson on how to manage other people, and those who serve under him have learnt how to obey orders, a thing we must all learn in this world. Always keep a warm spot in your heart for your old School; keep in touch with it by paying a visit to it occasionally: teachers and boys are always pleased to see old faces. Take an interest in its welfare, and if it needs help do not grudge to give it. Perhaps the best plan, if you want to keep in touch with the School, will be for you, on leaving, to join up with the Old Boys' Union. In its ranks you will find a body of men, former pupils, whose interest and enthusiasm for the old School never flag. Some of them are now quite old men, but when they begin to talk about their School days, their old age seems to drop away from them, and they become, in spirit at least, boys once more, sitting under some master they loved and respected, in the same old rooms that you now occupy. Try and imitate their spirit, and let it never be said of any of you that you forgot your old School. Boys, I wish you all success in your future career. I shall be anxiously scanning the papers for the lists of passes at the various examinations: I hope to see there the names of very many of my friends, i.e., yourselves, and I shall rejoice with you. And now good-bye. I shall not forget you, for we have always been excellent friends, and, of course, true friends never forget each other. If I can be of assistance at any time,



C. R. SMITH, M.A.

either to the School or to you individually, I shall be only too happy to do what I can. Good luck to you all, boys, and good luck to the grand old School, the Sydney High!

C. R. SMITH,  
Headmaster.

Sydney Boys' High School,  
28th November, 1924.

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### MR. C. R. SMITH, M.A. (RETIRING HEADMASTER).

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After 42 years of faithful service in the Department of Education our Headmaster, Mr. C. R. Smith, retires at the end of the year.

Born in the Orkney Islands, and educated at Aberdeen University—that grand old University which has given so many great citizens to the Empire—he arrived in Sydney in 1883 and joined the Education Department of this State. After many experiences in both city and country schools, in which he met with conspicuous success, he was, in 1919, appointed to the charge of the Sydney High School.

The remarkable scholastic success gained by the School in the last six years, during his régime, is the monument and record to his influence. The love and esteem felt by the boys towards him is the outcome of his never-varying, straightforward and manly method of dealing with them. The honour and respect in which he is held by the whole School is a witness and testimony to his ripe scholarship.

It would be difficult to say in which of the many School activities Mr. Smith was most interested or with which he was most competent to deal. In both Classics and Modern Languages his help and sound advice were always prized by staff and boys and, what may not be so generally known, our worthy Head is quite *au fait* in what our worthy friends on the Mathematical side are pleased to call the "exact science."

Nor was Mr. Smith's interest in the School life confined solely to the actual routine work of the School. It extended into our many social activities. He trod both highways and by-ways.

He loved to preside at our dinners and to view that contented complacency gradually extend over the faces of his "companions" which results during the process of satisfying keen youthful appetites.

He loved to preside at those functions to which members of the gentler sex were admitted and to watch the dancers tripping

"the light fantastic toe"; these functions he always encouraged, knowing from experience the value of that softening and refining influence which the presence of the fair exerts upon the rude and boisterous brave.

A fine teacher, a fine scholar and a fine gentleman, Mr. Smith has proved himself worthy to rank with his great predecessors in office.

And now, on the eve of his retirement, we wish to place on record our regret at the departure of such a good and sympathetic friend and Headmaster, and we hope that he may be long spared to enjoy that happy leisure to which his long and splendid service to his adopted land entitles him.

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### THE LORELEI.

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(Translated from Heine by R. Farrell.)

*I know not what troubles my spirit,  
But my heart is o'erladen with woe.  
A voice seems to say I inherit  
A tale of the dim long ago.*

*Serene is the air: Hesper listens  
To the Rhine as it ripples below;  
The crest of the mountain glistens,  
Like gems in the rich afterglow.*

*A streamer of gold and of glory  
Encircles a maid sitting there:  
Her diamonds sparkle with story,  
As she combs out her gold-thridded hair.*

*With a comb of gold she is combing  
Her tresses ablaze: while she sings  
In ecstasy through the soft gloaming  
Of weird "translunary things."*

*In his shallop the sailor catches  
The siren strains, frantic with love,  
And the treacherous rocks never watches;  
He sees but the song-sprite above.*

*The waters disaster are bringing,  
The shallop, the sailor, are gone;  
And this with her magical singing  
The Lorelei has done.*



### SCHOOL NOTES.

We must congratulate King's on the excellent performance which they put up at the recent G.P.S. Athletic Meeting, by gaining both Senior and Junior Shields.

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Congratulations also to Fort Street, North Sydney and Yanco, winners of the Senior, Junior and Junior Cadet trophies, respectively, at the C.H.S. Meeting, and to Weatherstone and Byrne Cowan, our Senior and Junior champions.

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We extend a warm welcome to Ern. Henry, who, after his trip to Europe, has recently returned from the Olympic Games. Ern. is unchanged and still retains his quiet unassuming manner.

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Recently members of the Sydney Girls' High School gave a performance of their operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," in aid of the Rowing Club. The performance was a distinct success in every respect and the young actresses and their organisers are to be thanked for the substantial service they have done the School.

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Congratulations to the Debating Team on their meritorious performance in annexing the G.P.S. premiership. We hope to see the Debating Shield retained at the School next year.

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A little while back members of 3rd and 5th years attended performances by Allan Wilkie of Henry V. and Macbeth. The result was to more fully develop and mature their thoughts upon the plays and thus to aid them considerably in their work.

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Mr. Brodie and Mr. Murphy have been very busy during the last few weeks organising a second performance given by the S.H.S. Dramatic and Music Society, which is to take place on 12th December. The concert, which is taking the form of a farewell to Mr. Smith, should be a decided success.

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Congratulations to S. King and H. Mortimer, on their securing representative honours in the 1st Grade Combined G.P.S. XI.

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Also to C. R. Willcox, who was chosen to lead the G.P.S. Debating Team against the representatives of the Y.M.C.A.

We notice that our swimming representatives have been busy training for the Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival, which takes place on the 5th December. By the time we appear in print this will be over and we can only hope that the School will have retained the Shield, which we succeeded in gaining at last year's meeting.

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The School was well represented by a number of Masters and Senior boys at the 20th Annual Dinner of the Old Boys' Union, which took place at the National Club's rooms, on the 26th of November.

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The occasion was auspicious because of the farewell which was tendered to our departing Headmaster, Mr. C. R. Smith, and the cordial welcome extended to the Headmaster-elect, Mr. G. Saxby, from Newcastle.

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Among the guests were our old friends, Mr. Leaver and Mr. Moffat, and such distinguished speakers as Messrs. Piddington, S. H. Smith (Director of Education), and Dettman.

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Speeches were delivered in praise of the capable and sympathetic manner in which Mr. Smith had watched over the interests of the School during the tenure of his office, and on the necessity of our obtaining a school situated in a more congenial and suitable atmosphere.

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Speech Day this year will be held on Tuesday, 16th December, at the School. As this will be the last occasion on which Mr. Smith will participate in an official capacity, we hope that there will be a record attendance of boys, parents, Old Boys, and friends.

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Referred congratulations to those footballers, King (1st XV.), Nicholas (2nd XV.), Stafford (captain 3rd XV.), and Brien (3rd XV.), who were selected to play representative G.P.S. football.

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This year all prizes except the cups, etc., will be distributed on the morning of Friday, 12th December, so all boys should be present.

### HYDRIOPSYCHIDION.

[Note.—This title does not mean anything; it has been chosen merely to show that the writer is a Grecian.]

It was the last night of the Christmas holidays: on the morrow, little Willie was to go for the first time to the Sydney Boys' High School at Ultimo. Of course, he had wondered quite a lot about what sort of a place his new school would be; but his big brother Cyril, who had just done his term of five years there, when questioned, had been rather uncommunicative on the subject. On this particular Sunday night, however, feeling embittered with things in general, he waxed right eloquent:

"And so, Willie, you want to know what the school is like, and what sort of lessons you will do? Perhaps you think you are going to a very superior place. My poor, innocent little cherub, how I hate to disillusion you! To-morrow morning you will walk up historic Mary Anne Street and come to your new school—an ancient-looking building, picturesquely situated in an asphalt yard. You will enter and have taken down all particulars concerning your age, name, parentage, domicile, and religion. On going outside you will fall into the hands of the Philistines, who will put your head under the tap. Don't kick at this, my boy; it is the regular initiatory ceremony, and one must keep up the grand old traditions, you know.

"Soon a bell will ring and you will be at work. Some gentleman or other will come into the room and introduce you to the awful mysteries of—shall we say, Latin? Very well, it is a Latin master (it nearly always is). In a moment you will be deeply absorbed in the intricacies of 'mensa' and 'amo.' This is one of the most important occasions of your life, for now you place your foot on the first rung of the ladder that leads to Culture, the which can only be obtained by diligent application to 'North and Hillard' and the 'Elementary Latin Grammar.'

"After three-quarters of an hour the ringing of the bell will usher in a Maths. Master. Now, no matter what a Maths. Master may say to the contrary, you can be sure he is opposed to Culture in all its forms. The 'useful' subjects are the only ones worth learning: these are, needless to say, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physics, and Chemistry. With their aid you will some day be able to differentially calculate—such, I am given to understand, is the term—various matters; you will learn, among other interesting truths, that the sum of the sines of any two angles is equal to twice the sine of half the angles into the cosine of half their difference; you will learn that—but I am rambling away from the point. Let us return to our Maths. Master. He will possibly give you your first lesson in

Geometry. You won't understand a word of what he says; but never mind, that will be his fault as much as yours. Whatever you do, keep up a semblance of intelligent interest. If you must yawn, do so as unobtrusively as possible. For a yawn, if seen, is liable to be construed into a direct insult to Mathematics its sacred self. To insult a man's subject is the unforgivable sin.

"Thus the day will go on. You will make your acquaintance with a French Master and an English Master. The French Master is almost certain to be some interesting person with a new theory as to how modern languages should be taught. He will declaim to you on his favourite subject in his very best manner. His pupils are the only ones that will listen to him—they have to; and besides, it relieves the monotony of the daily routine.

"The English Master you should make your model. Try and cultivate his well-modulated accents and his fine flow of language. Like the poetry he likes; write English as he would have it written. In all that pertains to literary criticism never form an opinion of your own. As you get higher up in the school, more and more opportunities will be given you to become less and less individual in your manner of thinking. If you attain at length to the stupendous heights of the honours class you will have free access to a library where you will be able to read such books as Prof. Windy Dryasdust's admirable appreciation of the poems of Mr. Toss-Pot, but never the poems themselves."

All this time Cyril had been talking away contentedly, his eyes closed. The sound of his voice soothed him greatly, and he felt sore no longer. He had broken off in the middle of his speech to allow himself the luxury of a stretch. He opened his eyes, and saw that which dealt his vanity a severe blow—saw, in short, little Willie immersed in a romance. Cyril reclosed his eyes and felt once more that he was at odds with the world.

J.E.A.

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### OUR CAPTAIN.

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Looking through December's issue of the *Record* of last year, I came across a neat eulogy on last year's Captain of the School—Ernest Henry. Therein was contained all the necessary qualities that go to make up the *ideal* captain—the qualities that Ernest Henry possessed.

This year the proud position has been filled by Sidney C. King, known to all, Masters, Seniors and Juniors, alike, as "Sid."



*Top Row* : J. W. Greaves, W. H. Judd, R. E. J. Wright, R. Golding, N. James, J. W. Gibbes.

*Middle Row* : O. N. Kelly, E. F. Hallman, J. H. Killip, J. R. Towns, H. P. Brodie, J. Gibson,  
F. B. Jones, O. A. Cropley.

*Sitting* : P. J. Willmott, C. E. George, W. A. Moore, C. R. Smith, H. O. Craddock, P. L. Murphy,  
C. H. Harrison, A. Castleman.

From the day he went through the initiation ceremony to the present time, he has proved himself to be a worthy and sincere leader of his school-mates. There seems little need to mention the personal qualities which have gained for him so much distinction during his school life. Those who know him alone are in a position to judge those qualities and appreciate them to the full. His record through the School alone can do justice to his prowess as a sportsman and a scholar, and to the esteem in which his fellows hold him.

Suffice to say that if the S.H.S. ever produces another captain of the calibre of Sid King (and let us hope that many more like him will yet lead the School), then, indeed, the School will be justified in saying, "We have the *ideal* captain."

And here is a summary of his record:—

1920—2nd XI. 2nd XV. Year representative on Union Committee.

1921—1st XI. 1st XV. Year representative on Union Committee.

1922—1st XI. 1st XV. G.P.S. Athletics rep. Representative on Union Committee. Member of Cricket Committee. Honour cap.

1923—Captain 1st XI. Captain 1st XV. G.P.S. rep., 1st XI. G.P.S. rep., Captain 2nd XV. Prefect. John Skyring Cross Memorial Prize Winner. Sports Editor, *The Record*. Union representative on Old Boys' Council. Year rep. on Union Committee. Member of Cricket, Football and Athletics Committees. Honour cap.

1924—Captain of the School (Senior Prefect). Captain 1st XI. Captain 1st XV. G.P.S. rep., 1st XI. G.P.S. rep., 1st XV. Editor, *The Record*. Representative on Union Committee. Secretary, Cricket Club. Member of Football Committee. Honour cap winner.

We now can only hope and trust that, in the future, his school days having ended, our popular Captain for 1924 will achieve as great success in the world of sport and scholasticism as has been his lot during his High School life.

**MILITIA TRAINING (AS VIEWED BY A PACIFIST).**

Compulsory training has always been my bugbear. Exactly why I should be dragged from the comfort of my home to undergo five days' confinement in a so-called military camp, put to all the inconveniences of such and be blustered about and bullied by my "superiors," superiors whom in the every day walks of life I would barely acknowledge as my equals, is beyond the understanding of the free-born gentleman that I have always visualised myself as being.

I certainly recognise the fact that there are many who relish this diversion in their lives. They see in it something of the romantic; they love to think themselves the last hope of their country. I have no quarrel with these gentlemen; they have a wish to go to camp and they go: I have no wish to go, but I also go—and I'm a pacifist.

I am forced against my will into an atmosphere that is distasteful to my ideas and ideals. I am unwillingly thrust into clothes that are the personification of discomfort. Leather cases for boots that become sheer infernos on a hot day's march, tunic that chafes the neck and wrists, puttees swathed around the legs to choke free circulation, and top of all a "young cannon" that kicks like a mule and shoots as straight as a cross-eyed two-gun man—and all this for one who is a pacifist.

We rise at 6.30 (an hour too soon). A preliminary drill sharpens appetites for the first meal of the day. We troop to the mess tables and clamour like so many Caelenos, "with the ravenous orgasm upon us," to find, what—one lonely little rissole!

"No good crying out for more, that's the issue for the morning. The cook's burnt the porridge," we are told.

Cooks! \*—\*! Those tyrants of the cook-house, ever ready to abuse the wretch who obtrudes into their den of infamy, holding us in subjection by reason of our stomachs! Only on three occasions did we satisfy the "inner man." The two occasions on which our mess tables were visited by generals, and another when our mess orderly outwitted the cooks. Hero of the hour! How complete was thy triumph! Our usual ration of one sausage each had been served. By experience we knew it was time to withdraw, but some intangible power stayed us. We lingered expectantly—thirsty optimists. For the first time our hopes were justified. The "guardian of our stomachs" brought a new supply of sausages—a regular "feast in the desert." It was reckoned we averaged six per head. So at last the authorities were learning what it takes to feed a healthy school-boy! But we soon discovered that we had over-estimated their intelligence. It appears our mess orderly had got another company's

issue, and that generous second helping was meant for another hundred men. Of course there was a row, but surely it was worth any row. Moreover, our common enemy had to turn round and cook for those other hungry hundred.

Cooks! The only time I would care to forget I was a pacifist would be when a popular rebellion arose against these tyrants of the scullery.

However, reader, if you should chance to be like myself—a pacifist—when in your turn you go a-toy-soldiering, take the advice of one made wiser by experience and be a—cook!

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### SYDNEY.

*Sydney, thou art indeed a precious gem,  
Set in the splendour of thy island home;  
The pinnacle of fair Australia's dome,  
The brightest jewel in her diadem.  
Thou art a sea-side city and the waves  
Lap idly at thy doorway and enrich  
Thee with their pearls. Thou also dost bewitch  
All strangers with the restful charm that laves  
Thy very being. Ewer since the day  
When Philip first espied thy foliaged shores  
Thy beauty has increased, and now we prize  
Thy fresh and fair appearance and the way  
The glorious sunlight often o'er thee pours,  
Queen of the South, framed 'neath azure skies.*

C. R. WILLCOX.

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### ROWING CLUB FUNDS.

Old Boys of the School have always been enthusiastic in support of School rowing, and by their generous financial support have made participation in the G.P.S. Regatta possible. Last month, a further contribution of £50/3/5 was received from Mr. A. T. Harvey, on behalf of a group of Old Boys, who wished to defray part of the cost of the School's first "Eight." The Union has very much pleasure in thanking the following Old Boys for their contributions:—

Messrs. G. P. Alexander, R. H. S. Dougan, M. W. Flannery, J. Fyffe, D. C. Gilder, R. F. Gollan, K. Grainger, A. T. Harvey, K. J. Howell, J. M. Houston, G. Iliff, F. King, W. Masters, K. M. McCredie, J. A. R. McKellar, T. W. McNamara, H. Mutton, W. Moran, R. Neate, C. Philip, F. Smythe, A. B. Stayner, H. M. Stayner, W. Shackleton, W. Turk, S. M. Willmott, S. Willsher.



The Treasurer wishes to acknowledge the following donations:—Mr. P. H. Moses, £2/2/-; Mr. A. N. Loewenthal, £1/1/-; Mr. G. Craig, 10/6; Braham Moses, 7/-.

The Rowing Fund has also benefitted to the extent of £49 as a result of the performance of "Princess Chrysanthemum" by the Sydney Girls' High School Choir.

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### "PRINCESS CHRYSANTHEMUM."

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The kind offer of Miss Ferguson to permit the Sydney Girls' High School Choir to perform the operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," in aid of the School's Rowing Fund, was eagerly accepted by the School Union. Such an action will go to strengthen the bond of friendly and sympathetic interest that is so thoroughly manifest between the two schools.

The performance, which took place at the Girls' High School on 11th October, was excellent, and highly gratifying from a financial point of view. The large audience was delighted with the novelty of the piece and charmed with the sweetness of the singers' voices. The arrogance of the self-styled "most munificent and clement" Emperor What-For-Whi (Miss Joyce McIntosh) was a source of much amusement, as were also the antics of Saucer Eyes, the Wizard Cat, played by Miss Zoe Trenchard. Miss Margaret Grimshaw, who took the leading role, has an attractive stage personality and a charming voice, and everything she did she did well.

By no means the least interesting part of the performance were the numerous dances arranged by Miss Ferguson. The striking costumes of the eight merry sprites were very effective and the umbrella dance of these so many Robin Goodfellows was a worthy effort to save themselves from the wrath of the Emperor.

Bouquets and boxes of chocolates were presented to the leading players, and the audience were treated to a final laugh when Saucer Eyes received a kitten, reminiscent of her own moral and innocent kittenhood, and a parcel containing—two saveloys.

Boxes of sweets, provided by the boys, were sold by the girls, under Miss Johnston's supervision.

Messrs. Cropley and Killip attended to the booking and sale of tickets.

Miss Campbell, Principal of the Girls' High School, and Mr. Smith, were present.

The Union wishes to thank especially Miss E. Watts, the conductress of the Choir; Miss Murray, stage manager; Miss Johnson, who superintended the sale of the sweets, and Miss

Ferguson, who arranged the dances and also superintended the sale of the tickets at the Girls' School. The Union is grateful to the many boys who made donations of sweets and boxes.

The performance was a great financial success, over £49 being paid into the Rowing Club account.

### A FORGOTTEN MANUSCRIPT, A.D. 2800.

*News item:* "An interesting find is reported by Professor Noll Edge, who is excavating in the ancient city of Ultimo. Passing by the ruins of the Technological Museum, he came upon the old High School and his researches have brought to light a document called the 'Edgeum,' which he states is a definite record of the school life of his ancestor, H. Edge. The manuscript is very worn, but we can now offer a full day's lessons to the public, all that is unreadable being deleted."

#### *First Period.*

A smiling master with a broad grin welcomes each pupil. Half the class have not done their work; the other half have left it at home. Whereupon the teacher, evidently "fed up" (phraseology of those far-off days) at the excuse of a sandy-haired boy who has come especially late, gives way to his righteous indignation. After the storm, the calm! Next door the other master takes up the refrain, "Brute! You don't know, don't you! Idiot!" All these exclamations restore the master's humour, the smile reappears and the lesson proceeds happily.

#### *Second Period.*

An erratic person next hurries in before the bell has finished ringing, with a huge bag, wielding a huge rag with three dusters a la main (our ancestor evidently knew Latin). He bangs on the door, the class looks up and are asked if any missing dusters have been found. A denial being promptly forthcoming, a boy is sent for them, among much interjection from the class. "The lesson is algebra, IV.B." from next door brings the class to a sense of its duty, till the writer discovers that his bag has vanished and so loses interest till the precious bag is found laden with mutton and tomato-sauce (a relic of a well-known butcher). Several boys, in the meantime, have been sent with their bags and their books into the passage.

#### *Third and Fourth Periods.*

The boys straggle in and the last person to enter is reminded to put "the sliprails up." (Evidently this means to close the door) for on slamming it he is startled to hear that he makes the teacher nervous. The latter asks the class their opinion about a problem or three when one boy, saying he has no paper, is surprised when he is asked if the tail of his shirt is full up. He, recovering his self-possession, replies that it is! (My ances-

tor was evidently shocked at this prevarication.) The master, by way of continuing, exhorts his pupils to "mark, learn and inwardly digest" (written by the poet, G. Smith) his teachings. So the lesson continues, with remarks of a more personal nature (to the class, of course), till when the master is complaining about boys who use the laboratory as a haven of refuge from devotions, the bell rings. "The curfew has tolled friends," says he. "Don't forget to look up that section on modulus."

#### *Fifth Period.*

The class is quite perturbed to hear the next worthy professor declaim against the poisonous food of the age, when everybody had feasted on meat pies and meringues. He advocates a glass of water for breakfast, a stick of celery for tea, and a Granose biscuit for dinner. Stormy ravings from next door in a certain vernacular provoke humour from the class and several members are informed that they are in a "hobble-dehoy" stage, that their lack of morale is appalling, and that they are in this state through having eaten too much meat.

#### *Sixth Period.*

After some writing, a small boy's head is poked in the door crying, "Feese," but the merriment soon subsided at the sight of a figure at the door which silently stalks in. After a promenade, the lesson proceeds to give a list of books for "extensive reading" from the Renaissance onwards, such as—then a string of books, 60 or so, leaving the class gasping. While the work proceeds, the sound of a single syllable, "Dics," pronounced sharply, produces the instantaneous effect of a score of heads bobbed, while rummagings and grunts proceed from under the desks. The luckless wights who have none, receive the sentence of "20 not here, to-morrow 40" with a stolidness born of despair and long experience.

#### *Seventh Period.*

Drill—many weird and wonderful exercises in the playground. The demand for a leader produces a striking effect. Fifty stalwart youths with tears in their eyes entreat to be allowed to hold the position. The command of "stoop fall" reveals in a remarkable manner the dangers to which youth is exposed when fully 99.9 per cent. of the class have some serious injury to show which precludes the possibility of their performing their beloved exercise. Their commander is hard, however, and must be obeyed, and with many a groan he is obeyed. After trotting around the yard, with the commander well in the rear, and after numerous dismissals, they are allowed to depart.

[N.B.—Professor Edge is sure his revered ancestor did not mean to slight his masters in any way, but in a loving spirit showed them as he and others found them.]

"ARTIE," 4A.

## COMBINED SCHOOLS SPORTS.

The Thirtieth Annual Combined Schools' Sports Meeting was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on October 11th.

The meeting was in every way remarkable. The weather conditions were all that could have been desired, and the tracks were in splendid order. The attendance was a record; the takings were a record; the charge at the gate was a record, and the form displayed by the competitors was certainly a record.

With regard to the last, the most pleasing and remarkable feature was not the record breaking performances of the winners, but the splendid standard reached by all the place-getters.

On three occasions now, the Senior 100 yards has been won in 10 3-10secs. It has been my good fortune to be present on all three occasions, and I know that, while Sandilands and Burns both won by 4 to 5 yards, Moore only squeezed home by inches, while three yards would certainly have covered the rest of the field.

In winning the Senior 220 yards in 22 4-5secs., Moore also equalled a record which had been made twice before, and one which had not been approached for 25 years. I did not see Levick's or Webb's run, but I do know that this was by far the best 220 field that I have seen and that the fifth man ran the distance in 23 1-5secs.

The time for the 440 yards was 2-5sec. outside Cox's record, but it is, I think, only the third time that 53secs. has been broken over the distance. Two yards would have covered the first three men, and the winner, Stuart, had, earlier in the afternoon, won the 880 yards in 2mins. 2 4-5secs., only 3-5sec. outside Macdonald's record.

The mile, too, was a magnificent race, won only after a great struggle in splendid time, with last year's winner as far back as third.

The standard reached in the Teams' Divisions of both 440 yards and mile was also extraordinarily high, while the Shot, the Hurdles, both Senior and Junior, and the Broad Jumps, Senior and Junior, were responsible for excellent performances.

In the High Jumping sections, Senior, Junior and Under 14, the standard reached was unprecedented. In the Senior division, Reid won at 5ft. 8½ins., only ¼-inch below Wiseman's record, while no less than six competitors cleared 5ft. 4½ins. or upwards. In the Junior division, Jones beat the record with a jump of 5ft. 4¾ins., while four other competitors cleared 5ft. 2ins. or more. In the Under 14 division, Baylis broke the record with a magnificent jump of 4ft. 11½ins., five other boys clearing heights varying from 4ft. 6ins. to 4ft. 9½ins.

The 100 yards and 220 yards, Under 16, brought out perhaps the most remarkable athlete of the meeting, Carlton, whose wonderful times, 10 3-5secs. for the 100, and 23 4-5secs. for the 220 yards, are likely to stand for many years.

In the Under 16 half-mile, Brabazon put up a splendid performance, winning in 2mins. 12½secs., only 7-10sec. outside Stuart's record.

Both the Under 14 sprints were won by Byrnes, the 220 yards in fair time, and the 100 yards in excellent time.

Another most pleasing feature of the meeting was the fact that points were well distributed. The King's School are to be heartily congratulated on winning both Senior and Junior competitions, wins which, taken in conjunction with their magnificent performances in both cricket and football, must give the supporters every cause for satisfaction. Still, while they won the Junior by a handsome margin, the competition in the Senior division was so close that the points separating the winners from the second school were only 3½, while St. Joseph's, in the fifth place, were only 16½ points behind T.K.S.

The display of the S.J.C. representatives must have been most gratifying to this school, which has not in the past played nearly as prominent a part in track athletics as in games proper. In the Senior division their outstanding man was Cunningham, who was indeed unfortunate in having to meet a sprinter of the calibre of Moore. His broad jump, too, while not approaching his figures of last year, was very good. Carlton's performances in the Under 16 division have already been referred to.

Shore, as usual, put in a team which was dangerous in every branch, with Stuart their one champion, but their sprinters appeared less dangerous than usual.

The Scots' College always puts in a capable team, but I am inclined to think that this year's team is the best that I have seen of theirs. I have already referred to Clouston's mile. Crichton-Smith ran splendidly in both 100 and 440 yards, and the mile team was a great one.

Grammar were solid throughout, their jumping in all divisions being particularly good, and Bull is a fine miler.

Our own athletic team in the Senior only succeeded in obtaining 3½ points, and yet I believe that it is the best that has represented us since I have been connected with the School. The opposition was such as we have never had to meet before, and it is probable that many years will elapse before we shall be faced by such a task again.

Mainwaring was a better 100 yards runner this year than last, yet last year he ran fifth, while this year he was beaten out of a place. Nicholas' case was similar. Pilkington ran splendidly in both 220 and 440 yards, but could do no better than fifth in the first and sixth in the second.

Weatherstone's jump of 5ft. 4½ins. would have won right out in 1920, but as it was all he could do was divide fifth place.

Farrell's run in the 880 yards was, in the circumstances, very good, and he also showed excellent form in the third division of the 440 yards. In view of the fact that none of our representatives could run better than fifth in any of the divisions of the mile or 440 yards, the teams are to be congratulated on gaining fifth place in both teams races.

In the Junior division, we only obtained 8½ points, but our representatives in most cases showed good form.

Our Under 14 boys were outclassed, though Hugh ran fifth in the 100 yards.

Byrne-Cowan had a great deal of work to do and showed fine form, and better still, ability to rise to an occasion, noticeably in the High Jump, Under 16, when he jumped 2ins. higher than he had ever done before. His performances were:—3rd (equal) High Jump, Under 16, at 5ft. 2ins.; 5th, 100yds.; 4th, 90yds. Hurdles.

Randall's fifth in the 880, Under 16, was a fine performance for a 14-year-old, and the Relay Team ran excellently.

#### Results.

*220 Yards, Under 14.*—Byrnes (K.), 1; Allen (S.), 2; Hemery (E.), 3; Marsden (N.), 4; Jacobs (G.), 5. Time, 27secs.

*220 Yards, Under 16.*—Carlton (J.), 1; Walker (K.), 2; O'Riordan (I.), 3; Antill (G.), 4; Melville (S.), 5. Time 23 4-5secs.

*220 Yards, Senior.*—Moore (K.), 1; Cunningham (J.), 2; Magoffin (A.) and Warden (E.), 3; Pilkington (H.), 5. Time, 22 4-5secs.

*High Jump, Under 14.*—Baylis (E.), 1; Brown (G.), 2; O'Sullivan (I.), 3; Marsden (N.), 4; Egan (J.) and Silvester (K.), 5. Height, 4ft. 11½ins.

*880 Yards, Under 16.*—Brabazon (K.), 1; Bradley (J.), 2; Earle (I.), 3; Horton (G.), 4; Randall (H.), 5. Time, 2mins. 12½secs.

*880 Yards, Senior.*—Stuart (E.), 1; Bull (G.), 2; Honner (J.), 3; Drysdale (S.), 4; Triggs (K.), 5. Time, 2mins. 2 4-5secs.

*High Jump, Under 16.*—Jones (G.), 1; Cowdery (E.), 2; Byrne-Cowan (H.), Melville (S.) and Jurd (J.), 3. Height, 5ft. 4¾ins.

*Shot Putt.*—Ford (J.), 1; Edwards (S.), 2; Commins (E), 3; Rouse (K.), 4; Grimes (G.), 5. 38ft. 11ins.

*100 Yards, Under 14.*—Byrnes (K.), 1; Allen (S.), 2; Jacobs (G.), 3; Hemery (E.), 4; Hugh (H.), 5. Time, 11 4-5secs.

*100 Yards, Under 16.*—Carlton (J.), 1; Walker (K.), 2; Antill (G.), 3; Melville (S.), 4; Byrne-Cowan (H.), 5. Time, 10 3-5secs.

*100 Yards, Senior.*—Moore (K.), 1; Cunningham (J.), 2; Crichton-Smith (S.), 3; Warden (E.), 4; Caswell (G.), 5. Time, 10 3-10secs.

*High Jump, Open.*—Reid (G.), 1; Egan (K.), 2; Taylor (S.), 3; Sautelle (E.), 4; Weatherstone (H.) and Quin (J.), 5; Height, 5ft. 8½ins.

*Team Race, Under 16.*—G., 1; K., 2; I., 3; H., 4; S., 5.

*Broad Jump, Open.*—Cunningham (J.), 1; Magoudier (K.), 2; Magoffin (H.), 3; Crichton-Smith (S.), 4; Warden (E.), 5. Distance, 21ft. 2½ins.

*90 Yards Hurdles.*—Dangar (K.), 1; Ross (N.), 2; Moore (G.), 3; Byrne-Cowan (H.), 4; Mitchell (S.), 5. Time, 13 2-5secs.

*Mile Championship.*—Clouston (S.), 1; Bull (G.), 2; Syne (E.), 3; Lamport (K.), 4; Saint (A.), 5. Time, 4mins. 44secs.

*Division 1.*—Hall (S.), 1; Rich (G.), 2; Martin (K.), 3; Smith (E.), 4; Johnston (H.), 5. Time, 5mins.

*Division 2.*—McCausland (E.), 1; Wheelihan (G.), 2; Ker-shaw (S.), 3; Bowan (K.), 4; Hebden (N.), 5. Time, 4mins. 57 4-5secs.

*Division 3.*—Robinson (K.), 1; Tress (E.), 2; Drysdale (S.), 3; Fagan (G.), 4; Joyce (N.), 5. Time, 4mins. 51 4-5secs.

*Teams Placings.*—S., 1; E. and G., 2; K., 4; H., 5.

*120 Hurdles.*—Rylance (K.), 1; Cowdery (G.), 2; Smith (E.), 3; Quinn (J.), 4; Stewart (S.), 5. Time, 16 4-5secs.

*Broad Jump, Under 16.*—Dangar (K.), 1; Hogan (J.), 2; Graham (S.), Meagher (I.), 3; Moore (G.), 5. Distance, 19ft. 3½ins.

*440 Yards Championship.*—Stuart (E.), 1; Crichton-Smith (S.), 2; Rylance (K.), 3; Caswell (G.), 4; Magoffin (A.), 5. Time, 52 4-5secs.

*Division 1.*—Mann (G.), 1; Gisen (K.), 2; Litchfield (E.), 3; Braund (A.), 4; Taylor (S.), 5. Time, 55 2-5secs.

*Division 2.*—Hunt (G.), 1; Moore (K.), 2; Davis (E.), 3; Glass (N.), 4; Mainwaring (H.), 5. Time, 54 2-5secs.

*Division 3.*—Warden (E.), 1; Hall (S.), 2; Johnson (K.), 3; Paterson (G.), 4; Farrell (H.), 5. Time, 54secs.

*Teams Placings.*—E., 1; G. and K., 2; S., 4; H., 5

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Macnamara, Booth, Harvey and McKellar, for the valuable services they rendered the athletic teams.

J. W. GIBBES, Sportsmaster.

## WORDSWORTH AND HIS "ODE TO DUTY".

William Wordsworth, philosophical poet and moralist, lived a most uninspiring life of inaction. As Saintesbury remarks, "he declined to be a bread-winner with such a magnificent steadfastness that Fate was from the first cowed, and maintained him without any effort of his own." He passed his leisurely youth and early manhood in travel and study. Later a legacy of about £1000 freed him from debt and set him up financially for some time. He made a lucky marriage with a woman who had a competence substantial enough to ensure him comfort "without his stir" for the rest of his life. The income of the whilom revolutionary was further augmented on his appointment by the Government as Distributor of Stamps in the County of Westmoreland—a sinecure of £500 a year that entailed no work. It was his acceptance of this "handful of silver" that provoked Browning's famous "Lost Leader":—

"He alone breaks from the van and the freemen,  
He alone sinks to the rear and the slaves."

Reading the "Ode to Duty" we wonder how Wordsworth reconciled a life of "repose that ever was the same" with his professions of obedience to that "Stern Lawgiver," Duty. Yet we do not think for a moment that the man who in this poem "commends himself to Duty's guidance," was a hypocrite. We simply think that his belief in his own infallibility was so wholehearted, and that he was so busy recommending the path of duty to others, that he was quite blinded to *himself* by the beam in his own eye.

This noble self-assurance explains, in part, why he persisted in many of his utterly vicious theories of poetry. (He considered, among other things, that form was absolutely subordinate to matter.) Sometimes, as in the case of the "Immortality Ode" or "Tintern Abbey," he rises superior to himself, but more often he will not permit his Pegasus to leave the ground. Thus the inequality of his work is a by-word. In the "Ode to Duty" we have such lines as:—

"Serene will be our days, and bright  
And happy will our nature be,  
When love is an unerring light,  
And joy its own security."

But lower down his Muse gives birth to such abortions as the following lines addressed to Duty:—

"Flowers laugh before thee in their beds;  
And fragrance in thy footing treads;  
Thou dost preserve the stars from wrong,  
And the most ancient heavens, through thee, are fresh and strong."



The detail that the flowers are on their beds is insignificant. However, the poet may have wished to let us know for certain that they do not laugh behind Duty, in vases, for instance. The insinuation that fragrance gets up on its legs and walks seems rather strange, but perhaps this is poetic license. The third line is a paltry conceit, and the fourth does not mean anything. Whatever has duty to do with the preservation of even "the most ancient heavens"? Wordsworth alone, *perhaps*, knew. I once asked a "Fifth," who said he liked the ode, if he understood what the line in question meant. He replied that he had "forgotten for the moment, but was quite positive it meant something, for he had the solution written down in his book!"

P.S.—It is only after the writing that I realise the enormity of my sacrilege in advancing an unsympathetic criticism against this much-praised ode. I now repent and impose upon myself a terrible penance—I will read every day one book of Wordsworth's "Excursion," and continue therein unto the bitter end.

J.E.A.

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### CRICKET.

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To review the cricket season just ended, one is struck by the failure of a team that at times showed flashes of brilliance in every department of the game.

The bowling was consistently good and the fielding was, if anything, superior to that of recent years. Both the catching and the ground fielding was excellent in the Grammar match.

However, when we come to reflect on the batting performances, we can hardly feel the same satisfaction. There was real talent in several of the players and at different times it showed itself, but just as the batsmen were expected to settle down for a big score they would get out.

Before the start of the second part of the G.P.S. competition, the team had been somewhat depleted, Mortimer, Newton, Bailey and Charlton having left. However, School supporters were jubilant when Mortimer came back. He was unable to play in the first match, against T.S.C., and although he did not produce any batting form, his bowling was of great value.

The greatest disappointment was the poor showing of Stafford and Swinburn with the bat. Both these players are the most delightful of the whole eleven to watch, the one enterprising and aggressive, and the other neat but forceful. Yet not on one occasion did either produce the form of which we know they are capable.

In Milner the School has found a very reliable opening batsman, and may look to him to gather in some high scores in the new season after Christmas.

King and Mortimer found representation in the first and second combined teams, respectively. However, as several members of the first team were not available, Mortimer was promoted to the firsts and deservedly gets his badge.

The result of matches are:—Played 7, Won 2, Lost 5.

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

Played at Bellevue Hill, 25/10/'24, and won by School on the first innings, by 30 runs.

Although Scots' had beaten us in a practice match the previous week, we managed to win the competition match after an exciting game. The wicket was purely a batsman's, but the best School could do was to total 110. The brightest display was the partnership of Milner and King, who added 76 runs for the third wicket.

Scots' College appeared to have the game well in hand when they had 64 runs on the board for a loss of 4 wickets, but the remaining six men could only muster 16 between them.

Peters, who scored 39, top-scored, and his was truly a fine "knock."

In the second innings School totalled 119, and with 20 minutes to go, Peters and Stewart came in. With nothing to lose and all to gain, they proceeded to chastise the bowling, and in that short time amassed 83 runs without the loss of a wicket.

The scores were:—

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—K. Milner, 1.b.w., b Corner, 30; R. Swinburn, c Stewart, b Taylor, 0; V. Stafford, h.o.w., b Taylor, 0; S. King, c Crichton-Smith, b Corner, 47; O. James, b Taylor, 1; L. Allen, run out, 0; K. Robinson, b Corner, 0; K. Hardy, b Taylor, 11; P. Howard, c Holdsworth, b Crichton-Smith, 8; N. Mainwaring, b Taylor, 0; J. Hodgkins, n.o., 0; Sundries, 13. Total 110.

2nd Innings.—K. Milner, c Bruce, b Crichton-Smith, 13; R. Swinburn, c Edwards, b Taylor, 4; V. Stafford, b Crichton-Smith, 6; S. King, c Crichton-Smith, b Stewart, 29; O. James, b Stewart, 9; L. Allen, n.o., 22; K. Robinson, b Taylor, 4; K. Hardy, st. Edwards, b Corner, 8; P. Howard, st. Edwards, b Corner, 8; N. Mainwaring, c Edwards, b Crichton-Smith, 1; J. Hodgkins, b Crichton-Smith, 0; Sundries, 15. Total 119.

T.S.C., 1st Innings.—Peters, b King, 39; Stewart, b Stafford, 6; Bouse, c Stafford, b King, 1; Crichton-Smith, c and b Stafford, 19; Holdsworth, b King, 3; Richards, b King, 0; Corner, c Stafford, b King, 7; Edwards, c Milner, b Robinson, 0; McMahon, c King, b Robinson, 0; J. Taylor, n.o., 0; P. Taylor,

b Robinson, 0; Sundries, 5. Total 80. Bowling: King, 5 for 35; Stafford, 2-34; Robinson, 3-6.

2nd Innings.—Peters, n.o., 32; Stewart, n.o., 47; Sundries, 4. Total for no wickets, 83. Bowling: King, 0-39; Stafford, 0-40.

#### S.H.S. v. N.C.

Played at Stanmore, 1/11/'24, and won by Newington by 48 runs.

The weather for this match was unsettled and the match had to be completed on the Monday. School batted and opened badly, seven wickets falling for 26 runs. With such a rot set in it appeared as if the innings would close for less than 50. However, James and Robinson became associated and added 74 for the eighth wicket. Robinson's effort of 44, while anything but stylish, was forceful, and included 7 fours. James played a steady innings for 28 not out. Our total amounted to 112.

When our bowlers had dismissed nine Newington batsmen for 67 runs, the game was most assuredly in our favour. However, the last batsman, Stewart, proved himself a rare "battler" and too fine a batsman to be sent in last for his team. Together with Cohen, he defied the bowling of the hitherto successful Mortimer and King, and not only passed our score, but carried their total to 160. The last wicket had added 93 runs. King might certainly have handled our bowling better, but it is doubtful if the result would have been altered under any circumstances. The scores were:—

S.H.S.—H. Mortimer, b Young, 12; Milner, c Campbell, b Young, 2; Stafford, c Cohen, b Young, 4; King, b Stewart, 1; Swinburn, c Pike, b Young, 0; James, n.o., 28; Allan, b Joyce, 0; Hardy, b Young, 3; Robinson, b Young, 44; Howard, l.b.w., b Stewart, 3; Mainwaring, c Pike, b Stewart, 0; Sundries, 15. Total 112.

N.C.—Young, c King, b Mortimer, 5; Joyce, b King, 0; Pike, run out, 2; Terry, b Mortimer, 12; Lawes, c James, b Mortimer, 5; A. Campbell, b King, 19; E. Campbell, c Swinburn, b King, 1; Herborn, b King, 0; Cohen, b Swinburn, 65; Webster, b Mortimer, 1; Stewart, n.o., 38; Sundries, 12. Total 160.

Bowling: King, 4-46; Mortimer, 4-59; Stafford, 0-15; James, 0-13; Robinson, 0-8; Swinburn, 1-7.

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

Played at Weigall Memorial Ground, and won by Grammar by 47 runs.

This match was of interest for more than one reason. In view of our defeating Grammar last season, it remained to be seen if we could repeat it. Moreover, Grammar was level with Shore and Kings in the Competition, and a win for us would leave these two teams to fight out the final, as the previous year. However, it was not to be.

Grammar had first use of a wicket that though soft, played easy. They were all out for the small total of 117 runs, thanks to the accurate bowling of Harry Mortimer, who bowled 16½ overs for 29 runs, obtaining 7 wickets and bowling 2 maiden overs.

School commenced its innings on a wicket that had in no way improved, and the wickets fell fast, 8 being down for a total of 42. Of these, King had scored 24, being bowled by a good one from Hull after hitting that bowler for three fours in the same over. Howard, going in ninth wicket, played the proper innings, and ran to 20 by powerful hitting before putting his leg in front of a straight one. The innings closed for 70 runs. Of Grammar's bowlers, Hull secured 6 for 44, while Cox also gave trouble with 3 wickets for a cost of 23 runs.

Scores:—S.G.S.: Davidson, c Hardy, b Mortimer, 8; Evans, c King, b Mortimer, 3; Douglas, c Mortimer, b Stafford, 25; Cox, c Swinburn, b King, 7; Hull, c Mainwaring, b Mortimer, 31; Leslie, c Swinburn, b Mortimer, 1; Paterson, lbw, b Mortimer, 9; Bowie-Wilson, c and b Mortimer, 7; Storey not out, 9; Daly, run out, 0; Sykes, c King, b Mortimer, 0; sundries, 17. Total, 117. Bowling: King 1-52, Mortimer 7-29, Swinburn 0-3, Stafford 1-16.

S.H.S.: Milner, c Leslie, b Hull, 1; Mortimer, c Davidson, b Cox, 1; King, b Hull, 24; Stafford, c and b Hull, 5; Swinburn, b Hull, 0; James, c Paterson, b Cox, 1; Robinson, c Douglas, b Hull, 4; Allan, c Bowie-Wilson, b Hull, 8; Hardy, c Paterson, b Cox, 2; Howard, lbw, b Daly, 20; Mainwaring, not out, 2; sundries, 2. Total, 70.

The G.P.S. averages are:—

#### BATTING.

	I.	N.O.	H.S.	Tot.	Av.
King .....	10	—	47	144	14.4
Robinson .....	8	1	44	112	14

#### BOWLING.

	W.	R.	O.	M.	Av.
Mortimer .....	31	311	80	12	10
King .....	25	322	98	13	12.8
Stafford .....	6	177	39	3	29.5
Robinson .....	3	24	6	—	8

Results of High School matches.

Scores: S.H.S., 1st Innings, 44 (Milner 11) 2nd Innings, 57 (Howard 11), lost to N.S.H.S., 148.

S.H.S.: 1st Innings, 288 (King 103, Allan 38, James 23, Hardy 23) defeated T.H.S., 1st Innings 64 (King 5-14, Stafford 5-20), 2nd Innings, 44 (Allan 4-7, James 2-10).

## AN ARGUMENT TO PROVE THAT

The abolishing of teachers in the School, may, as things now stand, be attended with some inconveniences, and perhaps not produce those many good effects proposed thereby.

Although my attitude in going against general opinion in this question may be regarded critically and not a little scornfully, I cannot help putting forward the persistent doubts with which I am constantly assailed when endeavouring to enthuse over the happy proposals of those who would abolish all teachers from school life.

At first thought it does seem delightful to contemplate breaking flagrantly any school rule without incurring a teacher's wrath or repenting at leisure in the detention room; but on re-considering, one must realise that the spice of the misdeed would be lost. The things that are most relished are those that are accompanied by a risk. What pleasure can be derived from hurling orange peel at another fellow across the room if there is no likelihood of the master seeing it? What would be the good of roaring at the top of your voice, or "scrapping" with your best friend between periods, if you know that there is no risk of the master entering the room when you are in the middle of your short diversion?

In all probability, this unlimited freedom would prove boring and tedious in time; and would, moreover, leave the "class nuisance" in absolute command of a situation that would favour his most tiresome pranks.

Mention of the "class nuisance" leads me further to emphasise the impossibility of doing away with the chaperons of our youthful years. What one amongst us can quash so effectively, the "foul burlblings" of that misguided idiot, as the man in authority with his ready retort?

It has been objected that some of the teachers have even had the presumption to inflict work on the classes beyond that which has been set down in the syllabus. This is certainly a grave charge, and the best defence I can find to bolster up this action is that it affords the lazy chaps (or rather all of us) a grievance. Isn't it infinitely better to undergo the tortures of a little extra fag and have a growl coming, rather than have no ready issue for the "bearish" instinct of our nature?

For these self-same revolutionists and half-matured dream idealists, who dangle before the eyes of the credulous listener, the idea that with the abolition of masters the abuse of detention will be swept away, let me discomfort them by gently pointing out that the abolition of detention would do away with a very effective weapon that facilitates their own occasional escapades. Oh, loud-mouthed one! What excuse would your ingenious brain discover to supplant the one that has so faithfully given long ser-

vice? When you have delayed your home-coming from school to meet your best girl, has not the explanation that you were detained at school for talking in class served to satisfy your mother? Certainly it would seem preferable to bear with teachers than not to have such a standing excuse!

Having thus overwhelmed the half-conceived fancies of an impossible Utopia by decisive and practical solutions, I must incidentally have reconciled the masters and the pupils, for the former may no longer be apprehensive of their positions, while the latter will have had discovered for them a happy realisation of the benefits that accrue to the maintaining of teachers at school.

"JONATHAN SLOW."

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(Mistakes of initials or spelling and any omissions should immediately be notified to J. A. R. McKellar, c/o Bank of N.S.W., Castlereagh Street.)

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at the Education Building on October 16, W. W. Vick, retiring President, in the chair. Quite 50 members were present, the largest attendance for years. The meeting unanimously elected Mr. A. M. Eedy to the Presidency for the year 1924-25.

## THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Arthur M. Eedy, President of the Old Boys' Union for this year, was enrolled at the School on the day of its foundation, was the first President of the present Old Boys' Union on its inauguration in 1902, and has throughout a long, busy, and singularly distinguished career maintained enthusiastic interest in the School and all things connected with it. He is General Secretary of the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company Limited, and is a member of the Senate of the University.

## COUNCIL NEWS.

A. C. Emanuel, Secretary of the Union since 1920, has fully recovered from a severe illness, and it is with enthusiastic

relief that the Council sees him once more crushed beneath the responsibility of office.

J. W. Gibbes, Sportsmaster at the School, has been elected to the Advisory Council of the Union, and we are all sure that his frequent attendance at Council meetings will promote that intimate touch with School affairs which is, above all things, essential to the efficient working of the Union.

A. J. O'Neil, last year's Treasurer, has also been elected to the Advisory Council.

Receipt books have been issued to all Council members. Subscriptions are accordingly payable to any one of them, a fact not to be ignored by intending members of the Union.

Council meetings of this year, by courtesy of the President, will be held in the board room of the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company, Martin Place.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Council's chief aim of this year will be to increase the membership to a number in some way commensurate with the age and standing of the School. It should be quite evident to everybody that, until the Union has a far greater number of subscribing members than has been the case for some years, it will be impossible for it to do any of the many things as to the leaving of which undone many non-members are so fiercely critical. Old Boys who are not yet members owe the plain duty of paying their subscriptions as soon as they possibly can. Old Boys who are members will materially lighten the work of the Executive Committee if by personal appeal they endeavour to collect the subscriptions of Old Boys with whom they are intimate, and then forward to the Secretary the names and addresses of all non-members of whose identity and whereabouts they are aware.

#### THE BOAT FUND.

Appeals for Boat Fund donations have been constantly before Old Boys in the past, and will be before Old Boys even more constantly in the future. The School, acting (this is the point every Old Boy must take to heart) on the guarantee of the Old Boys' Union that sufficient funds will always be available, has seriously and thoroughly taken up rowing. It has already given us evidence that if keenness of training and self-sacrifice will gain success on the water, it will gain that success. Next year it places its first eight in the G.P.S. head-of-the-river race. That eight, now building, will cost, fully equipped, £125. To this must be added training expenses, and these must be borne for two "fours" as well. Approximately another £100 will have to be paid out before May 1. The "eight" can already be paid for. The School, in some measure assisted by the Union,



has raised a sufficient sum. There is, however, nothing in hand to meet other expenses. We are sure that these facts have only to be pointed out, with the postscript that the Old Boys' Boat Fund will be open indefinitely, to bring a ready response (cliche 179a).

There are other facts that sooner or later will have to be faced. We cannot for ever live on the hospitality of the Glebe Rowing Club, for whose aid we cannot be sufficiently grateful. Our later objective must be a School boatshed. But for the present the things we want are (a) boats, (b) a launch (hired), and (c) more boats.

#### THE OLD HEADMASTER.

Mr. C. R. Smith, fourth Headmaster, has resigned as from the end of this year. During his headmastership the traditions of the School have been maintained in the classroom and strengthened on the field. The Union has always found him a ready ally. It is with regret that it sees him depart. It is sure that his interest in the School will not be affected by his retirement, and that it will often have the pleasure of seeing him present at its functions.

#### AND THE NEW.

George Charles Saxby, Headmaster-elect, will be no new-comer. He is an Old Boy, he has been both Master and Deputy-Headmaster; in 1912 he held office as President of the Old Boys' Union, and his three elder sons, E.J., G.J.M., and the late K.K. were educated at the School. That such a man should be appointed Headmaster is a source of enthusiastic satisfaction to all Old Boys. We take this opportunity of giving him welcome, and we assure him that our future support will grant him full evidence of the confidence with which we see the traditions of the School placed in his hands.

#### THE DINNER.

The twentieth Annual Dinner was held at the National Club, York Street, on November 26. The President was in the Chair. Guests of honour were:—C. R. Smith, retiring Headmaster, and G. C. Saxby, Headmaster-elect. Those present included A. B. Piddington, a member of the School's original Staff; W. A. Moore, Deputy-Headmaster; and other members of the Staff; S. C. V. King, Captain of the School; and several prefects; and S. H. Smith, Director of Education. All generations of Old Boys were represented, to the number of 120, and a gratifying feature was the presence of several from "the immortal forty".

The following toasts were honoured: "The King", "The School", "The Retiring Headmaster", "The Headmaster-elect", "The Union", and "Parliament and the Department of Education". The speeches were many and various (cliche 199 ax), but one might specially mention the responses of the two Headmasters, the happy vein of Mr. Dettman in proposing Mr. Saxby's health, Mr. Piddington's compliments to the School and the Old Boys' Union, and the singular self-restraint exhibited by the President in allowing the reunion to dissolve without bloodshed at 11.30 p.m.

### SPORT AT THE SCHOOL.

We may be permitted to pause for a while in the laborious task of recording information that no one has helped us to obtain, and for the obtaining of which no one is likely to give us much credit to talk about something really interesting. From the viewpoint of people who have seen all the matches and, as Old Boys to Old Boys, we can state that the School's sport has this year manifested that improvement which the steady spadework of recent years had really made inevitable. Rowing, of course, was the outstanding success of the year, a success made possible chiefly by the unremitting self-discipline of the crew and the enthusiasm of the coaches. Cricket did not perhaps come up to early expectation, but in five matches at least the team put itself in a winning position, and the fact that three of them proved ultimate losses was due to the fine fighting cricket of the opponent schools. In football the season was most successful. The actual position on the competition table was a humble one, but we can fairly state that the team was inferior to none other than the three joint-premiers. But the feature of the G.P.S. athletic year was certainly the athletic meeting. Rarely have we put in the field such a well-balanced all-round team, but never have they encountered such formidable opposition. Actually, in the open championship we scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points, and in the junior  $8\frac{1}{2}$  points, and it is interesting to analyse the way in which these were scored. Weatherstone tied for fifth place in the high jump, clearing 5ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., a School record, and three times in the last six years a winning jump. Pilkington finished fifth in the 220, less than three yards behind the winner, who equalled the twenty-three year old record. Actually unplaced were Nicholas (mile) and Mainwaring (hundred), both of whom were placed in those events last year and were running quite as well this. We gained fifth place in each of the team races. Byrne-Cowan had hard luck in the juniors, dividing third place with three others in the high jump though clearing 5ft. 2in., until three years ago a combined Schools' record, and running well throughout the day for little obvious result.

Before we leave this subject we would offer our congratulations to the following:—

J. W. Gibbes, Sportsmaster, to whose tireless work over a period of five years we owe the reorganisation of the School's sport on a thorough basis, and every atom of success we have had this year.

S. C. V. King, Captain of the School, of cricket, and of football, our first combined Great Public Schools' "double blue", one whose work for the School has been a feature of the past three years, a brother of two Old Boys who themselves won great distinction at the School, and a man.

G. E. Hancock, coach of the crew, Captain of the Glebe Rowing Club, without whom and without whose Club all our rowing projects might have gone for nought.

#### SPORT AND THE OLD BOY.

At the dinner the President offered to select a team from the "immortals" (we gather that the team would also possess immortal attributes) to run, swim, or play at cricket against a team from any other generation of Old Boys, for any sum that might be named! Whilst indignantly refusing to compromise our amateur status, we shall frighten him by briefly hinting the our amateur status, we shall frighten him by briefly hinting at the material at our disposal. A few of the more prominent are:—

In athletics, T. W. McNamara stands out as one of the most versatile of the State's first class runners. Captaining Western Suburbs, undefeated in the Thompson Shield matches, and in no small measure responsible for its sudden rise to prominence, he has not been beaten this season over hundred, furlong, or quarter. We look to his very distinguished success at both Dunn Shield and State Championship meetings. Our congratulations are none the less hearty when we remember his unselfish devotion to the training of the School's athletic team, once again, and this time at almost incredible personal inconvenience. Another man who deserves athletic mention is F. B. King, half-mile champion of South Sydney Club, and a consistent performer at Thompson Shield meetings.

In big cricket we have had no first-class performer but Hanson Carter, albeit less hawk-eyed than of yore, hit merrily in the Howell testimonial match. Amongst the first-grade clubs J. V. Garner, of University, took eight Manly wickets for fourteen a few weeks ago, on one of his favourite wet wickets; K. M. McCredie is nursing an injured shoulder, the result of amazing exertions for Western Suburbs earlier in the season; and A. Thatcher has been as useful to Marrickville as most of its eleven. Amongst the yokels of country week was noticeable one of sophisticated demeanour and who exhibited surprising

reluctance to take to himself post office clocks or other portable furniture, to wit, Charlie Clemenger. But he showed a taking disposition where wickets were concerned, and eventually was taken up to the Combined Country Eleven which played the first-grade clubs.

From Clemenger to Clemenger. The game is lawn tennis. The venue is Melbourne. The occasion is this year's interstate match, New South Wales versus Victoria. One name is Jack Clemenger. But, alas, the victor's name is not. Congratulations to him, at any rate, on striking some patches of form after a sojourn away from the vicinity of high-class tennis.

Swimming still waits its big events. But Ernest Henry has returned from the Olympic Games, with scalps at his belt and a Parisian patois. Owen Griffiths is captain of Sydney, with Sid Willsher as his treasurer. L. J. Murray wields a willing pen as Secretary of Dee Why Surf Club.

Now, Mr. President?

#### PERSONAL.

We are, frankly, refusing to gather personal paragraphs unless we have help from a greater number of Old Boys. That is a declaration of policy. But we have been unable to avoid observing the following happenings of the past few months:—

C. E. Winston has been appointed Superintendent of Sydney Hospital.

Grafton Elliott Smith, perhaps most distinguished of all Old Boys, visited Sydney in September.

F. S. Mance has been appointed Under-Secretary for Mines.

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#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Our Debating Society ends this year on a note of triumph. For the second time in the history of G.P.S. debating we have been successful in winning the Louat Shield. Our performance is all the more creditable because of the fact that at the last moment we had to find a substitute for our leader, D. Sachs, who, owing to sickness, was unable to take his place in the team. Willcox, our third speaker, stepped into the position of leader, and on very short notice. Pollard very successfully filled the place of third speaker. All three speakers, Willcox, Cunningham, and Pollard, must have reached a high standard of debating ability to succeed in defeating Scots College, which has for some time had one of the best teams in the competition, and which won the shield from Grammar last year.

Enough, however, of success! We must now look to the future, and it behoves every member of the present third and fourth year classes to consider what they can do to assist the Debating Society next year. It is a prevalent and mistaken idea that debating is only an occupation for non-sports. Recent investigation has shown that the speakers in G.P.S. debating teams are also first-grade footballers and cricketers. Debating has come to stay, and those who wish to take an active part in all phases of school life must interest themselves in the gymnastics of the mind as well as the gymnastics of the body.



THE DEBATING TEAM (G.P.S. PREMIERS, 1924).

C. R. Willcox, D. Sachs, N. C. Cunningham, J. S. Pollard,  
J. Gibson, M. A. A. Castleman, M. A.

Even though your hands (and feet) may be full with cricket and football, you can still find time to fill your minds with arguments and your lips with speech. If you cannot attend the meetings of the Society every week, remember that an occasional visit will show your interest in its doings.

The B grade competition has not been so successful this year as was anticipated, but we hope to put this competition on a sounder footing next year—to have a regular programme and carry it out to date. This means that we must have more speakers and more particularly from the fourth year.

This year we have again the honour of having one of our speakers (Willcox) chosen as leader of a combined G.P.S. team to take part in an outside debate. Medals are being struck for the members of the winning team in the G.P.S. competition, and also for our representative on the combined G.P.S. team, and we hope that these will be ready for presentation on Speech Day. We cannot close this account of our proceedings without a word of thanks to the adjudicators in our competitions, and to all who have in any way assisted our Society during the year.

Our victory in these debates we largely attribute to those masters, Messrs. Gibson and Castleman, who were untiring in their efforts to aid the team in every possible way. On behalf of the Society we wish to thank them for the invaluable coaching and advice which they rendered.

J.G.

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### COATES MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

The following books have just been added to the Library:—

- “Triumphs and Wonders of Modern Chemistry” (G. Martin).
- “Mohammedanism” (Home University Library).
- “Main Currents of European History, 1815-1915” (Hearnshaw).
- “Shakespeare’s Roman Plays and Their Background” (Maccallum).
- “Development of Modern Europe”, Vol. I. (Robinson).
- “Master Historians” (King’s Treasuries Series).
- “Fanny’s First Play” (Bernard Shaw).
- “The Old Lady Shows Her Medals and Other Plays” (J. M. Barrie).
- “The King’s English” (H. W. and F. G. Fowler).
- “The Art of Writing” (R. L. Stevenson).
- “Original Plays” (W. S. Gilbert): 1st Series (“Pygmalion and Galatea”, “Trial by Jury”, “Iolanthe”); 2nd Series (“Pinafore”, “Pirates of Penzance”); 3rd Series (“Patience”, “Mikado”, “Yeomen of the Guard”, “Gondoliers”).
- “Selections from Matthew Arnold’s Prose” (Methuen).

The Coates Library depends for support largely upon contributions from Old Boys, but there is no reason why senior boys should not show their appreciation of what the library has done for them, by presenting a volume to the library as they leave School. It would be a graceful thing to do, and further an inexpensive thing. There are many volumes, for instance, in the Home University Series (2/9 net) that are required by the Library. Mr. Harrison has a list of books the Library is in need of, and all who think of making a donation should consult him and so avoid duplications.

## ODE TO THE DREAD EXAM.

(With Apologies to P. B. Shelley.)

O God, Exam.! Curse of our each year's being,  
 Thou from whose very mention lazy heads  
 Recoil like bad boys from their teacher fleeing,  
 And tremble and make ill themselves in dread  
 At thought of thee, thou spirit stern and grim,  
 Who hold'st the fate of each one in thy hand  
 And carest not what dire fate thou dealest him,  
 Or what sad dance he does at thy command.

Thou who dost bury in a gloomy bed  
 All jokes and levities till a fitter time  
 Consigned to rest until thyself hast fled  
 And casteth thy dread light on other climes.

Exam., who dost enclose us everywhere,  
 Disturbing and destroying, hear! O hear!

Thou who dost waken from frivolity,  
 The careless school boy who is wont to lie,  
 Lulled by a sense of false security,  
 Rapt in Elysian slumbers, and to vie  
 Each with the other in pastimes, sport and play,  
 And to thy slow approaching pay no heed,  
 And give no homage; but such wights will pay  
 Twofold and give to thee of fame thy need,  
 When in thy court of justice they appear  
 And clamour loud for mercy since they lagged,  
 And words of generous pardons do they hear  
 For those with bulging foreheads who have fagged,  
 But nought but harshness and the threats that braize  
 For those who spent their time in idle ways.

Make me thy favourite even as the teacher is.  
 What if my mind is feeble like his own.  
 Scatter the perils you would have me risk  
 And cast them down like monarchs overthrown.  
 Scatter abroad all tests that thou dost use  
 To try and snare me in thy circling net;  
 And all the questions that my mind abuse,  
 Because I cannot answer them as yet.  
 Banish thyself to other realms; and here  
 Allow us to enjoy a certain peace,  
 Unbroken and unmarred by thee each year,  
 And thus to spend our time in one long feast  
 Of joy, of happiness, of mirth. O mind!  
 If the Leaving comes, is Christmas far behind?

C.R.W., 5th Year.

**CLASS NOTES.**

5th Year.—“God’s in His Heaven; all’s right with the world.” (The Leaving passes.) Enough!

As has been the case with many other Fifth Years (Fourth Years or Sixth Forms, should I call them?), these will be the last Class Notes written as a record and report of the activities of the Fifth Year of 1924. And unhappily so. For the good old School, our Alma Mater, has “planted a terrible fixed foot, and is not rooted up without blood.” During the past five years we have come to look on the School as a second home, the Masters (harsh word!) as good and worthy friends, and our school-fellows as brothers. Of the hundred odd boys who comprised the 1920 First Year classes, no more than thirty reached the Fifth Year. And of the others—whither have they fled? They are scattered over all the trades and professions of our city; and this year we go to join them. Many will go to the University, to become doctors, lawyers, teachers; others will seek their fortunes in the world of commerce, architecture, and the many other positions incidental to a non-University life. Who knows—perhaps in years to come many whom we have numbered as our school friends may occupy the leading positions that our fair land has to bestow, even as many of our predecessors have done before us.

But enough of this vein. We can all now give the same old advice to the younger boys (to work hard in their early years at school), but of what use. Had we our time over again, we would all, despite the oft-repeated assertion to the contrary, seek out the same well-trodden paths as before, the paths of happiness and—idleness.

We now find that our time is hanging rather heavily on our hands. Both Miss Mac and Miss Sims have had the honour of our company so much of late that they must now be well and truly “fed up.” But I doubt it! The “flics,” the surf, and the baths prove great attractions, while many more of our number are away on holidays, recovering from the “effects.” Some, also, are busy rehearsing for the forthcoming concert.

It is a fact worthy of note that this Fifth Year is one which has displayed outstanding merit, both in the sphere of sport and scholasticism. Among our sporting brethren we number such mighty personages as Syd, Mainy, Swinny, Cato, Staff, Weather, Nick, and many others, who will always be remembered by High School boys for the sterling deeds they have performed for the School. Then again, in our scholastic field we have such outstanding prodigies as Mac, Mossy, Ziff, Dave—in fact, too many to set down, for the simple reason that we are *all* prodigies!

Another branch in which we excel is the art of dressing. Guided by the one and only ————— (there seems little need to



mention names), who has set, we confidently believe, more fashions than Paris itself, we have developed some outstanding stylists. The magnificent splendour of socks is glorious!

Let these notes also act as a final reminder to the Masters that we now realise that everything they have done has been for our own good. We may not have always thought so; in fact, I believe, and *know*, that many hard and uncomplimentary things have been said by boys on their way to Room 3, on what seemed to them occasions of harsh and unnecessary punishment. But all that has been forgotten. We have developed from the awed First Year boy, who holds up his hand whenever he wishes to beg the honour of speaking to a Master, into the Fifth Year boy, who regards them as personages of a somewhat similar breed to ourselves. And in this development we have been encouraged, surely, by the Masters themselves.

This leads me on to another point. Practically all the teachers have, and know they have, nicknames, used in the private conversation of the boys. But this, I think, is a tribute to the Masters themselves, for practically none of those names are of a degrading significance. Instead, they denote some little peculiarity or outstanding trait in the master.

How full does a schoolmaster seem to be of little peculiarities in manner and address! And how quickly are they learnt (and mimicked) by the boys themselves! Some of their stock phrases are so familiar with us that when spoken by any other person they immediately put us in mind of the master they are peculiar to. For instance, any High School boy can immediately trace the following phrases to their owners' mouths:—"Now, it's quite obvious that—," "I'll take your name," "You little blighter," "But man, you must really—," "Now then, children, let's proceed," "Any criticisms?" "Eh, nah!" "Now, boys, I don't want to be tedious—," and many more of a similar nature.

I hope that I have not left it too late in mentioning Mr. Smith's retirement. We are keenly sorry to realise that he will not be at the helm of the School next year. We sincerely hope that his future life will be one of peace and happiness, and that he will always have a vacant place in his heart and memory for the old School he has served so well.

To conclude, we can only hope and trust that the boys who will succeed us will endeavour to uphold the traditions of the School, as we have striven ardently, and, I hope, not vainly, to do.

4B.—We now appear for the last time as a Fourth Year class, for when we return after Christmas, the Leaving will be a dim horizon for the remnant, which will be known as 5B. No longer will the back bench be able to regale itself in peaceful slumbers during Theory periods in the Physics Lab.!

So much for the future. Now let us turn to the present. In School activities we are well represented. In the 1st XI. we still have three representatives, Milner, James, and "Tich" Howard, who fills the vacancy caused by Fred. Newton leaving. In Class Cricket we sadly miss Ansell with his fine organising abilities. In the coming debate with 4A. we feel sure that our team will acquit itself well. We feel sure "But" will equip himself well once he gets his "self-starter."

In the Monthly Shoot at Long Bay, on November 1st, Geoff. Routley, scoring 27 out of a possible of 32, secured one of General Brand's silver serviette rings, the first trophy gained by a member of the present Rifle Team. All had thought that that honour had been reserved for Pont, of 4A.

We now go into ecstasies over the beauties of Catullus and Horace, especially the former's "da mi basia mille," and the latter's defence of Augustus' position.

One gentleman, who was always informing us, "I'll take your name," "Second time for you, B———!" now has his work cut out arousing "Boomer, Broadhorse & Co." from their slumbers.

It is seldom now that our prize fool, Lebius Ebenezer O'Loane Van Brummell, is reprimanded, for, now the summer is approaching, he prefers to slumber peacefully in the back seat than to interrupt the lesson to the extreme annoyance of the English Class.

We now miss the amateur theatricals, which "Dolphie" Skillen and Ansell were wont to afford us in French periods. Now we have the fact, that a certain verb takes "de" and not "à" driven into our noddles, without the slightest relief from the boring lesson.

History lecturettes—such a treat—now afford us an opportunity to display our oratorial and research abilities, thanks to Mr. Harrison.

Now, every day after we have been in class about ten minutes, there is an influx of Prefects. G— —S— is making his authority felt. Ask 2B.! . . . . .

We are all looking forward to the Annual Class Picnic, after the yearly, when

"Woronora shall tremble 'neath her banks,  
To hear the replication of our shouts  
Made in her concave shores!"

We wish all Fifth and Third Years success in their forthcoming exams., and hope that Sachs may add another "Lithgow" to the School's Honour Board.

We are confident that the Masters will find next year's 5B. quite up to standard.

3B.—Once again, but for the last time, we appear as 3B. A horrible monster, in the form of a week's examination, approaches rapidly on the wings of Time, but we are told by our teachers that we are extremely clever, and so we have no intention of dying before it catches us. This remark, however, is not meant for people who get hit in the eye with cricket balls, or whose name begins with "P" and ends with "T."

A good "detective" once deduced that grapes had been eaten, after seeing grape skins on the floor. We are curious to know what he deduces when he sees strawberry tops on the floor.

3B. wishes to inform a member of the Staff that we have neither the means nor the intention of filling St. James' Hall with our "lady friends." He seems to forget that the organiser of the performance is a gentleman of commercial reputation.

Let us now turn our heads towards another branch of School life, wondering constantly what our 1925 football XV. will be like, since "the Tarquins" have left. We must not overlook this occasion to thank our swimmers for the cake that they won for us, or to welcome back our old friend, Harry, and we wish him the best of luck at cricket. In this sport we are not backward, and all grades contain a fair sprinkling of our number.

We are glad to say that one of our "happy family" carried off the Junior Athletic Cup, a great honour to both class and winner.

It may interest some people to know that S.H.S. is in need of a dashing young breakaway. We have the material, but it seems to be what certain persons would call a "gentle lemon."

For the sake of those amongst us who are leaving, 3B. takes this opportunity to say good-bye to all our teachers and school friends, and in closing our notes we wish all unfortunates the best of success in their ordeal of the examinations.

2B.—Our class motto of "2B. and always to be" will, we fear, have to be modified somewhat, as we all hope to be 3B. in a short time.

Despite the sarcastic and somewhat humorous remarks of one of our Masters in particular and the uncomplimentary convictions of others, we have some excellent (?) scholars in our midst, and all hope to pass the yearly with flying colours.

Even Mr. Craddock has entered into the enthusiasm which we have lately displayed towards our work.

Dear old Perc. wishes to announce that he won't be standing for election as Captain next year.

Most of the aristocrats of our class will be leaving this year, in pursuance of the advice repeatedly given them by our confidential adviser.

We hope our Class Picnic will be a success and also trust our guardian angel will not meet with an untimely end on that occasion.

We will annex the Class Cricket Comp. "*with luck.*" (Please note, gentle reader, the concluding words of this sentence.)

We have, it seems, a surplus of humour on our Staff, as witness the Duke of Wellington episode, among others.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Editor and School Captain a hearty farewell.

We also hope that all examination candidates have passed.

Our last prayer is that the "Elegant English" in these notes will meet with the approval of all and sundry.

A Merry Christmas, everyone.—Yours, 2B.

2C.—Once again we appear before the readers of the *Record* with the usual gay feeling and with bright prospects for the coming annual examination.

Since our last appearance, there has been several additions to the Class, namely Tweedie and Aria. The latter is usually regarded as the class "spirit." We are sorry to relate, however, that we have suffered the loss of our Class Cricket captain, "Chook" Hensley, in addition to several other boys.

We are sorry to state that our rep., Fielder, for the broad jump, failed in the G.P.S., but we expect him to do much better in the seniors next year.

At the opening of the cricket season last week, the class experienced its first defeat, against 1A. This was mainly due to the absence of many of our best players—Hensley (capt.), Friedlander, Cawte, and several others. We hope to show our skill this week against 1C.

We now possess a Class paper, called the "Observer," which is issued monthly. It has started off fairly well—thanks to the editors, Millikin and Weidersehn, who are doing their utmost to make it a success.

The swimming season has commenced, and it is surprising to note how many are eagerly preparing for their annual bath (?).

1A.—The beginning of great things, the starting point from which great men climb to success.

Of the many things of which 1A. has reason to be proud, the fact that Gardiner represented School in the G.P.S. and that he won the 220 at our Sports, is the chief in the world of School Sport.

After our weekly Latin test Mr. Gibbes organises for those who failed a society of "refuse," who occupy the back seats.

That "fools rush in where angels fear to tread" has been practically demonstrated for Rischin's benefit, by means of detention and impositions, is well known to 1A.

"Silence is Golding." This proverb has been found true by 2B. at 4.30 p.m.

"Don't make puns unless you're punny." If this applied to one of our esteemed Masters, 1A. would not be bored by jokes (?) and puns (?), which must have been told by Noah to while away the time during the 40 days and 40 nights.

Our "Birdy" wicket-keeper is keeping his tail up. Last term our "Starry" captain led his famous XV. to victory, and is likely to do likewise with our cricket XI.

In our class we have one man (?) and cricketer (?) who prides himself on wearing a pair of immaculate creams. Of course, we refer to J. S——.

Next year we will uphold the banner of a new and better 2A. Till then, adieu!

1B.—Here we are again, the mighty 1B., all working hard (?) and looking forward with delight (?) to the Yearly Exam.

Since our last notes, our Debating Society has progressed wonderfully, and we have commenced to edit a 1B. Class Chronicle.

At the School Sports we gained places in the Junior High Jump and in two races, the winners in the former being Shapere, Hohnen and Norrish, and in the latter, Ellis.

In cricket, too, we are well up, having started the season with a four-point win. We hope our amazing luck (in this particular case the other side were three men short) will continue till the end of the season.

Wishing 3rd and 5th Years success in their coming exams., we will close till our next issue.

1C.—We regret to say that this is the last appearance that 1C. of 1924 will make in the *Record*, for we will be of a nobler rank by the time the next issue comes round, and we are pleased (and not a little proud) to say that the *Record* has found a formidable rival in our own good paper, the *Commercial Gazetteer*, which led the way to other classes trying their hand at a class paper. This paper shows that we have many budding authors amongst us.

But we must pass over (with whatever regret) to another important subject, namely, sport.

We are a wonderful (?) class as far as sport is concerned. The swimming season being open, we naturally expect to produce famous men at this sport. Everyone knows how close Thicknesse ran Steele in the J.C. Cup last Carnival, and great things may happen next time.

At cricket, too, we greatly distinguish ourselves. 1B. fell before our champion team and yielded three good points to our score.

Whenever a team comes to play us, there is a victory. But alas! and alack! the victory is not ours. But after all we always come second, and that isn't so bad, is it? So we console our-

selves with the soothing thought that no team can score more than 4 points, and after all "things are not what they seem."

But cricket isn't all, either. We have some good runners amongst us. Take, for instance, the recent Athletic Meeting.

To see "Squib" Middleton leading the procession round the obstacle race was a great sight. He always was good at getting over obstacles and difficulties (such as homework). Then the Relay and Tug; we did exceedingly well in gaining third place in each, considering there were four teams competing.

But such recollections are sad, so I think that we had better say farewell.

Lessons? Well, they're not very popular in 1C., so I must close up now, with fond lo—er—I mean good-bye till next issue.

### "COLOURS" FOR 1924.

Cricket.—Full colours have been awarded to the following:—S. King (Capt.), V. Stafford, K. Milner, O. James, H. Mortimer, N. Mainwaring. Half-colours have been awarded to K. Robinson and R. Swinburn.

Football.—Full colours: R. Forbes, V. Stafford, G. Nicholas, S. King (Capt.), M. Walker, F. Cook, K. Hardy, C. Brien, H. Catterson, N. Mainwaring, H. Johnston, N. Cunningham, F. Weatherstone, A. Henry, A. Letts, K. Robinson.

Rowing.—Full colours to 1st Crew: F. Weatherstone (bow), A. Woodlands, H. Johnston, K. Robinson (stroke), R. Mainwaring (cox). 2nd Crew: H. Catterson (bow), B. McMillan, N. Mainwaring, E. Pilkington (stroke), F. Gibbes (cox).

### THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The 39th Annual Sports Meeting was held at the Cricket Ground, No. 1, in fair weather. The performances were good, but the attendance for such an important School function was very poor.

The Senior Cup was won by F. Weatherstone, while the Junior Cup was won by A. Randall. In the Junior Cadet division, Gardiner, Hugh and Street all had an equal number of points.

One record was broken, while another was equalled. A. Randall, who is only 14, made a magnificent effort at the Broad Jump, covering a distance of 19ft. 2½ins. The record was previously held by R. F. Back. Weatherstone did 5ft. 4ins. in the Senior High Jump, which makes him joint holder with F. Stayner, J. Reddish and A. Hobson for the School record.

Pilkington ran a wonderfully well judged race in the 440 Yards Senior Championship, while Nicholas, who had to make his own pace for the first two laps, covered the mile distance in

5mins. 5secs. He was out to break the School record, but was unable to sustain the pace of the former half of the distance, which he covered in 2mins. 26secs.

#### Championships.

100 Yards, Senior.—R. Farrell 1, N. Mainwaring 2, E. Pilkington 3.

100 Yards, Junior.—A. Byrne-Cowan 1, F. Cook 2, R. Pope 3.

100 Yards, Under 14.—Ellis 1, Hugh 2, Gardiner 3.

220 Yards, Senior.—E. Pilkington 1, R. Farrell 2, N. Mainwaring 3.

220 Yards, Junior.—F. Cook 1, A. Byrne-Cowan 2, A. Randall 3.

220 Yards, Under 14.—Gardiner 1, Hugh 2, Street 3.

440 Yards, Senior.—E. Pilkington 1, R. Farrell 2, G. Nicholas 3.

440 Yards, Junior.—A. Randall 1, F. Cook 2, A. Byrne-Cowan 3.

880 Yards, Senior.—G. Nicholas 1, F. Weatherstone 2, R. Farrell 3.

880 Yards, Junior.—A. Randall 1, R. Tobias 2, R. Pope 3.

Mile Championship.—G. Nicholas 1, H. Caterson 2, F. Weatherstone 3.

120 Yards Hurdles, Senior.—K. Robinson 1, N. Mainwaring 2, R. Forbes 3.

90 Yards Hurdles, Junior.—A. Byrne-Cowan 1, R. Pope 2, F. Cooke 3.

Shot Putt.—H. Johnston 1, F. Weatherstone 2, K. Robinson 3.

Broad Jump, Senior.—F. Weatherstone 1, R. Forbes 2, N. Mainwaring 3.

Broad Jump, Junior.—A. Randall 1, K. Le Messurier 2, E. Fielder 3.

Broad Jump, Under 14.—Street 1, Dunnett 2, Shepherd 3.

High Jump, Senior.—F. Weatherstone 1, R. Forbes 2.

High Jump, Junior.—A. Byrne-Cowan 1, F. Cook 2, R. Pope 3.

High Jump, Under 14.—Sheppere 1, Hohnen and Norrish 2.

#### Handicaps.

440 Yards, Junior.—Thomas 1, Tobias 2, Henry 3.

75 Yards, Under 14.—Ellis 1, Oliver 2, Hohnen 3.

Mile Handicap.—J. Vine 1, F. Weatherstone 2, G. Nicholas 3.

880 Yards, Junior.—Tobias 1, Segal 2, Vine 3.

440 Yards, Senior.—Pilkington 1, Greig 2, Hodgkins 3.

220 Yards, Senior.—Greig 1, Taylor 2, Pilkington 3.

- 220 Yards, Junior.—Wilson 1, Henry 2, Moses 3.  
 880 Yards, Senior.—Pilkington 1, Forbes 2, Greig 3.  
 120 Yards, Club Handicap.—Greig 1, Jones 2, Sinclair 3.  
 Mile Walk.—Taylor 1, Hohnen 2, Dandy 3.  
 100 Yards, Old Boys'.—Clements 1, Burt 2, Hardy 3.  
 880 Yards, Old Boys'.—King 1, Clements 2, Wheeler 3.

#### Novelties.

- Potato Race.—M. Heath 1, T. Avis 2, W. Tingle 3.  
 Sack Race.—E. Dandy 1, N. Chadwick 2, R. Booth 3.  
 Siamese Race.—Aiken and Knight 1, Hodgkins and McMillan 2, Wilkinson and Avis 3.  
 Novelty Event.—McMillan and Gibbes.  
 Obstacle Race.—Segal 1, Hatcher 2.

#### VALETE.

The following are those boys who, after completing their five years' course, have sat for the Leaving Certificate this year and are leaving the School:—

- J. E. Alcock.—I.C., 1922.  
 L. Allan.—I.C., 1921.  
 R. A. Anderson.—I.C., 1922; Union Committee, 1923; 2nd XI., 1924.  
 C. Brien.—I.C., 1921; 1st XV., 1923-24; Combined G.P.S. 3rd XV., 1924.  
 H. Brown.  
 H. L. Caterson.—I.C., 1922; 1st XV., 1922-23-24; Athletic Rep., 1920-21-22-23-24; 2nd IV., 1924; Secretary Football, 1923; Assistant Secretary Union, 1924; Prefect, 1923-24; Business Manager, *Record*, 1923.  
 A. Chapman.—I.C., 1922.  
 A. Craig.—I.C., 1922.  
 C. O. Cramp.—I.C., 1921; Athletic Rep., 1921-22; Prefect, 1923-24; Junior Cup, 1922; Union Committee, 1924.  
 N. C. Cunningham.—I.C., 1921; 1st XV., 1924; Debating Rep., 1924; Prefect, 1923-24.  
 R. Hart.—I.C., 1922.  
 S. C. King.—(See elsewhere.)  
 A. Lee Chun.—I.C., 1922; 2nd XV., 1923-24; Prefect, 1924.  
 B. H. Lenehan.—I.C., 1922; Prefect, 1924.  
 A. W. Letts.—I.C., 1922; 1st XV., 1924; Senior Cup Swimming, 1924.  
 G. Letty.—I.C., 1922.  
 N. S. Mainwaring.—I.C., 1922; Prefect, 1924; Athletic Rep., 1920-21-22-23-24; Junior Cup, 1921; 1st XI., 1923-24; C.H.S. 1st XI., 1923; 1st XV., 1923-24; 2nd IV., 1924; Union Committee, 1923.



- R. McGrath.—I.C., 1922.  
 S. Nelson.—I.C., 1922.  
 G. Nicholas.—I.C., 1922; 1st XV., 1923-24; Prefect, 1924;  
 G.P.S. 2nd XV., 1924; Aths., 1923-24.  
 F. Nunn.  
 S. Murcombe.  
 J. S. Pollard.—I.C., 1922; 2nd XV., 1924; Union Committee,  
 1924; Prefect, 1924; Debating Rep., 1924.  
 N. Putland.—I.C., 1922; 2nd XV., 1924.  
 R. Quarmby.  
 L. Ratner.—I.C., 1922.  
 R. Rawle.—I.C., 1922.  
 W. Robb.  
 D. Sachs.—I.C., 1922; 1st XI., 1923; Debating Rep., 1924; Pre-  
 fect, 1924.  
 C. Saunders.—I.C., 1921; 1st XV., 1923-24; Prefect, 1923-24.  
 R. Sinclair.  
 H. Spring.—I.C., 1922.  
 N. Stafford.—I.C., 1922; 1st XI., 1922-23-24; 1st XV., 1923-24;  
 Captain G.P.S. 3rd XV., 1924; Union Committee, 1924;  
 Prefect, 1923-24.  
 R. Swinburne.—I.C., 1921; Athletic Rep., 1920-21-22; Junior  
 Cadet Cup, 1920; Senior Cup, aeq., 1923; 1st XI., 1923-24;  
 1st XV., 1923; Union Committee, 1924; Old Boys' Prize,  
 1923; Prefect, 1922-23-24.  
 H. Turkington.—I.C., 1922; Prefect, 1924.  
 F. Weatherstone.—I.C., 1922; 1st XV., 1924; 1st IV., 1924;  
 Senior Cup, 1923(aeq.)-24; Prefect, 1924; Aths., 1922-23-24.  
 C. R. Willcox.—I.C., 1922; Debating Rep., 1924; Leader G.P.S.  
 Debating Team, 1924; Union Committee, 1924; Sub-Editor  
*Record*, 1924; Prefect, 1924.  
 G. Windred.—I.C., 1922.  
 A. Woodlands.—1st IV., 1924; Prefect, 1924.

### A SUMMARY OF SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES DURING 1924.

Owing to the enthusiastic manner with which the School has participated in G.P.S. sporting activities during the last year we consider that a brief resumé of what the School has done will not be out of place.

Two Fours were entered in the G.P.S. Regatta for the first time. The 1st Crew won the Yaralla Cup, and the 2nd Crew were finalists.

Our 1st XV. finished sixth in the football competition, winning two matches and losing five.

At the Athletic Meeting, we were ahead of two schools in the Senior Division, but were second last in the Junior.

In cricket, we defeated two other teams, thus filling sixth position in the competition table.

Our debaters regained the Louat Shield. We are the only School who have won it twice.

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## FOOTBALL.

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### NEWINGTON.

In this match some members of our team were disabled, and consequently we were unable to send our strongest team against Newington. Especially did the School miss the valuable help of Sid King, who was prevented from participating by an attack of influenza, Howard filling his place.

Hardy kicked off against the wind, and from the beginning High showed their superiority in all departments. Soon Weatherstone scored from a piece of loose play and Hardy converted.

Shortly after this Newington rallied, on account of the disorganisation of our backs. Johnston performed a very good run and Walker followed on, gathered up the ball and touched down between the posts. The kick at goal failed.

At half-time, High enjoyed a lead of 8—5.

Immediately after this High scored another try, which remained unconverted.

Towards the end of the game Nicholas increased our score by another try, leaving the final scores at 14—5.

Undoubtedly we should have done much better had our regular team been playing, although the scores were satisfactory.

### ST. IGNATIUS'.

We have every reason to be proud of the success which our team met with at Riverview, for our victory was complete, and we gave a demonstration of some really brilliant play. The high score which we obtained was due to the splendid combination of the backs and the hard work of the forwards.

King kicked off, and we pressed the opposition until Johnston, using his weight to advantage, scored beneath the post. Hardy converted. For some minutes the game became more even, and some interesting play resulted, but, before long, our score was further increased by a characteristic try on Catterson's part. The kick for goal was successful.

Now, for a while, Riverview seemed to rally, but their efforts were checked by a fine try scored by Cook, which, however, we failed to convert.

Before half-time our opponents kicked a penalty goal, but all their subsequent attempts to score proved fruitless.

Our backs completely outclassed theirs, although Westfield, their full-back, played well.

At half-time we led by 13—3.

On the renewal of play, our backs attacked with renewed vigour and Cook scored a fine unconverted try.

During this half Walker scored two unconverted tries, through fine movements on the part of the backs. As usual, King was the outstanding figure in the match, and it was largely owing to his efforts that we achieved such success. Walker also distinguished himself in the backs, while Caterson and Johnston played energetically for the forwards.

### SCOTS'.

In many respects this proved the most interesting match of the season, certainly from the spectators' point of view. It was closely contested throughout, and everyone put forth their best efforts, although our backs did not reach the standard which they had shown in the previous match.

We kicked off and Caterson opened our score by a try which Forbes failed to convert. At this juncture Scots' rallied well, and several minutes of strenuous play ensued, in which neither side gained an advantage, until Scots' scored an unconverted try and a fine field goal. Hardy soon after missed a penalty goal.

Half-time saw Scots' with a lead of 7—3.

When the game was resumed, we attacked with renewed vigour, and very soon Nicholas increased our score by a try, which Forbes managed to convert. We then led by 8—7.

But soon after this Scots' exerted themselves and a converted try and a penalty goal was the result.

Play was now transferred into Scots' half, where Cook intercepted a long throw-in and scored a brilliant unconverted try. The scores were now 15—11 in favour of Scots'. We pressed till the end of the match, but our efforts to equalise the score availed us nothing.

This game was the most gruelling throughout the season. King stood out prominently, and no praise could be excessive for the enthusiasm with which he inspired his team.

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### EDITOR'S NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS.

R.F.—"A Latin Lesson" shows you know your subject well, but the style is still a little crude. However, we will hold it over.

"Curatus."—The Class Notes have always been a sore point with *Record* editors, and your essay does not appeal to us.

"Ivanhoe."—A good attempt, but the plot is too weak and stereotyped. Try again.

E. J. Colvin (1A.).—You have hardly made the best of the material available, but it is a fair attempt.

R.J. (4th Year).—Your sketch held over.

H.T.Q.—“The Man Who Put Horatius Out of Business” is quite well written. However, will not publish in this issue, but will hold over.

“Curatus” (4A.).—While we quite enjoyed reading your little poem, we hardly think that it would meet with approval.

“Urger” and O.S.B. (4B.).—We will hold over your letters, as we must let “Mephistopheles” and “Lucifer” have their satisfaction.

### ERRATUM.

We wish to rectify a regrettable mistake which occurred in the last issue of the *Record*.

Owing to a printer's error, the recent achievements of that brilliant scholar and sportsman, Selby Burt, were chronicled under the heading of “Obituary.” As a result many of Selby's friends were momentarily astonished at an indication, as it seemed, of his death. However, like the report of Mark Twain's death, this was grossly exaggerated, and Selby is still alive and doing well. We hope that the mistake did not cause any inconvenience or trouble to any of our readers.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### “MEPHISTOPHELES” STICKS HIS FORK INTO “LUCIFER.”

(To the Editor of the *Record*.)

Sir,—It would seem by “Lucifer's” interpretation of my letter, that there are but six boys with sporting instinct in 5th Year. I would like to point out that I said nothing of the sort. I did say that there were only six all-rounders; but not to mention others, perhaps less distinguished, does not necessarily say that they are not in existence. I quite recognise the fact that there are several other boys who are quite worthy of the epithet school-spirited. Nevertheless, this handful of boys is far out-weighed by their apathetic fellows and the fact remains that many have not a spark of that spirit, despite “Lucifer's” inference to the contrary. To prove my point, I will quote an instance of that enthusiastic sportsmanship exhibited by the other “34,” as “Lucifer” calls them. About three months ago a roll was sent round enquiring the manner in which its members intended to spend the ensuing Wednesday afternoon. For all our fine advocates of sportsmanship, six boys only took part in sport that afternoon. I doubt that “Lucifer” can offer a valid explanation of this *unprecedented* occurrence.

It is easy to stand off and criticise, merely advocating an arousing of interest. We heartily concur with his contention but are at a loss how to arouse that interest but by compulsory sport. To my knowledge interest has always been aroused to its fullest extent, and yet there have been numerous shirkers.

Our friend is again labouring under a misapprehension as regards the meaning of “compulsory sport.” It is not, as he asserts, the idea of “I've got to do it and I don't care how it is done.” Perhaps it is new to “Lucifer” that under this system boys are not forced to play sport; they are compelled to wend their way to the oval to offer encouragement to the players. “Lucifer” presumes that a Class Cricket Competition is a recent move. I played in such a competition in 1st Year, and such a football competition is still in existence. I am sure that we are open to innovation and improvement; assuredly we would be delighted to consider more just and more practical means to establish a universal sporting interest were they forthcoming. “Lucifer” immediately confines himself to the sports and, picking out their vices, attempts to hold them up to ridicule. Would it not be much easier to find the vices of the non sports? The boy who refused

nomination for secretaryship was at the time training for swimming and rowing, with football and athletics in the future. Was it quite fair to expect that boy to take such a position?

In three years time, I would like our friend to ask whether compulsory sport has produced any new recruits. Evidently he has not been to Wentworth Oval since the introduction of this system. If he were to pay that place a visit on Wednesday afternoons, he would find much to open his unseeing eyes. True it is, however, that no new recruits have been received from 5th Year. Why? Because 5th's privileges have not been infringed upon. If compulsory sport has not had an immediate success, it is wholly due to this hideous injustice. We are told that 5th Year is the model Form and the Year which should set the example to the younger members of the School. Is it not iniquity, then, that restrictions should be placed upon the lower School and not upon 5th Year? Too long has 5th Year hidden behind the cloak of School spirit, borne upon the shoulders of a few. Next year I hope this letter may find better results and such an injustice remedied. It seems that I no longer remain incognito under the pseudonym of "Mephistopheles," therefore I sign myself

G. NICHOLAS (5th Year).

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

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